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Plenty Of Oil

There is a saying that "more oil has been found in the laboratory than by the drill." This simply means that scientific developments in oil conservation and utilization have enormously expanded our present and potential supply.

Ever so often, some pessimist "authoritatively" forecasts that within a few years this country's oil reserves will be exhausted. All through the oil industry's 87 years of colorful history such predictions have been proven groundless. Additions to proved reserves have almost always been greater than current production. Further, proved reserves have uniformly turned out to be greater than original estimates indicated. A good example is the great East Texas field, discovered in 1930. It was expected to produce a grand total of 2,000,000,000 barrels. It has already produced more than that—and its remaining reserves are currently estimated at about 3,000,000,000 barrels.

At this time, our proved reserves amount to more than 20,000,000,000 barrels of oil and up to 200 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. However, only about half of the 1,500,000 square miles that geologists consider potential oil territory have been explored. There is plenty of room for new discoveries—and, in addition, reserves are constantly being upped by deeper drilling in old areas to open deeper sands.

Research is the backbone of the oil industry—both in producing and conserving crude oils, and in perfecting better fuels and lubricants for thousands of purposes. There's no longer a shortage of supply here.

The Hobbs Bill

Passage of the Hobbs Bill, which was signed by the President on July 3, was made necessary by the racketeering activities of certain organized labor groups.

Genesis of the bill goes back to 1941, when a New York City teamsters' union stopped trucks arriving from outside the city, and compelled shippers or buyers to employ union drivers and pay them the union scale. Threats and violence were employed. A farmer driving his own truck and hauling his own produce was forced to hire a union driver. A test case was taken to the Supreme Court, which held these activities did not violate the Federal anti-racketeering act, and that remedial action would have to be taken by Congress.

The Hobbs Bill is the result. It simply makes it unlawful for unionists, along with everyone else, to interfere with interstate commerce by extortion or robbery. It does not interfere with labor's rights to strike or picket. It is in no sense a "class" measure.

It is a remarkable fact that some labor leaders vehemently objected to the passage of this bill by Congress, and its signing by the President. To all intents and purposes, those objectors were saying, in effect, that union labor has a right to racketeer, to threaten, and to use violence to gain its ends. The plain fact is that such a measure should have been enacted long ago, and Congress' long delay in passing it is indefensible.

The Hobbs Bill is not designed as the answer to all our labor difficulties. It simply puts unionists on the same basis as all other citizens so far as the observance of ordinary rules of law and order is concerned.

Time To Pay Up

With conditions as they have been during the past few years, there really is little excuse for anyone being in

debt. There are exceptions to this, of course, and some with good reason.

Our purpose in bringing up the matter at this time is to point out that it may be a good idea to keep your credit good. In the first place, an honest debt should be paid just as soon as possible. In the second, there may again be a day when it will be necessary to use your credit to provide for your family.

Go down the list. Find out if there is an unpaid balance at your general store; see if you have the doctor all paid up; check with the church treasurer and find out if you are paying your part of the expenses; straighten up your hospital account—if you owe one; pay your taxes.

Remember, no matter how much money you have in your pocket or in the bank, it doesn't belong to you until all your bills are paid.

Pulling Together

We like the idea of unified promotion for all the beaches in Brunswick and New Hanover counties. There is no question but that the demand for beach property is greater now than it has ever been before, and the older, established resorts are not going to be able to take care of all interested parties.

That is where the new developments, several of them right here in Brunswick county, come in. Beach property should be one of the best businesses in this area during the next twelve months.

Ideological Extremes

No one has put more aptly the ideological case between the United States and Russia than that enigmatic Frenchman, Charles De Gaulle.

In a public address recently, De Gaulle said: "America bases its strength on the intelligence of individuals, and Russia concentrates in one man all the strength of its society."

The intelligence of individuals, anchored in the rugged freedom of American tradition, has indeed been the historic touchstone of American greatness. It remains so.

On the contrary, Russia has arisen to its present position of world power and leadership in violation of individual intelligence and liberty. The Soviets have vested in one man the burden of thought and decision whatever the problem or however great the moment. Regimentation in Axis states was never more complete than it is in Russia. The complete subjugation of individual initiative and individual intelligence reached its zenith no more so in Hitler's Germany than it has in Stalin's Russia.

Equilibrium between such ideologically opposite states as Russia and the United States appears difficult not to say impossible. Poles apart are Russia's system of one-man government in which the individual is the servant of the state on one hand, and American democracy in which the state is the servant of the people on the other.

It is ironic that America's first full-fledged participation in international affairs should come when international diplomacy is caught in the cross-currents of such ideological extremes. With only the doctrine of goodwill, based in the integrity of international treaties and the sincerity of international friendship, to preach, idealistic America, plunging into mid-stream of world relations, finds that the doctrine of good will is strangely out of place in the age-old struggle of power politics.

