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The Greeks say there are no Italian soldiers left on their soil. Well, there are a lot of them left under it.

The only time some people are good listeners is when somebody is praising them.

A long time ago we heard "My name's Jimmie, I'll take all you g'me;" but later learning has shown us that free takers are not restricted to folks named James.

It's a good idea not to spend the time you're waiting for a break sitting down. They say never let a man be on the jury that tries you if he's ever been guilty of the thing for which you are being tried.

News Spreads Bob Ruark, Wilmington boy who is well-known in Southport, was in town Monday, a fugitive for one week from his duties as sports editor of The Washington Daily News.

What's going on, he wanted to know? "This town is the most talked about place from a sportsman point of view on the Atlantic seaboard. All these tropical game fish I hear about, where do they come from? When I was a boy and used to come down for a few days in the summer I'd go and maybe catch a mess of croakers and trout, but not the fish I've been reading about."

It was quickly explained that there really is something to all these new fish stories; that trips to the Gulf Stream were thrilling and fruitful for sportsmen. But then we spied W. B. Keziah, and pointed him out. "There's the real answer to your question," we said. "It has been through his efforts that this section is getting so much fine advertising."

There's no doubt about it, we're getting publicity the likes of which money can't buy; but we are not in position to do the most with the good that should come from it. Chief obstacle, of course, is the matter of more modern and commodious facilities. Another hitch, come another season, is likely to develop in connection with boats suitable for trips to the lightship.

But, with the visitors that continue to come here, out of the group there is likely to be one who will provide the answer to the hostelry need; and the boat business is likely to work out its own salvation on the basis of supply and demand.

Fine Departure

We commend the good judgment of members of the Southport Woman's Club for deciding this year to decorate a living tree on the Garrison grounds instead of sacrificing another giant cedar for the sake of Yuletide decorations.

While this year's arrangement is not ideal, it is, as we say, a step in the right direction. Cedar is the official Christmas tree for our section, and if several good sized trees were planted in strategic places about the city—and kept watered and cared for—eventually we should be able to provide a living cedar Christmas tree as the centerpiece of the city's decorations.

Birds And Feed

We have hunted quail enough this year to learn that the birds are where there is feed for them. One place that formerly offered some of the best hunting territory we know about lay out last year, and no peas nor small grain were planted. The result is that the coveys that formerly lived thereabout have ranged off in search of food.

wick county has 75-acres of field peas, none of which he has picked nor turned under. The result is that there are more birds in that immediate territory than may be found anywhere else in Brunswick county.

All this is useless information, unless it is used for the good there is in it. There really is a moral. If the hunters care to be anything more than merely good natured trespassers, they could arrange to provide some of the farmers of the county with peas for seed next year, and through their combined efforts do much to increase the game production in the county.

Another important result would be in the attitude of the farmers, who would feel a friendlier interest in having hunting guests who had thought enough of their privilege to help out with the expense.

What Should Be Done? The Answer Is Obvious

People generally are doubtless familiar with the rapid strides which Brunswick has made in agriculture during the past two decades, but what concerns us vitally is something on the other side of the picture.

J. E. Dodson, Brunswick County Farm Agent has compiled figures that should prove nothing short of startling to those people who are really interested in seeing agriculture pushed forward in Brunswick county.

He showed that 25 per cent of all the farms in Columbus county have no chickens whatsoever, 25 per cent have not a cow, 20 per cent have no hogs, 99 per cent have no sheep, and what was the most astonishing thing of it all: 80 PER CENT OF ALL BRUNSWICK COUNTY FARMS HAVE NO MILK COWS.

It is surprising that only 20 per cent of the farms of Brunswick county are blessed with milk cows. Milk is the essential part of any diet. Most Brunswick county people look healthy enough, so the obvious conclusion is that they must be getting their milk out of cans.

This picture of Brunswick county farming shows how far we will have to advance before we ever approach the ultimate in a balanced farm program.

Where do the 20 per cent of Brunswick county farmers who have no hogs and who depend upon the soil for their sustenance get the meat they eat? Where do the 25 per cent who have no chickens get eggs and chicken for the family table? Where do the 80 per cent of the Brunswick county farmers who have not a milk cow about the place get butter, milk and all the milk by-products?

