

H. Y. Belk

AND HIS NEWS OF NEBO VALLEY

George Belk and children from High Shoals visited your reporter Sunday.

Harrison Belk and wife and little son from Missouri came by Sunday and spent a while with the newsman.

Hall Belk and wife and children came to see Grandpa during the weekend from Church street.

Mr. Sam Shuford is visiting relatives in Raleigh this weekend.

Mr. Dock Bowen, wife and baby visited the Belk's Sunday afternoon.

I just wonder when the war in the Far East is finally over, will our Government keep a standing army over there for four or five years, and feed and clothes all those killers? They have killed so many, why not kill all of them - and come home and study war no more? If

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your last dollar and then ride right on in the sleeper, but let's be glad we have that few men that will pay their debts. Would it not be fine if we only had a few like you and I, men we can depend on.

The race isn't always to the young and the swift. Plenty of older folks are proving age is largely a matter of spirit. The race these days is no longer to the young and swift. H. G. Wells who died at 79 leaving a record of more than a dozen books produced after his 70th birthday.

Bernard Baruch at 76 displayed the energy of a man 25 years younger while serving as America's representative on the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, and hundreds of other great men of our day are great leaders in our nation today. Vigor and activity knows no age limits. In 1943 Edsel Ford died and Henry Ford, then past 80, resumed control of his industrial empire. He remained on the job two harried war years. No, we can't judge a man by his years. War Two gave tremendous proof of the worthwhile of our old fighting men. Today men in their declining years are fighting like lions to preserve our Democracy. Look at General MacArthur, saving our nation from Communism. What a grand old hero. With unselfish patriotism he fights his way to victory in every war, and always answers America's urgent calls. I wish we had all the men in our White House like he. But alas, I fear some of them are Communists only waiting to defeat America, maybe more than Pappy Joe Stalin.

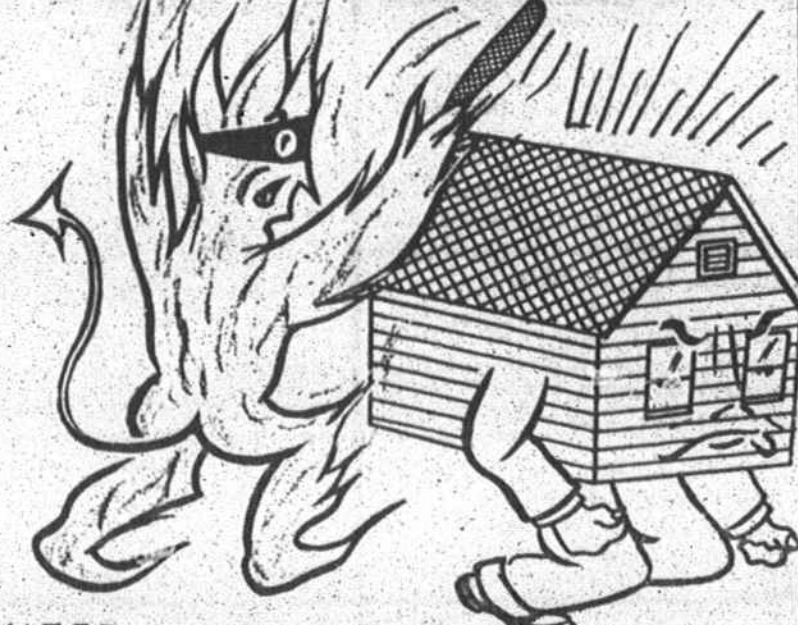
A very smart "A" model man told me how he cut down on his fuel bill. He ordered a ton of coal then bought a half gallon of good whiskey and kept warm both ways. Two-in-one might be the best way to keep warm. I could not get enough money ahead to buy both so I bought a ton of coal. I may stay warm on the outside. Whiskey is all right if one could get the kind they drink over at Washington. It won't give one the bellyache like the stuff they hide out around here and make in the woods, then call it moonshine.

Low me, did you know they had three kinds of Democrats—the Old Fashioned Democrat (which is very good)—the New Deal Democrat—and the Red Herring Democrat? The Old Fashioned Democrats are gone. You may put that down in your little red book.

