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Wasted Newsprint

Urgent appeals have been publicized all over the nation asking people to conserve paper and paper products, and yet consider the space given during the past week to the detailed account of the sordid Chaplin-Berry trial—Wasted Newsprint.

How much more consistent with the times and the demands would it have been to have devoted this space and newsprint in some way that would have helped the boys overseas rather than entertaining those at home with such filth.

They Deserve Better

Veterans from the current war are often compelled to wait from four to seven months between the time their service pay and dependent allotments stop and the time they receive their compensation settlement, according to Warren H. Atherton, commander of the American Legion.

During this period it is said that many veterans are being financially embarrassed and are having to ask aid for the necessities of daily living.

It is said that men from our armed forces are being discharged and sent back to civilian life at the rate of 100,000 a month. If their cases are to take so long in being adjusted the delay will become a major problem, which will eventually cause much dissatisfaction as well as work hardships on the men and their families.

Surely they could do something about this red-tape up in Washington and create a bureau that could act more promptly. This is a mighty poor welcome to give a man who has faced death that we might continue to lead our normal lives. It is going to be hard enough at best for these men to get adjusted back to civilian life and find a niche for themselves.

Time To Call A Halt

We are told that the American people are on the verge of setting up another depression. One would think that after the memory of the early thirties that those old enough to recall the era would be wary of such things. A depression is such a lasting thing. It hangs on and on.

Authorities tell us that money is getting cheaper every day and that we are spending too much of it, without thinking of the day ahead. People seem intoxicated on high salaries and feel that they will last even after the war is over. History of other wars should teach us that the readjustment period brings lean years.

When the army starts its peacetime releasing of men from the service, every field of industry and work will be suddenly crowded. Jobs will not be so plentiful. Many people today are holding a job that will be given to a soldier—his old job that he will expect and want back.

Spending can become a habit. People get in the way of wanting things until they never think of the consequences of their spending. That old saying "you better get yours while the getting is good," is a poor motto for the present. It would be much wiser to adopt the policy of saving while it is coming in, rather than spending it.

Seaman Sam says: "I married an angel, and she's been harping ever since the day we got hitched."—U. S. S. Lyon News.

N. C. Cattle Go To Alabama

So well has the work been done by the county farm agents, vocational teachers, extension division of State College and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and other agencies in behalf of the development of better livestock, that North Carolina has for the first time in history become an exporter, instead of an importer of purebred cattle.

Farmers who have been urged in recent years to purchase purebred animals and found purebred herds are beginning to realize benefits from their efforts and reap profits from their investments.

The past week a sale of registered Hereford bulls was held at Demopolis, Ala., and the entire offering of 78 animals was furnished by North Carolina breeders.

An Off-Year For Candidates

As much as the regular politicians would like to see a good old time political scrap with the usual ballahoo and trimmings, present signs indicate that they will be doomed to disappointment this year. With a world at war and conditions more or less chaotic, people are, generally speaking, just not politically minded, especially as regards minor offices. We do not recall any years that we have heard as little political talk.

The national election next November will no doubt be bitterly fought, but state and county office seekers have so far aroused but little enthusiasm. One reason may be that salaries of public officials have not increased anywhere near in the proportion that compensation for services in domestic affairs have been, and competition for public office is less keen on that account.

More than likely, however, it is due to the fact that the public is occupied with more serious matters and will continue to be so until after the war is over. The general attitude seems to be that where an official is rendering satisfactory service that he should be left undisturbed and a surplus of office seekers this year are not likely to be looked upon with great deal of interest or special favor.

State Guard Has Birthday

The State Guard had a birthday last week. It was their third anniversary and during their short existence they have rendered a fine service to the states throughout the nation.

It may be recalled by many that when the National Guard units were called into active service by the Federal Government in September, 1940, the United States was left without any form of internal protection other than could be given by local police and county officers. Fortunately nothing of a serious nature has arisen, but had such conditions called for protection there would have been none.

