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The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them.
—Thomas Jefferson.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 1944

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

The merchants of the city are making every effort through the columns of the local newspaper today to acquaint the people of this area with the fact that Boone still is the shopping center for North-western North Carolina, and it may be expected that as usual thousands will avail themselves of the facilities provided by the retailers of the town.

This Christmas is to be different from those of other years. No longer do we have the huge ropes of evergreens stretched through the town, all mixed with the vari-colored lights which used to thrill the youngsters, and at the same time raise the spirits of the oldsters; we do not have the elaborately decorated store windows of former years; in fact much that was formerly associated with Christmas has literally gone to war, along with the young men of the nation. But we still do have that friendliness and that anxiety for the welfare of the customer which has always featured the stores here, and besides, there really is lots of merchandise here for the Christmas shopper. In large cities, the buying power is vastly greater than here, and some who have recently been in the stores in the bigger towns of the state, say that in Boone there is more for the holidays than in the centers of the state population.

So we take pleasure in welcoming the gift shoppers back to town; we enjoy seeing them, and believe they will be pleasantly surprised at the many nice gifts which can yet be secured.

THE WAR IS NOT OVER

We believe a final appeal should be made to those who through neglect or thoughtlessness have not yet joined in this community's part in the Sixth War Loan.

Many of our citizens have planned to give the greater part of their time for a month to this war effort. They will forget their personal aims, diverting the major portion of their activities to the business of helping to win the war.

Others will be content to buy a bond. Some will not even do that. We have among us persons who are convinced this war is over, that there can be a letdown on the Sixth their bombing missions. Freezers, in many cases, represent an almost unbelievable array of equipment assembled from both their own discarded machinery and from that taken from the enemy.

From the arctic to the tropics, on land, on sea and in the air, these fighting men devise means of obtaining their favorite dairy dish to help build up their morale.

THEY FIND A WAY!

Out of the chaos and the destruction of this war, one of the bright spots is the ingenuity of the American fighting forces. Never before have there been so many stories of adroit schemes to obtain what they go after. Probably none of these various stories illustrate this trait more than those of the resourcefulness shown in planning ways for getting ice cream. Whether on land, sea or in the air, these men in uniform are capable of almost uncanny expediency when a dish of their favorite dairy food is at stake.

Ski troopers at Camp Hale in the Rocky Mountains freeze ice cream in the snow, says a report to the National Dairy Council. Marines in the South Pacific scrape salt from their meat to get enough of that product to use on the ice while operating the freezer. Aviators operating bombers from England store it in the holds of their planes, letting it freeze while they are on War Loan and the war effort.

How wrong they can be is reflected in the statement by General Eisenhower that "this war is not over."

We all have the greatest confidence in General "Ike." We are proud of his generalship and his administration of our European war.
So when Gen. Eisenhower warns us that "this war is not over," we can rest assured that it is not over. Complacency, although innocent of any such intent, aids and abets the enemy.

Certainly we of this community do not wish to aid and abet the enemy.
The answer is, support the war effort by all-out support of the Sixth War Loan.

Letters To The Editor

SHERIFF WRITES OF FARMING

Mr. Editor:
To the readers of the paper, I wish to say that this is the first year I have raised tobacco and sold it on the market, and it brought me 49.7 cents per pound. I have been growing potatoes for the market for 15 years, and you can make more money on one acre of tobacco than on five of potatoes.

I think it is a good thing for a man to have a little farm and make a few acres good on it, and it always will pay you back. I can't see how a man with a family can go to the store and get food in a paper poke for each meal, and live. Every farmer ought to take the county paper for you can get some good things out of it. You can see what the other man is doing on his farm. You can take the price of a drink a day and it will pay for the paper 12 years and have a balance left of 25 cents.

When I bought some of my farm it would make no more than 10 to 15 bushels of corn per acre and now I am getting from 50 to 75 bushels per acre. It don't cost so much to do this—just lime, clover and cover crops. I don't think you should let your land lay over the winter without a cover crop. I am going to continue putting out some tobacco as there is more money in it than any crop you can grow.

I will say that for the past two years I have been over the county a lot, and met lots of people I didn't know. They all have treated me so nice. I have taken a lot of good meals with them, and I hope that some day they can come to my home and I will try to pay them back.

Thank all of you, and I am your friend. If I can do anything for you at any time, just call and I will be glad to do it day or night.

Your friend,
C. M. WATSON, Sheriff.

THANK YOU!

