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## Hold To What You Have

Next week Brunswick county tobacco farmers will have an opportunity to cast their ballot either for or against continuation of the control program. and our advice to them is to take stock of their present situation before they have any part in bringing about a change.

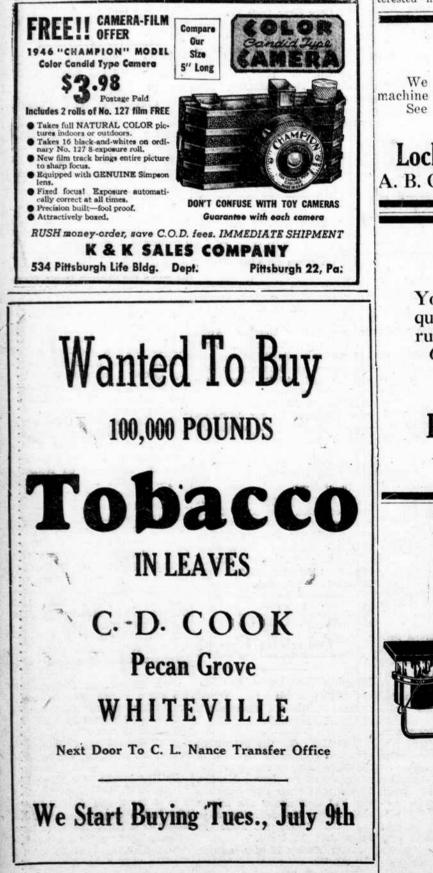
We will not do. the usual thing and compare present prices of tobacco with those paid the farmers in 1932, but we do want to point out that even in these days of high prices the farmer is being well paid for his tobacco crop.

It is very likely that the day may come when restrictions against uncontrolled planting of tobacco may represent the difference between prosperity and hard times for our farmers. On the basis of what has been accomplished through the weed program, we believe that it deserves the continued support of the men whose principal income is derived from growing fluecured tobacco for market.

#### Take It Easy

While the clamor is still ringing out from Washington over the passing of the OPA we are taking the liberty to "say to both our merchant friends and to members of the buying public, "Take it easy."

Rovin' Reporter right back and asked if she assure her she could not buy could buy it or another place Orton. Also that there was no to wondering about something (Continued from page 1) She was so thrilled with the ap- just like Orton. Without conpearance of the Brunswick coun- sulting Mr. and Mrs. Sprunt, we a letter received from her this berries for Brunswick and their that she wrote were able to write this lady and ty plantation,



We would remind our friends, the merchants, that the customers they serve are the same people who will be their customers following the present period of readjustment. To do anything now that will undermine their confidence in you later will be an everlasting mistake.

And we would call attention of our readers of the buying public to the fact that passing of the OPA has not created any new and mysterious source of supply for scarce articles of merchandise. We therefore counsel you to buy the things that you actually need and steer clear of unscrupulous people who seek to charge exorbitant prices. A mighty good idea is for you to keep on doing your trading with merchants you know, men who will be doing business next month and next year at the same old stand.

### Let State Have It

In response to inquiries made last week, and also in recent letters to parties in Southport. Director R. Bruce Etheridge, of the Department of Conservation and Development, stated that the State of North Carolina had very definite plans for making use of Fort Caswell, if it can be obtained from the Federal Government.

The Navy owns Fort Caswell and has no use for it in the present order of things. The Coast Guard, the only other Federal agency that has shown any interest in the place, wanted only a fraction of the existing facilities. Reports indicate that the Coast Guard is dropping out and leaving the whole place for disposal to any agency that can get full value for all the money that has been spent at Fort Caswell.

It seems to us that the only agency interested which can get full value from the facilities is the State of North Carolina. With Fort Caswell as a part of the Mountain-Seashore Park system, which is what the State plans to do with it, the whole of Southeastern North Carolina and the State at large will benefit.

The Caswell facilities are of permanent type. As salvage they would not bring ten-cents on the dollar that has been spent. Not used they will go to ruin, even with a generous allowance for caretakers and up-keep.

We say let the State have Caswell.

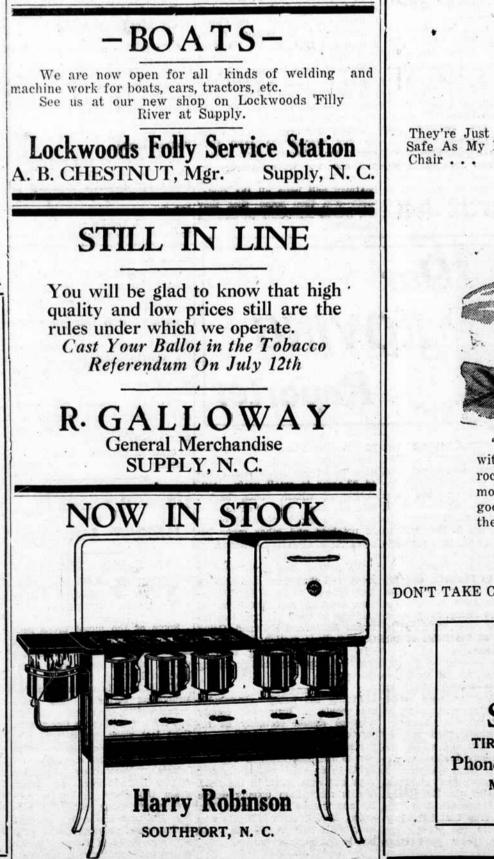
County Agent Dodson got us other place just like Orton. From Saturday. Talking about blue week it seems she can be in- possibilities (of which he thinks terested in buying some other a great deal) he went on to say