So called Christians for two-thousand years have fought like pagans. The Pacifists and the Conscientious objectors still find little comfort or sympathy. A generation ago we drafted our man power and sent them to Europe to fight to end all wars. Today we are back at the same old trick. Webster, in his time, declared that "draft" was despotism. What do our smart devils call it now?

FIRE

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FIRE FACTS

Farm Fire Loss Can Be Reduced Expert Says; Precautions Listed

Reduction of life and property losses caused by fire is the purpose of National Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14. It is customary for the week to include the date on which the great Chicago fire started—October 9, 1871. Farm fire losses amounted to \$95,000,000 in 1949. Farm fires are often total losses. About a fifth of the property value of the farms is destroyed, as an average each time a fire gets out of hand. In some areas the average loss is much higher, and in big fires there is added loss of life and suffering from major burns.

H. M. Ellis, in charge of agricultural engineering for the State College Extension Service, points out that all fires start as small fires, and most of them could be prevented. Some precautions are: Have a portable type water extinguisher handy. If you have pressure system, have spigots fitted for hose. Have proper extinguishers ready for electrical and flammable liquid fires—don't use water. Keep at hand a sturdy ladder long enough to reach the roof of farm buildings.

To prevent fires, don't smoke in the barn, in bed, or near flammable liquids. Don't refuel tractor while motor is running or hot. Don't use kerosene or gasoline to

Dynamite Ditching Saves Farmer Money

Opening a drainage ditch by dynamite instead of by hand resulted in an estimated saving of \$175 for a Madison County farmer, Romeo Ferguson of the Antioch community.

By dynamiting the ditch, Ferguson was able to drain an objectionable swamp, remove the source of foot rot infection in his cattle, and salvage unused land for pasture.

For some time Ferguson had been treating foot rot in his cattle, but each time he succeeded in clearing it up, the herd became re-infected. When he called on V. L. Holloway, county agent for the State College Extension Service, for advice on how to control the disease, Holloway traced the infection to the swamp in Ferguson's pasture. As fast as the infection came under control, the cattle would pick up more from the swamp.

Ferguson decided to drain the swamp and arranged with County Agent Holloway for a ditch blasting demonstration. To drain the area properly, it was found that a ditch around 260 feet long and 3 1/2 feet deep would be required.

Two cases of special ditching dynamite were used, along with a cap to set off the charge. Dynamite sticks were set 15 inches apart and 18 inches deep along the site of the proposed ditch. Then the electric cap was placed in the last stick and double wire extended to a safe distance. As the charge went off, 85 cubic yards of mud, stumps, water, and gravel flew 300 feet into the air.

When the smoke cleared away, spectators saw a perfect drainage ditch 262 feet long, 3 1/2 feet deep, and 5 feet wide at the top. The entire operation cost about one-tenth of what it would have been done by hand, and required the services of only four persons for two hours.

A development of special interest during 1949 was the announcement by the du Pont Company of the commercial use of nickel "dibutylidithiocarbamate," popularly known as "NBC," a rubber additive to inhibit the cracking of white wall tires.

The earliest state editorial association was organized in Wisconsin in 1853.

Uncle Sam Says



Graduation days are over and the hopes of those leaving school for the last time are flying high. There is one bit of advice your Uncle Sam wants you graduates to remember, and that is—"the only money you'll ever have is the money you are saving right now. Saving part of each pay-check is the ONLY way to save." And one of the best ways to do it is to buy U. S. Savings Bonds through your company's Payroll Savings Plan. Those bonds are backed by the full resources of the Government and will return you \$4 for every \$3 ten years later.