Dear Editor: You will find enclosed check for your wonderful paper. I read it and re-read it. It's like a letter from home—in fact it is one. I have been away nine years and I still want to know how my friends are getting along.
MRS. GRANT HODGES
Route 3, Fresno, Ohio.

State College Hints For Farm Homemakers

By RUTH CURRANT
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Many a good wash lady slights the job of rinsing and then wonders why the clothes don't look clean. Soap left in fabric may make it dingy, yellow or even brownish in streaks and may eventually weaken the fibers.

Ideal for rinsing is an abundant supply of hot soft water. Home management specialists in tests have shown that rinse water about as hot as the wash water removes soap and loosens dirt most easily. Hot water has the advantage of softening fabric, opening the weave, and dissolving soap quickly. When clothes go from a hot wash water to a cold rinse, the fabric contracts and may actually hold in some soap and dirt. Even lukewarm water is better for rinsing than cold water. Rinse until the water shows no trace of soapiness.

A good kettle or pan put out of service by food scorched on the bottom, can be a kitchen catastrophe in these kettle short times. Though no treatment will make a badly burned pan like new again, many a pan that looks hopeless may be restored to use if proper care is taken in cleaning. First, let the pan cool gradually. Never pour cold water into a hot, dry pan. This is likely to make the metal buckle and leave an unsteady pan.

When the pan has cooled, fill it half full of cold water and heat the water gradually to boiling. Baking soda added to the water may help soften the burned material. After heating, scrape out loosened material, add more water to the pan, and repeat the heating process as long as necessary.

Most fire losses are due to carelessness. They can be prevented but you can't leave it to the other fellow to prevent. Disconnect the electric iron before you leave it. Be careful with matches and smoking. Store gasoline and kerosene in clearly marked metal containers. Clear out old paper, magazines, rags, furniture and rubbish. Deliver paper and rags to local salvage committees or burn.

Whenever possible choose a flared lamp shade in preference to a drum shaped shade. A flared shade spreads the light over a wider area for better see-ability, whereas a drum shade "hugs" the light around the base of the lamp.

A pot of parsley on the window sill is not only useful for seasoning winter dishes but decorative as well because of its bright green curly leaves. Of all the seasoning herbs, parsley is probably the easiest to grow indoors.

The Week In Washington

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, Dec. 12—There is considerable discussion here on what changes will be made in the President's cabinet when his new term of office begins on Jan. 20. It is customary, when a president is re-elected, for the members of his cabinet to hand in their resignations and have him determine whether or not they will be reappointed. It is also more or less customary for the President to reappoint the same members, providing they have done their jobs satisfactorily or do not have some reason for desiring to retire.

The resignation of Secretary H. H. and appointment of Edward R. Stei-nius, Jr. as secretary of state, before the President's fourth term begins, settles the question of the most important department of the cabinet. Congress and other Washington officials, as well as men of high office in allied countries, are almost unanimous in approving the appointment of Mr. Steinius. Having worked closely with Mr. Hull, it is felt that he will carry on the same broad international policies and, because of his youth and vigor, will speed up the work of the state department.

The second most likely change in the cabinet will be the appointment of Vice-President Wallace to take the place of Jesse Jones as secretary of commerce. Since Mr. Jones is also head of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, and is understood to prefer that job, it seems probable that this change could be made without creating any ill-feeling. However, it is understood that Mr. Wallace has been offered the choice of several cabinet posts, which indicates that other cabinet changes may be under consideration.

Although it is a little early to start talking about the 1948 election, there are many here who feel that the President intends to groom Henry Wallace to be the next Democratic nominee—and if that is the case he will be given the job which the President believes will best promote him for that assignment. Wallace supporters, who hold this view, however, were disappointed that he was not given the job of secretary of state which they believed would be the best stepping stone for the presidency.

A measure which is expected to aid in preventing unemployment after the war and at the same time perform a needed service to the country is the bill to provide \$1,500,000,000 for the modernization of roads. This bill, which includes an annual appropriation of \$150,000,000 for farm-to-market roads, already has passed the house and is expected to pass the senate with little debate. Congress is getting this appropriation approved now because it calls for a 50-50 arrangement with state governments and thus state appropriations must be voted before the funds can be put to work. It is expected that the new congress will consider a similar appropriation bill for the building and improving of thousands of airports.

