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AND HIS NEWS OF NEBO VALLEY

I was very much shocked to learn of the death of my dear friend, Harvey Hambricht.

I met Jim Ballard at the City Hall. He gave me \$2 and I sent the Herald to his mother. What a fine gift for mother from her son.

Baxter Hayes gave me \$2. I sent him the Herald for a whole year. We love to love our friends, those that will accept our love.

I really got set up for Christmas. So many cigars, chaw gum. I don't smoke. I don't chew. I love my lover and my lover loves me too.

I got a nice Xmas letter from Helen Meacham at Grace church. She likes my column, so she said, and clips it out of the paper.

I hope my dear old pal, Wray Stewart don't freeze up in the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Today I got my last Xmas gift joy. A nice letter from that sweet little German girl in Berlin so far away.



You know it was sad for all those who got killed Christmas. Do you remember what God said to Noah after the deluge? Whoso sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed. For in the image of God made He man. He is built for eternity. In America today human life is no more sacred than the life of animals. In heathen lands human life is no more sacred than the life of a dog. An infidel philosopher of the 18th century once said in the sight of God every event is of alike importance to the Universe and the life of a man is no greater importance to the Universe than that of an oyster. Where is the crime? He inked of turning a few ounces of blood out of its channel. Such language needs no answer. Only thou shalt not kill.

The man who once hoarded money was known as a miser. Now they call him a miser.

Side-stepping only gets you farther.

er away from where you hoped you were going.

In New York a maid stole \$5,000 in jewelry not long ago. She really cleaned up the place just before she took her flight.

American aid to Europe is a gamble for peace. We shall win or lose when all the results are in. I'd bet we lose. Well, our cards don't look very good. Maybe its the way we played them on the table.

Being friendly always pays dividends. There's much we can learn by being friendly. Your interest in people and their point of view and experience will help you add to your own stock of information. Why then be grouchy and stuck up? We may be as good as those who pass us by. We all live together and die together and hope to go to the same City prepared for us. I speak to every one I pass. Some don't speak but few they be. I draw no color lines either—black or white all look alike to me as I go on your streets. All just poor mortals traveling through a wicked world made so by sin.

THE SABBATH DAY

Since I was a child there has been an awful letting down in this country regarding the Sabbath. The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. We need to observe the Sabbath more than ever. We live in such an intense age. The car has done more to break down the Sabbath than anything yet.

To quote Dr. Clarence Poe: "No other class of people in such dire need of hospital care and medical attention as our farm families in the South. We should not rest until we have gotten our congress and our state legislatures to pledge their help and then, we the people, should see that their pledges are kept. What on earth became of the cornerstone of our foundation left by the lady on the corner? Today a new hospital is the greatest need of this almost ancient city known as Kings Mountain with all its wealth and fame. No hospital you say? Shelby just a city small with no Southern railroad at all, keeps a fine hospital for many people great and small. I hope Kings Mountain, the city beautiful, builds a nice hospital this year. I want to have my eyes treated and I want it done in a new hospital right here at home. Lets get together and talk it over. We all want it I'm sure.

Back in the gay '90's ladies, many of them, wore hoop skirts and bustles. The hoop skirts in the wind flopped up and expanded the bustles. They not only wore bustles but used false calves to conceal their slim legs. They were made with cloth filled with saw dust and tied around the leg and they wore corsets made of wire padded with cloth so tight to make the waist look slimmer. I have known some of the fair ladies faint by being worn so tight, but they didn't smoke. I like the modern woman best. All men are liars but I swear this is so.

This Nebo weather is getting light and wet. Looking for snow just any old day.

Back in my coming-up days every body rode horseback. Ladies had a side saddle and threw their leg up over the saddle tree. The saddles were built for ladies side saddles. They of course had riding skirts and rode well.

Seems like to me there is as many ways and a lot more reasons to fall in love as there is to fall in a creek, but its so much easier to get out of the creek.

A lady declared to me that she ain't ever had any words with her husband because he don't ever have any chance to use his mouth-piece. Its hard for a man to keep his mouth closed all the time. That's why some men snore so loud when he's a sleep. Then if he keeps it up it may lead to a divorce.

You never thought I'd be a poet: Now ushers in 1949, How rapidly the years go by, It was only yesterday I was a child, Today I can hardly Realize I'm old and gray, Most of the ones with whom I played, But yesterday are gone today, This life is but a fleeting breath, Let us make use of every day, So that when we shall pass away, Some may say we did our best.

Perquimans County has been selected for the South's first trial of multiple crop insurance, a program which offers the farmer protection on more than one crop on the same farm. Only two other counties in the United States, both located in the Middle West, have ever tried such a plan.

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Lois Beattie

Mr. and Mrs. Eibert Payne and son, Bill, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Fuller and children of Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wright and children and Mr. Dave Smith, Jr., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith, Sr., of Lawndale.

Mrs. H. B. Jones had as her guest recently Mrs. Darwin McCarter of Bethany.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blakely had as their guest for the week end Miss Mary Blakely of Chester.

Mrs. Dave Smith, Jr., and children spent the week end with relatives in Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Panton had as their guests last week Mr. and Mrs. Zay Moore of Sunshine.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wright had as their guests recently Miss Blanche Smith of Gastonia and Mr. Theron Houser of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Hope had as their guests Monday Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hope of Sharon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Blanton were recent guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Jennie Lovelace of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cline had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lohr of Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Blanton and Mrs. Raymond Blanton and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Zay Moore of Sunshine.

A total of 2,714,000 chicks were produced by commercial hatcheries in the State during November. This figure compares with 1,499,000 hatched in November, 1947, and an average of 1,608,000 hatched during November in the years 1942-46.

Deadline For Active Reserve Is Extended

The Department of the Army today announced an extension of the deadline until February 1, 1949, for Reserve Officers of the Army who are not currently engaged in Reserve activities to apply for active Reserve status.

This extension provides an additional month for Reservists who have not previously indicated a preference for active Reserve status to notify their local unit instructor or Senior Army Instructor of their desire for retention in the active Reserve.

If preference is not indicated before the expiration of the February 1 deadline, these Reserve Officers will be automatically transferred to the Inactive Reserve and will not be eligible for promotion, drill pay and retirement benefits. They will be subject to call to active duty in the event of a national emergency, however, during the life of their commission.

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