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Good Prospects

Paul W. Chapman, dean of Georgia's College of Agriculture, in a recent magazine article outlined ten reasons why he thinks the South will lead the Nation in the post-war upsurge to business, agricultural, and industrial prosperity. They are as follows: More paved roads. More airports and planes. More rural electrification. More refrigeration. Increased use of power and machinery. Increased need for farm buildings and equipment. Larger farms. Live-stock expansion. Marketing supplies and equipment. Small industry equipment. In noting the foregoing we find that Haywood County and our own community has a fine chance of sharing in this prosperity, for many of the items will touch us here.

Victory of Mankind

There has been much written about the war with Japan and the final outcome, but the following from the New York Herald Tribune in well chosen words gives one of the most complete pictures of the era we have read:

Through something like ten years of blood and agony and privation, this, the vilest and most destructive paroxysm of human history, has declined to its solemn end. Mushrooming through the fabric of our world society, like the detonations of the terrible weapons which it employed, it swallowed the earth. From that distant moment in October of 1935, when Benito Mussolini launched his long-vaunted "little war" for the conquest of Ethiopia, the explosive forces latent in our international system burst and spread — through the insurrection of the Spanish reactionaries in 1936, the beginning of the annihilation of China in 1937, the rape of Austria and the disgraceful surrender at Munich in 1938, the engulfing of western Europe in 1939, the devastation of Soviet Russia in 1941, the assault upon the United States and the ravishing of Malaya and the Indies down to the titanic battles by land, sea and air which shook all the continents and in which the great issues were decided. Now at last it has died away, died away in a stupendous victory for the Allied peoples, won by a greater exertion of courage, unity, toil and ingenuity than they believed themselves capable of, but won finally and completely.

They stand, in their hour of victory, upon a vast and somber ruin. It is a ruin of countless lives, of innumerable factories and farms and homes and all the other painfully accumulated apparatus of civilized existence, of institutions and ideas and those intangible values which cemented the old structure of human society. To rebuild a peaceful and a prosperous order out of this chaos presents them with a task no less difficult in its own way than that which they have just achieved. But they do not come to it empty minded. Their war was not simply a war of aimless destruction and their victory was not merely a victory for one set of national flags over another. It was a war of basic concepts as to the nature and end of mankind and it was a victory of a broad system of ideas — the ideas of freedom, of man's inherent dignity, of the reality of humanitarian and democratic values, of ordered and legal process as against the domination of brute force, of the possibility of peaceful progress by rational analysis and co-operative action — which have survived as great, creative instruments in their hands.

These ideas take on many different and often conflicting colorations among the various peoples and social systems making up the grand alliance, but the same common threads run through all. It is by no mere accident of geography or power or scientific skill that the United States stands today on the common pinnacle of victory. It is because we shared in the fundamental concepts out of which alone a new world society can be created; just as the Germans and the Japanese went down to utter ruin because they were dedicated to a brutal and barbarically anachronistic past. The old international society was shattered, by the long-accumulated strains within it, into this cataclysmic ruin; what remains, however, are the elements of thought and purpose and conviction out of which a new one can now be created.

If the devastation is appalling, the hope is brilliant—as blinding as that first flash from the atomic bomb, which itself symbolizes how great are the creative, no less than the destructive, powers which we now command. We may stand, in the awesome moment, at the end of the last great war in human history; we certainly stand upon the thresholds of immense change and immense promise. To all the millions whose blood and suffering brought us to this end we can only return our gratitude; to all who have survived we can only pledge our highest effort.



HERE and THERE By HILDA WAY GWYN

After observing people in general for the past several days, we have decided very definitely that the veterans are not the only ones who will need to make adjustments. Civilian seem unable to take in the fact that peace has actually overtaken them. They cannot suddenly get their minds out of the groove of four years' tension and feel completely at peace. The past four years have cut too deeply into their emotions to swing back with elasticity. We thought it was our maturity that was holding us back and keeping us from an "overnight" mental conversion, until we overheard several young people express themselves. One young wife whose husband is in the service, said coming out of the Park Theatre, "You know that was a grand picture to get your mind off the war" . . . and then the last word came, she had a funny expression on her face and she instantly corrected herself . . . "But, of course, the war is over. . . . Then we heard another young wife say . . . "You know my heart just stays tight and worried. I just can't seem to come out of it, even though I know my husband is safe now. I guess I got the habit and I can't shake it off." This seems to be the attitude of most people. They speak of peace with their lips, but as yet it has not become a reality in their living and their thoughts.

