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Best advice we've heard for the Victory Gardener is "weed 'em and reap."

About the biggest difference in reverie and malice is that in one you remember the good things that have happened and in the other you remember the bad.

The USO Club

Mr. James I. Muffley, new director of the USO Club at Southport, has made an appeal for the aid of the responsible citizens of this community in trying to fulfill the finest purpose of this organization.

He needs the cooperation and moral support for which he is asking, and if our people really have the best interest of the service men at heart, this help will be cheerfully given.

Fourth Of July

THE Fourth of July passed off in Southport just as any other day, and even on Monday, the official holiday, there was little to distinguish it as the birthday of our nation.

We are glad to learn that at the Section Base there was a joyous observance, for there the officers and men engaged in a field day and capped off the occasion with a baseball game and barbecue.

Still more interesting to us is news that the new commanding officer believes in events of this kind as morale builders; and that he is a friendly fellow and a genial host.

From what we hear he is sure to be warmly welcomed into this community.

Dim-Out

SOUTHPORT people, in fact, all coastal residents of Brunswick county, are going to have the war brought closer home to them from now on as dim-out regulations are to be rigidly enforced.

It isn't for us to decide why it is so important to place emphasis upon this precaution at this time; it isn't for us to worry about the compliance of other places, either nearby or distant; our only problem is to see that our job of cutting out glare and loom is complete.

We have two choices: We may cooperate with Civilian Defense authorities and do this voluntarily; or we may hang back and make it necessary for army authorities to force us to comply.

We strongly recommend the former course.

Pleasure Last

STRICTLY non-essential travel on trains and buses must be eliminated and vacation travel must be rigidly limited. The Office of Defense Transportation directs this earnest warning to everyone, and adds that it is impractical to apply a system of travel priorities. Therefore, it is up to the individual. He can either assert his "privilege" to visit Aunt Hattie and possibly deprive a man of a trip home on furlough—after months of service—or forego the visit in favor of the service man, or the civilian on war business. The same seat cannot render double service. The public must see that the war comes first.

Organized troop movements by rail are proceeding at the rate of over 2,000,000 men a month. They require the constant service of over one-half of all Pullman sleeping cars and of nearly one-fourth (over 3,000) of all day coaches.

Soldiers make an average of eight moves by railroad between induction and embarkation for service overseas. It takes 356 passenger cars, as well as 82 baggage cars and over 900 freight cars, made up in 65 trains, to move an infantry division of 15,000 men and their equipment. Movement of an armored division and its vehicles requires 75 trains of from 28 to 45 cars each. Furlough travel on regularly scheduled passenger trains equals approximately the volume of organized troop travel. Both are to increase substantially

during the months immediately ahead. No new railroad passenger cars or locomotives, and no new inter-city buses, are being constructed.

These are a few of the reasons why civilians are being asked to limit their traveling activities. It is no sacrifice to limit your traveling to necessity if it helps your boy get home on furlough or speeds freight on which his very life may depend.

Will Not Forget

IT is often said that war is harder for those who remain behind than for those who go. Millions are now experiencing the sleepless nights, the ceaseless worry of remaining at home while others go to war. No small source of concern over loved ones in the service is the fear that they may not receive proper medical care. This can be dispensed with. The men in military service are receiving the best that medical science can give them.

In reviewing the military medical record of the first year after Pearl Harbor, the American Medical Journal says: "During the year the only serious incident from a medical point of view was the jaundice associated with inoculation against yellow fever. The first week of February, 1943, found atypical pneumonia and meningitis most prominent of the infectious diseases but even these were scattered with a few cases here and there and only a score or slightly more of cases of either in the few camps most seriously affected. . . . Since January, 1941, and up to now, excluding battle casualties, the death rate has been the lowest in the history of our Army. During World War I, 1 patient of each 3 with meningitis died; now only 1 in 20 dies. Prompt diagnosis, efficient care and sulfonamides have made the difference."

The American public owes a debt of gratitude to the medical men that it will never be able to fully repay. The countless thousands of men who will return after the war, thanks to the skill of doctors serving in the front lines, will not forget that debt.

It's funny how those spring dreams of your victory garden fade in the reality of summer heat and weeds.

Some people seem to have the idea that keeping fit, the last word is spelled with an A.

Shears And Paste

QUO VADIS, AMERICA?

(Montgomery Advertiser)

When serious-minded men—as Congressmen are supposed to be—can, in war time, find no better employment in the National Capital than playing indecently at politics; or when average American workmen, with sons maybe on the fighting fronts—men indispensable in their particular jobs—cease cutting or digging or hammering and begin to mouth about "rights," putting some union boss' patter about "not working without a contract" ahead of their previously pledged duty to job and country, there seems a helluva sight the matter with something that America apparently stands for. What comfort Hitler, Hirohito, and company must get out of the spectacle of an America playing at war as her democracy plays at work!

