

THIS BUSINESS OF Living

BY SUSAN THAYER



"LEGEND OF BRAVE WOMEN"

There's a stirring story in the annals of almost every old American family concerning some brave ancestor, as a woman who rose to great heights of power at some crisis in the family's history.

Perhaps she was the wife of some early New England colonizer who defended her home against the Indians during her husband's absence. Perhaps she went West in a covered wagon and worked as hard as any of her menfolk proving up on the "Claim" given them by the government. Perhaps she was one of the early school teachers who maintained standards of decency in a remote mining community by her own staunch belief in the amenities of life. Perhaps she took over the management of the farm and kept it producing during the years that her husband was at war.

In this country we are rich in the legends of great women who stood shoulder to shoulder with their husbands in the settlement and development in the country. But during the last two generations women as a whole have been more served than serving their country! This was largely due to the effects of American industry which freed women from household drudgery by producing a host of household conveniences and brought her new opportunities for entertainment by the development of the automobile, the moving

picture and the radio. It was all very pleasant and easy and we took to our new way of life with enthusiasm and believed that the great days when women could be of use to this country were all in the past. But today once more it is necessary for the women of this country to take their places beside the men if the freedom we have hitherto taken for granted is to be maintained for ourselves and for our children. This time we are not required to fight or till the soil or carry the banner of civilization into some remote outpost but to help to create the most powerful of all weapons in a Democracy—public opinion.

We must realize clearly what it is that gives us our unique privileges in this country as women and as human beings and through personal conversation, as well as club study and civic meetings, help to build up the needed bulwark of opinion in favor of those three national traditions which are the backbone of our Freedom—representative democracy, civil and religious liberties, and free business enterprise. Women in the past have risen to the occasion in every national emergency. Isn't there every reason to believe that the women of today care as much what happens to their country and will be willing to do their part in saving it from the tyranny whose shadow lies over the rest of the world?

MOON TO SHINE AGAIN ON ALBEMARLE'S BOOTLEGGERS AS LIQUOR PRICES SOAR

National Defense Tax Puts Government Stuff Out Of Reach Of Slim Pocketbooks; Norfolk Undercover Dealers Reported Preparing To Invade Market With East Lake Product

Once upon a time there was something called Prohibition. Nobody knew exactly what it was, but when Prohibition was laughingly in effect moonshiners in the East Lake District and in the deepest parts of Camden County were as thick as politicians around a polling place. In lesser numbers they inhabited all the counties of this section.

Rum-runners in leather jackets and leather caps who looked like nothing in the world so much as rum-runners, bought light speedy cars and burned up the Dismal Swamp Canal road between Elizabeth City and Norfolk.

Everybody was perfectly familiar with the terms "block-cars" and "poo-loads," and with the added Federal Agents the rum-runners had a merry time. The boys in the Leather Jackets fought with the Federal men, forced their cars into ditches along the highway, killed one or two of them and roared with

wide-open cut-outs on into the suburbs of Norfolk with load after load of swamp-distilled moonshine liquor. Norfolk throats were very dry.

For one of these breath-taking journeys the rum-runner—usually a master driver with a taste for thrills and a negligible sense of danger—received about \$25 which he spent for another Leather Coat and another spring-leaf. He donned The Coat and attached the spring-leaf to his light fast car so it wouldn't look like it was loaded to the axles when actually the sides were bulging with five-gallon jugs.

Another driver, one familiar with all the alleys and byways of Norfolk proper, took over the load in the outskirts of the Tidewater Metropolis and delivered it to the consignee who in turn took it to a basement and siphoned the stuff into pint bottles and made it available to those Dry Norfolk Palates.

Most of the glamour in distilling and rum-running went out with Prohibition, but a few of the moonshiners kept in practice and in business—in a small way—and hoped for a break. They tell us all things come to him who waits, and the break for unemployed distillers came recently with the National Defense Tax.

Now, again, in the secluded privacy of cypress swamps and juniper thickets the smoke from moonshiners' fires is scheduled to climb once more into the early morning sky.

Deep in the back country tonight men are gathered . . . and they talk in whispers. In Norfolk and in Portsmouth and in Newport News other little groups are whispering.

They are talking about gallons and quarts and pints, and most especially about money. And why not? The stuff that cost six to eight dol-

N. C. Delegate To N. F. A. Meeting Goes To Pine Bluff, Ark.

K. A. Williams, Teacher From Winfall, Included In Trip With Other Leaders

Announcement of the official North Carolina delegation to the sixth national convention of New Farmers of America at Pine Bluff, Ark., August 3-7, was made by S. B. Simmons, A. & T. College, state supervisor of vocational agriculture for Negroes and national executive secretary of the organization.

E. C. Setzer, Jr., of Dunn; H. Parker, of Pleasant Grove, and Ralph Camp, of Kings Mountain, will represent the State in the national agricultural judging contest that will be held. Ahoskie high school will send a quartet to represent the State in the national quartet singing. Horace Copeland, of Enfield, will be the official representative in the national public speaking contest.

