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they once sprang up around the quay sides. Nature provided harbors for ships, but inland "harbors" for airplanes can be built by man. Conservative authorities have estimated that the airports of this nation will have to handle three or four times the present amount of air traffic immediately after the war.

Not only will airports become essential to a community's business life, but they will help provide jobs for many men now in the air forces who will return after the war with a desire to continue in the calling they know best.

Airport planning is not something that can be done overnight. It requires months, sometimes years of study, not only in determining the best possible location for a flying field, but in acquiring the land, arranging finances, improving roads, expanding public utility services, and myriad other details. Progressive communities are preparing now to receive the miracle of air commerce which will begin to spread over the world when the war ends. It will keep them humping to be ready for that day. North Wilkesboro should get busy now.

Borrowed Comment

STEALING FROM DEPENDENTS
(Statesville Daily)

Stealing of government checks has grown to such proportions in a number of cities that mail carriers have been instructed to ring doorbells when delivering envelopes that may contain such checks, and the Secret Service is broadcasting warnings about cashing checks for strangers.

Enlisted personnel have been urged to impress upon their home folk the importance of safeguarding their dependency checks to prevent theft and forgery. Check thieves often follow the mail carriers on their routes and lift the government envelopes from unlocked mail boxes. Cashing them at stores has heretofore not been difficult, but merchants throughout the nation are cooperating with governmental efforts to put a stop to the alarming spread of thievery, for the loss of a dependency check is a severe one to any beneficiary and the chance of recovery is remote.

The Secret Service recommends that beneficiaries be at home, or have a member of the family at home when checks are due to arrive. Notify your postmaster at once of any change of address.

While this city has so far not been troubled with the check stealing racket, it is well for local beneficiaries to be on guard against possible losses of this type. This depraved form of thievery has spread throughout the nation, and sooner or later it may turn up here too.

Army psychiatrists urge action to keep mentally unfit men out of the services. Well, some of the I. Q. tests used by the psychiatrists often seem remarkably like Alice in Wonderland nonsense, but if they can keep out fellows like that army lieutenant who went on a murdering spree out West a few days ago, maybe they're worth while.—Winston-Salem Journal.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY
WALTER E. ISENHOUR
Hiddenite, N. C.

TRUST GOD

The world outlook is dark today—
Dark from the human point of view,—
For sinful men have mighty sway,
While faithful Christians seem but few.
The curse of war is in the earth,
And hatred seems to be in style,
While demon forces still give birth
To things more cursed all the while.

But God is yet upon His throne
And rules the mighty universe,
And will protect and bless His own
And save them from sin's dreadful curse,
And takes them safely through the clouds
Of danger, darkness and despair,
Then safely lands them with the crowds
That get to Heaven sweet and fair.

Then, listen dear, trust God today
In spite of all the crime and sin;
Look up to Christ and humbly pray
That He will ever keep you in
The narrow way that leads to God
Where angels, saints and sages reign,
And where there is no chastening rod,
Nor sorrow, suffering, death nor pain.

Be humble, gentle, patient, good,
And live to do God's holy will,
Then walk life's pathway as you should,
And climb up manhood's noble hill,
Until you reach the summit grand,
And Heaven smiles upon your face,
Where you shall dwell in that fair land
And with the holy take your place.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT NICHOLS
et al

PRITTLE PRATTLE—

One of the biggest boners we ever pulled was when we met up with an old acquaintance one hot day last summer in Winston-Salem. We asked how her husband was standing the heat, not knowing he had been dead almost a year. . . . Some have magnetic personalities. They have everything charged. . . . The man whose steak was so tough he couldn't dent it told that waiter that when he ordered beef he expected to get horse meat but he thought they at least should remove the harness before serving it. . . . When the father was accompanying the doctor to his home to deliver the 12th child the doctor made some remark about a duck which crossed the yard in front of the house. "That was not a duck, it was a stork with its legs worn off" . . . D. C. may mean District of Columbia, but "Dispatch of Confusion" would be a more appropriate title.

THEY CAN'T KILL YOU—
Today is March 16th—the day after March 15th. If you filed your income tax return before midnight last night you are o.k. If you failed to do so, don't worry too much for the most they can do is to send you to the pen for the duration and several years thereafter.

CUB REPORTER—
A young man had made his first attempt at writing news stories. He had been warned to use the words "claimed," "alleged," or "rumored" when he was uncertain of the facts. Here is his first write up:

"It is rumored that a party was given yesterday by a number of reputed ladies. Mrs. Smith, it was said, was hostess, and the guests, it is alleged, with the exception of Mrs. Jones, who says she is fresh from Wheeling, were all local people. Mrs. Smith claims to be the wife of Joe Smith, rumored to be the president of an alleged bank"

TATTOOED MAN—
A doctor examined a man in a hospital. As the man bared his chest, he revealed tattooed portraits of Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt.

"Want to proclaim your patriotism, eh?" said the doctor.
"Right," was the reply. "And you should see where I've got Hitler."

F. B. I. CHIEF WARNS OF JUVENILE MENACE

What is responsible for the alarming increase in juvenile delinquency? Why do many boys and girls wander from their homes? J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F. B. I., reveals where the blame lies and offers suggestions for its correction in a new chapter of his exciting series. Look for this article in the March 19th issue of The American Weekly, America's favorite magazine with the Baltimore Sunday American. Order from your newsdealer.

A military secret is an army trust. To zip the lip is an army must!

The element in sweet clover which causes a type of bleeding disease in cattle, is now being adapted to use in human medicine to prevent dangerous post-operative blood clots, says the veterinarians.

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Ferguson News
The Past Week

Ferguson, March 13.—Mrs. F. W. McNeil, of the Denny section, is taking treatment in the Wilkes hospital. She received a telegram from her son, Fred McNeil, Jr., who is in the service at Amarillo, Texas, that he was coming home on furlough. Fred, Jr., is in the air corps.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McEwen have also been quite indisposed for several days and took treatment at the Wilkes hospital.

The Grange accomplished the first degree of the order last Tuesday night and several new members took the degree work and quite a few Grange visitors came from Happy Valley Grange. Mr. C. F. Jones, manager of the Wilkes F.C.X. was also present from Wilkesboro. Every one enjoyed the degree work and also the recreation and refreshments after the exercises.

"The Womanless Wedding" will be given again at the school building next Friday night. This performance was so well taken before that it was thought best to give it again. It will then be carried to Happy Valley.

A number of farmers and their families from here attended the stockholders meeting of the Wilkes F.C.X. last Thursday afternoon.

Among the former residents of this community attending the Grange meeting here last Tuesday night were Arnold Rash and daughters, Geneva and Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Barlow, all now of Happy Valley.

We have a large number of local boys who are in the service in various parts of the country and many of them overseas. The relatives of Syco Hartley and Clay Hayes advise they have recently had letters from them from Italy, stating that they are well and getting along all right.

A number of farmers from this vicinity are expecting to attend the farmers meeting at Elkin next Thursday afternoon and night at which time the Governor and other noted officials are to speak.

Altho we have recently had some rather severe winter weather with the cold winds brushing down over us from the snow capped Blue Ridge we can't help but believe that spring is just around the corner. We have also had lots of rain but farmers are preparing their land for planting when it is not too wet.

The United Nations began World War II with 54,000,000 tons of shipping.



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