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## Inside Washington

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The chances are still against a tax reduction at this session of Congress. One reason is that the Republicans will not cut the president's budget as they planned. Another is that the president probably will veto any tax-cut bill that is passed.

The possibility of a veto was heightened recently by the testimony of Treasury Secretary John Snyder before the House ways and means committee. Snyder opposed any tax reduction now. It seems unlikely that members in Congress will pass any bill over the president's veto.

Republicans are finding it more and more difficult to cut Mr. Truman's budget. It is clear now that as money bills are passed they will not reduce the president's figures enough to make room for the proposed three-and-a-half billion dollar tax cut plus a substantial sum for debt retirement.

In fact, there is a possibility that they will trim the president's budget so little that the return of \$3,500,000,000 to the public through tax reduction would result in a deficit in the next fiscal year instead of a surplus.

This strong possibility represents a potent barrier of tax reduction, since sentiment at the White House and in Congress is against a cut if it would result in continued deficits.

Agriculture department officials say that the average American will be able to buy more meat this year than at any time since before World War I.

They report that the meat situation has swung from one extreme to another—from the acute shortage of last autumn to huge supplies in the coming months.

Every man, woman and child in the United States has about 150 pounds of meat on the butcher's shelf during 1947. That's about five pounds more per person than last year, and the most since 1911.

This prediction is based on the tremendous boost in beef production, plus a drop in exports and military needs. The increase in beef will more than counteract a decline in supplies of pork, lamb and mutton.

The United States Marines are fighting for their lives. The Leathernecks, whose combat record throughout their history has been a proud one, are in danger of being "swallowed" in the Armed Forces Unification Plan now before Congress.

Certain Army spokesmen have let it be known that they regard the Marine Corps as a land-fighting outfit which belongs in the Army, not the Navy. There is a strong movement in the War department to annex the Marines as an adjunct of the Army ground forces when the merger has been accomplished.

However, the Marines are determined to stay in the Navy, under whose command they have "fought their country's battles" from the time the corps was created.

They are determined to preserve their identity and are using every weapon they can find in this strange inter-service "psychological warfare."

One method they are using is distribution, free of charge to the hundreds of members of the Washington press corps of copies of Maj. Frank O. Hough's story of the Marines in the Pacific—"The Island War."

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## The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

"We Didn't Get a Divorce," is the title of a thought-provoking article in "Your Life" magazine for March. It was written by an anonymous author, and should be read by every married couple which is having domestic trouble and considering divorce. It would be especially helpful to wives whose husbands are having "an affair" with another woman. It is the story of a family including two young children where the husband asked a divorce from his wife to marry another woman. He brushed aside the question of responsibility of the children with the old argument that the children's happiness would not be preserved by merely a "maintaining the shell of a home."

The wife swallowed her hurt pride, which is always the first obstacle, and sought wise counsel. The husband and wife agreed to a trial period of separation, set up two living establishments, and she got a job. The expenses of the two establishments were astonishingly high. The husband discovered that he was going to have to make more money than he had ever made. He tried it. In the meantime, both did some honest-to-goodness thinking. The memories of their days of courtship came back to them, and with them the strong tug of affection for the children. Infatuation with the other woman died out. It wasn't what he had thought it was going to be. They repaired the marriage relations, and went back together to a stronger home, than they had had before.

