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TOBACCO SALES TO BE INTERESTING THIS YEAR

The News has not been privileged so far to attend the auction sales of tobacco at the various warehouses that have opened for the buying of the 1947 crop.

The jargon of the auctioneer is not easily understood. Perhaps that is an understatement. Maybe we should say that very few outside of the buyers and the warehousemen know even one word of the auctioneer's voice when he doodles with his voice while standing over a pile of tobacco.

Coming now to the change of ownership of the 1947 crop, the auctioning will be even more interesting than ever. And why? Because our farmers have felt a wee bit "skittish" about this crop.

First, with the lateness of the planting season, they were not sure they would be able to maintain their record of producing tobacco of the fine type that has been sought so eagerly by the buyers.

Then there is something else that adds to the interest of the auction sales this season. It is that farmers as well as practically everybody else have been anticipating a postwar weakness in buying.

By the way, you city and town dwellers, have you ever visited a tobacco warehouse at auction time? If not, take a day off and go hear the auctioneer do his chanting, note the expressions on the faces of the farmers who own the tobacco they are selling—watch all of it; and if you then say you haven't enjoyed it, have a doctor to examine you, and quick, for surely there's something seriously wrong with your liver.

HARNETT CAN ILL AFFORD SUCH PUBLICITY

When Harnett county embarked upon the building of a modern school system and the construction of a fine network of roads (in the days when the State hadn't even dreamed of lending its help), it started on its way to becoming one of the outstanding counties in the State.

We further believe that people in Harnett have a perfect right to feel proud of their county, for they point to the progress it has made and stand ready to invite comparison with any other of the one hundred counties in the State.

We refer to such matters as the Phillips murder case, and other instances of crime that unfortunately occur in our good county.

While the Phillips case, and others of like nature, will be regarded as "sensational" by outsiders who read and hear about them, as a matter of truth there is nothing sensational either connected with or surrounding or even remotely joined with such incidents.

Hundreds, possibly thousands, of criminal acts are being committed throughout this nation with equally as revolting circumstances surrounding them, many of them, which should be of far greater concern to thoughtful people in pondering the query whether the world is growing better or worse, or perhaps going to

the demerit bonwows altogether. What should be heralded to the world are facts such as we stated in the beginning of this editorial. The impression which we should seek to implant in the minds of the outside world is that Harnett county, regardless of the fact that some people of undesirable character continue to find abode here, is fast making its way to the top as one of the most desirable places in the whole world.

SOME SHOWING MUST SOON BE MADE

The average citizen and taxpayer in Lillington may not be ready to say exactly what should be done in order to get started on a street paving project for the town; but it is safe to say that each and every one of them will readily declare that a showing of some sort must soon be made, otherwise the town authorities cannot justify their act in retaining the high tax levy of \$1.74.

Mayor Loving has told The News that "this town must have paved streets," and The News knows him to be a man who means what he says. Being for more than twenty-eight years the public mouthpiece for Lillington as well as for Harnett county, The News is in qualified position to state that it has been through the forthright convictions and determination of such men as Charlie Loving that the county's seat as well as the county has been able, to achieve progress on a solid and substantial scale.

It is the sincere hope of The News that the Councilmen will go along with Mayor Loving in his desire to put Lillington in the class of modern towns. No town can call itself modern until it has paved streets.

Someone has bluntly declared that the best way to get things done is to go ahead and do them. That's saying a whole lot in a few words, but sometimes it requires only a few words to express a definite meaning. Words, however, will not put Lillington's streets in the shape they ought to be—the shape they must be. It is time for action, and it is squarely up to the citizens to furnish all the backing, moral and otherwise, that the town authorities need in venturing into this past-due project.

If a bond issue is required, let's have the bond issue. People in this good and prosperous community are certainly not afraid of a little bond issue when such a sorely needed improvement is at stake. This town has just finished paying off a bonded debt of over \$75,000. And, with the recently added values, it will be much easier to pay off another bond issue because there is such a larger list of values to help pay it.

Let's get started with the streets.

THE RIGHT LESSON AT THE RIGHT TIME

(Editorial for National Highway Safety Program)
More deaths and injuries in traffic accidents are caused by drivers from 16 to 21 years of age than any other age group.

Only half as many accidents are caused by students who have had driving instruction as are caused by those without training.

One million new teen-age drivers take to the highway every year.

The conclusion to be drawn here is startlingly clear. If we are to reduce the tragic plague of traffic accidents which in one year can snuff out over 33,500 lives, we must train the new generations of drivers before and as they get behind the wheel. During the high school years, when our youths become eligible for driving on a point of age, is the right time for the right lesson.

