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Destruction

The other day an outraged property owner showed us a fine young tree that had been stripped of bark by some youthful whittler.

It's a normal thing for a boy to want a knife, and as long as they have them there will be some damage done. But this business of settling down to the business of destroying a tree is no good, and it is a practice that should be discouraged by the young folks as well as the old.

Good News For Shrimpers

During the course of his remarks delivered at the Brunswick County courthouse at the noon recess of Superior court Monday, Congressman J. Bayard Clark touched upon two points that were of particular interest to people in this county who make their living from the shrimping industry.

For one thing, he said that he had been informed that the work of locating and marking wrecks in the shrimping grounds off Southport several years ago had been nullified because most of the buoys have been destroyed. He promised that he will make it his business to see that these markers are restored in order that local fishermen may operate without suffering such a heavy toll in nets. Incidentally, he said that he would like to see a survey of some kind made to indicate just what are the limits to the possibilities for development of the shrimping industry along the coast of Brunswick county.

The second matter which he mentioned that is of particular interest to citizens who live along the coast is the formulation of some plan whereby surplus small craft of various kinds may be made available to returned veterans at some price they can afford to pay, and with the elimination of much of the red tape which now fouls up their efforts to obtain these vessels.

Congressman Clark is in position to render valuable service to this county through these two channels.

Royalty The Weapon Of Expropriation

It is incredible that the operations of a basic natural resource industry could be completely halted for more than a month, bringing paralysis and slow-down to all production, and the public not know why. Yet that is what happened in the coal industry. The industry has been closed by a strike but no one apparently knows what the strikers want. There has been no opportunity to measure the justice of the strike. Meanwhile, the entire nation, already suffering from underproduction at a time when production is necessary to prevent uncontrolled inflation, waits for a handful of labor leaders to make up their capricious minds. Government officials act as if they were afraid to even attempt to cope with a situation that is growing steadily more dangerous.

It is reaching the point where it threatens the future of the right of private property itself, which means representative government, too. The American form of government cannot survive the wanton absorption of management and property rights by any pressure group. And that is what the periodic coal strikes are leading toward. In the present strike it is known that the miners are demanding a royalty from the sale of every ton of coal to be paid to the union. This royalty would exact tens of millions of dollars annually from the consumers of coal and would be expended in accordance

with the whims of union officials. It would amount to more than the annual net profits of the entire coal industry. It is also known that the union leaders are attempting to organize supervisory officials of the mines which means unionizing management. If these things are done, ownership of the mines would become a mere technicality. The ultimate end would be socialism.

As the Richmond News Leader, of Richmond Virginia, warns: "Make no mistake about it. This is the most serious attack yet made on the private investor and on the consumer. If they are victimized by this demand for a miners' royalty, they will be overwhelmed in time by like demands in every industry. . . 'Royalty' will be the weapon of expropriation."

Is this what American trade unionism wants?

**"Good Old Days"—
And Afterward**

In connection with the 60th anniversary of The Progressive Farmer, Managing Editor Alexander Nunn takes this look in retrospect of farming in our century. We reprint from their editorial page;

"What changes agriculture has seen since the early 1900's! Even those of us who came along early in the century find it hard to realize that we were born into a farm world without cars, airplanes, radios, electric light, good roads, tractors, screen doors, or even canning as we now know it. It was a world of "guano" sold by its smell and full of sand. How we watched the difference in color of the cotton from the first nitrate of soda ever tried on the farm (in 1910, I think it was).

"Our children today find it impossible to realize that we went to the county seat once a year in the fall in wagon or surrey; now that once-a-year all-day trip is made in an hour or so and sometimes twice a week. Kudzu was a porch vine good to provide summer shade; sericea and the annual lespedezas other than Common were unheard of. Vetches, winter peas, crimson clover, white Dutch clover, and other winter legumes were unknown in the South except to a few scientists and a good farmer here or there. Four-H clubs, F.F.A. and Future Homemakers are all new; the earliest of the three, 4-H, was hardly known until after 1907-1911. Presentday agencies serving farm families all came along after 1900.

"A fortunate few paid cash; most farm families; credit to meet farm needs is hardly more than 30 years old. A pasture was a piece of land with a rail fence around it, may be extended in spots with a little barbed wire. Currying ticks off the milk cows, and animals with tail in the air leaping wildly into the dipping vat, are still vivid memories of boyhood. The boll weevil was still a pest talked about when occasional news came from Texas; San Jose scale was just beginning to be serious. Fresh vegetables in the stores were unknown in winter; few grocers had any fruit except perhaps a few apples. RFD routes were slowly spreading but boys and girls got to school the best way they could and when they could. Cotton was about the only source of cash. There were few market outlets for other crops except cattle and hogs.

