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The treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor shows the Japs' character the same color as their skins.

Then, we are not to suppose that a two faced person is necessarily capable of double talk.

Dumb Dora thought a cross-section of American life was a bunch of grouches.

There'll be one-inning baseball games henceforth. How now, are you going to re-tire a side?

One or two days last week we wondered if the weather prediction wasn't put out just to fool the enemy.

Farm Outlook

It is all pretty perplexing. As recently as this fall co-operating members of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration went to the polls and voted to continue the restricted production of cotton. Either still in effect or recently operative are limitations upon the production of tobacco, corn, hogs, wheat and sugar beets.

And now the same machinery which coached and coaxed for several years away from big crops and surpluses is just as busy sounding the alarm for all-out production.

We thought we saw the point then; we know we see the point now. But the farmer certainly is not to blame if he finds this program of about face somewhat bewildering.

Simple Things

War conditions are likely to cause us inconveniences against which we shall want to rebel. Some of our people are going to be bad losers at first, and may get loss of luxuries confused with hardships.

But a good thing to remember is that our pioneering forefathers got along mighty well without most of the things which we now believe to be necessities. One by-product of the war may be to stop the trend toward the softening up of the people of our nation.

What War Means

It is not possible at this time to detail all the events and circumstances which led to Japan's victories in the Pacific. But the broad outlines are clear. We underestimated the extent and the striking power of the Japanese air and naval forces. We were over-confident. We did not turn the Philippines and the lesser islands into the kind of bastions which could have repelled a major attack. Further, we, like the rest of the democracies, were lethargic—we wishfully disregarded the writing on the wall. According to Walter Lippman, Japan must have spent at least eighteen months preparing for an attack on so vast a scale. But few Americans believed war was actually coming in the Pacific.

Bright spot in the Philippine war has been the superb fighting spirit shown by the American and Filipino troops commanded by General MacArthur, who seems to have fully lived up to his reputation as the ablest American general officer. MacArthur's forces were tremendously outnumbered. Their equipment was inferior to that of the Japanese. After the early days of fighting, they had no air power to speak of. Yet they made the enemy pay a tremendous toll in men and material for every inch of ground taken and, at this writing, they have entrenched themselves on Luzon Island north of lost Manila and on the great fortress of Corregidor in Manila Bay, and are continuing the fight.

Many have wondered why MacArthur was not given substantial U. S. naval aid. In the opinion of the strategists, it would have been suicidal for the Navy to have sent major fleet forces in an attempt to save Manila. Japan has big naval bases in Formosa and on the mandated islands, some of which are well under a thousand

miles from Luzon. Our forces' nearest major base is many thousands of miles away from the scene of action, at Pearl Harbor. Furthermore, while Luzon is important, it is not vital. What the Allied Pacific powers must attempt to save at all costs is Singapore, which is the key to the entire Far East, including the rich Dutch East Indies. All possible Allied strength must be conserved for the decisive land, sea and air battle which will soon take place along the Malayan peninsula. The commanders of great armies and navies must take the long view, and look to the winning of the war, not the scattered, costly victories which might imperil the major campaign.

It is often said that the prime objective of this war is the destruction of the Nazis—that, once that is done, Japan and Hitler's other allies can be taken care of in their turn. The news which comes out of Russia is immensely encouraging to the Allied powers. The German rout continues, and the destruction of German divisions and German equipment is on an almost incredible scale. The Russian command now says that it means to press forward until Germany itself is turned into a battlefield. And in Libya, the British have won a victory which may prove of immense importance to the eventual winning of the entire war.

This country is now, for the first time, realizing what modern war means. The order freezing sales of new motor cars and prohibiting the production of new cars after January, indicates the way the wind blows. It may be expected that our lives will be revolutionized with astonishing speed. There will be no luxuries at all, and many seeming necessities will be foregone or produced in bare minimum quantities. At this moment, we are spending about 25 per cent of our national income for war purposes. By the end of the year we will, if the plans go through, be spending as much as 50 per cent. What that will mean to the civilian standard of living is easily seen.

