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## AND HIS NEWS OF NEBO VALLEY

Little Miss Susie Lingerfeldt from Shelby spent last week with her father and his wife in Kings Mountain.

I'm still complimenting old Red Layton. Red you surprised me and shocked the town hall. Come on Red.

Did you know when you have your clothes cleaned at Weaver's you feel better. They wear better and look better. It costs no more to get the best at Weaver's.

Mr. Garland E. Still went over the hill. Now he takes over the town hall. Let's give him a big hand. Mr. Davis did as well. He went over the top to the town hall. We send in our compliments to both of these good men.

Out here its hot as the Fourth of July billed down. It's scorching. Oh, well, just stay in the shade of a tree. Yes, but it's so dry one can't make his own calculations. About like everything else its good rained out.

Plenty good people to cause it to rain, but they are afraid it might rain on the other fellow. Many folks would be glad for the atom bomb to fall on those they didn't like if they could step out of the way. We can't have it our way. See, Brethren now that the election is over and the dye has been cast, and the smoke of battle is clearing away, and the political students are now raking through the smothering ashes to see just what caused forecasters to put forth so many concise predictions that didn't come true. Some still have red faces over the termination of what never could happen, but did. Most folks contented themselves that the results would be close, yet facts show they were not so close. Now if Mr. Still keeps his word, which he will, we will all pay less for lights and water. But was that a warm race. The weatherman on that election day in May had his reading up to 90 in the shade, and it was much hotter in Kings Mountain. They planned it that way. We can't build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence. We can't further the brotherhood of man by insisting on class hatred. They can't lead the town or city without the goodwill of the people and their cooperation. We can't establish sound social security on borrowed money. You can't stay out of

debt by spending more than your income. You can't strong the weak by weakening the strong. You can't help little men by tearing down big men. You and me can't get to heaven by serving the devil. You got to serve the Lord, creator of earth and all things.

After the first atomic bomb was dropped at Hiroshima, scientists flew to Japan to inspect the damage. They started at the central point of destruction and walked slowly away noting the places where the devastation seemed to lessen. After walking a mile and half, they came to a house which was still habitable. They noticed that the upper windows were still intact, although the lower ones were shattered out. This, they decided, was important. They knocked on the door. A woman came out and bowed. They pointed to the lower shattered windows. "Atomic bomb?" they inquired. She shook her head and smiled and said, "Small boy." I have known small boys to tare down worse than atomic bombs. Small boys are like Hellum. It's almost completely inert and will not combine with other elements to produce a chemical reaction. Boys always have the reaction. Then what about girls? Oh, they don't react, they act all the time. It is illegal to have any counterfeit money in your possession—even if it is 150 years old. I've met lots of counterfeit women though. What does the law do about that. Nothing. They just let 'em counterfeit right on.

Versions of the Cinderella Story have been found in Egypt and Rome.

A good deal of this Broadcast has appeared in my columns before, but much of it is so vital it is worth repeating. The man who snoozes on while the storm washes the foundation of his house away needs to be awakened by a thunder bolt. The pity is that far too many are sleeping while our nation is headed on the rocks. Why can't you and I do like this man who borrowed seeds from Uncle Sam. He was a New Deal man, who has just set up a big factory. Why can't we all do as well? Well, you must be a hundred percent New Dealer. I'm not commenting on this high-handed spending any more until June. Just wait and we shall see what Harry tells us next. It may be another high tax bill. One day soon the working man and the woman, too, may have to put out half what he

makes. No, they will take it out after they sweat it out. No fault of the folks in the sweat-shops. They don't see but about two-thirds of what they make. Soon they won't see but half. They voted it that-a-way but didn't know it at the time.

"Eve was made from Adam's rib," said the surgeon. "Yes, that was a surgical operation."

"Yes," agreed the architect. "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos and that was an architectural job."

"But," said the politician proudly. "Somebody created the chaos."

