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Little Talk Afterwards

One thing the public has hardly failed to observe is the absence of bragging following the reaching of war loan goals. Regardless of how large the goal may have been and how well it may have been met, war loans are crowded into past events just as soon as they have been met.

German Industry Seized

The American Army in Germany last week seized 25 of the great I. G. Farben industries, thereby setting in motion control of properties that have built up and maintained the German war machine.

The Farben industries are vast, extending all over the world, with plants in the United States and other allied countries as well as in Germany. Seizure was also made of the plants in the United States. They manufactured everything from Aspirin tablets on into everything essential to German war production.

They Also Served

While the number of deaths in our armed forces has been appalling, it is well to recall that practically all of these deaths have occurred in action, in accidents on the training fields, and among mistreated prisoners of war in enemy hands.

From disease there have been fewer deaths in the armed forces of ten or eleven million men and there were among three or four million in 1918-19.

And while a large proportion of doctors and nurses have been at the camps or up forward on the fields of action the death rate among the civilian population at home has been kept at normal. There has been no influenza epidemic, no dying by the dozens among the civilian population, such as happened during the first world war.

To the doctors left at home, to those overseas, and to the scientists who have helped in the creation of new medicines, the United States owes a deep debt of gratitude and recognition that they also served. The average span of human life in the United States should be lengthened by the strides made by medicine and surgery during the war.

Would Choose "Winnie"

The British people held an election last week to determine whether or not they should have a new government. The result of this election will not be announced until the 26th of July, as the soldier vote must be heard from.

There were but two issues in the election which is now over. The people had to decide whether they wanted a new government or the old one that has been led by Winston Churchill. Both sides claim victory and will probably continue to claim it until the final count shows which.

During the last presidential election in the United States the British people, although not voting, were unanimous in their support of the late President Roosevelt. The same rule reversed now holds good with reference to the British election. It appears almost certain that could the American people have expressed a choice they would have voted almost solidly for Winston Churchill, the man who could see what few in England could see in the darkest hours.

Half The World's Supply

It is interesting to note that the report made by Chairman J. A. Krug, of the WPB, last week, shows that the United States produced 45 per cent of the world's munitions in 1944. Not only did we attain this giant production in support of Allied Nations, we kept the American people "the best fed—the best housed—the best clothed civilians in the world."

Since 1943 American munitions plants have produced better than five billion dollars worth of munitions monthly.

Our Navy or Air Force, our Army, each one of the largest in the world, has been supplied with the best equipment in the world. Along with that, much of the same equipment has been supplied to Allied countries.

"In one year, 1944, alone," said the War Production Board Chairman, "we produced 90,859 planes, including 16,048 heavy bombers. We built 30,889 ships, 17,565 tanks, 595,330 Army trucks, produced 3,284 heavy field guns and howitzers, and 7,454 light ones. In that year 152 Army aircraft rocket launchers were built, 215,177 bazookas and 1,146,774 tons of ground artillery ammunition."

The above were only a few of the gigantic American munitions and war essentials productions. The American people back at home did nobly by the men at the front, while doing all right by themselves.

Beach Development

All over the country an era of beach and sport fishing development has been seen predicted as a certainty soon after the war ends. Brunswick county on the lower coast of North Carolina will get its share of that development—a big share.

In our opinion our development will not be confined just to beach development and sport fishing centers. Farmers in distant, less favored, sections will be attracted to agricultural possibilities, enhanced by hunting and fishing. There should be a general development of the coastal sections, extending far inland.

The purchase of the Caswell-Carolina lands at Southport by Goldsboro interests is a forerunner of what is to come. The Caswell-Carolina lands, lying on the ocean between Fort Caswell and Long Beach, and surrounding the Oak Island Coast Guard station, have never been put to any use. The new owners are North Carolina men who have been seeing the possibilities of this beach for many years. They bought the lands to develop them. It can be said that they have something really worth developing. The Caswell beach, running east and west, is one of the few beaches on the Atlantic coast that is situated so as to receive the prevailing south and southwest winds, direct from over the ocean.

Time For Suicides

Somewhat puzzling is the exceeding frankness of Japanese admissions relating to the damage done by American air raids. Germany never admitted as much. Japan admits that Tokyo is razed and that vast sections of other cities are immense incendiary heaps.

Admission is made that Japan faces a life and death crisis, that invasion of the home island is imminent, that her production has been seriously hampered by air raids, that her basic industries are being moved to Manchuria, and even hints that political troubles are menacing the war effort.

That's sorry talk for a people who boasted so loudly about the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, who struck with such wanton disregard of decency at Pearl Harbor, and who crowded with such nauseating rancor about a stolen empire.

These people to whom face-saving is a national virtue and who glorify suicide as an honorable escape, by their own admissions the hour is getting late for mass suicides in the government to save face for failures on the battlefield. Apologies to the Emperor for defeats are poor substitutes for hari kira. The time is ripe for some disembowling among official Japanese circles.

The Rovin' Reporter

(Continued From Page One) The barracuda and the amber jacks each averaged between 20 and 25 pounds. The interesting part of the trip was that eight, instead of just one, big fellows got away. They had eight sets of lines and plugs torn from their reels by big fish that they hooked and which they never brought near enough to the surface to be identified. Pretty soon we will be getting reports of sails and marlin. The gulf stream fishing is on.

You can take our word for it that there was one class of residents of Brunswick county who failed to observe the 4th of July. At least they did not observe the day by making a holiday out of it. It was the tobacco growers. They were busy and kept busy all day long. The tobacco farmer is not interested in holidays when tobacco harvesting is in order.

