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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. But have you noticed that weather prophets are few and far between this fall. Maybe there are as many as usual, but they have not come our way. Then again mabye they are in our position, they are so busy trying to run their own affairs that for once they are willing to let nature manage the weatheras she will in the end, no matter how much we try to prophecy for her.

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. It will play a large part in our combat areas in the sky.

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 any-

Warning

Lyle F. Watts, chief of the United States Forest Service, is warning the public regarding the present inroad on our forests. He recently completed a tour of the country which took him in a number of important states where the forests are being cut. He estimated that at least 80 per cent of the timber being cut is "destructive", while there were some good examples of forest management by private concerns and individuals.

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. The committee reported their findings in 1941, in which it was learned that the total drain on forest resources exceeded growth by 2,200,000,000 feet. The drain in saw lumber was about 50 per cent more than natural growth.

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. Another thing to remember is that no doubt the reforesting programs will be slowed up by manpower shortage, which will also be felt in the future.

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. With careful culling and thinning out of overcrowded stands, those familiar with the forest areas feel that the emergency can be

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 stares.

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. Coming at a time when other demands are being added thick and fast this tax decrease is a welcome respite for every property owner.

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. The tax rates had to be approved by state authorities, after a careful checking of both county and municipal affairs, so the reduction is made under experts in governmental finances.

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

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. Moreover, our corporations, which the Supreme Court considers "citizens," can make no other contribution toward the defense of the nation.

With these facts in mind it is, nevertheless, well to call attention to the plight of head' some 20,000,000 Americans, members of of verbal exchange . . and that of fire over Pigeon Gap the so-called middle class, composed of the considered a result of mental pattern of this world . . . that it white collar workers and wage - earners, laziness . . . because brevity is a made us positively sad to think whose incomes have not kept up with the flower in itself . . . that little words that in a world so lovely there 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

It would be well for Congressmen, con- use it well, according to their honsidering the necessity of raising \$12,000,-000,000 in new taxes, to bear in mind the being vulgar, would seem elegant; peculiar plight of this special class. Nevertheless, if it is necessary and unavoidable, we are sure that those in this group will cheerfully accept higher taxes to support production and back the boys to complete victory.-Smithfield Herald.

They Who Live By the Sword

in an article about the powerful German be surprised if it finds an echo in Army, and yet how it won battles, but never victories. Even after four years of warfare today the army of Germany is a formidable organization.

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. None could survive present Germany who put the love of mankind or the love of God, the worship of truth or beauty. ahead of the art, science and worship of war.

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 its masters, whose soldiers are civilians in down deeper than most hearts uniform. Wavell, Alexander, Patton, Clark, Eisenhower, MacArthur are not militarists, hero, as she goes about her daily and would not be allowed to be. They command soldiers who do not love military life, and are most anxious to get it over with and go home, so anxious that whatever they have of courage, of resourcefulness, of iron resolution, they summon on the day of battle. The thunder of their guns is the voice of nations outraged by having to go to war and determined to punish makers of war.

"Wars today are won by people who are sick of war, who want to get on with their back now . . . for our job is not work, who want to raise their children in here . . . but that does not keep peace. They alone have the strength, the fury and the ultimate wisdom for victory. The strength of militarist nations is greatest at the beginning, that of peace-loving people has us . . . we had occasion to be nations at the end.

"In the end the very brilliance of the pro- having seen a more glamorous sunfessional militarists only exacts a more terrible price from their countrymen. They that take the sword shall perish by it."



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

article during the week on the . . . while the trees at closer range use of "little words" it was shown that "they find their way into our speech to define the colling clouds of deep gray, edged innermost conditions of heart and with a golden glow from the rising are the mainspring of English . . they are like a sign at a cross- peace of the morning . .

roads pointing the way to simpli- thought of our own Haywood boys up in the following quotation from tains they love. and peril of language in our day that it is at the mercy of men who instead of being content to est ignorance, use it ill, according to their affected knowledge; who who make up in pretense, what hey lack in reality, and whose litle thoughts let off in enormous phrases sound like fire-crackers in an empty barrel" . . . It is surprisng how simple words denote the nost in our lives . . and when ised under pressure of real emoion are devoid of any tendency to

taking training at the 90th col-We were deeply interested during the week | creation and M. . . . we wouldn't | work they wished not she could lead the singing . he hearts of most of the boys in ervice . . . who were lucky enough a leave a mother at home The Generals'

"I used to take a lot of things much for granted and one of the est illustrations of this is Home. by days in the service are gramred with instructions and activit s, but there is always time for drospection of days at Home.

"Looking back I remember that used to put up my fists when oncome even suggested that I was lama's boy, but let some suggest hat today and I would shake his end, for if I have learned nothing as in this army, I have learned hat I am Mother's boy. I have mic to realize the sacrifices sho s made for my benefits. It harts hen I think of the times I felt hat I was just a hired man accound one, soundy because I had the duty of filling the furnaco or cut ing the grace. I realize that each dade of grass I cut made me love ome a little more. Mother is the ymbol of Home and the home hat I hope to go to. It's refreshing to picture the smile on her face when she realized that I had joined the army. But that smile was mere pretense of an ache way know. The honor and glory is with tasks at home with heavy heart, asking nothing except for an occasional word that her son is all

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 sixfooter, local man in service, home on leave, told us, "Yes, I am homesick, and everybody in the service us from wanting to be home."

