

THIS BUSINESS OF Living
BY SUSAN THAYER



"ONE NATION, INDIVISIBLE . . ."

We sat by the radio all that fateful Sunday afternoon, listening to one broadcast after another even when there was no more actual news; only a re-hash of what had already been revealed. But we were aware of something else happening during those historic hours when America woke up; something we could not see nor hear but only sense. Yet it was just as real as the sounds coming in over the air waves as that December dusk fell over the tree tops across the street.

It was America coming together . . . forgetting her differences . . . joining hands, whole-heartedly, for the conflict.

For months we have wrangled and disagreed. Some of us have believed we should be in this world struggle up to the hilt. Others were convinced our best national interest lay in staying out, at almost any cost. Individual groups continued to press for their own interests in spite of defense production, and strikes have been rife.

Then came Sunday and the whole picture changed in a few hours as millions of people in millions of homes sat glued to their radios as we had. Those differences faded out and a realization of what America actually does mean to us became real. That mysterious, but all powerful force, known as Public Opinion, changed that day between the noon meal and the night, and without a word of confirmation, we knew it.

In the early evening the actual messages of unity began to come in: that senator who had been a leader in the isolation fight saying, "Now we must lick you-know-what out of them" . . . those labor leaders calling off their strikes . . . that political head-liner saying, "This is a time for action, not for words," these great newspapers that had supported neutrality came out for vigorous action and people everywhere, who had hoped against hope we might avoid this ordeal, saying now that it's come, let's get to work, and industry pledging itself to produce for defense at a rate never before dreamed possible in order "to match every enemy

bomb with a dozen" and "blacken the sky with planes to replace the ones shot down."

The next morning the face of our world looked the same . . . your own front porch with the folded newspaper on it . . . your neighbor's house with friendly smoke coming out of the chimney, the orderly Main Street of town with people going to work as usual.

But something fundamental was changed and you saw it in the people's faces, grave from the realization of what Sunday had brought, and dear to you, whether you knew them or not because we knew that morning that we are all Americans—in this thing together for better or for worse, come what may. But in it whole-heartedly without reservations and realizing as never before in our lives that we are what we have so often proclaimed . . . "One nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

Truck Owners Urged To Register Vehicles

The Highway Traffic Advisory Committee to the War Department is appealing to the Department of Motor Vehicles of North Carolina to urge all truck and bus owners in Perquimans County to immediately fill out and mail in the questionnaire cards sent to them for the National Defense truck and bus inventory. This inventory is being made for the War Department by the Public Roads Administration and the Works Projects Administration to be used in planning National Defense emergency transportation.

A report made Friday by Mr. L. G. Watters of the Public Roads Administration, who is Technical Advisor for this work in North Carolina, revealed that only thirty-one percent of the vehicle owners in North Carolina had sent in their reports. This shows North Carolina to be lagging far behind most of the states in the

Call For Cotton



It's Santa Claus and Uncle Sam pointing the way to a Cotton Christmas with the slogan "Call for American Cotton." Cotton gifts this year have reached new heights of desirability and attractiveness, the National Cotton Council and Cotton-Textile Institute report. Local stores have available gifts of American cotton for all the family.

Union in compilation of this essential National Defense data for the War Department. Mr. Watters said that Wisconsin leads the nation with returns from about ninety percent of the owners and South Carolina leads the Southeastern states with about seventy percent.

Mr. Watters further states that a large number of the questionnaires received to date are incomplete and incorrectly filled out and will have to be returned to the owners for completion or corrections, and he urges that all owners follow instructions and carefully fill out their cards.

Each card should be identified with the vehicle by the use of the motor number shown in space "A" of the questionnaire.

Another angle of the survey is most important to vehicle and bus owners in North Carolina. Priority ratings to assure future productions and replacement of parts for motor vehicle owners make it absolutely necessary that complete information of each truck and bus in the United States be available. It is not only the patriotic duty of owners to fill out and return these questionnaires promptly, but it is vital to the motor

truck industry in determining the future needs in securing priority ratings for replacement of units and supplies.

Civilian consumption of soap increased the first half of this year, says the Department of Commerce.

TAYLOR THEATRE

EDENTON, N. C.
WE HAVE TIL SHOWS

Friday, Dec. 19—
Claudette Colbert and Ray Milland in "SKYLARK"

Saturday, Dec. 20—
The Range Busters in "TONTO BASIN OUTLAWS"
"Dick Tracy vs. Crime" No. 2 Comedy

Sunday, Dec. 21—
Carole Landis and George Montgomery in "CADET GIRL"

Monday Only, Dec. 22—
Nelson Eddy and Rise Stevens in "THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER"

Tuesday Only, Dec. 23—
Jane Withers and Cobina Wright, Jr. in "SMALL TOWN DEB"

Wednesday, Dec. 24—
Double Feature—10c and 22c
Bill Boyd in "SECRET OF THE WASTELAND"
—Also—
"THREE COCKEYED SAILORS"

Thursday, Dec. 25—Christmas Day
William Powell and Myrna Loy in "SHADOW OF THE THIN MAN"

Sheriff Winslow Not Collecting 1939-40 Delinquent Taxes

Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow announced today that his office is not charged with the collection of 1939 and 1940 delinquent taxes and, in order to avoid some confusion, which has been existing for the past week or two, he advises all people wishing to pay these delinquent taxes to see R. L. Knowles, who was appointed as special tax collector by the County Commissioners, to collect delinquent taxes.

