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Another Year Passing On

Old 1944 will soon pass on into history, and in doing so will leave us a new, clean year to start all over again. What we do with it is up to each and every individual, and as a nation. Right now we all hope to see the new year bring the war to an end, especially the war in Europe, remoteness, if nothing else, holds out little hope for the end of the war with the Japs any time soon. But if we all work hard, produce and buy war bonds as we must the end of the war will come much sooner. Probably not during 1945, because we let down too much in 1944.

With all of our mistakes in 1944 it was, on the whole, a good year. Jackson county people can feel proud that they have measured up to and answered every call with more than they were called on for. Three big war bond drives were conducted during the past twelve months with each going over the quotas set. The Red Cross drive, United War Fund drive and all the other calls for money and time have been responded to with full support and patriotism by our citizens. Our farmers have done a big job of food production, and in the meantime, have cut and hauled in much pulpwood to feed war industries with the supplies they need. The women and children have done their part in all this work. They can be counted on to always do so.

However, 1945 is going to require the utmost from everyone if we do our share in winning this war. The past few days has brought to us the realization in plain truth that we are fighting a powerful, and cunning enemy. Not only in Europe, but in the Pacific also. American has taken on two of the most powerful military nations of the World. How can we expect to win with a push over? It isn't being done and it will not be done. It is going to take the combined effort of our armies, coupled with the utmost on the home front. Our fighting men are giving their all to win this war, nothing less than the best we have can in a small way match what they are giving. We should resolve now to do everything we can next year to help our armies bring us victory just as soon as possible.

We can begin to appreciate the kind of weather our boys are living through on the Western front these past few days. The sun has not shown out for almost a week, with rain and fog shrouding the mountain tops most of the time. However, it is not as cold with us as is reported from the battle front. The freeze of last week, however, softened the ground and with all the moisture the dirt roads are becoming almost impassable. Most farm work, log and pulpwood hauling is at a standstill.

Nearly 400 persons in the nation met accidental death during the short Christmas holidays. The greater percent were from traffic accidents, some caused by icy highways. With the great movement of the human population of the nation over the week-end holiday, using trains, buses and private automobile, it is a wonder there were not more accidents. Over 200,000 people moved through the union station in Washington within 48 hours. Many trains carried 1200 and 1500 passengers, buses were loaded just as long as one more could be packed in—we know for we were in the pack—extra trains and buses were operated and still they were crowded. Freight trains and troop trains were moving over the main lines at the same time. Our hats are off to the railroads for doing such a tremendous job so well.

Inside WASHINGTON

Special to Central Press

White Not Forceful Enough?

BATTLE LINES ARE BEING DRAWN for the out-all struggle to determine which faction will control the Republican party in the Senate in the critical years ahead—with President Roosevelt riding high on his fourth term victory.

The Senate Republican conference—composed of all GOP members of the upper chamber—will elect new leadership when the 79th Congress convenes on Jan. 3. That means the end of the acting minority leadership of mild-mannered Senator Wallace White of Maine, who succeeded the late great minority leader, Senator Charles McNary.

White, whose forcefulness has been questioned even by his friends, may be succeeded by either Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio or Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan. Taft, a Republican conservative and pre-Pearl Harbor isolationist, wants the job. Vandenberg, likewise conservative and "pre-isolationist," is not keen for it.

But the backers of either meet stiff opposition from the growing "internationalist" wing of the Republican party: the wing that roared with Wendell Willkie, and in the case of Senator Joseph H. Ball of Minnesota supported Mr. Roosevelt in a party bolt over foreign policy. These "internationalists" feel hope for their party lies in "world-mindedness."

This new group would like to see Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont the minority leader, or his colleague from the Green Mountain State, Senator Warren R. Austin. Both are champions of the administration's foreign policy.

The GOP "New Dealers" probably will not win.

PARTICIPANTS in the recent "bond-fire" movement by Miami's Consolidated Vultee Aircraft corporation employees are requested by the treasury department to send in the serial numbers of the bonds they gleefully tossed into a blazing bonfire. The treasury wants to scratch the numbers off their books. A spokesman added:

"It's everyone's own business what he does with his bonds and it's his affair if he wants to use them for bonfires or wallpaper, but we don't encourage this sort of diversion."

THE DEMONSTRATED WILLINGNESS of American industry to cooperate in a program of planned economy is perhaps the greatest single encouraging factor for prosperity in the postwar period. Business leaders have shown, as never before, their belief in the principles of a full employment economy, based on high wages and low taxes, with a resultant high income for United States job-holders.

Private organizations, sponsored by various leading business groups, have been busily mapping out ways and means of achieving a goal of from 55 to 60 million workers profitably employed.

A plan is under way to promote foreign trade to the point where the United States will export 10 billion dollars' worth of goods and services annually, and import 10 billions.

Government experts hail this phase of the post-war economic program as a healthy demonstration of American industry's realization and adoption of the economic theory that prosperity and a high standard of living in this nation depends upon similar conditions in other lands.

THAT JAP war prisoner who told his captors he wanted to become an honorary member of the British empire now knows what it feels like to be blackballed by 500,000,000 people.

A hunter in Pennsylvania shot a rabbit, then dropped his gun, stunning another. Sounds like Commando tactics.

A new kind of putty will spread like tar and has the resiliency of rubber. Now, don't tell us we'll have tire punctures in that wonderful post-war world!

Within five years after the war, it is predicted, there will be at least 1,000,000 privately-owned planes in the United States alone. Keeping up with the Joneses will really mean UP.