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

We read such an interesting toned into a mellow combination ... in which were vivid in their brilliant colors. . Above the blue sky were

. , that they are true coins sun, that suddenly burst like a ball the habit of little words need not was so exquisite as a part of God's , all of which was totaled far from home . . . and the moun-

Often a family can boast of one

member who has made a place for themselves in their church . . . but ber, mother, father and children have rendered an outstanding ser-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 organizations . . . and a few years ago, when they were here, the boys The following came in a letter leaders , , , and among the women, also sang in the choir and were rom A S Sam Arrington, who is Headers , . . and among the willing to take on any piece of work they wished her to do . . head an organization . . she could make a talk . . . she

could have charge of a program tenant Barker? that her greatest gift lay in her are? power of prayer . . . as she lifted her voice in divine appeal and his sister. guidance we always felt that the Woman-Well, well! I'm glad

Mine Workers, to withdraw his petition for UMW affiliation with American Federation of Labor-soon. Sources close to the labor leader say he is ruffled by AFL's an

ent attitude of "We'll take our time."

Furthermore, Lewis has no intention of dropping his United D Farmers' union-step-child of UMW-by the wayside The AFL the other hand, has stated flatly that it has no intention of orga

THE WAR LABOR BOARD, its powers reinforced is really for any test of its strength and is determined that neither many ment nor labor shall long defy it.

tic Basin Iron Works in Brooklyn, which long has disregarded board, will get a rough going-over. The board recently showed its independence by rejecting the

· ALTHOUGH the beef famine seems to have been broken and tle at last are moving to market, agriculture officials warn t

Large numbers of grass-fed cattle are meving into the supply ture now, but when this ends in October, the going may become tough, the experts say • MUCH PRAISE has been heaped upon the railroads for their

mendous contribution to the war effort. While all hands in officiald here are agreed the railroads are doing a grand job, important cials 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

Reason Plans for vast increase in the war against Japan, stepping up war activities in California, Washington and Oregon 25 to 50 per cent.

sume his post as president of the Union Pacific railroad is seen

late Dr. George Stuart, had fallen

The young lady walked boldly up to a woman whom she took to be

Young Lady-May I see Lieu-

Young Lady - Certainly! I am

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 car toonists since that big chin of Mussolini's retired from the realm of big news

their first emu must naturally wonder how such a big bird can fit into a crossword puzzle

Yanks in Australia viewing

'Nozis Put Out Peace Feelers' -headline. This is no football game, Adolf, so it's no use callng 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

Weaping, according to a noted medico, is good for the health. Hitler, boasts the Nazi radio, is in fine physical trim.

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 toboggan in disguise

T' 'S OLD HOME TOWN Recovered U. S. Parson Officer By STANLEY



Inside WASHINGTO

War and Good Neighbor Policy Boon to the Latins

Off Plan to Rejoin

Special to Central Press

 WASHINGTON—Some old-timers in congress are dispose curtail funds usually allotted to Nelson A. Rockefeller & Office Inter-American Affairs (the good neighbor pluggers) We are to look for an effort along that line when congress doles out fund the next fiscal year. But it is generally agreed much has been to cement good will among the Americas. The combination of the war and the good neighbor

boon to South and Central American countries Operation policy, together with war demands for to a -is sending the trade balances of our si U. S. Heavy

bors soaring to undreamed of heights Purchases One instance: Big Help

Brazil's output of crude rubber increased & cent in the first four months of 1943 over the period of 1942. Expansion plans call for production of 50,000 in 1944, double the pre-Pearl Harbor output.

As in other South American countries, the United States has providing funds, materials and technicians. Estimates of loans lend-lease given run into billions. Heavy United States purchases of minerals and other mate

resulted in boosting Brazil's merchandise trade balance from \$26 000 in 1941 to \$66,000,000 in 1942. . Cuba had a favorable trade balance in the first half of 194 \$47,000,000, against \$27,000,000 in the first six months of 1942

Chile, leading seller of copper and nitrates, had a favorable t balance of \$53,000,000, compared with \$37,000,000 in the first ha 1942, while Mexico was credited with an export surplus of \$16 000 in the first six months of 1943, in contrast with a surplus of ports from the United States of \$10,000,000 in the correspon WATCH for bushy-browed John L. Lewis, president of the Ur

ing dairy farm workers.

For example, it is freely predicted in Washington that the At

tal-to-portal pay agreement between John L. Lewis' United M Workers and the Illinois coal operators.

beginning in November a beef shortage can be expected once me

Recent resignation of Rubber Director William M. Jeffers to

a move to strengthen preparations for the long haul of troops, w equipment and war plants supplies to the west coast

The tender spot in the railroad picture is manpower. Business m

the matron of the hospital

but personally we always felt | Woman-May I ask who you

mantle of her devout father, the to meet you. I'm his mother,

People What had can thick of at ".

Voice

and Class, U.S. No.

Private Mck Army and John

ton of eight if

Ennign Paul 1 say a letter, be many thing

Corporal: M. A letter."

Pet. Cecil E. V. interests me more than I could get from home

Pvt. Fagg Sawje from my folks back home

Cpl. Harvey L. London tures of girls, friends and fa help build up the morale of men in service more than any o

one thing." Captain George E. Platt box of handkerchiefs is about good a thing as you can get i home, because when you send t to the laundry you never see t

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