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Farmer In The White House

Since President Truman took up his job in the White House his old neighbors out in Kansas have been recalling the early days of his life, when he was a plain dirt farmer, for 11 years.

From his neighbors the Kansas City Star learned the following which should inspire every American citizen with confidence to know that there is a farmer in the White House:

1—A good hand with the plow (The cashier of the Hickman Mills bank quotes his mother as saying, "I never saw a man who could drive a team straighter than Harry.") Has this application to the work at hand in Washington?

2—A good hand at repairing machinery. (Perhaps his knack of fixing the binder might be applied to the benefit of broken-down governmental equipment.)

3—A progressive farmer; that is, he rotated crops and had a reputation for getting good yields. (Possibly he will "plant" new men in certain governmental fields and get better results.)

4—An organizer; he helped found his township's first farm bureau unit and the first 4-H Club in western Missouri. (Will the new President organize a personal political organization if he has such ambitions?)

In this critical era we need a man in the White House who can plow a straight furrow, so President Truman will have ample opportunity to demonstrate his ability along these lines.

The Shape Of Things To Come

The question becomes acute and immediate of what to do with German industry, in such practical matters as whether to send in the necessary machinery and workmen's rations to put the German coal mines in condition to meet the pressing European fuel shortage discussed in the recent Rosenman report on European relief and rehabilitation.

And the solutions found for most of these problems have a vast significance for the "longest term" and the postwar period. For the patterns set on a makeshift and temporary basis during the transition period, will have as much influence on the final shape of things to come in the postwar world as do the elaborate plans and theories being prepared for the day after victory in the Pacific. Perhaps they will have even more influence. For makeshift and temporary programs, worked out to solve immediate problems, by the process of breaking economic traditions in order to get economic results, often shape the world more than long-range plans.

As an instance, the currency makeshifts worked out by the occupation armies to replace the bankrupt reichsmark, will probably have more influence on final currency and exchange relations between European countries than will the plans worked out at Bretton Woods, which by definition would not be put into operation for months and perhaps years to come.

Perhaps most spectacular of the changes inaugurated by peace in Europe are to be found in world shipping.—Christian Science Monitor.

One of the most expensive things on earth is making history. Buy 7th War Loan Bonds!

If you want points to go down on canned vegetables, simply grow all you need in your own garden.

European Job Continues

We have been told much during the past three years of what mail means to the men overseas in combat. With the surrender of Germany, the war in Europe is over, but there comes up another problem regarding our army overseas.

The men are going to need mail just as much as ever as they are kept for months and years, perhaps in their line of duty in the great army of occupation. They will struggle against the inaction and their desire to come home, now that combat is over.

The morale building activities of the American Red Cross will continue for at least another year in Europe, according to a recent announcement. General Eisenhower has asked for 1,000 additional U.S.O. camp shows to tour the European theatre, which is proof that the needs for diversion of our men will be great.

In other words we on the home front are going to have two jobs to do, we are going to have to keep the morale of the boys on the fighting lines out in the Pacific up and at the same time we are going to have to give cheer and comfort to those not fighting, but kept by the army in occupation areas.

The Point System

On every hand since the announcement of the removal of the armed forces from the European theatre, we have heard wives, mothers and sweethearts figuring out what their men in service will have to their credit when they come up for furloughs home.

The army's plan for redeployment and demobilization to our mind offers a job of great magnitude. The schedule for evacuation of troops appears to be a speedy one, the very complexity of the job will appear to work injustice in some cases.

The point system for discharge, is said by the authorities to be a great improvement over previous methods from the standpoint of both the soldier and the home front morale. Demobilization by units has often meant that the men least touched by the war were allowed to return to civilian life first.

We fear the term "consideration of military necessity" will have to be reckoned with. For one man may be a member of a unit that is badly needed at once in the Pacific, and he may not get home as soon as some one else who has less points.

We must also realize that casualties must be replaced from time to time, and if those who have earned release by the hard work of combat and wounds and courageous conduct under great danger, are to come home, their places must be taken by others who have not been exposed to such hardships. For this reason it is pointed out that the calls of selective service will continue at a high level. This is another "military necessity", which we will have to accept before final peace comes.

