

# H. Y. Belk

## AND HIS NEWS OF NEBO VALLEY

H. Y. Henry Belk has been traveling around quite much attending to the Sheriff's business. He finds so many looking for Logan to win. Cheer him boys.

Mr. Carl Brown is taking in the many places of interest in Atlanta while visiting his brother, Sam.

Now, if you don't believe we've got the fireworks started in this campaign and its getting hotter every day, you call the Sheriff's Yes, Man.

So many folks done quit work looking for the Fourth of July. Not me, I'm counting up to the 27th of May when my man goes in.

Let's call Whitney Wells to the stand. Whitney is asking for a seat on the Educational Stool. Well, we are going to remember you, and see that you get there too.

John West is true blue, never been arrested by any Sheriff. John is on the Lord's side when it comes to voting right. John says one has a right to vote the way he pleases. John's not gambling there.

We were very sorry to know Luther Mitcham had died. Just in the prime of young manhood, but death is sure to come.

When we spend, we love to win. When you stop in at Gault's & Sons and buy your supplies you win. Boneless ham 65c, yes and they deliver too. Not all cash.

The y charge some on the books. I know places not far off no better ham they sell for 95c by the pound. They

sell it for less and then have time off to work for Logan too. Now we wish to say Logan is gaining ground. Whitney Wells is not far behind. When you vote him in you will be glad you did. Now brother, if you feel Logan is curling up or dreaming by the wayside just visit the smaller towns. Gault & Sons are a hundred and one for Logan's return to the same job. It's not fair to set him aside since he had only made one term. Some smart Joe Joes told me I should be fired by the Editor of the Herald for using improper language. Pshaw, we buddy up at that place of business. Should he fire me I'd be working for another paper in less than an hour's time. I can get a job any where I ask for it, you'd be surprised to see just a few offers I have had. I'm on old vet on scribbling lines. Don't worry about me. Take your troubles to the Lord and leave them there.

You might not believe an old man. All things have become new. I can remember when men wore shirt waists, and they called a haircut a shingle, and women didn't choke cigarettes down. Didn't wear bloomers and chase men around. Now they can vote. That's all right. Play cards, and gamble all around. Hold up a bank and get by. They wore stockings up above the knee. They wore no socks at all. Shorts have come to stay. Now the girls and women too that don't have shorts is not seen at the beach. Time changes things. Women are more beautiful than when stockings covered less.

Now the hot war is over, food prices are due to come down. But the Government needs the farm vote, so they must keep up prices until after next year's gamble on the election. Dewey would have went in if he had shaved off his upper lip before he started on the run. Oh, he looked like a Turk, a Dago. I do believe he was a Jim Dandy.

Women oftimes change their minds. Love and then hate. A heart once loving loves for ever the poet says. Surely he was dreaming. I fell in love with an Angel-like girl. Her hair was golden, her cheeks were dimpled, her eyes were like the golden moon. Her lips were inviting for a kiss. When you held her in your arms, perfect was her form, but when I awoke I found it was a fancy of mine. Just a fickle dream.

The son of a blab-mouthed mountain little boy sat sobbing on his home steps, when a neighbor came by. What's the matter Johnnie, he was asked. The boy

replied, mama's took pappey to the hospital to have his independence removed. Very few folks have any of that left.

What is Democracy? It is the combined control of man's affairs thru the combined control of the majority of the people, without infringement on the rights and privileges of the minorities. Vote as you please and for whom you please. That's what keeps the Government going strong, but don't misrepresent the other man.

Sometime ago I was talking with an old friend of mine who for many years has lived in Boston. He was telling about the glorious statue of the immortal Abraham Lincoln, with the slave boy looking up at him. On the boy's wrists were the shackles of slavery and Lincoln was striking them off from his wrist. That is one of the reasons why Abraham Lincoln will ever be enshrined in the imagination and love of mankind. He set the poor slaves free and that is just when Jesus Christ does. He sets you free from something that is more binding than any physical yoke. He unshackles the world spiritually. Yes, old Abe did much for enslaving mankind, but he's getting his reward. Hitler is getting his too, but alas, in hell. Judge not. Yes, but a tree is known by its fruit. Hitler never did unlock any personalities. He enslaved the poor fools that cherished him as the Saviour of all Germany. Another man gave his life and all trying to free mankind from the fear of want. His name will ever be immortal—Roosevelt.

Apparently the Administrator is trying to ride a donkey with a head or something at both ends, but both are going in the opposite directions at the same time. Mr. Truman loudly called for his own election among the farmers because of his price support program. Now tell me, don't that bunch know how to catch on, and hang on? I'm too plain for some of you. They care nothing about you up at Washington.

And so Hi Tax Harry thinks the way to make prosperity is to raise taxes and spend the money on Government jobs. O. K. he wants to get every one on the payroll. Then he gets the votes. So he can rest in the easy chair another term, give the farmer a little dole out. They don't ask for much—never had much. Votes is what Sam and his boys want. Oh Harry you are so very wise. Tax the rich man, tax the poor man, tax the coffin, tax the dead. It's not stealing—it's taking a part of an honest man's hard toiling. I believe in taxes, but don't bleed the nation to death.

You never thought I'd be a poet:

I'm just a little pig,  
I don't know why.  
My mother was an old sow,  
Before she died.  
Not many days ago,  
They killed all little pigs,  
Left a few like me,  
The price of pork chops,  
Went up and then got high,  
Had been nice and low.  
Now they buy spuds and 'taters too,  
With other things that grow,  
To rot spoil and waste,  
Upon the dessert sands.  
Watch spuds and 'taters go high,  
To bless those men in Wash-  
ton.  
Who are so devilishly wise,  
Living costs gone too high,  
Labor wants more pay,  
Work less, shorter days,  
What did you say, H. Y.?  
Vote 'em out, vote in a better bunch,  
That wont kill little pigs,  
And waste 'taters and spuds.

The first 1950 lamb shipment from Washington County probably will be made May 30, County Agent W. V. Hays has announced.



## Home Repair To Hit Big Figure In '50

Cleveland County home owners will spend an estimated \$784,000 on repair and modernization of non-farm dwellings during 1950, according to estimates just released by the Tile Council of America.

"Lower wholesale prices for building products and growing stress on the use of quality materials should greatly benefit North Carolina home owners planning repairs this year," declared A. T. Wintersgill, chairman of the Council's residential construction committee.

Approximately two of every five homes in this region will be redecorated, either inside or out, during the year, the report showed. Roofs will be repaired or replaced one of every six, and six of every 100 are due for carpentry work.

Seven of every 100 homes will have plumbing repaired, bathrooms tiled or showers installed.

the report said. Miscellaneous interior repairs will be made in six of every 100 dwellings. Home repairs will be easier on the 1950 family budget because of a decline of more than five per cent in wholesale costs of building materials, in comparison with prices at the beginning of 1949, the report said. Home owners also will be able to insist on such quality materials as clay tile for repair work, as a result of the present buyers' market, is pointed out.

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