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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

God wants our best. He in the far-off ages  
Once claimed the firstling of the flock, the  
finest of the wheat;  
And still He asks His own, with gentle pleadings,  
To lay their highest hopes and brightest talents  
at His feet.  
He'll not forget the feeblest service, humblest love;  
He only asks that of our store, we give the best  
we have.—Anonymous.

**Likes "Unto These Hills"**

J. B. Warren, editor of We The People Magazine, gives a boost to Western North Carolina as he describes "Unto These Hills" as an asset to the Mountains. He recommends that everyone who can see it, and offers suggestions, which if carried out, will go far toward making the drama the asset to this section that it should be.

He writes:  
"Unto These Hills," the drama of the Cherokee Indians, is another theatrical success the first year. It can be made an economic asset to the counties west of Asheville if the people of that section of the state meet the opportunities this new mountain attraction brings to their doors. The drama itself is good. The setting is perfect. The story is one of the most dramatic in American history. The presentation is remarkably good for the first season, and with the many inexperienced people in the cast. The production has made enough money by August 1 to meet all expenses, so it is a financial success.

Here are some things that should be done to insure this dramatic presentation of the Cherokee story becoming the asset to the western counties that it has possibilities of being:

1—Accommodations for feeding and housing at least three thousand people every night should be provided at a reasonable price.

2—There should be a better coordination of information about places to stay. Merely suggesting that there is nothing open in the village of Cherokee, but it may be possible to find something five or ten miles away is not sufficient.

3—The many other attractions of this whole area should be more extensively advertised. The drama may pull people into the territory, but the longer they stay the more money they will spend—and there are so many attractions in this section that the stay can be longer than the one day and night needed to get there and see the drama.

4—Chambers of Commerce of the several counties, hotels, restaurants, motor courts, business houses and the people generally, of all these counties should organize for a united effort to take care of the many thousands of people who will come into this section of the mountains every summer. "Unto These Hills" will be magnet that will draw them there. How long they stay, what kind of a report they make to their friends about their treatment, will depend on what is done to make their visit enjoyable.

5—Additional parking space nearer the theatre is needed. Those who go very

**So You Have The Jitters?**

"It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years . . . not in the lifetime of most men who read this . . . has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time. In our own country there is universal unrest and millions of our fellow citizens are fearful of the future.

In Europe and Asia the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs, as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent, upon the horizon of Europe while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coping the vast and deadily disturbed relations in China and India.

It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference which, happily, no man pretends to feel . . . in the issue of events.

Of our own troubles (in the U.S.A.) no man can see the end. They are, fortunately, as yet mainly political and commercial, and if we are only to be taught wisdom . . . the wisdom of honor, of faith, of sympathy and of charity . . . no man need seriously to despair. We are to resist and subdue the forces, which are the occasion of this widespread evil and harmful distress.

The sunshine comes and goes, the clouds lower and pass, the road has its peaks and its sloughs. But, with feet firmly planted on God's good earth, with a heart full of courage and love, we can join in the work of creation by making out of the world what God intended."

The above quotation is 93 years old. It appeared in Harpers Weekly October 10, 1857. Amazed? Why? The leaves turn green every spring. The small streams rush to the sea. History makes carbon copies of itself. There is nothing new about jitters . . . People have recovered from them. Will recover again . . . Knowing that your fear is unoriginal is one of the best ways to get rid of it!

Submitted by O. V. Cagle.

**Something For Nothing Is Expensive**

Democracy is not a form of government but a spirit. It is the spirit of putting more into society than we take out. It is the emphasis on responsibility rather than upon opportunity. A farmer who takes more out of the soil than he puts into it will sooner or later find his account overdrawn. A business man who takes more out of his business than he puts into it is already on his way to bankruptcy.

One of the deadliest threats to our democracy is the attitude of wanting something for nothing.

History indicates that the most expensive things we have are what we appear to get for nothing.—Dr. Carl Agee, Dean, University of Missouri.

**The Country Press Says**

Paris, Tenn., Parisian: "Latest Civil Service figures show that the U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs employs 12,741 people to care for the 333,969 Indians in this country. This is an average of one bureaucrat for every 27 Indians."

