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The Axe Is The Path

A Meditation for the New Year
By Ruth Taylor

"The axe is the path into the forest."

When the first intrepid voyagers braved the unknown seas to seek a refuge on our shores, they found here virgin wilderness. There were no paths but those created by the wild beasts and still wilder savages. With their axes they hewed out homes, built their villages and erected their stockades. With their axes they hewed a pathway into the forest, felled trees for bridges across turbulent waters, penetrating deeper and deeper into the woods until they crossed the mountains and reached the plains. With their axes they split the timber for the wagons that freighted them to other forests. These they conquered in like manner until at last they came to where the waters of the blue Pacific lapped the western shore.

"The axe is the path into the forest."

The free man must ever forge ahead into the unknown. The axe is the symbol of his own strength, of his ability to utilize his own talents to carve out his own path into a new world. The path he hews, others will follow, to go on where he leave off. His is the responsibility to make this part of the path run true and smooth, that those who follow after may speed to their own task.

"The axe is the path into the forest."

We are in the forest of war. Only as we wield our own axe, justly and wisely, will we find the path out. Only as we work as did those earlier pioneers, from dawn until sunset will we carve our pathway to the mountain peaks from which we can see the plains of peace beyond. Only as we chop off the non-essential branches, cut down the poison growth of hate, suspicions and prejudice, level the trees that hide our vision of a free world, can we be worthy fellowers of those who made this country of ours. As they who preceded us, wielding their axes, built a nation of the free, so can we, wielding our axes, build a Free World. The power is in us. We need but the will to act.

"The axe, now as always, is the path into the forest."

V-Home Town

The town of Kenney, Ill., is the first in the nation to report every home qualified as a V-Home. National OCD Director James M. Landis wired congratulations to the Mayor of Kenney as follows: "Kenney today leads the parade of real American towns in exemplifying the full measure of participation in our war effort that can lead only to victory."

V-Home certificates are appearing in windows in a number of North Carolina towns, but not nearly enough.

The five qualifications of a V-Home are:

1. This home follows the instructions of its air raid warden, in order to protect itself against attack by air.

2. This home conserves fool, clothing, transportation, and health, in order to hasten an unceasing flow of war materials to our men at the front.

3. This home salvages essential materials, in order that they may be converted to immediate war uses.

4. This home refuses to spread rumors designed to divide our nation.

5. This home buys War Savings Stamps and Bonds regularly.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Excess (or oil peanuts) may be sold for planting or for seed without collection or payment of the 3c penalty per pound, provided these peanuts are sold to persons for the purpose of planting, such persons to be farming in 1943, and, provided there is prepared in the County Office for approval by the County Committee a certificate to purchase excess peanuts. It is further provided the producer is paid for such peanuts a price not in excess of the price for these peanuts for oil, plus a reasonable handling cost. This handling cost is to be determined by the committee. A record of such transaction must be kept in the County office and entry made upon the producers marketing card.

We have received no official memorandum, but it was understood that we will shortly have announced a peanut program where all farmers will be permitted to plant any desired acreage on the farm and we expect a definite announcement of a satisfactory price for growing oil type peanuts.

A cooperative arrangement between Dr. A. J. Osteen and the State Veterinarian has been made whereby Dr. Osteen will conduct horse and mule clinics in the various communities of this county sometime during the month of January. At these clinics the animals will be inspected and advice given as to treatment for defects, etc., without cost. Teeth will be floated, and when necessary, extracted and a nominal charge will be made for this service. Dr. Osteen, as in the past, will be glad to give general instructions on feeding, care and management of work stock and all farmers in the county will be notified of arranged places and dates of clinics in the various communities.

The United States Department of Agriculture War Board, as a group, will attend a District meeting in Windsor, December 31 (today) to receive first hand information and instructions on the Agricultural War Program for 1943. We expect detailed information on acreage, goals, crops most needed for the war effort and other plans intended to help in producing food, feed fiber, oil, etc., necessary in winning the war.

