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**PAY OFF THE STATE DEBT**

We feel that the huge surplus now piling high in the North Carolina State Treasury should be used to pay off the state debt. This is not smart politics . . . just good business.—Sandhill Citizen.

**WASTING TIME**

Do you sometimes wonder what Congress does, and why it doesn't get any more done than it does? Apparently, here is why: Recently it has been gaggling about these British Caribbean bases leased to us for 99 years in exchange for 50 over-age warships. Some members of Congress are now insisting that we should acquire permanent title.

Just consider that matter for a moment. We have them in our possession for 99 years—long after Congressmen now living will be dead and maybe forgotten. By that time there may be no British empire. Any one of dozens of other international changes may—probably will—have taken place, placing them in our possession or rendering them worthless.

That bridge is much too far away to be worrying about its crossing now. Even so, our repre-

**Buy 'em and Keep 'em WAR BONDS**

sentatives at Washington waste their time over an issue that can wait four score and ten years, and perhaps be settled more easily and equitably than it probably could now.

**SPRING**

Nature has come out of its winter coma and is bedecking the drab world with color and beauty. She is teaching us the lesson that just as winter has passed, all things must pass, even the horrible war in which we are engaged. "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from which cometh my help."

An ancient Persian king is said to have kept at his side a menial always to remind him that whatever the conditions surrounding should be, that "and this, too, shall pass." Today in the midst of war with its burdens and sorrows we need more than ever before to learn the lesson the springtime would teach us. "And this, too, shall pass."

In each opening bud, blossom and tender blade of grass there can be read God's promise of better things and that He has not relinquished His hold on the world—and that man, in all his destructive power, can only mar and scar, but cannot destroy the earth nor life, the individual life which is but a drop in the Supreme life.

Let those who have been touched directly and deeply by the tragedy of war get closer; to Nature and with eyes that see and ears that hear learn the lesson of spring—that life is eternal and nothing can destroy it. Again the green will grow above the rubble, and where there are now ruins, life will bloom again.

It is spring with its promise of new life. "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from which cometh my help."—Standard Laconic.

**HELP BREAK BLACK MARKETS**

People of eastern North Carolina, and law abiding folks generally, will appreciate the way Judge Meekins dealt with violators of the OPA in his courts.

By his decrees he makes offenders understand they are breaking the law and that if they break that law or any law, they must suffer the consequences. The black market in gasoline and food is making money for a small portion of the population, but is depriving the greater portion of the

essentials of life, and especially is this true regarding gasoline, which has come to be a necessity, that it is difficult to do without, and continue the normal function of business in these parts.

Every one realizes the gasoline shortage is due mainly to the great demand for it to fight the war effectively on the various fronts of the world, and patriotic people, anxious to help our boys win the war, are willing to make all the sacrifices necessary to accomplish this and get it over as quickly as possible.

The most effective way to help His Honor and the law enforcement forces of the country is to refuse to buy anything from the black market dealers. When they lose their revenue from the illegal sale of gas and food, more of the necessities of life will be provided for those who obey the law.

We owe it to our country, to ourselves and our neighbors to put an end to black market operations as quickly as possible, and the quickest way to stop it is to stop patronizing illegal vendors of prohibited articles.—Wilson Daily Times.

**The Letterbox**

(Editor's Note: The following letter was received over the week-end by Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Sasser, from their son, Baxter, concerning his experiences during the tornado and storm which recently struck parts of South Carolina.)

Monday

Dear Folks,  
 As we drifted into bed Saturday night, everything was peaceful and calm as usual except the distant rolling of thunder. Lightning flashed and dashed across the sky as if it were merely a playground. No one had even the faintest idea that this would develop into anything so mysterious as a tornado, however that goes to prove that nothing is certain. No one knows what will happen next, except the Divine One.

About midnight the distant rumbling of the thunder and the playful flashes of lightning had changed into boisterous grumbling thunder and angry flashes of lightning being pushed along and aided by the fierce monster of wind.

The thing, that we people call storms, grew worse and worse and all at once a black terrifying object coming from nowhere but yet from somewhere was hurtled through the air, tearing and destructing as it rolled along. Homes that had been worked on for years were ruined, farms which were expected to yield profits were damaged and human beings who knew not that this was their destiny were hurled into Eternity. Does anyone know why? Can anyone answer the mysterious questions of Life and the Universe.

