

H. Y. Belk

AND HIS NEWS OF NEBO VALLEY

Let's Review — The other morning I called at our bank with my little check. Looked like all the people for and near had gathered with checks in hand. The money was being handed out by those good people who serve us well. Ross Roberts and others were depositing sacks of money. While all was busy I took time off to greet my friend Lawrence Mauney. We talked the war and the weather. We agreed both war and the weather have a great influence over man. Let me add, women too. As he and I have no compelling power over either of those, we left the subject in the rough.

George Belk and family called Sunday afternoon to see Pappy Belk.

Tom Hull is spending two weeks in New York City with his brother, Bob Hull.

Mr. Gault has been on his summer vacation, spending sometime with his daughter and husband at Florence, S. C., and the beach as usual.

Young Mr. C. J. Gault is moving over on the Shelby road to his new home near the new hospital. I just wonder who will be the first patient to enter those doors and get a bed.

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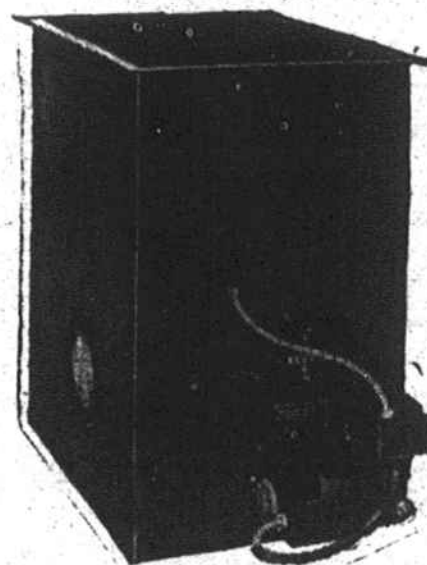
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to remember way back when bathing suits covered a multitude of pretty legs. Bob you tell us. They don't now. He, who don't like to see pretty legs, surely is either blind or near-sighted, which may be both.

According to news dispatches there are three million people in our great nation paddling a round hunting jobs. Better see some of the big shots up at Washington. They can fix you up and send you over. I can't say you will get back. Stalin might tell you.

Lord, you remembers so much better than we do. When you permitted World War No. II to cover the earth. Like the waters that cover the seas. When death came to our boys on land, in the sky, on the ocean and the high seas. We, the people turned our faces and lifted our eyes heavenward, and prayed for peace to you. You heard our mighty supplications, and saved our nation, and gave us the victory. You permitted millions of our sons, husbands and fathers to pay the penalty. But you answered our prayers. Not a town was bombed to the ground. But soon we took over again and forgot you. We went to making money so fast, built fine homes, good roads, bought fine clothes and fine cars (death traps), so we have about forgot you. Now Lord, we are right on the verge of another World War. Why, its plain to see, with all this prosperity lavished on us from your Mighty Hand, we ceased to pray to you for guidance. Now we are like a ship at sea without a rudder. We know not which way to turn. The Army don't, the Congressmen don't. The President either. Now you say, if you My People that are called by My Name will humble yourselves before me and pray, I will forgive your sins, and heal your blood-stained nation; but we are not ready just yet Lord. We are so busy with this other worldly business. We will wait 'til our Land is strewn with the blood of our mothers' sons, then Lord, if you will pardon our sins and save our nation and stop this terrible carnage, we will serve you for a while. Lest we forget, lest we forget.

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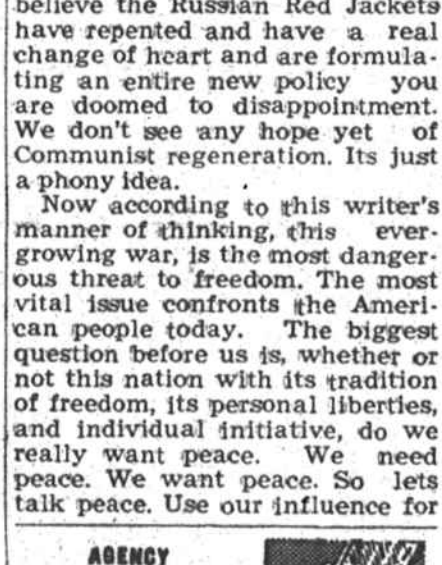
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peace. Let's not talk war. Let's talk peace. Arming our enemies will never bring peace. We fixed Russia up so they could fight back with all kinds of implements — guns, tanks, bombs. We didn't outright give them our bombs, but where else could they have gotten this recipe to make bombs? Their spies got it in the City of Washington, from some money sharks.

The people as a whole in the Iron countries hate our way of life, but they love our way of handing it out. One word in our language they know well — ITS GIVE.

Now we draft a vast army. Maybe several millions before we get all those Russians Red Devils stopped. Plato back in the fourth century drafted his Republic. We are still drafting and this is high to the close of the nineteenth century. And what better off are we than Plato was in the fourth century. Please answer that. You might make history worth reading. I wish you would help me solve these problems.

What has been your biggest mistake in life? If we asked this question I'm sure the answers from most everyone would be: not getting enough education. When you and I were growing up 50 years ago, our opportunities were few. A college education could be obtained only by a few. So few schools with teachers that knew how to teach. The pay was very meager too. \$30 or \$40 per month was good pay. The schools ran three and four months in a year. Books were few and hard to get. They had no grades. You just went to school. The school houses were built of logs, just a one-room hut, with a stick and mud daubed chimney. One open fire place. No wood, only the teacher sent us out to the woods, two at a time to pick up and cut up fallen trees, often in the falling snow. The furniture consisted of one chair, one table for the school master to keep his roll call book on, and his big switch. The desks were a slab from some near-by sawmill with peg legs. Oh, my back aches when I think of those awful benches we had to sit on. And the many times he or she rapped on the floor and marched me up to the table by his chair and used his stick of a whip on my bare legs. Then stood me out on the floor on one foot for as long as he pleased. My best little girl sitting over there making fun of me. That's the way we got an education.

