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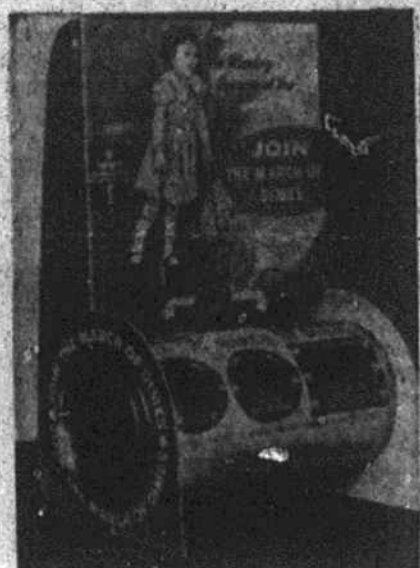
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H. Y. Belk
 AND HIS NEWS OF NEBO VALLEY

It looks like for a fact we will soon have the new road. I counted five and six men out on the road with flag poles. One man looking through a little glass thing. Another man a timekeeper. One man driving up stakes like he was fixing to stake out a cow.

I can't see no new road they got—it's on paper. Guess they will have to take the road and show it to Scottie.

Once early in the fall I began to think I would have to go into hibernation. Now it's so hot I can't make my calculations. Done throwed away my long handles—got no shorts.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Brown are in Florida for the rest of the winter to recuperate and fish for suckers.

Miss Margaret Louise Wood from Greensboro visited your reporter last week. She's a student in Woman's College, Greensboro.

Miss Mary Ethel Pierce is visiting her brother, Arthur Pierce, in Cherokee, Kans.

This must be ground hog weather as hot as it is. I hope it cools off in the Spring.

I recall the saying by those of old: Pride goeth before a fall, which I saw demonstrated by a coincident in our town. A use less dude who specialized in strutting the streets of our town. As a show-off suddenly slipped on a banana peeling and fell flat on the ground. When he picked up himself, he was asked, Did you tear your shirt? He replied, Worse than that. I bursted my brother's borrowed brand new pants. That reminds a news-butcher like me that a bird never

mounts so high but it must flop and descend to the ground to find a resting place and feed the body that goes on wings.

One day I observed a pompous rider in a fine constructed horseless carriage some call a car. He climbed from his lofty seat and entered the church dining room. The ladies invited the man's chauffeur to come in for dinner. The big hell-cat protested saying that he didn't eat with his employees. What I said to that money shark, I fear, if you ladies saw it you'd faint. Oh, worse than that by gosh!

Now I don't have any more appointments. I have disappointments. I dislike disappointments. But we must have disappointments so we will appreciate appointments. Many call but few chosen. The first shall be last and the last shall be first. I may not understand what I read. This poor we have with us from the beginning of time on through ages unborn. I understand why the rich man causes the poor help less man and women to labor to build up his fortune. It would be very good for the rich man to pile up great hords of wealth but he can't make a rusty cent with him. So the poor don't have any worry about making money. Not got nothing. Believe I rather be a poor man. Tho' it would be so fine to be a rich man's dog and ride around.

It's a true saying—a fool and his money soon separates. I guess we have a very good time while we are fooling it away. Let us suppose we all had 10 million. What could we buy? A hundred and fifty million people in America. Well it just wouldn't be worth the paper it's write on. Then it's a good lead that each one has to scramble for all we get. Then we go and spend what we get and then go and get more and spend that. Well, we must spend to win. I'm glad one man can't have it all nor a woman either. Henry Ford was the richest man to live in modern times. Now he's not got a dime. I've got money and a watch. He's not got a car—Uncle Sam got all the money, but he knows how to tax and get more. I wish I was your Uncle Sam. I'd build a country home and get shut of all the loafers and bums, and build a railroad to the moon. Oh just wait and see what I'd do afore long. Always more room for more fun. Uncle Sam can tax you and make you come. He keeps books on every one and has his fun.

The thrifty man gets a pleasure out of his money when he earns it, and again when he saves it. The spendthrift man gets pleasure out of his money when he spends it and then gets a head ache when he thinks about where it went. Money gives you lots of fun, and lots of trouble too, but we want it so—we can buy and spend.

We tried Mr. Logan all the way round for sheriff. He did so well, lets keep him in for another spell. Never change the old for the new. Let's draft him back in he knows how to do and he does it well. Let's give him flowers—and not brick bats on his head.

My Rosebud, he said, tenderly as he pressed his unshaven cheek against her's of soft velvet flesh.

My Cactus, said she, reproachfully, why don't you shave my dear?

War is hell on dead beats. While pleading with ration officials for extra gasoline stamps my son Jacobs reached into his pocket and accidentally spilled coupons good for 100 gallons of gasoline. Then as the old Dutchman says, more hell to pay. I never did like to be caught at my own tricks. Its fine to catch the other fellow at his dirty tricks. Most of us figure we can do our dirty tricks and get by. Its all right if we do.

A reader asks, what is the real meaning of SOS? Well my dear brother, it means SAVEOUR, SALARIES, AND GO BUSTED!

Ideas are stronger than armies, but ideas put in words makes armies, guns and planes.

Reforms as well as Charity should begin at home and remain there.

There is only one thing that is more dangerous than playing with a rattlesnake and that is playing mumble peg with Joe Stalin. Look out, Harry.

I read for a fact that Solomon's Temple cost nine billion dollars. But I also read where the New Deal is costing the taxpayers three times that much. Now we build Joe Stalin a temple with rubbish we gave Russia to keep Hitler from sinking our boats. If that didn't beat Ha Hell, Texas, Hiram, I don't know.

It is well to want things. Freedom from want was one of the rankest of delusions offered by the New Dealers. It is also well to satisfy those wants—but this can only be done by the sweat of our brow and not by the benevolence of a government. It just wont work any other way. No sir, Hiram.

You never thought I'd be a poet and for once climb to fame and renown?

This our Country Tis of Thee, Best America, Land of the free, We have lots of sympathy, If the nation should collapse, Like old Anck's suite, And the Lord be; will forgive, What we have already done, Never more beneath the nation's blazing sun, Will we be found again, A rousing up on a liab, In the Harry Truman tree.

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Bulletin Emphasizes Role Of Farm Credit

The importance of credit in bringing about profitable adjustments in farming is emphasized in a new bulletin published this week by the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station. It is Technical Bulletin No. 89, "Investment Credit to Improve Farming Systems," copies of which are available from the local county agent or from the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

The bulletin is based on a study of farming systems in Folk, Rutherford, Cleveland, Catawba, Lincoln, Gaston, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Cabarrus, Stanly, Union, and Anson counties. The project was carried out jointly by the Experiment Station and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The authors — Donald F. Ibach, agricultural economist, BAE, and C. W. Foster, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at State College — assert that many farms in the area studied need to make major adjustments that will yield higher income. In many cases, however, these adjustments cannot be undertaken without the use of credit.

"Appropriate investments, particularly those for soil improvement, increase the earning power of the land," Ibach and Foster state. "Investments that permanently raise the returns from the land, increase the security of the loan."

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tal agencies usually are based on nearly equal annual payments over a period of years. Ibach and Forester point out, however, that the annual net income of most borrowers is non-existent or extremely low during the first year or so of the loan but rises rapidly after the third year. They suggest that annual payments of principal and interest be arranged to parallel this increase in income.

The North Carolina Crop Improvement Association is a non-profit organization of farmers who are actively interested in the growing, processing, and marketing of high-quality planting seed. The association operates under authorization of the "Better Crop Seed Program" enacted by the 1929 General Assembly.

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