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A Lone Patriot

After trying up production of engines for B-29 Superfortresses for three days, striking workers at the Wright Aeronautical Corporation voted grudgingly 1,000 to 500 in favor of returning to work.

Upon contemplation one wonders what claim we on the home front have to being patriotic. The strikers alone are not to blame for what is happening.

This lone patriot, forced to quit her job because of illness, then added: "And when I looked around me at work and saw all the loafing on the job I knew that in spite of the wonderful job we are doing, we are still letting the boys down."

There Is Still Time

General Eisenhower at the beginning of the Sixth War Bond Drive said: "On behalf of your sons, brothers, husbands and friends in this great war theatre I request that you do your part to see that the Sixth War Loan is vastly over subscribed."

They'll Come Through

Realizing what our farmers did in 1944 one cannot but feel assured that they'll come through again in 1945. In 1944 the county was blessed with a fine growing season, for which all thanks should be rendered.

This year, with increased shortage of man power and the uncertainty of what the growing season may offer in the way of weather, it may be necessary to work even harder.

In Retrospect

Within a few days, 1944 will have become history. In many ways the year has been immensely historic, yet in other ways not so historic as was anticipated.

election of President Roosevelt, the invasion of the Philippines as the great headline stories of the year and you have events which have set 1944 apart as a truly epic year.

For sheer drama, no event has ever so captured the imagination as did the D-Day invasion of France. That, together with the subsequent breakthrough at St. Lo followed by the breath-taking liberation of France, kept the imagination on tiptoe for weeks on end.

Because the re-election of President Roosevelt was generally expected, the fact itself, and not the glamor surrounding the fact, proved of prime historic import. There would have been far more drama in the defeat of the President than in his re-election.

The capture of Rome, spectacular though it was, was almost immediately overshadowed by the invasion of France. The aspect of the invasion of the Philippines which gave to it such breath-taking drama was fulfillment of a promise made by General MacArthur that he would return. Otherwise the Philippine invasion was just another step in the long jump to Tokyo for which the Army, Navy and the Air Force in the Pacific have become famous.

Those are great 1944 events on the positive side. On the negative side lies the failure of Allied arms to wrest victory in Europe as was generally expected and promised. When British, American and Canadian armies were steam-rolling through France, Holland and Belgium, victory in Europe seemed only a matter of days.

The greatest apparent blunder of 1944 was the loose official talk of what the Allies intended to do with Germany after victory, with the Morgenthau proposal which would reduce industrial Germany to an agrarian winning first place among the 1944 boners. The fierce German resistance along the Siegfried line leading into the great and surprising German winter offensive should provide a never-to-be-forgotten lesson in the danger of "counting the chickens before the eggs are hatched."

Judging by all past experience and by all that's observable for the future, 1945 will prove a hard road. To break the German will to fight is a bigger undertaking than was anticipated. And after victory in Europe has been won, nations standing among the debris of a wrecked civilization will discover that the greatest and most painstaking job of all will come when they try to adjust themselves to one another and to new type of world in a way as will preserve the peace won at such an enormous cost in money and human sacrifice.

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Are you buying and using Christmas yet do so today. The quota for Columbus county is the largest in its history and no humanitarian cause is more worthy of its support.

Seals? If you have not bought yours Then there's the story of the lawyer who sat up all night trying to break a widow's will.—Selected.

If we are going to help finance Britain why not use their warships in the war against Japan?

CAPITAL LETTERS

By Thompson Greenwood

DULL—Everything is pretty dull a round Raleigh these days: the lull before the storm which will begin when the legislators gather here in January.

FORMER RESIDENT OF COUNTY DESCRIBES TRIP TO MICHIGAN (Continued From Page One) and began to pull. The old Willys stopped losing speed, struggled for age-long seconds at stalling speed, missed a fire, coughed, caught and labored on. The grade broke ever so slightly. The car shuddered and began to gain speed.

BOSS—It is important for the people who live out of Raleigh, or out of the county seat, to remember that they are the bosses. They run this business called North Carolina—not the people they elect. And it is good for the "hite-collared officials" to keep in their minds the fact that they are the servants of the people, not their rulers.

