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At a Northern university, the students engaged in a mud-throwing contest. Part of their political studies perhaps.

Highway No. 130

The return of warm spring weather and the resulting improvement in the condition of the dirt roads of this county was a welcomed change for the residents of Waccamaw township.

For almost two months during the winter any trip to Supply, Shallotte or Whiteville, the nearest shopping centers, was made practically impossible because of the mud and slush on the main thoroughfare, highway number 130. It wasn't just a matter of making their way out from their homes a short distance to the hard surface—it was dirt road all the way.

The roads are getting back in good condition, and traveling is much easier; but residents of that section have not forgotten their desperate need for a hard surfaced highway.

Latest news in regard to hard surfacing the road is that there is no chance that anything will be done before the end of this fiscal year on June 30. However, there is an encouraging report that there is a good chance for permanent improvement of this road early in the next year.

We know of no road that would be of greater benefit to a greater number of people than hard surfacing of highway number 130 from the intersection of highway number 30 and the improved link in Columbus county extending toward the Brunswick county line.

Punishment

In this day of enlightened education in North Carolina when parents and teachers combine to learn why children misbehave and try to lead them toward good behavior, it is hard to believe that back in 1848 a pupil knew he was going to get a certain number of lashes for every mistake he made.

Charles L. Coon's history of North Carolina Schools and Academies gives the following "lash" schedule for breaking certain rules of the Stokes County academy in that year: Boys and girls playing together, four; quarreling, three; climbing for every foot over three feet up a tree, one; telling lies, seven; telling tales out of school, eight; drinking spirituous liquors at school, eight; wearing long finger nails, two; playing cards at school, 10; gambling or betting, four; calling each other liars, four; blotting your copy book, two; "hollowing and hooping" going home, three; for not washing at play time when going to books, four.

Star-News Tournament

There will be a general pilgrimage of Brunswick county basketball players and basketball fans to Wilmington on Friday and Saturday of this week, for eight of the ten teams in this county have entered the annual Star-News-Y.M.C.A. tournament.

Players and fans alike are very optimistic over the prospect of furnishing winners in both the girls and boys division. Bolivia and Waccamaw girls, co-holders of the Brunswick county championship, will furnish plenty of trouble for any teams they meet in tournament play. It is unfortunate that pairings point to a meeting of these two teams in quarter-final competition, but the winner of that contest carries Brunswick county's chief hope for the girls championship.

In the boys division Bolivia's county champions and the Southport runner-up team promise to go far in the two-day sports festival. Drawings make possible a meeting of these two teams in the finals Saturday night.

Elaborate plans are being made for the

teams are unusually attractive, individual basketballs will be awarded players on winning teams and special awards await high scoring players in each group. Philip Buckheit, member of the Star-News staff, is in charge of arrangements for the tournament, which promises to be the outstanding sport event of the year for this section of North Carolina.

Tennis Courts

Included in plans for the beautification of Franklin Square is the construction of two tennis courts. The necessary area already has been graded and a clay top soil is being hauled in.

The best way to insure the completion of this project in time to have these courts in shape for use this summer is to have local tennis players begin to show interest in their sport.

The organization of a tennis club would be no bad idea, for a group of this kind could help with plans for the court, and could be responsible for providing equipment that will not be furnished from PWA funds.

Soil Erosion

One of the principal objectives of the new farm program is bent toward preservation of the fertile top layers of soil on farm lands, in the prevention of soil erosion.

In vast expanses of the West, these top layers have been literally blown and washed away, leaving the denuded under layers of clay and rock on which nothing can be grown.

Brunswick county has been fortunate in that it has not suffered from soil erosion to any appreciable degree. Washing of the cultivated land has always been reduced to a minimum by the comparatively flat surface of this area.

But denuding of the forests, and their devastation from fire and other forces could play havoc with the farms of this county from this very thing. For that reason every care should be taken to protect the forests of this area.

Reduce Acreage

Indicative of the intense interest which farmers, business and professional men alike entertain with reference to the government program for American agriculture, the auditorium of the Shallotte school was packed Saturday afternoon when Congressman J. Bayard Clark was present for the purpose of explaining the provisions of the new farm bill.

He gave a comprehensive explanation of the bill, and the events which led up to its passage. As to what extent it will affect the 1936 tobacco crop, he could not say, and neither could any of the officials of the Department of Agriculture.

As to what will be required of the farmers who choose to co-operate with this Soil Conservation Program, in which \$500,000,000 may be paid out to the farmers in bounties upon condition that they fulfill certain obligations on their part, that will come later. Just now, the details have not yet been ironed out.

Farmers of Brunswick county are most interested right now in what is to be done toward rescuing the 1936 tobacco and cotton crops. That matter, in the opinion of all those who are in position to know, rests largely with the farmers themselves.

