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It'll soon be too late to do your Christmas shopping early.

Eventually that Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis is liable to cut somebody's head off.

The trouble about it is that they've twisted that TVA yardstick into a great big question mark.

And think of it! Governments boldly boast that they have propaganda departments.

According to an Indiana paper: "Golf is a wonderful game. It keeps a man's mind off the business he is neglecting."

The premier of Hungary is a fellow who goes by the name of Imredi. In the light of recent history he'd better be.

The British and French may have every confidence in their peace program with Hitler, but there's nothing like keeping the powder dry.

Japan has closed the Yangtze river to foreign shipping "until peace and order is restored in China." And who, pray, is disturbing peace and order in China?

And soon the bathing beauties will be looking at you from front pages where now are the football boys daring you to come and get 'em.

Italian newspapers say they hope Ambassadors Phillips and Wilson will cause us to "understand." That's what's the matter. We understand too thoroughly now.

Harry Hopkins declares that he never said: "We will spend and spend, tax and tax, elect and elect." Well, it would have been superfluous to put it into words.

But you've got to hand it to her. Your grandma did right well, considering that she didn't know a vitamin when she met it in the middle of the road.

And there's the Georgia girl who, objecting to cotton hose, reasons this way: "If my legs are good looking I want to show them off for everything they're worth. If they are ugly, I want to do everything I can for them." But apparently she doesn't have the same concern for her brains—if any.

When the Hunter Takes to the Field

About as safe a yardstick as any to measure the character of a man, is how he hunts. If he is considerate of the hunting rules and regulations laid down by the State, he is law abiding; if he is mindful of the property rights of the landowner, then he is a neighbor of good parts; if he is content with the prescribed bag limit and adheres to the ethics of the true sportsman, then he is removed a notch higher above the pot-hunter.

It is timely right now that those who shoulder gun and go to field or wood, pause and take stock of themselves.

For one reason or another game is becoming scarcer and scarcer. And that is deplorable from two standpoints. To the hunter it means curtailed enjoyment and to the farmer it means the loss of many friends that actually assist him in his work by destroying insect pests. Because of this dual interest, then, the fullest co-operation should exist between hunter and landowner.

The hunting license fee is supposed to be used in the propagation of game and the policing of areas to that end. That being so the hunter is doing more than observing the law when he arms himself with this little passport: he is contributing to the assurance of a future supply of something to hunt.

Among many there is the mistaken idea that game is private property, and conversely, that game is public property, to be taken at will and under any circumstances. Both theories are wrong. The ownership of game is in the people of the State and the legislature may withhold or grant to individuals the right to hunt and kill or qualify or restrict, as in its opinion will best serve the public good. No landowner, either individual or government, can take possession of game simply because it happens to be on their lands—except in accordance with the laws made and provided.

But the landowner does have property

rights that should and must be respected. Trespassers cannot come and go at will without becoming amenable to the law. If there were no law, common decency directs that due courtesy be given, and hunters should first be certain that they are welcome. This alone would breed a better understanding, better co-operation, and is essential if hunting conditions in the future are to be what they ought to be.

The hunting season is now only a few days old and it is not too late to take measurement of one's self by this yardstick. And above all the hunter and those who are not, should help to make the law effective against the quail bootlegger, for, the law says the seller and the buyer are equally guilty, and the law itself is a result of the planning for a continuity of game. It should be observed and enforced, if for no other reason than that.

A Serious Matter

Saturday the farmers will vote on whether they want a continuance of crop control for 1939. They have control now by virtue of their own favorable decision, and they will continue or abandon it in the same way. It is the democratic way. Nobody is ramming it down their throats. It is for them alone to say.

But there will be others who are interested, others who will have no voice one way or the other: warehousemen, bankers, merchants, all of us will be affected by the results of the voting Saturday.

There is no purpose here to advise the farmers of Surry county how to vote on this issue. In the first place we don't know what is best for them, and so we can only hope that they will consider the matter carefully and as free from prejudice as possible.

In the administration of the control program many inequities may have developed, many vexing factors may have served to irk the farmers who are sensitive to restraint, of any kind, and these flaws may cause them to shelve a program that at least has been effective to some degree, and with nothing to take its place.

Long before the AAA the need of some sort of control was sensed. Voluntary control was an abject failure, because when Bill Jones curtailed, Bill Smith took that as his cue to make a killing. Government stepped in with a more definite and imperative plan, rewarded the faithful and penalized those who failed to toe the mark—all in the commendable effort to stabilize prices by more nearly making production meet demand.