Yet there is no grumbling. Right-wingers, labor leaders and big industrialists, Democrats and Republicans alike, agree that an all-out effort, with all the privations entailed, must be made. There is much criticism of Administration methods, but no criticism of Administration long-pull objectives. It is significant that in the civil government, as in the armed forces, changes are being made in executive personnel, designed to weed out the unfit and replace them with men who will get results.

Time is the great factor now—time to produce the instruments of war, and to train the necessary troops. Japan got the jump on us, as Germany did on Russia and Britain in the early days of conflict, because she had spent years preparing for war while we had done relatively little. We have the resources to make up for this, if only we make full use of the time we have left before the decisive stage of the war is reached.

A Fine Example

We heard this week of a most remarkable bit of volunteer work in the interest of the American Red Cross. H. C. Stone, principal of Shallotte school, mentioned two weeks ago a drive for the Red Cross war relief fund among the children of his school. They immediately pounced upon the idea and patriotically initiated a sustained push to obtain funds. Students, from the youngest first grader to the most dignified senior, entered enthusiastically into the drive. In a few days the drive gained great momentum. The children showed a willingness to help and to give, and a fervor to aid others which is remarkable. Little tots from the grammar school seemed to realize fully the great cause they were representing and vied with each other in their earnest efforts to add a penny, a lickel or a dime to the ever-mounting total.

The students did not enter this race for money as a game. They realized the direness of the need for the money. They showed that they are made of the stuff all true Americans are made of. They answered the call in an enthusiastic manner, but in a manner that showed they realized and accepted the responsibility on their shoulders. The final total raised by the children reached the sum of \$242.12.

Fine Traders, These Argentines

Argentina seems still to labor under the false impression that you can do business with Hitler, despite the fact that once she had to take 8,000,000 mouth organs in payment for a lot of cattle shipped to the Nazis.

What you sometimes think is just a flash in the pan turns out to be bright idea.

Then may be the reason some writers always use eye shades is to protect their eyes from the brilliance of their ideas.



BY BILL KEZIAH

Just Among The FISHERMEN

We have lately been hearing from a lot of our friends among the outdoor writers and all of them seem to have undergone some sort of a transformation during the past two months. They are trying to adjust themselves to meet war conditions and to do their bit while it lasts.

A lot of the young men have gone into out and out service for their country. Others are trying to get in, and if they are debarred by age they are turning to do all they can with civilian defense. One thing is sure, from those that have been heard from, they are all trying.

There is big Bob Wilson "Up The Stream" man on the Washington Times-Herald. Bob writes us that "as nothing else came handy, he is carrying on with his newspaper work and at the same time has enlisted with the Defense Corps as an auxiliary policeman. Bob is a giant in stature and an andoils for looks, but we have an idea he is too soft hearted to be much of a cop, unless it is in the matter of looking after school children.

Then, there is Arnold Stewart, of the Wilmington, Delaware, newspapers and a very competent outdoor radio commentator. The last we heard of him he was giving naval recruits the cold eye, was disdainful the age requirements and trying to enlist in the navy, where he could show what he could do with a gun. We are not sure of his exact age, but we hope he will make what he wants.

Bill Garrison of Washington, a frequent fishing visitor here the past summer during which visits he dispensed choice cigars, afterwards nullifying their potency by passing off loaded matches with which to light them. He has volunteered and is contributing his service to the government on the big salary of \$1.00 per year. If Bill ever gets back down here we will forgive and forget the loaded matches.

The other day while looking through a trade journal we came across a double page pictorial and reading spread of a fellow whom we have been rating as a personal friend. He is Chas. S. Osborne, the sage of Possum Foke in Worth County, Georgia. Charlie is 82 years old, but the pictures testified to activities on his part that would shame any middle-aged guy. Charlie made millions as a prospector for iron ores as a young man. He gave the millions away to churches, charities and schools and took as the setting for the closing days of his extremely useful life a rural Georgia surrounding. Each summer, however, finds him back in Michigan for a few weeks stay. He was at one time governor of that state.

The outdoor boys, and everybody else, love and venerate the sage of Possum Foke in Possum Lane. At one time last year we had hopes of having him at Southport for awhile, as he wrote us and stated he hoped to come here some time.

