



Uncle Abe AS HE SEES THE HUMAN SIDE O' LIFE

Mr. Editor, I've bin moaly loafin' 'round the home base lately—spent some time with three of my ol' stand-bys Messrs. Frazier, Rogers, and (ott), also spent some time with the Fergusons. I've snorted all yer Johnson hill with my hay yer until now I'm so weakened I don't no what elce I can 'cept write this letter.

has raised prize t'backer, prize children also, and run for County Commshner, but has never had his picktur in the Mount'nerr yit. He says the factk that he was defeat-ed ort not enter into the case, seein' as how he didn't git out with a sent. (He's jist a middlin' good-lookin' man).

Also a good citizen at Fines Creek said purty much the same. He said to tell you he was as good-lookin' a man as any an' had done some brave things if he didn't fite the Germans.

Allen's Creek and Crabtree, Too Then thar's a man on Allen's Creek an' two on Crabtree who've raised 'nuff children to fill Noey's boat—raised 'em up respectful, too. An' yore kammary man has never found 'em yit. They say it's our bizness to find out sitch things; that a man who razes that menny children don't have time to go 'round shootin' off his mouth about it.

In Defence of the Dee-Stricks Thars a lot of parints out in the kuntry dee-stricks, Mr. Editor, who have worked an' sackerficed to git ahead until they're stiff, skinny, an' almost blind. They have put their children throo at a double quick on the farm, been loyal to their schools an', maybe, the church, improved their farms, paid off detts—yes, an' in the mane-time, put their children throo high school—some of 'em eab'm throo college.

As I write these lines to-nite I think of them; they have gone to bed long ago, eaze they must of neednessy git up at about 4:30 to feed an' "juice" the cows, also feed the horses, hogs, an' maybe other stock. Then, break-fast over, the loyal farmer wife must do the dishes, i. e., if the girls did not have time to do this before startin' for school. Then thar's the milk to tend to, churnin', cleanin' up, beds to make, chickens to feed, an' other work that only a farm woman knows about.

Nor has Farmer John an' his sons been idle. By good daylight we see him out classin' t'backer, or out in the hoary frost shuckin' corn, haulin' ruffness or drillin' in wheat.

All this, Mr. Editor, while moast of us folks here in town jist turbin' over for our 2nd nap, maybe, hain't yit set down for our cup of Late O'clock coffey. I'll tell ye, I'm for 'em, head, teeth an' toe-nale.

UNCLE ABE.

The ancient Romans thought of silk as a sort of wool that grew on trees.

Planning Allied Strategy in the White House



Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain and President Roosevelt seem in high spirits as they meet in the White House. It is expected their conferences will result in the establishment of a joint board of action from among all the Allies

VISITIN' THE NEIGHBORS

By "CHES" MATTHEWS

Another Christmas Pearl has been strung on the Rosary of years. A Christmas more sad than sweet for all of us and yet all the sweeter because of its sadness.

Family ties draw closer when likely to be severed tomorrow. We're more likely to remind our friends that we love them as we face the fact that soon they may be beyond reach of our voice.

This Christmas pearl has a richer lustre; more vibrant tones of color are apparent now that the surface has been drenched with tears.

For many of us the inner circle 'round our own fireside was broken for the first time.

When, for twenty-three Christmas mornings you've listened to a lad coming tumbling out before the bantam roosters begin their vocalizing—then comes a Christmas morning when your heart stands still with listening for sounds your ears can't hear. It still must be Christmas for those who are sharing it with us and so we carry on.

It's our feeling that Christmas 1941 was the most sobering, the most meaningful, the most earnest we have ever known.

As we listened to a British Broadcast Christmas morning and heard of the pleasure of receiving

turns—a page filled, now, with question marks. A page that will be tattered and blood stained and tear streaked before its record is writ for future reading but turning the page we must and do our dead level best to make each paragraph a forceful one. We'd rather close the book, perhaps, now, but we can't afford to break Faith, as a people, or as individuals, with our own best selves so we'll write the answers to those question marks as gallantly as did those who carved the earlier destiny of this land of ours.

As we write, a faintly pink new born day peeps over the frosty hill. Outside a Persian kitten scratches at the door, begging to be let in to warmth and food.

