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SWAN QUARTER MAN INVENTS NEW TIMBER SAW

Pou Carawan's Invention Is Aid To Pulpwood Industry.

The American pulpwood industry is being aided today by the invention of a portable timber saw by a Swan Quarter native, Pou Carawan. The machine, which can be operated by one man, is a great labor saver in the woods.

The machine, run by a five-horsepower gasoline engine, has a movable blade controlled by a lever. The blade is set horizontally to cut the trees down, and then by the push of a lever is set vertically for cutting the tree up in desired lengths. The blade is controlled by an automatic clutch which prevents it from being pinched while cutting.

The saw, which has been manufactured in Columbus, Ga., by Mr. Carawan and a partner, is being used extensively in the pulpwood industry. It has been known to cut 24 units of pulpwood a day.

Mr. Carawan said that several Hyde County men had expressed a desire to buy one of the saws for cutting wood in Hyde. Such a machine would help relieve the shortage of stove wood.

The Swan Quarter native has made a number of other mechanical inventions, including an electric controlled crane that would pick up five tons. A number of gadgets which he planned to patent were stolen from him, he says.

Pou Carawan was born 30 years ago at Swan Quarter the son of Mrs. Minnie Carawan and the late Mr. Carawan. He left home at the age of 21 to work with the U. S. Biological Survey in Georgia. Since that time he has held several jobs dealing with mechanical designing and building.

Mr. Carawan has learned mechanics the hard way. He has always been interested in the work and while a boy built a steam engine on the farm where he lived. He attended the Swan Quarter school, but quit before finishing to get on with mechanical work.

The Swan Quarter man is married and has two children.

NAVY DESERTER IS TAKEN AT ENGELHARD

Roy Gibbs, seaman 2/c, a deserter from the U. S. Navy, was taken at Engelhard Saturday by Patrolman Carl Whitfield. Gibbs deserted the service several months ago while on the West Coast.

The Hyde County boy did not have his uniform on at the time he was taken. He was arrested near the Engelhard waterfront where he had just tied up his boat. He has been engaged in oystering. Gibbs married a Hatteras girl, Marjorie Smith. He was living at Hatteras at the time he entered the service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gibbs of Engelhard. Patrolman Whitfield took the young man to naval authorities in Elizabeth City Monday.

VACATION TRAVEL CAN COST GAS COUPONS

Motorists who use gasoline illegally to travel to winter resorts face the loss of their mileage ratings, the Office of Price Administration warns. Chester Bowles, OPA Administrator, said: "The millions of patriotic drivers throughout the country who are abiding by the mileage regulations and getting along on tight rations so that all may share fairly the scarce civilian supplies have a right to expect OPA to shut down hard on those who obtain gasoline unfairly for non-essential trips. We intend to do just that." The agency has ruled that persons who are planning a seasonal trip for a definite period of time are not making a bona fide change of residence and that special rations may not be granted for such trips.

GIVEN MEDICAL DISCHARGE

Sgt. Herman Carawan of Swan Quarter has been given a medical discharge by the U. S. Army. He is making his home in Washington where his wife is working. Carawan served for many months in the Pacific war, fighting on Guadalcanal.

APPENDICITIS OPERATION

Miss Magdalene Gibbs, clerk in the Engelhard Post Office, underwent an appendicitis operation in the Columbia hospital Thursday. She is getting along nicely.

FIND JOBS FOR VETERANS

Jobs were found for 60,064 veterans of this war and for 10,892 from the last war during the month of September by the United States Employment Service, the War Manpower Commission reports. Of the total of placements, 12,492 involved disabled veterans whose skills, attitudes and experiences enabled them to perform many types of productive work.

CIGARETTE STOCKS ARE LOW IN HYDE

Many Smokers Are "Rolling Their Own" From Packaged Tobacco.

It has been unusual in the past few years to see smokers rolling their own cigarettes from packaged tobacco, a familiar scene in Hoover days. But the war has brought about a shortage of ready-made cigarettes forcing those who smoke to roll their own, or go without.

