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to pour into western Europe adequate armed forces fully equipped and then to keep them fully supplied with ammunition, food, medical supplies.

Only the Home Front can furnish these supplies. And pulpwood producers are a vital part of this Home Front. Without their aid, the work of many other war workers may go to naught. For these supplies will be transported overseas encased in paper and paper-board made of pulpwood. Many of the supplies themselves, such as supply parachutes, hospital wadings, and even explosives, will be made of pulpwood.

The nation's army of pulpwood producers will not fail their government nor the boys in service.

Pulpwood will do its part in making the invasion a victorious drive to Berlin.

Borrowed Comment

SMALL TOWN RESPONSIBILITY
(Skyland Post)

The business leaders of our country are making it increasingly clear that they are depending upon the people in towns like ours to see that free enterprise survives after the war.

While most of us have been watching to see what industry is going to do to fight the growing trend toward socialism, industry has reached the conclusion that it must come to us with its problems and hope that it will be able to enlist our voting power and our vocal cords in the fight to save the American system of business and government.

Many of us who live in small towns may not be aware of the power which we actually have. As an individual community we may not be able to wield much influence, but joined with the vast network of small communities throughout the nation the small towns are recognized as the most powerful factor in our government. And, since the outlook of our community is not dissimilar to that of thousands of other prosperous towns which dot the nation, without the necessity of formal organization we are apt to seek the same kind of life as the people in those other communities.

For that reason, big business intends to come to us with its social and legislative problems and will leave their solution primarily in our hands.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY
WALTER E. ISENHOUR
Hiddenite, N. C.

WILLIE McKINLEY GOBLE
He passed away to be with God
Where death shall never reign,
And when the saints in glory dwell,
Triumphant over pain;
Where troubles never come again
To try the life and soul,
And where no sin shall ever be
As countless ages roll.

His friends who knew him through the years,
And watched his daily walk,
Confess he was a noble man
By conduct and by talk;
Who didn't harm his fellowmen
By either word or deed,
Nor seek the things that others had
Through selfishness and greed.

He lived a simple, peaceful life
With loved ones in the home,
And saw but little of the world,
Because he didn't roam
To see the countries near and far,
Like many people do,
But was content, 'mid native hills,
God's handiwork to view.

He loved his mother and her God,
The Bible and the truth;
He strove to be a friend to all—
The aged and the youth;
And though he did no mighty deeds
To deck the shores of time,
Yet those who knew his humble life
Proclaim him quite sublime.

Hence, little men sometimes are great
Because they look to God,
And go the humble way of faith
Which saintly feet have trod;
And in the homeland of the soul,
With mighty men or small,
They'll lay their trophies at Christ's feet
"And crown Him Lord of all".

This poem, written by request of his mother, is in memory of Willie McKinley Goble, who was born October 22, 1894, and departed this life Nov. 22, 1943. Therefore we dedicate it to the mother and loved ones whom he leaves behind.

—The Author.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT NICHOLS
et al

Have you received your income tax blank from the treasury department?

We have, and it is a honey. We have already started work on it, but it's so complicated we understand the government is going to call in its special collectors late this month to try to get them familiar enough with the blanks to help the poor taxpayer.

If you ask why we started work already in view of the fact that it does not have to be filled until March 15, we know you have not looked at yours. If you had, you would know that it would take that long to figure out the puzzle.

After looking it over you go around in circles, and after a second look, it gets you going 'round and 'round in a zig-zag manner like a person with two drinks of moonshine, a pint of synthetic wine and three bottles of beer, and Chief Walker can tell you how they act with that.

Hereafter, the cops are going to have a hard time telling whether a man is crazy, mean drunk or just been trying to figure out his income tax on one of the new forms.

First thing you want to do is to study the two pages of "Facts and Instructions To Help You Fill Out Your 1943 Tax Forms". After studying the instructions for a few hours, you will then call in several experts and lawyers to help you figure out the instructions. Perhaps you may be able to figure out the instructions and actually begin work on the tax blank some time next month. That is, if you are exceptionally intelligent and have the best of help and advice.

But don't call in the neighbors. If you get that habit, they'll all move off and leave you.

And if you are one of those people who always prepare ahead for what may happen, we'd suggest that you get someone engaged to prepare commitment papers and make reservation for a padded cell in the state hospital for the insane.

SMALL TALK—

The blushing bride told the furniture salesman that twin beds may be all right but she did not see any use getting them before getting the twins. . . . The patient told the doctor it was his first illness and the doctor cheered him with the statement it would probably be his last. . . . We told someone that it didn't bother us to go before an audience and that someone said it was a wonder the audience didn't go before we did.

FROM LETTERS—

The following sentences were taken from actual letters received from mothers, wives, etc., of men in the service. They were either making or correcting application for allotment.

1—My husband has worked on shift for about two months, and now he has left me and I ain't had no pay since he has gone or before either.

2—Both of my parents is poor and I can't expect nothing from them as my mother has been in bed for one year with the same doctor and won't change.

3—Please send me my wife's form to fill out.

4—I have already wrote to the President and if I don't hear from you I will write to Uncle Sam and tell him about you both.

5—This is my eighth child. What are you going to do about it?

6—I can't get my sick pay. I got sex children. Can you tell me why this is.

7—I have already had no clothing for this year and have been regularly visited by the clergy.

8—Sir: I am forwarding my marriage certificate, and my two children. One is a mistake as you can see.

9—Please find out for certain if my husband is dead, as the man

am doing with won't eat or do anything until he does for sure.

10—In answer to your letter, I sent back a bag weighing 104 pounds. I hope you are satisfied.

11—I have no children as my husband is a truck driver and works day and night.

12—In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.

