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Then there's the fable of the man who changed into a goat; but now a lot of people can make monkeys of themselves.

There are a lot of people who give up so easily their I. Q. could stand for but one thing: "I quit."

One consolation: People who are stuck on themselves are usually stuck with themselves.

If a fellow is a live enough wire, he generally has a pretty good priority rating.

Any similarity between what some unscrupulous men make and what they pay income tax on is purely coincidental.

Then there was Dumb Dora who thought a full general was one who had just et.

With the meat shortage now, a cow is worth her weight in cow.

We suppose you have to have your vitamins, but we contend there are more pleasant ways of getting them than in spinach.

Some day Hitler'll be hit so hard he'll see stars—and stripes.

Our New Neighbors

A Large percent of the administrative officers at the Section Base are married, as are a great many of the enlisted personnel. In nearly all such cases the families reside in Southport and a canvass of the situation at the beginning of the year revealed that the town had acquired around 100 new families during the past twelve months.

From the standpoint of growth this is little or nothing to boast of. From the viewpoint of having acquired many desirable citizens there is general cause for satisfaction. Without exception, the Navy wives and families are attractive and congenial people. They have fallen into the life of the town, like and are liked by Southport citizens. This is their home, at least until the fortunes of war decree otherwise.

Individual efforts on the part of the permanent residents of the town to make these people feel at home are to be commended, and there should be a more general endeavor in that direction.

Sports Program

SOUTHPORT people, always devoted to basketball, have the opportunity to see some really top-notch games this season. And that in easy walking distance of their homes.

The Army, Coast Guard, Naval ships and Navy Base all have strong teams, and all of their home games are to be played on the local high school gymnasium.

While little is known of the personnel of the Army and Coast Guard teams, it is known that both the Navy Base and the Mine Sweeper crews have teams composed almost entirely of former professional, semi-pro and college stars. They can and will give the local fans a lot of fun this season.

The Ninth Month

WE are strongly in favor of a program of rigid economy in State Government, thus better to enable the hard-pressed taxpayer to bear his Federal tax burden.

Up in Raleigh, we are told, 45 million dollars lie idle in the State treasury—15 million in the highway fund, and an additional 30 million in the general fund.

There seems to be considerable conjecture on the part of the general public as to what the current session of the General Assembly will see fit to do with this tremendous surplus. As might be suspected, suggestions are rife. Notwithstanding any other suggestions

which might be made, we believe that it is the irrevocable duty of the Assembly's members to add a ninth month to the state-wide school system.

In this regard, the Assembly has a duty to the youth of the State which it should not neglect or overlook.

More especially now than ever is the additional month of school needed in North Carolina. Graduates of high schools of this state have always had difficulty keeping pace with those from schools which had nine or even ten months school term. College officials have more than once had some tart comment on this subject.

But now, in view of the limited educational opportunities being offered young men who are inducted into the service at 18 years of age, the need for the extra schooling is doubly necessary. Many young men are being inducted before they have had an opportunity to go to college. Therefore, they can and must be afforded the maximum in educational opportunity before they reach 18 years of age.

North Carolina should not neglect this obligation to the youth of the State.

Add obsolete sayings: "When in Rome, do as Rome does."

The best investment is in war bonds; the next perhaps, is to put your savings in a pound of butter.

Shears And Paste

THE MOST INQUITOUS TAX

(The News & Observer)

It is the most successful tax on property that could be invented.—A. J. Maxwell.

No tax so cruel, so unfair, so unjust, so indefensible has ever been invented as the sales tax. It imposes the heaviest burdens for support of government upon those whose entire income must go to the support of the family. Consumption taxes were invented by those who wished to shift the major portion of taxes onto those least able to pay. And now, added to the grinding State sales tax, the Federal government has imposed a 5 per cent tax for war purposes on all wages and salaries above \$12 a week.