Quite obviously, the answer is that they have to buy them—buy them with the money which they have raised from their tobacco sales or sales of other farm produce. With the dwindling tobacco prices, the farm income, it would seem, on these farms could be balanced more readily if these gaps could be filled, if more of the "live-at-home" program were put into practice.

The Greeks have showed the Italians that the roads into their country are one-way drives.

Shears And Paste

THE "DIGNITY" OF LABOR

(From The Montgomery Advertiser.) A lot is said in favor of the "dignity" of labor, but not yet enough. Current Americans, descendants for the most part of hard-bitten, hard-working men, scorn work with their hands. Most of the youngsters that walk out of our schools want to walk into soft snaps. The hammer and the lathe and the sewing machine do not appeal to them. They don't want to be blacksmiths, machinists, carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers and plowboys. They want to wear pretty clothes and skip the work that one does with his hands, forgetting that no hard-worker can perform well without employing his brains.

Some of the wisest men in our democracy are blacksmiths, carpenters, machine-workers and plowmen. Some of the wisest women of the land are not above darning socks, pedaling sewing machines—whether Singer or New Home—cooking a good meal of victuals, and hoeing the garden.

All of our people cannot hope to make their way in "professional careers." The way to "dignify" labor is to convince all of our people that the smell of the good earth and the smell of grease on tools, to say naught of the smell of a baby whose mouth needs wiping, comprise more agreeable odors than the rotting grapes of wrath.

Americans, born of workers, must forsake their newly-acquired scorn of honest labor with the hands—and the mind, as well as the heart. If you have no reason to be proud, why not skip it and be content?

LELAND SCHOOL NEWS

LIBRARY NEWS

- We are very glad to report the gift of 45 books to the library. They were donated by Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hall of Wilmington, N. C. Several books are listed below that were given: 1. My four years in Germany, by Gerald. 2. British Agents by Lockheart. 3. Queen, by Harrison. 4. History of U. S. 5. We, by Lindbergh. 6. Tolerance, by Van Loon. 7. The Library of Business Practice. 8. The Notebook of an attack, by Wood. 9. Houseboats on the Stx, by Bongs. 10. Young Peoples History of N. C. 11. Cobra's Den, Chamberlain and Days of our years, by Nol Bassen. 12. The outline of History by H. G. Wells (4 vols.). 13. The society of applied psychology by Helton 11th vol. 14. The World Great Events by Singleton 5th vol. 15. Mental Efficiency by Laurent 9th vol. 16. Around the World with a Camera. The library is proud of the gift.

LIBRARY CLUB

The seniors sponsored a Christmas program, at the club meeting on Monday, Dec. 9th, in the school auditorium. The program included readings and response. Christmas songs were sung by all members of the club. This is the last meeting the club will hold before Christmas holidays.

It is the Literary club that sponsors the Recitation and Declamation contest each year. This year the members of the club wish to get a good start on learning their pieces. The recitations and declamations have been ordered. We are hoping to receive them before we get out for the holidays, Christmas.

FIRST GRADE The 1st grade students are busy making their parents Christmas gifts, with the help of their teacher. They are very excited over their new task and all of them seem interested because it gives them the Christmas spirit.

SIX GRADE The 6th grade has organized basketball teams among themselves, and have been allowed to play in the Gym, in which they are very grateful.

BASKET BALL The Leland basketball teams are scheduled to play Burgaw in their gym at Burgaw Thursday night. The first game starts at 7:30 o'clock. Go to Burgaw! Support the teams.

INDIANS We have been studying about Indians in the third grade. Some of us drew Indian pictures; some made pottery, some wove rugs, some made bows and arrows and some made tepees. All of us wrote a story about the Indians. We enjoyed having the first and second grades come to our room to hear our program and see the things we made.

Winnabow News

Rev. George Richman of Wilmington, Rev. W. E. Auger, of Pa., were visitors here Friday. Earl Tharp, who is now stationed at Fort Screven, Ga., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Tharp, here.

