

Great Dismal Swamp Is Featured In Coronet Magazine

Stretching over two thousand miles of Virginia and North Carolina is the Great Dismal Swamp... one of America's strangest natural phenomena, begins an article in the January issue of CORONET MAGAZINE. Rejected by William Byrd as not "fit for man, beast or bird," it was purchased by George Washington who spent years trying to tame it. But he had no success and neither have any of the men who followed him.

An impartial host, the great swamp has harbored savages, slaves, lawbreakers and ghosts for centuries. Then, as now, her weapons for their defense were quicksand, dense undergrowths, poisonous plants and reptiles and fierce bears. The same terrors that kept the hunters from seeking the hunted there in the past keep everyday folk from venturing far into the Swamp today.

But for the stronghearted in search of ageless beauty, says CORONET, Old Dismal offers the warm hand of friendship and gives a million dollar performance at every season of the year. Her ground, which is a strange quagmire, trembles beneath the traveler's feet. Lake Drummond, in the very center, is colored like old Madeira wine. Beautiful deer come down to the banks for water and a fortune in mink inhabits her forests.

Entrance to the swamp can be made only by boat through one of its four canals. When, riding beneath the overhanging boughs of trees that line the canal, you hear the raucous barking of dogs, you know you have arrived at the interior and are nearing the Swamp home of Harry Jackson and his 23 dogs.

All visitors to Old Dismal know Harry, says CORONET. For 55 years he has been a worshipping inhabitant of the Swamp. His castle, known as "Jake's Hotel" is a two-room shanty that he built himself.

When the U. S. Government took over the Swamp back in 1912, Harry was taken over with it. For without him, Old Dismal would be an even greater mystery. The old woodsman sometimes ponders his relationship with the government. He says he's never looked at the checks it sends him so he doesn't know whether he's over or underpaid, or who's getting the best of the deal.

Harry's shack is situated just a few feet from Lake Drummond and many are the stories he tells about the weird sights and sounds he has seen there during the nocturnal hours. Other witnesses verify his tales of bizarre and mysterious lights that appear on the surface of the Lake. The swish of canoes and the soft plop of paddles have been heard when no human being was out there. The ghosts of Lake Drummond have been glorified in the world's most beautiful legends, one of the most lovely of which is Thomas Moore's THE LAKE OF DISMAL SWAMP.

Some people who live on the fringe of Old Dismal say these ghosts are more likely to be very much alive figures for no one knows to this day just who or what lives in Great Dismal Swamp. Common notices in the 1800's were those posted in the vicinity of the swamp describing runaway slaves who might be heading for sanctuary in its jungles. Even today fleeing figures dart further into its jungle when surprised by a hunter stalking deer.

In a brighter tomorrow, the brooding swamp may be conquered. Newer and gayer trails may lead through her stout old heart. But until that day, Old Dismal will remain one of America's greatest treasures, reserved for the stronghearted few.

Old Barrage Balloons Answer Weak-Bridge Problem



Ike Doodleschmalz is back again. Encouraged by the publication of his recent contribution—The Postwar Trailer to Fit All State Laws for the postwar use of old army barrage balloons. "This," he says, "is the answer to the problem of 'weak bridge spans' on our main national highways."

LOOKING AHEAD
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White Bear
White Bear is the name of a man, a full-blood Quappaw Indian who is living now. His home is at Quappaw, Okla., where he is well and favorably known for miles farther than his neighbors can see the smoke from his pipe. The word tepee is not literal, of course, White Bear has a comfortable home, children and grandchildren to brighten his declining years. He is past seventy.

White Bear's small income from oil royalties has shrunk lately to a bare subsistence. He shared his wealth, when he had it, freely with people less fortunate than he, the red men and others. Some grandsons live in the past, but not White Bear. He has remained interested in things, probably because of his youngest child, an only son. The boy was a true Quappaw brave, in fact, a paratrooper.

