

# H. Y. Belk

## AND HIS NEWS OF NEBO VALLEY

Draw your chess close up to fire, I've got something to tell you about that weather last week sure did excite me, it beat the Jews. It reminded me of a freak spell we had back in 81 it snowed for 6 weeks every night our well froze over solid. Paw took a 4-inch drill and drilled through that ice three feet put a dynamite in the hole with a fuse on the end. Well when Pa struck the match to the fuse it done the work, it blowed the curbing off 90 feet deep, that's how deep the well was, 90 feet through blue plate rock. From then on as long as the snow stayed on the ground Pa melted snow by the big log fire in the old long kitchen in a big iron kettle and I'm not froze yet.

So today I was just ruminating about that trip we took and landed on top of Mt. Mitchell. Suppose, while we were eating dinner the weatherman had of dropped the weather flag down to 2 degrees below. How would we have gotten home. See I didn't have my long handles on, but we were mighty close to Heaven. You know it dropped to 2 degrees below the 26 of Nov. Now let me say to you if you take a wise notion to climb to the top of Mt. Mitchell be sure you have two suits of longhandles on.

Last summer when clouds of potato bugs appeared in East Germany, the communists charged they had been dropped from American airplanes. Our Government issued the indignation denial. If we had been dropping any for free it would have been potatoes, not potato bugs. Any bugs we had were needed at home.

The draft board in Texas deferred one youngster who was found to be 9 years old. The board deferred him until the fourth world war. Gosh, do they expect Truman to stay in power that long. Harry you can't do it. The Communists Party will feel much more certain of victory if they are assured the same gang is to continue to run the show as up to date, we have no

fine patriotism any more, when we were a nation of only five million and so our leader trusted in God for guidance far from it today, money is our God and guide.

Old freak nature couldn't mold we children perfect, so here she did the next best thing, she made us blind to our faults. Big I and little you, I can't see what you or I have got to be big about, your alusing beauty is only skin deep, my dear madam.

I can remember back when we thought the Chinese were a peaceful bunch of dirty rat-eating blue skins. That was before we even knew what a Korean looked like. It may be a good idea to learn more about these good people. With all their stockpiles of atom bombs on hand and the hydrogen bomb just in the making, it would seem to be a fool like you and me that the human race is now nearing the home stretch. Oh Hell, what about the Russian outfit they are hell on wheels madam. Too bad, dad, the poor scientists can't find some form of sulfa or penicillin, so we could send Joe Stalin a 8-gallon jug for Christmas. He has a great need for it, they say he is losing weight. Perhaps might be better to race him over a few bottles of Hadicol. Just any thing that would stop his heart.

My Uncle Jim use to say when he went to the laundry to get his shirt and the Chinese laundryman talked back to him it sounded just like pouring elder from a three-gallon jug. Oh what rats worse than monkeys and the worst part two hundred millions of these rice eating skunks are down 8 thousand miles under us they can't ever reach dry land at the rate they are digging.

Mrs. Jones' husband is a Captain in the Army stationed at Ft. Bragg. The other evening he wired her to meet him in Charlotte. She caught the first bus for Charlotte having a small baby and a little girl 6 years old and a suit case. I asked her to let me help her with her luggage, she very kindly consented. When we got off at the bus station the little girl said "Mother, which one is daddy." That's all of that story.

A Berlin court convicted Erick Roe, 41 on a moral charge and gave the Nazi salute and shouted sentence. When the Judge told him he could go home now, he shouted Heil Hitler. The Judge changed his mind and gave him 30 days in jail.

My granddaddy's left leg was hurting, him quite a bit and the doctor said, old age. That enraged my granddaddy so he shot back at the doctor, my right leg is just as old and it don't hurt a danged bit. See doctors don't know their medicine every time. Some them, good for nothing, others good for something, just like me and you.