We don't like to hitch any economic program to scarcity. Yet that is the basis of successful industry in this country today. No industrialist would think of continuing to pile up surpluses when the demand became limited. He shuts down when his finger on the business pulse reveals that there is a surplus in what he is producing. It is his only way of assuring that prices will show a break-even or mayhap a profit. Just as certainly the farmer must fit production to demand or be made the goat of those who play both ends against the middle.

It is significant, we think, that the enemies of control have no alternative program. Their talk about freedom of individual action is high-sounding, but you can't eat freedom, you can't spend it for a sack of flour. Dig beneath the veneer and you'll find some selfish purpose, political or otherwise, in those who are crying to high-heaven against regimentation and dictatorship in this farm program.

We are hoping our farmers will give this matter intelligent thought, weigh both sides, for as Secretary Wallace says that if the farmers don't curb crops, low prices will.

Worthy Causes

By now all of us should realize the importance of the Red-Cross Health Seals that have become so much a part of the Christmas holiday program. But it is not amiss to remind that seventy-five per cent. of the money derived from the sale of seals will be retained for local use, while the other twenty-five per cent. will go to the general campaign against tuberculosis.

Continually those concerned with health conditions in this county uncover new cases of tuberculosis that need only the early treatment that will free the victim of this dread disease. All too often these cases are neglected because of lack of funds. And as a result the death toll in the state has become enormous.

Until one has seen these accumulated pennies grow into dollars, and until they have seen the effectiveness of the dollars in the fight against tuberculosis, there can be no appreciation of the need that the sale of these health seals run to a big volume. And if all of us spend a few dimes, it will do just that.

Those who buy seals, therefore, may rest assured that they are aiding a most worthy cause—right here at home—and the good the pennies do will be reflected in better health conditions, immediately and in the future.

Likewise membership in the Red Cross is equally a good investment, and we are urging our readers to enroll, if they already have not done so. The cost of participating in these two great humanitarian movements is only meager, and we are certain that one can enjoy the holiday season a great deal more, when there has been a measuring up to this responsibility.

Pilot Mountain Man Stresses Crop Control

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in charge has handled it, junk the law? If we do it is pretty sure that Congress will have no more to do with it; for the tobacco territory is comparatively small and only about 20 members of that body of more than 500 were concerned enough to take active interest when the bill passed.

Then, too, if we throw open production one year only, and then repent and undertake to vote control again, all in other states that grow tobacco will come in and vote with us, as tobacco growers. The six states involved in this election are: Virginia, N. C., S. C., Georgia, Alabama and Florida. At this time 66 per cent of all the acres and 71 per cent of all the pounds allotted to the six states come to North Carolina. Only the remaining 34 per cent and 29 per cent respectively, goes to the other five states. If we vote off control it is predicted that at the end of another year the five will have the 71 per cent and we the 29 per cent. Due to the low price of cotton, which is only about 8c per pound, or 1-3 received for tobacco, the cotton growers want to turn to tobacco, and they are "all set and ready to go" the day it is announced control is voted down. This will likely destroy them and us too, as we all go down together. It is estimated by those higher up, that the tobacco crop will then amount to 50 per cent more than can be consumed the first year control is lost and production is wide open.

We need to keep in mind some certain facts in arriving at our decision on this matter; one of which is that in North Carolina, particularly this part of North Carolina, tobacco is our "money crop," and as we are lined up at this time, without tobacco, or even with tobacco at starvation prices, we would find it difficult indeed to pay our taxes, to say nothing of other obligations. I ask, to what other crop can we turn for money? Such blunder would very probably result in many abandoned houses with woods growing in the yards. One will remind that it was not that serious when we operated or dragged along under the old system. That may be so. But at that time the other states named were not interested in turning to tobacco as they now are. The tobacco and cotton were both about the same in price. But now when cotton growers are in distress, and they look over into the tobacco territory and see tobacco growers receiving an average of 25c, and the roads so full of shiny automobiles that there is not enough room in the towns to park them, they are ready to swing to tobacco. If they do not know how to grow and handle tobacco, it will be an easy matter to employ a few trained men to supervise for them. I am told that inquiries have already come from Alabama for men to assist them. The states named have unlimited lands suited for the growth of the types of tobacco now in demand.