Because of the holidays ahead and the approaching termination of the present session of congress, most legislation is being sidetracked for handling by the next congress. Consequently, few if any measures of importance are expected to be passed during the remainder of the year.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this form to sincerely thank you, one and all, for the great aid and comfort, shown us during the illness and death of our son and brother, Russel Franklin Tate. May the Lord bless you all for your kindness.—Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Tate, Blowing Rock, N. C., Mr. Carson M. Tate, Wilmington, N. C., Mr. Salmon C. Tate, Lenoir, N. C., Mrs. Leola Correll, Blowing Rock, N. C., Mrs. Edna White, Belmont, N. C., Mrs. Edna White, Belmont, N. C., Mrs. Ha Jean Carlton, Newport News, Va., Mr. Dawson G. Tate, Blowing Rock, N. C., Mr. Bruce B. Tate, Wilmington, N. C.

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We wish to thank our friends and neighbors in all sincerity for their helpfulness and many expressions of sympathy, incident to the death and burial of our dear husband and father, James M. Cornell.

THE FAMILY.

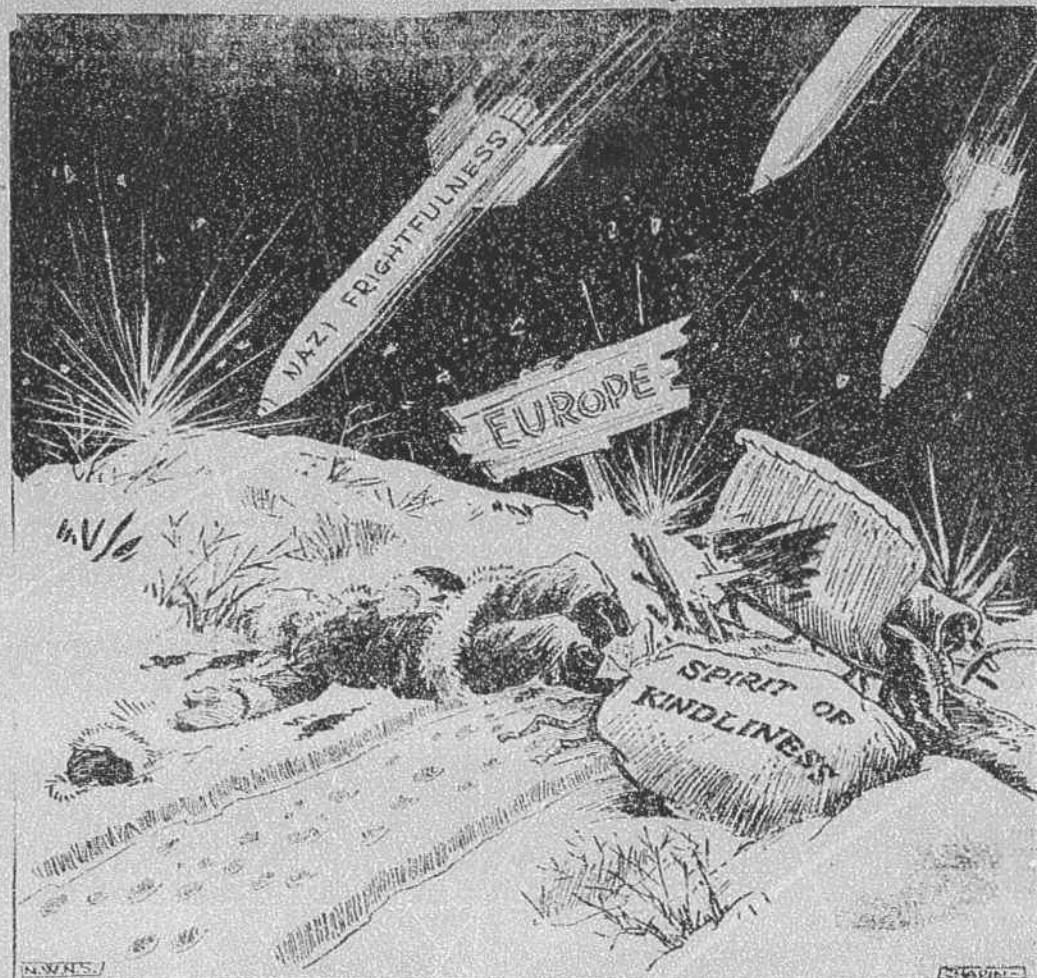
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

The Board of Education of Watauga county will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of Watauga county, in Boone, North Carolina, at 11:00 a. m., on the 8th day of January, 1945, the following described real estate, to wit:

Adjoining the lands of Cool Springs Baptist Church and others, Beginning on a maple stump on the lower bank of Cool Springs road, and runs north 46 1/2 west 9 1/2 poles to a stake; thence north 39 east 12 1/2 poles to a gate post; thence south 43 east with line of church lot 9 1/2 poles to corner of church lot at the road; thence south 26 west 7 1/2 poles to the beginning, containing one-half of an acre, more or less, and being the same land described in a deed from Claude Shores and wife to the Board of Education, which deed is recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Watauga county, in Book 39, at page 212. This 7th day of December, 1944.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR WATAUGA COUNTY,
By S. F. Horton.

