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Then there's the local guy who gets a mighty low rate on bathtub insurance, because you know why.

A family tree is something if you climb up far enough in, you're likely to find a rotten limb or two.

Don't swallow what comes out of Berlin and Tokio. It's nothing but poison.

It's pretty hard to face the music when one of these hot bands starts jivin'.

Time Out For Worship

Lately we have heard a lot about the slackening off of church attendance because of the war, or because of work.

Well, that's a pretty lame excuse. We have as little patience as anyone with the time-killing that has gone on, with the delay with which many of our industries have assumed the responsibilities of the stern task which lies ahead.

As we have said before, we do not expect to see our pulpits turned into platforms of propaganda for the purpose of arousing hatred among our people.

Something To Remember

We know for a fact that up-to-date the work of the Brunswick County Rationing Board has been marked by pleasant relations and understanding between its members and applicants for new tires and tubes, retreads and automobiles.

As the work grows heavier there will be more and more opportunity for misunderstanding, and before this has a chance to develop we wish to remind our fellow citizens that the rules being enforced by the rationing board were not made by them, but by officials in Washington.

This certainly entitles them to every possible consideration that can be shown them by the persons who come to them for certificates.

Tournament Time

The high school gymnasium at Waccamaw will be the center of interest for the entire county, particularly for the younger folks, this week-end, for it is to be the scene of the annual Brunswick County High School Basketball Tournament.

There will be those who will say this is no time for frivolities of this kind, that our time and energies could be better spent elsewhere. But these are folks who cannot see beyond the headlines.

The truth of the matter is that there is no better foundation for morale than that developed by the clean competition of amateur sports; and facts are available to show that the athletes of this nation are now the leaders in our armed forces.

Plan And Plant

Barring some freak of nature or the devastation of this area by the invasion of some armed force, there is no reason on earth why any Brunswick county family should be in want for healthy, wholesome food during the next year.

We say that because we have plenty of fertile soil, a good climate and plenty of opportunity for making this a banner year in the production of vegetables and other food crops.

The time to do your planning and planting is now. If you have difficulty buying seed and necessary fertilizer, there are at least two governmental agencies in this county ready to help you solve these problems.

If you go hungry next winter, you can blame it on your indolence.

Coming Elections To Impose Grave Responsibilities

If ever in the long and turbulent history of our Nation an impending primary and election demanded some sane and sober thinking on the part of all the people, it is at this crucial hour.

The coming primary and the subsequent election is going to impose double responsibility on those who enjoy the franchise and those who seek public office as well.

For it is going to be the duty of every person in the United States to search his heart and conscience and to see what kind of America it is we are fighting so desperately to preserve.

Before there is any attempt on anybody's part to buy votes in these months to come, let us stop and ask ourselves: "Is this what the men at Pearl Harbor, the men on Bataan died for? Is this the kind of America which we are fighting to preserve?"

Are places of public trust to be put on the block and auctioned off to the highest bidder? Are votes to be dangled before the hungry eyes of office seekers with dollar bills necessary for their purchase?

Can we say in truth that this constitutes a worthy appraisal of our aims and objectives in this conflict? Or rather, have we not reason to hope that out of the ashes of this great conflagration will come not only a liberated world, but a little better, a little more decent America as well?

Bought elections, like the day of gangsters and hoodlums in this country, today in this America which men are shedding their blood to preserve, must be and will be relegated to the dark days of an unwholesome past.

Some people have chosen to call the Japs rats. But why insult poor, helpless rats thusly?

Shears And Paste

WHY NOT DO IT OPENLY?

(Charlotte Observer)

If the agitation for heavier increases in social security taxes as a means for helping finance defense involves the use by the government of these accumulated funds, and what else could be meant?, then the view of some Senators and economists that such a diversion of these funds is unsound and unethical is valid.

What else, indeed, could such be but a virtual violation of trust on the part of the government—taxing the people for one specific purpose and then using the revenue derived from such taxation for quite another, even for another so utterly essential as that of national defense?

The wise course would be the imposition of straight war and defense taxes which involve no subterfuge and no deception.

The Social Security taxes were never designed to produce revenue for all purposes. They are, instead, special taxes, levied against employer and employee, to give a measure of unemployment aid and old-age security to workers.

The American people are fully aware of the need for higher taxes. But they don't want camouflaged levies. Congress' duty now is two-fold—first, the maximum possible reduction in non-defense spending in all fields, no matter whose toes are stepped on; second, a war tax bill which will raise directly and without deception the additional revenue the Treasury must have.

Advertisement for 'The Fishermen' by Bill Keziah, featuring a photo of a fisherman and the text 'Just Among The Fishermen'.

Advertisement for 'The Home Front' with the headline 'You Can't Do Business With Hitler!' and text discussing the American economic lesson.

Advertisement for 'NOT EXACTLY NEWS' with text about Brunswick county fans and a list of events.

