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Primitive women had her club too, but it was generally wielded by her husband.

If Mussolini is as hard as he tries to look, he must really be fit for the museum.

No wonder some people get cold feet when they get an icy reception.

It's not necessarily true that every chiseler is possessed of a stony stare.

The sharp-witted person knows not to ask too many pointed questions.

Join Red Cross

The annual membership drive for the Brunswick County Chapter of the American Red Cross will begin next week, and we are seizing this timely opportunity to urge every man and woman in this county who is financially able to become a member.

This is one reason we are writing this editorial: So that each man or woman who turns down a roll call solicitor will realize just what he is doing.

Times are hard; admitted. But this community, this town is not recovering from the shock of disaster, from the ravages of fire or flood. For the very reason that we should be thankful for our safety and good health alone we should be more than glad to become active Red Cross members.

For the very reason that we always hope for a friend in time of need should we contribute freely to a fund to finance the agency which would be the first to our rescue should disaster strike.

And so we have the case for joining: A dollar because we are so thankful we do not need help; or a dollar because we fear we might need help in the future—and want to get it.

The Red Cross membership solicitors are voluntary, unpaid workers who are engaged in a nation-wide project of doing good for our fellowman. Regardless of our decision about membership this year, treat them with courteous consideration and help to make their work pleasant for them.

Joint Hosts

The Outdoor Writers have come and gone and we hope that they were favorably impressed with this section; but this is not to be about them, however much we enjoyed their visit. Rather it is to be a tribute to the unstinted hospitality of a few men who had all to do with making their stay here a pleasant one.

The visitors were guests of the management at Caswell Lodge, and local people who have never learned of the entertainment facilities of that hostelry have denied themselves a treat. No host was ever more generous nor more gracious than was Mr. H. H. Thomas; and praise of these accommodations would be incomplete without mentioning Mrs. Dan Sadler, hotel manager, who ministered the many needs of her guests.

Mr. Churchill Bragaw and his courtesies extended at Orton Plantation were tremendous contributions to the entertainment program. Always in the minds of the visiting writers will remain memories of the afternoon of fishing in Orton pond and the deer hunt in the pine forest of the plantation.

Mr. Frank Sherrill made a special trip to Southport in his yacht, Drifter, to entertain on Friday, and since this is a territory which must be explored both by land and sea to be fully appreciated, his day as host was most enjoyable.

The entertainment of these important visitors was an event into which members of the State Department of Conservation and Development entered wholeheartedly. Mr. Robert L. Thompson, head of the advertising bureau, was here with the state-owned Hatteras before the first guest arrived and was the leading figure in entertainment plans for the four-day trip. Mr. William Baker, his assistant, was here throughout the duration of the

visit, and Mr. Paul Kelly, assistant director of the department, was a week-end visitor.

This sounds like a roll-all of persons who aided in the entertainment program, and that is just about right. For when the list is read over and individuals identified, there can be the one pronouncement: "A pleasant duty well done."

Sound Agricultural Program

It's easy for us who are not farmers to sit on the sidelines and tell seasoned farmers how they should go about their business, but getting out and putting our ideas into actual practice might be a different thing.

So, where the opinion of a layman may not be worth much, even we can see the sound logic and the same two-and-two-makes-four arithmetic which the proposed expansive farm program suggested by agricultural leaders holds.

It isn't so difficult to discern the arithmetical soundness of the suggestion that farmers of Brunswick county raise everything they possibly can for the dining table and for the livestock feed though right on the farm, and that by so doing they increase their net income from money crops.

It's simple enough to see that every time a farmer has to dig into his pocket-book and purchase something that could and should have been raised on his farm, that he's cutting down his surplus cash, and that every time he acts wisely and raises that commodity, it amounts to that much money saved.

It's simple enough to see that with tobacco diminishing as a money crop, the farmers of the county are gradually going to have to be encouraged to turn to other fields for revenue—at least a part of it. Livestock seems to hold the answer to one phase of this problem, hogs another, and poultry another.