Once to Every Man
Finally to White Bear's fireside came an ominous little yellow envelope... a telegram from the War Department. The son had liquidated his obligation to the country that was verily his own. The tragedy took place in training maneuvers near Des Moines, Ia. White Bear hesitated no minute after the news came. Promptly he drew his savings from the bank, all of them, and boarded a bus.

At Des Moines a businesslike officer showed White Bear his son's pall. The proud father was ashamed. The casket seemed far too cheap for one so great and noble as an American paratrooper, a Quappaw full-blood. White Bear haltingly spoke his mind and the officer told him how much the government would pay toward a more pretentious funeral. The old tribesman took the suggestion and accepted the credit.

Honor to Whom Honor
At home the young brave had been prominent and popular, loved and admired by many. He must now return like a hero. Handsome things the father desired cost \$72 more, than the government's fixed amount. White Bear paid without protest. Then the unhappy father left shipping instructions with the officer, and disappeared. Out toward the highway he went without a dollar, to thumb rides home in time for the funeral.

Forget for a moment those jaunty horsemen of the planes whose hatchets retarded the Gold Rush. Forget also the colored tales of modern Osages rolling in wealth. Here is something more nearly true: Specimens of a vanishing race, sore of foot and dim of vision, trudging homeward hungry, quite ignored by hurrying traffic; a stranger in his native West, too proud to beg, too honorable to steal.

Help At Extremity
South of Kansas City a short way, White Bear's time was more than half gone, his vitality almost depleted and his journey not yet half finished when help came. A suburbanite who had seen Indians before, sparing his tires along the highway's outer lane, saw the old man with perceiving eyes; dismissed him two hours later, strengthened with a \$2 steak and humbled with a ticket home.

How ideally American is this elder of the Quappaws. From his eyes no gaudy tears, no simpering about economic inequalities, no railing at "the system," no carping about rigid Army rules. With admirable independence he faced, all alone, what might have been his last crisis, with bitterness toward none. Warned by neighborly interest however, his faltering English was eloquent to glorify his scion, his state and his race.

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RATION DEADLINE

(NOTE: The Raleigh District Office of Price Administration compiles this thummal ration guide from official sources each week for the Duplin Times as a public service feature.)

RATION CALENDAR FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 31
PROCESSED FOODS: Blue X-5, Y-5, Z-5, A-2 and B-2 (Book Four) now valid at 10 points each.

MEATS & FATS: Red Q-5, R-5, and S-5 (Book Four) now valid at 10 points each for use with tokens.

CANNING SUGAR: NONE

SUGAR: Sugar stamp number 34 good for five pounds of sugar.

SHOES: Airplane stamps No. 1, and No. 2 and 3 valid indefinitely.

FUEL OIL: Period 4 and 5 coupons from last year and period 1 coupons for this season now valid.

GASOLINE: A-14 coupons valid through Mar. 21

INVALIDATION OF COUPONS. The following coupons will be invalid after December 31, 1944 for transfers of gasoline to consumers:

"B-4" Coupons Form R-527F
"C-4" Coupons Form R-528F
"D" Coupons marked "4th quit" Form R-532F

Dealers may, on or before Jan. 16, 1945, present such coupons to their distributors in exchange for gasoline, or to their Boards in exchange for ration checks. Distributors may accept such coupons from dealers only through January 10th and must deposit them in their bank accounts before January 20th.

"A-13" coupons expire for consumer use on December 21, 1944. Dealers will have through Jan. 2, 1945 in which to redeem them either by giving them to their supplier for gasoline or by exchanging them at their Boards for ration checks. Distributors must not accept "A-13" coupons from dealers after January 2, and must deposit them in their ration

MRS. HAROLD DALE JONES of Asheville, who before her marriage on November 20 was Miss Mary McBay Sutton, daughter of Mrs. Celia Grady Sutton of Durham. Mr. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover T. Jones of Asheville and Durham.

bank accounts on or before January 10, 1945.