Another War Casualty



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Second thought... County Clerk W. H. Sawyer in Raleigh wrote a reassuring note to a woman who had sent him a worried note: "Will you please let me know whether or not I am divorced, for if I am not divorced I am in a hell of a fix. I have just got married again."

Turn about... The young lady cashier in a Times Square drug store was given a ten-dollar bill the other day, just at the height of the lunch hour rush, and behaved as cashiers frequently do when given a ten-dollar bill—looked narrowly at the customer, held the bill up to the light, rubbed it between her fingers to see if the ink would rub off, and compared the serial number with a list pasted up beside her cash register. Finally satisfied, she gave him his change: a five-dollar bill,

four ones and some silver. The customer, evidently one in a million, then looked narrowly at the young lady, held each bill in turn up to the light and rubbed it between his fingers, and dropped each coin on the counter, listening critically to its ring. Quite a line had formed behind him by this time, but nobody seemed to object to the delay. On the contrary, when the customer, after dropping the coins, subjected them to further tests of biting, quite a hearty cheer went up.

Lincoln liked to tell the story about two Quakeresses who had a spirited discussion concerning himself and Jefferson Davis. "I think Mr. Jefferson will win this war," declared the first one. "Why does thee think so?" "Because Jefferson is a praying man." "And so is Abraham a praying man." "That's true," answered the first. "But the Lord will think Abraham is joking."

One of the most ambitious efforts at international organization before World War I was the second Hague Peace Conference of 1907, called by Czar Nicholas II of Russia at the suggestion of President Theodore Roosevelt to establish international cooperative machinery for the prevention of war.

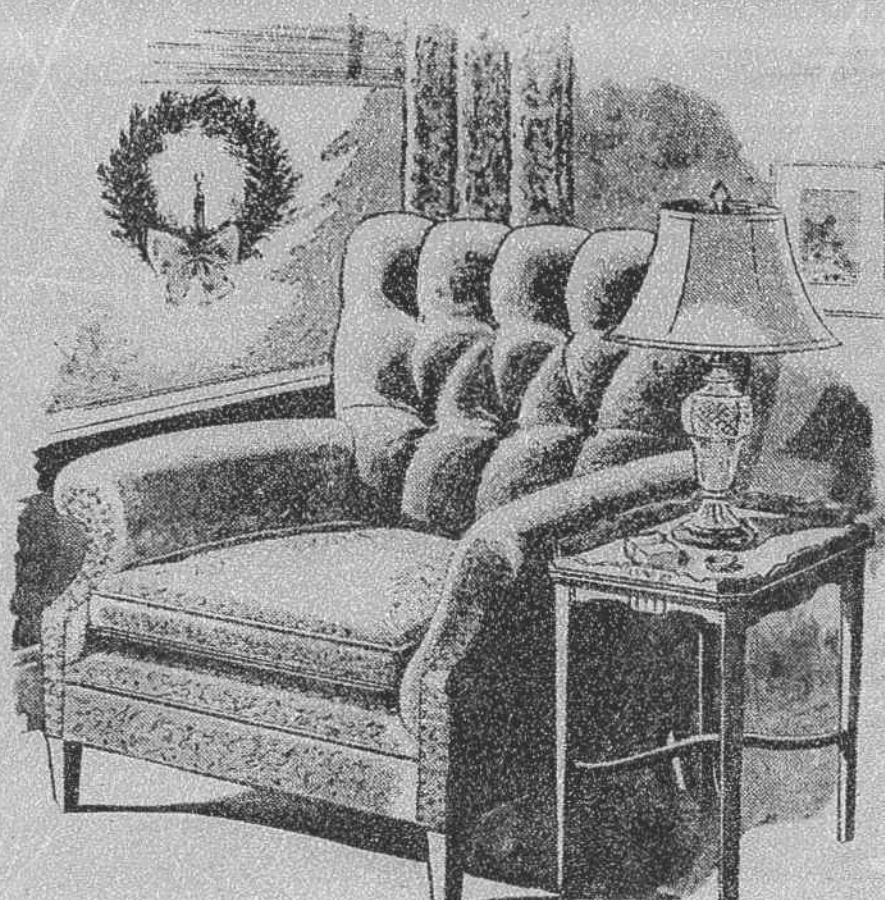
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