

# IT TAKES ALL KINDS

By DAVE WEST

There's an item in the "Remember When" column of this issue that can make such a vague term as "inflation" that we've been reading about meaningful even to a person as notably slow to catch on as myself. Fifteen years ago Tarkington's Grocery Store in Manteo was broken into and three or four hams, 20 lbs. of meat, a 48-lb. sack of flour, a dozen or more cakes and some smaller articles were taken by thieves. The value in all, it was reported in the 1936 copy of the paper, was "approximately \$25." We were curious about how much these items would cost at today's prices; so we went down to ask Bill Tarkington about it. Bill recalled the robbery, and could even recall what the stolen things were priced at. "Ham," he said, "cost 30c a pound then, 70c now." Three average-sized hams at today's prices would pretty well consume the \$25 by themselves. Bill said that the 20 lbs. of meat the thieves made off with had a value of about \$2.00 in 1936; the same would be worth \$7.40 now, at 37c a lb. The housewife had to pay out only \$1.20 for a 48-pound sack of flour in those days; she pays around \$4.00 now. The "dozen or more" cakes today could hardly be bought for less than 50 to 60c apiece, though Mr. Tarkington says he got 20c for them at the time of the robbery.

The grocer says that you could double the \$25 estimate of the worth of the goods stolen from him in 1936 and you'd still have a conservative estimate of their cost today. . . . Lest the prices of food in 1936 appear overattractive to young housewives, they ought to check with their mothers or other older wives in their neighborhood and learn how hard it was to come by a dollar in those barely post-depression days. You've got to be pretty young to look at the prices of the mid-thirties and think that "those were the good old days." People who recall the seamy times most ordinary people knew in the early and mid-thirties will never call for a return of those days. They'd rather take a chance of even more "inflation" than drop back to the dismal depression conditions.

The cancellation of the North Carolina Little Symphony's appearance at Ocracoke because of the snowstorm a week ago last Saturday seems to us one of the dirtiest tricks the storm played anywhere. We'd guess that the members of the symphony were about as put out at missing a visit to Ocracoke as the islanders must have been to miss hearing the find musical organization. However, it is reported that the concert will be re-scheduled; so maybe everything will turn out well after all.

White lightning entrepreneurs,

The Williamston Enterprise reported in a front-page article last week, have jumped into the inflationary race along with legitimate producers. In Martin county, the Enterprise says, "Prices for illicit liquors have advanced recently on the wholesale market, according to unofficial reports heard via the grapevine route. Best qualities, cooked in copper kettles with the supply of water free of drainage from hog lots and mule stables, are commanding \$8 a gallon, cash on the barrelhead or around the demijohn neck. . . . Consumers can expect no relief from the application of price controls to this field, and of course they must not expect the ultrarugged individualists who produce this form of paralyzing joy-juice to submit to voluntary controls. Individual producers in this industry would as little think of agreeing with each other on any matter of business as they would think of swallowing their rivals' concoctions—or of allowing anyone whose health they valued to drink any of their own potions."

Tough hombies hereabouts better watch their conduct. We saw a fringe-shirted, somebrero-wearing, pistol-bearing rider downtown Monday about whom there was something familiar. As he rode by we saw emblazoned in big letters, about where theommel of a cowboy's bicycle should be, the words "Hopalong Cassidy." It is obvious that Sheriff Cahoon and Chief Mitchell will have plenty of help keeping lawbreakers in their place around these parts, particularly since the neighborhood around the Community Building has been pretty well cleaned up by a mysterious range rider who answers to the name of "Roy Rogers." We're a-gonna have law and order around hyar, pardnuh!

### SLADESVILLE NEWS

Mr. Ottis Howerin of Norfolk visited his wife and father a few days recently. Kenneth Gray is spending the weekend with his family. Frankie Baynor returned home Monday after spending the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Radcliffe and daughter Bunnie. Gilbert Roper, Odia Williams, Mayhew Williams and Henry Spencer were in Rocky Mount Wednesday. Mrs. Enoch Radcliffe and Bunnie were visitors at the Onward Baynor home Monday afternoon. Lloyd Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fisher, left Monday for service in the Army. Sladesville and Swan Quarter basketball teams played a triple-header at Sladesville gym Tuesday night. The 6th through 8th grades played, Sladesville being the winner. The Swan Quarter girls were defeated but Swan Quarter boys won. Mrs. Archie Thomas visited Mr. and Mrs. Allen Credle and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spencer and Glenn this week. The Sladesville basketball teams played Fairfield teams Thursday night. Sladesville won both games.

