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In Second Place

Holding second place among North Carolina counties in the percentage of their quota of Victory Bonds bought, (130) per cent, Brunswick county people have a right to be proud of such a fine showing. The quota was reached January 1 the county will have bought the bonds are bought between now and passed and if 20 per cent more of half as much again as the quota assigned to it.

Only five counties went over the top in the prescribed time. Brunswick made and is still holding second place among these five.

The Christmas Story

"And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this was made first when Cyrenius was governor of Syria). And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

"And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us go even now unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

"And when eight days were accomplishing for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS . . ." Luke 2: 1-12.

Is There A Santa Claus

Perhaps the editor of the New York Sun did a more classic job of proving the existence of Santa Claus than anyone has ever done.

In 1897, he received a letter from an eight-year-old girl named Virginia O'Hanlon which read: "Dear Editor—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say that there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a

Santa Claus."

In response to this letter, the editor wrote what has become an all-time classic, read by millions. He wrote:

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They are not affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, VIRGINIA, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence and capability of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a SANTA CLAUS. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exists, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary if there were no Virgins. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in SANTA CLAUS? You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see SANTA CLAUS coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees SANTA CLAUS, but that is no sign that there is no SANTA CLAUS. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

NO SANTA CLAUS? THANK GOD! he lives, and he lives for ever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

The Great Gift

Christmas means more than mailing presents and opening packages. Today, as never before in history, it means giving something of ourselves to others. For that is the spirit of the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate.

This year more families in this community have given the supreme gift—the offering of sons for their country. Stars on some service flags have turned to gold. Each week this newspaper has proudly recorded the deeds of those who serve, fight and die, if need be, that we may be free.

The families of these heroes know the true meaning of Christmas. For they, also, have given a Son.

Many of us cannot match such records of high sacrifice. But we can give and we can serve in other ways. We can make good will and kindness, charity and understanding not empty words but heart-winning realities in our dealings with others. We can help the boys returning to this community from the war building a brave new future. We can cheer the lonely homes of servicemen still far away. We can speed the day of peace on earth, justice and brotherhood.

In thus giving of ourselves we will all be far richer. And we will add inner meaning and strength to the age-old but ever-new greeting which this newspaper extends to you and yours—

"New wage-price policy settles nothing, encourages strife.

"Labor is encouraged to make demands for pay increases now; is told that it can come back again for more increases next year when reconversion is ended.

"Management is told that any broad price increases must wait a demonstration that wage increases cannot be absorbed under existing price levels.

"Argument, on that basis, seems inevitable."—Davis Lawrence.

If you think freedom and progress in the United States are a mere coincidence, look about you at any major industry. You will see the most strenuous effort to build for the future. You will see new ideas galore. You will see the most ingenious devices to encourage the public to try out these new ideas.

HINTS TO Farm Folks

BY RUTH CURRENT
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Whether a houseplant grows to foliage or to bloom may depend on the size of its pot. Plant scientists say that plants grown in homes for decorative foliage, such as the bright-leaved coleus, need large containers with plenty of space for expanding roots to favor heavy leaf growth. Flowering plants, on the other hand, give more bloom in small pots which cause roots to be "pot bound" but a plant needs to be repotted occasionally to provide fresh nourishment.

Nutritionists tell us cranberries add considerable vitamin C to the diet when they are served in generous portions. Science explains that vitamin C tends to be destroyed by heat and by exposure to air. In other words, the food value of cranberries varies according to the way you prepare them. Most of the vitamin C is available when you use the berries raw—as in a freshly made relish or moist salad. Some vitamin C is lost when you make cranberries into sauce. Even more is destroyed when you strain the sauce, or make the juice into jelly.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: Can I use DDT as a spray over my poultry to rid the flock of body lice?

Answer: R. E. Greaves, poultry pathologist at State College, suggests that you use the general methods of dusting, dipping, or treating the roost poles with nicotine sulphate until more is found

out about the use of DDT. He says that the nicotine sulphate preparations enjoy their wide popularity because of their high efficiency and the ease with which the flock can be treated. Nicotine sulphate is not only good for delousing poultry but is also efficient against the tropical fowl mite.