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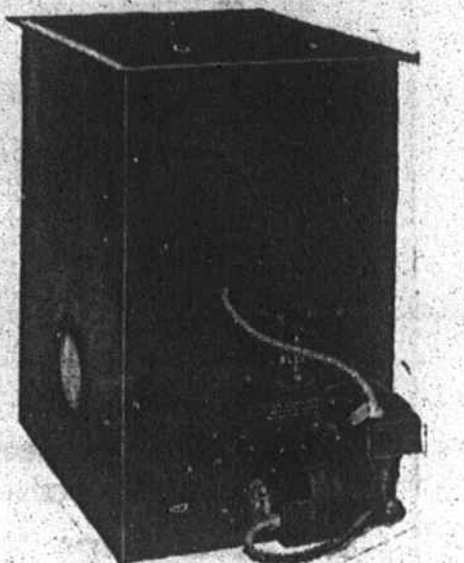
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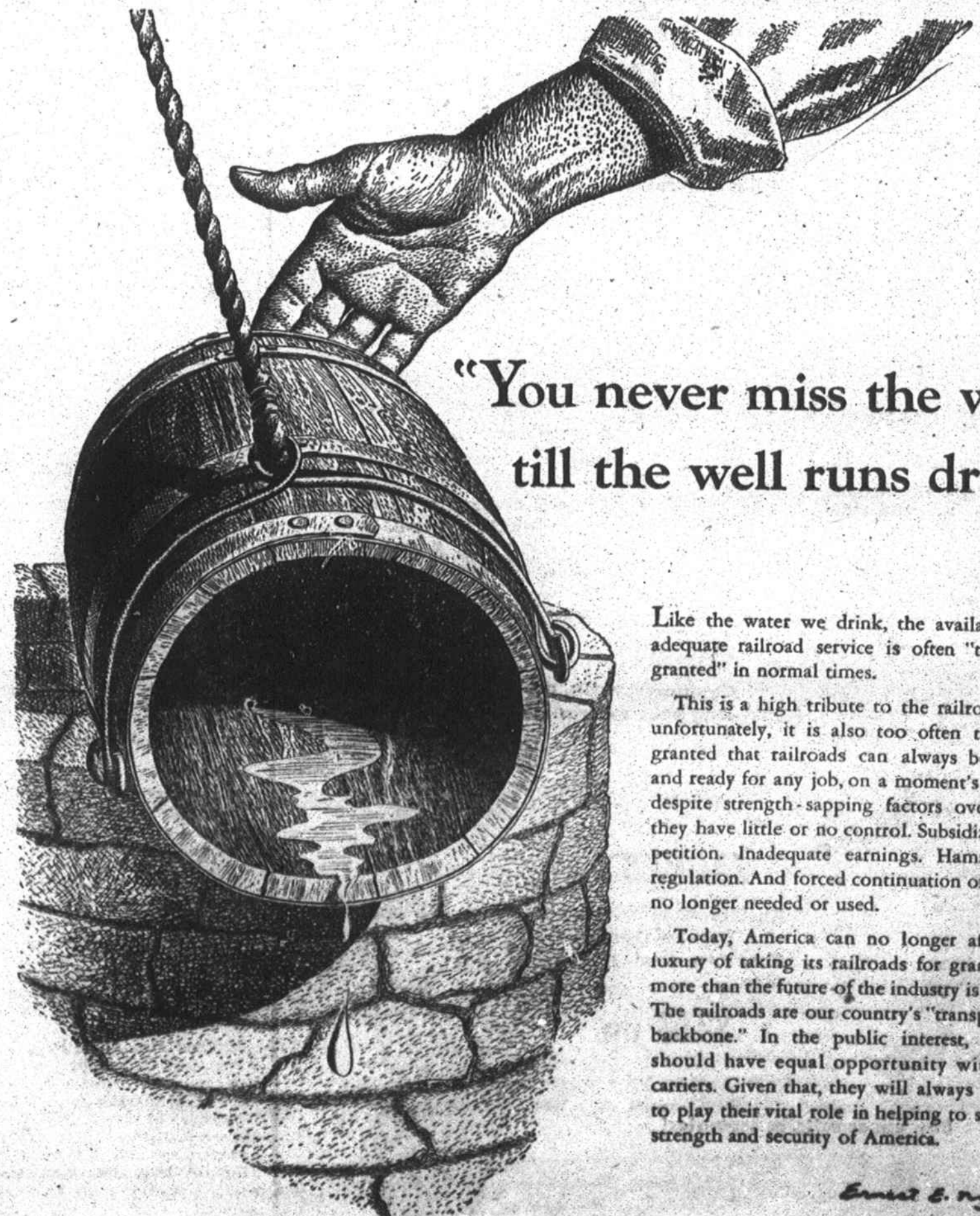
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Today, America can no longer afford the luxury of taking its railroads for granted. For more than the future of the industry is at stake. The railroads are our country's "transportation backbone." In the public interest, railroads should have equal opportunity with other carriers. Given that, they will always be ready to play their vital role in helping to shape the strength and security of America.

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