### SWAN QUARTER NEWS.

J. L. Swindell was a business visitor in Columbia Tuesday. Harvey Credle visited Swan Quarter Tuesday. Reggie Lupton, a student at William and Mary College spent last weekend with his father, Rhodes Lupton. Mrs. J. H. Whitfield of Washington was the guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Swindell during last weekend. Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Daniels and Mrs. Nannie Daniels of Fairfield were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Blake last Sunday. Jimmie Rayburn, John Jay and Evans Harris, Jr., have been on the sick list. Measles are visiting many homes these days. Landreth Williams, who is visiting his parents, the Harold Williams, is also on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Williams were business visitors in New Bern Friday. Mrs. Mattie Boomer and Dick O'Neal; Linwood Tunnell and Sam Cuthrell were visitors in Washington and Greenville Friday.

Returns To War Zone Milton Harris who has been home for several weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Harris, will leave Friday to return to the Korean front where he was stationed before being called home. On the trip home Mr. Harris flew from Korea to Japan, from Japan to Guam, from Guam to Honolulu, from there to California, and then on home. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dunning and Miss Hoffer of Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carawan of Washington were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Carawan. Leo Bishop, Jr., of Greenville, spent the weekend in Swan Quarter. Grady Credle, Joseph Williams, Jr., Rev. D. M. Lewis, Mrs. W. H. Langston and Miss Mildred Spencer attended a Charge Stewards' Meeting in Fairfield Sunday afternoon. Harry Davis of Norfolk was a Swan Quarter visitor during the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes Lupton of Chapel Hill were weekend guests of Mr. Lupton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rouse Lupton. Mr. and Mrs. Abram Cahoon visited Mr. and Mrs. Hallett Whitely in Pantego and Mrs. Mattie Swindell in Plymouth Sunday. Mrs. Jeff Credle and daughter Sally Blane and Mrs. Allan Credle and son of Sladesville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Jarvis Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mason and son Joe of Washington spent the weekend with the Seth Credles. Mrs. John Jarvis was a business visitor in Belhaven Thursday. Bill Cochran, Jr., and Wahab Cahoon of Chapel Hill spent the weekend here with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shepherd of Portsmouth were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Spencer and other relatives during the weekend. Mrs. D. M. Swink is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smith, Jr., in Richmond, Va. Mrs. Norman Thompson and son Allan, Mrs. Seth Bridgman and son Pete spent a few days in Portsmouth last week. Mr. and Mrs. Alvah O'Neal and David spent Sunday with relatives in Pinetown.

Patrolman and Mrs. D. A. Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Lupton, Mr. and Mrs. Landreth Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cahoon were visitors in Belhaven Sunday. Mrs. Walter O'Neal, Jr., of Belhaven visited her mother, Mrs. Corinne Bateman, during the weekend. Robert Cahoon of Portsmouth was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Pearl Harris, over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Howell Peele and Rhodes of Washington spent Sunday with Mrs. Peele's family. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Williams had as their Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carawan and Butch, Mrs. S. O. Jones and Miss Aleph Cason. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Best and Billy and Sally of Stumpy Point were Saturday guests of A. C. and Sidney Credle. Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Evans and Yvonne spent the weekend in Belhaven. A call meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ed Hodges Friday night to plan for the fashion and talent show to be held in the Swan Quarter high school March 9. The HDC of Rose Bay is sponsoring the show. Rev. Oscar Edmonds held his regular appointment at the Rose Bay Baptist Church Sunday night. Mrs. Una Jones and Miss Mary Swindell of Washington were guests of relatives here Sunday. Rev. D. M. Lewis, along with Pratt Williamson, Jr., Jimmie Williams, Richard and Tim Berry, Thomas Sherrill Harris, and Ralph Swindell, attended the 30y Scout Father-Son banquet held at the First Christian church in Washington Wednesday night. R. A. Early, Scoutmaster of Swan Quarter troop, was quite elated over the whole affair and felt that the dinner meeting was well worth while. Representative and Mrs. Russell Swindell were in Asheville

### ENGELHARD PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Watson spent the weekend in Columbia. Aubrey Harris of Charlotte spent a few days with relatives here last week. Claud Litchfield left on Friday for Norfolk where he is employed. Ottava Berry of Norfolk spent the weekend with his family here. Mr. and Mrs. Max Mann and Mrs. Richard Mann were visitors in Washington recently. Miss Janie Mann has returned from Washington where she was a patient at the Tayloe Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. John Tomlinson and Mrs. Lyda Harris were visitors in Washington on Tuesday last. Sam C. Spencer spent past of last week in Kinston. Mrs. I. W. Gibbs and Mrs. Burl Spencer have returned from the Columbia Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Garland Meekins of Stumpy Point were Engelhard visitors on Sunday. Miss Belle Neal has returned from Swan Quarter where she visited relatives last week. B. J. Midyette, Ben and James Midyette and Mrs. Robena Armstrong spent one day last week with Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Thompson and little daughter Mary Emily in Columbia. Mrs. L. N. Neal visited in Columbia one day last week. Miss June Long is visiting in Raleigh and Louisville. Miss Elizabeth Long spent the weekend in Raleigh. She was accompanied home by her niece, Jane Barrett, who has been on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Novaline Barrett. S. D. Cox has returned from Duke Hospital where he was a patient there for two weeks. Mr. Cox is confined to his bed at his home. Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Mann and two children of Swan Quarter visited relatives here on Sunday. Mrs. Harry O'Neal and daughter Joanne of Belhaven spent the weekend with relatives and friends here.

