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Belief In Santa Claus

(The Fayetteville Observer)

Belief in a literal Santa Claus apparently is

not confined to children. Every so often comes evidence of grown-ups who have faith in a beneficent fortune that will bring them something for nothing. This faith provides a patronage for fake stocks and gambling houses.

Twice in one month the Chamber of Commerce at Charleston, S. C., has received inquiries from writers in the East about supposed bank accounts left by ancestors 100 years ago and presumably drawing compound interest. Investigation in both instances showed that no such sleeping accounts were left. Even if they had been left from a time prior to the Confederate War, they would have been wiped out in the period of hostilities because a decree of the Confederate government provided that such bank balances be paid off in Confederate money.

The fact that once in millions of times fortune strikes from the skies in the form of a legacy or the winning ticket on the Irish Sweepstakes is sufficient to maintain the faith of mankind that the rules will set aside and someone will get something for nothing.

Early Orders Urged For Farm Fertilizer

"If farmers don't order their fertilizer needs between now and January 1, they may find it impossible to obtain adequate supplies for next year's crop," declared D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, yesterday.

"There will be less nitrogen and phosphate for next year than there was for the past season," Coltrane said. "The demand may exceed the supply."

"Nitrogen produced in Government war plants was until recently converted into nitrogen solutions for use in mixed fertilizers and into ammonium nitrate, but this nitrogen is now being utilized in the manufacture of munitions. Consequently, the supply of these materials for fertilizer use will be considerably less than last year. The nitrogen supply now regarded as certain is 588,000 tons for 1943-44."

With potash, the supply will be larger, he said, but the supply of sul-

phate may not meet demands.

Ordnance plants, according to Coltrane, have been the source of considerable quantities of sulfuric acid, but this supply has recently been greatly curtailed and superphosphate for farmers will be about 10 per cent less than this past year.

Pointing out that last year there was an early movement of fertilizer, permitting everyone to get his share, Coltrane said tax tag sales in the Department showed that in October of 1943 there were 61,304 tons sold, compared with only 30,505 tons last month. Sales for the first half of November, he added, total 27,362 tons, against 40,370 tons for the same period in 1944.

It looks now as if many farmers will be late in putting their crops in the ground next spring—because of their inability to secure their fer-

tilizer needs at the last minute," said Coltrane.

Round pot holders can easily be cut by using a saucer for a pattern. They are especially handy when taking pies or puddings from the oven, as there are no corners to drop into the food and get sticky.

For "Safety" Retreading
 Send or Bring your Tires TO—
WALKER'S
 Safety Retreading Works
 435 Russell St. Fayetteville
 There's A "Walker" Dealer in Your Community. Consult him about prices and service.

Raeford Presbyterian Church

H. K. Holland, Minister

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
 11:00 A. F.—Morning Worship, sermon by the pastor.
 5:00 P. M.—Young People's Choir practice.
 6:30 P. M.—Pioneer and Senior Vespers.
 7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship, sermon by the pastor.
 8:30 P. M.—Circles of the Woman's Auxiliary, Monday.
 8:00 P. M. Wednesday—Adult choir practice.

LIBRARY NEWS

There will be a story hour for children from the fourth through the seventh grade Thursday afternoon, December 7, at 4 o'clock; for children from the first through the third on Friday afternoon, December 8, at 4 o'clock; and for preschool children Saturday, December 9, at 4 o'clock.

Among the new books received in the library are the following mysteries: "Blood Upon the Snow" by Lawrence; "Rat Began to Gnaw the Rope" by Grafton; "Lady of Night" by Barry and "If This Be Treason" by Echard.

Other new books are the follow-

ing: "Mantle, Best Plays of 1943-1944"; "Eliot, Four Quartets"; "Baner, Latch-string Out"; "Seifert, Those Who Go Against the Current"; "Hill, Time of the Singing of Birds"; "Horan, A Bashful Woman"; "Blair, Tall Tale America"; "Thane, Yankee Stranger"; and "Abbey, Beyond the Dark."

Rollins Now Head Area SS Office

Cecil G. Rollins, new manager of the Fayetteville office of the Social Security board, was a visitor in Raeford last Thursday. Mr. Rollins succeeds Wilbur S. King, who has been transferred to Alexandria, Va.

Rollins, a veteran of this war, has charge of the social security functions in Hoke, Robeson, Cumberland, Harnett, and Sampson counties.

Hooks, eyes, and snaps stay on longer when they are sewed on with the buttonhole stitch.

Professional Cards

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Good News!
 FOR FOLKS WITH SHIFFLY
Head Colds

Quick relief from the sneezy, stuffy distress of head colds is what you want. So try Va-tro-nol—a few drops up each nostril—to soothe irritation, reduce congestion. You'll welcome the relief that comes! Va-tro-nol also helps prevent many colds from developing if used in time. Try it! Follow directions in folder.

VICKS VA-TRO-NOL

Special Double-Duty Nose Drops Works Fast Right Where Trouble Is!

Have a Coca-Cola = Refreshment calling



... the familiar red cooler invites you

In today's crowded stations people are on the move. Across the land, familiar red coolers for Coca-Cola invite them—and you—to pause and be refreshed with ice-cold "Coke". Yes, at home and abroad Coca-Cola has become a high-sign of friendly refreshment.

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It's natural for popular names to acquire friendly abbreviations. That's why you hear Coca-Cola called "Coke".

TAKE YOUR FERTILIZER NOW

War Food Administration WARNS
"NOW OR NEVER FOR 1945"

There's a crisis in the making! If stocks pile up in fertilizer plants and agents' warehouses, the stream of supply will choke up. They must move fast or the lack of man-power will cause a paralyzing shortage.

