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Pulpwood

THERE is such a vital need for war materials produced from pulpwood that our county suddenly finds herself shoved into the front ranks of those from which our government is expecting important contributions in the form of labor and supplies.

We know that the production of pulpwood has been a good business for a few wood crews during the past several years. Now Uncle Sam is calling for more men to work longer hours to produce the maximum output of pine products.

Several business leaders in this county are studying this week ways and means whereby the manpower of our county can be diverted into furnishing pulpwood to feed the greedy manufacturing needs of war production. If you have plans that will help, they will be welcomed. Send them into this newspaper, and you will be given full credit for your suggestion.

Never did most of us dream that the ordinary pine tree would become a prime factor in the manufacture of war goods. Well, that time is here; and it is up to us as good citizens to do all in our power to use every resource at hand to help the war effort.

Personal Plans

WE hear a lot of talk about plans for security after the war, and when we do we usually think in terms of the international situation.

A more practical way for us to look at it is to first make sure that our own personal lives and fortunes are provided for, because if we all are in good shape, then the national problem will not assume such serious proportions, and so, too, for the international set-up.

There are two things that we should have as our goal. First, we should plan to face the post-war period free of all debts and financial obligations, for unless we pay as we go now, and are able to clear up past indebtedness, there is little reason to hope for security in the adjustments that must surely develop after the war.

In the second place, we should make plans for a financial reserve which will cushion the transition between war economy and normal times. If you doubt the wisdom of that, just think back to the blessing that a bank account would have been in 1930.

Well, the matter of paying your debts as you make them, plus retiring a few old ones, is easy enough to figure out. We have a suggested answer to the second problem that is just as simple:

Buy more War Bonds—particularly during the Third War Loan Drive in September.

Ten Minutes Before Midnight

CHARLES T. Lucey, staff writer for the New York World Telegram, in describing a ride in the cab of a transcontinental freight locomotive, has painted in words a picture of wartime railroading that hits the imagination with thundering power. "It was 10 minutes short of midnight when the arc of the brakeman's lantern, a curving pinpoint of light more than a half-mile back, gave the highball signal. . . Slowly the throttle eased back. Thousands of horsepower throbbed in steel casings.

"With a barely perceptible start, 7,000,000 pounds of war cargo was rolling. The moon was brilliantly full. . . The big train picked its way through a labyrinth of switches like an elephant walking at tightrope. . .

"To the men in the engine cab, there was nothing dramatic about it. The man at the throttle lighted a cigar; his fireman looked back over the crawling train. Here was stuff that in a few days would be feeding into Pacific Coast airplane plants and shipyards, and a little later headed out across the ocean to American men waiting for the weapons of war.

"Eight miles out and the lights of the first opposing train showed. . . still miles

from where we were. In a couple of minutes the engines were racing toward each other—on the same track, it seemed. The searchlight came straight at us, a giant tracer bullet in the night. The engineer's face was set, and none in the cab spoke. Just as it seemed sure to meet us, it roared past on another track."

More than a hundred miles later the steel monster came to rest for a moment and the dazed observer climbed down to record an experience that few people will ever enjoy. He had seen a single train with millions of pounds of priceless war materials snaked through mile-and-a-half high passes. He had witnessed the expert touch of the engineer's hand on throttle and brake that nursed those millions of pounds up and down long punishing grades where a mis-calculation in speed meant tragedy.

Now, few of us will ever ride in the cab of a locomotive. But the word picture of the railroads at work, recorded by one man who did, should help us all to grasp the magnitude of present-day railroading.

Statistics Don't Tell All

IT is irritating to farmers to be informed by statisticians that agriculture is making a financial killing out of the war. If the statisticians would leave the city long enough to take a look at the way a farmer must try to operate under present conditions, they would go back and toss their statistics out of the window.

For example, a lot of ballyhoo has been published about the "flood" of men going back to the farms. One dairy farm was recently subjected to the flood—at seventy-five cents an hour per man. Two men, one a civil engineer professing to help the farmer in a pinch during harvest time, the other an ex-stevadore looking for easy money, went into the field to load hay. At the day's end they had arrived at the barn with one load. Two other loads had been dumped by the wayside, one through the front door of a grocery store. They were paid off. Net result: Twelve dollars in labor costs for a couple of tons of hay.

This is merely a sample. But it shows why the country is going to go hungry if the pencil pushers that make the rules don't quit writing fairy tales.

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

Smoking is not one of our habits, so it is a source of curiosity to us to see a smoker face toward the wind and cup his hands when he goes to light a cigarette. . . We saw one man who is troubled over the prospect of not being able to buy shells for duck hunting this fall who was planning a home-made remedy the other day. He had some buck shot for which he had no use, so he bought some air rifle shot, planned to remove the buck load and to substitute the smaller pellets. (This procedure is definitely not recommended.)

There is a flurry of interest in boxing over at the Section Base, and when we got to asking around about the sudden interest in this sport we learned that the new champion was lightweight champion of the Navy for four years. That's a long time to stay on top in a tough league. . . Speaking of sports, the people in Whiteville are not much prouder of their American Legion Juniors than are a good sprinkling of local fans. They'll be pulling for the Columbus county kids in the regional play-off in Florence next week.