Figures show that at least three out of five high school students will be either driving an automobile at graduation or within three years thereafter. This fact alone should be sufficient to make pre-driver education mandatory in all high schools.

At present, a little over 5,000 high schools throughout the nation have some form of driver education program. But this is only one fourth of those that should have one. Public opinion strongly urges driver training in the schools. A recent survey made by the National Committee for Traffic Safety showed that 78 per cent of the people endorse such a program. A majority of these want the training carried to actual behind-the-wheel instruction.

School Thanks Canning Helpers

The Lillington High School wishes to thank the public spirited citizens of the Lillington community who assisted in the preparation for canning of 1000 quarts of string beans. These beans are for the school lunch room.

Mr. J. H. Blackmon, agriculture teacher of the local school, supervised the canning.

OBSERVATIONS

BY A COUNTRY SCRIBE

ATTENTION, HOUSEWIVES.—Remember that hushpuppy editorial you read in The News a week or so ago? Well, that fellow who runs the Hushpuppy Corporation of America down at Swansboro read it too. So he sent the editor a can of his mixture. The Missus cooked them and promptly declared she could beat them. So she tried, and she did! If you like hushpuppies and want to know her recipe, just get in touch with this department and we'll see that you get it.

BUSY TIME?—The Scribe was laboring under the impression that this is a busy time—for everybody. With so much to do and with so little help to do it, it seemed that time was not hanging heavy in anybody's hands. At least that's the way he had it figured out. But my goodness, how a fellow can be altogether wrong in his conclusions! At the Phillips trial, lately held in Harnett county's courthouse, the auditorium was packed and jammed from start to finish—days and days of spectacular. Whatta world!

INALIENABLE RIGHT.—But every free person in this grand old Home of the Brave has a perfect right to do as he pleases with his time, doesn't he? That's one of the privileges guaranteed in our good old Constitution, you know. And if a fellow wants to go and see and hear for himself, why not?

JUST GOT TO SEE.—It reminds me of the story about the great migration to the West in the days of the rush to that section. A wagon load of colored people were making their way to the Land of Promise when they were met by a wagon load of white folks coming back, disappointed. "No need to go out there," they told the new migrants, "it ain't as good as where you come from." "But aint you been and seeed it for yourself and had your speechees?" asked the colored folks. "Yes," answered the whites. "Then we wants to go and see for ourselves and have our speechees too." And on they went.

SNAKE STORIES.—A. W. Wood was reading in a newspaper about some big snake yarn and he cited it to the Scribe. Reminded that "all fishermen have a right to tell their own lies in their own way, including snake stories," Mr. Wood came back with a yarn that should end all snake yarns, and, what's more, he swore it to be true. "But, I'll listen to your yarn when you're ready to tell it," he promised.

HOOLAHA.—Now it's time for the band to come marching down the street playing "Who'd a-Think It." For, according to press reports which bear every semblance of accuracy, we are to have at least one candidate for Governor in the 1948 race who's going to whoop it up with a trailer and so forth. Mayne Albright, the reports say, is going to make the rounds in "covered wagon" style, and before the campaign is over we may expect to see some great goings-on. Get a load of us Tarheels' carrying-on, you Sand-lappers and Crackers!

FINE PROGRAM.—General Dwight Eisenhower, Dorothy Thompson and Secretary Kenneth Royall are on the program for appearance and talks at Home and Farm Week at State College. The occasion is especially designed for farmers and farm families, but with the big drawing cards it is reasonable to suppose that hundreds of others will elbow their way through the crowds.

FARM INTEREST.—That brings to mind the very noticeable fact that more people are now interested in farming than possibly at any other time in the history of the nation. Not that everybody is keen on going into the laborious task of tilling the soil—oh no! But it appears that more people have at last come to the realization that their own bread and butter depends on how well the dirt farmers get along. It's a good sign, to be sure.

SOUNDS IN THE NIGHT.—Dogs barking . . . A baby crying . . . Dogs barking . . . A man coughing terribly . . . Dogs barking . . . A man snoring something terrific . . . Dogs barking . . . A truck engine roaring . . . Dogs barking . . . Take it from here!

Topping's Sausage Now on Sale Here

Thanks to H. T. Latham, Jr., residents of Lillington and surrounding communities can now enjoy Topping's sausage made by Scott Topping at Pantego. Mr. Latham, who taught school at Boone Trail for a number of years and is now principal of the school at Bath, is distributor for the Topping concern and is furnishing stores in Lillington and Dunn.

