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THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1945 (One Day Nearer Victory)

Government Spending

June war expenditures by the Federal Government totaled \$7,885,000,000, or 281 million dollars less than was spent in May.

On Second Thought...

The strange sense of unreality that came with the announcement last week of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, has passed.

Agricultural Fields

Haywood County farmers were fortunate in having this county selected for the meeting of the burley tobacco growers and livestock men which was held here last night.

Real Estate

Activity in real estate sales has not been so keen here since the memorable days of the 1920's when it reached its peak to that date as it has been during the past few months.

Prospects

From present indications it looks as if this community will have a large modern hotel. This has been needed for many years and has been agitated by various groups.

A Bit Misleading

It is strange the ideas one country gets about another. We do not doubt but that as a nation we will change our ideas very much about the people of Europe and the Pacific area when the men come back and give their impressions.

Vocabulary of Conflict

Overseas dispatches report that an objection by the Hays Office in Hollywood to the words "hell" and "damn" may postpone indefinitely the showing in the United States of a war film which opened last week in London theatres.



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN



The above pictures of T-Sgt. Grady Vinson Howell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Howell, of Jonathan Creek. They are Before and After. The first before Sgt. Howell had been captured by the Germans.

Yet the amazing thing today is that the lines brought by the privations of a prison camp are wiped out in his joy of freedom at home in America.

Sgt. Howell entered the service, in August, 1943, one year after leaving North Carolina State College, Raleigh. He was inducted at Camp Croft, and was sent overseas in November, 1944.

"We did not make the woods, for the Germans overlook us and we were captured. It is not a good feeling, but there is nothing to be done about it at the time, but wait and hope for the best.

Then the arrival at the permanent camp near Vienna, which proved to be a dirty, filthy hole—with more than 4,000 American prisoners, and the fear continually that in the bombing of Vienna—the camp would be struck.

Time was one thing you had plenty of. We had a chaplain in our crew. He had served through the African campaign, so he knew what it was all about.

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A nice round figure is very helpful — in the bank.

Voice OF THE People

What was your reaction to the announcement of the atomic bomb?

Lt. Tom Hill—"I was surprised at the way it had been kept a secret. I think it could be the greatest preserving force, if properly controlled.

Robert W. Livingston—"I hardly know how to explain my reactions. We are getting back to the principles of life. It must not get in the hands of our enemy for if it did we would be completely destroyed.

C. R. Roberts—"I can hardly put in words. The thing I fear is that if it is not controlled it may be hard on all of us."

Rev. Frank Leatherwood—"I think it is legitimate to use."

Guy Massie—"I was in favor of using it on the Japs, but it is a terrible thing to think about what it might do when the war is over."

Miss S. A. Jones—"It is absolutely inconceivable to realize the horrors it will bring, and also the advantages to mankind, if harnessed. There is so much more to it than its use for war.

Felix Stovall—"The question is too big for me to answer."

Sam Queen—"I think it is the greatest invention we have had to date, and that it will hasten and keep peace."

Dr. Sam Stringfield—"My reaction was that it would bring the war to a speedy end."

Rev. L. G. Elliott—"I can hardly put into words. The thing I fear is that if it is not controlled it will be too hard on us all."

and we had good medical attention.

"Considering everything the morale of the prisoners was pretty good. I always figured that I had a half chance to get out, but I did not try to escape, because I knew they would shoot me.

"My first letter came in October, 1944, some five months after I was put in a camp. I then received mail regularly until February and after that things were happening pretty fast in Europe, as you may recall.

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Sen. James Fulbright (D), Ark., also was asked to sponsor the labor bill but declined. A storm of opposition to the bill has arisen in labor ranks.

The Everyday Counselor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

You may think you can beat your conscience, but you can't. Silly people still fool themselves with the idea that their conduct is their personal business.



There are those who say that you can club your conscience into insensibility that by continually disregarding its warnings you won't hear it.

YOU'RE TELLING ME

THE U. S. ARMY'S "This Is the Army" show has earned \$10,000,000 profit for the service's relief fund.

Canned sandwiches are a post-war promise. However, the picnic ant, no doubt, will develop the ability to bore through tin.

Inside WASHINGTON

Vandenberg Dispelling GOP Opposition to U. N. Charter

WASHINGTON—Diplomatic observers credit Senator Vandenberg (R) Mich., with dissipating much of the potential public opposition to the United Nations charter.

When the late President Roosevelt asked Vandenberg to delegate to San Francisco, many felt that the chief executive put over another masterful political coup.

The Michigan Republican's activity in charting the course of the nation's international role should be bi-partisan basis.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN

