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Harvest Followed Seedtime

For those who could not look on the bright side of things, last spring presented the most gloomy outlook that Brunswick farmers had ever faced.

On all sides strong and able-bodied young men were rapidly leaving the farms for military service and other able-bodied men were engaging in defense work by the hundreds. It is doubtful if there was a farm in the county that had assurance of sufficient labor to plant and harvest crops.

To make matters even worse, the planting season arrived in the midst of one of the most continuous rainy seasons the county had ever experienced. At a time when both seed and plants should be in the ground hardly a lick of farm work had been done. With the lateness and the terrible labor shortage there is small blame for any farmer who saw the dark side of the situation—nobody could see how a crop could be made.

But the rains stopped suddenly and a month behind in the work, farm men, women and children waded into things with a determination to carry on on the home front. The planting, cultivating and harvesting seasons saw Brunswick people working as they had never worked before. With their unceasing toil they made good the shortage of labor, overcame the late start and have produced about the greatest crop that has ever been grown in Brunswick.

A Fine Institution

There should be general satisfaction throughout Brunswick county over the fact that the Southport branch of the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Company has passed the million dollar mark in deposits. With previous local banking deposits never exceeding half a million dollars the present high level indicates nothing so much as a generally prosperous condition in the county.

With practically all industry of the county centered within a few miles of Wilmington it naturally follows that institutions there have heavy Brunswick bank deposits. It also follows that Brunswick citizens have an enormous sum invested in war bonds, far more than the county ever received credit for purchasing. Recognizing this banking that is done elsewhere and the heavy investment in securities, it is a striking tribute to the usefulness of the local bank that it now has deposits of over a million dollars.

Wonderful Post-War Work

The post-war program best adapted to Brunswick county is that of interesting good farmers from the more thickly populated farming section in Brunswick farm lands.

We have the acreage for several thousand more small farmers, and it is not just waste acreage. It is as good or better than the average farm land soil found anywhere in the United States. Back of the fine soil is a wonderful long growing season in a climate that is hard to beat.

Recently a gentleman from New Bern was talking to County Agent Dodson. He has traveled throughout the State and has had the opportunity to observe farm lands and the prices prevailing in the different sections. He volunteered the statement that Brunswick apparently had more fine unused lands than any other section of the state. He went further and added, "compared with other lands, your prices on farm lands are the lowest that I have found in the State."

While it is not the purpose to urge any Brunswicker into giving away hard earned lands, it can be pointed out here that the holding of such lands at a reasonable figure will go a long way towards interesting newcomers.

A good farmer is an asset to any community. There should be organized efforts to interest newcomers in the various communities in Brunswick.

Such efforts should be about the most wonderful post-war work that any Brunswick community can undertake. As a matter of fact, such efforts should be undertaken now and pushed still harder when the war ends, as a major post-war effort.

The Week Of Awakening

Through every possible channel the message of Fire Prevention Week—(October 8 to October 14,) is being carried to the public. Nothing that can be said or written can adequately express the importance of every individual taking part in this national campaign against fire. Accidental fire has done more damage to the war effort than most people will ever be able to comprehend. Much of the damage is immeasurable because it involves intangibles. Among the measurable losses, however, have been: Camouflage manufacturing, railroad equipment, paper mills, essential rubber products, army ordnance depots and warehouses, lumber yards and important automotive equipment. Vital food supplies also were destroyed. Some single fires caused damage running into the millions.

The destruction wrought by these fires could have been kept to a minimum by well-known fire prevention practices. In some cases the fire department was not called in time. In others there were no automatic sprinklers or fire alarms and no watchman.

Proper supervision of hazardous work was lacking in still others or there was insufficient fire fighting equipment for employes to use, or such equipment was not in good working order. Unsafe building condition took their toll also, for in some structures fire walls were totally absent, as was the protection of vertical openings.

Fire is an enemy agent—but one that can be controlled by taking the well recognized preventive steps. The purpose of fire prevention week is to wake people up to this fact.

Peace In Hands Of American People

With the end of the war in sight, people are beginning to think of the day when readjustment to peace can be made. Part of that readjustment must include a new conception of the United States in relation to the rest of the world. Hereafter, the problems of the world are our problems. If there is another war, we will be in it.