Announcement to this effect is made in this issue of The News.

Local FFA Chapter Attending Camp

The Lillington Chapter of F.F.A. is attending the Tom Brown Camp near Asheville this week. Seven members with their teacher, Mr. J. H. Blackmon left Monday and will return Saturday. A larger number of members planned to attend, but due to pressing farm work, were unable to be away.

Those attending are Lewis Holder, Rob Moore, Dallas Pope, Swanson Suges, Leo Kelly, Jr., Foster Mason, and T. L. Dean, guest member.

NOW . . . WHAT DO YOU THINK?

By a Mere Thinker

Day by day, in almost every way, the alarmists and the whoopists are attempting to lead us to believe that war with Russia is inevitable. Not mingled with that group, however, are those who are in position to know, and doubtless do know, the exact situation as regards relations between this nation and the Soviet. Secretary Marshall, for instance, views the situation as immediately discouraging, but neither he nor others like him who are well informed wish to lend color to the harplings of certain commentators and writers who, judging from their spells, can almost hear the guns firing already.

I am not at all perturbed about the possibility of war with Russia. I cannot bring myself to thinking that Russia wants war with us any more than we want war with her. We certainly do NOT want war.

To be sure we would like very much for the Soviet to quit doodling and dodging and hedging when momentous issues come up for decision in the Council. It would be fine indeed if they could see eye to eye with us so that everything might move along satisfactorily toward a solution of the world peace problems. It is perfectly natural for us to wonder why the Russians fail to see that we are the most peace-loving nation in the world and that we would walk an extra mile to maintain friendship with a good neighbor.

But in wishing all these things we should bear in mind that we have always managed to maintain our standing in the world of nations; that our borders have never been seriously threatened, and that following every war in which we have been engaged we have risen to greater heights of superiority in every way that counts in the matter of prestige. It is so now.

But what about Russia? That unhappy nation has been manhandled—and how!

After the downfall of the czarist regime, Russia went into what we might call, if speaking of individuals, convulsions. In such circumstances can it be any wonder that the rulers took unto themselves authority which they should not have, and butchered many of their own people? Can it be any strange thing that they mistrusted their own people not only in an economic way but circumscribed them in their religious thought and action?

There is much about Russia that is distasteful to us. There is much, too much, that we cannot fathom. To state that she is now acting peculiar is putting it mildly.

Nevertheless, if we should in our imagination shift positions with Russia, putting ourselves in her boots and keeping in mind the many times and the many ways in which she has been double-crossed, would we, even our own enlightened selves, be a bit squeamish about accepting everything proposed by other nations? And wouldn't we find ourselves saying "NO" equally as often as the Soviet is saying it now when new and untried proposals are presented?

I think we would be hedging with a vengeance. I think we would hem and haw and squirm and twist till we were entirely confident that each and every proposal was on the up-and-up. I think we would be even more suspicious of everything and everybody than the Soviets now are.

About the possibility of war with Russia: Anyone who would be so bold as to declare that war between the United States and Russia, or for that matter, between the United States and any other nation, is altogether beyond the realm of possibility, would not simply be climbing out on a limb but would be so utterly reckless in prophecy that no public confidence would be merited.

The pages of history record such goings on in this old world since its foundation that we cannot be justified in even hoping for "eternal peace." Probably that much-to-be-desired state will never come till Gabriel picks up his horn and starts blowing.

What, I think, is the best course for all Americans to pursue in the present crisis is to draw heavily upon all the patience they have in stock, blend it with the injunction of Holy Writ, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," and go about the business of making peace by harboring that precious thing in our own hearts and souls.

SAFE DRIVER IS PRACTICAL SAY THE SAFETY OFFICIALS

The safe driver is the practical driver. Driving skill can be acquired but it takes a practical person to combine the sound judgment that makes for safe driving with essential knowledge of road rules and regulations. The skillful driver must drive not only his own car but must be ever alert to the movements of vehicles near him. He must drive for himself and for the person in the other car.

"Common courtesies on the road," says Coleman W. Roberts, President of the Carolina Motor Club, "often spell the difference between safety and sorrow. The lack of courtesy to pedestrians crossing at intersections, the failure to use proper hand signals, can lead only to traffic fatalities or personal injuries which in many cases are totally disabling."

If you are involved in an accident, a written report must be made to the City Police Department or to the Highway Safety Division within 24 hours. On your report tell exactly what happened and where the accident occurred. If anybody is hurt in an accident in which you are involved or are a witness, render all possible aid. If you damage another person's car while he is not present, the proper method is to leave your name and address in his car or stick a note under his windshield wiper giving details and your address so that you may be reached.