A reporter checking with a number of stores at Swan Quarter and Engelhard found most shelves empty Saturday. It has been difficult to get the more popular brands in Hyde County from time to time for many months, but it appeared that stockpiles were at their lowest ebb last week.

We were told that one man had offered friends \$5 for a pack of Camels. Of course, ceiling prices would forbid such a transaction. Anyway, we understand, it was impossible for the friends to produce the cigarettes.

The popular brands sell as quickly as they are put on the counter. Some merchants ration their customers to one and two packages. Others are said to keep their supplies under the counter and let only close friends have them. The situation is similar to the shortage of popular bottled beverages last summer.

We are told that office girls have been seen in nearby towns with the string from a tobacco bag dangling from their sweater pocket. Of course, the old home-making cigarette machines are back in use.

Americans use a great deal of tobacco in normal times, but the war has created a greater demand with many nerves on edge. An increase in women smokers and shortages of factory labor are also important factors.

CIGARETTES TO GO UNRATIONED

The shortage of cigarettes experienced throughout the country reflects the bad distribution due to war time conditions and the fact that the armed forces are now smoking a fourth of the country's total production, but no rationing of them is contemplated, the Office of Price Administration states. The War Food Administration reports that the number of cigarettes being manufactured for civilian and soldier consumption is the greatest in the history of the tobacco industry. Only a negligible amount of tax-free cigarettes is sent abroad for consumption other than by our armed forces. Black market operations and hoarding are also believed to be factors contributing to the spotty distribution and civilian shortages.

BLACK MARKET GROWING FOR CIGARETTES NOW

Initial complaints of alleged illicit sales of cigarettes prompted District OPA Director Theodore S. Johnson of Raleigh to caution smokers that they alone hold the key to whether a full-fledged black market develops from the present acute shortage.

"The shortage," he said, "is obviously aggravated by smokers buying in advance of normal needs to build up personal supplies. Some are apparently willing to pay more than legal prices and are thereby sowing the seed for a black market which will eventually only deprive them further of the cigarettes they cherish."

Commenting on the initial complaints of illegal sales, Johnson said OPA is investigating sales at retail and at wholesale in an effort to combat the black market threat. In promising rigid enforcement of OPA regulations, which require cigarettes to be sold at March, 1942, prices plus small additions for certain taxes added since that date, the District OPA Director said violators are liable for criminal prosecution as well as treble damage claims.

Under existing regulations all cigarette retailers are required to post ceiling prices in plain view and are prohibited from exceeding the legal prices by such evasive methods as "tie-in" sales. Individuals are urged to report any suspected violations to their local War Price and Rationing Board.

BREWERS COMMITTEE

RALEIGH—District chairmen to serve during the 1944-45 fiscal year were announced today by the North Carolina committee—United States Brewers Foundation, successor to the Brewing Industry Foundation's North Carolina committee. They are: Frank E. Barnard of Asheville, N. S. Forester of North Wilkesboro, T. E. Cunningham of Charlotte, Fred Mills of Wadesboro, W. F. Little of Salisbury, M. B. Thomas of Winston-Salem, H. G. Wright of Greensboro, W. B. Watkins of Durham, J. C. Pittman of Sanford, C. F. Smithson of Fayetteville, Henry Harrell of Wilmington, W. S. Burruss of Raleigh, George S. Edwards of Rocky Mount, Albert H. Handley of Goldsboro, M. C. Jones of Elizabeth City and R. W. Jenkins of Kinston.

CLAIR MATTHEWS ILL

Miss Clair Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Matthews of Engelhard, is confined to her home with a throat infection. Miss Matthews was taken sick in Bridgeport, Conn., where she was working. She returned home with her father and sister Mrs. Mary Conyer, who were called to her bedside.

THIS IS NO LINCOLN HIGHWAY



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations. MUD AND FLOOD IN FRANCE—Autumn rains have added to the vicissitudes of American soldiers in the European battle areas. Above, the sign at the left is unnecessary. There will be no speeding on this Ordnance Depot road. Below, an ammunition truck fords a river in France while Engineers start trestle bridge construction.