Misses Ethel Satterfield and Virginia Pope returned Saturday evening from a pleasant trip in Altoona, Pa., with their parents, Miss Elizabeth Tryon returned with them to spend awhile.

W. C. Savage and family spent Sunday in Wilmington with Mrs. Clint Daniels and family.

J. E. Dawkins returned Saturday to Bischoe after a two weeks visit with his son, W. L. Dawkins and family.

R. L. Foy and daughter, Miss Mary Frances and Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Sidbury of Scotts Hill visited W. J. Freeman and family Sunday afternoon.

Thomas Wolfe, who is in navy in Norfolk, Va., is spending a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix Wolfe.

Virginia Visitor Interested Here

An interested visitor here the past week was John Stanley Spangler of Virginia. Mr. Spangler is one of the best known real estate men and developers on the eastern seaboard. He was much interested in his examination of Brunswick county lands and informed Chamber of Commerce officials that he expected to return here shortly with a possible view of further investigation and development.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—It seems that the Congressional Division of the Federal government is taking the prevailing emotionism about financial and other aid to beleaguered Britain with a grain of salt.

While Mr. Jones and Mr. Morganthau, the two leading fiscal spokesmen, are paving the way for an approach to legislative authorization for this program, the lawmakers themselves believe the absence of President Roosevelt, some of his Cabinet and the Speakers of the House from their official posts augurs that affairs abroad are not so desperate as propagandists attempt to portray. In fact, there is a pronounced demand for displaying proverbial Yankee "horse-trading" in the current British negotiations for military and fiscal aid rather than be swept away by sympathy for the English cause.

Credits and loans which require approval by Congress are not likely to receive the "go" signal until evidence of swapping is produced somewhat similar to the exchange of 50 destroyers for naval leases on vital British islands near our coasts. Sentiment is developing for outright titles to the island possessions in preference to long term leases. Another dispute which must be settled before our merchant ships are turned over to the British is their status after the war—meaning whether they will be flying the American or foreign flags when the struggle for foreign trade is resumed in peaceful times.

The enormous British First World War debt still rankles. Therefore, many advocates of assistance feel that it is high time that the English, a nation of traders, should be willing to barter for necessary supplies. Reports that certain sections of the British government are opposed to exchanging islands necessary for American defense for vital materials is creating equal stubbornness among the solons who feel the people will support their demands for deals along the precedent established in the destroyer matter.

Public reactions against strikes in vital defense industries is now subjected to close appraisal by our legislators. The Administration is desperately striving to ward off the day when it will be obliged to take a position in regard to restricting organized labor's right to strike. Experienced "trouble-shooters" have been drafted into the Federal service as conciliators and arbitrators for current disputes.

The A. F. of L. crowd are frankly worried over the possibility that their friends in Congress, who have supported liberal labor legislation for the benefit of trade unions, will turn against them in response to an antagonistic public opinion traceable to organizing efforts and incidental strikes in vital defense industries. Legislators, recognized as pro-union in their sympathies, find themselves in an embarrassing situation in connection with government contracts for defense. Numerous complaints have been received from their constituents protesting about racketeering on many government jobs in which some union leaders obtain a kick-back from wages of employees on these projects as a condition to securing work or furnishing materials.

Representative Hoffman, of Michigan, introduced a bill a few days ago for an investigation into these alleged practices of grafting in government defense contracts. The Temporary National Economic Committee, which has been spending the taxpayers' money freely for several years, has obtained a new lease on life from the Congress until April 3. The passage of a resolution authorizing the continuance did not provide additional appropriations but merely allowed the T. N. E. C. an extra three months in which to make their reports. It is reported that a number of these reports will serve as a background for anti-business legislation at the next session of Congress. The Committee recently completed a study of foreign investments in American industry which disclosed the fact that British investors had \$366,547,000 invested in manufacturing in this country making their nationals the largest foreign stockholders in our domestic corporation.