We Hope He's Right

Carl Goerch in the State Magazine claims in a recent editorial that there will be no slump after the war. We hope that he is right. In making his claim he offered the following arguments:

"When ever anyone makes a prediction about the future, the future often turns around and slaps him squarely in the face with his prediction."

"That may happen in connection with this prediction."

"There has been much speculation relative to business conditions after the war. Will there be an upward trend, or will we go into a tail-spin? All sort of opinions have been expressed and all sorts of reasons have been given."

"Our own opinion is that there will be no business slump for a number of years to come, due largely to the fact that the country cannot afford it."

"That may sound rather strange reasoning, but we believe it is actually so. We are confronted with a tremendous national debt. This debt is continuing to grow. It has got to be paid off. Now then, if a business slump were to take place, people wouldn't be able to pay the large taxes which they are now paying. The national income would drop off considerably, and that is something which must not be done."

"And so, we predict that the Government through various regulations and by other means as well, is going to keep prices on a high level. Call it inflation, if you want to, because we're already undergoing a form of inflation. It is because of this, that there will be no reduction in our national income, and it will be because of this that business along all lines is bound to be good for a period of several years after hostilities cease."

When postwar autos come out the new lines will be beautiful—especially the salesman's.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



HERE and THERE

By

HILDA WAY GWYN



S/SGT. MILAS GREEN

Have you ever had a day planned to the hilt—with one chore after another—knowing that if you deviated, your whole schedule would be thrown off balance? If you are a working woman, both at home and one a job, you will know exactly how priceless a day off at home can be. Last Saturday was just such a day for us. We had planned to paint some chairs, to sort and mend some linen, to put some winter things away, to put out some plants, to cut a strip of grass, do a bit of laundry and ironing. Our phone rang at 9:30. It was Emily Siler, home service secretary of the Haywood Red Cross. "Mrs. Gwyn, don't you want to ride down to Fines Creek with me and tell Mr. and Mrs. Green that their son has been liberated from prison?"

Instantly we recalled that day in January, 1944, when Mr. Green came in the Mountaineer office and told us his sad story—that his son, S/SGT. Milas Green, AAF, was missing over Germany. Those were the days when the Americans were making things pretty hot over Europe and many of the boys missing were afterwards reported killed in action. We remember we tried to give comfort to Mr. Green—but it was hard not to show that we too, had misgivings.

It did not take us long to decide to forget our day's schedule. Things would just have to wait. We were going to Fines Creek to see the Greens. We found ourselves saying, "Yes, we'd love to go and thank you for thinking of asking us." The day before we had interviewed our first war prisoner and we had heard him tell of the wonders of the Red Cross overseas. Now we could observe the Red Cross on the home front—join a liberated prisoner with his family.

It was a wonderful experience to have even a small part in bearing such glad tidings—and to witness the joy of the mother and the father. Mr. Green saw us coming and recognized the Red Cross car. He knew there must be some news. He had been waiting ever since VE-Day. Emily told him his son had been liberated from a German prison camp on May 17, and he answered, "Somehow I felt it would happen, but there were times when things seemed sorter cloudy." Then he called to one of the grandchildren to run right quick and get the mother.

Mrs. Green came into the house in a kind of daze—but she soon found expression in the way any mother would—she wept for pure joy, saying over and over, "It doesn't seem possible it could be true, we have waited so long." She had just canned some strawberries to save to make him a pie. He had written her to have some ready when he came home. Between tears she talked of how good it would be to have him home once again. She was so thankful. She had so much comfort to know he was alive. Oh, yes she was saving him a ham. Then one of

the neighbors, Miss Maggie James, came in. She, too, had seen the Red Cross car. She offered to give a fryer, if Mrs. Green's chickens were not big enough when Sgt. Green came home.

That's a sample of the neighbors down on Fines Creek. When the officers came up a few months ago from the Greenville Air Base to present the Air Medal to the Greens for their son, still missing, much to their surprise there were more than a hundred people gathered in the yard at the home a short distance off the highway. Like the officers we thought this a fine neighborly tribute, typical of our Haywood county folks.