We do not know what created the watermelon to come on in all of its glory just as the tobacco crop is being harvested. Laying aside all conjecture as to how and why tobacco harvesting and watermelon time come together, it is safe to say that the melons bring many a bright spot in the hot and tiresome work of harvesting the crop. When the fires in a tobacco curing barn are going full blast and when workers are in the field stripping the leaves or at the barn stringing them on the sticks, nothing is more welcome than a half, or at least a slice, of cool, rich, red watermelon.

A Texas girl, Mrs. Irma Keeran, of Huntsville, within a hundred miles of Houston, the great Texas gulf port, was about the first person we know to have become intrigued with the possibilities of Caswell Beach. When she left for Texas this week she left with us a commission to buy one of the first Caswell Beach lots that are placed on the market and she will return next spring and build on it. Asked as to why she was interested in beach property so far from her home, Mrs. Keeran said: "The beaches here are so much nicer and the climate is so much different from that we have on the gulf coast."

Probably the youngest shrimp trawler captain operating off this coast this year is Billy Wells, son

of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wells. Since school closed he has been fishing in charge of the Dixie Doodle, a big diesel powered boat owned by his father. Billy is only 16 and his mater, Ralph Potter, is only a few months older. These two boys and the Dixie Doodle bring in catches comparable in volume with that of any of the big boats and their more mature skippers.

Robert Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Thomas of Clarendon Plantation, is now at home from Chapel Hill, on his vacation. Monday night of last week, with Sam Alridge for a guide, he went alligator hunting. Guests for the event were Miss Carolyn Ripple, of Miami, Fla., and Miss Theodora Green, of Columbia, S. C. They were not taking 'em alive. Robert got one large gator with a 12 gauge shotgun. The guide and each of the ladies got a couple of small ones apiece with rifles. They also captured one small fellow.

For the summer time sportsmen have recently been taking a surprisingly large number of bass. The luck has mostly run to those fellows who had energy enough to get up in the morning. Those who are too lazy to come in until late are also getting their proportionate share. Postmaster L. T. Yaskell and Attorney E. J. Prevatte got five nice fish one day the past week. The time of day on which the fish were taken is left to imagination.

LeRoy Mintz, soil conservationist for the Lower Cape Fear District, says that foxes have become so numerous in Brunswick county that they have literally eaten each other out of everything on which to live. Some of them have become so poor that they can hardly walk. Almost daily reports are heard of foxes going under homes in the county and dying there, apparently from starvation.

MUCH INTEREST IN CASWELL BEACH

(Continued from page one) are revealing that this east and west shore line feature of Caswell Beach is unusual on the Atlantic coast.

Reports have it that one of the first undertakings planned by the owners is the construction of a hotel. This undertaking will get underway as soon as material

is obtainable. With it will be other constructive undertakings that will make the beach modern in every respect and popular both to the vacationists and the sportsmen who are bent on hunting and fishing.

Among the present visitors at the beach are the following: Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Black, of Goldsboro, who are spending a few days at the R. W. Powell cottage; Mrs. Murry Borden, Mrs. George Heyward, and Mrs. H. M. Humphrey who are guests for several weeks with Miss Mary Humphrey at her cottage; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mull of Burlington, who are at their cottage for the summer; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Edgerton, who have as guests at their cottage this week Mrs. Norwood Holmes, Mrs. J. L. Longest and Miss Hilda Longest, all of Goldsboro.

CAPTAIN NIERNSEE ARRIVES AT HOME

(Continued from page 1) climate in Australia and still more rigorous condition in New Guinea. Others married and returned home to care for families. While the original nurses and doctors are materially reduced in numbers the unit remains as strong as ever as replacements were sent as soon as needed. At present the unit has 83 nurses. In Australia and also in New Guinea, the unit was kept very active in the work of preventing and curing diseases largely resulting from climatic conditions. Unlike the hospitals here at home and the great base hospitals at various centers, the unit lived and worked in tents at the front. All wards, operating rooms, etc., were in tents. In the Philippines a great deal of the work has been in the form of operations and treatment of wounded in addition to routine nursing.

WARRANT OFFICER JAS. MCKEITHAN GETS BRONZE STAR

(Continued from page one) ations in the battle casualty section of the Division Adjutant General's Office, Chief Warrant Officer McKeithan exhibited excellent qualities of leadership and administrative knowledge in the discharge of his multiple duties. His untiring efforts inspired the men in his section to process casualty reports with dispatch and accuracy. The initiative, ability and exemplary qualities displayed by Chief Warrant Officer McKeithan reflects high credit upon himself and are in accordance with the finest traditions of the military service of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

A. R. BOLLING, Major General, U. S. Army, Commanding.

GOOD SEASON AT HOLDEN'S BEACH

(Continued from page one) ever been. Except for Caswell Beach and Long Beach, Holden's Beach is the only ocean beach in Brunswick. It is eight miles from Supply and is reached over a good state maintained road and state operated bridge across the inland waterway.

FRINK RESUMES LAW PRACTICE

(Continued from page One) Knowing of his pending release from the service the board of county commissioners unanimously elected him county attorney at

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their meeting on Monday of last week. During the summer Mr. and Mrs. Frink will occupy their cottage at Long Beach. This week they will begin construction of a new eight room home in Southport. The building will be of brick. A month ago they sold their old home to G. C. Kilpatrick, who bought the Harrell Funeral Home and moved here ten days ago.

AIDED IN RECOVERY OF ART TREASURES

(Continued From Page One) a unit with General Mark W. Clark's 5th Army. When the troops entered the castle they found a number of large, sealed crates bearing German lettering. Inspection of the crates revealed that they contained 350 pieces of art-paint-

Herring Received The Purple Heart

Mr. and Mrs. James Herring of Wilmington spent the past week-end with Mrs. Herring's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Hewitt, at Supply. Mr. Herring has recently been honorably discharged from the Army after serving overseas. During his service he was wounded and received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

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