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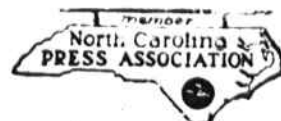
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With each returning night we're born again
And nought of all our former life retain.
Today—estranged from all past joy and strife—
Today is radiant with new opening life.
—Palladas.

There is nothing more universally commended than a fine day; the reason is that people can commend it without envy.—William Shenstone.

The wheels of time were made not to turn backward. Everything rushes on toward eternity.

High Rating For Pulpwood Cutter

Coincident with the introduction in Congress of a "work-or-fight" bill, the War Production Board has reaffirmed the essentiality of pulpwood cutting.

Citing the "critical shortage" in pulpwood and lumber, Tudor Bowen, WPB deputy vice chairman, has asked all WPB regional directors, Production Urgency Committee chairmen, and WPB district managers to grant sufficiently high urgency ratings to insure adequate manpower referrals by U. S. Employment Service Offices to producers of pulpwood and other forest products.

Overall pulpwood inventories in the United States, he said, dropped 12 percent from September through November.

"Much of the available wood pulp supply is now going for non-paper usage such as explosives, rayon and cellophane", Bowen explained, and the requirements for wood pulp for such materials as military shipping containers and explosives are expanding rapidly.

"It is obvious that increased production in pulpwood and lumber is essential to the war effort."

Under the "work-or-fight" bill now before Congress any man between 18 and 45 is subject to induction unless he is engaged in an essential war activity. Pulpwood cutting is one of the most essential war jobs today.

Stay on the job. Cut more pulpwood for war.

Bonds For Electricity

During the first five years of peace the Rural Electrification Administration expects to extend its power lines to 3,500,000 country homes including nearly every farmstead not now electrified. Today approximately 43 per cent of the farm homes are on the high lines.

But to enjoy the profit by the magic of electricity to REA estimates that these farms and other rural homes must invest \$4,500,000,000 in wiring, plumbing, electrical appliances and equipment. That averages more than \$1200 per farm. Many farms should spend much more.

So that farmers will have the funds to invest in electricity's "working tools" REA is urging them to buy War Bonds now. They point out that a War Bond investment today will "spend the victory and hurry the time when material and labor will be available to construct rural lines. At the same time War Bonds will assure the farmer's ability to make the necessary investment in electrical equipment when the time comes to do it."

REA says, "farmers who have already experienced the help and comfort of electricity will want to increase their investment in electrical equipment and appliances." It is estimated that added investment in electrical equipment by farms already on the power lines will total \$2,500,000,000. "For this purpose", REA adds, many farmers have been earmarking War Bonds bought from the extra income which electricity is already making possible for them."

Inside WASHINGTON

SPECIAL TO CENTRAL PRESS

Cigaret Shortage Worsens

WASHINGTON—The Senate war investigating committee is going to tackle the job of working a program to relieve the cigarette shortage. Senator James M. Mead (D) of New York, committee chairman, said plans for easing the situation would be included in a report to the Senate.

He said the committee may recommend among other things, discontinuance of the use of vending machines to sell fags until the shortage is relieved—because machines cannot exercise the retailer's judgment of rationing packs to customers.

Evidence presented to the committee indicates that the cigarette shortage probably will grow worse instead of better until after Germany is defeated.

The situation is this: The demand is rising rapidly. Production is sliding backward. The armed forces which use about 30 per cent of the production are boosting their buying in 1945. Civilians with inflated wartime incomes are smoking more.

Cigaret production cannot to any higher because of a shortage of leaf tobacco. And, finally, in order to produce more leaf tobacco, the problem of government control of tobacco acreage will have to be tackled.

A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE has just disclosed how Nazi prisoners at Camp Grant, Ill., were frustrated in an attempt to burn to death 42 anti-Nazis as they slept. Investigators for the House Military Affairs committee said the Nazi prisoners intended to start the fire with the aid of cigarette lighter fluid they had procured at the camp canteen.

Their intended victims included Germans, Poles, Norwegians, Danes and Czechs.

War Bond Cash-In Report

TREASURY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS join with the American Bankers association in lauding the new "cash on the spot" redemption plan for War Bonds.

In the old days it took a month or so to cash in a government War Bond. Today you can take your E bond to a bank window and in a few minutes walk out with the money the security is worth.

Although fears were expressed that the easy-cash-in plan would result in wholesale redemption, the ABA and the treasury bigwigs report that actually it does not.

