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## Congratulations To Ashe

On Saturday the Ashe county hospital was dedicated and opened.

That marks a historic event for Ashe because it is the first time that a hospital institution has been located in the county.

The event marked the completion of long, untiring and successful efforts to establish a hospital.

In addition to being a place for use in case of an emergency, a hospital becomes a center of medical information and progress with a wide scope of benefits to all the public.

People of the county and friends at other points donated funds for the sponsor's share of the cost of the hospital, which was erected by the WPA. It is a beautiful stone building.

Dr. F. C. Hubbard, chief of staff of the Wilkes hospital, has been selected as chief of staff for the Ashe County Hospital and will do the major surgery. Dr. Dean Jones, of Ashe, will be resident physician and superintendent.

In observance of the hospital dedication event The Skyland Post at West Jefferson, owned and edited by Ed M. Anderson, president of the North Carolina Press association, came out Thursday with a very creditable 20-page hospital edition.

## Opposed To Mass Violence?

It has been said that a man who would not fight for his conviction when he has his back to the wall is not worth his salt.

We are made to wonder about so-called conscientious objectors. We believe there are very few of them.

When a man says he is opposed to mass violence we wonder just what he means.

We are opposed to war. We think war is the craziest behavior of the human race. It is useless, barbarian, terrible and causes untold suffering.

Who in our country is not opposed to war?

But the fact that we consider war as we do is no reason to say that we would not fight.

When the time arrives that America decides it must fight to insure its independence and to safeguard the rights of its people, the decision is FIGHT.

The soldiers who make up our army and who have fought so courageous in all our nation's wars were opposed to mass violence.

But that opposition to mass violence did not carry the meaning that they would permit injustice to rule this country and their lives.

On the subject of the draft law and conscientious objectors, The Thomasville Tribune carried the following editorial comment:

"The young Wake Forest student, David R. Morgan, who is opposed to 'mass violence' and, therefore, refused to fill in and sign his questionnaire in the selective service draft, will find, if indeed, he has not already found, that our laws are not made to individual measure, but, rather, apply to all alike. He has been sentenced to 18 months by federal judge Isaac M. Meekins, and already a movement is under way to get the judge to give an 'alternative judgment' in the case.

"The army is a rather hard master. For some, life in the army is just an experience and many of the boys like it. For others, it entails many hardships, but the rigorous regulations apply to all alike, and no charge has been heard of exceptions being made.

"'Conscientious objectors' is a more or less meaningless expression; an alibi for those who do not want to go to war or to do their part in defending their country, but in the Morgan case there has been the intimation of mental disproportion, which if established, might furnish mitigation for

the offense he admittedly committed, but slobbery sentiment against committing the youth to prison is laughable. We have no sympathy for those who think laws are especially constructed to apply only to the other fellow.

## The Eternal War

In the laboratories and hospitals of America, doctors and scientists are engaged in a never-ending war. That war is against disease, illness, death. The battle is being fought for you.

All of us are familiar with some of the victories that have been won. Typhoid, scarlet fever, yellow fever, rabies—a long list of such once-great scourges as these have been defeated and shorn of their terror. But the war must go on. For there are other enemies, still powerful, which must be beaten.

The medical men are rarely given medals. Their names rarely appear in the headlines. For the most part, the financial rewards are small. Theirs, basically, is the least selfish of callings. They know disappointment and heartbreak. They see the work of years go for nothing. But they have no time for regret. They can't give up. A thousand experiments may seem in vain—and the thousandth-and-first may bring success with it. Twenty years of labor may have seemed in vain, but the work done tomorrow may open the door to a vital new discovery. That is the kind of thinking, the kind of spirit, that drives the scientist.

## Silent Soldiers

The four horsemen have ridden hard this year. They have brought War, Famine, Pestilence, and Death to a large part of the world. It will take every last ounce of strength and knowledge possessed by mankind to halt their sweeping horror. Before many weeks pass, the great annual Christmas Seal campaign will be on in earnest. The funds from these little seals are used to fight one of the most powerful of the horsemen's allies—Tuberculosis.

Through the ages tuberculosis has been known as the great white plague. For centuries it was the number one killer. In times of distress it literally destroyed whole populations. The fact that this is not true today is due solely to the achievements resulting from the continuous sacrifices of medical scientists. C. L. Newcomb, Christmas Seal sale director for the National Tuberculosis Association recently said: "In the 34 years of Christmas Seal sales, the tuberculosis death rate has been cut by three-fourths, but the disease last year took over 1,000 more American lives than were killed or died from wounds in the American Expeditionary Force in the first World War."

Tuberculosis is still a major problem. With the world again facing conditions that will make a fertile field for a new outbreak of the disease, it behooves the individual to look with new significance this year on the cheery seals adorning his greeting cards. They are silent soldiers in a gigantic battle, a crucial battle between humanity—and the four horsemen.