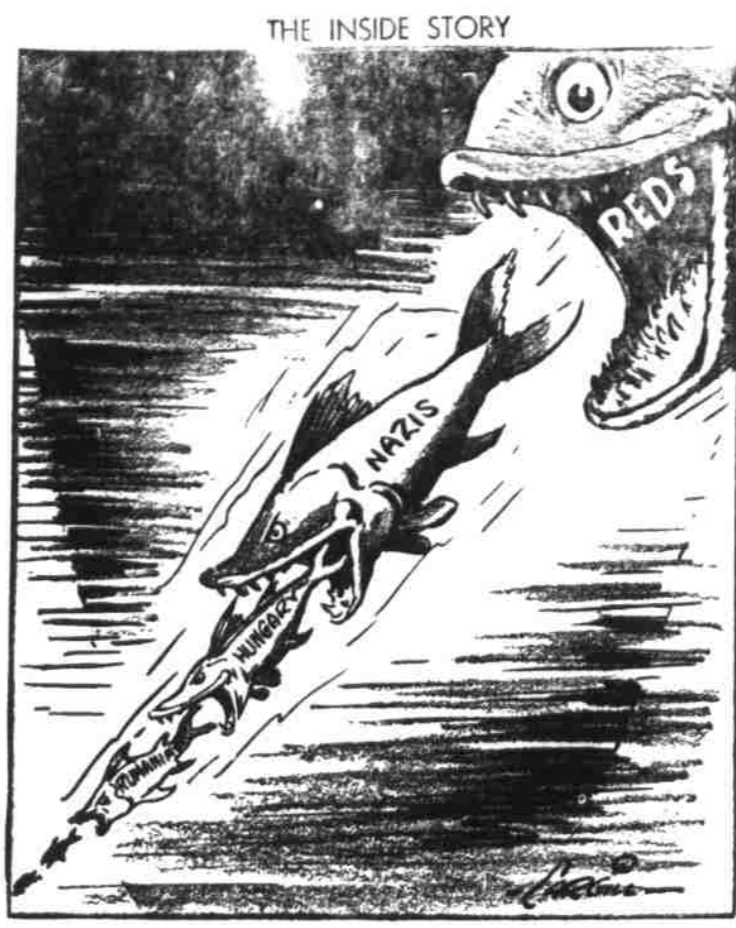
In the fall of 1940 Congress took action by providing for the organization and training groups to be known as the State Guard. The General Assembly of North Carolina passed an act that conformed to the Federal act for the organization of the State Guard.

While the State Guard is the only authorized group to carry arms, and its main purpose was to meet domestic emergencies, it has rendered a still greater service. It has been a training ground for men destined to enter active service.

The personnel of the local unit of State Guard has been typical of similar groups over the country. It has undergone constant changes, for there has been a steady flow from the State Guard into all branches of the service. It has given the men going into active duty not only an interest in military training but has actually prepared them in many ways for the more rigid training of the regular army.

The local company, serving as headquarters for the Second Regiment of the state, its responsibilities have been many times that of the regular unit. For this reason the men enlisted have had greater opportunity to learn what is expected of them in the service.

We are living in troublesome times, and most of us have reached the realization that anything might happen. While it appears at the present as if we would not be attacked at home by the enemy, things have not always looked so cheerful and the protection that we have enjoyed by the presence of a State Guard has given us all a feeling of security.



HERE and THERE

By
 HILDA WAY GWYN

Easter comes again to us, with its promise of eternal life. . . . It comes this year on a world torn by strife, but we should find greater comfort than ever before in those familiar words, "I am the Resurrection and the Life and he who believeth on me shall not perish, but have everlasting life." It is a long time since those words were first uttered. . . . nations have risen and fallen, and men have laid claim to that eternal promise, that has held hope for them down the ages. We should be better able to understand His sacrifice this Easter, with the great numbers of our boys who are being crucified in the name of freedom on our battle fronts. Through the darkness of war there still shines the light of His gracious wisdom. . . . and even in this trying hour our faith should give us spiritual strength to open our hearts to the everlasting comfort of the Easter message.