The people who are making these suggestions to the farmers of Brunswick county are not business men, and professional men, and industrial workers. They are farmers who have made a success of farming by the same practices which they now advocate.

Brunswick county seems destined to remain essentially an agricultural county, so it behooves the farmers of the county to adopt the soundest agricultural program which can be worked out—the one which will work to their own greatest good.

Shears And Paste

THE DARING OF GREECE

(N. Y. Herald Tribune)

It is surprising and admirable that of all the Balkan countries, Greece alone has dared to withstand the aggression of the Axis. For there should be no mistake. The Italian dictator is certainly backed by Germany in his attack on Greece. And should the Italian divisions be too weak to force their way through to Salonika, they will naturally be helped by German troops, coming either from the Adriatic or from Rumania, where they now seem to be solidly entrenched.

Of all the Balkan countries, Greece and Bulgaria are the weakest. Greece has a population of only 7,000,000, mostly seamen, fishermen, shepherds and tobacco growers. Her army is poorly equipped with artillery, her tanks have hardly any anti-aircraft guns, her pilots and flying machines are few. Yet her people, who once wrung their freedom from the Ottoman Empire, seem to be unanimous today in their determination to fight the new invaders.

It is particularly remarkable to hear that the Venizelist officers, who were staunch republicans, and as such were thrown in jail a few years ago, after their attempt to overthrow the dictatorship and subsequently lost their commissions in the army, have asked to be sent to the front. The town dwellers of Greece are more politically minded than any other people in Europe. Their political feuds are violent and lasting. Greek men pass most of the day discussing their political credos at coffee houses, sipping Turkish coffee and the Greek brandy called "ouzo."

Today, they have forgotten their party difference, their fierce grudges against Premier Metaxas and King George. The Greek mountaineers, in their pleated white skirts, armed undoubtedly with obsolete rifles, are shooting from behind rocks at the advancing Italian motorized units. Names of places with a great legendary or historical past, appear in news columns once more.

An old Vermonter was remarkably well informed, but so very lazy that the new pastor asked him how he had contrived to learn so much. He replied, "I just heard it—here and there—and I was too lazy to forget it."

YOUR HOME AGENT SAYS

SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 7th. Calabash Club meets at community center at 2:30 p. m.

Friday November 8th. County Federation Meeting at Bolivia; picnic supper at 6:30, program at 7:00.

Monday Nov. 11th. 10:00 a. m. meat canning demonstration at custom house, Wilmington; 3:30 p. m. Antioch Club meets with Mrs. John Cox.

Tuesday November 12th. Exum Club meets at 2:30. The Service Club will not meet this night due to a conflict with Bolivia school activities.

Wednesday November 13th. Ash Club meets at 4:00 with Mrs. Zelma Hewett.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Song, "America The Beautiful"; "The American's Creed", in unison; roll call and minutes, secretary; plans for December program; beautifying the home ground, home agent; song, "Silent Night"; Christmas gift suggestions, clothing leader, foods leader, home beautification leader; wrapping gifts attractively, vice president; club stunt, recreation leader.

SERVICE CLUB BANQUET

The district service club banquet will be held at Kenansville Friday night, November 8th, at 8:00. Brunswick county members are urged to attend.

MATRESS REPORT

148 mattresses have been made at Bolivia work room since it opened October 14th.

The families receiving these seem quite pleased and much interest is manifested in the project from all sections of the county.

Persons planning to make application for 1941 mattresses should not delay. Forms have been mailed to all farm families, and other families desiring one may secure application blanks from the farm or home agent. Applications should be mailed to Mrs. Lucy White, treasurer, mattress project, Supply, N. C.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Now that the elections are over, officialdom is desperately striving for a future course. This week is obviously a season of post-mortems and valiant attempts at explanations. The balloting is too recent and the returns too scattered at this juncture, to gauge the trend of policies for the next four years. Sober-minded leaders of all factions realize the urgent necessity for restoring at least a semblance of unity so foreigners will not misconstrue the actual purposes of such democratic processes as free balloting.