Question: Will a few sheep be profitable on the average farm?

Answer: P. E. Swindell of Linger Longer Farm at Fairfield and County Agent J. P. Woodard of Hyde County can answer this question. Swindell keeps from 15 to 20 sheep on his 80-acre farm and his receipts from lambs and wool during the past three years are \$631. "They run in the fields in winter after the crops are harvested and go to a grazing crop in early spring," Swindell says. "They are good lawn mowers and I find them profitable. I can shoot straight when the dogs bother them."

Question: How can I make a home-made egg candler?

Answer: Take a wooden or cardboard box and bore a one-inch hole in the end of the box about the center. Suspend a 50 to 75 watt light bulb in the box and provide a reflector, say a white piece of paper, opposite the hole bored in the box. It is a good idea to make a small opening in the top of the box at the back side so that you can see how to move about the room. Candling should be done in a dark room where no light other than the light from the candler is present.

About 10,000 people are killed annually by fire in the United States.

Foot comfort is conducive to joyful expression, so be sure stockings or shoes are neither too short nor too tight. Keep salt, pepper, sugar bowl

Food Is Sought For Needy Folks Of Europe, Asia

Collection Being Conducted Here By Rev. Frank Howard, Pastor Of Sacred Heart Catholic Church

PLACES DESIGNATED TO LEAVE FOOD

Milk For Babies Especially Stressed; To Be Dispensed Regardless Of Race Or Religion

An effort to collect canned foods for the needy people of Europe and Asia is being sponsored by the War Relief service of the National Catholic Welfare conference, which in Whiteville is being promoted by Rev. Frank Howard, pastor of the Sacred Heart Catholic church. Stress is being placed especially on milk for babies, including canned or powdered milk. Cocoa and chopped or strained fruits are also items for which the need is being stressed. Home processed foods as well as factory processed foods are also being sought, Father Howard stated. The food will be distributed to the needy of Europe and Asia without regard to race or color.

In 1943, the industrial plant fire loss in the United States was estimated at \$145,000,000.

JURY LIST FOR JANUARY COURT

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W. D. Pugh, Southport; R. B. Hawes, Shallotte; J. J. Wilson, Ash; Goley Benton, Ash; Marshall Long, Freeland; Jessie James Cheers, Supply; J. M. Parker, Shallotte; C. A. King, Freeland; T. P. Formydual, Freeland; J. E. McRoy, Southport; C. C. Andrews, Shallotte; Leon Hewett, Ash; F. W. Hewett, Shallotte; Ralph Clemmons, Supply; Fred Mintz, Shallotte; H. L. Clemmons, Supply; Earl Thompson, Shallotte; Wm. T. Cook, Leland; J. A. Russ, Shallotte. Richmond Galloway, Supply; Julius B. Hickman, Longwood; G.

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FARMERS HELPED BY AAA PROGRAM

(Continued From Page One) urgent need for limestone and superphosphate. For this reason, the 1946 AAA program will emphasize these materials.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT NEW BERN

(Continued from page 1) believed to be a world's record. Mr. Potter was chairman of the board of stewards of Centenary Methodist church, and for years taught the Young People's

Sunday School class. He was a member of the evangelistic committee of the North Carolina Methodist conference, and also a lay leader of the New Bern Methodist district. During the six years he served as a city alderman, he was chairman of the school committee, then became a member of the city school board. He was co-treasurer of the New Bern Historical commission. Throughout World War II he was chairman of the preparedness and disaster committee of the Craven county chapter of the American Red Cross. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

HUNTING COONS IN THE DAY-TIME

(Continued from page 1) set out at about six o'clock, or a little later in the morning. Return anytime before noon, usually bring in from two to a dozen big coons. Sometimes they say, the biggest and best coons ramble about late of morning, while the little ones are in bed at that time. Sellers has two fine coon dogs, one of them rated as about the best in the county. Osborne also has two good coon hounds.

Biggest Holiday Rush on Long Distance

Long Distance will be busier than ever this Christmas. So please do not make any but necessary calls on December 24 and 25.



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