The tornado plunged onward and was about to strike Emmanuel College. The yards that it lacked hitting were not numerous. People were holding their breath. Yes, without doubt, there were screams. What could they do. Helpless against the work of Nature! How utterly helpless man is. But as it was about to strike, the Divine Hand, I think, had other plans and its course was changed. God must have intervened because Emmanuel was undamaged. But why?

As soon as the storm had passed over and the tornado had completed its task of destruction which was about 1 o'clock, we boys went out among the destructed area to do all in our power to help. We did what we could but that was not very much. Because of the darkness all of the damage could not be seen but as soon as the lamp of the world began to toss its light rays to us, we began again to look at the destruction.

No, 'tis nothing compared to the bombed cities of the world but the loss was great.

Families with grieved looks o'er their brows stood in the breezes on the Sabbath and tossed sorrowful glances toward their destructed lives. Look! You can see it! Phrases can't describe the destruction or at least words are begin to fail so now I shall cease the scribbling.

Yes, it's all mysterious, And, yes, it's mighty serious, But we can't tell you why, No, we know not the reason, But, no, it wasn't treason, But merely the works from on High.

With love,  
 Baxter

**MINERAL SPRINGS**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Daniels of Wilmington are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Daniels, this week.

Mrs. Effie Daniels and Mrs. Martha Holland entertained at quilting parties Tuesday afternoon.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Denning Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jackson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Luby Weaver and children, Mr. and Mrs. George Futrell and son and Miss Pearl Westbrook.

Mrs. Berta Lee Sullivan is spending some time in Wilmington with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Dorothy Mefford and Mrs. Eurate Talmis spent last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Langston.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Denning announce the birth of a son, Jerry Mac, on April 12. Mrs. Denning was formerly Miss Vera Britt.

Miss Pearl Millard of Goldsboro visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Millard, last Sunday.

Miss Annie Lou Denning spent last week in the home of her sister, Mrs. B. F. Jackson.

Mrs. Ralph Britt and Mrs. Walter Capps spent a while in this community last Tuesday afternoon.

Carolyn Denning spent the past week-end with her grandparents in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Britt spent last Sunday afternoon in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Houston Houston and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Futrell visited Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Westbrook on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. J. J. Langston filled his regular appointment at Eureka last Sunday.

**HERMAN'S BRANCH**

Loran Britt of Wilmington, visited his mother, Mrs. L. H. Britt, for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Joyner and children and Mrs. Sallie Britt visited Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Joyner, near Grantham Sunday.

Mrs. Lennie Daniels visited her mother, Mrs. Bertie Grady, Sunday.

Those visiting in the home of Mrs. Virginia Britt Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sutton of near Smith Chapel and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Capps.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Best visited in the home of Mrs. H. A. Daniels Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd Boon visited her mother, Mrs. Susan Jernigan for the week-end.

Mrs. Hosey Raynor spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Strickland.

**COKERS STORE**

Piney Grove boys and girls defeated Calypso boys and girls on Monday. The girls won 18-8 and the boys won 4-0.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenon Bowden of near Clinton, visited in this section Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy McCullen were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Weeks of near Turkey Sunday.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Jordan Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Grantham and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Pipkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Daughtry and mother, Mrs. Katie Daughtry, visited Mrs. M. H. McLamb Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Daughtry spent the week-end with Pauline McLamb.

Mrs. Braxton Grimes visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Chestnut Sunday.

W. B. Coker is a patient in the Goldsboro hospital.

Dorothy Jordan of Faison, visited in this community last week-end.

Several from this community

**THE TRIBUNE SNAPSHOTS**



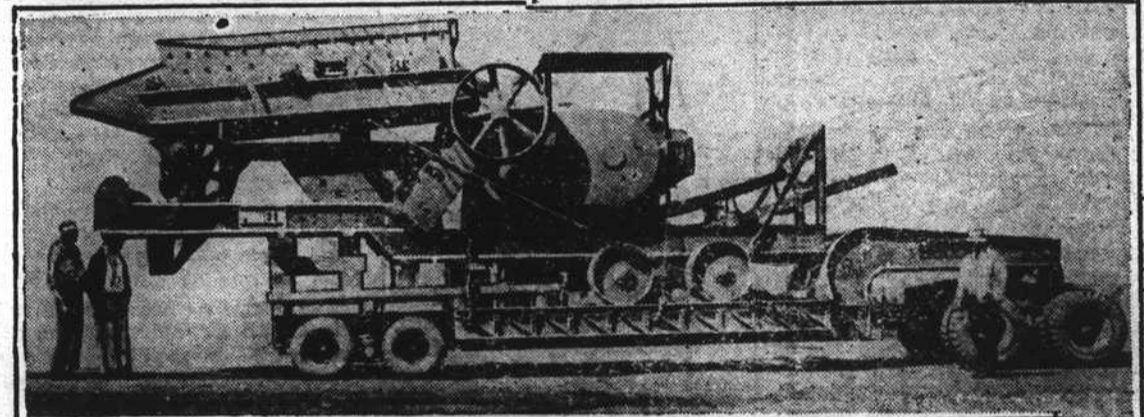
LOOK GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT—Hollywood, Calif.—One of the most attractive Victory Gardens of the season will be that in the film musical based on the life of Norah Bayes. Here Emily Smith appears as "Peas."