Maybe this attitude is good for us. When one feels deeply it takes time to make a change. This should make us more understanding of the problems of the returning veterans, for in comparison with them our experiences have been mild and tame. They will have much farther to go in their adjustments than we civilians. Perhaps it is best that we cannot suddenly plunge into a normal state for it will be sometime before his about us comes back to a settled state. The shift from the great industrial swing from war production to peace time production offers economic problems. These will bring new conditions not only to the individual, but also to communities. The prospect calls for courage and patience to work things out; for there will be another enemy to defeat—unemployment. We are entering a new cycle, whether we want to or not. We have no say-so. We speak with great familiarity of the return to pre-war days. This is incorrect. We will never return to them. They are like the pages of the past, they cannot be recalled. Time moves on and we have all changed, though we may not be conscious of the fact.

But even so few of us will have as many adjustments to make as the Tennessee girl of Baptist faith, who married a Roman Catholic Marine from Oregon, whom she had a blind date with in Columbus, Ohio. She was married to him two weeks later in Seattle, Wash., and had a "thirty-six hour pass" honeymoon in Chicago, and a three weeks "time off" together before the Marine was shipped out to the Pacific. Now that couple like a lot more hasty lovers really has something to adjust, for we doubt if they even had time to check on their likes and dislikes, much less settle the question of religion.

For instance take the banishment of that nightmare of gas rationing. We can't be too elated. It's a little like buying a ticket to ride on a train, with the train already gone and having to wait for the next one. Most of us have tires that can't last much longer, for this reason, we can't motor with the abandon of pre-war days. In fact there are a lot of our old so-called necessities that will not be on the market for sometime. While nylon will almost immediately be converted from glider tow ropes to toe coverings we are told that it may be three or four months before there will be any

large shipments of hosiery on sale—and for the first time, it is said that fancy black market prices will be charged. It will take 135 days after a hosiery mill has received their first shipment of nylon yarn before the stockings go on general sales. So girls just put up your old baggy rags, and make the best of them, for you have endured them this long and we will have to take a few months longer. Gee, but won't it be a riot the first time they go on sale.

But even the most unthinking sense in this great victory comes times far more than personal realization of former comforts. We have won, not the peace that will bring relaxation to sit down, but a peace from which civilization must push on, for we either go forward or backward—in life, and the preservation of civilization has been given us with the dawn of peace—so the road to peace will be thick with responsibilities.

We think that Betsy Lane Quinland and her sister, Mary Quinland, both Red Cross workers, should collaborate someday, when they have time, and write a book on their experiences in World War II. Betsy Lane with her year in Iceland, and another year in the Pacific theatre, to say nothing of her work among the returned veterans in large army hospitals in the States, has acquired a wealth of knowledge about the war. Mary, on the other hand, who is now in Germany, has had a wide experience in the European theatre, prior to which she was executive secretary of a large Red Cross Chapter in this country. Which reminds us that at present Mary is connected with the American Military Unit, the officers of which are housed in Germany, located in a castle built by William I. of Germany by funds he was paid by King George II of England for sending his Hessian troops to American to fight against the "rebels" in the American Revolution—which only goes to show that the mills of the gods grind slowly, but surely—and Fate works long to even things up.

**Safety First**  
An inebriated gentleman boarded one of those double-decker buses on Fifth Avenue which was crowded, but he finally found a seat by the driver.  
He talked and talked, and the driver suggested that he go on the top deck. The drunk amiably clambered upstairs. But in a few minutes he was back.  
"What's the matter? Didn't you like the fresh air, or the view?" asked the driver resignedly.  
"Yep, nice view, nice air," answered the drunk. "But, 'aint safe there—no driver."

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B. D. Medford, et ux et al to P. D. Jones, et ux.  
D. L. Pless, et ux, et al to Mrs. Elizabeth R. Fie, et al.

**Pigeon Township**  
Sella Davis to Gertrude Long, W. H. Caldwell, et ux to David Underwood, Jr., et al.  
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**THE OLD HOME TOWN**  
By STANLEY  
"WILBUR, WAKE UP! . . . YOU KNOW WHAT? IF WE PUT IN THAT TRANSPARENT PLASTIC SINK AND CUPBOARDS IN OUR 'NEW KITCHEN'—WHERE CAN I HIDE THE DISH RAG?"  
POST WAR WORRIES

Voice OF THE People

What was your first reaction from the announcement of President Truman that Japan had surrendered?