Teachers making the trip include J. J. Lanier, of Pleasant Grove; J. G. Leonard, of Windsor; John Spaulding and George Crenshaw of Clarkton; B. T. Elliott, of Whiteville; Harvey Hargraves, of Chadbourne; S. C. Anderson, of Rocky Mount; R. E. Fitzgerald, of Nashville; J. L. Bolden, of Wise; Leroy Johnson, of Enfield; K. A. Williams, of Winfall; James Faulcon, of Ahoskie, and W. T. Johnson, instructor in rural engineering at A. & T. College. In addition, J. Archie Hargraves, publicity director of the national organization, and Mr. Simmons are making the trip.

On the way to Arkansas, the North Carolina delegation will make stops at Smith University, Charlotte; Lincoln Academy, Kings Mountain; Atlanta University, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; and will cross the Mississippi River at Vicksburg, Miss. En route home, Fisk, Tennessee A. & T., and the itinerary includes Memphis, Tenn.; Nashville, Tenn., where Meharry Medical College will be visited, and the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina.

lars for five gallons at the still will bring thirty dollars in retail sales.

Those who managed to drink—and live—through Prohibition Days can still stomach raw corn distilled before yesterday if they're convinced it's six months old . . . and they can be convinced. Five gallons will bring thirty dollars at 75 cents a pint . . . well under the price for ABC liquor with war tax added.

Some Federal Men are anticipating something, too, informed Norfolk sources tell us. There is every indication that more "agents" will be called back to duty in the Merry Chase.

In Virginia, where most of the Albemarle's moonshine goes, the ABC Board is seriously discussing the threat of bootleg competition. So are the officers of Uncle Sam's Alcoholic Tax Unit. "Cheap" whiskey in Norfolk is now high and the high-priced stuff at ABC stores is out of sight.

Uncle Sam, out to replenish his treasury to meet the cost of National Defense as we prepare for A. Hitler & Company, has boosted his whiskey tax 75 cents a gallon. The Old Dominion, out to raise more money for schools, has tacked another ten percent to the retail price.

Yes, the swamps will reek again with the scent of stale mash, and Leather-coated Hell Drivers are already tuning up their cars for more mad dashes along the George Washington Highway. But this time, Virginia will not provide the only dry throats and slim pocketbooks that furnish the moonshiners' demand. The National Defense Tax is in effect everywhere.

RYLAND NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Stafford and children have returned to their home in Norfolk, Va., after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Copeland.

Mrs. N. H. Howell is visiting relatives and friends in Norfolk, Va. Mrs. W. J. Tweedy, of Elizabeth

Auto Quiz No. 6

ANSWERS

1. c. getting as close as possible to the right curb or edge of the road. This allows drivers coming behind you to know what you intend to, and lets them pass on your left if they intend to go straight ahead. Of course, you should give a hand signal, too.
2. b. low beam. Fog consists of tiny drops of water which act like tiny mirrors. They cannot be pierced with a beam of light; instead they throw the light right back at the driver. Therefore, the low beam which points downward should be used.
3. False. Carbon monoxide gas is odorless. You can't see it, smell it or taste it; so beware.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parks, Miss Gertrude Jackson and Barbara Hensley visited Mrs. Harriet Parks, of near Gliden, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Parks was painfully burned on her arm recently.

Mrs. Martha Nixon, her son, Harry, and daughter, Mildred, of Emporia, Va., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ward and Mrs. H. N. Ward Sunday.

Miss Regina Byrum spent Saturday night with Miss Juanita Lane.

John Ervin Copeland went to Newport News, Va., Monday to accept a position.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chappell visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hollowell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Goodwin, of Chocktuck, Va., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Jordan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Midyette and sons, Allan and Norfleet, of Swan Quarter, Mrs. T. J. Hoskins and son, Richard, of near Edenton, visited their mother, Mrs. H. N. Ward, on a recent Sunday afternoon.

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SEED OUTLOOK

As a result of the European war, United States farmers may be called upon to produce a larger portion of American seed supplies than they have for many years.

Pine Needle Mulch Helps Reforestation

Mulching with pine needles, or pine straw, to preserve moisture and hold the soil is familiar in many parts of North Carolina, but this practice will serve another purpose, says W. D. Lee, Extension soil conservationist of N. C. State College.

A pine needle mulch will stimulate reforestation of eroded and denuded area, he stated. This has been proven conclusively in tests, and scores of farmers have reported a growth of pine trees in areas where they have covered ditch banks or idle fields with pine straw.

Lee said that the Southern Pied-

mont Soil Conservation Experiment Station at Athens, Ga., conducted tests to demonstrate this method of reforesting old fields or clay gall areas.

"Seeking an economical way of seeding eroded areas, the station mulched four clay-galled plots with 800 pounds of pine needle litter from adjacent woods. In five months, a healthy mixed vegetation developed, including more than 1,600 shortleaf seedlings—an average of two seedlings from each pound of mulch.

"The study will observe for several years the survival and height growth of the seedlings resulting from this simple and inexpensive scattering of pine needle litter over the bare area to a depth of about one inch.

"If only one-fourth of the existing seedlings live for five years, the area

will be well planted," Lee declared.

In conclusion, he suggested that North Carolina farmers try this method of controlling erosion, one of the major agricultural problems of the State.

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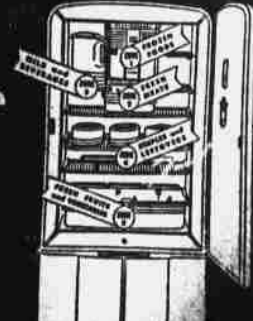
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