Thanks to plentiful rains, freshwater fishing in the streams of Brunswick should be a great deal better this year with increasing prospects each year if we do not have another protracted dry spell to come along. All the streams and deep holes in which fish for stock survived during the dry years. Restoration in such places will be handled by nature. But when it comes to the lakes, hundreds of the smaller ones dried completely up. They are now filled again with water, but without any fish. They will afford no fishing until they become restocked in some manner. The larger lakes that did not dry completely up are comparatively few.

PERSONAL
 Mr. and Mrs. John F. Potter and daughter, Miss Marjorie Potter, and son Ralph Potter and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Willets spent Sunday with relatives in Little River, S. C.
 Julian Southerland returned to Delaware last week after spending ten days here with his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Southerland.

SHALLOTTE SCHOOL NEWS

In cooperation with the national preparedness program H. C. Stone, principal, has arranged for two classes in first aid to be taught at Shallotte school. The afternoon class will begin immediately after school has ended. The students will consist of the teachers who have not had the course and of all the community people interested. The night class will be taught by H. M. Morris, agriculture teacher, and the students will be men connected with the W. P. A., teachers, and other people who because of their work do not find it convenient to meet the afternoon class. The first class begins Monday afternoon and the second that evening at 7:30. All the surrounding communities who can possibly arrange to send delegates to these meetings are heartily invited and earnestly interested, in the interest of self-protection, to do so.

A series of general safety programs has also been launched by Mr. Stone. In connection with these programs the main topic discussed is usually the necessary things to know about air-raids. Mr. Stone stresses the fact that we are in the immediate environs of Wilmington, a city rated a number one target in case of a raid. In a night raid planes often wander off their specific targets as much as 50 miles. The main rules stressed in these programs are those issued by Mayor La Guardia of New York, in charge of civilian protection.

CANCEL PLAY
 The senior class play has been called off due to the need of saving fuel required at night practice and to the lack of transportation arising from the tire problem. This is only one of many sacrifices at this school made necessary by the war crisis.

SPORTS
 The last three games have been with Waccamaw and Conway, S. C. In the first game the boys dashed ferociously out on the court confident that Waccamaw didn't have a chance. They did have a chance. In fact they won in no uncertain terms. In the next game the Shallotte boys had a hearty respect for the Waccamaw's team's playing ability, but they also were determined to win. They did win. The Shallotte girls lost their game, their first loss of the season.

Long and varied had been the tales that the Conway teams were invincible. When their girls' team crashed with Shallotte they hit a stone wall and were overwhelmingly defeated. Their boys team, though, seemed to live up to their reputation. In spite of a heroic effort on Shallotte's part they soundly thrashed the boys' team. A return game with Conway was temporarily postponed due to uncertain transportation facilities.

BOLIVIA SCHOOL NEWS

PIANO RECITAL
 The piano students of the Bolivia school held their second recital of the year in the auditorium Tuesday evening. Pupils taking part on the program were: Patsy Ann Tharpe, Mary Lillian Potter, Marjorie Hickman, Kathleen Clemmons, Wetona Tharpe, Mary Louise Burris, Doris Johnson, Betty Flo Reid, Mary Elizabeth Kye, Christine Willets, Betha Hart, Laurie Hickman, Frances Lesh, Eula Garner, Kathleen Carlson, Mildred Gilbert, Mary Lou Earp, Rosa Gilbert, Lillian Rabon, Inez Mitchell, Virginia Lewis, Kenneth Tucker, Eileen Hickman, Emmet Lee Sellers, and George Lanier.

DEFENSE
 The third in a series of Civilian Defense meetings was held in the school auditorium Monday evening. Many officers, for the Bolivia District were appointed. Classes in nursing and first aid will be taught in connection with this defense program. These classes will begin at an early date.

N. C. E. A. MEET
 The Brunswick county unit of the North Carolina Education Association met in the Bolivia high school auditorium Friday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock. Guest speakers were Miss Mary Langston, Field Secretary of the N. C. E. A. and Dr. Luddington of State College Education Department.

ATTENDS MEET
 Glenn Tucker, principal of the Bolivia School, attended a physical education meeting for secondary schools in Elizabethtown Saturday.

Miss Claire Brooks, history teacher, spent the week end with her parents in Evergreen.

Winnabow News

Mr. and Mrs. Everett McKelthan of Wilmington were visitors here Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. R. L. Sullivan and little son spent Friday with Mrs. D.

