

H. Y. Belk

AND HIS NEWS OF NEBO VALLEY

This is a beautiful March day. I reckon most of us should be glad we are living and not in jail, but at times I get as blue as you do.

Bill Ross from the Cora village visited your reporter during the weekend.

March is coming in like a lion. I hope it reforms and quietly passes out like Mary's Little Lamb at School.

It was bad for bad men to load up Mr. C. J. Gault's bank and take it off. Looks like they would have took the store. They got off right. They can buy another bank.

We were sorry to learn Mrs. Mary Horn fell and broke her arm. Then their house at Nebo got burned to the ground. Mr. Tom and wife have several small children. We never seem to know when we are doing well.

Just look around and be thankful for life. Life is a wonderful gift if we have health. I'm glad I don't covet wealth.

Eggs are giving the Government a headache. The poultry people insist that the Government keep on buying dried eggs, whether anybody wants them or not. Already there is over 70 million pounds of chicken fruit stored in a Kansas cave—and the total cost of the egg program is more than \$100 million dollars. I contacted one merchant in your city. He was selling eggs at 53 cents. I bet the farmer didn't get 25 cents. Did he ever get anything? No, No, by Gosh.

We can't stop the birds from flying over our heads, but we can keep them from building nests in our hair. We can't keep

from having evil thoughts in our hearts, try as we may. Preachers have those, but we, if we try can keep evil from ruling in our hearts and lives. I know preachers have a harder time than we know about. The devil tempts preachers a lot more than we are tempted. When a preacher falls as a rule the devil gets the whole congregation. The Devil rather have a church member than to captivate some old sot he's already got. He's trying to take the U. S. by force right now. He's already got a bunch of men picked out to run the job, not all Republicans, Heck Fire No. The Democrats, whatever that is, they got this once United nation in a hell of a mess. Understand, H. Y. is not a Republican, and darned if he's a Democrat. I'm for the man who can row the boat paddle or no paddle.

Universal religion is all that would save the world just now—Salvation. But who's going to lead the way? Didn't Noah try for 600 years to convince the people that God was sending a flood. They called him an old fool, but when he drove the last nail in the boat, it began to rain. The people got up on high places. Some of them went up on the mountains. While Noah called in a few of his chosen ones, and closed the doors. The earth soon became a mighty sea of water. Those people on the hills and mountains climbed a little higher to the top. Now they had faith in old Noah. Too late. They were swept off into a watery grave. Now our rulers up at the Great Capitol are making the Hydrogen Bomb. It may be they wish to scare Russia off of the map. Then again it is predicted by some that this man made hell of a thing will so frighten the inhabitants all over the world that they will lay down the guns and study war no more and seek the Lord while He may be found. It won't work. I remember in 1886 August 31, the Lord sent an earthquake and shook the foundation of the earth. Men got religion from the sea to the mountains. People got religion by the thousands. I was too small to get it. By Christmas more of these people were drunk than a few. No sir, this scared into religion is no good. You got to get it without floods and earthquakes, or Hydrogen bombs.

By what I can understand God has a time keeping men on the straight and narrow way. Noah, after God save the seed of His Creation, Noah made homebrew wine, his gals made him drunk celebrating the saving of the Ark. He played the fool. Some one been on drunk ever since. Now our land is polluted with drunk-

ness, crime and disorder, will be until the end of time.

Hitler's favorite motto was defend the nation and destroy her people. What a price we paid to learn how that method worked. Aren't we defending the nation while the ruler jeopardize the people with all these burdens placed on the people with an ever increasing tax? We pay for this deadly Hydrogen bomb.

Fellow citizens, are you aware of the fact that the U. S. A. is headed rapidly to its utter wreckage, due to our own failure to face facts and elect public officials for their honesty and ability? Rather than for their party. We are a world of imitators. We imitate monkeys, mules and jackasses. But why a man wants to be a Democrat or Republican, because Pop was, is beyond my knowledge, what little I got. While our Congress is shedding tears and spending tons of the laboring people's money in taxes to build Hydrogen bombs. Oh hell, what next?