If you live in North Carolina and own a motor vehicle it must be registered and an officer of the law is entitled to examine the registration certificate which should be carried at all times when the car is in use. License certificate should also be carried when you are driving a motor vehicle.

The equipment on your car is vitally important to your safety. Required equipment, which must be inspected regularly, includes: brakes, lights, horn, muffler, mirror, windshield wiper, safety glass and good tires.

"All accidents," according to the Driver Manual issued by the Highway Safety Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, "do not happen while vehicles are being driven. A parked vehicle may also cause an accident, kill someone or destroy property. Therefore, before leaving your vehicles, check the brakes and stop the motor."

If your car breaks down, move it off the highway by towing or pushing.

Be careful when parking on an uphill slope to turn your front wheels away from the curb and back up until they touch the curb, on a downhill slope turn your front wheels toward the curb. It is also good policy to leave your car in gear. Do not park on the paved or traveled part of a highway and never on a hill or curve.

Driving too fast for conditions is a dangerous practice. On an icy road, extreme caution must be shown at all times, also in heavy traffic or a crowded pedestrian area such as a school zone.

If you want to live and stay healthy do not take your half of the open road in the middle and don't straddle lanes on a wide thoroughfare. Caution when passing is necessary at all times. Do not pass on hills, curves, at intersections, at railroad crossings, within 100 feet of a bridge or when another car is approaching. When you are being passed slow down a little and do not regain speed until the other car is well forward.

Several rules should be followed when turning: get into the correct lane before turning and turn into the correct lane, give the right hand signal at least 50 feet before the turn, look about to see that nothing is in the way, and slow down to safe speed before turning. Do not make a "turn-about" or "U" turn to go in the opposite direction on any curve or near the top of a hill where you cannot be seen from 500 feet away. The use of hand signals, of course, is a must when making a turn, slowing or stopping.

Right of Way has been the basis of numerous arguments. There are important rules to remember: first car into an intersection has the right of way, with no traffic signals of any kind, the car on our right has the right of way; a car, already in an intersection, should be allowed to make a left turn if he has signaled his intention, emergency vehicles always have the right of way, give pedestrians in crosswalks the right of way unless there are traffic signals or a police officer directing traffic at that point, give a pedestrian the right of way if he is crossing and the light changes while he is in the crosswalk and remember that a pedestrian always has right of way over

a turning car when both are proceeding with a green light. Use of dim lights when driving at night cannot be stressed too highly. Avoid looking directly into the lights of cars you are meeting. Watch the right side of the pavement and this will help to keep lights from blinding you. Be especially careful in regard to pedestrians at night. Give them extra consideration.

Six valuable miscellaneous rules to follow are: put on brakes gradually when you have a flat tire or blowout, if you run off the pavement ease back on by first slowing down, look back all the time when backing, watch out for bicycle riders and children at play, keep the front-seat free of parcels and make sure a second train is not coming if you have waited for one to pass.

The practical driving suggestions, prepared by the Carolina Motor Club using the Driver Manual as a reference guide, conclude the series titled "What You Must Know to Obtain A Driver's License in North Carolina." The information presented is vitally important to drivers and pedestrians. Use your car wisely, observe traffic rules whether walking or riding—protect yourself and others.

Broadway Legion To Erect Home

Broadway Post No. 347, the American Legion, will launch a membership campaign at a barbecue supper on Friday night, August 22, at Morris Pond near Swann Station. The serving of barbecue with all the trimmings will begin at 4 p. m. A charge of \$1 per plate will be made. However, no charge is made to new members or old members who pay their Legion dues for the coming Legion year, which begins next month.

Work will begin soon on a modern brick Legion Post Home in Broadway, to be located in the downtown business district on the center of Main street and Forest avenue.

Broadway Post has been recognized by Department of North Carolina Legion officials as one of the most active posts in the State. All white honorably discharged veterans are invited to join the post.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Howell McKinnle of Fuquay Springs announce the birth of a daughter, Sandra Kaye, Monday, July 28, at Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. Mrs. McKinnle is the former Jean McAuley of Lillington.

Large advertisement for Harnett County News with headline 'DON'T Let Your Harnett County News Stop Coming!' and a coupon for subscription renewal. The coupon asks for name, address, and payment details. Below the coupon, it says 'In making payment, use check, money order or cash. DO NOT SEND STAMPS. In renewing, make sure that you sign your name exactly as it appears on the label of your paper so that there will be no mistake in extending the subscription for the right party.' At the bottom, it says 'The News'.