And yet out of this welter of clashes and counter clashes, with the sovereign individual arrayed against the sovereign state, must be fashioned a peaceful world. That is the heavy burden of Mr. Byrnes at the Paris Peace conference. That is the basic motive which brought the United Nations Organizations into existence. That is the unending challenge of all who are intent upon making peace more than an armed interval between wars.

Anglo-Saxon Bloc

Russia's Molotov complains bitterly of an Anglo-Saxon bloc aimed at Moscow. Against the background of persistent Russian efforts to sabotage the peace, it would be surprising if such were not the case. No nation can lay the foundation for international suspicion as Russia has without incurring determined and organized opposition. To Russia only those nations are friendly and cooperative who accept Russian proposals without talking back. Those who talk back are originzide opposition.

Just Among The Fishermen

For several years before the war The State Port Pilot ran a regular weekly column, captioned Just Among the Fishermen. The title gave a rather wide range to people and things that could be mentioned. The column was dropped with the beginning of the war with more serious things coming up. At the beginning of the revival of Just Among the Fishermen we want it clearly understood that it will not undertake purely Southport coverage. It will seek and welcome little matters about fishing, hunting and kindred subjects from all parts of Brunswick county. Incidentally the revived Just Among the Fishermen should give interested parties an opening for some good publicity for their communities if they will write and send in little hunting and fishing stories.

Luther Holden reports that residents and visitors to Holdens Beach have been catching some very large sheephead and numerous black drum this summer. Like reports of fine catches of these fish are being made by John W. Garner of Shallotte Point; the Brooks boys at Seaside and Ivey High at Calabash.

With half a break from the weatherman there should be some excellent fishing in the bays of the Cape Fear river, Lockwoods Folly river, Shallotte river and Calabash inlet from now on. For folks who are addicted to seasickness or are too timid and lack the time to go outside, all of these points offer some excellent late summer and fall fishing for trout, spots, sheephead, black drum, puppy drum and various other fish.

Freshwater fishermen in Brunswick county and throughout the state will learn with a great deal of pleasure that there will, hereafter be no closed season on freshwater fishing in the spring. In the past 40 days have been

set aside each spring to allow for spawning. A few designated waters here and there were left open during this closed season. In the future there will be no closed season, instead some specific waters here and there will be closed. These waters to be closed have not yet been designated.

A statewide size limit on large and small-mouth bass has been adopted. Heretofore the limit on size was 10-inches in the western part of the state 12-inches in the east. The new ruling is for 10-inches throughout the state. Size limit on pan fish, mostly perch, has been removed altogether. Daily catch limits are remaining the same as in the past.

Advertising the fact that fall fishing is the best in North Carolina, the Department of Conservation and Development is now running large advertisements in various sport fishing magazines. In the September advertising, carried in Field and Stream and other high class publications, the illustration shows Dave Roberts, of the Outdoor Writers Association of America, casting for red drum on the point of Bald Head island at Southport.

About two jumps and a shake from now we plan to have Charlie Farrell of Greensboro down here for a full week of both freshwater and saltwater fishing. Charlie, in case you do not know it, has the best collection of fishing pictures of any man in North Carolina. And he made them himself. He is wizard at knowing what will make a good fishing picture and at making it. He will be in line to stay on his next trip here. We want to show him the coast from Calabash to Southport, including all points in between.

Deer hunting at night, following the practice known as shining, has long been outlawed in this and many other states. Recently, despite a stringent law, it has been much practiced in this and adjoining counties. Last week three Columbus county men, Robert Granger, Levy and Willie Jones, all residents of Old Dock, found themselves in court where they were given their choice of six months on the roads or paying fines of \$100.00 and costs.

Rovin' Reporter

(Continued from page one) show at the Shallotte Theatre this week upon presentation of a copy of this paper at the ticket window. Miss Barbara Weeks will be admitted to the Amuzu at Southport under like conditions.

Where in the past there has been nothing but fishing and bathing on the beautiful beaches that extend along the Brunswick county coast, a big change is now coming. This week we heard a well informed man say that fully five hundred new homes were slated to be built along the Brunswick coast in a year's time. Many are now being planned for early construction and many have been built. The number of people who have bought beach building lots is running into the hundreds. The best thing about these newcomers is that they come from all parts of the state and other states. Representative people are being attracted to the Brunswick coastal section by its wonderful fishing and hunting and still more ideal bathing beaches.

We had not heard of the Waret Farms, operated by Blake Brothers, produce growers, until this past week. Then one of the brothers dropped in for a bit of a visit and was kind of interested in everything down this way, especially in the plans for the blueberry farms. The Blake Brothers, originally from New Hanover, are growing produce away up the Cape Fear river in the farthest corner of Northwest township. We are reminded that we should go around to see them some time. Likewise, our good friend, W. J. Martin, of Whiskey Creek Apiaries in Northwest, is also rating a visit.