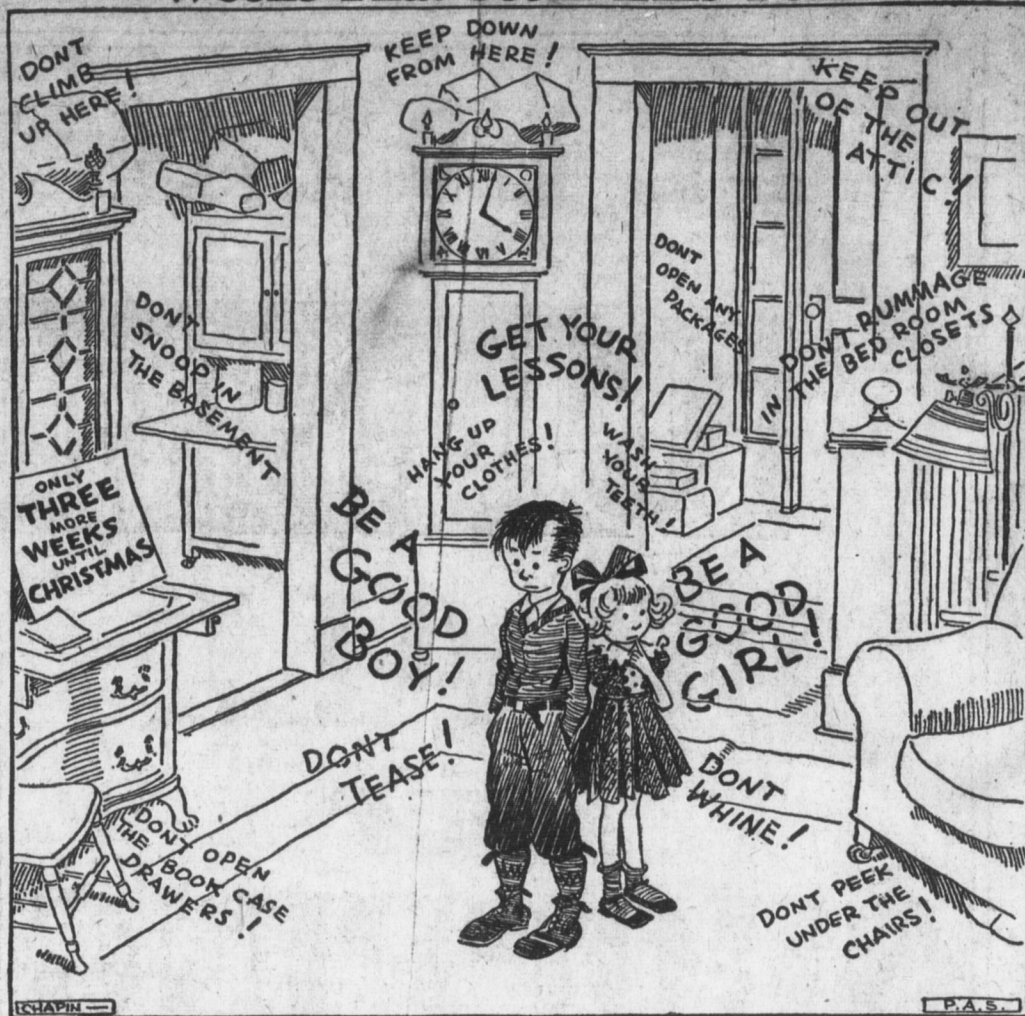
As we stand at this time, I think it safe to say that North Carolina is the most prosperous and favored agricultural section in the United States. We are vastly ahead of the cotton and grain and live stock growers. Shall we kill the goose that is laying the "golden eggs" for us? It may be well to let well enough alone.

If we tamper with our position, and place our financial structure in doubt, we will all suffer. How will bankers, merchants, dealers in live stock, fertilizers, automobiles, and in all other lines, know how to estimate the safety of such deals and the matter of making proper collections? And on the other side—how will the man desiring credit and pledging his property and his good name know how to calculate on paying and saving his land, his personal property and his good name?

Another thing to remember—tobacco production will be controlled either by our control program, or by the buyers of tobacco, that is the manufacturers and the exporters. Which shall it be? Shall we control the acres and pounds, or shall the buyers? They don't want the job, and it is unfair to them to call them ugly names when they are unable to permit us to dump unlimited quantities on them at high prices and force them to pay interest, insurance, storage and other expenses on tobacco that they cannot use for a long time. We cannot change the immutable law of supply and demand, and we will pay for our folly if we try to.