If they miss having a dance here Friday night it won't be because a lot of the local fellows didn't do their best. The band is booked by the same agency in Richmond that sent Joe Leighton, Don Grimes and others here, and it is recommended to be plenty good. . . Picture for picture, there probably is no actor more popular with Southport audiences than Spencer Tracy. He's here tonight and tomorrow in "Keeper Of The Flame," with Katharine Hepburn, who did such a grand job in "The Philadelphia Story."

The concentration of barnyard animals in the Southport business center is about disbursed. Already the pig has been banished to the country, as have the two goats that formerly lived on the town's principal business block. This week the cow and calf will follow. . . When he sold out the Magnolia Dairy last week Dr. Roy Daniel passed along one of the best foundation herds of purebred Jerseys in eastern North Carolina.

If you haven't read "We Man The Deck Guns" in last week's Collier's, then do yourself a favor and do it. The yarn is written by Ensign Bob Rurark, a former Southport boy, who is now in charge of a navy gun crew. . . The Plaxco pony changed hands this past week and probably will wind up in Florida. A couple of more months on her and Marion Frederer would have had her racking.

It's hard to determine whether Tojo is a man's name or the beginning of a sneeze.

Well, at any rate, things appear to be fairly sizzling in Sicily now.

LELAND BOY IS NAVAL RECRUIT

(Continued From Page One) which he will be assigned to a service school for special training, or be sent directly to active duty, depending upon his scores in the aptitude tests. Some Bluejackets who have had sufficient experience in a particular skill needed by the Navy are given petty officer ratings upon completing "boot training" and sent to active duty immediately upon returning from leave.

SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise birthday party was given for Pete Hickman Friday evening at his home, the occasion being his 51st birthday anniversary.

Refreshments of punch and cake were served to the following: Mrs. Pete Larson, Mrs. W. B. Moore, Mrs. David Allen, Mrs. William Stephens, Mrs. Annie Mae Watts, Mrs. Alfred Newton, Mrs. Miriam Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Frederer, Mr. and Mrs. James Piner, Mr. and Mrs. James Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aldridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hickman.

James M. Wolfe and Mrs. Newton and children, Iris, Sam and Corky spent the week-end with relatives in Beaufort. They were accompanied home Sunday by Mrs. James Wolfe and two children, Carrol Ann and Larry, who have been spending the past ten days there.

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Pulpwood Cutting Declared Essential Activity By Order Of General Hershey

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
Washington, D. C., July 24, 1943

Transmittal Memo No. 49
SUBJECT: Supplement To Activity And Occupation Bulletins

1. We are transmitting herewith a Supplement to Activity and Occupation Bulletins. This Supplement lists the additions, deletions, and modifications to Activity and Occupation Bulletins which have been made by the Essential Activities Committee of the War Manpower Commission.
2. This Supplement should be inserted in your book of Local Board Memoranda immediately following the Table of Activity and Occupation Bulletins.
3. The Activity and Occupation Bulletins referred to in this Supplement will not be reprinted at this time.
4. Transmittal Memos Nos. 47 and 48, concerning DSS Forms, were distributed only to agencies of the Selective Service System.

(Signed) **LEWIS B. HERSHEY, Director.**
SUPPLEMENT TO ACTIVITY AND OCCUPATION BULLETINS
ISSUED: 7-24-43

SUBJECT: Amendments To Activity And Occupation Bulletins.

The Activity and Occupation Bulletins enumerated below have been amended by the additions, deletions, and modifications shown under each Activity and Occupation Bulletin. In the use of the Activity and Occupation Bulletins, reference should be made to this Supplement.

The Activity and Occupation Bulletins which have been amended and the amendments thereto are as follows:

ACTIVITY AND OCCUPATION BULLETIN No. 7

PART II-B.
Add "Pulpwood Cutting Of."

BULLETIN No. 7 As Revised Above Will Now Read As Follows:—
Activity And Occupation Bulletin No. 7

ISSUED 3-1-43
SUBJECT: Forestry, Logging, Lumbering And Production Of Pulpwood.

PART I —Policies that Apply to This Activity—General Policies Govern This Activity.
PART II—Essential Activities.

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| B—Engaging in:—
Balsam gum or needles, gathering of
Bark, gathering of
Fire-Fighting and prevention services (forestry).
Forest Nurseries
Forestry Services
Gums, gathering of
Logging
PULPWOOD, CUTTING OF | Logging Camp (operation)
Lumbering
Nurseries, Forest
Pest-Control Services
Reforestation Service
Timber tracts (operated for the purpose of selling standard timber)
Tung-Oil tree raising. |
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The above bulletin now places the cutting of Pulpwood on the same basis as agriculture and other War Industries. The serious shortage of Paper and Paper products has made the above action of the Selective Service System necessary.

Since Pulpwood is considered one of the most critical raw materials, mainly due to labor shortage, employees in this industry may justly feel that they are contributing toward winning the War.

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