--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

Best selling item in the candy case at Ruarik's are the home-made brown-dogs which Miss Eva brings down. . . . Despite the fact that the law requiring a witness to kiss the Bible as testimony of his good faith as he is being sworn in has been repealed—the kissing clause—most of the people sworn in in court here Monday made a quick brush in the general direction of the Good Book.

Southport is likely to be well represented Friday night at the wrestling card in Wilmington which finds Abe Yourist grappling Frederick Von Schact, American-born German, who is heir-apparent to the Frown Prince title formerly held by L. Ganey at Leland.

Mrs. Douglass Padgett and little son of Kure Beach spent Wednesday here with her mother, Mrs. Isaac Gore.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tucker and son, Kenneth, of Bolivia, visited the A. P. Henry family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Reynolds and daughter, Miss Mary Bonner and her little friend from Wilmington visited the Taylors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tharp, Miss Christine Coley and Whiz Hufham, of Wilmington visited Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Zibelin Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kopp and children of Bolivia visited the D. R. Johnsons Sunday afternoon.

George Cannon and family of Bolivia visited the Taylors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Young of Wilmington, spent the week end here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mercer Taylor and Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Fales and Mrs. H. E. Fales of Wilmington

Cowboy Luttrell. Principals in the second half of the bill will be Ed (Strangler) White vs. Sisco Barto Hill. . . . Some of the boys from Bolivia have been talking about getting into the bowling league.

"Devil Dogs Of The Air" is a service theater starring James Cagney and Pat O'Brien. A re-issue of a former hit, it is making the rounds again in this modern, natural setting and comedy.

Friday and Saturday of this week to the Am. . . . The Phillip Allen tract above Southport has been looked over and surveyed for so many projects during the past few months that it is literally checked with trails.

visited the Taylors Sunday afternoon.

Lieutenant Grimes of Wilmington and Mr. Newford of Raleigh were visitors here Tuesday morning.

L. J. Zibelin of Wilmington visited his brother C. H. Zibelin Tuesday morning.

Misses Ethel Satterfield and Virginia Pope returned Tuesday afternoon from a visit with their parents in Altoona, Pa.

FERTILIZER
 See us immediately for your fertilizer and crop food. Materials are available now, and they may be mighty hard to get later on.

W. A. KOPP
 —General Merchandise—
 BOLIVIA, N. C.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION
SOUTHPORT BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION
 of Southport, N. C., as of Dec. 31st, 1941

— ASSETS —

THE ASSOCIATION OWNS:—

Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 3,197.22
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	2,000.00
Mortgage Loans	119,063.81
Money loaned to shareholders for the purpose of enabling them to own their homes. Each loan secured by first mortgage on local improved real estate.	
Share Loans	5,384.00
Advances made to our shareholders against their shares. No loan exceeds 90% of amount actually paid in.	
Accounts Receivable	677.49
Temporary Advances for Insurance, Taxes, Etc.	
Office Furniture and Fixtures	496.24
Real Estate Owned	97,581.10
Real Estate Sold Under Contract	None 7,531.10
Other Assets	597.91
TOTAL	\$138,947.77

— LIABILITIES —

THE ASSOCIATION OWES:— TO SHAREHOLDERS —

Funds entrusted to our care in the form of payments on shares as follows:

Installment Shares	\$59,386.50
Full-Paid Shares	58,900.00
Running Shares	6,420.57
Other Shares	None 124,707.07
Notes Payable, Federal Home Loan Bank	4,880.00
Notes Payable, Other	None
Undivided Profits	5,104.63
Earnings held in trust for distribution to share-holders at maturity of their shares.	
Reserve for Contingencies	3,751.72
To be used for the payment of any losses, if sustained. This reserve increases the safety and strength of the Association.	
Other Liabilities	504.35
TOTAL	\$138,947.77

State of North Carolina, County of Brunswick:—ss.
 J. E. Carr, Secretary-Treasurer of the above named association personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, says that the foregoing statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.
 Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19th day of January, 1942. J. E. CARR, Sec'y.-Treas.
 RACHEL TODD CORLETTE, Notary Public.
 (My Commission Expires April 5, 1942.)