Instead, there is evidence that bond owners are content with the knowledge they can get their money whenever they want it and are therefore more encouraged to buy bonds with "emergency" funds they otherwise would keep in savings or checking accounts.

W. Randolph Burgess, president of ABA, points out that bank savings and checking accounts have worked for many years on the principle of money available on demand and that there have been few examples of wholesale rushes for withdrawals.

A FEMALE CONGRESSWOMAN, Rep. Mary T. Norton (D) of New Jersey, advocates that American women go on the war path until it is agreed that a feminine representative will sit at the peace-table. Women must gain force by organizing, she said, "before they will ever be taken seriously."

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT, Central Press Writer

CALIFORNIA oil well drillers have reached a depth of 15,862 feet. Gosh, don't tell us the gas shortage is THAT short!

Zadok Dumkopf thinks the basketball rules should be changed to allow for timeouts so the radio announcer can catch his breath.

A paper raincoat has been perfected, according to Factographs. Made of blotting paper, no doubt.

The man at the next desk thinks maybe that shipment of 36,000 cases of Scotch whiskey may be just a post-war promise that came true a little ahead of time.

A new syrup has been made from wheat. It's Grandpappy Jenkins who wonders how we will be able to taste it—on wheat cakes.

Himmler denounces Germans who commit suicide. Don't the schweinhunde know his Gestapo needs target practice?

The French, according to a cabled dispatch, have developed the world's most perfect television method. Gosh, we can hardly wait to get a peak at post-war Paris night life.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

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News and Comment From Raleigh

CAPITAL LETTERS

By

THOMPSON GREENWOOD

PAT—Governor Gregg Cherry, who is now being referred to as the Iron Major, has named Pat Taylor, of Wadesboro, to keep him advised on doings of the Legislature. Taylor will help Cherry with bills, etc., and will be his general agent during this session.

Fine and good, for Taylor is an able man. But the significant thing about the appointment is that Pat Taylor was an area leader for W. P. Horton, now national committeeman, in his race (unsuccessful) against J. M. Broughton in 1940. He went down fighting for Horton, making the last speech—if memory serves correctly—for the Chatham County champion.

Important moves are in the air, so watch them, and keep 1940 in mind as you do.

LIGHTNING—This session of the Legislature is moving with lightning speed. Unless something very controversial comes up, the legislators should be home to help with spring plowing by March 1. The lush days are responsible for the blitzkrieg. Early in the fall preceding the convening of the Legislature the various State departments prepare their budget requests for the next biennium, and these requests are subsequently submitted to the Advisory Budget Commission.

As a usual thing, the requests are trimmed unmercifully. The departments revise their figures, submit them to the appropriations committee, get ready to fight for them through the various other committees and sub-committees. Well, all of this takes time.

This year, with plenty of money on hand, the Advisory Budget Commission not only failed to trim, but actually did the unheard of thing of granting more than was requested by some departments. Of course this does not apply in every instance, but most State Departments are satisfied, and in many instances are a little more than satisfied. So there will be little argument from this source.

\$600—Your legislator will receive \$600, whether he is here for two weeks, or six weeks, or three months. This figure is the maximum and the minimum. So there is no financial incentive to keep him here more than 60 days, but after this time he loses money fast. Incidentally, legislators a few years ago received only \$200 for a term. In South Carolina, the lawmakers regularly vote themselves a bonus when they run beyond the time limit, but our constitution prevents such a move in North Carolina.

ALCOHOL—Don't expect the Legislature to interfere in any way with the present method of handling alcoholic beverages in North Carolina. It now looks as if all bills against the sale of wine, beer, whiskey, brandy, tequila, or what have you, will die aborning.

EAST—Although Oscar Richardson, of Union County, is Speaker of the House, the East pretty much runs things in the House as the result of various rules and regulations now in effect there regarding the passage of bills. These, adopted under the Broughton administration, have done more than anything else to prevent a Statewide referendum on whiskey. The 25 North Carolina counties having whiskey stores sold \$16,354,954.16 worth of liquor from June 1, 1943, to June 1, 1944. In other words, a little more than one gallon of whiskey was sold for each resident of these counties during those 12 months. These counties have 925,381 citizens (1940 census), and this would show that an average of \$17.78 was spent per person. At a rate of \$2 per pint, this would buy more than a gallon.

The joker is that much of this whiskey was bought by people from dry counties. The East has a corner on liquor (legalized variety), there being no legal whiskey store west of Durham.