The total British investment in 1937 amounted to \$833,343,000. Canadian interests were the next largest holders of American securities totaling \$462,693,000 with the Netherlands ranking a poor third. The German investors apparently had little opportunity to

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

A week ago Sunday night some not-so-good sportsmen opened the flood gates at Brooks mill pond at Longwood and hauled a seine through the shallow pools until practically all the large bass and perch were scooped up. No trace yet of the culprits . . . Alex Bogie, who lost his shirt-tail for missing four shots at deer the day the Outdoor Writers hunted at Orton, has redeemed himself—not once, but twice.

Hey, Hunters: How'd you like to slip up to a pond that was blanketed down with ducks—mallards, black ducks, etc.? We did last week—but there wasn't a shot fired. In fact, we didn't have a gun. The pond is on the Pleasant Oaks Plantation and is a sanctuary for migratory waterfowl. Before we got away we saw a flight of Canadian geese—about fifty in number—fly over on their way to help Manager J. J. Ramseur with his peanut harvest . . . A killer at heart, we still got a big kick from just watching the beautiful birds.

In the midst of an indoor clean-up campaign he staged in his office last week Lawyer Ed Taylor found the parts of an old telegraph instrument used by Vincent Stevens to transmit messages from here more than thirty years ago . . . Incidentally, Mr. Taylor has bound copies of Southport newspapers dating back to the turn of the century and plans to send them to the State Library in Raleigh.

NEGLECTED FAMILIES

(By J. Leon Malone, Rector of St. Phillips Episcopal Church)

It becomes part of my unpleasant duty in every community I work in to deal with families suffering because of irresponsible fathers. I know some who will not work, regardless of the needs of their family, if the particular work available for them does not suit their tastes or likes. There are those who will not work for a low wage when they feel that their work is worth more. There are those who indulge themselves in drink to such an extent that their families suffer as a result. They suffer not only the humiliation of a drunken father and husband, but for want of things that the price of the drink would buy. There are those who when they receive a pay check go immediately and spend much of it for drink and the balance wantonly while drunk.

This group of men, larger than we like to admit, is one of our greatest social problems. We have them and their families to deal with and look out for. Our present system is not taking care of the situation. I believe the solution is to be found in our government, perhaps buy our securities because their total holdings for 1937 only amounted to \$54,985,000. Senator Nye recently introduced a resolution to create a special committee to investigate foreign ownership, but the proposed probe is likely to end in apigeon-hole because another Senate committee already has this authority. The Senate committee investigating campaign expenditures also received an extension of time for their reports on the elections. Their findings will probably result in the display of soiled political linen.

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MIXING BOWLS:—Nebraska has been invited to represent the "east" in the Rose Bowl on New Year's day as Stanford's opponent. We'll take Nebraska, beaten only by Minnesota . . . Tennessee plays a fine Boston College eleven at New Orleans in the Sugar Bowl classic, and we'll stand by the south . . . Mississippi State meets Georgia in the Orange Bowl and we'll stick to the South . . . Texas A. & M. plays host to Fordham in the Cotton Bowl, ditto.

Last week we picked some of our favorites in the musical world, sticking mainly to the sweet side and to the great classics. Let's take a look at the other side now. For swing there is always King Benny Goodman to be ranked at the top. His new outfit reads like an all-star band. "Act Up" Shaw in a little higher class type of swing gives him the hottest competition with Woody Herman topping the blues section. The latter's recording of "Beat Me Daddy" founders through to a poor arrangement and corny vocal but is saved in the last chorus by some terrific section work. . . . MOVIES: Untamed plays this week-end at the Amuzu and is the best entertainment scheduled for the week. Patricia Morrison and Ray Milland star in this outdoor saga.

Week Of Prayer Comes To Close

Women Of Southport Baptist Church Closed Annual Program Tuesday Evening; Offering Taken For Missions

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southport Baptist church observed the December Week of Prayer last week a special offering being taken for foreign missions. On Tuesday evening they enjoyed their annual banquet, following a short business session, at which session a report from each circle of the Union was made and circle leaders, officers and committees were appointed for the work during the coming year.

1st Negro Boy (Amused when his companion didn't know whether he was 4 or 5) You mean you doesn't know your age? 2nd Boy—"No, I don't." 1st Boy—"Has you ever thought about women?" 2nd Boy—"No." 1st boy—"Then youse 4, cause I see 5."



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