

SNAP SHOTS

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wrinkles in the daily coverlet of this most harassed world.

They said that he would grow steadily and in his strength would come confidence, redemption and peace. He wondered to himself how this could possibly be but decided definitely that he would not let these people down, come what may.

He felt sure now that he could understand why his predecessor had patted him gently on the shoulder as he passed him on the way out and softly said, "Happy New Year, youngster, but you've got a load to carry. See how it has bent my shoulders and whitened my hair in the twelve months I have been on the job. Of course, I had one more day to work than you will have but, deep in my heart, I'm afraid you are the one that will need that extra day to untangle the snarls in this ball of yarn that has been wound so tightly for three years."

As yet, this first day in a troubled world, he could not figure out why his father and mother should be at each other's throats as they were. Where he had come from, all was peace and serenity. There were no guns, ammunition, hatred and greed to be used as a starting point for disruption of civilization. He had learned that co-operation of thought, ideals and respect were absolutely essential to the furthering of progress in every form. Without these qualifications, progress would become stagnated to the point of dissolution and there would be no future as a human light to be guided by. He

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Taking Training



CADET NURSE LILLIAN ROSS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Ross, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, who is taking treatment at the Kings Daughters Hospital in Portsmouth, Va., recently visited her parents.

Cadet Nurse Ross entered the Nursing Corps in September of this year. Before she volunteered she was employed at the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company. She is a graduate of the Waynesville Township high school.

Robert H. Gibson, Jr., Reports For Active Duty

Pvt. Robert H. Gibson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. H. Gibson, of Waynesville, reports today at Fort Bragg for active service in the U. S. Army.

Pvt. Gibson volunteered last May, following his graduation from the Waynesville Township high school, and being only 17 years of age was sent to college by the government under one of the various courses combining scholastic and military training. He was sent to the University of Mississippi where he was stationed until the month of December, when he became 18 years of age.

His father is a veteran of World War I and H. During World War I he had overseas duty and during the current war he served over sixteen months in the Seabees, receiving a medical discharge last May.

Pvt. Gibson made an outstanding record at the local high school having won the DAR Citizenship medal offered to a boy in the senior class each year.

Pvt. James E. Underwood Here On Furlough

Private James E. Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Underwood, is spending a several days furlough with his family. Pvt. Underwood entered the service in July, 1944 and took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

When he leaves here he will report for duty at Fort George Meade, Md. At the time he entered the service Pvt. Underwood was employed by the Inland Wood Products Company, Lake Junaluska.

was decidedly puzzled to find such a situation awaiting him—and the fact that he was being held responsible for the outcome during the next twelve months did not help matters such a lot.

Suddenly the decision was born in his infantile mind. He would make his year of rule something for the future generations to read about; a year that would go down in history as epoch-making. The more he thought about it, the more excited with the plan did he become. His little brain began to reel with the possibilities of what he could accomplish. Of course, he would have to be helped on every side but he was egotistically positive that the time had come when the world would work together for the good of all and that he would be the one to prove that fact. The more he thought about what he would do, the stronger, he got and he could hardly wait to begin operations to carry out all his good intentions.

Happy New Year, little 1945. May your every good morning find you so much stronger, happier and successful that we will want to hold you over for a second term.

List Rules for Keeping Garden in Dry Spell

The following are a few "do's" and "don'ts" that will help the gardener to keep his garden going until copious rains come:

Hoe and cultivate just enough to keep the weeds under control and no more. Do not cultivate deeply or ridge and hill the crops, for this wastes rather than conserves moisture. Use care in removing large weeds. Do not pull, but instead cut large weeds, particularly when they are close to the roots of the vegetables. For example, large weeds should be pulled from rows of beans, carrots, beets, hills of corn, etc.

Water the garden whenever feasible. On the average, vegetables require about one-inch of water a week. Soak the ground thoroughly when water is applied. Do not add less than one quart per square foot even for small seedlings; larger crops should have two or three times this quantity. Use the coolness of early morning and late afternoon for watering the garden. Do not be afraid of injuring the plants if mid-day watering must be done. This time of irrigating, however, is not recommended because of excessive evaporation of the water, especially when a sprinkler is used.

Vetch Good Cover Crop For Vegetable Gardens

In many respects, hairy vetch is the best cover crop to sow on vegetable growing farms, says H. R. Cox, extension agronomist at the college of agriculture, Rutgers university.

It can be seeded any time during August or September, either after an early market crop has been removed or just before the last cultivation of a late market crop, according to Cox.

"When plowed down next spring a good stand and growth of vetch will add to the soil the equivalent of several hundred pounds per acre of nitrate of soda. A cover crop containing vetch should, if possible, be allowed to stand for a while next spring before plowing since vetch makes its best growth in spring.

"The seed of vetch should be inoculated with a culture especially prepared for that crop, if neither vetch nor peas has been grown successfully on the field in recent years," Cox warns. "Vetch will not tolerate excessive soil acidity, and it makes a better stand with a moderate amount of seed if it