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The Coming Winter

We suppose it can be blamed on conditions in general—as we do everything else that turns from a normal path.

Another viewpoint might be that we are all so reconciled to the unexpected that we unconsciously know that something unusual awaits us during the coming winter.

Of course on the other hand, seriously speaking, we are aware as the planes pass our way that never in the history of the world has weather been more scientifically studied.

So no matter if the blizzards roar, or the days are mild for minter, there is nothing we can do about it and to us laymen, perhaps it is best just to keep on being busy and let Mother Nature for once be freed of our interference, which is of no avail anyway.

Warning

Lyle F. Watts, chief of the United States Forest Service, is warning the public regarding the present inroad on our forests.

The older generations in this section of the state know what has happened here. In 1938 President Roosevelt asked Congress to appoint a committee to study the forestry situation.

Since 1941 a great deal more timber has been cut, if we judge the rest of the country by our area. The demand for lumber is increasing, and with such the effort to have it cut with an eye to the future needs, is imperative at this stage.

We have heard much of this conversation of our forests in the past, but today with the demands growing proper cutting methods have never been so vital.

The call for increased production of pulpwood must be answered, and the shortage must be met, but let us not cut without thought of the future, but rather bear in mind the present needs and look ahead.

A garden expert writes that spinach originated in New Zealand. And we thought they were our friends!

The shorter the skirts the easier it is to get up stairs.

Another Break

Taxpayers residing in Waynesville have had two breaks this year, one in their county tax rate, and more recently a reduction in their city tax rate.

The fact that it is possible for those in authority to make this reduction is also encouraging as to the financial conditions of both the county and the town.

While the local governments must carry on, it is no time for great expansion, as the winning of the war is the major project for every village, town, and city in the United States.

Deserve Consideration

The costs of war must be met, in part, by the imposition of new taxes and it scarcely behooves any loyal American to complain if the burden of the battle is felt by his pocketbook.

It is a lot easier to fight a war by contributing than by serving in the trenches, or risking life and limb in other forms of combat.

With these facts in mind it is, nevertheless, well to call attention to the plight of some 20,000,000 Americans, members of the so-called middle class, composed of white collar workers and wage-earners, whose incomes have not kept up with the intake of other groups.

Some months ago the President called attention to this large segment of our population, in his statement about the perils of inflation and the necessity of effective price control.

It would be well for Congressmen, considering the necessity of raising \$12,000,000,000 in new taxes, to bear in mind the peculiar plight of this special class.

They Who Live By the Sword

We were deeply interested during the week in an article about the powerful German Army, and yet how it won battles, but never victories.

The article pointed out the perfection that had come to them on this concentration of battle, yet the nation has subordinated everything to war. Art, music, science, philosophy have been suppressed or diverted to this end to further the boundaries of Germany.

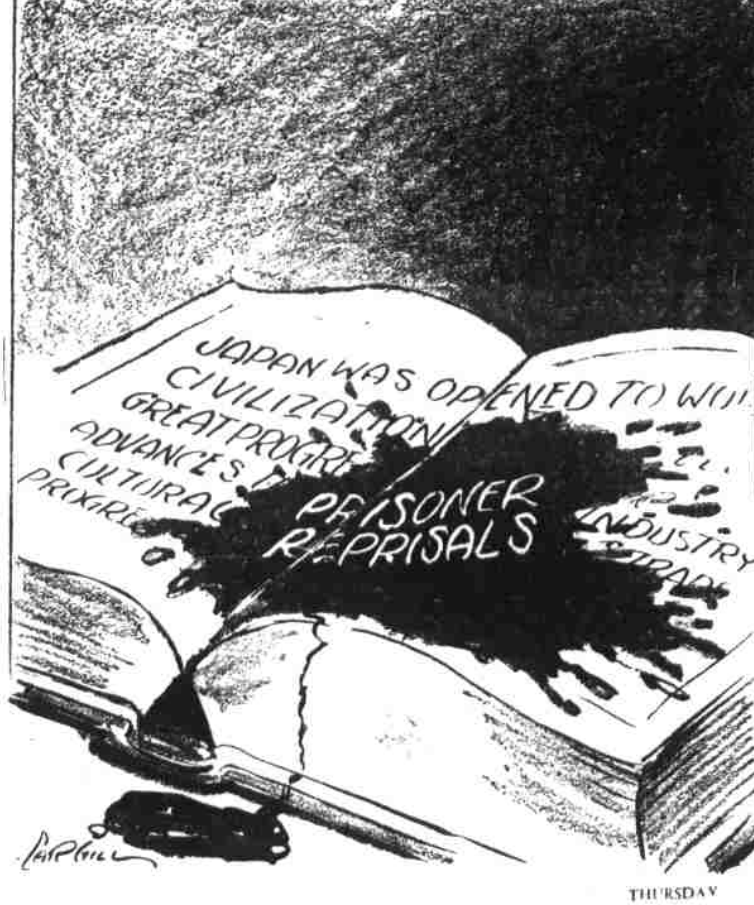
Their combat efforts have been on the brink of victory time after time. They surmount one ridge, but another arises. One enemy beaten down, another rises.