ALL AMERICA is whistling "I Go for a Man Who Wears an Adam Hat" with "Lanny and Ginger," the famous jingle singers. They are one of the best known teams of its kind, and this is the first time a commercial jingle has become a hit tune up and down the country.

CALLING CARD—New York—While action flares in the South Pacific, Coast Guard patrol sub busters keep a vigilant lookout for spring offensives by enemy U-boats in the Atlantic. Here a depth charge is hurled from the deck of a Coast Guard cutter.

"LOVELY TO LOOK AT . . . delightful to know—that's Miss America," naturally. Here Rosemary LaPlanche, winner of the beauty contest at Atlantic City last summer, refreshes with a "Coke" between scenes for her new picture, "Pretty Girl." Pretty girl, too, isn't she?

Benay Venuta, famed singing star of stage, screen, and radio, who has traveled 100,000 miles in the United States since Pearl Harbor for USO and Red Cross recreational units, entertaining at army camps, navy bases, and service hospitals.



BUILT FOR HEAVY WORK—This big Fuchs Carryall trailer, belonging to Hugh Govan of Port Angeles, Wash., was one of several that helped haul heavy equipment and supplies to the road-building operations along the Alaskan highway.

visited Miss Joyce Lindsay Sunday, who is a patient in a Goldsboro hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Daughtry and sons, Miss Wilma Daughtry, of Washington, D. C., visited in this community during last week-end.

Carrel McLamb had the misfortune of his car being damaged by fire Tuesday. Origin of the fire has not been determined.

**SUTTONTOWN**

Miss Frances Tew of the Herring School faculty spent the week-end with Miss Agnes Steele Sutton.

Mrs. Festus Sutton and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George McKenzie of Popular Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Hosea McCullen attended a birthday dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Boyette's near Halls Sunday.

Mrs. Frankie McCullen of Dobsonville, Mr. and Mrs. Massey of Turkey visited at Mrs. W. Z. Sutton's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Sutton is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Julia Hatcher of Mount Olive.

Mrs. Emma Dunbar of Goldsboro spent part of last week with Mrs. Ivy Best.

Mrs. Alvin Sutton and Jehue Cox are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Craven Sutton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Daughtry, Jr. of Washington spent the week-end with relatives of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Lindsay of Wilmington, Delaware are spending a few days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lindsay.

Mr. M. J. Sutton returned home Sunday after an extended visit with relatives of this section.

**SMITH CHAPEL**

Regular church services here next Sunday morning by the pastor. There will also be a dedication service Sunday evening, in which the church furniture will be dedicated. The public is invited to attend.

Pfc. Giles H. Smith left for

Fort Lewis, Wash., Thursday of last week, after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Smith.

Mrs. Mamie Casey has been confined to her bed with illness for several days. Her friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Miss Florrie Lassiter of Goldsboro, spent last week-end with her mother, Mrs. Nellie Lassiter. She had as her guest Miss Meeks, of Goldsboro.

Will Parker, who has been quite ill for several days, is improving.

Mrs. Dick Gemjian and children of Richmond, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Nellie Lassiter. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams of Clinton, were callers with J. A.

Smith Sunday afternoon. Farmers here are taking advantage of the spring weather to catch up with their work, which has been delayed due to heavy rains.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We take this way of expressing our gratitude and appreciation for every kind deed and every word spoken during the recent illness and departure of our beloved son, Kermit King. Especially for the beautiful expressions of your love through the flowers. Too, we wish to thank the nurses and doctors for their untiring services—Mr. and Mrs. James King.

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