Last week we had something to say regarding fishing at this time of the year, citing the fact that two years ago Charlie Farrell of Greensboro and the local postmaster were out on February 16th and got 46 fine freshwater fish of various sorts.

The paper went around to its subscribers. Charlie received his in Greensboro and walked around to the barber shop of Paul McCollum, another Greensboro devotee of the Southport fishing.

It has since developed that Charlie read the story to Paul and that he purposely omitted the "two years ago" our friend the barber thought he was being regaled with a story of a current fishing exploit by Charlie.

Never a week goes by now without some of the Greensboro boys writing with regard to fishing. We can't tell 'em anything in regard to the weather and won't be able to do so for the duration of the war.

Some of the sportsmen living at distant points are already planning on procedures described above. In a way it should work out very satisfactory.

Last year many a party from this and the adjoining state of South Carolina came in to fish only the one day, and they often came without any regard for the weather that might be prevailing when they left their homes.

Last year it was the custom for parties of sportsmen living four and five hundred miles from here to make a three or four day expedition, some of them coming several times during the spring, summer and fall.

We haven't experimented on the freshwater fish yet, but we have an inner feeling that they are biting good. Sometime soon somebody or other will be coming around to show us a beautiful string of big-mouth bass, goggle-eye perch and what not.

Getting around to our salt-water commercial fishing friends, last year saw a dearth of mullets, all through the year. There were just a few small ones. Last week, however, the mullets began to show up again in numbers unusual for this early in the year.

When you recall that we were paying the Dutch and British an average of from 24 to 25 cents a pound for crude rubber before we entered the war, the question arises: Why such generosity on the part of the Japanese?

If we accept that Japanese promise and if we believe Tokyo's implied promise to behave now that it has won a certain economic domination in the Far East, what incentive is there for us to fight a bitter war in order to help the British and Dutch regain their lands so they may profiteer once more at our expense?

With sugar rationing just around the corner, home front trends indicate more and more regulation of prices by the Office of Price Administration in an effort to keep living costs stable and equitable.

Acting to see whether prices are remaining in line with values, Paul V. Betters, executive Director of the United States Conference of Mayors, is inquiring of officials of 33 cities as to whether savings in milk delivery services are being passed along to the consumers.

Our authorized expenditures for war, plus funds pending before Congress, now total an estimated \$145,400,000,000. Its obvious we're getting into our stride, but it's also obvious that we shall need every bit of trained manpower we can get to translate these appropriations into finished weapons.

The nation is scouring its scrap heaps for old metals, rubber and paper, and the truth is that we probably shall have barely enough on many essentials—even though we conserve to the utmost. There's a clue to the sort of thrift we must practice in the OPA's advice to auto users to save this year's anti-freeze against next winter's cold.

As an instance of how all-out production for war works, consider the fact that by the middle of this year manufacturers of machinery used in the textile industry will be devoting half of their capacity to war work.

John Potter, engaged in the same kind of fishing, reported getting 1200 pounds in two days, or rather two nights. Last year the salt mullets evidently reached the lowest cycle of production and now the cycle again has an upward trend.

The run of these and other fish is something like the tides, with the exception that the rise and fall of production takes several years to run in and out.

Canners have been urged by A. E. Bowman, chief of the WPB sugar section, not to accept delivery of their sugar supply more than 45 days before they begin canning their 1942 peck.

Already completed cans for nonessential uses—cans to contain shoe polish among them—are being released. But no more thereafter. More important, there'll be cans available for the home canner when the season starts.

Workers who use private automobiles to get to and from work have been urged by Sidney Hillman, labor director of the WPB, to establish "informal transportation clubs" to prolong the service of their tires.

"In traveling to and from war plants," said Hillman, "the average automobile in many cases carries only one or two persons when it could be carrying more. If we pool resources now with our neighbors and fellow workers we can make our cars last longer."

Hillman did not limit his appeal to workers in war industries. Instead, he emphasized that such cooperative transportation should become practice in civilian industry as well.

The Bureau of Industrial Conservation, WPB, has announced that definite offers will be made within 90 days for the purchase of all old cars in automobile graveyards located within reasonable distance of metal consumers.

Friday, March 6. — Leland Senior 4-H Club, 11 a. m. at Leland school; Leland Junior 4-H Club, 11:45 a. m. at Leland school, Northwest Home Demonstration Club, 2 p. m. at home.

Advertisement for 'SPOT CASH' and 'BRAXTON AUTO SERVICE' with text 'For your Car — See us now... Highest market prices paid for all models—1937 through 1942.'

Large advertisement for 'The State Port Pilot' with text 'COME ON BACK.... ALL IS FORGIVEN' and 'When we corrected our mailing list last week we didn't cut off a single subscriber because we wanted to; the names were dropped because our records showed that they were in arrears.'