Then Mr. Green brought out some letters—letters from strangers—in fact, 23 in all and four telegrams—from all over the United States. Letters from Florida, from New York, California, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, West Virginia, etc., telling why they were writing. They had heard a broadcast from Germany after D-Day, June 6—made by a German woman somewhere in Germany—who gave a list of war prisoners, who had been wounded and were in a prison hospital camp. We read some of the letters and were amazed at the sympathy strangers had for the parents of a wounded boy being held as a German prisoner. Then we realized that the sympathy of our own Haywood folks was only a small design in the great world pattern of sympathy and we felt like this was a fine old world to live in despite conditions.

Sgt. Milas Green, graduate of the Fines Creek high school and Mars Hill College, entered the service in August, 1942, and was inducted at Camp Croft. Before being sent overseas in September, 1943, he was trained at a number of posts. He was in constant combat after his arrival until January 29, when he was reported missing. When he hailed out of his damaged plane he was shot in both legs and captured by the Germans. He was sent to a prison camp hospital, where he remained for nearly eight months. He was transferred to another prison camp, but in two weeks was returned to the hospital and kept as an "English spokesman." The family heard from him, but sometimes things were cut out of his letters. The war is far from over for the Green family. One son has been discharged, Pvt. Glenn E. Green, another son, Reeves Green, S/1/c, is in the Pacific, two grandsons, M. C. Green, M/3/c, is in New York, and James Green S/1/c, is in the Atlantic; and a son-in-law, Pvt. Joseph Clark, is at Fort Mifflin, Pa.

Along with the happiness of the Green family, it was a pleasure to watch Emily Siler talk to them

Voice OF THE People

What would you like to see the Chamber of Commerce stress in the season of 1945? (Question suggested by Miss S. A. Jones, secretary.)

Jerry Liner—"Recreation."

J. P. Dicus—"I would like to see a movement started by the Chamber of Commerce for the erection of a wing to the Haywood County Hospital as a memorial to the men who have served in World War II."

Bryan Medford—"Entertainment for the summer visitors."

J. R. Boyd—"I would like to see the Guderger property adjoining the cemetery which the town bought developed. It is conveniently located and could be made a center. I would like to see shuffle boards and other facilities developed and this could be done with a few hundred dollars."

Joe Rose—"I would like to see the Chamber of Commerce work out a zoning and planning commission and a very strict building code."

Jonathan Woody—"Clean and wholesome entertainment for the home folks and the visitors."

Mrs. F. G. Rippetoe—"More entertainment for the summer visitors."

Dr. C. N. Sisk—"I think it is time for some organization and it comes under the work of the Chamber of Commerce to work out plans for the building expansion which will come after the emergency."

Dr. Sam Stringfield—"A general program of the needs of the community that come up from time to time."

Francis Massie—"More entertainment established along permanent lines for the summer visitors."

Roy Parkman—"Something for the tourists to do—and plans for better accommodations."

In her understanding way and to feel her sincere interest in helping them. She took the names of the family they wished notified of the good news to send wires when she came back to town. On our way in, she said, feeling the afterglow of their reaction, "Mrs. Gwyn, you know things just look brighter and greener than when we drove out."

It is now in the middle of Saturday afternoon as we write this. Our day's work is a blank. The chairs are unpainted. The grass is uncut. The linen is untouched. The plants are much the worse for being out on the back porch in the sun and may not live when they finally get put in the ground. The winter clothes are still lying on a chair as they came from the cleaners. The laundry and ironing are still waiting for us to get busy. But our trip was worth a day lost. Maybe somewhere along the line we can step up and catch up with ourselves.

LAFF-A-DAY



"There, there. This is only her first—she'll do better next time!"

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



The Everyday Counselor

—By—

REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

If you are a Christian, enjoy the privilege of the Christian life, enjoy its peace, you must share it with others or you will lose its blessing. It is an established fact that we must share what we have, or lose it. You are growing older each day. Are you growing wiser, more lovable, richer in your spiritual life. The ten rules given below may help you in your personal life, and can help you to bring another to know the New Life in Christ.

1. I will lift up the eyes of my soul to God. Without Him I am lost in a world of sin and confusion. I am lost forever here and hereafter. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills. From whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth."