Tom Lee — "My reaction was that our neighbors and friends would be coming home."

O. H. Champion—"I am a veteran of World War I and I simply did not believe the news."

H. Phelps Brooks—"Due to the news and to the fact that one hour before the announcement that the Japs had surrendered my son had just come home from three years in the Pacific theatre, my reaction was one of complete happiness."

Earl Ferguson — "My reaction was that our neighbors and friends would be coming home."

H. W. Burnett — "We were so busy in the cafe that I didn't have time to think, but when I did, I thought of our son and the other boys who would be coming home."

Mrs. James Atkins—"I have no need to express just how I felt."

Rev. Robert G. Tatum—"I was so thrilled that I could not analyze my feelings."

Dr. C. N. Sisk—"One of great relief."

Mrs. Charles Ketter—"That my husband would be coming home from Europe and would not have to go to the Pacific."

L. N. Davis—"Our boys will be coming home."

TRANSACTIONS IN Real Estate

**Beaverdam Township**  
J. E. Tate, et ux to R. D. Gaddis, et ux.  
E. A. Williams, et ux to Charles T. Branson, et ux.  
Jessie Harbin to C. G. Bryson, et ux.  
Elmer Harbin, et al to Jennie Harbin, et ux.  
R. C. Crowell, et ux to C. L. Westmoreland.  
Miss E. J. Fletcher to Jess T. Haney, et ux.  
Weaver Robinson, et al to Jack F. Robinson.  
C. N. Allen, et al to C. E. Holzclaw, et ux.  
A. Virge McClure, et ux to Bertha McClure to Harland Allen, et ux.  
Mrs. Daisy Mann, et al to Jack F. Robinson.  
Mrs. Vieve Kirby to Thomas H. King, et ux.  
J. L. Conard, et ux to C. A. Buchanan, et al.

**Clyde Township**  
Bon-A-Venture, Inc., to J. E. Slaughter, et ux.  
Bon-A-Venture, Inc., to B. W. Sorrells, et ux.  
Bon-A-Venture, Inc., to Odell McHaffey, et ux.  
H. H. Pilkington, et ux to R. M. Parson, et ux.  
Bon-A-Venture, Inc., to Fannie Burr Carter.  
Bon-A-Venture, Inc., to B. H. Jones.  
H. C. Medford to B. T. Rogers, et ux.

**East Fork Township**  
J. T. Pressley, et ux to T. M. Pressley.  
Mungus Trull, et ux to L. L. Snathers, et ux.

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The Everyday Counselor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Faith and courage is a combination which can not be surpassed. Tie the two together with prayer and you have a formula of tremendous power.

A correspondent, deeply concerned over the spiritual condition of a young Army captain has written asking us to join her in prayer for his salvation, that he may live a new life by which men can say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Her problem poses our Prayer List. At the same time it poses our problem.

Waynesville Township

H. E. Limer, et ux to Miriam W. Moore.

Maudie McElloch to Emmette K. McElroy, Jr.

Town of Waynesville to Frank Nichols and Anna D. Nichols.

C. M. Fortune, Trust, to Roseline Corporation.

J. W. Ray, et ux, et al to Joseph A. Bowerman, et ux.

A. T. Ward, Com. to Mary D. Bunnamer.

J. R. Morgan, et ux to James A. Gwyn, et ux, et al.

Seth C. Wood, et ux to Wiley W. Burriess, et ux.

Katherine Bay Mills, et ux to J. W. Ray, et al.

Wiley Burriess, et ux to Seth C. Wood.

J. W. Ray, et ux to D. Reeves Noland.

J. W. Ray, et ux, et al to L. E. Sims.

H. E. Limer, et ux to George Queen.

J. W. Ray, et ux, et al to C. N. Allen.

C. C. Davenport, et ux to H. E. Limer, Jr.

J. H. Woody, et al and R. V. Welch, to H. T. Parker, Trust.

H. E. Limer, Sr., et ux to Arthur Sheehan, et ux.

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J. A. Shackford, et ux to Love B. Shackford, et ux.

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Patsy Prevost, et ux to William Prevost to Guy Sheehan, et ux.

Opal F. McLeod, et ux to J. P. Deuss, et ux.

Howard Bucklett, et ux to Frank M. Lollar.

T. F. Smith, et ux to N. D. Mathis, et ux.

John R. McClure, et ux to Ethel McClure Anderson.

Allen V. Fie, et al to Bonnie Head.

Faye Henderson Bradley, et ux to Francis A. Wyatt, et ux.

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