One of the most highly pleased men we met up with this week was Cornelius Thomas, owner of the Clarendon Plantation on the Cape Fear. Mr. Thomas jubilantly told us that the present paving contract would bring hard surfacing to within two miles of Clarendon. Development all along the river road, he says, insures that the whole road from the Brunswick bridge to Southport is getting in line for paving.

We—we are saying 'we' because it sounds bigger and may make him think that there is more of us—hope that our good friend H. L. Clemmons, of Supply, is not really seriously considering his promise to cut our throat. All about some pullets that are to begin laying in September. Two weeks ago Mr. Clemmons gave us the money and had us to write an advertisement, offering two hundred pullets for sale. The copy went right to the shop but it was lost somewhere. Last week the ad was set, but came out in The News Reporter instead of The Pilot. We did not in the least blame Mr. Clemmons when he favored us with a frown the last time we saw him.

COLONIAL BEACH SET FOR EARLY BUILDING BOOM

(Continued from page 1) North Carolina coast. At present the only way to reach either Robinson's Beach or Colonial Beach is to cross the waterway at the ferry to Holdens Beach and travel down the strand. The owners of the properties are uniting with plans for a real road down through each beach, also for a vigorous effort to have the Holden's Beach road paved and a real bridge built to replace the ferry.

They also hope some day to see a bridge across Lockwoods each man lost a valuable L. C. Smith shotgun, the weapons being confiscated. They were captured on the Council hunting estate by half a dozen game protectors, including H. T. Bowmer and Charles Skipper of Brunswick county.

Folly Inlet, connecting them with Long Beach, going through Southport and up the River Road. Such a road, they say, would form a real ocean highway.

Coast Guard Commandant Pledges Speedy Return

(Continued From Page One) tion even while many demands for special services still exist." Admiral Farley said that as a result of Coast Guard demobilization "we have been obliged to reduce complements in certain activities and to reassign temporarily some of our personnel to meet the exigencies of the situation." "However, I am glad to say we will soon be able to return many men to the beach and other stations which a careful survey shows should be retained," he continued, "We shall lose no time in returning to their permanent station men who specially enlisted for duty in those localities. This is a promise." "The Coast Guard and the shores of North Carolina have been closely interrelated for many years and will continue to be so for many years to come."

GOOD FERTILIZER HELPS CORN CROP

(Continued From Page One) is badly needed. Among the farmers who are getting fine results from good

fertilization of their corn this year, is Lucian Phelps Supply. Mr. Phelps has especially fine corn. But he and the county agent are only one of many wick farmers who fertilized corn crop well and have ed fine results.

NEW OWNERS WILL PRODUCE TIMBER

(Continued from page one) corporation. When the buy lands they usually hold forever and it is never devoted to anything growing of trees. The cording to report, will holdings to anybody who 5-acres or more, if the trucking, farming, cattle or other development view. Their planned work will actually encourage sale of the lands for farming poses. They now have for several more big land in Brunswick.

AGED RESIDENT LAID TO REST

(Continued from page one) burial here at the Kilpatrick's home. Following this were taken to the chapel of drews mortuary in Wilmington where funeral services were Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Burial was in Oakdale cemetery.

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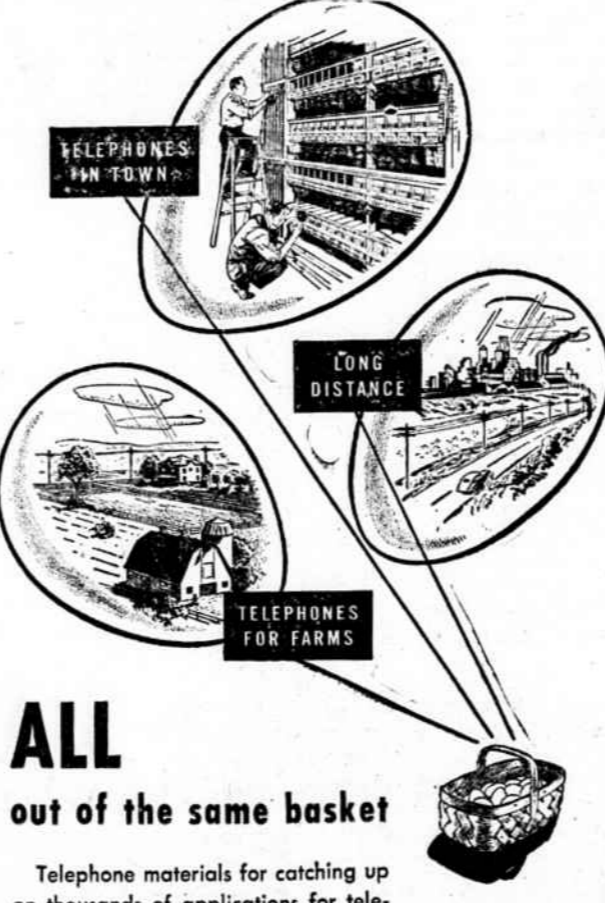
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