

# H. Y. Belk

## AND HIS NEWS OF NEBO VALLEY

A correction in last week's news. It said born to Mr. William Ware and wife a daughter, Doris Doretta, not Doris Gasset.

I said I had been in the Valley five and one-half years, and not a death. Cpl. N. A. Belk is on his fourth year near Berlin. He has charge of a cold storage plant, working a bunch of Germans.

Miss Mary Hill from Rockingham is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lee in Morganton.

Everybody and his brother knows what's got an idea above a tom-cat, that a \$10 bill will buy only half as much soap as it did five years ago. The other half has been sent over seas to feed communist party.

If we have to fight a cold war, lets wait 'till it warms up.

I was just ruminating about the difference we find in people, all made out of dry mud. I care not how high some hold their heads. We were all made out of this same clay. The rich man, the poor man, and slave. All were formed out of the same dust. I care not how high-minded you may be or how you flutter your wings. You can't fly. That body made by God from dust must go back to dust for the worms to devour.

Nothing enduring about the old shell after the soul that lived in it asks its flight back to the God that created it to await the final test. The body must return back to mother earth for the worms to devour. But that's God's Eternal Plan. Adam the first man God created his body went back to earth to feed the worms. When man fell, God in His Love and Wisdom, had to work out a plan of Salvation for lost man. God made him to live in the Garden of Eden happy and Holy forever. The devil came along and said, Adam, lets get out and see the world, no one is to be all hemmed in like this, you'll not die. So Adam followed the devil out of the Garden and died. Men all over the earth are dying and the worms eat the body. The soul of man is immortal, never dies. God must provide a place for it to live in after the body has gone back to earth for the worms to feed on. While we live in the body that God created and placed a soul in it, the body is mortal, the soul is immortal. It goes back to God for its final destination. But the destiny of man depends altogether how the body used the soul, while the soul lived in this body, the kind of material we used while we lived in this shell of a house, and what kind of material we send up to be inspected by the Great Architect. We go where we choose to go. We all understand the Plan of Salvation. A way-faring man, tho he be, a fool need not miss the way.

It was 1492 after Christ, when Columbus discovered America, prophesied by Isaiah as the Second Land of Promise, history reveals how the first Land of Promise failed by neglect of God's instructions, and failure to heed His prophets—brought them into failure.

And now God tells us of such nations being numbered with the nations that forget God, like old daddy Adam. Then the worms eat up his old body and it went back to dust and the soul took its flight back to God who gave it.

I find a man of high culture in your city. He tells me very few people read the Herald. I told this man I was astonished, having heard that so many people buy and read our paper. I'm sure that I know two men that reads the Herald—Mr. John West and old man H. Y. B. So if we find one more who reads the paper that makes a trio. That's not bad. Come on you doodlebugs and tell us why you don't read our scribbles.

Why do I find so many people spending their nickles and dimes for the news and don't read a line? Oh, my, for crying out loud. I have always admired newspaper dramatic critics. It adds a valuable asset to our efforts to construct a better paper and give better service to those few who do read the paper. Sorry so few read it. Glad so many take it.

Of all the many admitted virtues of the nation, minding our own business is not one of them. Now we hear the good news that we have won the cold war, we with the Western Powers. The best that could be said we have only for the present checked the Westward drive of the Russians in Western Europe, France and Italy for the present have been saved from going Communist. The Greek rebellion by the Reds has been checked—not by any means stopped.

Berlin, where the Russians cut off communications with the West, our airlift has kept the occupied zones supplied with feed and food and other necessities. We checked the Reds in Berlin just as we did in Greece. I know for I have a boy who has been in this cold war now more than three years. Now if you feel like Russia is crumbling or curling up, just take a look into China. You will really see what's taking place down there. Joe says finally, we will conquer all Europe.

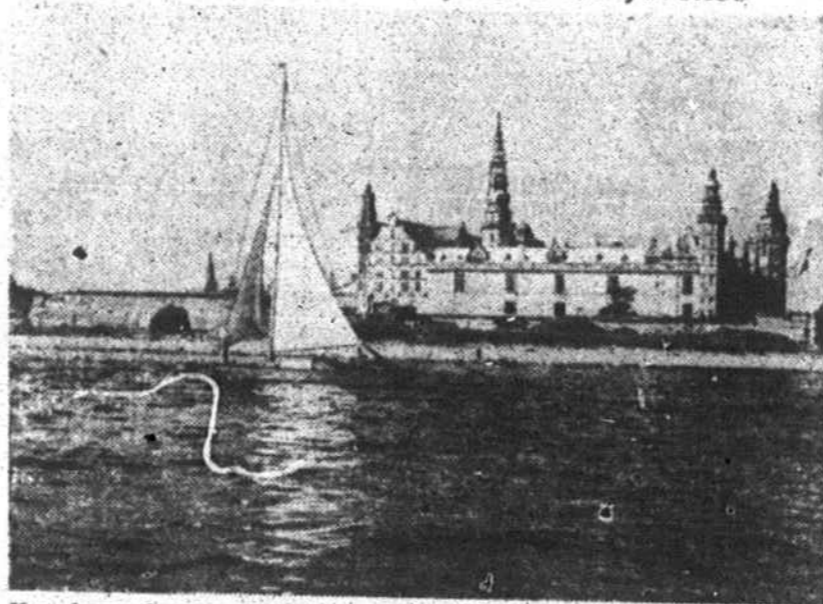
I can't say much about preachers. I know they have things up and down, like you and I. Only know two preachers so very well. Ed Pruette, my brother-in-law. He sells tickets for the Southern, and preaches for the Baptists over the weekend. My brother, Rev. A. E. Belk. I know he's a high school teacher and a Methodist preacher over Sunday.