Everybody knows that war calls for an increase in taxes which ought in proper proportion to be paid by all. But to add a Federal 5 per cent wage and salary tax on all who receive over \$12 a week to the State sales tax is unjust. And how do we know that this Federal burdensome tax will be limited to the duration of the war? When North Carolina imposed the sales tax, the people were assured it was "temporary" and would end when the severe depression came to an end. But its promoters wish it continued permanently.

The North Carolina merchants do well again to call attention to the injustice and wrong of the sales tax. It ought to be pilloried until repealed and the demand should be emphasized that when it was imposed the promise was made—and violated—that it would be temporary. Executive Secretary Willard Dowell of the N. C. Merchants' Association urges that now is the time to fulfill the promise of repeal because the State has a surplus of some \$30,000,000.

NOT THE LARGER COSTS

(The Charlotte Observer)

The 1944 war budget which President Roosevelt has thrown into the lap of Congress, involving the expenditure of more than 100 billion dollars a year, is the largest government spending blueprint in the history of nations of all time.

It's too big to comprehend. Even the statisticians are made dizzy by its enormity. Brought down to what it means to individual Americans, it means a levy of \$825 against every man, woman and child of the population.

Added to what has already been spent on the war, this additional budget will represent a total cost from the date of the Pearl Harbor attack to the end of June 1944 of 196 billions and this, the Associated Press summarizes, is only one billion less than all the money that has been spent by the treasury of the United States since the time of George Washington until the Japs attacked.

The budget, furthermore, for the single year alone just ahead, represents only about \$20,000,000,000 less than the entire national income is expected to be within that period.

Thus the costs of war—the purely financial and monetary costs—are again dramatically flashed before the minds of the people of this nation, and these are the cheapest of all the expenditures which war exacts.

Hundreds of billions are nothing compared to the blood and life that go into the maw of this monster of modern warfare.

Don't Say It Can't Happen Here Again, Reynolds Says

(Continued from page 1) The money raised in the drive from January 15 to 30 will be used by the National at Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to fight poliomyelitis in every way possible, it was pointed out. Half of the funds will be used by each county locally.

While the disease is still largely a puzzle to medical authorities, and the fight has really only begun, tremendous good has already been accomplished by the Foundation, it is said. The spread of the disease is under better control, and remarkable improvements have been brought about in the reclamation of children stricken by the disease.

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Ship Is Named For Famous General Buried In County

(Continued From Page One) He was promoted to major general, leading an unsuccessful expedition into Florida in 1773, retiring to Savannah, where the British again forced him to retreat.

He was in command at West Point in 1780, and in 1781 led the troops that were sent to quell the mutiny in the Pennsylvania and New Jersey regiments. In June, 1783, he was ordered to Philadelphia on a similar expedition and in May, 1785, he was appointed by congress to treat with the western Indians.

He died in North Carolina on November 12, 1785, a few months before he was to have assumed a legislative seat to which he had been elected.

STIFF PUNISHMENT IS PROMISED FOR DRAFT DELINQUENTS

(Continued From Page 1) issued, except those registrants in the 45-65 year old group, must have in his personal possession at all times a valid Notice of Classification in addition to his Registration Certificate.

2. Upon request, every person required to carry a Notice of Classification must submit his notice to any law enforcing officer, representatives of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, or any official of the National or State Headquarters of Selective Service, any member of a local or appeal board, any Government Appeal Agent, or any other official designated by the Director of Selective Service.

3. Every registrant between the ages of 18 and 45 should keep his local board notified of any change of address so that he may be sure that he receives his mail at all times with reasonable promptness. The local board will have discharged its duty and fully complied with the regulations if it mails official notices to the registrant at his last known address, and the registrant is presumed by law to receive such notices. Therefore, it becomes most important for the registrant to see that his local board has on file his correct address at all times.

4. Every person who is required to carry a Notice of Classification and who does not now have one should report immediately to his local board and obtain the required form. If a Notice of Classification heretofore issued has been lost, the registrant in question should apply to his local board for a duplicate.

