

POOLE'S MEDLEY

By D. SCOTT POOLE

"Be An American First."—Headline. An Englishman, a Scotsman and an Irishman were condoling together. The Englishman said if he were not an Englishman, he would rather be a Scotsman; the Scotsman said if he were not a Scotsman, he would rather be an Englishman. The Irishman said nothing, so the other two asked him if he were not an Irishman, what would he be, and he said: "I would be ashamed of myself."

It would seem to the ignorant everyday man at work in a Victory Garden that not enough help is being sent to the Chinese; however, the Chinese soldiers are battling for existence. I know a country can be defended at a less cost than it can be retaken after the Japs get possession.

Those Australians and Americans over there are giving the Japs all they need, while they can find them. The Japs have so many islands to hide behind, and they know those islands, they continue giving their enemies trouble. I look for them to develop pirate gangs. The seas used to be infested with Blackbeards and such.

"Sin has a thousand treacherous arts, to practice on the mind."

And, it is showing up in treachery. Those German occupied countries in Europe are all the result of treachery on the part of their citizens, who were desirous of gain.

We read that "boll weevil infestation will be bad this year." It is every year—since 1920. I was at the Presbyterian General Assembly in St. Louis, Mo., in May, 1921, and those cotton growers from the south told me: "If the seasons are dry, you may expect pretty fair crops of cotton; if the seasons are wet, the boll weevil will eat most of it." It's so.

They said it did not pay to fight the boll weevil. In that I think they were wrong. Good farmers in Hoke county have not failed to make an average crop every year since the weevil came. The bean beetle is meaner, and costs more to kill than boll weevils, proportionately. Our beans come higher priced, unless we start in time.

My daughter had a joke on me. She said I was bragging about my ability to spell, and used two in excel, when one is all. Compel has only one, but the balance on that page of the old Blueback Speller has two 's'. I notice Governor Broughton said "chore," and pronounced it like it is spelled. In that old speller there are three words: "Corps," a body of troops; "Core," the center; "Chore," light work.

If and when the Axis forces have been subdued, and the costs have been counted, a cheaper money than has been used in the United States up to this date, must be provided. I mean the people of this country must have a greater earning power than they have had heretofore, if the expenses incurred are settled.

I notice the government will allow twenty million automobiles to be kept in operation in this country: Who will say who is to operate a car? Of course some way must be found to prevent about ten millions from owning cars who have heretofore owned something that substituted for an automobile, and until it stopped, it was as good as any.

Secretary Knox was the chief speaker at Harvard last Saturday, and disappointed his audience by not saying one word about the war. He perhaps doesn't know where the navy is, for the navy is defenseless unless the big bombers are there to defend it. But navy and the bombers together, have about put Japan's stock of fighting ships on the bottom.

The American people are patriotic, but they love gains too well. I notice orchardists, and other business people joining in the cry "Defense." Plant their seeds and shrubs and plants of every kind, and save the nation. In time of the World War I, I had the thought of everybody doing all they could for as little as they could—make sacrifices—give until it hurt. And, after it was over, I found all of them had been looking out for No. 1.

The man who left his young wife and first baby back in the 60's, and drew \$11 per month in Confederate money, while his wife toiled as a slave cultivating a none too rich soil, carded cotton or wool at night, spun it into thread, wove that thread into cloth and made it into garments for herself, her babe and her husband, waited on her own sick, and her sick neighbors, while thieves stole some of her earnings, knew the horrors of war.

When this tragic war has ended, there will of necessity be sure enough hard times, for so much essential to life in the way of food, clothing, and transportation on air, sea and land, it will take years to replenish the things we have been educated to think we are obliged to have. And, the waste of liquor manufacturing should be stopped first thing—NOW.

I hope and pray our country will escape the destruction caused by air raids, or the destruction of land battles also. It will take centuries to rebuild the European countries. The ground is pitted full of shell holes, and the buildings centuries old (they tried to destroy all the churches in Britain) and many are now homeless. When the Allies were driving Germany across France and Belgium in 1918, any time the soldiers rested between battles they "dug in." That means they dug trenches, and invariably they cut through human bodies. You recall the battles surged back and forth over Belgium and France four times between 1914 and 1918.

I tried to say something of the cost of World War I in this column last week, but it was not plainly stated. It cost \$400,000,000,000 (four hundred billion dollars), the lives of fifteen million soldiers, and about an equal number of civilians, women, children and old men, killed and died from starvation and under nourishment. We are not in position to estimate costs, but the cost will run higher this time.

