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**WE ESCAPE MANY EVILS:** He shall deliver thee in six troubles, yea, in seven, there shall no evil touch thee.—Job 5:19.

**Conservation Needed**

Motorists of North Carolina should see the handwriting on the wall and conserve gasoline to the utmost during the next few weeks or months to prevent this State being included in the list now being rationed severely. At present North Carolina is left off the list, banning not only pleasure driving, but many non-essential deliveries.

The gasoline situation along the entire Eastern Seaboard is reported as desperate, and it is our belief that unless motorists hereabouts restrict their driving to bare necessity, conditions will be such that OPA will be forced to enlarge the number of States now restricted.

**Machinery For Farmers**

Farmers will be able to buy reasonable amounts of items needed directly from dealers without filling out complicated forms, according to the new Office of Civilian Requirements, which has taken action to make fifty items of farm machinery and equipment available at once.

The diversion of materials and finished articles has been made possible by the Army, the Navy, Lend-Lease and other Government agencies which have relinquished part of the current production originally assigned to them.

Many factories will be instructed by WPB to ship a percentage of current production to wholesalers, retailers or jobbers. The latter will ship to retailers who sell to farmers and honor certified orders from retailers based on the certificates received by retailers from farmers under the plan.

**Italy Loses Africa Forever**

Earlier this month, Premier Mussolini told a cheering crowd of Italian Fascists that "Italy must and will return to Africa."

The Italian dictator spoke from the same balcony where, seven years ago, he celebrated the triumphant end of the Ethiopian campaign, during which he said, "We defy the world and open new ways to civilization."

The Duce admitted that this "great undertaking is not finished," and asserted that "it is merely interrupted." This is putting it mildly. The Italian Empire in Africa is not only "interrupted," it is at an end.

Regardless of Mussolini's boast that "we shall return" there is little prospect that Italy will be permitted to reacquire any foothold on the southern coast of the Mediterranean.

**Knows His Germans**

While warning that Germany is still militarily strong and that hard fighting is ahead, President Eduard Benes, of Czechoslovakia, predicts that Germany will collapse suddenly, just as her army did in Tunisia.

Mr. Benes is not romancing. He is a hard-headed realist but he knows his Germans.

To predict that the Germans will collapse, suddenly, is not to forecast a short war or an early victory. How soon the collapse will come depends upon how the blows are directed upon the Nazis.

The quicker and the heavier our assault upon Occupied Europe, the sooner the Nazis will give up hope and, when that occurs, the end will be at hand, so far as Germany is concerned.

Dispatches from Tunisia describe the disorganization and demoralization of German troops under Allied pressure.

The soldiers of the Axis who were so impressive when the odds were with them in Poland, France and Greece, surrendered wholesale. Many of them had ample supplies of food and ammunition.

The Tunisian victory demonstrates again that the Germans are not "last ditch" fighters. When the tide of battle turns against them, they have no stomach for a battle against great

**QUIT SHAKING THAT ROPE!**



odds. They quit fighting and they quit in a hurry.

The behavior of German soldiers in Tunisia indicates what will happen in Germany when the people are convinced, beyond doubt, that further fighting is hopeless. It is our prediction that the Germans, as in 1918, will fold up fast when hope expires.

**Smile When You Say Potato**

A potato in days of yore—and not so very yore at that—was just a "spud." Calorie-conscious females gave them a wide berth. People have adapted them to many uses—whittled them down for stoppers, used them to plug leaks in kettles and drain pipes. In fact, spuds have always taken a lot of just plain kicking around.

Whoever heard of anyone treasuring a potato? Other vegetables made their seasonal debuts in a flurry of popularity. But never potatoes. No one ever rushed to the market to see if potatoes were in. They always were. No one gave them a thought. The housewife listed them at the end of her grocery order, as an afterthought—"oh, yes, and send me a peck of potatoes."

Everyone ate them, but they were no treat. Even new potatoes failed to evoke the enthusiasm inspired by other fresh vegetables in season. They were still just potatoes—the pennies of the vegetable currency. Today people stand in line for those "pennies," eagerly hoarding the few they may get, tenderly carrying them home as if they were orchids, paring them with bated breath lest the knife slip. No longer are they referred to as spuds. They're Potatoes, if you please, spelled with a capital.