All the while Dear Uncle Sam continues to be Uncle Sam—for which we pay the freight. Now the Soviet Union is using with profit the Liberties Uncle Sam loaned that nation during the war. The scientists have found a way to attach loud speakers to almost everything except the still voice of a man's conscience, for Christ's sake, Uncle Bud.

You, my dear readers don't like to have anyone bear false witness against you, or help to ruin your reputation. They why should we do it to others? How public men are slanders in this country. None escape, whether bad or good. If one tenth of what is said and written about our public men were true, half of us news reporters should be hung.

Slender called Christ a gluttonous man and a wine bibber. He claimed to be the truth. What did men do with this Christ? Took Him and crucified Him. When anyone spoke evil of another in the presence of Peter the Great, he promptly stopped him and said, well, now, has he not a bright side? What good do you know of him? Government of one's tongue is the real true test with not only men but women as well. As so much of our life is passed in public view, any untruth that leads to a false judgment is a grievous wrong to our neighbor. All men are our neighbor in so far as we can help those who really need our help, but not by telling dirty lies on them. Before we start a lie let's think twice.

Our tongues are small member in our bodies, but it can defile the whole body. Every kind of beast and bird and serpent in the sea and on the land hath been named by man, but the tongue can no more same itself is an unruly evil thing full of deadly poison. Thousands of times on our courts the tongue has murdered its victims. History is full of such cases. Often man go on the stand and hang themselves, lying out of what they did.

Lies can never be called back. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off. That is all I know.

He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver. You know, I know, when we get a dollar we crave another dollar and we get it if we can. Did you ever see a man, a woman, that did not love money? I haven't. The most of us haven't got sense to keep their money, but what if all kept it? No good to any of us. I reckon that's why I spend my dimes. One can make more money with your tongue than you can with two good hands. Hands can't lie. Some believe its honorable to cheat and lie once we get the habit.

Whoso curseth his father or mothers his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness. In many ancient nations today the parents are killed off as soon as they become old and feeble. The Jews were taught to honor the father and mother, that included all who governed over them. Believe me or not the lawlessness of the present day is a natural consequence of the growing absence of a feeling of respect for those in authority.

If I'm wrong pardon me. If I don't read the old Bible wrong. All they done was to fight and run after women. I can't quite understand how King David could of been a man after God's own heart, him warring all the time. When David saw a beautiful woman he fell for her. Take the old man and put him in front of the guns on the firing line to get shot of the old fellow. Did not have any divorce courts. David led a better faster way. Did not take any money. Hadn't found Reno back in long ago. I'm telling you Bud, there have always been beautiful gals and they know how to compel a fool man to fall for them. They have this compelling power over men.

Stocks of soybeans on North Carolina farms as of January 1, 1950, amounted to 3,465,000 bushels. This is about 37 percent below the 2,387,000 bushels on farms a year earlier and compares with the 1943-48 average of 1,451,000 bushels.

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Regulations Given For Cotton Contest

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First place winner in the State will receive \$800, and the runner-up will get \$400. Prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100 will be presented to the three top winners in each district.

In counties where there is not a locally sponsored contest, an award of \$50 will be made to the highest contestant in the county provided he has not won a State or district prize, in which case the award will be made to the next highest grower. However, no county prize will be awarded in cases where less than 10 contestants fulfill all requirements.

Where a crop is produced jointly by landlord and tenant, the prize money will be divided on the same basis as the crop itself.

All contestants must submit applications to their local county agent not later than July. Each grower must state the variety and strain of cotton to be planted, and he must notify the county agent of any change made after the application has been forwarded to Raleigh.



HERNAN SANTA CRUZ
Head of the Chilean Delegation to the United Nations, Sr. Santa Cruz has been elected President of the U.N. Economic and Social Council, which is now holding its tenth session at Lake Success, New York.

Wake County almost doubled the number of tractors on its farms during 1949.

According to reports as of January 1, 1950, commercial early Irish potato growers in North Carolina intend to plant 23,500 acres of the crop this year. If these intentions materialize, the 1950 acreage will be about two percent less than the 24,000 acres harvested in 1949.

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