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A weekly newspaper devoted to the promotion of the general welfare and published for the enlightenment, entertainment and benefit of the citizens of Kings Mountain and its vicinity.

DICTIONARY BY COUNCIL
 The Gaffney Ledger tells us a Blacksburg, apparently irked by the publication of some of its activities in the public prints, now proposes to pass an ordinance to make it a misdemeanor to supply information on the council's workings and activities to any newspaper and it is assumed to have representatives of a newspaper.

Reams can be written on this question but this is not the place for it.

The proposition is so ridiculous on its face as to be somewhat pathetic. The courts of South Carolina, indeed the courts of the United States would not for a moment "stomach" such a repudiation of public rights by a small group who apparently holl, although elected by the people that the people no longer have right to know what goes on within the sacred portals of the Blacksburg council chamber.

With our boasted constitution guaranteeing freedom and rights, with our democracy placing the government, large or small, in the hands of the people, it is amazing to realize that in this good day such echoes of medieval times can be possible. Surely the members of the Blacksburg council believe in the constitution of the United States. Surely the members of that body realize that it is to the people they owe their high office. Surely they cannot successfully challenge the right of the people to know of the operation of their own affairs.

Blacksburg people are intelligent. The mistaken idea of its council members cannot be taken as representative of the best thought of the community.

And certainly the members of the council who voted in favor of an ordinance denying the right of the people to know what is going on must have acted without mature deliberation.

Perhaps by now they have realized their mistake.—Shelby Star.

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Here and There
 (By Haywood E. Lynch)

World affairs have not yet reached that stage where it has become necessary for American citizens to worry about the attack of an enemy but we can easily imagine the time when radio newscasters will be talking of evacuating the civilian population from cities like New York, Washington, Charlotte, Kings Mountain, an perhaps Bessemer City. Recently they were sending them to the country from Paris and other cities of Europe, and the radio reports described men, women and children waiting at the railroad stations, with their worldly possessions all bagged in one manner or another. I imagine at a time like that, little concern is felt for material possessions, yet certainly if a man were called upon to pick up what he wanted, or what he could carry with him, because what he left behind would likely be destroyed, he would have some difficulty in knowing just what to take. So without trying to be super-humorous over a bad situation in Europe, I want to pick out some of the things which the world would likely take with them under similar circumstances. Claude Hambright would certainly leave with his green Ford...

John Floyd would take a supply of cigars along with a couple of decks of cards so he would not miss out on any bridge playing. Paul McGinnis would have that new son under one arm. Paul Hendricks would take all the band boys, and girls with him even if it wrecked the evacuation plans. Grady King would take his Fireman's hat. Charlie Diilling would be loaded down with his collection of firearms. Byron Keeter would take the plans of that new house with him. D. M. Baker would have his box of stocks and bonds under his arm.

I met Rufus Plonk in the Bank the other day and he subscribed to The Herald for his daughters who are students of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. I asked Friend Plonk if it did not make a mighty big hole in the pocket book when two are in college at the same time, and he said it certainly did. I'll bet Bright Ratterree and Buren Neill will back up this statement as they also have two children in college at the same time. There probably are several others who know how true this is.

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Washington Snapshots

(Cont'd from front page)
 of the next year or so.

As far as the European war is concerned, no one but a crystal gazer would try to hazard any predictions at the present moment. The free press of this country and its broadcasting facilities, one of the finest examples of the benefits arising from the system of private enterprise, can naturally be depended upon to give us the most truthful possible account of the news, as far as the truth can be sifted from the welter of distortion and downright lying that is usually characteristic of foreign government controlled sources of information.

Beyond that, the best advice for Americans at the present juncture is not to believe too much, not to sentimentalize too much, and not to lose sight of domestic problems in the excitement of what is happening abroad.

That this last suggestion will set the tempo of our national thinking for a long time to come is a hopeful sign seen by observers here in the event that sane counsels prevail. And one does not have to search far to find reasons why the United States should give very close attention at this time to domestic matters.

The most convincing reasons, with out much doubt, are those advanced by industry. Business men, who have seen the atmosphere gradually clearing towards a point where plans for industrial expansion and the large scale production of new jobs and more payrolls can be projected, don't want to see the nation's plans for a constructive future go up in smoke and flame. As a result, industry will be found in the forefront of the battle to tend to our domestic knitting and keep foreign wars foreign.

Of course wars or even rumors of wars are cues for those who react automatically to shout that business men would be glad to have a war and the wartime PROSPERITY that is supposed to accompany the appearance of Mars on the scene. This reaction though, now draws a hearty horselaugh from those who have thought matters through to their logical conclusion.

The reasons businessmen don't want another war are hard-headed, realistic ones. The most convincing reason they are opposed to it lies in

LET'S LOOK BACK

From The Kings Mountain Herald

NINETEEN YEARS AGO
 SEPT. 23, 1920

Miss Ruth Baumgardner returned Saturday from a trip to E. Wm. Tenn. Miss Sara Allison left last week for Columbia where she entered Chicago College. Mr. Moffatt Ware and family spent the week-end in Spartanburg.

the simple fact that this country, and manufacturing with it, is still paying for the last war. We are paying for it in heavier taxes and in a higher degree of regulation, we paid it in the economic dislocation that followed the Armistice, the effects of which are still being felt today. Industry found that whatever profits seemed to accrue from the last war were almost entirely fictitious in character, and that all that really happened to this country was the piling up of an immense deficit in terms of wasted lives and lost materials. With that in mind, this is good time to put into print again the words of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers, which only last April voiced industry's attitude towards war. This body, which represents the largest organization of industrial leaders in this country, said:

"The National Association of Manufacturers is unalterably opposed to war.

"This is the position of the manufacturers, both large and small, as represented by this Association. In the words of George Washington they are opposed to any 'entangling alliances.'

"The devastation of modern war is all-embracing. It takes a withering toll of human and economic forces. No sensible person believes that profit can come out of the wreckage of human lives and economic dislocations.

"History has answered that question. Progress comes through peace, not war. Free nations have everything to lose in war. Free institutions are reared through peace and cooperation. Conflict destroys them.

"American industry wants peace. This purpose has been frequently and forcefully declared in the previous platforms adopted by the Congress of American Industry. American manufacturers pledge every effort to maintain peace.

"Happy homes and steady jobs, the ideal of every American, can be achieved only through the pursuits of peace.

"The republic is now at peace. May the God of Nations preserve us from the calamity of war."

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