That's the way it is on the home front anyway. In the Army—well, that's another story. If you want to hear it, just ask the soldier on k. p. They're still spuds in his language.—Christian Science Monitor.

**BETHEL NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs visited Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Proctor on Sunday.

J. H. Mansfield, Miss Ruth Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ward and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davenport, of Washington, N. C., on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ward and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Corpew, Jr., on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe White and children and Mrs. Tempie Tarkenton spent the week-end in Norfolk, Va., visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bailey.

Miss Ruth Mansfield visited her sister, Mrs. James Small, of near Edenton, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thatch and children visited Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ward Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Phillips and daughters, Marjory and Madeline, and Mrs. Hattie Farmer visited Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Myers and Mrs. Beulah Williams, in Norfolk, Va., Sunday.

Leroy Goodwin spent Monday in Norfolk, Va., with his sister, Mrs. Murray Perry.

Mrs. W. D. Curtis spent Sunday in Elizabeth City with her daughter, Mrs. Johannie Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Long and son, Ray, of Norfolk, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Long Sunday.

W. E. Curtis visited friends in Norfolk, Va., on Sunday.

**Cotton Higher In Number Markets**

Cotton prices in the 10 designated markets advanced 23 points for this week and closed on Friday 27 points under 21.38 cents, the level established by Commodity Credit Corporation sales program announced on April 24. The Commodity Credit Corporation reported sales of 60,000 bales of cotton through mid-May under this program. Spot cotton markets were moderately active.

A report release this week on the rate of boll weevil survival this season indicated that serious damage to cotton is likely if the weather in June and July is wet and cloudy in the cotton-growing areas.

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**'DOG OWNERS! TAKE NOTICE!**

I will be at the following places in Perquimans County, on the day and hour as indicated, for the purpose of vaccinating dogs:

Keaton's Corner	Monday, May 31, 12 to 3 P. M.
Shelton Harrell's Store	Monday, May 31, 4 to 8 P. M.
Webb's Store	Tuesday, June 1, 12 to 3 P. M.
New Hope	June 1, 4 to 8 P. M.
Woodville	Wednesday, June 2, 12 to 3 P. M.
Jackson's Store	Wednesday, June 2, 4 to 8 P. M.
Parkville	Thursday, June 3, 12 to 3 P. M.
Winfall	Thursday, June 3, 4 to 8 P. M.
Whitston	Baker's Store, Friday, June 4, 12 to 3 P. M.
Hickory Cross	Friday, June 4, 4 to 8 P. M.
Belvidere	Saturday, June 5, 8 to 1 P. M.
4-Way Filling Station	Monday, June 7, 12 to 3 P. M.
Hunter's Fork	Monday, June 7, 4 to 8 P. M.
Griffin's Store	Tuesday, June 8, 12 to 3 P. M.
Charlie Matthews' Place	Tuesday, June 8, 4 to 8 P. M.
Yeopim Station	Wednesday, June 9, 12 to 3 P. M.
Bethel	Wednesday, June 9, 4 to 8 P. M.
Chapanoke	Thursday, June 10, 12 to 2:30 P. M.
Vance Baker's Store	Friday, June 11, 12 to 3 P. M.
Beach Springs	Friday, June 11, 4 to 8 P. M.
Burgess	Saturday, June 12, 8 to 1 P. M.
Dillard Riddick's Place	Monday, June 14, 12 to 3 P. M.
Parrish's Store	Monday, June 14, 4 to 8 P. M.
Hertford	Every morning except Saturday until 10 A. M. and every Saturday afternoon through June.

**G. C. BUCK**  
Rabies Inspector For Perquimans County

**Peanut Acreage Leading Last Year**

The Stocks Report released May 13 shows that during 1942-43 season through April 30, 477,234,000 pounds or about 56 percent more peanuts were milled than to the comparable date a year ago. Disappearance through April 30 of edible grade shelled peanuts was about 37 percent heavier than during the same period last season. Stocks of farmers' goods at mills and warehouses on April 30 totalled 387,000,000 pounds, although this compares with 249,000,000 pounds at the end of April, 1942, it is a reduction of about 30 percent during this month. Many of these farmers' goods are in the hands of cooperative associations and are still being reserved for seed. An increase of about 47 percent is reported in the volume of farmers' stock peanuts cleaned and shelled through April 30. Nearly twice as many peanuts were crushed through April 30 as was the case for the corresponding month the preceding season.