The North Carolina State Hatchery Association has furnished this office with a list of Certified members of this association. These members produce accredited chicks from clean flocks. The list is on the bulletin board in the County Office. Farmers are advised to purchase baby chicks from an accredited hatchery as near home as possible. There are no better chicks produced than are produced in North Carolina. Practically every registered breed is represented on this list of hatcheries. Good results may not be expected from a batch of biddies coming from as far away as New England or across the Mississippi river.

Jr. Woman's Club Has Christmas Dinner Party

Mrs. Linwood Brown, president of the Junior Woman's Club, and Mrs. R. B. Trotman, sponsor of the club, entertained the members at a Christmas dinner party at the home of the latter on Wednesday evening prior to Christmas.

The Christmas motif was accentuated throughout the home in the decorations of a tree, holly, cedar, berries and red, white and blue candles.

The Rev. W. H. Daniels gave a very interesting talk to the club at this meeting.

Christmas carols were sung.

SKINNERSVILLE

George Holton left Sunday for Pittsburgh, Penn., after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Stark Holton.

Thomas White, student at Wake Forest College, is spending the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom White.

Mrs. Laura Hopkins was a recent guest of her sister Mrs. Albert Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Cannon and family of Hertford were for Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom White also Mr. C. V. White of the community.

Services were held at Oak Grove Baptist Church on Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. S. B. Wilson, of Creswell, and Christmas presents were distributed among the Sunday School scholars.

Mrs. Sallie Davenport arrived home from Norfolk last week after visiting Mrs. Sudie Collield in Norfolk.

Mr. C. V. White Misses Alice and Eva White were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barnes and family on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lucas, jr., of Plymouth had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter White.

Mr. and Mr. Walter White were in Washington Saturday the guest of Mrs. M. J. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Stark Holton and son, George, were in Rocky Mount Tuesday. Mrs. Holton is to leave for the hospital this week to have her arm operated on.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Everett entertained their children at a Christmas dinner on Saturday as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Early Stalls Everett and baby daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Alga Ben Snell and baby daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Frances Everett and baby daughter, of Roper; Mr. and Mrs. Commack Everett and little daughter, of Harrelsville; also Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Saunders and family, of Aulander.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom White and sons Thomas and Billie visited relatives in Hertford and Elizabeth City Monday.

CHERRY

Mrs. P. J. Cerre, of Roanoke Rapids spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart J. Woodley. She left Sunday for Brooklyn, N. Y. to be with her husband who is an officer on the destroyer "Tillman and is at this time in a naval hospital for an emergency operation.

Mrs. Essie Brown, a teacher in the Swan Quarter school, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. A. Davenport.

H. P. Barnes and Mrs. Essie Brown were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chesson, of Plymouth spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart J. Woodley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Spruill and little boy of Roper, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blount and children of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. William Spruill and little son, Wayne, of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Don Spruill of Norfolk, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Spruill.

Mr. Eric Spruill, of Norfolk, is spending several days at home with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Chesson, sr., of Roper were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Woodley on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Davenport and little daughter, Sandra, and Miss Lucille Davenport were dinner guests on Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Aydlett Morris, of Columbia.

Diane Morris, of Columbia, spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davenport.

W. C. Ledford is spending the holidays with his parents at Harrisburg, N. C.

Mrs. Robert Ayers and little son, of Westover, are spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. W. A. Gibbs.

Mr. S. D. Burgess continues very ill at this time but shows some improvement.

W. A. Gibbs, of Newport News, spent the holidays with his family here.

Miss Hazel White, of Norfolk, spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. White.

Miss Mabel Gray Woodley, of Norfolk, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Woodley.

Junk Those Old Jalopies

If you own a worn-out car, sell it to an automobile graveyard and you'll help boost war production. This was the appeal issued by Henry G. Taylor, Carolina's chief of the auto scrap processors branch of the War Production Board. He explained that steel mills are badly in need of scrap.