We read with interest recently of the ideas of a soldier in the Southwest Pacific who advocates that the president have in his cabinet a "Secretary of Peace." We think the soldier has something. Certainly if we could have given as such concern to the keeping of peace as we have to the making of war, we doubt if our American boys would be scattered over the world today. As the soldier put it. . . . "It's about time now that we devoted more study and consideration to the causes of war and how to prevent them in the future. If world leaders have enough foresight and wisdom to win the peace this time, as well as the war, we men in service will gladly make our sacrifice now. But let us insist that our postwar policies be shaped to put the well-being of the human race ahead of the well-being of powerful minorities and pressure groups."

Reporters may be full of questions as they ply their trade, but on the other hand a newspaper office is supposed to know all the answers. If you don't believe us, come around some day and listen in. . . . often before we can answer 'em we have to do some looking up and questioning ourselves. . . . sometimes they are tough nuts to crack. . . . all kinds of information, (that we should, of course, know, and have at our finger tips). It is a natural assumption on the part of the public, for certainly news of local events drift in whether or not they always appear in print. The other day, the editor had a question asked him that brought a smile to those of us within listening distance. She was a stranger. She had given him a story. . . . everything was going nicely. . . . conversation steady. . . . and then she asked, "Do you know where the post office is here?" . . . there was a dead silence. . . . to be asked such a question in a village of this size was a bit out of the ordinary. . . . but the editor suppressed his surprise and gave the direction and just how to get there, with the same detailed account one might have given to a dozen city blocks instead of one small town Main Street.

Speaking of Easter in terms of material values. . . . we read where Easter Sunday may reveal some strange new fashions in England this year. Since clothing is rationed there, it is reported that the women are making Easter outfits from unrationed curtain and drapery materials and one fashionable shop is advertising coats made from travel rugs. . . . but judging from the windows in the local shops American women can still keep up their high pre-war standards in the Easter parade.

Not an especially cheerful subject, one's last will and testament. . . . but that of Irvin Cobb was handed to us. . . . and like the maker

it is full of interest and life, even in death. Cobb asked that everything be simple. . . . that his body be wrapped in a plain sheet and placed in an inexpensive coffin and immediately cremated, without any special formality or ceremony. . . . "I'll be done with after-dinner speaking forever, so why dispatch me hence in the regalia of the craft". . . . At a convenient time he asked that a dogwood tree be planted in Oak Grove cemetery in Paduca, Ky., his home, and his ashes strewn in the hole to fertilize the tree roots, and should the tree live that would be monument enough. But in case there was a marker, he wanted for his epitaph the inscription written by Robert Louis Stevenson for himself, "These be the lines you 'grave for me. . . . Here I lie where I long to be. . . . Home is the hunter, home from the hill. . . . and the sailor home from the seas". He wished no flowers, but asked that those who would like to send them give the money to some charity.

In the lengthy letter of final instructions written in December, 1943, three months before his death was also the following: "I'm proud that I never set myself up to be my brother's keeper, having been sufficiently occupied by the job of being my own keeper. To these add the noble ethics and splendid tolerance expressed in reformed Judaism; the study of the independence and the good business principals of the Mormons; the gentle zeal and unselfish devotion of those shock troops of the Lord, the Salvation Army. . . . who fight in the trenches of sin's no man's land to reclaim the tortured souls and clothe the naked bodies of those who the rest of the snobbish world forgot". We wish we had space to give it in full. . . . for the requests were so entirely in keeping with his life. . . . and he left this world in high good spirits, with humor and charity as he had lived.

Voice OF THE People

Do you approve drafting all men in class 4-F on essential war work?

Mayor J. H. Way—"Generally speaking, yes. In some cases I feel that they should be left on their present work."

Mrs. F. H. Marley—"I approve of putting everybody to work right now, and those needed on war work placed in such positions."

Captain W. F. Swift—"I certainly would approve of the plan provided they are physically fit."

T. J. Cathey—"Yes I certainly would, but those who are now employed on essential war work I do not approve of changing to other positions of defense or war effort."

R. E. Caldwell—"I do approve, but not taking anyone now engaged in farming, for that is essential work."

Mrs. Joe Liner—"Yes I would approve the plan, but with a few exceptions."

Robert Pearce—"Yes, I think it would be a fine plan."

H. H. Holt—"As the father of two boys in service I heartily approve placing all 4-F men in some form of essential work."

Guy Massie—"No, I am not, for we have to have somebody to carry on at home, or business would have to close up."

