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## As Valuable As Steel— More Useful Than Steel

Day by day the value of the southern pine trees is being brought home to timber land owners and the public in general. The war is teaching something that will never be forgotten. In the early days pulp mills were regarded as destructive. It is true that they are cutting, but, at the same time they preach against waste and destructiveness. They want the timber because our nation must have it. In their efforts to get the timber they are carrying on the greatest educational campaign our country has even known and the campaign is teaching the people the value of the pine trees.

In the days when ships were made of wood and men of steel America looked to its towering trees for the stuff to build a mighty nation.

The loggers cut down giant trees but disdained the scrub timber, as useless and a waste of time.

The big fellows are mostly gone now but with the nation at war that scorned scrub has become as valuable as steel, more useful steel, in fact, in the production of many vital weapons of battle.

For, through the priceless gift of American ingenuity, one scrub tree can now be changed swiftly into the powder to fire 7500 rounds of ammunition from a Garand rifle or two huge shells from the 16-inch guns of our mightiest battle ships.

One scrub tree, standing idle in your field or woodlot, can become as if by a miracle, 137 surgical field dressings, 350 weatherproof cases for blood plasma or 67 warm vests for our high-altitude aviators. One tree can be converted into hundreds of military products, capable of shortening the war a little.

Some of us are too old to fight side-by-side with our neighbors on the battle-fronts. But few of us are too old to help get out the pulpwood so desperately needed by those fighting men.

## Drinking And Juvenile Delinquency

Unfortunately taking of strong drink is not limited to the Christmas season, for if it were it might be more tolerable, however it usually picks up during this Holy period and is quite evident among the younger folk, the college set and the teen age groups. We have never been quite able to understand why this is so. Certainly to numb one's mind and senses with alcohol doesn't add to one's Christmas Spirit, because Christ never set any such example.

We join the Sampson Independent in urging every adult in the County to assume his share of responsibility in bringing to a minimum the rising trend to take strong drink by the younger people and to decrease juvenile delinquency in general. The Independent says in part:

"Social drinking among young people in their teens is much more of a menace to the rising generation than many realize. It is often the case that older men invite the boys of high school age to 'have just one drink—it's only mildly alcoholic,' and the result is a bad habit formed. The boy, and sometimes, we regret to say, the girl, who yields to such temptation, feeling that to do so is 'smart or cute' begins, with that first drink, to travel the downward way. In a few short years their physical fitness is impaired and their moral standards are lowered.

"There is a great deal of talk in organizations about helping the young people of the community, but it is often more preaching than actual practice.

"Social drinking among young people is responsible in no small way for the rising trend of juvenile delinquency. Every man and woman in the community should feel the responsibility of the rising generation, and use their influence against this deadly foe to youth."

The Irish Labor party is agitating for free school books to all children in-Eire.

cape back to the relative security of their offices in this city.

Aside from the day to day interest in battle trends on all fronts, the solons are wondering how much of a detailed report they can expect in the form of a personal appearance of President Roosevelt now that he has returned from vital and extensive conferences with Allied leaders overseas. Sound thinking folks do not anticipate that any military secrets will be revealed directly or indirectly to the legislative body. Senators, in particular are watching for clues as to peace plans which will ultimately require approval by that body. They do not want another spectacle such as marked the failure of World War I President Wilson's relations with the Upper House wherein Congress was by-passed. As a consequence of that episode in post-war history, the lawmakers are a bit skeptical of political commitments by government leaders.

Holiday travelers, who intended to stay with the folks over the New Year, are inclined to return earlier as a nation-wide rail strike looms. The normal adjustment procedures for arbitration seem exhausted. It is apparent that President Roosevelt will be obliged to step into the breach to prevent complete paralyzation of the transportation system. The wage dispute which the operating unions feel warrants a strike has been under review for nearly a year. The railroad management left the settlement to Federal agencies. The workers may find the settlement as one 'risking their future. Tying up the network of railroads of a nation at war merely for wage increases is a serious matter. The prospect of government control and operation is an alternative not wanted by unions or management. The experience in the last war was convincing enough.

Though millions will be away from home serving in the armed forces, it will not be for lack of money that makes Christmas a blue day this year. Reported cash dividends in November amounted to \$127.5 millions. November payments brought the total for the first eleven months of 1942 to \$2,828 millions, closely approximating the comparable 1942 total. Wages are at an all-time high-water mark. The farming districts have plenty of cash. The only difficulty is the scarcity of luxury items in civilian goods. Many people who wanted to lay away a

number of these items before the new tax bill with higher rates is effective found the supplies on hand had been exhausted. A sales gain of 10 per cent for November, 1943 compared with November, 1942 was reported by 14,483 independent retailers in 34 States.

## Steps Taken On Livestock Feed

As part of the government program to conserve livestock feed and make the best use of available supplies in producing the maximum volume of livestock products, WFA has taken the following steps: (1) elimination of the subsidy the Commodity Credit Corporation has been paying on corn moving from surplus to eastern and southern deficit areas; (2) an increase of 20 cents a bushel in the price of feed wheat on

## How Can They Do It Public Asks Question?

Whiteville, N. C., December 13, — We hear it every day from people everywhere from hundreds of miles from Whiteville. They remark that we have a larger stock and larger variety of Christmas toys and other merchandise than they have seen anywhere. We admit we can't do the impossible, but if merchandise is available anywhere, we can and will find it. Our buyers have made many trips this year to New York, Baltimore, Chicago, and other markets to secure merchandise for our store. We have just received a very large shipment of toys and other Christmas goods, this was had not anticipated, but it is good luck for the late shoppers. It is our suggestion that you do your Christmas shopping this week; but regardless when you do your Christmas shopping be sure to come to our store. Make it your headquarters when in Whiteville. We have convenient rest rooms for all, and we appreciate your business. BRAXTON'S. (adv.)

and after December 6; and (3) an offer to buy corn during the remainder of this month at the old ceiling price in approximately 150 counties on the fringe of the corn belt where the new ceiling on corn (effective December 6) represents a reduction in prices. OPA raised the maximum price of corn 9 cents a bushel at Chicago to correct inequities in the previous regulation. At the same time, the prices of oats, barley, and sorghum grains were "frozen" at the highest prices of the five day period, November 29 to December 3, pending issuance within 60 days of a permanent regulation on these feeds.