POINT VALUES
No. 2 cans of Spinach, green or wax Beans, and Asparagus are 10 points.
No. 2 cans Corn and Peas are 20 points.
Butter now 24 points.

NOTE: Rationing rules require that every car owner immediately write his license number and state on all gasoline coupons in his or her position.

RENT CONTROL: All persons renting, or offering for rent, any living quarters whatsoever must register each dwelling unit with rent control office in their rent area. In counties not under rent control, persons who feel that they are being overcharged for rents may submit complaints to OPA on complaint forms which are available at the local War Price and Rationing Board.

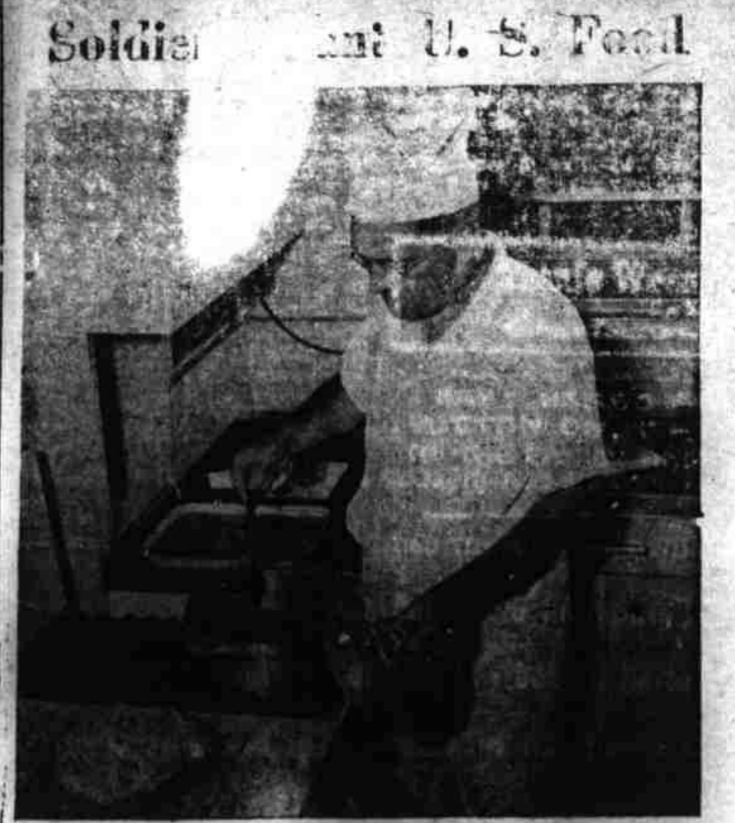
ANNOUNCE BIRTH
Born on Christmas day at 4:30 a. m., a son to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilkie, of Rt. 2, Warsaw.

Mrs. Mattie Ezzell
Mrs. Mattie Ezzell, 72, died at the home of her son, Edgar Ezzell, Wednesday at 3 a. m. She had been in declining health for several months. Funeral services were held from the home of her son, Edgar, in Warsaw Thursday at 3 p. m., conducted by the Rev. G. Van Stephens, pastor of the Warsaw Baptist Church. Interment was in Pinecrest Cemetery in Warsaw. She is survived by the following children: Edgar of Warsaw, B. T. Nobles of Kannapolis, H. S. Nobles of Kingston and Mrs. W. P. Trevilian of Richmond, Va.

REGULAR BLOOD HOUNDS After Customers
Our Want Ads

See Better Dogs In Artificial Breeding
Substantial improvement in the quality of America's—and the world's—dogs in the post-war period as the result of advances in the science of artificial breeding, is predicted by the Gaines Dog Research Center, New York City. Fewer but better dogs will service large numbers of females at great distances, and poorly accessible places. A trained individual, most likely a veterinarian, will effect the transfer of the life-element of the desired sire from its airmail tube to the selected female without risk of injury or death to either animal in shipment. The Center is planning as soon after the war as possible an exchange of the sperm of the most desirable studs in the United States with those of Great Britain, Russia and perhaps other countries.