Christ's Victory Over Death

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL
 (The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for April 9, is Mark 16:1-8; I Corinthians 15; the Golden Text being I Cor. 15:57. "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.")

THE FIRST part of our lesson took place on Sunday morning, April 9 A. D. 30 Three women, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, went early to the tomb of their Lord carrying sweet spices to embalm the body.

As they walked along they wondered who would roll the heavy stone away from the entrance so that they could enter. It was too large for them to move.

When they arrived at the tomb, however, they saw, to their great amazement, that the stone was not at the entrance of the tomb, and when they looked within they saw no Jesus, but a young man—presumably an angel—sitting where Jesus' body had lain. He was dressed in a long white garment, and "they were affrighted."

As they went into the tomb the angel said to them: "Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen: He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him."

"But go your way, tell His disciples and Peter, that He goeth before you into Galilee: there shall you see Him, as He said unto you."

Three Women Flee

The Three women went out quickly, and fled from the spot, they trembled and were amazed, and they said not a word to anyone of what they had seen and heard for they were frightened.

The latter half of our lesson is concerned with Paul's beautiful, reassuring letter to the Corinthians concerning this same resurrection of Christ. He speaks of "Cephas," meaning Simon Peter, who had seen Jesus after He had risen; of many others who had also had the privilege.

Some, evidently, disputed the resurrection, and to them Paul says, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching in vain, and your faith is also vain."

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept, since by man came death by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be alive."

"On this faith that Jesus died for our sins and rose again the dead, Paul bases his faith that life is worth while for all believers."

"If after the manner of men we have fought with beasts at Athens, what advantageeth it us? the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die."

"How will the dead rise up? what bodies shall they have?"

"But some men will say, 'How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?'"

"Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except die."

"And that which thou sowest thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it is the chance of wheat, or of some other grain."

"But God giveth it a body as he pleaseth Him, and he seed his own body."

"Isn't that absolutely true? man plants a seed, but what comes up from the seed is not like it as possible. The seed appears and is broken up, and out of it come green stalks, flowers or heads of grain. So with the body of man which is sown in the ground. . . . it is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power."

"As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly," Paul asserts. "This corruption must put on incorruption, and this must put on immortality."

"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought pass the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?'"

"But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

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Inside WASHINGTON

No Legislation Simplifying Income Tax Before Mid-Year

Heavy "Over-Cut" of Tim Due to War Effort Demanded

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The job of drafting legislation simplifying come taxes and tax returns is proving to be rather a slow process. Indications are that it will be two months or more before it begins to take shape, and that simplified legislation will not be enacted before the middle of the year.

Right now the whole matter is in the hands of experts of the Congressional joint committee on internal revenue taxation and treasury. A report from Colin F. Stam, chief of the Congressional staff, is expected to be given to the House ways and means committee by the end of the month.

ARGENTINA'S RELUCTANCE to break cleanly with its sympathizers among her governing class is threatening to split in the solid anti-Axis front which has existed below the Grande since the entry of the United States into the war.

As American and British pressure has increased the South American government has sought to avert this loss in prestige by seeking the offices of her neighbors immediately north, which are dependent on her for foodstuffs.

To the state department in Washington this is viewed as a threat to the solidarity of the Western Hemisphere and provides fodder for the German propaganda machine.

AMERICANS HAVE ASSURANCE from OPA Administrator Chester Bowles that there will be no immediate relaxation of rationing and rationing after the war.

Rationing is expected to be kept until after the first post-war harvest in Europe. OPA expects, however, that the supply of clothing and other soft goods can be brought quickly into balance with demand when peace comes and that price controls on these items can be relaxed quickly.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS are becoming alarmed at the tremendous "over-cutting" of American timber.

Wartime demands for lumber have forced the nation to boost production from 35 to 40 billion board feet annually. According to officials, a halt must be called soon. Timber is being cut faster than it is grown. The "lid" must be clamped on immediately after military demands decline, they say, and production will be under 30 billion board feet.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



BEASLEY'S FEED STORE BUILDING WAS STOLEN SOME TIME DURING THE NIGHT.