"Mama," said little Mary, "who brought me?" "The stork brought you my darling," said the mother. "Well, how did you come, Mother?" "Well, we all come the same old way."

Having heard of an old man in the south mountains who had reached his hundred and ninth year, who had never touched strong drink, a temperance committee went to the old man's home to get a statement to that effect. They trapped the old man up in bed and guided his feeble trembling hand along the dotted line. Just then they were startled by a violent disturbance in the next room. Scuffling heavy furniture, and the breaking down of beds. "Good heavens," gaffed a committeeman. "What's that?"

"Oh," whispered the old man, as he sank back exhausted after the effort of signing his name, "that's Dad. He's drunk again."

One thing sure an old man never gets too old to get drunk.

Rear Admiral Clark Howell Woodward was detailed once to extend an official welcome to a President of Nicaragua who was visiting New York. The admiral dressed in all his gold braid and ribbons was leaving the Waldorf-Astoria for the station when a drunk on the sidewalk hailed him. "Hey You, Call me a taxi." Woodward gave the drunk man his best quarterdeck glare. "Sir," he snapped, "I'll have you know that I am an admiral in the United States Navy." "All right," agreed the drunk, admirably, "then call me a boat." A drunk always figures he's smarter than the other fellow. A drunk woman is hard to beat. Now if you think you're smart, I don't. Ninety per cent of the weight of the human brain is water. Statistics reveals. More premature babies are born in May than in any other month in the year.

The Chinese Language is spoken by more people than any other language in the world. I'm glad I wasn't born down under of rat eating skunks, we are lucky.

George McManus has a story

about a drunk who staggered from a tavern and started walking with one foot in the street and one of the sidewalk. After a block or two, a policeman spotted him. "Hey, Sir!" the cop said "You're drunk." The drunk sighed with relief. "Gosh," he said "Is that's what's wrong; I thought I was lame."

When he isn't officiating or a diplomat, Tom Blake of the State Department, collects drunk stories. One of his favorites goes like this:

A drunk goes into a bar and asks for a drink. The bartender, a very law-abiding guy, says he can't serve him because its illegal to sell a drink to a gent who is already slopped all up. The drunk asked. He says if you will sell me a drink I'll give you a nice present. Whereupon the drunk pulled out a live crawling lobster. This is a beautiful present. I'll take him home for dinner. AW says the drunk he's had dinner. Just take him to a movie.

Well as you know, this week's column is being devoted to drunks. In all ages men have been getting drunk. Not just the poor feeble minded, but some of the country's master minded men. back in ancient history. Women never got drunk. Since modern time, women take to the bottle same as men. They don't mean to get high, but another drink and they will cry for the bottle. Uncle Sam has millions of gallons made to serve the public no special brand. For women they drink any kind. Our old gal said to me "I prefer no certain brand, but if I can get it, white whiskey, I like the best—It kicks farther and don't make one quite so sick."

They were serving mine: Dinner was over and the guests had assembled in the living room. They were discussing the trustworthiness of men and women. One man said, no drunk woman can possibly keep a secret, or be trusted.

A woman replied: Well I have kept my age a secret since I was twenty-six. I'm sure you'll let it out one day, said the man. No I won't answered the woman. I've kept it a secret now for fifteen years. I'm sure I can keep it forever. She come very near telling it.

Maybe we'd better dismiss to day's session, and leave it with the women to do as they please. They will do that any way. P.S. don't forget to go fishing and catch all the frogs you can. I mean bull frogs. They are so delicious, better than white whiskey. She was telling us about frogs. What lovely white gigs—that's a plenty for now.

A sale of purebred rams will be held at Boone on July 9.

Most natural rubber comes from southeastern Asia.

Franklin County farmers are finding that landowner-tenant agreements for livestock and poultry are just as desirable as they are for cash crops.

About 10,000 Tar Heel farmers have applied for Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation contracts on their tobacco this season.

William Kornegay, Negro farmer of Route 1, Newton Grove, says his three acre landino pasture is paying him more than any other piece of land on his farm.

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