

# RURAL TRENDS

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## SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL

It is time for America to willingly take off its coat, roll up its sleeves, and get down to the business of defense. Too few of us realize the seriousness of the task and the immediate need for action. The foreign policy of our government has committed the American people to the fight for democracy. Therefore it becomes our duty to prepare ourselves for any eventuality which may occur as a result of such action.



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The nations of Europe were caught napping. America is still asleep, dreaming blissfully in comfort, but headed for a terrific shock unless there is an immediate awakening to the gravity of our present situation.

Should we get to our task immediately, there need be no fear of the outcome. This country has the brains, brawn and tools necessary to arm against any aggression or group of aggressors that may attempt to violate our territories.

To arm America for total defense, it is necessary for every red-blooded American to put his shoulder to the wheel. The entire defense program is falling down today because it lacks direction.

In order to accomplish a great task, it is first necessary to outline what is to be accomplished. A plan is like a compass; it makes it possible for all of us to go in the same direction. Such a plan should be open and frankly stated. People get nervous when they keep finding out things after they have happened. Dictators thrive on confusion. Our best safeguard against bewilderment is to have a plan everybody understands, and to execute it quickly and accurately.

In such an emergency government must take the leadership. Its policies should be clear-cut and accurate—policies that will create confidence; policies that will give this great nation the will to revitalize itself and be ready to take on whatever responsibilities are necessary to let the rest of the world know that we are proud of Americanism and the institutions upon which this nation was founded.

Once government has accurately laid down the task, it then becomes the responsibility of every one of us to do our part. As individuals we must be prepared to make sacrifices and give up our comforts in order to carry the burden before us.

Management must be prepared to make courageous decisions. It must be willing to forego all profits if necessary. It is now confronted with the most difficult problems ever put up to management. It must be equal to the task.

Labor must purge its ranks of those who are not sincerely in accord with the program for the defense of American institutions. The task of labor will be long in hours. Machines are helpless without skilled men to operate them. Side by side labor and management must cast aside their differences in favor of the common welfare of a great people.

The efforts of industry must be sustained by an adequate food supply. This task falls into the hands of the farmer. He, too, must be prepared to make every sacrifice. Fortunately, the type of food needed is such that farmers turning their fields and farm operation to defense foods will be more prosperous than present cash crop farmers, for there are no surpluses in these much needed foods.

America must be aroused to the occasion. This can be started by laying the defense problems and requirements frankly before the people. Once this is done, every man and woman will understand clearly why and how we must put our shoulders to the wheel. Once an American knows what's expected of him, you can count on his "delivering the goods."

## CENTER HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lane, of Elizabeth City, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boyce and daughter, Ruth, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lane Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Ward, their twin daughters, Florence and Margorie, and their son, Ray, of Whaleyville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Lancel Ward and children, Melba and L. B., of Gates, were dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. White, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hollowell and daughters, Elizabeth and Bernice, of Sunbury, were dinner guests of Mrs. Hollowell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byrum, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anner and children were additional guests in the afternoon.

Miss Marian White has returned from Boone, where she attended State Teachers College, and is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. White, for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bunch, their son, Rosser Bunch, and Willie By-

rum spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va., as guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Parker. Mrs. Parker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bunch.

Mrs. Bennie Lamb, of Ocean View, Va., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bunch.

Sheriff and Mrs. J. A. Bunch, their daughter, Gene, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bunch and children, of Edenton, visited their mother, Mrs. Mollie Bunch, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bunch on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Peele, of Rocky Hook, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, of Hertford, visited their father, C. H. Davis, Sr., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Parker and children, of Sunbury, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Boyce, on Sunday.

Mrs. Rufus Smithson and son have returned from Fayetteville, where they attended the wedding of her sister, Miss Lois Hope Lane, to Tommy Pervis.

Miss Elizabeth White, who taught in Guilford County, arrived home on Sunday to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. White.

Mrs. Willie Byrum and daughter, Shirley, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hollowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Byrum and daughter, Doris Jean, spent Sunday with Mrs. Byrum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Byrum, of near Cannons Ferry.

Miss Nellie Blanche Stanford is at home with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Stanford, her school at Swan Quarter having closed.

Miss Camille Clark, of Hyde County, spent the week-end with Miss Nellie Blanche Stanford.

Mrs. Nellie Lane and daughters, Misses Nellie Mae and Elinor, of Elizabeth City, visited with relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Winslow and daughter, Ruth, of Elizabeth City, visited Mrs. Winslow's mother, Mrs. J. M. Turner, Sunday.