Unless run-of-the-mill politicians and run-of-the-mill citizens speedily change their course, they may be held accountable for all-too-certain catastrophe. Such persons would do well to remember that it is usually much easier to acquire inglorious reputations than to live such stigmata down.

SELLS OUT BUT DOES NOT STAY BOUGHT

(Chicago Daily News.)

Whatever the outcome, Franco, of Spain, strikes one as a type who, after the big game, would stroll out of the stadium wearing the winning colors.

MAKING THE PUNISHMENT FIT THE CRIME

(Labor.)

Here is a verdict we can all applaud. Sitting in a Washington (D.C.) court, Justice Matthew F. McGuire sentenced Anna May Swift to the penitentiary for from 40 months to 10 years for violating the White Slave Act.

"The court and the world can look with pity on a prostitute, who plies her trade upon the public highway, but when you get a woman, who is not a prostitute herself, but who commercializes sexual debauchery merely for profit, I think she is not entitled to one single iota of mercy from this court."

The testimony indicated that the Swift woman came of a good family, is a college graduate, but had been in the white slave business for more than 20 years.

PERSONALS

Chief Warrant Officer W. L. Styron, Mrs. Styron and Dickie are spending a 10-day leave in Southport.

Ensign David Watson left Monday for Norfolk after spending several days here with his mother, Mrs. George Y. Watson.

Mrs. Hannah Reece spent the week-end here with friends.

Mrs. Chas. M. Trotter and son have returned home following a 30-day vacation with relatives in Maryland.

Pomphrette Swain, of Norfolk, Va., has been spending the past few days here with relatives.

Mrs. J. H. Cannon and her niece, Lillian Cannon, who have been residing here for the past year moved Saturday to Supply.

Mrs. Hattie Sharp and her grand-daughter, Gloria Lee Hewitt, have returned home from Kingston, where they have been visiting relatives.

Pvt. Archie R. Potter of Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Geo. H. Ruark and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert A. Livingston.

Mrs. A. L. Brown has returned home from Smithfield where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Dail.

Charles Holladay of Sumter, S. C., spent Sunday here with his sister, Mrs. Fred Smith.

Mrs. L. P. Munford and daughter, Marilyn, left Tuesday for Two Harbors, Minn., where they will spend several months with Mrs. Munford's mother-in-law, Mrs. Geo. Munford.

Cadet Billy Bragaw, of the Navy Air Forces, in training at Chapel Hill for the past three months, will spend this week-end at his home here. He reports at some new field on Monday to continue his training.

Attorney and Mrs. R. D. Dickson, of High Point, have been spending their vacation here.

Miss Miriam Bullard, of Chadbourne, a teacher in the Southport school last session, visited friends here Sunday. She is now an insurance adjuster, stationed at Richmond.

Lt. (j. g.) W. S. Wells has been transferred from the east to some point on the Pacific coast.

USO NEWS

The motion picture for Thursday night night is "Sullivan's Travels" featuring Joel McCrea and Veronica Lake. The time is eighty-three and civilians are invited. On Sunday evening at nine "No Hands on the Clock" will be shown. On Sunday evening civilians are respectfully requested and urged to give the servicemen and their families the limited number of seats available. This restraint can be made a part of the war effort. Give the boys from home a chance.

On Friday evening the women of Southport met at the U. S. O. Club and considered the service they may render to the boys in the service. The ladies volunteered for whatever service they can give, and committees will be formed to carry through the program. Among those present were: Mesdames E. H. Smith, B. P. Finch, G. Y. Watson, W. G. Butler, J. E. Pinner, R. S. Harrison, Warren Hood, J. W. Ruark, M. M. Hood, C. C. Cramer, C. C. Cannon, A. W. Clark, Elsket St. George, Lizzie Gilbert, Mary Weeks, E. J. Prevatte, James Harper, C. Ed Taylor and J. W. Thompson.

The U. S. O. Club Committee of Management met and elected the following officers: Chairman, Capt. J. B. Church; vice-chairman, Rev. Russell Harrison; secretary, Rev. Cecil Allgood. Other members of the committee are Charles Trott, L. T. Yaskell, Capt. John Erickson and James Harper. Messrs. Erickson, Trott, Harrison and Church attended the meeting of the women volunteers on Friday evening.

The regular Wednesday evening dance will be given on Wednesday evening and the Camp Davis orchestra will furnish the music.