If the farmers as a whole, for instance, in the tobacco growing states resolve to live up to the provisions of their now deceased contracts, and to keep their acreage down to 70 per cent of their base acreage, then they may look for something of a fair price for their product. Otherwise, if they glut the market with all sorts and grades of weed, then they need expect nothing but starvation prices for their products.

The same applies in cotton. The whole thing is based on the law of supply and demand, and while the government cannot promise specifically to pay the farmers so much if they reduce their acreage, they will have opportunity to participate in the \$500,000,000 appropriation, and even if they shouldn't participate in that, they could keep the price something like a fair return for their product.

Last year the tobacco crop produced in this country was much too high. Some 850,000,000 pounds were produced when slightly over 600,000,500 pounds was the amount consumed. This year the acreage should be reduced slightly.

So in face of the situation as it now stands, the farmer's only hope seems to lie in acreage control, so that the market

CAPITAL NEWS

Washington, March 11.—Telegraphic summaries of yields from income tax returns which will be reported to the Treasury by next Tuesday will have much to do with shaping revenue legislation. Federal tax collectors will work their calculating machines at high speed so their bosses here will know how much the taxpayers will contribute for the past calendar year. With thousands of political careers at stake, the legislative and administrative branches of the government are praying for a heavy crop of contributions.

The Shakespearean soothsayer who warned Julius Caesar to beware of the "ides of March" has many followers among present-day political prophets. Concern over the back-fire from such drastic revision of tax laws as proposed by President Roosevelt last week is apparent at Capitol Hill. Expediency requires legislation which will not figure unduly in the campaigns for reelection. The activities of Senator Black's lobby committee in grabbing private files of Administration critics and a tendency to regard the Roosevelt revenue suggestions as definitely anti-business are two developments harassing veteran Democratic campaigners. They feel that the Republicans will eventually be handed deadly weapons. As a consequence, word has been passed that Congress, in its wisdom, will positively cut a revenue garment differing from the designs sent up by the White House. It is hard to wield a tax axe on big corporations without hitting millions of stockholders and smaller business groups who, collectively, represent an enormous voting strength. Political caution hints the need for postponing extensive alteration of income taxes on individuals until next year.

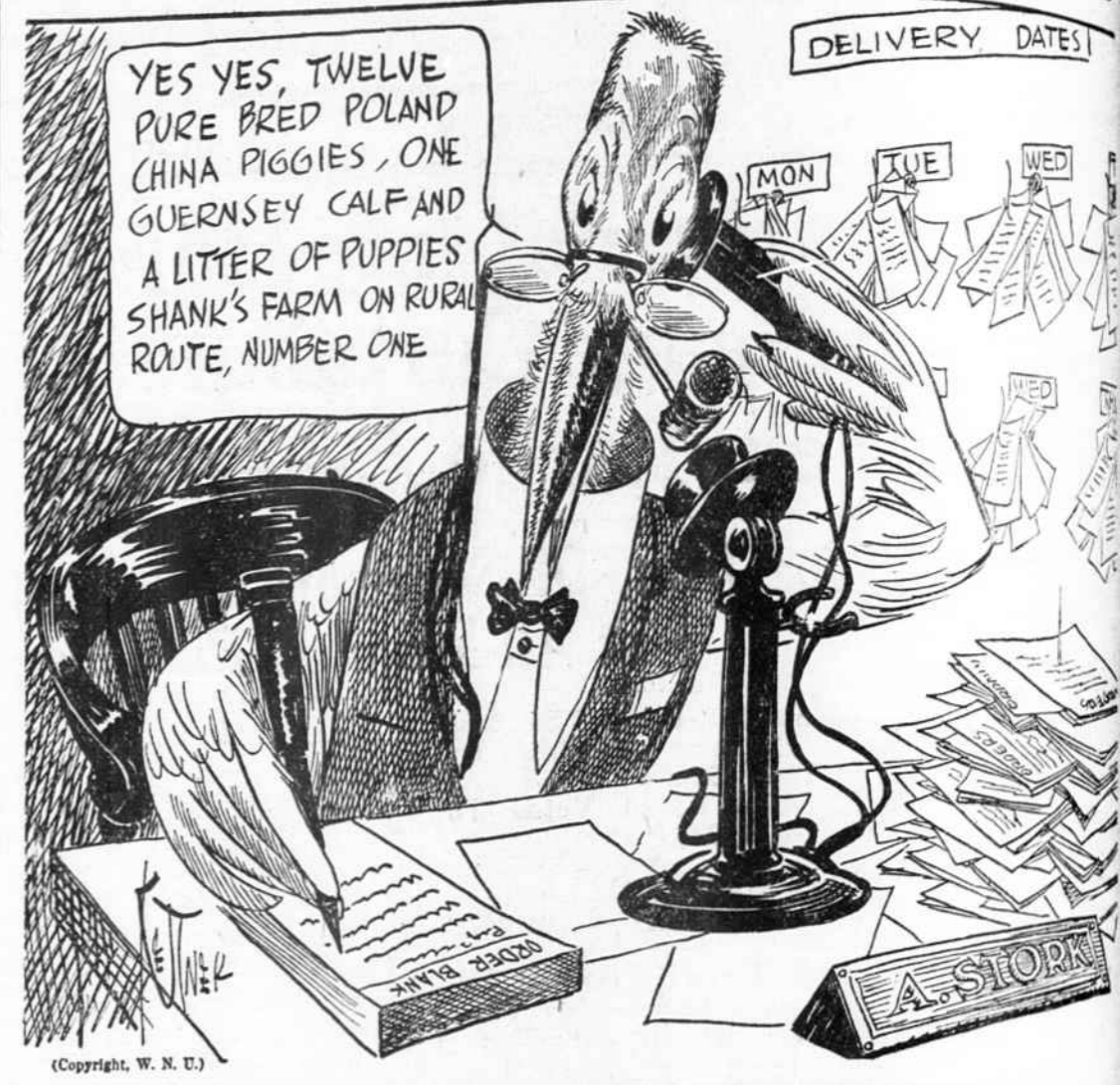
Some Treasury experts are skeptical as to the estimated yield from increased taxes on liquors. It has been found that the consuming public which paid the bootleggers fabulous prices now manifest a change of heart and resent what they consider excessive taxes on liquor supplies. The resistance to Canadian products was lowered when the reciprocity treaty eliminated the import taxes. Government tax officials realize the probability of a "buyers' strike," but they are desperately seeking additional sources of revenue. It is known that 59 whiskey distillers, 33 rectifying plants and 7 general bonded warehouses are scheduled to begin operations early this year, but this increased production may be kept from the market if taxes are boosted to unreasonable limits.

