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Youth Has An Idea

This week a group of high school youths, recognizing some of the shortcomings of our community, took the bull by the horns and requested the adult leadership of the county to aid them through an organization of a planning board as a means to provide recreation facilities for the teen-agers of Perquimans.

In our opinion this idea of a planning board is a splendid piece of thinking on the part of the youths, and something from which might develop not only a recreational program for the youths but well planned projects for both the Town of Hertford and Perquimans County.

The youths recognized little to be gained by clammering for a meeting place, or a building for themselves, as we understand it, they are endeavoring to establish a planning board, composed of adults and their own representatives in an effort to discover some means by which they may obtain suitable recreation facilities.

We believe that if the adults of this group will interest themselves sufficiently this planning board can develop into a real benefit for the whole community, not only planning programs for youths but for the town and county. Such building projects as a Town Hall, a sewage disposal plant, curbs and gutters, street signs and house numbers for the streets and homes of Hertford, better rural roads and living conditions within the county, all of these could be projects for a wide-awake planning board.

We earnestly hope that the members of the Hertford Rotary and Lions Clubs, the County and Town Commissioners and the Board of Education will lend every assistance for establishment of a planning board which will work toward these ends.

Production Climbing

Civilian production has had a "terrific" climb in the past two months, according to Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small, who says that if the present rate continues to the end of 1946, it will eliminate most of the problems of reconversion.

Mr. Small says that there were 58,000,000 persons employed in August and only 2,000,000 unemployed, the lowest figure since last year. The jobless total includes unemployables and Mr. Small says that reinforcement of the labor force can come only from women and retired individuals.

Highlights of the monthly report on production show that basic materials are close to capacity, that industrial output reached a new post-war peak and that the production of building materials compared favorably with the rate of production increase on military items during the war period.

A Billion Dollar Loss

The economic loss through highway accidents in the United States is now estimated at about \$1,000,000,000 a year and a highway safety committee suggests that the destruction of property, coupled with the increasing operating costs and insurance rates, represents "a bill that no form of transportation can pay and continue to possess."

The experts on traffic tend to believe that uniformity in traffic regulations is highly desirable, that there should be a steady campaign to induce voluntary observance of regulations and that a long-range building program should take cognizance of recognized safety factors in the construction of highways.

All of these matters have been discussed before, in these columns and elsewhere, consequently, we call attention to the conclusion of Arthur C. Butler, director of the National Highway Users Conference, who says that if the millions of words exchanged on highway safety were transformed into deeds, our heavy losses, in property and in life, would be reduced today and eventually eliminated.

To Avoid Sudden Death

The king of amateur sports is arriving all over the country today. Football—the big college sport in this country—begins in earnest this



Prisoners at the Perquimans County Prison Camp, near Woodville, are shown here enjoying a watermelon feed, as a part of the recreation program provided by the camp officials for the prisoners. E. S. Fulghum, superintendent, provides the supplies and food for these outings the prisoners hold several times each year.

week and next in every State in the Union. With it come cooler weather, and the football trips nearly every business man plans.

Every year there are many unnecessary deaths resulting from too much exuberance on the part of some fans. The long drive home sometimes is dangerous because of bad weather hazards and crowded highways and reckless, rushing drivers. The most fatalities occur after the game, not before.

Each year the various state highway departments appeal for motorists to drive to and from the big games carefully and avoid unnecessary risks on the road. But the toll after each big game nevertheless remains impressive.

Probably the best way to prevent accidents and costly wrecks on weekends to come, is a program of constant warning and appeal to motorists before the season gets under way. This appeal is being made to you in the hope that it may save your life, your car or some other person's life some cold, icy Saturday afternoon this fall.

Nazis Face Sentences

After a trial which lasted ten months, the International Military Tribunal has announced its decision on the Nazi leaders and organizations which have been charged with war crimes.

There is no doubt of the brutality, depravity and criminality of the course pursued by Nazi Germany. The only question was whether the defendants participated in the program culpable and, if so, whether there is legal basis for their punishment.

The deliberate policy of the Nazi regime was to disregard the rights, legal and moral, of the people in occupied areas. Inside Germany, there was, apparently, no law of God or man which was respected by the proponents of the Nazi doctrine. Inhumanity was commonly practiced and property rights were intentionally violated. Both succumbed to the might-makes-right doctrine.

The callous practices of the Nazi regime, both in the years of peace and during the course of the war, were on an equal with the worst that has been recorded in history. As Winston Churchill remarked, they were without parallel since the days of the Mongol invasion and were without equal in the annals of modern times.

Veterans Urged To Exercise Care In Paying Insurance

55,000 Payments Made With Inadequate Identification

Warren G. Knight, Contact Representative, Veterans Administration, local Contact Office, has released the following information pertinent to the payment of insurance premiums by veterans:

North Carolina veterans, who now mail their National Service Life Insurance premiums to Richmond instead of New York, were urged today to be sure that adequate identification accompanies all such payments.

Under the Veterans Administration decentralization of NSLI accounts, all records on North Carolina vets holding the insurance have been moved to VA's Richmond branch office. And, open for business hardly three weeks, the new collections unit has already received more than 55,000 payments with insufficient identification to permit crediting the money to proper accounts.

Failure to list policy numbers (the serial number preceded by "N" or "V" assigned to each NSLI policy) is the most frequent error, according to E. C. Bailey, insurance officer for the North Carolina Regional VA office. Insurance files are maintained according to policy numbers, and when that number is missing from

correspondence or payments sent in, they must go to the master file index in Washington for identification. Incorrect addresses are another source of trouble, Mr. Bailey said.

Corn Yields Are Easily Estimated

An easy method of estimating corn yields has been prepared by Dr. Emerson Collins, in charge of Extension Agronomy at State College. By the use of this method farmers can make a study of exactly what they are doing in corn production and why yields per acre are not as large as they should be.

The plan is to weigh the shucked corn on fifty running feet of row at about five or six places in the field to get average conditions. Then multiply the weight of corn for the fifty feet by a certain factor, depending on the width of the row, and this gives the bushels of corn per acre. Dr. Collins took into consideration

the fact that field corn is rather high in moisture as compared with commercial corn and other such matters in determining the "factor" to give bushels per acre from pounds of shucked corn per fifty feet of row.

Here are the factors: Multiply the weight of shucked corn from fifty running feet of row by 3.16 for 42 inch rows; 2.95 for 45 inch rows; 2.76 for four foot rows; 2.51 for five foot rows; and 1.84 for six foot rows. The answer is bushels per acre.

Every farmer should get some yield calculations in his corn because he will make many valuable discoveries. First, he will discover that it takes many plants per acre to produce large yields, but if plants are increased, much larger amounts of plant food are needed. This calls for narrower rows than usual, closer spacing in the drill, and much more fertilizer per acre. If he is growing a hybrid, he will find that there are no barren plants and that every plant does its best. Counting ears per fifty feet of running row and weigh-

ing it teaches valuable lessons. Try it.

No Sense Of Humor

Wearry Sam—"Alas, Dusty, what caused the family to throw you out on your ear and call the cop?"

Dusty Rhodes—"Alas, Sam I scarcely know. I was to saw some wood in return for a pie, and when I asked the lady was it all right with her if I sawed the pie and ate the wood, all at once she seemed to get sore."

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"I understand pulpwood is still in great demand because reconversion is calling for more and more, to use for all sorts of business and household needs. Besides there are all the new industrial uses that were developed during the war."

"I'm not going to let good money lie idle in our woodlot! I've learned from our forester and county agent how to thin out that timber and turn our pulpwood in for some very welcome cash."

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