It will require considerable time and thought to measure the actual reckonings of the hustings. A clearer picture of what transpired in various election areas will be available when the "Lame Duck" Congress assembles November 18 at the expiration of the current recess. Judging from the pre-election charges, it seems likely that a wave of investigations into certain phases of campaign management will be in order. Already existing Senate and House Committees charged with purifying the balloting have complaints of abuses which will need study to provide political alibis if nothing more. It is inevitable that the political distempers cannot be alleviated overnight. Many leaders have been unhorsed by the people as a result of this week's voting. And, veteran politicians do not perform like the Arabs in folding their tents and silently steal away in the night.

Inasmuch as one of the controversies of the political campaign had to do with the status of defense, it is interesting to observe a tendency on the part of Defense Commission officials to remove all brakes. There is no question that politics played ducks and drakes with defense planning since early summer. Now that the people have spoken it seems that the defense authorities are actively pushing plans they held in reserve solely because of partisan implications. It is reliably reported that the highly-touted priority system, which has been kicked around within the Defense Commission for several weeks, will be invoked shortly as a means of speeding the output of essential defense materials. Congress voted adequate authority for this purpose in various defense measures.

So much emphasis was laid on this country's eventual participation in the war during the campaign that the gravity of the situation relative to defense preparedness has been highly accentuated. As a consequence, the plan to invoke priority powers is taken as insurance against delays in providing munitions and other war materials. The current talk is that early priorities will be imposed on behalf of industries supplying the government with critical items of defense, such as airplanes, armament and ships. Demands of the government enforced through priorities is likely to require building up additional manufacturing capacity to sup-

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

APPRECIATION

Editor State Port Pilot

This past week has brought to Brunswick county the most outstanding group of outdoor writers that ever assembled in North Carolina. It has been a great thing for the whole state, and it is only fitting that a few words of appreciation should be said of those who cooperated in making the visit a great event.

Perhaps first in service rendered and expense entailed was the Department of Conservation and Development. Paul Kelly, Bob Thompson, J. C. Baskerville, Bill Baker and the officers of the patrol boat Hatteras did everything they could do.

Second in the service that deserves appreciation was Mr. H. H. Thomas of Fort Caswell. He fed and slept the entire body of officers and directors and some guests without charge. On two or three occasions they were served dinners or lunches away from the lodge, but Mr. Thomas cheerfully bore the lions share of expense and he is entitled to great credit.

Frank O. Sherrill, owner of Bald Head Island, is also deserving of appreciation for a cruise to sea on his yacht, a visit to Bald Head Island, another cruise to Wilmington and for luncheon. Charles Matthews, the Sherrill manager on the island, was also ever ready to do everything he could.

Col. Earl I. Brown stood by, ready for any service that might contribute to the pleasure and entertainment of the visitors.

When one gets down to individual cases, no man made greater effort than Churchill Bragaw of Orton Plantation. With Mr. Sprunt in the background and in whole-hearted sympathy with Bragaw's efforts, a deer hunt, fishing etc., was staged at Orton and a splendid luncheon was served. Not content with having the guests at Orton, Bragaw was always in close proximity ready to answer any call for personal service.

To wind up, I want to say that I am especially appreciative of the efforts and personal sacrifices made by local men towards entertaining the recent visitors to North Carolina.

W. B. Keziah, Executive Secretary, Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce.

ply the Army and the Navy. No blanket priorities are anticipated just now, as it is proposed to handle shortages by consideration of individual cases. A priorities list when it is finally made public will have a direct bearing on the

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

At the instance of Mr. Clarence Crapon, one of the greatest dog-lovers in this section, Brennan Furples made a special effort to book "The Bunting Easter" for the Amuzu. It is an heart-throbbing story of a boy and his outlived bird dog and is on Wednesday and Thursday of this week . . . Add dog notes: Sam Bennett recently bought a pomeranian pup. The only other one we know of in the county is owned by Miss Annie May Woodside.