God grant that in the uncertain months that lie ahead, through the fortitude and faith of mothers; the fearlessness and skill of sons; the unselfishness and sacrifice of a whole people there will come, eventually, a radiant dawn across a quiet world, when little children, everywhere can enter an open door to warmth and food and understanding—

When youth can plan its future and strive to attain it with honor and honesty.

When parents can lie down to

As Christmas passes a new page

Local People Attend Funeral of Relative In South Carolina

Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Carswell and Furman Tate, attended the funeral of Mr. Tate's aunt, Mrs. R. O. Rhinehart, 81, which was held in Glendale, S. C., last Thursday.

Mrs. Rhinehart died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Moss, Spartanburg, where she spent the winters. She spent the summer months with her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Moseley, in Asheville, and always spent some time during the summer with Mr. Tate.

She was the widow of R. O. Rhinehart and both were natives of Haywood county.

The survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Moss, of Spartanburg, Mrs. Moseley, of Asheville, and one son C. W. Rhinehart, of Spartanburg, a number of grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Dellwood News

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dee Rogers, of Newport News, are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Ellen Hampton and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hampton.

Mrs. Winfred Phillips and small daughter, June, of Newport News, are visiting Mrs. Estelle Allison, of Dellwood. They will also visit other friends and relatives in Waynesville before returning to Virginia.

Friends of Wanda Moody will be glad to know that she is recovering from a major operation.

Ray Ferguson, who has been stationed somewhere in the Pacific, has been reported safe.

Miss Elizabeth Ferguson, who attends college in Greensboro, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Fannie Ferguson.

Miss Alva Joe Moody, of W. C. T. C., and Dorothy Jaynes, of Asheville College, are spending the holidays with their respective parents in Dellwood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ketner and three boys are spending two weeks touring Florida.

Mrs. Callie Palmer, of Candler,

night without a fearful dread of Tomorrow—

When we will all know and appreciate each other the more, from having worked together for the common good—

Until that time may we find strength and courage for bitter hours between and the will to make it, somehow—

A Happy New Year!

Park Travel For Last Month Is Up 43% Over Dec. '40

22,885 People Visited Park During December; Were From 42 States.

During the month of December, a total of 22,885 persons, traveling in 8,274 vehicles, visited the park.

This figures is exclusive of of travel which entered the Gatlinburg entrance on December 29, for on that day Gatlinburg checking station was destroyed by fire and no record of that travel is available. This amount of travel represents an increase of 43 per cent over travel for December, 1940.

The visitors were from 42 states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, and Hawaii. States in number of visitors were (1) Tennessee, (2) North Carolina, (3) Ohio, (4) Michigan, and (5) Illinois.

Thirty-three per cent of the visitors were from other than the local states of Tennessee and North Carolina, in which states the park is located.

Travel for the travel year to date amount to 49 per cent more than that for the corresponding period of the preceding year.

On Christmas Day 1,066 persons visited the park.

Ratcliff Cove News

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cagle spent the holidays with relatives.

Miss Lois Miller and Hayden Miller, of Lake Junaluska, were the guests of Mrs. Rufus Underwood and Mrs. Ben Smith during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rochelle Stone, of Inman, S. C., spent Christmas with relatives here.

H. C. Turner, Jr., has returned home from South Carolina, where he has been visiting.

Miss Margaret Underwood was the guest of Miss Edna Blanton during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams had as their guests Christmas Joseph Trull and family, of Canton.

Miss Polly Liner, who was injured during the holidays, is some better.

Mrs. Hugh Ratcliffe and daughter, Caroleen, have returned home.

visited her son, C. R. Palmer, of Turpin's Chapel, during the holidays.

Wake Up, Americans!

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Make America's answer roar out over the world. Every citizen must back the United States Army and Navy to victory—back them with work and money.

Do your part: Buy United States Defense Bonds and Stamps at your post office, bank, or savings and loan association. Get Defense Stamps at your retail store or from the carrier boy of this newspaper.

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★ Card Index Cases
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★ Desk Blotters
★ Standing Files
★ Hook Files
★ Ledger Sheets
★ Inventory Sheets
★ Ideal Account Books, Ledger, Cash Book and Journal Rulings
★ Sales Books
★ Paper Clips
★ Paper Fasteners
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Print DRESSES Now 88¢
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Value DRESSES Now 88¢

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