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Telephone 1171

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...!

"Here's a piece Judge, that says that in spite of more cars and faster speeds, the first six years of repeal showed 12% less deaths from automobile accidents than during the last six years of prohibition."

"Now doesn't that just go to show you, Henry, you've got to be on pretty solid ground as far as your facts go before you make an out-and-out prediction. Why, back in the days just before repeal quite a few folks around the country made pretty powerful predictions about how automobile accidents were going to jump up if we got legal liquor back.

"About the only thing along that line you're ever safe in predicting, Henry, is this. No community or county or nation, for that matter, ever became or ever will become dry just because it voted that way. All that the votin' decides is whether you have legal or bootleg liquor. We had nearly 14 years of experience on that, didn't we?"

Conference of Alcoholic Beverage Industries, Inc.

Wishing You a
Happy New Year
by the makers of
LIGHT WHITE FLOUR
and
H. E. Harrison Wholesale Co.
PLYMOUTH

In Wishing You a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
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2. To carry as large a stock as possible from which their customers may make a selection.

3. To give fair treatment, courteous, prompt, efficient service and fair treatment to all customers.

PLYMOUTH
MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE

Your taxes for 1942 are due and may be paid at par during January. You can save money by paying them before the state schedule of penalties becomes effective in February. Help yourself and the town by paying now!

P. W. Brown
Tax Collector — Town of Plymouth

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Due to the increasing cost of supplies and practically everything used in the practice of medicine, the undersigned physicians of Plymouth regret to announce they will be forced to increase their fees for medical service, on and after January 1, 1943, as follows:

House calls during the day, $3;

Night calls (between the hours of 9 p. m. and 8 a. m.), $5;

Obstetrical cases (cash), $50.

The above scale of fees applies within the city limits of Plymouth, and mileage will be added in cases outside this area.

Our reluctance to raise our fees can best be understood when we say it is the first increase to be made effective here in more than 20 years. We trust our friends and patrons understand that we have no alternative under existing circumstances.

Dr. T. L. Bray
Dr. Claudius McGowan
Dr. A. Papineau

NOTICE!

LIST YOUR PROPERTY AND POLL TAX DURING JANUARY

All persons owning Real Estate or Personal Property, or both, on the 1st day of January, 1943, are required to give in same for taxes during the month of January. All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are liable for poll tax. All persons who are liable for poll tax, and fail to list, and all persons who own property and fail tolist it will be deemed guilty of a misdeanor; and and, upon conviction, fined or imprisoned.

Each farm owner or his agent must come prepared to report the acreage of each crop harvested on his own or his tenant's farm last year (1942); also acres cultivated, lying out, woodland, number of livestock, farm equipment, apple trees of bearing age, number of people living on farm, and the tons of fertilizers for all crops." Prepare your list now. This is required by state law.

All persons owning dogs six months old and over are required to list the same for taxation at the same time other property is listed.

For Plymouth Township, Mrs. Hermine Ramsey will list taxes during the month of January at her office on Water Street. In other townships, the list takers and places of listing are shown on placards posted in each community.

Report Your 1942 Crop Acreage Through Your Local List-Taker During January, 1943

Your local Tax Lister is required to make the records, but farm owners or tenants must furnish the facts. Therefore, call your list-takers attention to these records and be prepared to furnish the following information: (1) Acreage for each crop harvested during calendar year 1942; (2) Number of horses, mules, cows, sows, ewes and hens on farm January, 1943; (3) Number of people living on farm January, 1943; (4) Number of threshing machines, combines, peanut pickers, farm tractors and farm trucks. All of the above information furnished will be considered as confidential, and will not be used in any manner that is detrimental to the farmers concerned. It is not used for tax purposes.

Do your part to insure complete farm reports for your county and remind your neighbors to give their farm record to the local tax lister.

E. F. SWAIN
TAX SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON COUNTY