Pressure for adjournment immediately following enactment of tax legislation is growing. Therefore, sponsors of other measures are working might and main in an effort to get their pet bills under the wire. Some solons make pilgrimages to the White House to plead for a Presidential favor to include their measures on "must" lists which are tantamount to a command. The anti-chain store bill in a modified form will probably pass without finding a place on the list. The bills to revive Federal control over wages and hours (outlined by the NRA decision last May) is a prospect. Hearing will be resumed March 16. The idea back of this plan is to force compliance with NRA condition on all government contracts, loans and grants. Just a sand-bagging stunt.

No less authority than W. H. Moran, chief of the United States Secret Service, says that criminality is increasing all along the line. It is estimated that counterfeiting and other crimes which are investigated by the Secret Service have increased fully forty per cent in the last four or five years. It is interesting to note that modern inventions such as photography have greatly increased the number of counterfeiting activities. Government secret agents are daily arresting amateur photographers with a smattering knowledge of etching ability and criminally inclined for their attempts to counterfeit currency or bonds. Check forgers have increased with the opportunities given through payment of relief money which keeps Federal agents on the jump to apprehend those who forge signatures. The percentage of fake coins minted is exceedingly low compared to the reproduction of paper bills.

Under the pressure of criticism as to politics involved in the Works Progress Administration relief activities, this Federal agency is now publicizing data on the percentage of Federal money spent for highways, roads and buildings in various states. According to the publicity state-

Yes Sir, Business Is Good



YES YES, TWELVE PURE BRED POLAND CHINA PIGGIES, ONE GUERNSEY CALF AND A LITTER OF PUPPIES SHANK'S FARM ON RURAL ROUTE, NUMBER ONE

DELIVERY DATES!

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sumes about fifty percent while the other money is spent for houses, parks, playgrounds, flood control and other conservation. The official explanations of expenditures attempt to stress the fact that women and white collar and professional and technical unemployed workers are not overlooked, although the bulk of the money is received by the laboring classes. Legislators seeking re-election are taking these figures and interpreting according to the political needs in their bailiwicks as a means of developing support from the voters.

APPENDECTOMY

Acme, March 4.—Miss Elizabeth Williams, who with her sister, Alice, has been taking a business course at Greensboro, underwent an appendix operation

last Friday night at a Greensboro hospital. Last reports were that she was getting along nicely.

H. O. Peterson Has A Fine Duck Pond

Phoenix, March 4.—Although he seldom shoots a gun at anything, Oscar Peterson, local farmer, is an owner of one of the most ideal duck ponds in North Carolina.

In wintery afternoons thousands of ducks fly up from various points along Cape Fear river and swoop down into Mr. Peterson's mill pond.

This pond, narrow enough that a gun can shoot deadly across it,

is practically surrounded by cultivated land, and is located about 100 yards from Mr. Peterson's home.

New Hanover farmers, interested in the deficiencies of plant food elements in their soil, are trying experiments with copper sulphate and are finding that it eliminates some of the troubles they have had with truck crops. Johnston county poultry growers sold 6,264 pounds of surplus hens at the car door in a cooperative shipment last week.

Reports from Greenville county, are to the effect that 2,000 eastern Carolina farmers have joined the new Farm Bureau organization.

Strawberries look promising in Columbus County and the growers have begun to fertilize and mulch their plants.

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