Whitesburg, Kentucky, Mountain Eagle: "Holmes Alexander, newspaper columnist, recently wrote that studies now being made show that Federal propaganda forces — about 45,000 government hired publicity writers — are engaged in a cold war against voluntary health insurance, for example. Pay-it-yourself plans have been entirely too successful for the socialistic state planners. It is sure rubbing it in when we, through taxes, are forced to pay the wages for work that is often against our best interests."

early can park on the excellent driveways or roads leading to the theatre. Those who have to park in the Fair Grounds have to climb the hill to the theatre. That is a long way when it is drizzling rain—and it showers in these hills mighty easily.

These suggestions are not made in a spirit of criticism. The play is well worth the trip to Cherokee even if there were nothing else to see in that section—and there is plenty more. Those who did not get there this year should plan to go later.

Editor's Note: The above by Mr. Warren was written before the Drama closed its first season Monday night but we think it carries a worthwhile message for the consideration of the people of Western North Carolina. The Drama was a great success. If it is to continue to attract people to this section accommodations must be provided for their comfort after they get here.

**"JOE BEAVER"**

By Ed Nofziger



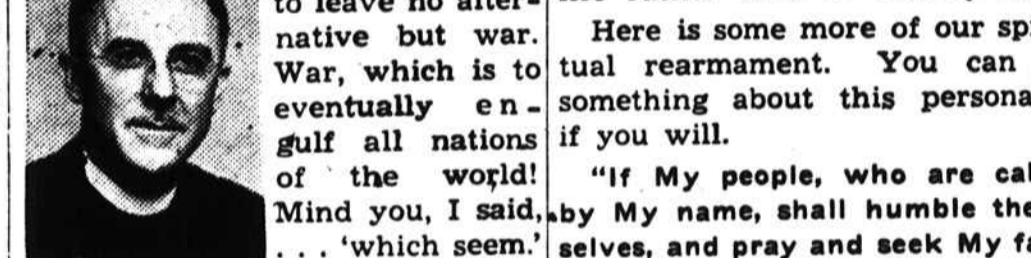
"Of course our trees are worth their weight in gold—you can build a house with trees!"

**The Everyday Counsellor**

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Why not work at developing peace and good will on earth in a manner comparable to the way we are developing our national defense? From a correspondent comes a suggestive and thought-provoking letter:

"These are tense days with rumors and agitation which seem to leave no alternative but war. War, which is to eventually engulf all nations of the world! Mind you, I said, 'which seem' . . ."



"In the face of this uncertainty we might well do something positive toward correcting some of the reasons for which people in other countries turn in desperation to communism with its promises.

"The only hope left in the world lies within the Christian Church. You and I are a part of it. Let's be worthy of the trust placed in us.

"I am thinking of the terrific amount of surplus foods stored by our government in various sections of the country. No doubt most of these foods will be spoiled in a comparatively short time.

"Parallel to this condition I am thinking of the millions throughout all the world who are suffering from malnutrition as a result of the upset due to World War II. I am thinking of babies by the hundreds of thousands who make faces to cry but have not the strength to utter a sound. I am thinking of parents who feel relieved if one of their children passes on, because it leaves a little more food for the rest of the family.

"These hungry people cannot eat the weapons of war, which we send them, but the food which they might receive from us, would be a good counter-propaganda against communism.

"Why shouldn't we write to our President, the secretary of Agriculture, our State Senators and Congressmen and urge leaders to make use of this food by shipping it to such areas where it is most needed? I think this would be a strong move to promote peace and good-will on earth."

Here is a most excellent suggestion. Consider it carefully, then if you think well of it, write as suggested.

We are sharing with many foreign nations to help them rearm. We have been sharing with them also in money to help rehabilitate themselves. Why can't we go a little further and share with them in things which they desperately

**A quick look AROUND W.N.C.**

**NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR BETHEL, WAYNESVILLE PLANNED**

Canton—Plans are now in the making for additional school facilities at Bethel and the Waynesville Township High School. Blue prints and specifications are expected to be ready for bidding about September 15.

State allocations for the new buildings are \$175,000 each.

The new Bethel Elementary school building will contain 20 classrooms.

The new high school building at Waynesville to be located at the corner of Brown and Balsam, will house a new cafeteria, and eight classrooms for science, home economics, and possibly, commercial department courses.

Under present market conditions in the building trade, it was explained, the new building would be completed in time for the opening of the 1951-52 school term.

The plans, now in the process of completion, are to be submitted to the state for final approval.

**STATESVILLE IS GOP HEADQUARTERS SITE**

Statesville — Republican state headquarters for the 1950 campaign will be opened September 1, in the Old City Hall building, Statesville, J. M. Baley, Jr., of Marshall, state chairman, announced in Statesville this week.