Take the Chilean Nitrate situation for example. To supply the quantity needed for 1945 crops, many cargoes must be unloaded each month at each port, then moved out by train and truck for immediate allocation. It must move out of agents' hands as fast as it moves in. If not, the choke-up starts and works back to the ports, even back to the ships.

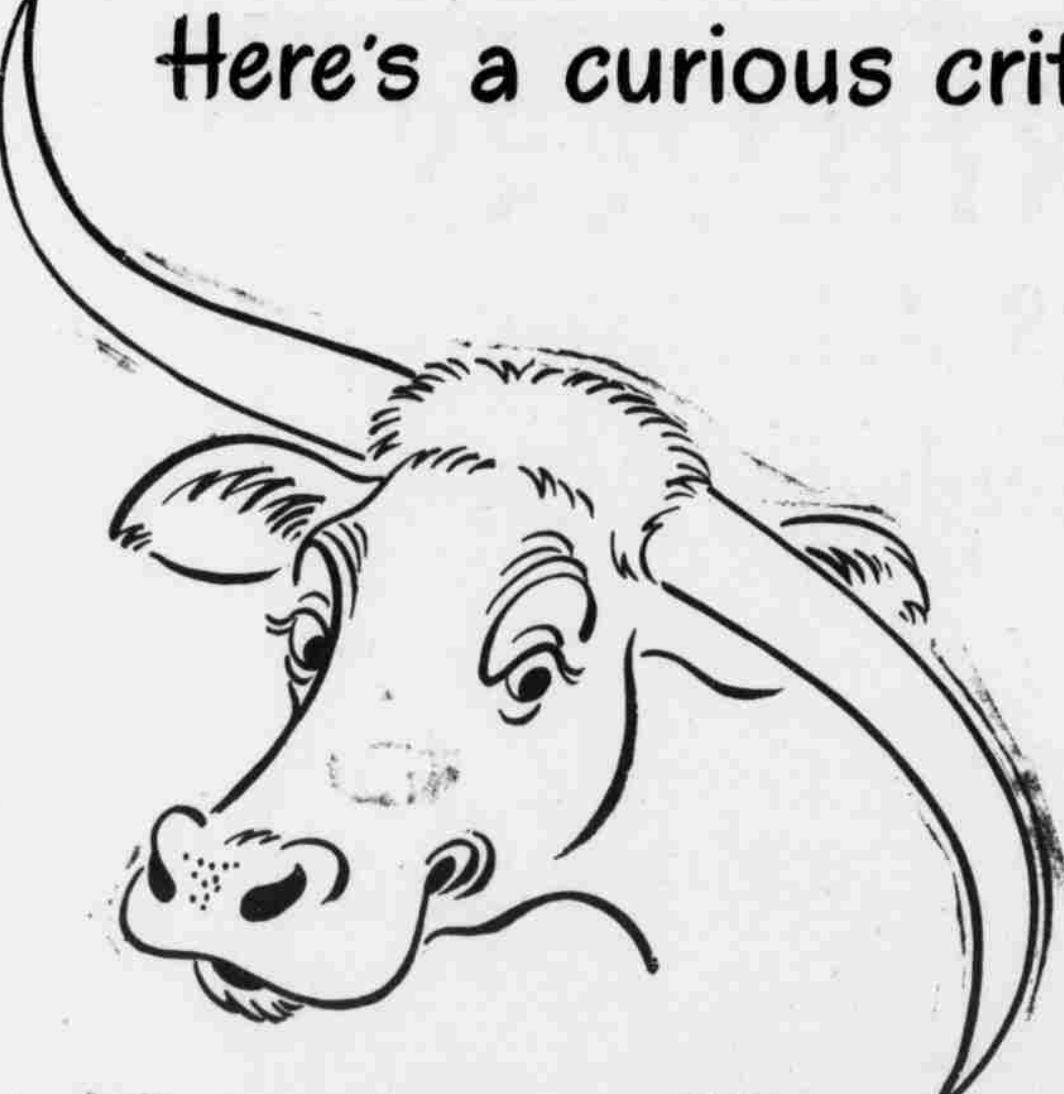
Already there's a threatened shortage of nitrogen, due to sharply increased war needs. Unless you help smash the bottle-neck by taking your nitrate as soon as it is offered, the shortage will become acute. Thousands of tons will pile up at U.S. ports or on the docks in Chile. The only place Chilean Nitrate does you any good is on your crops. Get yours now... while you can.

Storage Tips
 File all materials on dry boards in barn or shed.
 File materials separately.
 Keep piles close together.
 Destroy the bags when you use the contents.

Buy Your Fertilizer NOW... Take it NOW... Store it TIL It's Needed

This message is published to assist the War Food Administration and the fertilizer industry... to help you get the fertilizer you need.

Here's a curious critter



If you met this longhorn out on the plains, you'd yell for Mr. Ripley! When one horn curves up, you just naturally expect the other to turn up, too.

Same way, when war sent prices sweeping up, people expected all prices to follow suit. But at least one price didn't—the price of electricity.

In fact, like this longhorn, the price of electricity actually curved down the other way. The same government statistics which measure the increased cost-of-living also show that the average price of electricity has declined 3.2% since the war began!

That's news—even more than a steer with two-way horns!... You can be sure that the far-sighted planning and sound business management which kept electricity dependable and cheap in wartime, will supply even better service to your electric post-war home.

* Hear Nelson Eddy every Wednesday evening in the brilliant new musical show, "The Electric Hour," with Robert Armstrong's Orchestra, 10:30 PM, BWI, CBS Network.

Carolina POWER & LIGHT Company
 DON'T WASTE ELECTRICITY JUST BE CAUSE IT'S CHEAP AND ISN'T RATIONED