Umstead—So far, the strongest man in the House has been John Umstead, of Orange County. He has fought the "gag" rule, which prevents a fair vote on important question like liquor, and against the careless expenditure of money for committee clerks. He has pointed out that several committees in 1943 having business to attend to employed the services of a high-priced secretary, or clerk. It's being done again this session. John, stubborn as a mule, will keep on fighting for his ideas. He will likely be Speaker of the House two years from now. Remember.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I have been receiving The Sylva Herald for almost a year and always look forward to getting it on the week-end. I want to thank you for having space to carry news of the communities but it seems that somebody is slacking as there are not so many in the paper now. Only Qualla news and Erastus news. I like to see more news of different sections of the county, it is the only way I have to hear about old friends.

I want to say that we GIs are proud of the people of old Jackson county for the way they put over the sixth Bond Quota. We can trust the people back home to back us up. Of course we GIs are not idle when it comes to a bond drive. I am enclosing clipping from the George Field News, what we did here at the field by going over the top for the quota that was set for this base, which seemed pretty high at the first. Hope you will have room to print it in the paper and in the future I would like to see all the communities news printed.

Yours truly,

EVT. V. C. MATHIS

Dear Pvt. Mathis:

We thank you very much for your kind letter. We people back in Jackson county feel it a privilege to do our share by making the Bond Quota and more. And we will see what we can do in the future about getting "all the news from all the communities".

CAROL THOMPSON

George Fielders Top Bond Quota By Whopping Fifth

Military Goes Over While Lag Hits Civilians

The Sixth War Loan Drive ended in a blaze of over-quota glory as the military personnel of George Field exceeded the goal by more than a fifth while civilian personnel of the base lagged behind.

The total quota set for the base at \$140,000 was topped by more than \$25,000, with the final over-all figure of 118.5 percent of original goal.

The military of George hit the gratifying high of 121.7 percent. Post exchange employees failed to hit their 100 percent, achieving only 80.4 percent while civilian personnel hit just at the three-quarter mark, 75.5.

CO Is Well Pleased

In a comparison with other Troop Carrier bases Colonel Tracy K. Dorsett may well be proud of his personnel and has expressed himself as highly pleased with the whole-hearted response during the drive.

At week's beginning one other TCC base lagged behind its quota by more than \$34,000 although the sights were not set so high as here at George while another base still had almost \$8,000 to raise to hit its lower quota.

Band Is Tops

Among base squadrons and units the band with its smaller personnel group hit a whopping 286.2 percent. Close together came three of the squadrons, B with 168 percent, A with 157.2, and C with 153.5.

A wider dip brought three other squadrons into a close triumvirate, W with 133.7, B-1 with 127.8, and M with 125.5. Squadron T also exceeded its goal to the tune of 111.3 percent while T-1 trailed with 77.7 percent and N took cellar position with 20 percent.

All in all, the drive was well handled and reflects extreme credit upon the military personnel of the base and upon the officers in the various squadrons designated to handle the sales in their units.

The Sixth War Loan Drive was a success throughout the country. It certainly was one here at George.

—George iFeld News

Home Demonstration Club Schedule

Jan. 19—Pressley Creek, 2:30 with Mrs. Thad Pressley.

Jan. 24—Victory, 2:30 with Mrs. Henson.

Jan. 25—The Power House, 11:30 with Mrs. Maxie Freeman.

Jan. 26—Cope Creek, 2:30 with Mrs. McClean.

Jan. 27—Court House, 10:30 A. M. County Council meeting.

Pvt. Luva J. Davis Transferred To Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

MIAMI BEACH, FLA., Jan. 15.—Pvt. Luva J. Davis, WAC of Glenville, N. C., has been transferred from WAC Training Center, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., to Miami Beach for duty with the permanent party personnel of Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2.

At the redistribution station, AAF officers and enlisted men from theaters of operations are examined by medical and classification officers whose findings are used in recommending new assignments within the continental United States.

Pvt. Davis is the daughter of Mrs. Minnie P. Davis of Glenville.

Careful and continuous culling of chickens is one of the best methods of reducing feed costs and increasing profits, says Prof. Roy Dearnstyn of State College.



JANUARY 14-31

Last summer America experienced the second worst epidemic of infantile paralysis in its history.

The disease attacked weak and strong alike, invading the richest and poorest homes in the nation.

Your dimes and dollars, supporting The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, made it possible to render expert care and treatment to all polio victims, regardless of age, race, creed or color.

Many of these thousands of new victims will need care for months, years, some perhaps for a lifetime.

Next summer America must be prepared to meet whatever epidemic emergencies may arise.

Support the Fund-Raising Appeal in your locality and send your dimes and dollars to President Roosevelt at The White House.