Chairman Baley indicated that the committee named to select a location for state headquarters was

**WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY**

**"GIVE THE KIDS A BRAKE"**

This week more than 3,000 Transylvania school children are trekking back to school and Chief B. F. Banther has made an urgent plea for all motorists to remember the slogan: "Give the kids a brake."

Brevard and Transylvania have achieved an outstanding safety record and in order to keep the books clean, the cooperation of the public at large is necessary.

Almost half of the children of this county are transported to school on buses and Transylvania also has an unusual safety record in school bus accidents.

Today there are many children on the highways that will not be school bus passengers. Let's take care of these, too. We believe in exercising safety measures on the highways at all times and motorists should be ever mindful of children.

Teachers can give instructions to children that may mean much toward a safety program and parents also can assist greatly in this teaching.

TIMES — Brevard

**THE MIRACLE FARM**

The greater majority of Rutherford county farmers will have their first opportunity to see an old, worn-out farm completely rebuilt and put back into production today (Thursday) when the hundreds of workers and dozens of machines roll into Boiling Springs to build the College's miracle farm.

While this is a project of the Shelby Lions club, which is sponsoring it, the materials, fertilizer, seed, gasoline, building material, machinery and everything else which will go into the rebuilding are being furnished by progressive merchants and dealers in Rutherford and Cleveland counties.

This project should be of immeasurable value to the college, but perhaps the most valuable lesson to be gained from it is what the farmers of the two counties will get. It will be setting a pre-

governed largely by the fact that Statesville was near the center of the Republican strength and would be readily accessible to the greatest number of Republicans.

"I am heartened by encouraging reports concerning Republican activity throughout the state," Baley continued. "There is great dissatisfaction among the people with continued one-party domination in the nation and in North Carolina. Republicans intend to wage an aggressive campaign in North Carolina and offer to the electorate of this state an accepted alternative to the present majority party. We welcome the support of all citizens who believe that the time for a change is long past due."

cedent and a challenge to them to go back home and improve their own farms. When they see what a little mechanized farming will do, and what can be achieved with a few acres of grass or pasture they will be ready to try it themselves.

The Shelby Lions Club members have not only launched a worthwhile and commendable project, they are sponsoring a project which will stand as a challenge to every farmer of the two counties for the next half century.

COURIER — Forest City

**APPLE DUMPLINGS AND SUCH**

It's apple harvest time. It's a season to be emphasized this week by means of the apple festival. Apples are everywhere. If you are not aware of it in one way it will strike you in another. As I used the telephone to talk to a packer away out yonder in the heart of the apple country I heard over the line the thump, thump, roar and clatter of the apple grader.

If you don't believe the orchards are full of apples, take the festival orchard tour Friday morning and see a few things for yourself. Even then you may find many apple trees stripped of their beautiful fruit.

The harvest is now in its peak. The earlier apples are gone. The mid-summer varieties are in their prime and the fall and winter apples are threatened by the pickers.

Prices are good. Why wait for something better? That's what every orchardist has to ask himself when his apples are green but with a little red coloring.

**GROWING MORE GRASS**

Van Vickery's program at Kiwanis Club Monday night one week ago featured more livestock for Rutherford county. He cited the example set by the Rutherfordon Kiwanis Club, which purchased a number of yearlings in Ashe and Alleghany counties last year and let 4-H club members raise them on condition that they reimburse the merchants and others who purchased the calves.

The project was highly successful. The youngsters who were allotted calves not only reimbursed all of the business men who put money into the project, but also

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**ALL KINDS OF KEYS MADE**

**Western Auto Associate Store**

**CAR-TUNES**

by Kirk-Davis



"KIRK-DAVIS CHEVROLET CO. works magic with their parts and service department."

**MUGGS AND SKEETER**



**GOALS FOR 1950**

- (1)—NEW INDUSTRY.
- (2)—IMPROVED SCHOOL FACILITIES.
- (3)—HARD-SURFACING AS MANY ROADS AS POSSIBLE.
- (4)—AN EXPANDING HEALTH POLICY.
- (5)—A COUNTY FAIR.
- (6)—CONTINUING EMPHASIS OF TOURIST TRADE.
- (7)—DEVELOPMENT OF HATCHING EGG, TURKISH TOBACCO, AND CASTOR BEAN CROPS.
- (8)—HONEST, EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT ON ALL LEVELS.