## Borrowed Comment

THE WAR GOES ON  
(Winston-Salem Journal)

Rumors of peace are drowned in the realities which rise above the bloodshed on the Eastern front and the cries of the persecuted and the slain in conquered countries.

Walter Lippmann, an acute war observer, remarks that Hitler is in a position where he cannot demobilize. By force he must hold what he has taken. And this force requires the maintenance of large military forces.

In the meanwhile the Russians give no indication of following even now or at any time soon the course of Vichified France. Preparations go forward for a long war in Russia while the Germans pound away at Moscow and the Ukraine.

If there is no collapse of Russia morale with the possible fall of Moscow, Hitler may be nearing defeat as he rides to this victory. But that defeat probably cannot be encompassed solely by the action of guerrillas and naval blockades and air bombings executed by the British. Sooner or later, on east as well as in the west, large, well equipped, well directed and efficient armies must come to grips with the Hitler forces.

Thus, it looks as if the world were in for a long period of warfare.

Did you ever stop to think how much ancestors you must have had since the days of Columbus.

## Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

### INQUIRING REPORTER

We thought about turning this column today into an account of the inquiring reporter asking people at random questions on important matters like: "What would you do if you were suddenly to acquire one million dollars?"

We got a late start and found too few people at random.

Another thing, few of them made statements that would do to print.

Here are some samples of the milder ones:

"I would pay my debts, take the other fifty cents and get drunk.

"What I would do would not do to print."

"I'd faint, then decide what to do if and when I came to."

"Get a divorce and marry some young chicken."

### NOTES FROM MANEUVERS

#### BUSHMAN'S HOLIDAY

Sgt. Lester J. Moore of the 36th Field Artillery, Fort Bragg, has been on maneuvers in the Carolina area for a month. He is a little bit tired of eating out of his lap, and of all the wonders of lavish nature. He is weary of 'chiggers, red aunts, and grasshoppers in his pants, and gnats, gnats, and fleas in his soup.

Last Sunday he slicked himself up, obtained a pass, and went to Charlotte to visit some friends—relishing the vision of chairs, a table, and clean white tablecloth which his hosts would have waiting for him, laden with insect-proof provender.

His friends in Charlotte were very glad to see him. They had organized a little party for him, and the guests were in congregation, waiting, when he arrived.

They celebrated by taking him on a picnic, twenty miles out in the country.

### ANCHOR MAN

Lieutenant Frederick W. Beckert, 36th Field Artillery, is a realist when it comes to maneuvers. But so, he discovered, are machine gunners.

While inspecting outposts recently, he found a group of machine-gunner's askeel near their gun—exhausted from continuous hours and days of "heavy fighting" in the maneuver area. Although the men were not expected to be alert at a time when the "front" was "All Quiet," Lieut. Beckert thought he might teach them a lesson in precaution. He quietly walked off with their gun, and hid it in a patch of brush.

An hour or so later, the Lieut.

tenant again inspected the outpost. The men had awakened, found the gun, and gone back to sleep again.

But one of them had the gun tied to his leg. And tied to the gun was a scrawled placard which read: "Tak, tak, Lieutenant!"

### NOTHING EASIER

1st Lieutenant Frederic W. Symmes, Co. D, 240th Quartermaster Regiment, was checking his outposts one night recently when he came upon one of his colored sentries who was without a rifle.

"Soldier," the officer demanded, "if you're not armed, how would you expect to repel an intruder on your post?"

"Ah'd knock 'im down with one of these, suh," replied the colored boy, revealing a large rock in each of his pockets.

"You wouldn't really throw one of those at anybody, would you?" the amazed officer countered.

"Yessuh," the sentry assured him. "But Ah'd throw 'em easy-like, suh."

### MISPLACED SYMPATHY

1st Sgt. Matthew A. Matthews, of Anderson, Tenn., Pvt. Sal Frappaolo, of Port Washington, N. Y., Pvt. Charles Goertz, of East Northport, N. Y., and Pvt. Richard B. Foster, of Southampton, N. Y., were carrying a simulated casualty back to their collecting station near Lancaster, S. C. The patient looked a very serious case, all done up with head bandage, and a leg split. As they passed a farm house by the road, a woman rushed out, greatly perturbed.

"Oh, the poor, poor boy," she moaned. "Bring him into the house and let me take care of him. We can bring the spare bed downstairs."

The litter-bearers had been lugging the "casualty" over the hot and dusty road for several miles. Their reply may have betrayed a note of exasperation.

"Listen, lady," said one of

them, "there ain't a darned thing wrong with his guy. I'm the one that's sick."

Once a lad joined Uncle Sam's Navy his vocabulary changes.

Floors are "decks", windows are "ports", stairs are "ladders", walls are "bulk heads". And upstairs is "topside" and downstairs is "below."

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