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Farm Federation

During December an effort was put forth in Brunswick to enlist farmers and business men in the Farm Federation. Coming at the end of the year, troubled by bad weather and the fact that the minds of many were on the Victory Bond and other drives, the effort was not as successful as it might have been.

According to available information, only about a hundred members were secured in Brunswick county. In the neighboring county of Columbus thirteen or fourteen hundred farmers and business men joined.

The Farm Federation is a national organization with thousands of members in 46 of the 48 states. Its object is to see that farming shares alike with labor and industry in getting its share of income. The strength and power that it has already gained is such as to justify the belief that it will be able to do a world of good among the farmers and among the business men, who profit on all sides by successful farming. Undismayed by the limited number of members secured for the Federation in this county in December, the officials of the Brunswick county organization are starting out the new year by continuing the drive. If hard work will do it, they believe that the end of January will find them with several times the number of members that they now have.

School Troubles

During the war school patrons in Brunswick were very considerate and made ample allowance for the transportation problems that confronted the school authorities. Full allowance was made for the inability to get new buses or to keep old ones in repair.

It was not an unusual occurrence for students living at a distance from school to be ready, and then fail to go because no conveyance came for them. Often, too, they were very late in getting back home, due to bus trouble.

During the war such things were looked upon as one of the unavoidable results of the times.

But the war is now over. School transportation difficulties in this county are apparently much worse than they were at any time during the war. During the last month we have been approached perhaps a dozen times by school patrons, of Southport and other schools, who complained bitterly of children being prepared for school and having to wait by the roadside for the bus that didn't come.

The New Year—1946

Now, as the New Year dawns, is a fitting time in which to assess the past to assay the future.

The year just past has been a crucible for all of us, searching our hearts and tempering our resolves. We, as a people, learned to know the dread weight of many burdensome days. . . . Of Arnheim! . . . Okihawa! . . . Iwo Jima! Fearful days in a thousand bloody, memorable places!

But we who lived in 1945 have also known the glory of Peace . . . Peace in Europe . . . and then in the Pacific and throughout the world!

This year is at its close. Our hopes have turned to 1946. What fate awaits us there in those still uncharted months that lay ahead?

Some things we know . . .

We know that in the midst of peace we will be fighting to preserve it. Not with guns and bullets! Not with planes and tanks! But with swords that have been beaten into plowshares, spears that have become pruning hooks.

In 1946 the fight is for prosperity. To win this final battle there must be full production in factories, in the harvests taken from the soil, in the top quality pulpwood cut from our forests.

Ours is not a great industrial city. But there are good jobs to be had on

farm, and there are good jobs in woods and mills nearby.

By pulling together and working together we can win through to prosperity in 1946. And if we do, we shall all have the HAPPY NEW YEAR that we so sincerely wish to every one of our readers.

Marshall And China

Greatest task of General George C. Marshall in China is to dissipate the mutual distrust long existing between Central Government authorities and the Chinese Communists. Indications so far are that both sides are willing to give General Marshall every cooperation in settling the Chinese civil war. Each faction, however, fears that it will weaken its own long-range position if it grants concessions at the present time. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek wants the Communist army placed under Central Government control before other are discussed. Communist leaders feel that such a move would not enable them to negotiate on an equal basis. General Marshall has been instructed to use American influence to bring about a reorganization of the Chinese government on a democratic basis.

Latest information from Chungking indicates that General Marshall understands the situation perfectly. He is devoting all his efforts right now toward convincing both sides that an immediate halt to hostilities is necessary before work can begin on a plan for permanent agreement.

Alcohol And Crime

It would be to the advantage of every individual to read and heed the warning as expressed by Edgar Hoover that was reproduced in a letter written by G. C. Graham to the editor of the Durham (N.C.) Herald. The subject was: The growing wave of crime in America. During recent years, the crime wave has assumed abnormal proportions, and, among other things, Mr. Hoover contends that alcohol is the direct cause of 75 per cent of all crimes committed.

During this season of accidents, crime, and general unrestraint, it behooves all of us who lay claim to some degree of intelligence to set an example in the community. It is our duty as responsible citizens to so conduct ourselves that the example we set will serve as a guide and restraining influence, that the young and less experienced among us may profit thereby. "Liquor," stated Mr. Hoover further, "is enemy number one of mankind. It is the cancer of society." There is ample justification for the conclusion reached, and, during this season, as at all times, sane leadership and strength of character are attributes that should be cultivated and practiced.

Looking forward to the next generation, what can we hope for in the way of character and progress unless we of the present generation set the proper example for their guidance. We need self-control and self-restraint—the organization of constructive literary and social clubs—organizations that will tend to elevate rather than demoralize. During this age in which we are living, far too many of us have the wrong conception of recreating. Our activities in this respect could more aptly be termed "wreckcreating." By that we mean, burning the candle at both ends, sitting up late at night, imbibing too freely, and attempting to do a day's work afterward. The result is seen on every hand—death at an early age or broken and wasted lives.

If we are to develop strong men and women, men and women who are prepared culturally, physically, and morally to assume positions of leadership, there must be a revamping of our social program. Complaining about proscription, ostracism, and discrimination will serve no useful end unless we develop the necessary qualifications to demand consideration. Progress and material success come as a result of progressive thinking and honest purpose.—C. C. Spaulding, President North Carolina Mutual Life Ins. Co., Durham, N. C.

When people get the idea that sin means only one thing, it is because that particular sin seems most interesting.

It looked like a typographical error at first glance. But possibly the reporter wrote it that way, and coined one of the best phrases to come out of the Pearl Harbor investigation. He said the sessions were closed promptly at 4 p. m. each day, even if the witness "is in the midst of a sentence."