BISHOP DARST WILL RETIRE MAY 1st

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Darst of Wilmington Saturday announced his plans to retire May 1st as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, a post he has held for the last 30 years. The Bishop gave failing health as his reason for retiring.

Bishop Darst is well known in Hyde County where he draws large crowds of all faiths when he speaks at Episcopal churches. Members of his church and friends will regret to learn that he is forced to give up his work which he loved so much.

The resignation will be presented to the meeting of the House of Bishops to be held at Birmingham, Ala., next January 31st and will likely be accepted at Bishop Darst's insistence to become effective May 1. It is probable that his successor will be elected at the annual diocesan convention scheduled for May 23 at New Bern.

Born at Pulaski, Va., Nov. 10, 1875, Bishop Darst was reared in the Presbyterian faith when he told his mother he had decided to become an Episcopal minister. She commented, "I bequeath thee to His divine will." He was ordained to the diaconate in 1902, he was ordained to the priesthood the next year.

As an indication of his work in the diocese, Bishop Darst confirmed Marine Cpl. William Giles in New Bern Friday night to bring his total number of confirmations in this diocese to 10,400.

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With potash, the supply will be larger, he said, but the supply of sulphate may not meet demands. Ordnance plants, according to Coltrane, have been the source of considerable quantities of sulphuric acid, but this supply has recently been greatly curtailed and superphosphate for farmers will be about 10 per cent less than this past year.

"Labor shortages in phosphate mines, in superphosphate plants, and in the mixing plants are also handicapping production," said Coltrane.

The most hazardous work hours of the day are between 10 and 11 in the morning and between 3 and 4 in the afternoon, reports the National Safety Council. Special care and a short interval of rest will help to remedy fatigue which causes accidents.

NEW CHAPTER O. E. S. BEGINS WITH 36 MEMBERS

Initiation Ceremony Held Saturday Evening in Agricultural Building.

Thirty-six members were initiated into the new Eastern Star Chapter at Swan Quarter Saturday night. The Hyde O. E. S. chapter at Lake Landing had charge of the initiation ceremony. Officers for the new chapter were installed.

The Swan Quarter Masons, Atlantic Lodge No. 234, sponsors of the new chapter, gave a goose dinner to the new members, members of the Hyde Chapter and guests. Wm. I. Cochran was toastmaster. Thanks were returned by Verba Bishop. Greetings came from Dick Lupton.

Dr. Frank Duke of Washington, grand sentinel, representing the grand worthy patron, was present to institute the chapter. Mrs. Maude B. Poy, district deputy worthy matron, had charge of installing the new officers.

Miss Iberia Roach was made worthy matron and Mrs. Mirana Eam, associate matron; Wm. I. Cochran, worthy patron, and Verba Bishop, associate patron; Mrs. Janie Williams, conductress; Mrs. Mildred Williamson, associate conductress; Mrs. Helen Bishop, chairman; Mrs. Berda Lee, marshal; Mrs. Lucy Langston, organist; Mrs. Ester, Mrs. Eloise Credie, Martha, Mrs. Louella Swindell, Elstra; Mrs. Ollie Cahoon, warden; and Kenneth Dunbar, sentinel.

Members of the new organization are Mesdames Maude Dunbar, Helen Bishop, Dell Swindell, Priscilla Cochran, Helen Harris, Janie Williams, Marina Baum, Mildred Williamson, Madeline Smith, Virginia Crabtree, Lucy Langston, Essie Spencer, Frances Gibbs, Louise Credie, Ina Boomer, Ollie Lee, Berda Lee, Janie Swindell, Ollie Cahoon, Rosina Cahoon, Gladys Cahoon, Melissa Sadler, Maude Jones, Louella Swindell, Hilda Swindell, Noi Berry, Emalou Overton, Misses Helen Roper, Iberia Roach and Wm. I. Cochran, Kenneth Dunbar, Verba Bishop, O. L. Williams, Willie Gray Cahoon, Henry Boomer and Nat Credie.

The Swan Quarter Chapter will meet every second and fourth Thursday nights.

REA FINDS BEAR CAN RUN 18 MILES PER HOUR

How fast can a bear run? A 150-pound bear can run at least 18 miles an hour, according to J. L. Rea, Jr., resident superintendent of the N. C. Department of Agriculture Test Farm in Washington County.