Miss Sallie Hollowell, of Elizabeth City, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hollowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ellis and Herbert Ellis, of Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Ida Ellis.

Mrs. George Chappell, of Cross Roads, visited Mrs. W. S. White on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Duck Hennigar has returned to her home at Ryland, after visiting her brother, Silas White, and Mrs. White, for a week.

Miss Sybil White and friend, Robert Eure, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. White.

Mrs. Herman Lane visited Mrs. Wilford Turner Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams and children and Miss Viola Wilson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Turner on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Boyce were dinner guests of her sister, Mrs. Rudy Parks, and Mr. Parks, at Gliden, Sunday.

Mrs. Edward Byrum, her daughter, Doris Jean, Mrs. Willie Byrum and daughter, Shirley, spent Thursday with Mrs. J. T. Byrum, of near Cannons Ferry.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Ward, of Gatesville, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hobbs Sunday.

Mrs. J. S. Turner and daughter, Peggy, spent Wednesday in Elizabeth City.

Miss Beulah White, who taught at Marshville, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. White, for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Pervis, of Staunton, Va., and Miss Myrtle Lane, of Fayetteville, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lane.

## GARDEN CLUB MEETS

The Hertford Home and Garden Club met Friday evening at the home of Mrs. J. S. McNider, with Mrs. H. C. Barclift as assisting hostess. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. L. Reed. A song, "America, the Beautiful," was sung. After the Collect, a prayer was repeated in unison. The secretary called the roll and read the minutes of the previous meeting. After the business session, Miss Maness demonstrated pictures in the home.

During the social hour, Mrs. H. C. Barclift conducted an amusing contest.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames J. S. McNider, H. C. Barclift, W. D. Landing, E. L. Reed, Wm. T. Elliott, C. M. Harrell, Mark Hathaway, Norman Elliott, Cecil Winslow, Roxanna Chappell, W. N. Tucker, Z. A. Harris, R. C. Murray, Josiah Elliott, Riddick Chappell, N. H. Medlin, L. S. White and J. W. Hampton, and Miss Frances Maness.

The club welcomed two new members, Mrs. L. S. White and Mrs. J. W. Hampton.

## FAMOUS FEATURES IN

### 2 BIG COMIC SECTIONS

For fun and adventure turn to the big Comic Weekly "Puck" and the Comic Book, two great supplements in color.

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## Safety Talks

"The price a farmer may receive for his produce is of no consequence in comparison with the price he may pay for his carelessness in hauling that produce to market," Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division, said this week in pointing out traffic hazards connected with the marketing of early crops.

With the strawberry and May pea markets already open and the marketing of Irish potatoes and other truck crops scheduled to begin shortly, the safety director issued a timely warning to North Carolina truck farmers.

"The movement of truck crops to market always creates out-of-the-ordinary traffic dangers, but the extraordinary conditions now existing on North Carolina highways will make the marketing of spring produce an even greater traffic hazard than usual," he said.

"Especially in the sections around Wilmington, Elizabeth City and Fort Bragg, all of which are truck farming centers as well as centers of defense activity in the state, farmers should take every precaution to avoid accidents in connection with their trips from the farm to the markets where they sell their crops.

Among the precautions Hocutt listed were: (1) Have the tires, brakes, lights and running gear of your trucks and trailers checked and corrected if found defective; (2) see that your hauling vehicles are not overloaded, and distribute the weight as evenly as possible; (3) don't send drivers to market who are very sleepy or very tired; (4) know something about your driver's ability to drive, his attitude as a driver, and his record as a driver; (5) if driving a horse-drawn vehicle, give faster-moving traffic as much of the road as possible and carry a light for driving after dark.

"I appeal to North Carolina truck farmers to follow these suggestions lest crushed bodies, broken bones and smashed vehicles be a part of the price they pay for having their crops hauled to market," Hocutt added.

## Three Step Necessary To Revive 'Sick' Trees

Home owners throughout North Carolina have trees in their lawns or elsewhere that have a sickly appearance. They may be dying back at the top, or sparsely leafed. They wonder what is the trouble.

R. W. Graeber, Extension forester

of N. C. State College, says "sick" shade trees usually need fertilizer, water and a protective leaf mulch. He suggests:

1. A first-year fertilizer treatment of cotton seed meal, sulphate of ammonia and bone meal, applied on soaked ground or watered-in well after the application. In succeeding years the fertilizer treatment should be mostly sulphate of ammonia.

