

H. Y. Belk

AND HIS NEWS OF NEBO VALLEY

Pfc. Robert Brakefield, fresh out of Japan, visited the Belks in the Valley the past week.

Miss Pauline Self and Miss Betty visited your reporter Sunday from the beautiful city of Cherryville.

Mr. Wray Lingerfelt from the city was a pleasant visitor to the Valley Sunday.

Sometimes it looks like the devil is ever omnipotent, but he's not. But he has in his army enough soldiers to make him practically omnipotent.

He cannot be everywhere at the same time, but his agents work all along the line night and day. Among all classes. Once he was an angel. He got so bad the Lord kicked him out of the City Beautiful, and he started up a hell and its ever enlarging borders. That's what my Bible says. I wish the devil hadn't been a bad man, and all the women could have been perfect. But it was so ordered otherwise. I don't know if Hitler was not predestinated to hell to help the devil carry on. Hell hath enlarged its borders. Let's forget for now this hell born stuff, and talk about things we know more about. When I get to speaking about the devil, I get all flabbergasted and love to think of a brighter picture. A picture with more beauty in it.

All my life long I've watched the blue birds come and stay and build their nests and chirp and sing, and raise their young. This year no birds have come. For years past, every spring, they try to build nests in my mail box. Early in the spring I put

up boxes for the little birds, but no blue birds have moved in. Pray tell me where these little birds have gone. When God made the world two things he didn't omit—flowers and birds. When we reach the summers land sublime we hope to spend countless hours among God's flowers. God made the birds when He made the flowers.

Ladies still wait at the mail box by the roadside for the spring time order catalogue. Oh, they find every thing so beautiful. They order an article by c.o.d. but seldom take it out. The mail man hauls it around a few days and sends it back. Ladies I like to see what I buy or give away. So let me say when you buy see your friendly merchant—he's got the goods you want. He's done paid the c.o.d. So ladies buy at home from your friendly merchant and let the mail man rest.

The devil was once an angel, that is what the Bible says.

All angels are not devils. All devils are not angels. When the farmer sold eggs three dozen for a quarter we wonder how the hens made a living.

How can a preacher called of God meet his dearly beloveds at the church and Sunday morning and get the collection. Then meet after dinner and play golf till the sun goes down. God said remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Man with his depraved nature says do all the devilment on Sunday you can. You can't show me a nation on earth, land or sea, that has disregarded the Sabbath but what has gone down in rot and decay. America is on the very verge of collapse because of disregard for the Sabbath. Then call me a fool or what you like. I tell the truth sometimes in awhile.

I can't forget what a brother said to a sister after church one day. Oh, my, weren't that a fine sermon, Mrs. Brown? Oh, it was but he plays golf a lot better than he preaches. Oh, for crying out loud, Children. Oh, consistency, thou art a jewel. Yes, we say it is a wonderful world. God made it in just six days. The next day, He rested too.

That is what He commanded us to do. Are we doing it or not? If I was a leader of this great nation I would promise to take care of every American from the cradle to the grave. I would promise to drive communism out of America. I'd send it back to Russia and tell old Joe Stalin to smoke his old clay pipe. I would not pet that old incarnate jackass. I don't believe in old Joe's hectic hell-born logic. The philosophy of Russia is to spread death,

hell and destruction all over the earth and then take over with his hell bornism.

We have just lots of good people that do love to read the Herald. Then we have those that don't like to read the paper but they read it just the same. Strange people live on this rolling ball we call the earth.

Now the fools that don't believe in the Second Coming of the Lord should pack up their little old rusty kit, and get a passport to Russia, the sooner the quicker. We have no room in the U. S. A. for this bunch of cut throats. One day they will show great big and strong. Remember what I say. One thing you can be sure of—whatever this so-called human race gets of anything they want more, except maybe not the itch. If Columbus were here today he would discover that the world is not round but flat, and could it be otherwise, John?

History tells us George Washington couldn't tell a lie, but the habit hasn't been handed down to the present time.

Come on with your question and we'll tell Truman about George Washington.

The real acid test of your Sunday religion is what happens between Monday 4 o'clock a. m. and Saturday night twelve p. m.

There's a lot of shambug religion floating around. Its not what is used to be. Folks have neglected it so long. Its more of a pass word. Lots of this modern religion is light headed and fickle-minded. Easy got—just sign a card and pay your church dues.

I have known Methodist preachers assigned to four churches, widely scattered miles apart that didn't get more than 60 dollars from either church and got that after crops were gathered. Some paid up, other did not. Often the preacher had to go up to conference with a bad report. Preachers had a hard time down in the sticks, but they had old time religion to back it up.

No matter what you call it or how it may be dressed up or how thick or thin you slice it, your religion must be more than skin deep. Its got to effect the heart, the hand and the

head.

Now, brother, sister, what you say. I for one of your gang hate to see so many folks like you and me getting all flabbergasted over a little road tax. Scottie wants two hundred million to build roads for our great-grandchildren, so they can be born under bondage, live under bondage, die and go where under bondage and to their children hand down more bondage just to build roads to put more rattle traps on to kill both night and day. Oh, yes its a good thing. Its the invention of the devil to get st of sinners faster.

Just to illustrate my point. I met a man name SAM. He said behold stranger. I once had two hundred million. I lost it one night when I was drunk in a poker game. Now you see I'm quite old, blind and no more two hundred million can I find.

It would be foolish to pay a man what he's worth. Nobody nowadays will work that cheap.

Now my dear beloved brethren, I am drawing this column to a close for the day's session, then let me say, Ego, Amo.

You never thought I'd be a poet:

I heard a preacher quote,
My dear beloveds,
If you have more
Than just one coat,
Your duty my brother,
Is to donate one
To some brother
If he should have none.
I can't part with
This second handed coat,
Then spoke out the preacher and said,
From your remarks, my brother,
I would infer
You'd rather lose your soul.
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If I've said anything to offend any preacher or defend, come on out and eat dinner with me.

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