Planting in the Virginia-North Carolina area is about 50-75 percent complete. Recent rains will greatly help germination. From reports available there is an increase in acreage of from 15 to 35 percent in this belt this year over last year, and it appears this year's acreage will surpass any plantings in former years. Floods in the Oklahoma and Arkansas peanut areas have practically washed out a large acreage of planted peanuts, which will require replanting when the condition of the ground permits. It is reported that much of the cotton acreage which was flooded at the same time may be planted to peanuts. In the Southeastern section reports indicate a very large crop has been planted and that the farmers have the best stand of peanuts that they have ever had. The planting is about completed, but a few farmers are plowing up poor stands of cotton and planting peanuts. In South Texas the weather continues very dry. Planting is progressing satisfactorily and a large acreage is indicated.

**Ginners Back Cotton Improvement Program**

North Carolina cotton ginners, who are taking an active part in the one-variety cotton improvement program and the free cleaning service under the Smith-Doxey Act, are not only making a fine contribution to the war demand for superior cottons but they are also helping put extra cash in

the pockets of Tar Heel growers, says Dan F. Holler, Extension Cotton Marketing Specialist at N. C. State College.

He cites the work of W. D. Westbrook of the Green's Creek community, in Polk County as a good example of the cooperation between the ginner and the grower. Five years ago the farmers decided on Coker 100 as the best variety for them to grow, and each year Westbrook has brought in pure seed for his customers. This spring he placed more than ten tons of special seed of this variety with them, to provide seed plots for next year's crop. He has also equipped his gin so that pure seed can be ginned without mixing.

Westbrook has encouraged growers to put their cotton in the proper condition for ginning, since it is impossible to do a good job of ginning on green cotton or wet cotton. In spite of a bad harvesting season last year, only 56 bales out of 1,603 bales of cotton at the Westbrook gin were reduced as much as one grade, and this was due to the cotton being either green or wet when ginned, Holler says.

Westbrook collected samples of each bale of cotton ginned for free government classification under the Smith-Doxey Act and thus growers were able to determine the grade of each bale of cotton and its staple length. They were not only able to sell their cotton on a better basis, but they could check it from a seed standpoint. Forty-three bales were found to pull less than one inch staple and the growers who delivered

them have been supplied with pure-bred seed.

**TAYLOR THEATRE**

EDENTON, N. C.  
"WE HAVE THE SHOWS"

Friday, May 28—  
Henry Fonda and Maureen O'Hara  
—in—  
"THE IMMORTAL SERGEANT"

Saturday, May 29—  
Roy Rogers and Smiley Burnette  
—in—  
"IDAHO"

Sunday, May 30—  
Ann Sothern and  
Melvyn Douglas in  
"THREE HEARTS FOR JULIA"

Monday-Tuesday, May 31-June 1—  
Ethel Waters, Rochester and  
Lena Horne in  
"CABIN IN THE SKY"

Wednesday, June 2—  
Double Feature 10c and 25c  
Donald O'Connor and Gloria Jean  
—in—  
"IT COMES UP LOVE"

Thursday-Friday, June 3-4—  
Lana Turner and Robert Young in  
"SLIGHTLY DANGEROUS"



From where I sit....

by Joe Marsh

Friday nights, a bunch of us fellows all get together over at Bill Webster's place.

We don't play cards; we don't sing or carry on.

We just sit quietly over a glass or two of beer and talk about world affairs and local politics, and what not.

You mightn't think that just setting and talking would be so much fun. But it is.

And it's wonderful how friendly talk over a glass or two of beer

can bring out the best in people—good sense, for instance, and good fellowship, and tolerance.

From where I sit, there ought to be more of this quiet talk over a glass of beer. Helps folks understand each other—and be more friendly to each other in these trying times.

Joe Marsh

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