## May Sell To Other Farmers

Peanut growers may sell farmers' stock peanuts of the 1943 crop to other producers for planting, according to an announcement today from E. M. Johnson, manager of the Growers Peanut Cooperative, Inc., who quoted an amendment to Commodity Credit Corporation Order No. 4 as his source of authority.

The amendment permits one producer to sell to another "for planting by or for him." The buyer can not however, Johnson said, buy the peanuts for seed and then resell them for seed.

While there is no stipulation as to the quantity of peanuts a grower may sell for this purpose and no fixed scale related to the quantity a producer may buy, Johnson said they are assured permission to buy enough to fill their needs.

## Safe Christmas Should Be Aim

"A safe Christmas on the home front should be the interest of every citizen as the season of increased travel and additional winter highway hazards approaches," declared Ronald Hocutt, Director of the North Carolina Highway Safety Division, today.

## --- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

Although school authorities proposed the weather man deposed and teachers and students are getting their long Christmas holidays . . . Ensign and Mrs. I. R. Roberts must have decided when they arrived Friday that the Southport climate is very different from that of their sunny California. They arrived in the middle of our unusual snow . . . Being from Chicago, the men of the Hyman Michaels Wrecking Company did not mind the weather except that it kept them from working for one day.

The snow was worth thousands of dollars to Brunswick county farmers, especially those who grow small grain . . . The 4th

War Loan Drive will soon be on and all who can should buy bonds and thus do their bit to back the boys who are fighting overseas. The Shallotte school has organized to send clippings to men in service overseas . . . This week, and while the most snow Southport has ever known was on the ground, Mrs. Ruth Clark, of Worthington, Ohio, wrote to tell us she was in search of the perfect place in which to live. Somebody had told her that Southport was that place.

If there is any profit in carrying Christmas cards the post office department should be coming along fine about now . . . Very little has been heard about Santa

Claus this year. But, since never has missed, he can be depended on to make his appearance just as usual Friday night. Just before the snow came, a light Tripp, of Supply, got a pound freshwater bass. Captain H. T. Botwin, who is a good fisherman reports three large black snappers.

Mack's Cafe and the Club House are now making the efforts to provide food for the public at Southport . . . Resolutions will be in order next week and most of them should be one to have a better understanding of the value of our country is at war.

a 25-year professional career. He was 39, and died in his berth aboard a train enroute from California to his New York home. Deputy Coroner Edward Robinson said preliminary examination indicated death resulted from a heart attack.

Known privately as Thomas Wright Waller, the 278-pound musician enjoyed playing the piano organ whether professionally or in the privacy of his home in St. Albans, Long Islands.

Heavy clay soils are improved by fall plowing. A baby whale maybe be as long as 20 feet at birth.

COVER CROP SEED The USDA has announced a 1944 program for winter crop seed which will support 10 million bushels and it is estimated that it will be 300 million on the same date in 1944. The October stocks were 1,109 million bushels.

WHEAT The wheat carry-over in the S. on July 1 this year was 10 million bushels and it is estimated that it will be 300 million on the same date in 1944. The October stocks were 1,109 million bushels.

More peas are expected to be consin than in any other year.

## SHEARS & PASTE

### VANDYKE ON CHRISTMAS

(Wilmington Star) Henry Van Dyke's talent was exceptional. He knew how to put a proposition in such plain terms that it assumed profound proportions. Thus, his definition of the spirit of Christmas, expressed in the simplest of terms, springs from the very fountainhead of truth. Says he:—

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and remember what other people have done for you; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and to try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy? Then you keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking whether your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you can keep it for a day, why not always?

## WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Home-ward bound lawmakers regard the holiday recess with a mixture of relief and concern. Relieved of routine duties to be at family reunions, they still find it necessary to inspect their political fences. Some rushed to their bailiwicks before the recess gong was sounded with a sense of foreboding. It seems that in several Congressional districts the sitting legislators' local henchmen have discerned alarming symptoms of growing vote-getting strength among potential nominees for party standard-bearers. There are a lot of unfinished chores here which will require ample explanations as constituents call on their solon during the holidays. It was easy enough to adroitly side-step direct commitments or action by correspondence, but the elected representatives of the people know it is something else again in personal conferences back home.

Among the many pressing issues upon which the members of the national legislature must furnish a satisfactory answer are the highly controversial tax bill now ready for the Senate and far from acceptable to the Administration as a revenue producer; the ballot law to permit members of the armed forces to vote in the next election; failure to provide adequate curbs on the enormous expenditures of the taxpayers' money by government agencies not related to the war effort; the cost and need of elaborate mustering out compensation to war veterans in response to pressure groups; the roll-back subsidy for food prices as an inflationary control and Capitol Hill dilly-dallying over other domestic policy matters. It will require some nimble mental exercise for the incumbents to appease the groups of voters vitally interested in one or all of these measures now pending. It is freely predicted that after hasty family parties and a minimum of necessary meetings the visiting lawmakers will endeavor to es-



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