It is our responsibility to help lay the foundation of enduring peace by seeking to re-establish equal trading opportunity and free markets. Admittedly, this may take time, but failure means another world depression and another world war, in the opinion of J. B. Condliffe, Professor of Economics in the University of California, who declares that: "The whole case for expanding international trade is that there is gain, not loss, to the national economies participating in such trade. In the circumstances of the immediate postwar period it does not require much reflection to realize that not loss but disaster, is threatened if the channels of trade cannot be re-opened promptly. There is little chance of a relatively smooth conversion from war to peace economy unless this conversion can be carried out in an expanding system of international collaboration.

"In the successive emergencies of recent years so much stress has necessarily been laid upon the regulation of all sorts of prices . . . that are more important necessity of maintaining active and healthy markets has come to be forgotten. The foundation of prosperity is abundant production and free interchange, not nicely regulated equity.

"It is as unrealistic to consider national economic activity apart from its international repercussions as it is to draw a distinction today between the home front and the battle lines. The connection between domestic and international economic policy is so intimate that for many practical purposes they constitute a single entity."

The future is in the hands of the American people. If they will but inform themselves and act wisely upon the strength of their information, lasting peace is within reach. No other people have ever been blessed with such an opportunity—or obligation.

Tombstone Dealer (after several futile suggestions): How would just a simple "Gone Home" do for an inscription?

Widow: I guess that will be all right, it was always the last place he ever went.

REID SUPERVISOR OF SOIL DISTRICT

(Continued from page One) rect the soil conservation program in this district. He had three years experience working at the Edge Experiment Station. There he gained valuable knowledge with regard to agronomy, soils and pasture problems as they apply to our coastal section. In addition to carrying on his own farming interests he has been employed by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development for the past ten years, in the forest service. His work with the Department was as Forest Ranger for the Orton Protective Association.

In his farming operations he has been very successful. At the present time he is one of the largest livestock raisers in the county. He is chiefly interested in beef cattle and during the past two years he has made wonderful progress in the development of pasturage for his cattle. Serving six years on the Brunswick County Board of Education and actively interested in all public matters, Mr. Reid is well known throughout the county.

FISH GETTING VERY PLENTIFUL

(Continued from Page One) pounds of fish he had purchased, only to find that ice in which to pack was not available.

FINE GATHERING OF COUNTY LEADERS HELD AT SUPPLY

(Continued From Page One) sentatives were in attendance: Carl S. Ward, G. Rutherford Holden, C. B. McDowell and R. H. McDowell, representing communities in the Bolivia section; Thos. L. Long, Robert Somerset, W. H. Redwine, Herbert Rus, C. S. Milligan, G. M. Bennett and Miss Bertha L. Pierce, of Shallotte.

Ralph M. Edwards, Weston Evans, D. Bert Edwards, Elroy King, C. O. Bennett and B. G. Simmons, Freeland; Paul Brown, S. L. Purvis, H. O. Peterson, Leland; B. A. Russ, Longwood; Luther J. Carter, Wampee, S. C.; A. J. Walton, Jr., George D. Smith, William Matthews, Ash; J. W. Sellers, Dennis R. Hewett, J. J. Hawes, W. H. Varnum and Mrs. Ada Varnum, Supply; A. Preston Henry, Winnabow.

McRACKAN MAKES HUGE PEAR CROP

(Continued from page One) that the product brought five dollars and up per bushel last year. The crop last year was almost a total failure. However, at that time Mr. McRackan had only a relatively small number of trees. Last fall he bought the farm, formerly owned by his brother. The greater part of his pear trees were acquired in this deal.

Winnabow News

Larnell Willetts, who is attending State College, spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Willetts.

Sgt. and Mrs. Lee Kye and two children, and Miss Leatrice Clements, of Bolivia, left Sunday to spend several days in Winston-Salem with Mr. Kye's sisters and other relatives.

Miss Rebecca Thorp spent the week-end in Jacksonville, Fla.,

WE ALSO HAVE COOK STOVES

(Any Type)

HEATERS

(Any Type)

RUGS

(Any Type)

CITY CUT RATE STORE
SOUTHPORT, N. C.

with friends. Mrs. J. L. Thorp of Wilmington visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zibelin Sunday.

Miss Fannie Henry spent Sunday with Mrs. Nida Henry in Bolivia.

Mrs. Jerry Newbold of Wilmington held services at New Hope Presbyterian church Sunday. Services will be held each Sunday morning at 11:15, during the winter months. All are invited to attend these church services and also Sunday School, which is held each Sunday morning at 10:30.

Friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. W. H. McKeithan is ill at her home here.