Alex Bogie, who has done plenty of deer hunting, missed two bucks twice each Saturday while out with the visiting outdoor writers. He'll have to move over and make room for Claud McCall and W. T. Fulwood, though, for they are recent misses . . . Charlie Farrell, Greensboro photographer, was here for the week-end. So were a lot of other very good cameramen, but when the shots are developed, we'll wager that Farrell's will put the others in the shade . . . Speaking of pictures, John Boyd Finch really is serious about this business of photography. Sold his two saxophones and bought himself some developing equipment. He's done some mighty nice work too. (Free ad.)

FOOTBALL REVUE: This week you can have Duke's 41-7 rout of Ga. Tech or the sound whipping the Fordham Rams laid on the Tar Heels, but we'll take Davidson's amazing fourth-quarter surge for ours. Trailing 12-0 going into the final stanza, the Wildcats racked up four lightning-

like touchdowns for a 27-12 win over Centre College of Kentucky. Five thousand homecoming day fans were delirious. They got out the press books to discover just when Tech had been wrecked as badly as the Blue Devils on Saturday. That game is a traditional one-to-down-margin affair. Even Kay Kyswe's pepping didn't do the Tar Heel cause much good against Fordham's mighty Rams, and Carolina went down for the third time this season. Hot-and-cold Wake Forest was on again against George Washington Friday night and won, 18-0. State College, 20-6, to Furman, and this is another week.

Best crack we've heard lately was one Capt. Hawk made Friday while he and the other writers were guests aboard Frank Sherrill's yacht. After a cruise, the yacht anchored off the island because some of the men aboard wanted to go ashore for an exploring expedition. "Go on, Louay Clowns," said Hawk. "All your lives dreamed of getting a chance to ride on a boat like this, and now that you're on it you're some danged fool talk you into going out walking on the beach." . . . There was some going on last week while Lum Gaskill, coast guardsman of Oak Island was around. He intervened. In telling about it later he said: "I had one of them in my left hand and the other one in my right hand and held them apart. They didn't touch each other, but they might have beat me to death." Blessed be the peace-maker

everyday lives of most citizens.

During the last war the rating of a business on the official priorities list had a psychological effect on the exemptions or deferments in the draft. If a man was employed in an industry regarded as non-essential his chances of deferment or exemption were automatically lessened. Defense officials expect much criticism when the priorities are established because manufacturers will know, at least, whether their products are to be classed as luxuries, as necessities or for defense.

Once this priority board starts to function it will exercise tremendous powers, both directly and indirectly, affecting all branches of American life. It will be made up, in a way, from the defense group with four or five from each industry sitting in as industrial advisors. It is rumored that each group will be made up of one from the Army, one from the Navy, one from the industry, one industrial consumer and a neutral who will serve as administrator for that group. It seems unlikely that frantic appeal to legislators or politicians will have much influence in changing the classifications once the defense experts rate the importance of various business to the defense effort.

Notwithstanding the shocks of the elections, the routine business of government must proceed. Departmental officials are working on budgets for the fiscal year

of 1942 which must be studied by the House Appropriations Committee, although some of these fiscal questions will be shunted to the next regular session. It is not at all certain that Congress will remain in session when it reconvenes a fortnight hence. The people look upon the doings of a legislative body, so constituted with men repudiated at the polls, with skepticism, which largely nullifies the transactions of the "Lame Duck" lawmakers.

Methodists Open Session Thursday

Fifth Avenue Church Of Wilmington To Be Place Of Annual Convention

WILMINGTON, Nov. 4.—Plans for the second annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, which will be held at the Fifth Avenue Methodist Church here on Thursday, November 7, through Sunday, November 10, are now under way, local Methodist leaders said tonight.

Bishop Clare Purcell, recently assigned to the leadership of Methodism in Eastern Carolina, will preside over the conference as president.

Approximately 700 members of the conference are expected to attend the annual session of the

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