5. Every person who was required to register under either one of the Presidential Proclamations and who has not done so should immediately report to his local board and offer to register. Persons who are otherwise delinquent are urged to do the same thing. It will be fairly easy to have charges of delinquency removed during the month of January but those who remain delinquent after February 1, 1943, will run the risk of prosecution as a delinquent.

6. Any person who knows that another person is delinquent, or who has reason to suspect that he is, should report that fact to the local board having jurisdiction over the suspected delinquent's residence.

FSA TO ASSIST IN GETTING HELP FOR N. C. FARMERS

(Continued from page 1) are both suitable and adequate. In closed counties and areas infrequently served by the U. S. Employment Service the facilities of the Farm Security Administration shall be utilized in the solicitation and acceptance of orders for workers.

The selection and placement of workers is the responsibility of the U. S. Employment Service. Health examinations sufficient to determine the fitness of the workers and their families for the proposed work will be had before transportation and subsistence are furnished and all three are the responsibilities of the Farm Security Administration. In carrying out its responsibilities in recruitment, the U. S. Employment Service shall collaborate and cooperate very closely with the local Farm Security Administration representatives to the end that information possessed by the Farm Security Administration may be utilized and that effective

recruiting be expedited. Whenever practical the local representatives of both the U. S. Employment Service and the Farm Security Administration will jointly interview the prospective workers. Information regarding under-employed and unemployed farm families now available in county Farm Security Administration offices shall be fully utilized in recruitment of year-round and seasonal farm labor, providing necessary transportation for employee to employer involving distances of miles or more for the purpose of executing a working agreement.

NOTE: As evidence of good faith the employer will be required to pay the government \$10.00 for each family head or single worker transported and made available to him under this program. Such payments shall be made to authorized Farm Security Administration representatives. If it subsequently develops that the employer's order for workers cannot be filled by making the workers available, the fee will be refunded upon receipt of a request signed by the employer for such a refund.

The Pines To Close And Convert Into Residences

(Continued From Page One) will be rented to a reputable family for a period of not less than 30 days at a time. The cabins, too, are to be converted, and are to be rented on a monthly basis to persons of good repute.

The defendants agreed to pay the costs of the action and the expenses of the sheriff in connection with the action. The plaintiff's attorney, E. J. Prevatte, is to be paid his fee of \$75.00 by the defendants. The furnished and contents of the buildings, together with impounded monies, were ordered returned to the defendant.

An order to this effect was signed by Judge Burney.

Freeland Club Women Meet

Freeland Club met Friday, January 8, at the home of Mrs. Wrent Mintz. The club opened by repeating the collect of club women of America.

The secretary called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. The business part of the meeting was placement of the quilting frames and mattress making material; Red Cross sewing; and appointing the meeting places for the New Year. The 1943 dues were collected and year book distributed and filled in.

The home agent, Miss Eakes, talked about "Home Front Plans for Action." Recreation consisted of contests. The hostess served cake and coffee for refreshments.

The next meeting will meet with Mrs. Elroy King.



Vital to Liberty Conserve its Use

The New Year, 1943, is "the end of the beginning." A greater burden of toil and conflict lies ahead. And while America's sons fight in desert and jungle, telephone communication lines at home will carry an ever-increasing load of calls vital to Victory.

Telephone materials are still going to battle in the form of guns and shells. So, to get the most out of our present equipment, we will continue to need your help in keeping long distance lines clear of all but necessary calls. And remember, the greater the distance you talk, the greater the chance of your call getting in the way of important war calls.

We are most grateful for the patriotic response during 1942, to our requests for voluntary reduction of unnecessary long distance calls. It helped us provide the services so badly needed in those critical times.

For the "duration," we can continue to best serve the telephone needs of all by serving our country first.