2. Water the trees regularly during the growing season—from early spring to mid-summer. Watering the surface is not enough; in fact it is useless and wasteful. Enough water should be applied to wet the soil thoroughly for a foot in depth. Allowing a small stream to run all night and changing the location on successive nights is an excellent method.

3. Restore Nature's protective mulch by covering the surface with a "blanket" of leaves, woods mulch, or other decaying organic matter to a depth of several inches, and for a distance of at least two-thirds of the branch-spread of the tree. To keep the material from blowing or washing away, a 12-inch light wire fence surrounding the mulched area will provide a good guard.

Graeber said that detailed information on care of ornamental trees and shrubs can be obtained by writing to the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, for Farmers' Bulletin No. 1826.

## Rules of the Road

### On Dimming Lights

Section 94, Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina:—"The head lamps of motor vehicles shall be so constructed, arranged and adjusted that . . . they will at all times . . . and under normal atmospheric conditions and on a level road produce a driving light sufficient to render clearly discernible a person two hundred feet a head, but any person operating a motor vehicle upon the highways when meeting another vehicle, shall so control the lights of the vehicle operated by him by shifting, depressing, deflecting, tilting or dimming the head light beams in such manner as shall not project a glaring or dazzling light to persons in front of such head lamp."

In other words, dim your headlights when meeting another car on the highway at night. The law requires it, courtesy suggests it, safety demands it.

### LACKS NEW CLOTHES; DIES

New York.—Because she did not have new clothes like those of her friends, Concetta Guiliano, 15, a vocational school student, committed suicide by firing a bullet into her heart.

## CLASSIFIED AND LEGALS

ROLL FILM DEVELOPED—16 Velox Prints—25 cents, 24 hours. Film Service, Box 2205, Philadelphia, Penna. may 9, 16, 23, 30 p.d.

FOR SALE—OLD NEWSPAPERS. 5c per bundle. Call at The Perquimans Weekly Office.

WANTED—HUSTLING MAN TO work Industrial Insurance in and around Hertford on salary and commission basis. Address all replies to P. O. Box No. 507, Edenton, N. C.

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of W. M. Carter, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Durants Neck, N. C., on or before the 14th day of April, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 14th day of April, 1941.  
H. C. BARCLIFT  
EVELYN B. CARTER  
Administrators of W. M. Carter.  
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# NOTICE

We are sending out Tax Statements asking all those who are due taxes to the Town to come forward any pay same, as we have had quite an ambitious program in progress for the past several years. The current has been reduced and this, combined with increased expenditures, makes it imperative to collect promptly all taxes. Personally, I will appreciate your hearty response to this appeal.

Respectfully,

Town of Hertford

By W. G. NEWBY, Clerk and Tax Collector



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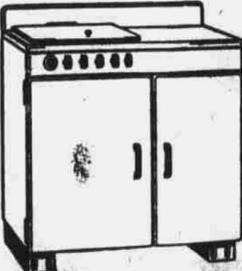
### "HOT WATER AT ALL TIMES"

"We never had enough hot water for our big family until we installed "Pyrofax" Gas Service. Now, thanks to "Pyrofax" gas we have plenty at all times—and the cost is surprisingly little."



### "MAKES ICE GALORE"

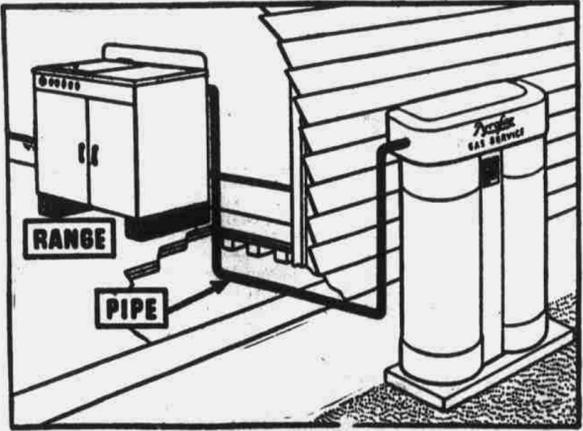
"Pyrofax" Gas Service has made it possible for us to have a gas refrigerator—something we've always needed badly. And it is paying for itself out of savings on food that would otherwise spoil. On the hottest days last summer we had ice galore, too."



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