

ABOVE THE HULLABALOO

By LITTLE HULL

Where Are The Keepers! The echoes of the War to End Wars were still rumbling in the last days of the year 1918, when the Poles and the Ukrainians initiated a new era of warfare which continued without cessation—in one part of the world

or another—until August 14, 1945. Eighteen wars—large and small—were fought, culminating in the most destructive conflict of all time. Then ensued a short breathing spell of universal peace—one of the few such in history—quickly followed by the

current small military contests—the type which eventually bring on a general conflagration.

Even before the atomic bomb made it, the masses of the PEOPLE of this earth were determined to have an organization which would stop the war. They told their "managers" to provide one. They didn't tell them how to do it—they simply told them to do it. So the managers held a lot of meetings and made a lot of speeches and organized a lot of organizations; and now we have two wars going on—one in China and one in Java—while our managers' great peace organization functions not.

Now the war in China may seem very far away, but it is a foregone conclusion that the western powers—including the United States—will "side" with the Chinese Nationalists, and Russia—and her satellites—with the Communists. It doesn't require a very great knowledge of historical precedent, or a very great stretch of the imagination, to visualize the probable results. And they won't be far away!

Is it better that the managers of the nations of the world should continue their old game of chess with our lives as pawns, in order to annex a bit of territory here and there? Or should we the people of all the nations put our big foot down and tell them all—Truman, Stalin, Attlee, DeGaulle, Chiang Kai-shek and all the rest of them—to stop this warfare here and kindly move aside and let better men take their places. If we don't—they won't! And in some future place of residence we can thank ourselves alone for our sudden and painful departure from this earth.

With Peace Civilian Can Anticipate New Canned Foods Soon

Now that the postwar ear has become a reality with the downfall of Japan, citizens of Gaston county can look forward to dramatic development in canned foods, many of which were first packaged for the armed forces, according to W. C. Stolk, vice president of the American Can Company.

Mr. Stolk said that the approximately 7,000,000 cans of food opened annually by residents of the county undoubtedly will be largely increased with the arrival of the new postwar items. It will be no trick at all, he said for a housekeeper to put together a three or four course meal by making use of the canner foods she should shortly find on grocery shelves.

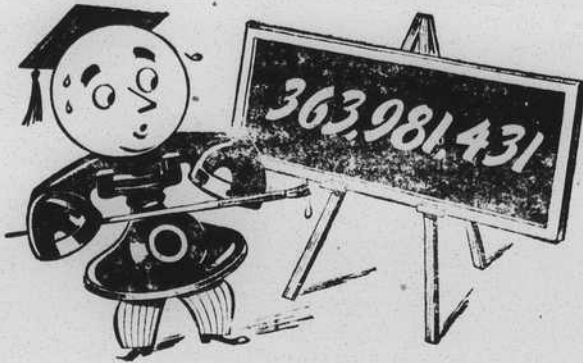
Among the new food, he listed are such items as canned hamburgers, canned bacon, seafood cocktails and salads in cans, as well as a long list of meats new to a can, among them chicken stew with dumplings, beef and gravy, pork with apple sauce, ham with raisin sauce and boned turkey.

Junior—Mom, would you like to have a receipt for a new snow cake?
Mother—Sure Junior.
Junior—Take a pound of snow, cover with molasses, place in hot oven and in ten minutes a—no cake.

LOOK

HOW MANY CALLS

NORTH CAROLINA MADE THIS YEAR



As Telephone Tommy points out, North Carolinians did a whale of a lot of talking from January through November of this year. Fact is, more local and long distance calls were made than in any other similar period in the entire history of the telephone in North Carolina.

We wish you could have seen the rush of these calls through our telephone exchanges. They made the signal lights dance across our switchboards with such speed and sparkle as to turn the lights on Broadway green with envy.

You might have felt that with so many calls being handled, the telephone folks were making money because of the war. The best way for Telephone Tommy to prove the company did not profit by the war is to tell you this startling fact. And that is "telephone earnings in 1945 will be the lowest in the company's history, except for the worst of the depression years".

This is because our expenses—wages, taxes, cost of materials, cost of services—increased at a greater rate than our revenues.

Telephone people, however, were glad to be busy handling North Carolina's calls. They were not concerned primarily with figures. Instead these 3,712 busy North Carolinians were concerned with service—getting your calls through and seeing that lines were kept in order. They knew their job was to serve you well and with a pleasant "thank you".

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