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Southport.



that we needed some one far fry and picnic at the Robinson Supply, will be glad to know that years with the Coast Grand sighted enough to see that there fish house on July 4th. Crowell she is recouperating nicely fol- ing war he We noticed this last week that was money to be made by grow- Robinson. Captain Jesse Robinson lowing a major operation at we noticed this last week that was money to be made by grow- Robinson, Capitall Jesse Last and Bill Jake Hewett are some James Walker Memorial Hospi- he has been stationed He though this was especially of the leading spirits in the un- tal, Wilmington. the Shallotte community, have

true in the Southport area and dertaking and they say that some mightly fine crops . . . cited the case of those famed everybody is invited and that So has Sol Wilson . . . Did not get around to see what Rice fig trees on the Fort Caswell re- there will be free fried fish and Gwynn has in the way of crops, servation. Those Fort Caswell other good things for all. but we understand that he now fig trees have been bearing great has around 30 tobacco barns, all black, pear shaped figs, firm and PROGRESS BEING busily engaged in handling the of the most delicious flavor, for huge acreage he plants each year years and years. They date back in tobacco . . . Judge John Ward beyond the time that anybody told us that he had just finished can remember. There are always getting in 7 oil-burning systems two big crops each year and in as many of his barns. He these crops have never been thinks the oil burners are labor known to fail. They produce detime they will cure a barn full with neither fertilization or culof tobacco at lower cost than tivation.

results from the use of firewood would produce a good harvest in many years have been the huge Babson asked us to go around three years and thereafter the plants of Armour & Company; ment. to his barn to see a mighty fine twice yearly harvest would bebarn of tobacco that he had come heavier each year. I don't pany; and Royster. The Gulf just finished curing with oil see why some one does not enburners. According to him, farm-ers can get more insurance and the agent, "they are the surest William Box Commany is and the surest William Box Commany is an at a lower rate when they use producing variety I have ever the oil burners for curing . . . known, and there is always a big Charlie, Sam and Gene Russ, of demand for them at good prices. Shallotte, have some fine tobac- They can either be sold green or co and other things that are preserved."

found on a farm . . . All those It happened that we knew farmers, white and colored, on those Caswell fig trees about as the highway between Supply and well as the county agent. So far Shallotte, have pretty crops. as figs go, we have never seen Their growth interests us every anything like those that grow at week as we pass along that way. Fort Caswell. This moved us to Probably they seem to us to grow ask the name or variety? faster than they do to the folks "They are known everywhere

who are out in the fields workas the Brunswick variety of figs," said Mr. Dodson.

This statement sort of put us One afternoon recently we saw a up in the air and the county colored man at Shallotte with agent was not able to bring us nearly half a bushel of blueber- down. To the inquiry if the ries, which he said he had pick-Brunswick variety of figs, those ed in the swamps in a couple of that are grown at Fort Caswell, hours and without any help. We originated in this county and thus understand he sold the proceeds received the name of the Brunsof his two hours work for somewick variety, Mr. Dodson was unthing over five dollars. The in- able to give a satisfactory anteresting point was the size of swer. All that he knew was these berries. They were about that the best figs in the world as large as the tip of a man's grew at Fort Caswell and wherfinger. If blueberries will grow ever else they are found they are wild that large, without cultivaknown by that name.

tion of fertilization, we can readi-We are where we must ask if ly understand why New Jersey there are any old people in Brunsblueberry growers are planning a wick who know who planted 200-acre blueberry farm near those fig trees at Fort Caswell? And how long ago were they planted? Were they known as

A Shallotte hog raiser asked us the Brunswick variety when Saturday, "What is going to beplanted, or did they get their come of our hogs? We can't buy name by being grown in Brunsany feed." The answer, so far wick? as we know is, and we believe that County Agent Dodson would PLAN FISH FRY

make the same answer, is that Residents of the Henry Landing community in Boone's Neck township are planning a big fish

we will have to grow feed if we are to raise hogs. This business

of buying feed to raise hogs has never been what it was cracked up to be. Quite a number of Brunswick farmers raise their own hog feed and the sooner this

er and better with less manual labor than is required in older fertilizer factories. center for fertilizer production. "An acre planted in those figs Already in operation there for

Virginia-Carolina Chemical States Creosoting Company also Wilmington Box Company is another big industry for the Navassa section of Brunswick county.

> RECOUPERATING Friends of Mrs. Hugh Gray, of

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**GUANO FACTORY** 

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# NOTICE OF SALE

The windmill tower, tank and water pump formerly in use at the County Home is for sale, and sealed bids for this equipment will be received up until noon of Monday, July 15, 1946. The sale will be made for eash. and the purchaser agrees to assume all costs of dismantling and removing same within 10-days following acceptance of bid. The board of county commissioners, who will pass upon the bids submitted, reserves the right to reject all offers.

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Board of Commissioners of Brunswick County

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