Rea reported that he saw the bear about dusk one day last week while driving down the old swamp-lined Pungo Turnpike from Plymouth to Wenoona. There was a large canal on either side of the road, and the bear did not want to go into the water, so he changed his pace from a jogging trot to a full loping gallop. At 18 miles an hour, said Rea, the bear saw it was the car or the water, and he chose the latter.

PECAN CROP SMALLER IN STATE THIS YEAR

This state will produce 2,369,000 pounds of pecans this year compared with 2,700,000 pounds in 1943 and 2,247,000 pounds for the 19-year average, according to the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

The improved varieties, said the release, have increased from 1,946,000 pounds as an average for the years 1933-42 to 2,369,000 pounds this season. The Whiteville market, center of the pecan production area, opened with low sales last week. The ceiling price on Stewarts has been set at 26.5 cents per pound, with that on Schleys at 29.5 cents.

AVERAGE ACRE PRODUCES 22 BUSHELS OF CORN

RALEIGH—Prospects are for a yield of 22 bushels of corn to the acre in North Carolina this season, it has been announced by C. F. Tarleton, N. C. Department of Agriculture statistician. He said this year's yield is equal to that of 1943 "or any other year on record."

Production of corn this year was estimated by Tarleton at 51,524,000 bushels, one per cent larger than the crop harvested last year and 10 per cent larger than the 1933-42 average of 46,720,000 bushels.

AGRICULTURE BOYS TO SPONSOR SHOW

One-Act Play Scheduled for December 6th at Swan Quarter Auditorium.

The Swan Quarter agriculture students will present "The Hayloft Minstrels," a negro show in one act, Wednesday evening, December 6 at 8:15 in the school auditorium. The play is under the direction of J. M. Worrell. Assisting Mr. Worrell with the production are Mrs. Marina Baum and Mrs. Carolyn Harris.

Special features of "The Hayloft Minstrels" include a black-face cast, string music furnished by the string musicians of Swan Quarter township, and the Barber Shop Quartet.

Those taking part in the play are Constable Stubble played by Sam Guthrie; Mr. Alfalfa, Billie Williams; Mrs. Alfalfa, Robert Cowan; Mr. Barley, Percy Harris; Mrs. Barley, Roy Swindell; Miss Cantaloupe, Pete Griffin; Mr. Dewberry, William Wheeler; Mr. Engrave, Lindsay Sadler; Mrs. Farina, Vernon Hodges; Mr. Farina, Wilfred Carawan. The quartet is composed of George Ross, Russell Blake, Carl Cahoon and Gilbert Harris.

The Hayloft Minstrels is a riot of laughter from beginning to end according to the agriculture boys and Mr. Worrell who urge the folks to see it. There will be a small admission fee.

SEND THEM A CARD FOR CHRISTMAS

Names of Hyde County Men and Women in Service Who Won't Be Home on Christmas Day.

By MRS. S. S. NEAL

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Neal will appreciate your help by sending her the name of your son, brother, sweetheart or husband so that it may appear in this column during the next few weeks.

Pfc. Glen L. Ballance, WPNS Co., 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

M/Sgt. J. K. Ballance, 225 Broadway, Church St. Annex, P. O. Box 265, New York 8, N. Y.

John I. Watson, C. Gm., U. S. S. Claxton, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

Donald E. Watson, CC. Std., U. S. S. Virgo, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

Carl Farrow, Pfm 1/c, USN, U. S. Naval Receiving Barracks, Main Dispensary Record Office, Shoemaker, Calif.

Pvt. Julian Midgette, 3455833, 3741 Qm. Trk. Co., APO 305, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Capt. B. F. Spencer, 3rd Bn., 15th Marines, 6th Marine Division, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

Sgt. Hyatt McKinney, 34118758, B. Btry., 187th F. A. Bn., c/o P. O. 230, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

John Q. Butler, S. 1/c, U. S. N. R., Seaman Guard, Brks, 839, Camp Wallace, Texas.