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NOT EXACTLY NEWS

One local bird hunter has discovered a way to beat the gas ban. Saturday he caught a ride out in the county and hunted until about dark. Then he caught the W. B. & S. at Supply and came home, having enjoyed a good afternoon's hunt and without breaking a single rationing law. Of course, the accommodation of the friendly bus driver was a big factor. . . . We've seen the big Tennessee walking horse that Herman Stanaland bought down at Columbia several days ago. He's a beauty; now what we want to see is for Herman and Dr. Roy Daniel get into a walking horse contest with Man and Rex.

Those who saw Joel McRea in "Foreign Correspondent" last year have a fond memory of this actor and will be glad of the opportunity to see him tonight in "Sullivan's Travels" . . . Bert Causey, who has been promoting wrestling programs in Wilmington for the past year, has now entered the boxing business, and soon local fight fans may have a chance to go see some good

ring bills—the OPA being willing. When Postmaster Yaskell was sick last week one of his main troubles seen to be laryngitis. Uncle Jim Lewis, his trusty aide at the postoffice went down to see his boss, and when he discovered that Mr. Yaskell had lost his voice, was much disturbed. "It's 'cause yore palate has dropped down," diagnosed Uncle Jim, "and the onliest way yo' can git cured is to twist up a little hair o' top o' yo' haid and jedk it back up again". . . . There were a lot of oysters for sale in Southport during the past few days, about the best market since Ed Wells used to get them out of the can and bring them in.

Now that the regulations on bicycle eligibility have been relaxed you may see more and more people peddling to places they used to ride. There's some talk of organizing a regular community garden movement here this spring. . . . about that later.

Mt. Pisgah Club Meeting Held

The Mt. Pisgah Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Hamilton Robinson on Thursday, Jan. 14th. The vice-president, Mrs. Dora Holden, led the club collect and conducted an important business session. Mrs. W. J. Sellers was appointed defense chairman and the members are to report all defense work to her.

Dues were collected and meeting places chosen for 1943. Mrs. Robinson gave an interesting talk on "Be a Victory Planer."

Miss Eakes had charge of the lesson for the month, "The Farm Family Plans for Action."

The hostess served delicious ginger bread and whipped cream to the following members: Mrs. Richard Holden, Mrs. W. J. Sellers, Mrs. Fred Cumbee, Mrs. Hamilton Robinson, Mrs. Lenell Hewett, Mrs. Snodde Lancaster, Mrs. Hoover Sellers and Mrs. Rifton Sellers. The February meeting will be with Mrs. Snodde Lancaster.

Brunswick Boys At Wake Forest

WAKE FOREST, Jan. 25.—There are three Brunswick county students enrolled at Wake Forest College this semester. The names

of the boys follow: Southport—Harold F. Aldridge; (H. B. Aldridge) Winnabow—C. C. Hickman; William H. Robbins. Young Robbins is a member of the editorial staff of the college newspaper, "Old Gold and Black."

CHURCHES

TOWN CREEK (Methodist) Minister: Walter Pavy, Zion Parsonage, Town Creek. ZION

United Church and Public Worship at 11:00 a. m. Sermon: "The Vital Connection."

BOLIVIA Church School 10:30 a. m. Supt.: Kenneth J. McKeithan. Public Worship 7:30 p. m. Stereopticon Pictures "Porto Rica" at 8:30 p. m.

PINEY GROVE United Church School and Public Worship at 3:30 p. m. Methodist Youth Fellowship: Zion, Wednesday at 7:00 p. m., Bolivia, Thursday at 7:30 p. m., Shiloh, Friday at 7:00 p. m. The Beta Kappas, Tuesday at 7:00 p. m.; Bolivia Brotherhood, Tuesday at 8 p. m.

The Bolivia Brotherhood invites basketball teams to matches if transportation can be arranged. See Aubrey Lewis, President of

TO PLAY FRIDAY

The powerful Section Base of the Quarters basket ball team will take on the Coast Guards here Friday night. This promise to be one of the most interesting games, scheduled here so far this season. Both teams are said to have some outstanding basketball talent.

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