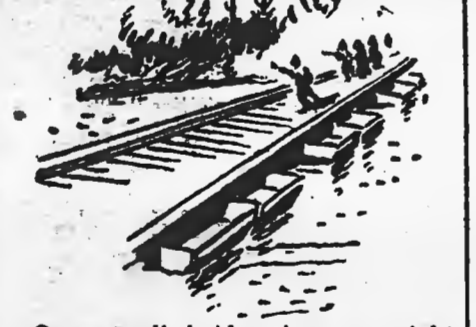
President Roosevelt has planned for 300,000 airplanes, and 75,000 tanks, and of ships all that we can build. It all proves how wicked and foolish fighting is. Men always have fought occasionally, and have learned no sense yet. The Japanese were said to have no money, and for that reason could not fight long, nor could they have very much to fight with. That country has fooled the world very badly. But your Uncle Sam will fool Japan before this is over.

It was said occasionally for some weeks that the United States and Japanese navies are coming to grips any time now. I trust much in American gunners, and no people on earth are braver. Americans are not dying as the Japs do. Love for others prompts us, and selfishness prompts the heathen. They are heathen, but are scientifically educated. I believe eternity holds a sad disappointment for those Japs.

The British lost 18 planes in a raid over Germany one night last week, the heaviest loss since the British bottled up the German submarine base on the Channel coast. In raids over Germany when the 18 large bombers were shot down, the Germans fought back with vigor. From reports the Americans and British shoot down more airships than they lose themselves, but they lost 35 planes a few nights ago—since the 18.

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Our army spells and pronounces it ponton, not "ponton", as you do. Ponton bridges cost all the way from \$18,000 to \$700,000. The smaller bridge using individual metal pontons is pictured here. The largest ponton bridge is 1,080 feet long and is made of rubber instead of aluminum.



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By Ruth Current
State Home Demonstration Agent

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The father of photography was an army officer; of the electric motor, a bookbinder's clerk. The inventor of the telegraph was a portrait painter; and of the Jacquard loom, a dressmaker. A farmer tinkered up the typewriter; a poet, the sewing machine; a cabinet maker, the cotton gin; and a coal miner, the locomotive. The telephone was the "after school" work of a teacher of the deaf; the disk talking machine, the night work of a clothing salesman; the wax-cylinder phonograph of a lawyer's clerk; the typecasting machine, a groceryman.

A physician made the first pneumatic tire, because his little son was a wheel-chair invalid. The hand camera was invented by a bank clerk; the film roll, by a country preacher; the motion picture, by a stenographer. The steam automobile was the plaything of a photo-dry-plate maker; the dry-blast steel process, the brain child of a preacher's son; the tunneling shield, of an editor; the stock ticker, a dentist. The long distance telephone loading coils were figured out by a professor of mathematics. Bicycle repairs made the first man-carrying airplane; a soldier, the wireless telegraph; and a druggist's clerk, the loud-speaker. Why not have a hobby—and ride it hard?

The sowing of 21,000 pounds of guayule on 520 acres has been completed in Salinas, California, as one of the first steps toward providing needed rubber for the country.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF LAND SALE
Pursuant to an Order of Court dated May 25th, 1942, in a tax foreclosure action entitled "County of Hoke vs. Mrs. Emma Bullard et al.," the undersigned commissioner will offer at public sale at the courthouse door in Raeford, North Carolina, to the highest bidder for cash at noon on the 25th day of June, 1942, the following lots in the Town of Raeford, to-wit:

Those lots described in Book of Deeds No. 57 at page 239 of Hoke County public registry, to which reference is hereby made for further details by metes and bounds. These lots have been otherwise referred to as the W. W. Smith es-

tate property.
Posted May 25th, 1942.
ARTHUR D. GORE,
(52-3) Commissioner.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of A. D. McGirt, deceased, late of Hoke county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having any claims against the said estate to present them to me, duly verified, on or before the 9th day of May, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate settlement.
This the 9th day of May, 1942.
MRS. MARY MCGIRT,
Administratrix

NOTICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina,
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In the Superior Court
Pearl Harrington

—VS—
Oscar Harrington
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EDGAR HALL,
Clerk Superior Court
N. McNair Smith, Att'y

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