2. I must confess my sins to my God daily if I expect forgiveness, if I expect to grow in the New Life. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

3. I will yield the direction of my life to my Lord Jesus Christ. "As many as received Him to them He gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name; which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

4. I will have faith in my God and His promises. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

5. I will trust in my Lord to save me and to keep me. "The Eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. I will both lay me down in peace and sleep; for Thou Lord, only makest me dwell in safety."

6. I will have peace in my heart. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you."

7. I will be joyful in everything. "In everything by the word of the Lord, ye shall be joyful. Your requests shall be made known to God, and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

8. I will walk in the light of God's guidance. "The Lord is light and my salvation, shall I fear? Thou shalt come with the counsel of the Lord, and thou shalt receive me to glory."

9. I will be patient in the Lord. "The strength of my life shall I be afraid? I will wait upon the Lord, and He shall strengthen my strength. Therefore, brethren, only the Lord."

10. I will share in the love of the Lord. "There is no fear in the perfect love which we have from Him. That he who God loves his brother also us not love in word and tongue; but in deed and truth."

NOTICE
NORTH CAROLINA
HAYWOOD COUNTY
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
ARTHUR J. MOORE
VS.
LURA C. MOORE

The defendant Lura C. Moore will take notice that she is entitled as above has been named in the Superior Court of Haywood County, North Carolina to obtain a divorce from the grounds of separating years; and the defendant further take notice that she is required to appear at the Court of said county in the case of said county, North Carolina, thirty (30) days after the date of this notice, to answer or demur to the complaint in said action for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This May 24, 1945.
C. H. FEATHERHEAD
Clerk Superior Court
Haywood County, N. C.

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YOU'RE TELLING ME

By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

FOLKS on isolated Scottish isles are to have their newspapers delivered by parachute, after the war. A B-29, no doubt, will deliver the Sunday edition.

After a June-like March and a November-like April let's hope May is content to be, well, just May.

It had to happen sooner or later. A soldier with General Patton's army found a fox in his fox hole.

Grandpappy Jenkins today is quoting his grandson as hoping

his daddy come home from fighting his way down the Pacific.

The early bird gets the worm but the fisherman is almost sure to catch the cold.

Zadok Dunkopf wants a war plan which would allow strawberries in the bottom of box being as big as those of

Goats, we are told, do not actually eat grass but just lick off and on the bits. Even so, we think a good stunt!

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Inside WASHINGTON

Training of New Chinese Divisions Nearly Finished

Cut Down of Lend-Lease Russians Soon Is Probable

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The number is secret, but Chinese well-armed with American equipment, are already pretty well in training. Most of the requirements for the armies in the field are being met much sooner than many had anticipated after the opening of the Lend-Lease Burma. Training is the problem now. The Chinese are expected to be sufficiently however, to hold down a substantial number of Japanese divisions on the Asiatic mainland should MacArthur decide to make a frontal attack on the Japanese islands after clearing off his

Toughest Fighting Of War

That will probably be the toughest fighting of war—much of the type encountered on Iwo and Okinawa. There are plenty of mountain caves from which the Japs will have to be dug out and the local population is likely to be

operative than even the Germans.

LOOK FOR a substantial paring down of lend-lease supplies to Russia in the fifth protocol, now under negotiation. After V-E Russia should be able to turn back much of her manpower for reconstruction and supply many of her own needs. Already much of best land has been liberated and can be converted to producing Russia's needs. Liberation was in plenty of time for the planting. A recent Russian request for three million pairs of shoes in the coming year was turned down. Too much danger of cans going shoeless.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN is telling "friends" in Congress that he is about running in 1948 that he is thinking only about the war and the peace—and not about his political future. Nevertheless, Democratic leaders in Congress are already beginning to talk of Mr. Truman as the one man who holds out hope of keeping the Democratic party together. He is being called "harmony candidate" of 1948.

Middle-of-the-road Democrats are pulling for him and he will carve out a record as president that will hold labor in line at the same time, soften the antagonism which had flared up in the administration of President Roosevelt.

Political forecasters see a major fight in the Democratic convention of 1948 unless Mr. Truman makes such a good political as practically to paralyze any opposition. In the event a fight, the president would be the middle-roader/candidate. Commerce Secretary Wallace and, possibly, Senator Harry Byrd, Virginia, would be the candidates of the left and right, respectively.