BOLIVIA CLUB

The Bolivia Home Demonstration club met last week at the home of Mrs. Frank Mintz. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung. This was followed by the repeating of the Collect, calling of the roll and reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Business arrangements were made for the fall term Federation Meeting, which is to be held at Bolivia on the 3rd of November.

Mrs. Bill Kopp gave an interesting report about the trip to Raleigh, where she attended the State Council Meeting on the 21st of September. Among the many things that the clubs are doing is the buying of a hospital ship to bring wounded soldiers back home. In this the Brunswick clubs are playing a good part.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Kopp's talk the meeting was turned over to Miss Norfleet, who demonstrated the making over of old clothes. Many good and helpful suggestions were brought out.

One of the most active members, Mrs. Amelia Elchorn, has been absent from the last two meetings. The club is looking forward to her being present at the next meeting.

Mrs. O. T. Lewis, a faithful member, has moved to Wilmington.

Due to the fact that the hostess Mrs. Frank Mintz, and her little grandson, Ronnie Thomas, were ill, refreshments were omitted from the meeting. The November meeting will be held at the Home Economics room at the school house, each member to act as hostess. Mrs. John Danford will have charge of the recreation program.

Those present at the meeting were Mrs. Bill Kopp, Mrs. Early Danford, Mrs. John Danford, Mrs. Homer Holden, Mrs. C. C. Russ, Mrs. Frank Mintz and Miss Norfleet.

The average person is estimated to walk 18,098 steps or 7 7/8 miles a day.

Sweet Potato Yield Higher Than In 1943

RALEIGH, Sept. 25. — Sweet potato production for this year was estimated at 8,400,000 bushels on September 1. This is five per cent higher than the August 1 forecast, eight per cent higher than the 7,760,000 bushel crop produced last year, and about equal to the 10-year (1933-'42) average production of 8,362,000 bushels, according to C. Z. Willis, statistician with the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

Growing conditions continued to improve during the month of August, and the crop made good progress after having had beneficial rains in mid-July and early August. Soils toward the end of the month, however, were becoming dry, especially in the Upper Piedmont and additional rains are needed to size up the crop.

said Willis. Yields per acre were estimated at 105 bushels as of September 1, compared with 100 bushels on August 1, and last year's yield of 97 bushels per acre.

OPA Changes Ruling On "R" Gas Coupons

RALEIGH, Sept. 28. — The Office of Price Administration said today the prohibition against acceptance of off-highway "R" coupons at filling stations, in effect since April 1, will be lifted September 22.

Beginning with that date all gasoline filling stations may accept the coupons in transfer for gasoline for non-highway use. The ban on acceptance of coupons by many service stations had been imposed to limit the channels of transfer of "R" coupons to reduce their illegal use. Before the ban was made nationwide the plan was tried out for two months in Georgia and Florida, where it worked successfully.

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George Washington

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Republican Speakings

All voters are cordially invited to attend our speakings at the following named places. Come out and hear the Hon. Clarence Jenrette, Candidate for the House of Representative speak.

- Supply—Capt. Jesse Robinson's, Thursday, Oct. 12th, 1944 at 8 p. m.
- Supply—Willie Griffin's Store, Friday, Oct. 13th, 1944 at 8 p. m.
- Grisset Town—Parker's Store, Monday, Oct. 16th, 1944 at 8 p. m.
- Leland—Beek Mintz's Home, Tuesday, Oct. 17th 1944 at 8 p. m.
- Shallotte—Vance Gore's Store, Wednesday, Oct. 18th, 1944 at 8 p. m.
- Shingle Tree—Hickman's Store Thursday, Oct. 19th, 1944 at 8 p. m.
- Longwood— Friday, Oct. 20th, 1944 at 8 p. m.
- Ash—Asa McCumber's Store, Monday, Oct. 23rd, 1944 at 8 p. m.
- Freeland—Garfield Simmons' Store, Tuesday, Oct. 24th, 1944 at 8 p. m.
- Supply—Coby Hewett's Store, Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 1944 at 8 p. m.
- Leland—Penn Benton's Home, Thursday, Oct. 26th, 1944 at 8 p. m.
- Exum—Vereen's Store, Friday, Oct. 27th, 1944 at 8 p. m.
- Freeland—Lester Babson's Store, Tuesday, Oct. 31st, 1944 at 8 p. m.

CHARLIE TROTT, Sec.
F. L. LEWIS, Chairman,