Mr. Knowles is working under the direct supervision of the County Commissioners and has no connection at all with the Sheriff's office.

Most Annoying

"Does your husband talk in his sleep?"
"No, and it's terribly exasperating. He just grins."



Basketball Teams Lose Double Header To Central High

The Perquimans High School basketball teams lost a double-header to the Central Cagers on Friday night at Central. The Indians lost to a score of 25-17, and the Squaws to an 18-9 count.

Coach David Fuller's aggregation just couldn't get started and failed to show the spark that was so splendidly shown in the opener against Creswell.

Nowell and Byrum were best for the Indians and Barbara Gault was high scorer for the Squaws.

Chicks . . . Chicks

Now is the time to put in a brood of Chicks. We have a hatch off each Friday of New Hampshire and Barred Rocks. Prompt delivery. U. S. Approved.

Superior Hatchery
Arthur B. Gilliam, Prop.
HERTFORD, N. C.



GET A UTILITY CAN FREE
when you buy motor oil.

Here's how to get long-lasting Opaline or Sinclair Pennsylvania Motor Oil plus a handy utility can for the price of the oil alone. Buy Opaline or Sinclair Pennsylvania in a 5-gallon Utility Can. When it's empty, you can use the can for a radiator pail or as a safety can for gasoline or kerosene. This Utility Can is made of heavy, galvanized metal. It has a large opening for refilling and a nozzle with both a large and small opening, made tight with screw caps. Next time you buy motor oil, ask for the 5-gallon Utility Can of Opaline or Sinclair Pennsylvania.

Let me deliver to your farm

J. H. TOWE, Agent

Hertford, N. C.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS



For Everybody on Your List

Time's flying, folks. Just five days remain for shopping before Christmas. If you are a wise shopper, you'll not wait 'til the last minute to make your purchases. Be early and you will have a wide choice to pick from. We have gifts for everybody on your list . . . so come in now and pick the gifts you want. We will gladly hold them for you until Christmas Eve.

For Gifts that Last-Shop Here

Electrical Gifts

- Waffle Irons
- Toasters
- Electric Irons
- Percolators
- Lamps
- Hot Plates
- Electric Stoves
- Oil Stoves
- Radios

Toy Gifts

- Roller Skates
- Bicycles
- Air Rifles
- Tricycles
- Speed Wagons
- Footballs
- Basketballs
- Small Toys
- Scoters

Gifts For Men

- Shot Guns
- Hunting Wear
- Watches
- Ammunition
- Tool Sets
- Compass
- Flashlights
- Knives
- Clocks

We Have Many Inexpensive Items That Your Family and Friends Will Appreciate as Gifts

Hertford Hardware & Supply Co.

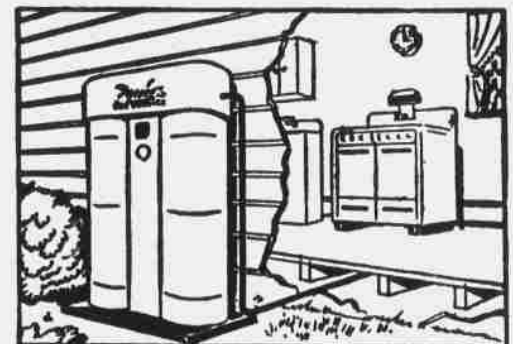
"Trade Here and Bank the Difference"

HERTFORD, N. C.



"MY MOTHER TOLD ME TO TAKE THIS ONE!"

"PYROFAX"
GAS SERVICE



"You'll not only save time, work and money with 'Pyrofax' Gas Service," she said, "but you'll also find that meals are easier to prepare. You'll waste less food, too . . . and your pet recipes will come out perfectly."

"And you'll learn—as I have the last 20 years now—that 'Pyrofax' gas is always reliable. It just naturally has to be . . . for the future supply of 'Pyrofax' gas is guaranteed in writing!"



DEPENDABLE! AUTOMATIC! Two cylinders are delivered to your home—one for use—one for reserve—to prevent your running out of gas. Automatic equipment, available at slight extra charge, turns on supply from reserve cylinder as soon as cylinder in use becomes empty.

"PYROFAX"
TRADE-MARK
GAS SERVICE

COOKING • WATER HEATING • REFRIGERATION
IN HOMES BEYOND THE GAS MAINS

Albemarle Natural Gas Co.

Jacob Hobowsky, Manager

Edenton, N. C.