Jack Hickman, fireman first class at the Fort Caswell Station Base, rendered a fine service Thursday and Sunday evenings by operating the motion picture projector. Tom Morgan was on duty. The services of these splendid service men is greatly appreciated. Tom Morgan is a standby

at the U. S. O. Club. He makes the posters, runs the projector and is trustworthy in many useful and practical services. Morgan has the U. S. O. staff worried, as he has taken his examination for the Officers' Candidate School at New London, Conn.

Lieutenant Barto announces that he may be able to secure the band of the 144th Infantry Regiment for a concert at the U. S. O. Club soon. When the date is definitely decided upon it will be posted on the City Bulletin Board. Lt. Barton and his men are very popular at the Club, and justly so, for they are a well disciplined, fine group of soldiers.

Last week magazines, books, games writing materials were distributed to the service men patients at the hospital. The women volunteers will have a committee to brighten the hours at the hospital by reading to the men, writing letters and helping in other activities. The men in the hospital are not forgotten.

The departure of the buoy tender is regretted. The officers and crew made an important places for themselves in the U. S. O. Club.

The Bible Class of C. Ed Taylor gave time Sunday to hear about the U. S. O. program and offer to help in whatever way they can. They will be very useful. Several members have already rendered important services.

The U. S. O. appreciates very much the cooperation of the Naval Section Base in making available the movie projector while the machine of the U. S. O. is being overhauled.

Large Still Is Found In County

Special Officer Waynsie Evans of Waccamaw township captured a hundred-pound bag of sugar and a 60-gallon copper still this week.

Although small, the still is said to have been the best taken by the officers in several years. The officer made the raid unassisted. No arrests were made.

Jack Dodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dodson, is spending a few days with his parents. He is in the Army Air Corps.

FURLOUGH

Corp. Charles M. Taylor is visiting his mother, Mrs. Edwin Taylor, for a few days at her home at Winnabow.

PATIENT

Mrs. Grace D. Jones, chief clerk of the War Ration Board in Southport, entered Doshier Memorial Hospital as a medical patient Saturday.

JULY QUOTA

The Series Bond quota for Brunswick county for the month of July is \$16,230.00, according to R. F. Plaxco, who last week assumed the duties of chairman of the War Savings Staff for the county.

A woman clerk at war production drive headquarters has developed a method of processing workers' production suggestions which saves 4,992 man-hours per year and 364,000 sheets of paper.

Dim-Out Regulations

Discussed Wednesday (Continued From Page One) generally. Should anyone desire information and lack a copy of these rules, he or she can obtain it by applying to the post offices or to officials of the Civilian Defense organizations.

SAW THE LAST OF AFRIKA KORPS

(Continued from page 1) fore the surrender. With Mussolini and Hitler, safe in their guarded retreats, ordering the troops to fight to the last man, the commander slipped out to join his boss and save his own hide. Rommel is now reported in France, making frantic efforts to prepare for the invasion that may now be but a short time off.

"WORK OR FIGHT" MEETING MONDAY

(Continued from page 1) some-one who is acquainted with conditions throughout the state to address the meeting here Monday. The Governor has asked for a report of this meeting, so let's make it a good one."

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

Month after month you can depend upon seeing the "March of Time" in its earliest release in this area at the Amuzu Theatre in Southport. . . . Robert Jones, who has been buying mussels along the coast of Brunswick lately, says that one of those rainy days last week a man came down to the creek in the rain to find out how many bushels of these shell fish his wife had dug that day.

Best story of the week regarding how hard it is to be turned down by the army came from Clarence Crapon. He said that a one-armed man was inducted, over his emphatic protest that he wasn't fit for duty. Finally arriving at an induction center, he was told that he would fit right in. He still thought that he should be culled out, but they took him in and showed him his job. "See that man over there putting potatoes in the basket? Well, he's blind. You stand there and tell him when he gets it full." . . . We hear that Stacy Wade is in North Africa. He's in the Coast Guard.

Robert McRackan had the first load of watermelons we have seen this year in town Friday. His brother, Thompson, normally a big melon grower, didn't plant any this year for market. The wrestling faithful were back on the job Friday night at Thalian Hall to welcome (razor) their old friend, Cowboy Luttrell.

SHRIMP SEASON NOW BEGINNING

(Continued From Page One) boatmen until the market has been tested, it is said that a good price is assured.

The boatmen believe that the volume of the catches to the boat will steadily increase. They also say that other boats will be here in a few days. Reports have it that the boats from Southport at Rockville and Georgetown are making fair catches this week. Even if that is the case these boats will be heading homeward just as soon as they learn that the local waters have started their production.

SUPPLY MAN DIES IN CHARLESTON

(Continued From Page One) S. C. Reynolds of Supply. Hinson was a well-known resident of the Supply community, having been the operator of a service station there for several years before beginning work on government projects.

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