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### WINTER FERRY SCHEDULES

September 11 through June 30	
Over Croatan Sound	
Leave	Leave
Roanoke Id.	Manns Hbr.
7:00 A.M.	7:30 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
12:00 Noon	1:00 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	5:00 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	6:30 P.M.
10:30 P.M. (Wed.&Sat.)	11:00 P.M.

Over Alligator River	
Leave	Leave
E. Lake	Tyrrell Co.
8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.	12:00 Noon
3:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	5:00 P.M.

during the weekend and through the 14th. Mr. Swindell was the official delegate from the Hyde County Farm Bureau to the state convention held in Asheville.

Farm management specialists at State College believe prospects are bright for farm flocks of sheep this year. Increases are recommended for purebred and commercial flocks in all parts of the State.

### MANNS HARBOR PEOPLE WHO PRAISE THE TIMES

From Mrs. L. D. Goodwin, a Manns Harbor girl who lives at Siler City, comes this message: "Enclosing my check for renewal of The Coastland Times, I could hardly get along without my home paper. We are too far from dear old Dare County. My husband says if he were able to retire we would go down there. He likes the Coast country." Mrs. Goodwin is the former Stella Midgett, daughter of the late J. L. Midgett, and Mrs. Mary D. Midgett. From Mr. R. E. Burrus, one of the prominent men of Manns Harbor, who has long served his community faithfully and well, as committeeman, member of the Board of Education and Board of Commissioners of the county comes this expression: "This is to let you know that I enjoy your paper best of any I read." Mr. Burrus is a native of Hyde County, but has spent most of his life at Manns Harbor, and during his active life was a leading fisherman.

### BRIDGE CLUB FETED BY MRS. SWINDELL

Mrs. J. L. Swindell was hostess to her bridge club at her home in Swan Quarter Tuesday night. The guests arriving at the appointed hour were met by the hostess and invited into the living room where winter Jasmine and Japanese japonica were featured in the floral arrangements. The mantle was attractive with colorful "pitchers" representing the different styles of designs in vogue through many years. Valentine tally cards were drawn by the players prior to play. Following several progressions Mrs. Jack Lupton received the high score prize and Mrs. Joseph Williams, Jr., received the second high. The gifts were attractively wrapped in red and white paper and ribbon which carried out the Valentine motif. The hostess served pecan pie with hot coffee at the close of the evening and during progressions chilled drinks and nuts were served on the tables. Those making up the tables included Mrs. W. S. Cann, Mrs. W. G. Harris, Mrs. Joseph Williams,

### HYDE SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO CAMP COOKE, CALIF.

Allan W. Ballance of Fairfield, Charles R. Ballance of Middletown and James C. Davenport of Creswell are three Carolinians who recently reported for duty at Camp Cooke in California. Recently selected for duty in the army, the Tar Heel youths will serve with Southern California's 40th Infantry Division. Davenport is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Davenport; Allan Ballance is the son of Mrs. Lydia Ballance; Charles Ballance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ballance.

### CONSERVATION RADIO SHOW

Farmers of this county will wish to listen in at Station WRRF 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, February 17, to hear what J. C. Bishop has to say about the soil conservation program in Hyde. Harry E. Newland, originator of the program "Conservation Conversation," will have Mr. Bishop as his guest to explain the Soil Conservation District Program.

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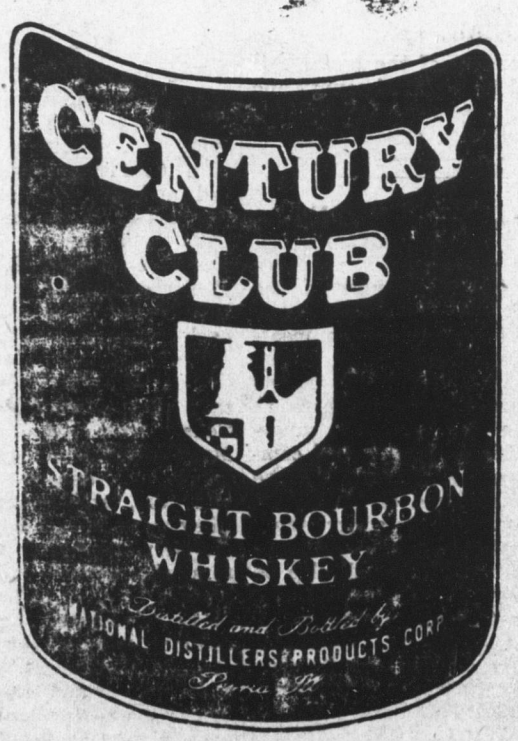
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