What, asks a reader, is the plural of scissors? That sort of question, retorts the man at the next desk, is sheer nonsense.

So his hog could qualify for a livestock show prize a midwestern lad walked eight pounds off it. Gosh, how many ration points would that be?

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



CAPITAL LETTERS

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

WEST—If nothing goes astray, you may expect a man from one of the mountain counties to succeed Oscar Pitts. There is a good chance, however, that his place will be filled by two men—one from the west and the other from the central area.

HARDEN—John Harden, Gregg Cherry's secretary, did not work hard to get the paice. In fact, he would have kept his position with the Greensboro Daily News if the Cherry folks hadn't pleaded with him in various ways.

John will make Gregg a good man. He has a way of talking that makes you think he is telling you the truth straight from the sky. Harden is smart and has 22 years' experience working with newspapers. Although a solid sort of fellow, he has his other fine qualities, too, as the following episode will show.

Last summer at the press convention at High Point Harden proved himself a good sport and a man of great constitution. After working until 2 o'clock in the morning on his paper, he caught the mailman to High Point, had a steak and a session of hot air with the boys, and then caught the delivery truck back to Greensboro at 5 o'clock so that he could catch a nap before interviewing some important guy at 10:30.

BILL—Even though the State passed an amendment giving the Legislature authority to set up a salary for the Lieutenant Governor, this will not apply to L. Y. Ballentine if he is sworn in before the salary is raised. There is a law to the effect that his salary can't be changed—either decreased or increased—after he takes office.

So, the Legislature will convene on January 3 and pass a bill creating a salary of around \$3,000 per year for the Lieutenant Governor. Ballentine will be sworn in the next day and everything will be all right.

If you remember, the last thing Governor Hoey did before moving out in 1941 was to recommend salary raises for several State officials. This was done, they were sworn in, and everything was hunky dory.

Our Lieutenant Governor should receive at least \$3,000 per year. As it now stands, he gets only \$100 more than an ordinary legislator—or a total of \$1,400 for his four years in office. That's awful, and furthermore, if the Governor asks his assis-

tant to attend a meeting in California, say, he has to pay his own expenses out of that \$1,400. So you adopted a good amendment—if it is not abused.

DINNER—Governor and Mrs. Broughton had the Raleigh scribes—the newspaper guys and gals—around at the Mansion one evening last week for a feed. Everything served was from North Carolina, except the salt, pepper, sugar, and coffee. They served oysters on the halfshell, quail on toast, baked ham, sweet potatoes, baked corn, pickled peaches, turnip salad, apple pie, ice cream, corn sticks—and that's all. Mr. and Mrs. Cherry will have to get a move on to beat the Broughtons as hosts.

SILVER—Speaking of dinners, there is a campaign on here in Raleigh to raise about \$1,400 to buy a lot of silver for Mr. and Mrs. Broughton—Oscar Pitts doesn't have a thing to do with it apparently.

Harry McMullan, Attorney General, and Gurney Hood, are running the show. Hood, appropriately enough, is the treasurer of the outfit. So if you want to contribute to the fund, send your money to him.

CUT—John Umstead has started a campaign to cut useless expenses in the Legislature. The only thing wrong with his effort is that it comes about two years late. For instance, the House had 18 sergeants-at-arms, each paid \$4.50 per day to do next to nothing. Mr. Umstead reports that 16 House committees had full-time clerks, but these committees received less than eight bills each during the entire session.

Umstead, who estimates that \$7,500 was wasted through petty political appointments, is very, very conservative.

OLD STUFF—This thing of giving ex-legislators, nieces, nephews, and girl friends jobs during the Legislature is nothing new. Incidentally, in 1923 seven newspapermen were clerks to committees, if memory serves correctly the old timer who reports it, and at one time a newspaper fellow was clerk to two committees.

BONUS—State employees are now receiving a bonus, but the last one came with the December payroll.

So—unless the Legislature gives new life to the bonus or makes it part of the basic salary, as is likely, the white collar workers will have it hard in the future.

LETTER TO THE HERALD

The following is a letter we have received from Cpl. Cary R. Snyder, son of Rev. and Mrs. George Snyder, of Beta. Cpl. Snyder is stationed at present in Nashville, Tenn. The letter did not arrive in time for last week's issue but we feel its message is timely enough to run at this time. The Sylva Herald, Sylva, N. C.

Dear Sirs:
 We have nearly reached our third Christmas season since our plunge into World War II. Isn't it a shame that to celebrate the birth of One so precious we have to have such chaos and life-taking troubles so show Him how we truly feel. I think that everyone of us want this war over and will do anything to get it over. All we must do is draw the most powerful weapon man has ever known. We have one so powerful that nothing can prevail against it. Let's start the New Year off with it and see what it will do since we have tried everything else and it has failed. All one has to do is fall on his knees and lift his eyes to Him and open our hearts to Him. Just pray and it will work. Try it.

I'd love to send the best of Christmas Joys to all of our friends at home or wherever they are. May the coming year bring the victories required for the return of all the loved ones who are striving for those victories in many foreign places on the Globe. May God bless and protect you till He's ready to take us home forever. I realize that he has taken some whom we loved and our loss is Heaven's gain. Let's plan and strive to see them in a most happy reunion up there.

Maybe, this seems rather remote from its origin, but you Joes who will see this know how it is and and what I mean. I hope others will see through it, too.

Sincerely,
 CPL. CARY R. SNYDER

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