Now they say its getting so much worse just one thing after

another and they are about right. We should get out of the U. N. and get back to the constitution and the American way of life. Hurrah for old rail splitting Abe Lincoln.

Mrs. Roosevelt says in her column, she has discovered a new hearing aid. What we need most right now is a device to eliminate hearing unnecessary noises like flying ice burgas.

The now Deal's treatment of dear old China, Joe Stalin says is a disgrace. To hell with Stalin. But who dad, asked 3 year old Joe. Why do you sign my report card with a T Easy son, replied his father, I don't want your teacher to know that any one in your grades could have a father who can't read or write.

Usually the promises of the politicians in November and the Santa Clauses' gifts jewelry go into the trash can about the same time. We believe the president, Harry has got the Civil Rights program to where it seems he will be damned if he does and be damned if he doesn't.

I don't propose to consult anybody. I'm running this show, and its free for all. So my dears won't you give the old hay seed a shove. Thank you folks.

Oh lets quit all this warring about all this talk as to what the Chinese might do to Uncle Sam whirlingig. The earthworm is the farmers best friend. Where does Truman come in if that be so.

An old church member got up to tell his experience. Well brethren, I don't know where I stand I've been cat called and devil drug by my neighbors. The preacher said brother you better pray for your neighbor. That's the trouble now. They want the other fellow to do all the praying. Well that's about all he said, but didn't he speak a parable.

The Good Book says your sins will find you out, but what troubles most folks is the fact that the neighbors will find them out. Really there is no ugly women these are only women who do not know how to look pretty. Pretty is as pretty does sister.

The best thing about living out in the country is that you can fight with your wife without being heard all over town.

The aim of this paper is to keep history straight.

One thing you and me can bet on. Whatever this human race gets of anything it will come back for a second helping.

Oh yes, Christmas comes the 25 of December this year. I've already started receiving Christmas cards one from Sarg, Wray Steward on the other side of the globe, where men fight, one from Captain Shaw and wife in Bar-ten.

Now for Heavens sakes don't tell everything I've said, they might not believe all of it but it's so.

We are striking over here, they are fighting over there. What a paradox. I remember the good old days when Roosevelt's name was mentioned, we stood at attention. Now he's gone and we can't replace him.

I believe it was wise old Shakespeare who said two women placed together make cold weather, well for mercy sakes is that why we had all that freezing weather.

An old stray cat took up with us, we named it Harry, but we call it Truman because we can't get shut of it, that's all for now.

A total of 55 high-grade Hereford beef heifers have been placed with Lenoir County farmers during the past few weeks, according to Assistant County Agent R. C. Upchurch.

### THE PRESENT WITH A FUTURE



They waited hours and had a lot of trouble staying awake, and had almost decided to give it up and wait until morning. Just then—Santa came! Big and bright and cheery and carrying a bag as big as a house. In the bag they saw toys and candles and gifts for mother and dad, and they saw on the very top—United States Savings Bonds, the present with a future for them!

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### Mountain Crafts Fair At Asheville

ASHEVILLE, N. C. — The 1951 Craftsman's Fair of the Southern Highlands — where artisans of the Southern Appalachians demonstrate the making of their mountain crafts — will be held July 10-13 at Asheville.

Craftsmen from eight states will take part. They will come from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, West Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. They will show, through exhibits and demonstrations, how their mountain ancestors supplied their own necessities of life and their own entertainment. Visitors will see metal forgers and square dancers, hear the hushed sliding of weavers' shuttles and the singing of mountain ballads.

The fair here will be the fourth annual one sponsored by the Southern Highlands Guild — a non-profit organization formed in 1930 to preserve the craftsmanship that was a necessity

with the first settlers of the isolated coves and valleys of these Southern mountains.

Next summer's fair is expected to be the most complete to date, with everything from glass-blowing to marquetry being shown.

The 1951 crop of cotton will be supported at 90 per cent of parity, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan has announced. The national goal in cotton production for next year has been set at 16 million bales.

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