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### BIBLE THOUGHT

He saved others: himself he cannot save.—St. Mark 15:31.

Hardships will be your lot, but trust in God will be your comfort. Temptations will befall you, but your Saviour will give you strength. Let your valor as a soldier and your conduct as a man be an inspiration to your comrades and an honor to your country.—General John J. Pershing to Soldiers of World War I.

### Eastertide

THE Easter season will bring a new meaning and a fresh hope to many this year. To happy, thoughtless Christians who have not taken their religion seriously enough to meditate on the agony of their Master's death or to comprehend the reality of His Resurrection, the season holds little meaning.

This war is changing people's minds and hearts—even against their wills. As parents see their sons suffer in agony and die, they die a thousand deaths with them. Young men who have barely tasted the fullness that life offers are giving their all for their people back home. There is no other ray of hope left in the world to give them real strength except the truth that the Nazarene proclaimed by His death and proved by His triumph over death; "Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's the same shall find it."

There are many this year echoing His prayer: "If it be Thy will, let this cup pass from me." There are many more daily facing their Calvary. It is the age-old pathway of sacrifice, of giving one's all. For what? Shall the Christian nations send their men in reckless cruelty to die en masse as Axis leaders of aggression are doing this very moment? What is the difference? That for which men die is created within themselves but not by themselves. Dying for "a way of life" is worthwhile or not, depending on what way of life it is.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." This Easter comes to a world very like that to which Jesus came; a world of military conquest, of the domination of the weak by the powerful, held in subjection by cruelty and violence. He trod the only road possible to change that world. He showed the only way. Today our men must follow that way.

Easter points the only way and offers the only motive that can achieve a real unity or true victory. "If Christ be not risen from the dead, then is your faith vain."

### Jobs for the Chamber of Commerce

THERE are two matters of immediate interest to Macon county that can be of economic advantage to the people if some sort of united action is taken.

One has to do with the development of mica and the other mineral resources that are needed in the production of war materials. While there has been individual effort in this field, it has been small in comparison to the undeveloped possibilities, and inadequate to the need of these products at this time. The chamber of commerce of Sylva has been active for some months, sending a delegation to Washington to find out just what help could be obtained from the government for mining olivine to produce magnesium. Private companies are working to the same end to develop mica and other mines. But as yet, no united effort which would seem to be a more effective approach, has been made by the people of Macon to secure government funds which would be needed for any large scale operations. Prospects are encouraging that such funds will be available.

Another prospect which can be developed was discussed at a meeting sponsored by the chamber of commerce at Bryson City last Monday night. A large delegation of civic organizations of Swain and Jackson counties attended. The Sylva and Bryson City chambers of commerce are circulating petitions urging the running of a shuttle train from Bryson City terminal to the Fontana dam site to furnish quicker transportation for workers from these counties. Franklin was represented by one citizen, although this project is as vital to workers from Macon county who travel an even farther distance to their jobs on the dam.

Here are two definite matters to be promoted by the chamber of commerce. It is hoped that a meeting will soon be called to revive last year's live organization from its long winter sleep. Much can be accomplished by cooperation with similar groups in the adjoining counties.

### A MISTAKE IN LOCATION



### Poet's Corner

#### DOWN ON TRINIDAD ISLAND

Down on Trinidad Island,  
Waller Field is the spot.  
Batting in a terrific heat wave,  
In a land that God forgot.

Out in a jungle with a rifle,  
Down in a ditch with a pick.  
Doing the work of the natives,  
And too damned tired to kick.

Down with the snakes and the  
negroes,  
Down where a man gets the blues,  
Down near the very bottom,  
And two thousands miles from you.

At night the heat keeps coming.  
It is more than we can stand.  
No, we are not convicts,  
We are the fighting 99th guarding  
the land.

We are soldiers in the Air Corps,  
Earning very little pay.  
Guarding people with millions,  
For not quite a dollar a day.

Living only for tomorrow,  
And only to see our girls,  
Hoping that when we return again,  
They are not married to our pals.

No one knows we are living,  
No one gives a damn.  
Back home we are soon forgotten,  
We've been fighting for Uncle  
Sam.

After we have it all over,  
And the Bell of Freedom rings,  
And friends we will return again,  
The song of the fighting 99th we  
will sing.

Willard B. Sanders.

### Clippings

#### THE MICA SITUATION

Asheville Citizen)  
Editor of The Citizen:  
According to Associated Press reports in last Sunday's Citizen-Times, Mr. T. G. Murdock, assistant state geologist, definitely has his finger on the right button in the Western North Carolina mica situation.

Federal funds are now available for mining mica, under certain conditions; but merely making money available to small scale operators, important as that may seem, will not meet the situation. The personnel equation has to be worked out. Some of the biggest mica formations in the United States are being worked in a haphazard manner by well intentioned between-crop farmer-miners who are merely making wages or a little less, and who wouldn't know how to increase their production, even if they weren't too skittish about borrowing money to accept federal financial aid. The majority of them would cooperate with any practical bona fide plan to increase war production of mica; they'd cooperate one hundred per cent with any definite, dynamic workable government plan.