Beverly Hardison, M. M. y/c, 43 N. C. B., Co. A, Plat. 3, Naval No. 128, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

T/5 John M. Hardison, A. S. N. 34666795, 334th Depot Supply Co., Airborne, A. P. O. 758, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Graham Berch Hardison, S. 1/c, 834-19-16, Armed Guard, S. S. Dolly Madison, c/o Fleet Post Office, New Orleans, La.

Dfc. J. D. Gibbs, 14, 117, 407, Headquarters Det. No. 1, Edgewood Arsenal, Md.

Corvald M. Midvette, M 1/c, U. S. S. Boston 799, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Buy More Bonds and Stamps.

HYDE QUOTA IN SIXTH WAR LOAN DRIVE IS \$62,000

Tentative Plans Call for Rallies at Various Schools.

The Hyde County Sixth War Loan committee has been given a quota of \$62,000 in bonds to sell during the drive which started Monday of this week and will continue through December 16th. This is slightly less than the \$76,000 quota of the Fifth War Loan drive in June which was over-subscribed.

M. A. Matthews of Engelhard is chairman of the drive. Heading the Woman's Division is Mrs. Ellen Watson of Lake Landing, who with Miss Iberia Roach as co-chairman, did a splendid job during the Fifth War Loan drive.

Final plans had not been completed early this week but it was stated that tentative plans called for holding rallies through the various schools. This plan was successfully used last winter in previous drives.

Hyde County has a good record for going over the top in previous bond drives. It is hoped that it will not fail in this instance. Officials call attention to statements of military leaders to the effect that the war isn't over yet, and that there is a long and costly fight ahead.

WOOD BRINGS \$35 A CORD IN WASHINGTON, N. C.

Wood has sold in Washington, N. C., at as high as \$35 per cord, according to C. D. Baucum, superintendent of the State Department of Agriculture's Weights and Measures division.

Baucum said that J. N. Harrell, Jr., of Washington, has been indicted for allegedly selling 50 cubic feet of wood for a cord, or 78 cubic feet short of the legal cord. "Since Harrell received \$14 for this fraction of a cord, a full cord—on this basis—would be worth \$35, asserted Baucum. He declared the sale was made to Elmer L. Johnson on October 19, the indictment being made on November 10 after Harrell had failed to bring the short cord up to standard.

Trial of Harrell has been set for December 1.

DON'T FORGET TO MAIL PACKAGES BEFORE DEC. 1

There are now less than two weeks left to meet the December 1 deadline set by the government for sending all Christmas holiday gift packages.

That reminder came yesterday from Harvey R. Roseman, district manager of the Raleigh District Office of Defense Transportation. Co-operation of the public in meeting the December 1 deadline is absolutely essential if overburdened transportation facilities are to be able to handle the tremendous volume of 1944 gift sending, the ODT official declared.

And, the ODT district manager reminder, you get better selection and better service at local stores when you shop early.

UNSAFE TO HANDLE RABBITS IF INFECTED

RALEIGH—Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, has issued a warning to hunters against tularemia, or "rabbit fever," of which in excess of thirty cases a year are diagnosed positively at the State Laboratory of Hygiene. Don't be foolish, but do be careful," is Dr. Reynolds' advice, not only to hunters, but also to those preparing rabbit meat for the table.

Explaining how to be careful, he declared that rabbits should never be prepared without the use of rubber gloves, or some other adequate protection against contact and possible infection. He also advised against eating rabbit meat that has not been thoroughly cooked, as thorough cooking insures sterilization.

"Hunters," the health officer said, "should shoot only at running rabbits, as those that move slowly or not at all are more likely to be infected with tularemia. An indication of the presence of the disease in rabbits," he added, "is whitish spots on the internal organs. Such meat should be destroyed and no attempt made to eat it."

Tularemia, he further pointed out, is characterized in humans by an initial sore, a pustule, or ulcer, at the site of infection, followed rapidly by inflammatory swelling of the regional lymph glands.

When the patient recovers, it is a slow process, extending over a period of months.

About 500 thousand tons of fertilizer should be moved to North Carolina farms before January 1 to prevent trouble next spring.