MAJOR MINTZ TO RUN FOR STATE SENATE

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phone Company and worker for that company for 20 months, until he was appointed Register of Deeds to fill the unexpired term of his brother, the late Hamilton Mintz. He finished his brothers term and was re-elected, serving until September 8, 1939, when he resigned to begin the practice of law. He had practiced two years when he was called to active service with the Army.

Following his graduation from college, Mintz was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on Dec. 3, 1934. Successive promotions came during the war and he was sent home from overseas with the rank of Major.

At the beginning of the war Major Mintz was stationed at Camp Davis; at the Jackson Army Air Base, Jackson, Miss.; Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, S. C.; Walterboro Army Air Base, Walterboro, S. C., and then overseas to England and France. He spent 22 months overseas.

Following Germany's surrender, Major Mintz and his outfit were scheduled to go to the Pacific. With the Japanese war over he was placed on an inactive status several weeks later.

So far as is known at the present time Major Mintz is the only service man who is definitely committed to offer as a candidate in the 1946 election.

FINDLAY WRITES ABOUT FISHING IN FRESH WATERS

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interest in these lakes. This authority was granted me in order to provide this year round fishing privilege in any lakes which were not opened by the original regulation and in which the people owning these lakes or controlling them desired to have this same privilege. I might add here that anyone owning a private pond already has authority to fish in that pond at any time of the year if he so desires.

"To further clarify this situation I would like to state that the thirty-three lakes that were opened to year round fishing are all of the large publicly owned bodies of water to which we were certain the TVA research findings would apply. I am sure that you can understand it would be impossible for us to list all of the additional privately controlled smaller lakes in this State which can be opened under the Board regulation, particularly in view of the fact that some of the owners of these lakes might not want them opened.

"We are perfectly willing to open to year round fishing any impounded waters in North Carolina and will do so immediately upon the application of the owners of those waters."

The Rovin' Reporter

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near future big preparations will be set in motion for the 1946 crop year.

It is said that the big shrimp trawlers of Lewis Hardee should reach here from Morgan City, La., by the 15th and that they will at once begin winter fishing. Among other things, the return of Mr. Hardee to Southport may point to the erection of a freezer plant for shrimp and fish at Southport and the handling of such products under the Hardee label.

In former days J. H. Bennett, a fine citizen living between Thomasboro and Hickman's Cross Roads, was a frequent visitor to Southport. With a keen public interest in things, he liked to get around and find out what was going on among his friends, who were always glad to see him. We had not seen Mr. Bennett in over a year until a few days ago when he came to town with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lucy Bennett. Inquiry revealed that his health has not been very good for the past year or more. He can still get about some but is not so active as he once was.



"Don't worry, dear—everything will be fine when all those wonderful new General Electric appliances are on sale soon at

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Chinese Propose To Bring Marshall Into Discussions

Chiang Makes Bid To Communists To Join A Government That Would End Hostilities

PROPOSE SEALING OFF ENTRAPPED MINERS

Ease Up In Nation's Crowded Transportation Facilities Believed In Sight

CHUNGKING—Chinese central government countered the communist plan for a truce by proposing to bring Gen. George C. Marshall into the discussions for cessation of hostilities. A move to bring the president's special envoy into the peace picture came as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek made an outright bid to communists to join a government that would unify all China.

PINEVILLE, KY.—A conference of federal, state, and private mine officials early today proposed the Sealing off of the mine would halt rescue operations. Veteran miners said in which 20 coal miners have been entombed since Wednesday. Sealed off mine would halt rescue operations. Veteran miners said all hope had been abandoned for survival of any trapped men.

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—An ease in the nation's crowded transportation system was in prospect

with the ending of 18 State strikes affecting 4,000 employees of Central and Pennsylvania Greyhound lines. Workers of the AFL-amalgamated association of street, electric, railway and motor coach employees of America agreed to return to jobs at 5 a. m. Thursday, pending preparation of a fact-finding report.

TOKYO—Sources close to Gen. McArthur reports the Big Three's new control plan for Japan already has caused confusion among Japanese and may cause the General to lose face in a country where face is all important. It may result in a slackening of Jap effort to put into effect directives already issued, sources said.

WASHINGTON—Admiral Harold R. Stark declared that Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, fleet commander at Hawaii, received "adequate information and directives to be on guard" prior to the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. Stark, 1941, Chief Navy Operations Officer, took the witness chair as the Senate-House committee resumed work, after a Christmas recess, in its investigation of the disaster. He declared that in early 1941 he was "struggling" for approval for President Roosevelt to increase naval personnel, and reminded the committee, too, that Congress had not approved all of his earliest pleas for increase in the fleet.

NEW YORK.—The British Liner, Queen Elizabeth left for England early with 1,128 passengers, including our members of the American Delegation to the General Assembly of United Nations.

Graham New Test Farm Director

RALEIGH—James A. Graham, vocational agriculture teacher at the Celeste Henkel High School near Statesville, has been named superintendent of the Upper Mountain Experiment Station in Ashe County. It is announced by Agriculture Commissioner W. Kerr Scott. Graham, a native of Rowan County, is a graduate of State College, where he specialized in livestock work. He will assume his new duties on January 1.

TO ORGANIZE WILDLIFE CLUB

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weeks ago. Several of the members of the New Hanover Club will probably attend the local meeting. During the past year 92 wildlife clubs have been organized among the various counties of the State. Temporary Chairman Yaskell states that he hopes there will be a good representation of Brunswick sportsmen Tuesday night.

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