Wouldn't it be possible, under the mica division of the mineral section of the WPB or some similar government agency to set up a government-owned corporation—similar to Ships, Inc., in the ship-building field—that would have latitude in operating than a direct branch of the government, and would not be hampered by the necessity for showing a profit on the balance sheet each week which besets the private operator? Such a corporation could (1) prospect for and find new deposits, (2) actually operate on a large scale and under proper technical direction some of the tremendous formations that are now being "ground-hogged" and (3) correct some of the fallacies in the present marketing procedure that are holding back production.

The need for mica, and more

### Births

First Sgt. and Mrs. Harold W. Womack announce the birth of a son, Harold Willis Womack, Jr. He was born at the station hospital, Fort Benning, Ga. Mrs. Womack and baby will soon join Sgt. Womack at Fort Blanding, Fla., where he has been transferred. Sgt. Womack is the son of Mr. Otto Womack of Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cathey of Brevard announce the birth of a son, Kenneth Howard, born March 5. Mrs. Cathey is the former Miss Alice Rickman of Franklin.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Burrell of Habersham, Ga., on March 4 at Angel hospital. Mrs. Burrell is the former Mabel Love.

A son, George Douglas, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George M. Slagle, Jr., on March 8 in Angel hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Cook of Tellico community announce the birth of a son, James at Angel clinic.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Bulgin in Angel hospital on Friday, March 13. Mrs. Bulgin is the former Margaret Slagle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slagle of Cartoogechaye.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Jones announce the birth of a daughter born in Angel hospital March 5. Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hamrick of Hopewell, Va., a son, on February 26. Mrs. Hamrick was Miss Louise Gray, formerly of

mica now is emergent in the war production field; and, unless we want to learn the hard way, more mica must be produced, and produced quickly, if we have to dig it out with an oyster fork.

These suggestions are offered for whatever they may be worth.  
W.N.C. MICA PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION.

Sylva, N. C.

this county, now of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan R. Reynolds of Route 1, announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Sue, at Angel hospital on Monday, March 16.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Tallent of Oak Dale, on Sunday, March 16.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Waerner of Lawndale, Calif., announce the birth of their first son, born March 12, at Inglewood, Calif. Mrs. Waerner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Busney Henderson, formerly of Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams of Mountain Grove, announce the birth of a daughter born March 24.

On Monday, March 1, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leman Alexander Fox at their home in the Ellijay community.

A son, James Harold, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Vernon Reeves at their home in the Burningtown township on Tuesday, March 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Vance Guffee announce the birth of a daughter, Virginia Lee, born Wednesday, March 18 at their home Franklin Route 2.

On Friday, March 20, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Solesbee at their home on Franklin Route 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. McCoy announce the birth of a son, Mack Newton, at their home at Gneiss on Monday, March 23.

A daughter, Marilyn Emma was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Williams on Tuesday, March 24 at their home in the Ellijay community.

On Monday, March 23, a daughter, Mary Louis, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Woody at their home on Franklin Route 2.

A son, Tommy Rogers, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Ashe at their home on Franklin Route 2, on March 22.

Margaret Annette, a daughter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ammons on March 19 at their home in the Cowee community.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bates announce the birth of a son, Marvin Derald, at their home on Route 2, on Wednesday, March 17.

On Monday, March 16, a son George Edward, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Long at their home in Franklin township.

A daughter, Mary Jo was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Henderson at their home on Route 2, Franklin, on Sunday, March 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson of Franklin Route 1, announce the birth of a daughter, born Friday, March 27.

### Otter Creek

The P. T. A. sponsored a cake walk recently to raise funds to finish paying for fuel used this term. The results were successful.

Teacher Jack Carpenter and Student Eugene Cope went on a two-day hike recently, along the Appalachian Trail from Tellico Gap to Wayah Gap and back. They had a nice time, regardless of the weather.

### LOST BATTALION

United States Marines, missing in the jungles of Samar in 1901, became known as the "Lost Battalion."

### "Spring Housecleaning" For Cars Important

With the cars and tires now in service destined to last "for the duration", the necessity for a thorough "spring housecleaning" of all vehicles this year is much greater than ever before. The Crystler Corporation outlines a procedure that can apply to almost any car.

The cooling system should be thoroughly cleaned out. This includes draining radiator and reverse flushing it. Save last winter's anti-freeze solution because there will be a severe shortage next year.

Cleaning and tightening of the electrical system is essential. Batteries and headlamps should be checked. The chassis should be checked. The chassis should be thoroughly lubricated and engine oil changed to a summer grade.

Engine tune-up is very important because correct adjustment means a marked saving in oil and gas.

**Tire Savers**  
A big factor in saving tire life, is the "criss-crossing" every three to five thousand miles. Authorities estimate that this adds as much as 40 per cent to average tire life, providing that the spare is used in the rotation.

Front end alignment and wheel balancing are also very essential to secure the maximum wear from tires, as is brake adjustment.

### DOUBLE TIME

At one time U. S. Marines serving at foreign stations were credited for double time. Two years in China gave a man four years credit toward retirement.

The United States Navy, fan for man, is the greatest coffee consumer in the world.

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Macon Theatre

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With every wash and lubricant job done at the regular price of 75c each, and five gallons of Shell gas, we offer as a free service the labor to align front wheels, shift fast wearing tires to other wheels, clean and adjust all spark plugs FREE.

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