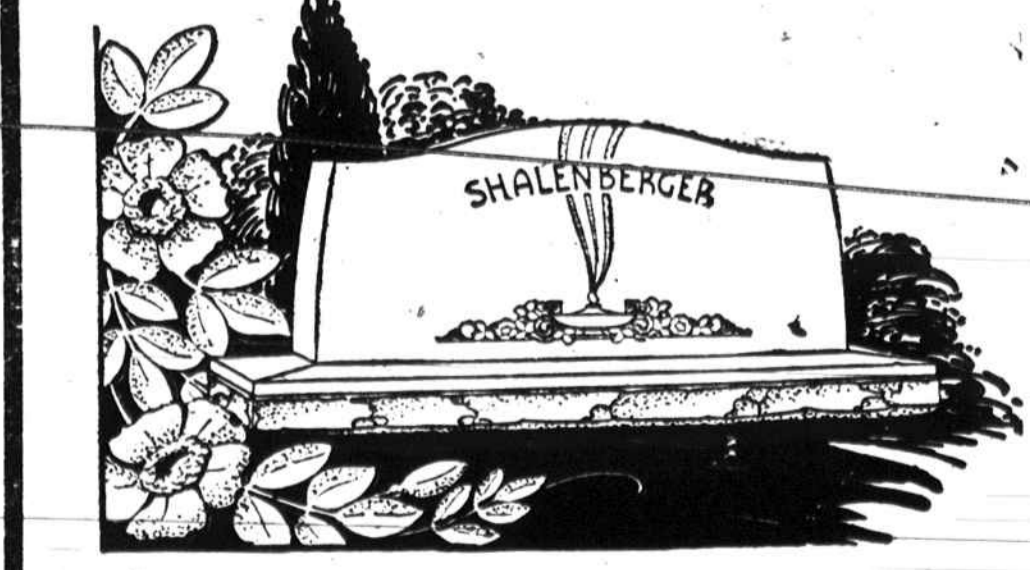
## LOOKING BACKWARD

From the Files of The Ruralite of 15 years ago

The report of the Sylva Parent Teacher association—submitted by Mrs. D. M. Hall, president, and Mrs. J. H. Wilson, treasurer, shows a very active year with 61 members and an expenditure of \$196.67. Most of this amount was spent for books for high school and for welfare work.

Mrs. E. L. McKee will deliver the commencement address at the Cowart's high school Thursday, April 21. The grammar school will present an operetta, "Midsummer

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### Popular Cullowhee Choir To Sing

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in song and story, wholesome fellowship, and spiritual values as well as an appreciation for sacred music.

The members of the choir represent six states and fourteen North Carolina counties, ranging from Martin and Mecklenburg counties in the East to Graham county in the West. Dr. H. P. Smith of Cullowhee and Western Carolina Teachers College is the director. Mrs. H. P. Smith is organist; professor Clarence Christianson, accompanist; Rev. Mark R. Osborne, Jr., clarinetist; Miss Ruth Hooper violinist. The soloists are Mrs. Mark R. Osborne, Jr., Miss Marie Barbour, Miss Gladys Brown, Rev. Mark R. Osborne, Jr., and Misses June Wright, Nina Mitchell, Maxine Barbour, Nellie Runyans, Ruth Hooper, and Wanda Joan Rogers.

The minister of Cullowhee Baptist Church is Rev. Mark R. Osborne, Jr.

The public is cordially invited to attend the concert. The church auditorium will be opened at seven o'clock, and the concert will begin promptly at eight o'clock. Ministers, choir directors, church choirs, high school glee clubs, and others who are interested in church music will be warmly welcomed.

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### Have You Given to the Cancer Fund?

Cancer, the number two killer of Americans, can be conquered through education, service, research, say the leading doctors of the nation. But it takes money to do this which is why we are now having the annual drive for funds in Jackson county. Our county quota is only \$400. Let's see that it is raised. If you haven't made your donation do so at once. See any member of the cancer drive committee announced elsewhere in The Herald.

Only one disease, heart trouble, takes more lives than does cancer. One out of every 8 persons died of cancer in 1946. Unless we act to stop this scourge 505 will die every day, 21 per hour, and 1 every minutes. Cancer kills more women between 30 and 54 than any other disease. It kills more children under 15 than does polio. Let us do our part in the war on cancer.

### GO TO POLLS AND VOTE

Our city and county governments are just about what we, as voting citizens, make them. If we take a keen interest in the elections, go out to the polls in full strength and vote in the best men for the jobs, we will have high type, well functioning administrations. If we do not exercise our voting rights and privileges, and then if we do not have the kind of administration we would like to have, we are to blame.

The town of Sylva is having a primary Saturday to nominate a mayor and five board members from the list of two candidates for mayor and ten for board members. It is the duty of every eligible voter in town to go to the polls and vote for the men of their choice. There is not a man on the ticket who would not make a good official and it will be up to the individual voters to say who the nominees are to be. Be sure to cast your ballot in Saturday's primary.

### DEMOCRACY AT WORK

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual ways of preserving peace." This simple truth, phrased by George Washington, shines forth more brightly today to guide the United States than it did when he uttered it 157 years ago. History emphasizes and reinforces his wisdom.

If American civilization is to endure, we must be ready to defend it. If peace is to be assured, the United States must remain strong. Huge standing armies, however, are foreign to our traditions. How, then, can we remain strong?

One of the surest, most economical ways to accomplish this is through a vigorous National Guard, the local, volunteer, civilian-soldier organization. Its new authorized strength is 682,000 men, more than double the prewar force. That means 682,000 worthwhile spare-time jobs for the young men of the nation.

This is the American way, for always in American history it has been the civilian army which has borne the brunt of defending our ideals. This is the democratic way, for what can be more democratic than citizens volunteering a part of their spare-time that they may be trained to defend their homes, their State, their nation?

The new National Guard is vital to all of us as a force to be trained, equipped and ever ready for instant mobilization to supplement the Regular Army in time of threat. It commends itself for many other reasons.

Here at home the individual may train while pursuing his regular occupation and living a normal civilian life. He draws a full day's Regular Army pay for two hours of spare-time training a week and