WEDDING—By this time you probably know that Mrs. Bessie Phoenix and L. Y. Ballentine, your next Lieutenant Governor, are married. This is really a peach of a pair.

LETTERS—George Uzzell, of Rowan County, and Oscar L. Richardson, of Union, are doing plenty of letter-writing these days in their race for the speakership of the House in the next Legislature. Legislators are receiving and sending all kinds of letters along this same line.

BOB—Bob Reynolds (Remember him?) will become a private citizen, at least as far as North Carolina is concerned, in January. He is now lame-ducking along in Washington.

VERSE—Speaking of the Senate reminds one of the now-and-then brilliance of the Congressional Record, which you may receive free of charge if you will write your Congressman. The person who has the patience and stomach to read the issues long enough will run into something mighty funny. Of course, most of it is comical, but some portions more than others.

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NOTES—The Agricultural Review will go up to eight pages in January—Your candidates for President in 1948 may be Eric Johnston, President of U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Republican, and Scott Lucas, Illinois Senator, Democrat; both were be-

Brunswick County but warmth of the hearts they found there will be remembered when the climate has been forgotten.

COMPILES LIST OF QUESTIONS (Continued from page One) cent increase in sugar prices in World War II?

METHODISTS PLAN GREAT CAMPAIGN (Continued from Page 1) J. F. Herbert, Publicity, Wilmington; Mrs. N. P. Edens, Maysville; Mrs. Fannie Faison; Ben. F. Southerland, Wilmington; J. C. Willis, Elizabethtown; C. L. Moore, Burgaw; J. C. Thompson, Jacksonville; Miss Luda Mae Jenkins, Orum; L. S. Thompson, Whiteville; Abel Warren, Garland; E. C. Sanders, Tabor City; Mrs. Lena E. White, Clinton; J. E. Carpenter, Lumberton; R. C. St. George, Southport; H. A. Ragdale, Richlands; J. H. Brisson, St. Pauls; Rev. J. W. Linberger, Chadbourne; Dr. F. W. Paschall, Wilmington; Mrs. Lucy Motte, Wilmington; Mrs. M. W. Warren, Garland; Rev. A. S. Parker, District Superintendent, Wilmington.

The Rovin' Reporter (Continued from page one) used has been purely that which has a local touch, about Brunswick county folks whom other Brunswick county folks know. There was no expectation of it having any interest or appeal to folks who have seldom, if ever, been to Brunswick and know nobody here.

NEW PLANS MADE FOR NOTIFYING NEXT OF KIN (Continued From Page One) General Uhl explained "this new procedure in both instances will naturally be of great comfort to emergency addressees as well of value to the War Department. It eliminates the 'middle man'—so to speak—by having the reports made out at the hospital and mailed immediately to the person concerned, instead of being first transmitted to the Adjutant General and thence to the emergency addressee."

LOCAL AAA SAYS FEB. 1 LAST DATE (Continued from page One) within the specified time (1) because he was a member of the armed forces, or (2) because of prolonged illness. "All eligible farmers who have not already

STARS IN SERVICE KEN SILVESTRI BIG LEAGUE BACKSTOP FOR THE N.Y. YANKEES AND CHICAGO WHITE SOX WAS UNDERSTUDY TO YANKEE BILL DICKER

game, which consisted of one very strong smelling skunk. We had a great time anyway, even if our feet did freeze half off.

MEDICAL DISCHARGE FOR SGT. BAREFOOT (Continued From Page One) Edgar Barefoot, serving in the Navy somewhere in the South Pacific.

WORK IN JANUARY SEEN BY AGENT (Continued From Page One) that has much humor on it. It is necessary for such matter to be turned under to permit its rotting before a crop is planted.

Bonds Over America

PORTSMOUTH PORCH Americans are proud of their architecture. The fine old Southern colonial, Dutch colonial and Cape Cod houses across the land reveal American ingenuity in producing individualistic evolutions of Old World concepts.

W. B. & S. BUS LINES, Inc. Southport, N. C. BUS SCHEDULES Effective June 16, 1944 SOUTHPORT TO WILMINGTON Monday - Saturday

Table with columns for LEAVE Read Down and ARRIVE Read Up, listing bus routes and times for Southport to Wilmington, Southport to Whiteville, and Southport to Shipyard.

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