If the four big companies were to pledge to pay 25c average for tobacco for the next five years at the end of that time, after selling all they could, they would have on hand stock enough to last them 10 years, and we would be begged down properly. We have this better control plan in our hands and can carry

Weeks That Seem Like Years



CITES RULES FOR SAFE TREATMENT

It May Be Simple Stomach Ache But It Could Be Appendicitis

It may be only a stomach ache, but if you want to be safe—Call a doctor, remain quiet and apply an ice bag to the abdomen. Do not take a laxative, food, or medicine.

The observance of this simple three-point rule will save many of the 18,000 lives lost in the United States every year from appendicitis, according to Dr. Donald B. Armstrong, third vice-president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. The importance of the rule, which Dr. Armstrong points out, should be followed in every case of abdominal pain, is being brought home to millions of American families as part of a nation-wide campaign against appendicitis being participated in by the insurance company.

The rule, Dr. Armstrong says, is based on sound medical experience, reinforced by a recent study made by health authorities. He points out that medical science has proved that self-treatment is responsible for a large number of the appendicitis deaths, and that most of these could be prevented by calling a doctor and receiving surgical care when needed.

The appendicitis survey shows that in a group of appendicitis patients, among those who received no laxative, only one died out of 64. When one laxative was taken the deaths were one out of 18, while among those who received more than one dose, one death occurred in 11 patients.

The study also revealed that when hospitalization was delayed from two to three days after an appendicitis attack, the death toll was three times as great as among those patients who were admitted to a hospital within the first 24 hours.

WANTS

For Sale—Five room house, cheap. See Douglas Darnell. lctfn

For rent—six-room house on North Bridge street. See Dr. W. R. Wellborn. 1t-c

For sale at a bargain—1 heater, 1 laundry heater and 1 coal heater, all in good condition. Telephone 44-W. 1tc

Wanted—Standing merchantable timber in unlimited quantities. Reich & Hunt.

Large assortment of wines and cocktails, including the famous Tom Collins brand. Also Widmer's white port wine. Better than brandy for fruit cake. The Rendezvous. 12-8c

For Rent—7-room house with garden and pasture. Home of I. A. Eldridge, deceased. Located 5 miles north of Elkin. Partly furnished. Write E. B. Eldridge, Glade Valley, N. C. 12-15c

For Sale—All kinds of wood, any length; oak or mixed. Delivered anytime. J. S. Hudspeth, H. W. Crouse, Telephone 180. tfe

FREE! If excess acid causes you pains of Stomach Ulcers, Indigestion, Heartburn, Belching, Bloating, Nausea, Gas Pains, get free Sample, Udga, at Turner Drug Company. 1-26p

For Sale: Baled soy-bean and lespedeza hay. L. S. Weaver, Jonesville. 12-15c

Wanted to repair your watches. J. F. Talbirt on Main street next to new bridge. See me for your watches, both new and used. 12-15p

FREE! If excess acid causes you Stomach Ulcers, Gas Pains, Indigestion, Heartburn, Belching, Bloating, Nausea, get free sample doctor's prescription, Udga, at Turner Drug Co. 6-3p

Wanted to repair your watches. J. F. Talbirt at the home of Mrs. C. W. Rogers on Bridge St. has years of experience as a watch maker. All work guaranteed. Prices are as follows: Balance staff \$1.50; jewel \$1.25; mainspring \$1.00; watch cleaned \$1.00. Nothing over \$4.00. 12-15p

Wanted to repair — radios. Our expert thoroughly knows his business. Prices right. Harris Electric Co., Elkin, N. C. tfe

Do you want plenty of eggs from strong, fast growing young chicks? If so feed Panamin. We have it. Abernethy's, A Good Drug Store, Elkin, N. C. tfo

We buy scrap iron and metals. Double Eagle Service Co., Elkin, N. C. tfe

Xmas Candy at wholesale prices, direct from candy manufacturer. 5 lb. box \$1.00; 10 lb. box \$1.85 sent prepaid for Money Order or check, or C. O. D. Southern Candy Co., Dunn, N. C. 12-22p

Will trade 7-year-old, 1200-pound mule for Fordson tractor and double disc harrow. G. K. Cockerham, Mountain Park, N. C. 12-8p

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Friends—I have been building for the past several months; but now am ready to give you more real bargains in real estate buys in both large and small farms; also city property. I have 100 acres, dwelling, two good tobacco barns, pasture, 35 acres of real bottom land that does not overflow. A fine tobacco and grain farm, 7 1-2 miles of Elkin, on good road. Price \$2500 cash. See me for your needs in real estate. D. C. MARTIN

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