"Many still talk about those good old days but few would go back to them if they could. Farming was a simple vocation then; it is a highly complex business now. Even so, it seems to us, farm folks have gained both relatively and absolutely. A decent living is easier for common folks now than it was then, and even with all its complexities, farm life today offers more security, more opportunities, and more satisfactions than it did 45 years ago. We've learned how to build back our mined-out soils, and we're about to learn that we've got to work together. Science offers us better plants and animals, better equipment, better markets. The effects of science when used for destruction are slowly bringing us all to realize that man does not live by bread alone; that social progress must catch up with and keep step with material progress."

But if Russia is all at once such a great menace, how come it couldn't survive the German attack without all the help England and American could send?

The fault is our own—meaning Truman's. If we worked as hard to sell Democracy as Stalin works to put over his scheme, he wouldn't have a chance.

Rovin' Reporter
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develops that the Government no longer has use for the place and its many fine permanent facilities. This week we had a request from one of the members to keep him posted regarding all developments. A request has also been made that a complete survey, describing all buildings and facilities, be made and furnished the board in Raleigh.

Should the place be taken over by the State and maintained as a tourist recreation center or park the publicity attendant on the undertaking will benefit all of coastal North Carolina, and the state at large.

With June now all but here and building restrictions somewhat modified, if the builders can only find the material, real interest is beginning to center on the many miles of Brunswick county ocean beaches.

Down at Seaside and below there to little River the folks along the coast are confident of what the year and the next few years will bring. They are anticipating development and are building to meet that development as fast as present conditions will permit.

From Seaside on up through Gause Landing and Shallotte Point there are even more grounds for expectations of development. D. Stowe Crouse, Myrtle Beach developer, did not buy the Gause Landing property without having an object in view.

Incidentally, Mr. Crouse wrote us this week that he would be here and see us this week or next. We doubt if he intends to rush into things under present conditions, but development of Gause Beach is assured. Shallotte Point, too, can be checked off as being marked for sure development.

And there are little beaches along Shallotte and Lockwoods Folly Rivers and along the coast of Lockwoods Folly township, all due to grow in accord. Interest is beginning to center on them to a degree fully in keeping with that which is now turning to the bigger places.

Howell's Point on Lockwood River, in Smithville township, has been making great progress and is destined to grow in popularity with both hunters and fishermen. Long Beach and Caswell Beach, both near Southport, have pronounced growing pains already. Already with paved roads and having had a lot of publicity as

being two of the finest beaches on the lower Carolina coast, the biggest, most immediate growth will undoubtedly take place at Caswell and Long Beaches.

This last week we had inquiry from interests in New York about Long Beach. Also this week, E. F. Middleton, prime mover in things over there, wrote us that three and a half miles of new paving would be completed by a private contractor in a very short time. When it is finished he wants to take us for a long-see at Long Beach, and what is being done there.

Congressman Clark Speaks To Large Group Monday
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survey of that area and reported that due to the lack of fall, a project for this purpose would not be practical. Congressman Clark stated that he has asked for another survey, and declared that he will do all in his power to see to it that favorable action results.

With regard to the shrimping situation off the Brunswick county coast, Congressman Clark declared that he has devoted much time and effort to bring about a full development of this industry. He referred to the survey of the shrimping grounds made several years ago in order to locate and mark wrecks that were taking a heavy toll of equipment. He said that he has learned that practically all of the buoys have been destroyed, and promised that he will move immediately to see that these are replaced.

In addition, the Congressman declared that he is interested in the possibility of extending the shrimping grounds, and spoke of the good that a survey might show in the matter of shrimp being found further off-shore. This, too, will be given his early attention, he said.

A third thing in connection with the shrimping industry was regarding surplus small craft now owned by the government and which might be put to good use in local fishing activities. "I am going to get right after this business," he said, "and see if we can't make some of these small craft available for veterans so they can buy them without going into so much red tape."

Congressman Clark went on record as favoring mustering out pay for enlisted men, on the same basis as this pay was granted officers.

Touching upon the farming situation, Congressman Clark traced his activities in connection with the Tobacco Control program and declared "It is more important for the farmers of this district to have in Congress a man who knows tobacco law than it is to have a man who

knows how to grow tobacco." Congressman Clark referred briefly to the huge Federal Roads project, which he has supported at every opportunity. He pointed out that even if the roads in which some of the citizens are most interested are not improved through this project, all sections benefit just the same, since expenditure of Federal funds for road improvement makes more State money available for farm-to-market roads.

LESTER DAVIS IS BURIED MONDAY
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Davis, Southport.
Members of the American Legion, Brunswick County Post 100 were the active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were: R. Weeks, Price Furless, J. Davis, J. P. Cranmer, R. I. Moore, W. G. Wells, C. A. Fox, J. Moore, B. J. Holden, F. G. Erber, Harry Weeks, Clarence Chapman, C. E. Gause, A. C. Bell.

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