The writer went on to explain that "the simple truth is that nations which specialize on war can no longer win them. They might have done so in the days of Jenghis Khan. They cannot now. Wars are won today by people and nations who hate war, whose generals are the public's servants, not their masters, whose soldiers are civilians in uniform."

"Wars today are won by people who are sick of war, who want to get on with their work, who want to raise their children in peace. They alone have the strength, the fury and the ultimate wisdom for victory."

"In the end the very brilliance of the professional militarists only exacts a more terrible price from their countrymen. They that take the sword shall perish by it."

TOKYO BLACKOUT



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We read such an interesting article during the week on the use of "little words" in which it was shown that "they find their way into our speech to define the innermost conditions of heart and head"...

The following came in a letter from A. S. Sam Arrington, who is taking training at the 90th college detachment, air crew, at Oklahoma A. and M. ...

"I used to take a lot of things much for granted and one of the best illustrations of this is Home. My days in the service are crammed with instructions and activities, but there is always time for retrospection of days at Home."

Three or four years ago, we might have passed up the foregoing as on the "mushy side" ... but not today ... for it has not been a week since a strapping six-footer, local man in service, home on leave, told us, "Yes, I am homesick, and everybody in the service is ... of course we wouldn't be back now ... for our job is not here ... but that does not keep us from wanting to be home."

We wonder if the beauty of the fall season has affected you as it has us ... we had occasion to be up very early one day during the week ... and we can't recall ever having seen a more glamorous sunrise ... the sky that rimmed the mountains was a delicate baby blue, above the splash of coloring of the trees ... which distance

toned into a mellow combination ... while the trees at closer range were vivid in their brilliant colors. Above the blue sky were rolling clouds of deep gray, edged with a golden glow from the rising sun, that suddenly burst like a ball of fire over Pigeon Gap ... it was so exquisite as a part of God's pattern of this world ... that it made us positively sad to think that in a world so lovely there should still be war ... and in the peace of the morning ... we thought of our own Haywood boys far from home ... and the mountains they love.

Often a family can boast of one member who has made a place for themselves in their church ... but it is a rare thing when every member, mother, father and children, have rendered an outstanding service ... We have wondered just how the Methodist church is going to get along without the Stentz family, now residing in Shelby ... Mr. Stentz was director of the choir, and when he went away, Mrs. Stentz filled the position ... the girls sang in the choir and were active in the Young People's organizations ... and a few years ago, when they were here, the boys also sang in the choir and were leaders ... and among the women, Mrs. Stentz was always ready and willing to take on any piece of work they wished her to do ... she could lead the singing ... she could head an organization ... she could make a talk ... she could have charge of a program ... but personally we always felt that her greatest gift lay in her power of prayer ... as she lifted her voice in divine appeal and guidance we always felt that the mantle of her devout father, the late Dr. George Stuart, had fallen upon her.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer ZADOK DUMKOPF says it would be interesting to know how many thousands of gallons of ink have been saved by cartoonists since that big chin of Mussolini's retired from the realm of big news ... Weeping, according to a noted medic, is good for the health. Hitler, boasts the Nazi radio, is in fine physical trim. Yanks in Australia viewing their first emu must naturally wonder how such a big bird can fit into a crossword puzzle. "Nazis Put Out Peace Feelers"—headline. This is no football game, Adolf, so it's no use calling for time out! To be made a Kentucky colonel has been the life-long ambition of Grandpappy Jenkins, who thinks he'd look pretty sharp wearing a goatee. Speaking of duration champions, some sort of award should be made to the New York Giants. They've just endured one of the worst seasons in their history. The next time Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria thumb a ride on a battlewagon, they should first make certain it isn't a to-boggan in disguise.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



Inside WASHINGTON

War and Good Neighbor Policy Boon to the Latins Believe Lewis May Off Plan to Rejoin

WASHINGTON—Some old-timers in congress are disposing of curtail funds usually allotted to Nelson A. Rockefeller's Office of Inter-American Affairs (the good neighbor pluggers) ... U. S. Heavy Purchases Big Help ... WATCH for bushy-browed John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, to withdraw his petition for UMW affiliation with American Federation of Labor—soon.

THE WAR LABOR BOARD, its powers reinforced is ready for any test of its strength and is determined that neither management nor labor shall long defy it. ALTHOUGH the beef famine seems to have been broken and cattle at last are moving to market, agriculture officials warn that beginning in November a beef shortage can be expected once more. MUCH PRAISE has been heaped upon the railroads for their tremendous contribution to the war effort. While all hands in official here are agreed the railroads are doing a grand job, important officials in the government predict action soon for direct lines from the east coast to the west coast, with much co-ordination of eastern and western railroads.

Voice OF THE People

What had you done for me from home that you can think of at the moment? Private McKelvey ... Pet. Cecil E. ... Pet. Fagg ... Cpl. Harvey L. London ... Captain George E. Platt ... MARRIAGES Richard H. Campbell, of Waynesville, to Geraldine Rowden, Jacksonville, Fla. Henry R. Jones to Annie ... son, both of Canton. Henry R. Jones to Annie Bry ... both of Canton. Lawrence J. B. Kirby, of Canton, to Artie Mae Hall, of Canton. Charles G. Reed, of Sylva, to Mary Ruth Linder, of Waynesville. Glenn O. Dayton to Beatrice Raines, both of Canton.