I don't know if they smoke cigarettes and play golf or not on the side. Its very certain they don't. Have you for once ever thought how short the time from the morning of birth to the evening of death? Only a step. Yet so many events happen during this brief stay. Then we are ushered on. We so soon hand our tickets in to the keeper at the gate. Yes, its only a few short steps. Who converted Timothy to Christianity? One of the worst men that ever lived and one of the best men that ever lived—St. Paul.

In which Government office is the General Land office? In the Department of the Interior. Don't ever wish you were dead. While there's life there's hope. The devil is the prince of the wind. Well, who is the devil? He's the great adversary of man. That's what the Bible says.

Don't you personally think it is ridiculous to claim to be a Christian in a cotton county like this and then license the sale of liquor to damn the souls of our children? The history of the world proves that man has been on a drunk ever

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since Noah crawled off the boat. One sure sign that United States is headed hellward is a handbasket in the liquor traffic. Wouldn't any of us drink it if we couldn't get it—only for snake bites.

If you stop at any filling station and get a quart of joy water and drive like the devil—you will soon be with him.

I've never met so many people on the straight and narrow path to make me feel cramped about what I say. Come on, Hiram.

Listen, evil results from too close association with the devil. You better fly straight.

Brother, you can't pray straight and fly crooked. Its more really true today than ever before. He who swipes my purse steals trash.

Folks that tell that fairy tale about the moon being green cheese evidently think the U. S. A. is made of greenbacks.

One thing we had back in the horse and buggy days would come in handy now—a watch dog in the front yard.

A though for the closing session of the week: If a man has a clear conscience to go to bed with him he's rich indeed. Now lets look at the Irishman.

Pat the Irishman, Lay down in the park. And down by his side, Flopped a lazy bum, Completely soaked up With ratten rum.

The Irishman replied, As he awoke, Tow time doth fly, One nearby replied, You said it right, pal, The bum beside you, Swiped your watch.

Who would you of done? You never thought I'd be a poet; Kiss the Bible in your hand, Go on the stand.

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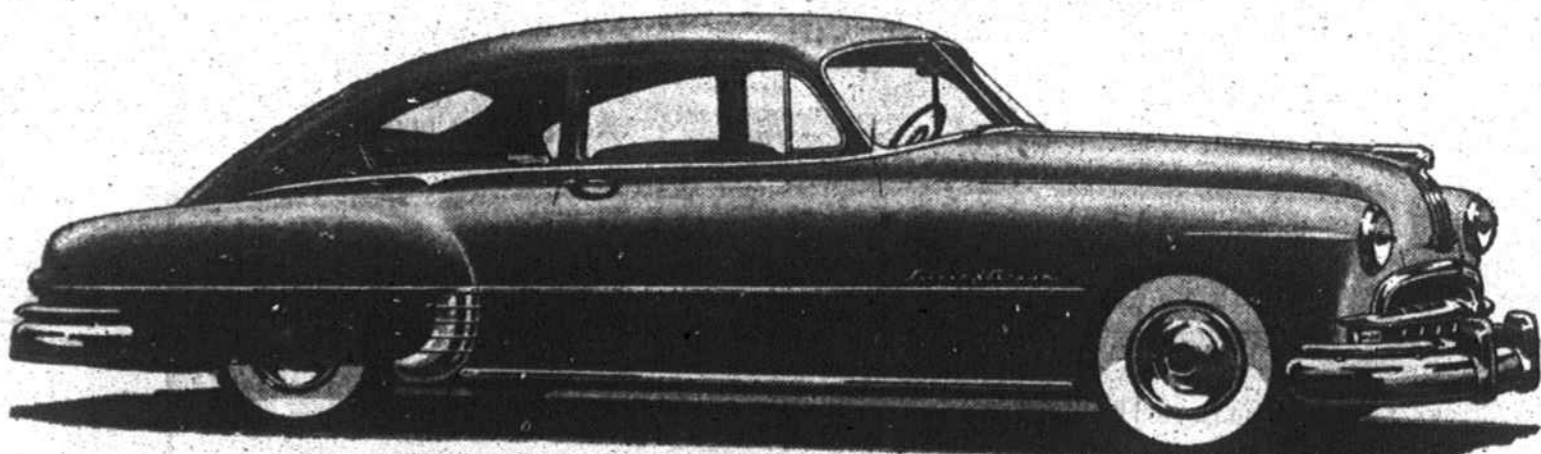


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