Now, today any worthy boy or girl can obtain a finished education. Colleges abound everywhere you wish to enter and the price can be so arranged that one can pay it on terms. Knowledge is power. Concentrated knowledge is power for good and only good. If our youths grow up in ignorance its a crime on society. Ignorance is the cause of all wars overseas. Not a gun has been fired in war over America since the Civil War. We practice our religion and our education. But no use trying to teach them damn fools over the pond our way of life. They are hell-bound to keep up a fight.

You never thought I'd turn out to be a poet!

If we live for those Who we really love, And those who love us. For those who know, We are true to them, And for the heavens, That smiles above us, And awaits our Spirits, In the future distance, If we live for the cause of right, And work for the cause, That needs assistance, And fight the wrongs, That needs sustenance, We can reach the City, Where the good have gone, In all past ages, The City God made Divine.



WINS RACE—Bob Flock, veteran Atlanta speedster, finally crashed through the victory ranks in the championship modified races at the Southern States fairgrounds in Charlotte last Friday night and will be back to defend his honors in the sensational events slated for Friday night over the fast half-mile track.

Navy Announces Recruit Figures

NAVAL BASE, Charleston, S. C. —The Department of the Navy recently announced the following recruit and active duty volunteer figures for the period July 10, 11, 12, and 13, inclusive: first enlistments, estimated 2100; enlisted reserves (less naval air reserve) accepted for active duty, estimated 140; enlisted members of naval air reserve requesting active duty, 57; officers requesting active duty, 1472.

First enlistment figures for a similar period of June 12, 13, 14, and 15 were 1423.

New Small Grains Prove Their Worth

Atlas wheat, Arlington oats, and Colonial barley have all proved their worth on North Carolina farms by producing much heavier yields than older varieties grown in the State, says Dr. F. J. Bell, seed and small grain specialist for the State College Extension Service.

According to Bell, growers of certified Arlington oats seed made an average yield of 58 bushels per acre this year, compared with an average oat yield on only 30 bushels per acre throughout the State during 1949. The average on other oats (Victor grain and Ful-grain) grown by the seed producers was 51 bushels per acre.

Atlas 50 and Atlas 66 wheat produced yields of 26 bushels per acre — exactly double the State's 1949 average wheat yield of 13 bushels per acre. The average

yield of other varieties (Redhart and Hardred) grown by certified seed producers was 17 bushels per acre.

The average yield of Colonial barley was 40 bushels per acre, compared with a 1949 State average of only 25 bushels. Bell says the supply of Atlas wheat seed will be large enough to plant about one-third of the 1950-51 crop in North Carolina. The supply of Arlington oats is very limited, but some seed are still available. It is not known at this time whether the supply of Colonial barley will be large enough to fill the demand.

The small grain specialist urges farmers interested in purchasing seed of the new varieties to place their orders immediately.

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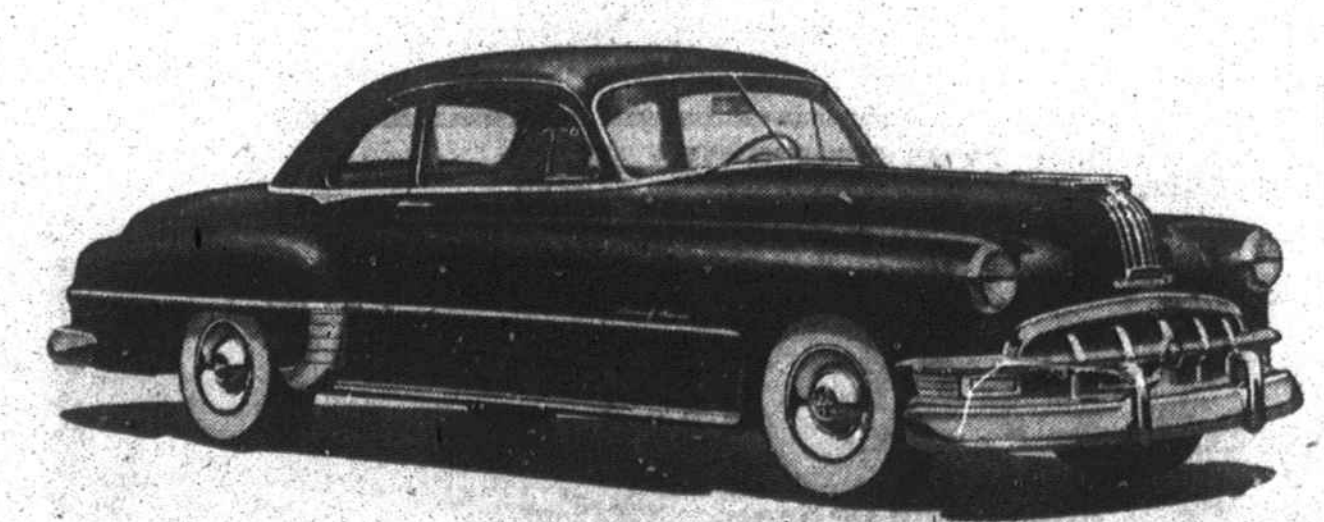
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