Farmers Must Get Performance Reports On 44 Crops By Feb. 15th.



Gastronomic experiences of our boys fighting and eating in foreign lands won't affect their taste for good old American cooking, in the opinion of D. H. Odell, assistant director of the advertising section of the General Motors Corporation, shown above preparing a tasty beef concoction in the Good Housekeeping Institute. Paramount desire of our fighting men is to sit down at an old-fashioned American meal, he says.

1944 Payments Be Completed Early in 1945.

February 15, 1945 is the last date on which performance reports may be filed as a basis for making a net payment to producers on 1944 applications for payment, Lewis W. Outlaw, Chairman Duplin County Triple-A Committee, announced here today.

"Payment of 1944 applications is to be completed during the early months of 1945, therefore, it is necessary that performance reports be filed early in order to provide opportunity for timely preparations and audit in the county and State Offices."

He pointed out that applications for payments based on performance reports filed after the closing date may be processed for payment only if it is determined by the State committee, on recommendation of the county committee, that the producer was prevented from filing within the specified time (1) because he was a member of the armed forces, or (2) because of prolonged illness. "All eligible farmers who have not already filed performance reports and signed applications for payment, are urged to do so at once."

Scalding dishes after washing, removes the film which holds bacteria to the sides of the dishes. Dish cloth and dish towels for drying dishes must be boiled and sunned often. Yellow laundry soap and scalding water is a disinfectant, and half teaspoonful of concentrated lye added to water in which towels are boiled will whiten them and kill germs.

Unwashed doorknobs harbor germs. The garbage pail must be emptied and scalded often if it is to be odorless as well as safe from poisonous bacteria. Many kitchen utensils, after washing, may be put out of doors in the hot sunlight for thorough sterilization.

When you use a makeshift arrangement to reach a high shelf, you're asking for a fall. Reachable cabinets eliminate this hazard. Cluttered cellar steps frequently cause bad falls. It's easy to put things like mops, shoes, and skates away if there is a place for them. The lack of handrails is an added hazard.

BITS OF INTEREST
A 1,000 pound crop of tobacco leaves removes 40 pounds of nitrogen, 5 pounds of phosphoric acid, and 60 pounds of pure potash from the soil.

One sign of a good sportsman is a match stem broken in 3 pieces. It isn't the cigarette that starts the fire but the match with which the cigarette was lighted, say Extension farm foresters.

Steer clear of "Land Mines," says Extension authorities. High priced land is loaded with dynamite.

Ensemble to Save Dollars for Bonds



Members of the Junior Auxiliary of the American Women's Voluntary Services are sewing for themselves to save manpower, machinery and money—to buy more War Bonds. They have selected the styles they think are the most suitable for them, including this pleated flannel skirt, tailored by a cinched, sleeveless lumberjack and blouse. It's attractive for college or business. A pattern for making it or similar ones may be obtained at local stores.

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'Earthquake May Have Reinforced' B-29 Bombs



NEW YORK—Violent earthquakes probably helped the bombs of American B-29 Superfortresses do the job of smashing Japan, a British scientist, who said that the quake he recorded was one of the greatest he had ever recorded, placed the lumber at (1) Japan, the Kuriles or, possibly, the Iap was plants in Manchuria (2) and continued the bombing of Tokyo. In the Philippines, weather favored the Americans fighting on Leyte. The heavy black line on the map shows the greatest enemy expansion. Shaded areas show present holdings.

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ATTENTION FARMERS Income Tax

All farmers will have to file a return on or before January 15th, 1945. If you had a gross income from all sources, as much as \$500.00 for the year, 1944. This means all who did not file the December Estimate. I now have a supply of Income Return Blanks, and can start any time from today. I will assist in this work same as last year.

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST FEW DAYS to do this or you might be unable to get them ready. If you have blanks, bring them with you to my office in the Graham Building.

H. B. IPOCK
CLINTON, N. C.