Ferguson News
The Past Week

Ferguson, Jan. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crowell, of Roanoke, Va., visited her parents, Mr and Mrs. H. A. Carlton for several days last week.

This correspondent is just in receipt of a long letter from Sgt. Sycho Bartley, who is now stationed in Italy. He tells us that he is getting along fine, but does not like the weather he is experiencing in "Sunny Italy". He has been in North Africa and in Sicily and has seen many wonderful sights and many things he says he did not care to see. Sycho said he always liked to hunt while at home, but said "there was nothing to hunt over there but two-legged animals".

The flu epidemic has subsided somewhat and many of those who had it are getting much better. The six inch snow that fell Saturday night will probably make travel difficult for a few days and the school will not operate today (Monday) on account of the bad weather.

We had a Christmas greeting from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wheeling of Chula Vista, Calif. It will be recalled that they are former residents of this vicinity, Mrs. Wheeling being the former Miss Mary Lizzie Barlow. They sent a picture of their very fine family and advised that they now have their oldest daughter in school at Northwestern University. Their many friends and old neighbors will be pleased to have this message from them. They get the Journal-Patriot regularly, they say.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Day and family, of near Blowing Rock, have moved to this community and will make their home here.

Charlie Coltrane, who is in the Navy and stationed on the west

FUNERAL SERVICES
COMPLETE IN EVERY DETAIL

Reins-Sturdivant
North Wilkesboro, N. C.

is spending sometime at his home here.

Bob Lee Foster, who has been doing overseas work at Norfolk, Va., as now at home, has recently been inducted into the service of the Army in which he commences his tour of duty on very short four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Cowick and daughter, Mary Joe, who have been living at the Hartley Millville farm, have moved to their farm at Deep Creek, Ashe county. The community regrets to see them leave.

The Home Demonstration Club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. T. W. Ferguson and the husbands of all members are expected to be present at this meeting. The home agent, Mrs. Greene, will be present, also the other county agents, and the year's work will be mapped out for both men and women. Refreshments will be served.

CARD OF THANKS

We use this means to express appreciation to friends and neighbors for their numerous acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during the illness, death and funeral of our wife and mother. May God bless each and every one.

REV. D. J. WHITE
AND FAMILY.

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Excellent Choice—

When the War Labor Board selected P. W. Eshelman, president and general manager of Wilkes Hosiery Mills, as one to represent industry on the labor dispute settlement panel for North Carolina, the board made an excellent choice.

For 25 years Mr. Eshelman has been the head of a rapidly growing firm which has employed many people, and the employes now number more than 600.

But the manner in which he has treated employes of Wilkes Hosiery Mills company is the noteworthy factor in this consideration. The relationship between employer and employes at Wilkes Hosiery Mills company should be an example for industry and labor to follow everywhere.

Under Mr. Eshelman's direction, working conditions for employes at Wilkes Hosiery Mills company have been improved progressively. There is a genuine interest on the part of the firm and especially Mr. Eshelman, for the welfare of every employe.

The War Labor Board's panel to deal with labor disputes will have the benefit of Mr. Eshelman's quarter of a century of experience in successfully dealing with a large group of employes, during which time most cordial relations have always been maintained.

And the panel will also have the benefit of Mr. Eshelman's long experience as a manufacturer and his association with many industrialists from all parts of the country. We repeat with emphasis that the War Labor Board made an excellent selection when it chose Mr. Eshelman for membership on a panel whose duties are so vitally important, especially in war time.

Infantile Paralysis—

Organization for the annual campaign to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis has been completed for Wilkes county.

The campaign in the county will be under the able leadership of C. E. Jenkins, Jr., who has enlisted the help of many civic groups and individuals to help put the county over the top with the quota of \$920.

The money raised is used to rehabilitate infantile paralysis victims in the county and to provide funds for the national organization which carries on relentless research in efforts to find ways and means of preventing and treating the disease which annually cripples thousands of young Americans.

You will be called on to help provide these funds, and we hope that you will respond to the appeal as liberally as possible. his self-appointed mission well satisfied.

Pulpwood Will Do Its Share—

Charles E. Wilson, executive vice chairman of the War Production Board made a startling disclosure the other day. He said the amount of material necessary to supply our invasion forces in western Europe will be so tremendous that it will dwarf the quantity of supplies shipped for the offensives in North Africa and Italy.

What does this mean to the pulpwood cutters of the Nation, to the farm woodland owners, to the Victory Pulpwood Committees in 1250 communities?

It means that pulpwood production must attain its peak in the first few months of 1944 if the Army and Navy is to provide General Eisenhower with the supplies he needs to crack the Nazi fortresses and liberate the enslaved French, Belgians, Dutch, Poles, Czechs, and other conquered peoples.

Military experts say that the success of the invasion will depend upon our ability

Start 1944 Right!
SEE THAT YOUR BURIAL DUES FOR THIS QUARTER ARE PAID IN FULL

No better time than at the beginning of this New Year to check up on your burial dues . . . to see whether or not you have the January 1st assessment paid in full or not. Many of our members have already attended to this important matter—maybe you have by the time you read this. But if you have not, please make payment at once so that you and other members of your family will be in good standing.

THANK YOU . . . everyone, for your loyal and liberal support you have extended your association in the past, and also for the prompt manner in which you have made your payments, thus protecting your investment in your association.

Reins-Sturdivant
Mutual Burial Association

LIBERTY
Monday and Tuesday

Ashamed?

Only the girl who played Scarlet had fire enough to portray Emma Hamilton.

They look at me in the streets . . . They point at my windows . . . I was nobody but today they call me . . . that Hamilton Woman!

..there were many men in my life before I met him . . . I was young . . . I believed in men until I found out they were all alike . . . but I never deceived anybody by pretending I am what I'm not!"

LEIGH • Laurence OLIVIER

That Hamilton Woman!