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INSIDE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials are afraid they are out on an expansion limb which may be cut off.

The last Congress provided money for a 70-group Air Force, but only for an initial period. If the new Congress convening in January fails to designate 70 groups and provide funds, USAF may be caught in the middle.

In addition, USAF needs legislation to provide for half a dozen research and other installations to make the 70-group force an effective deterrent to war.

Getting the bills doesn't worry the Air Force command. Getting the money appropriated to carry out their provisions does.

KOCH CASE — Senator Homer Ferguson's committee probably will never air the controversy over Ilse Koch's prison sentence. As the "Witch of Buchenwald" she was given a life term. The Army later cut this to four years and this stirred up a furor.

Incensed over elementary shown the woman, who was charged with many unspeakable sadistic crimes, the committee considered some action. Now, it is understood, the group is quietly trying to have her life sentence restored.

Senate observers; in fact, say that the committee was reluctant to hold hearings because they might embarrass Gen. Lucius D. Clay, United States military governor in Germany. Meanwhile, Frau Koch is scheduled for retrial before a German penal court.

BARGAINING BOGS DOWN—Court and NLRB decisions have vastly expanded the old Wagner Act's requirement that employers bargain with unions about wages, hours, and working conditions.

A host of important payroll matters, which previously were regarded as the exclusive prerogative of management, now must be discussed with labor—even though the boss doesn't have to make concessions on them.

Most recent decision was the Supreme Court's ruling that employers must bargain about merit pay boosts if the union requests it.

In addition, an appeal is now pending before the high tribunal of a circuit court decision that pension and retirement funds are proper subjects for collective bargaining.

DIPLOMATIC INFLATION — Before the war, only the major powers had am-

IT'S TRUE AIN'T IT?

THE CASPER TINGLEBERRYS ARE GOING ALL OUT TO ENTERTAIN RICH UNCLE PHENIAS. TODAY, THEY'RE TAKING HIM TO DINNER IN THE BIG TOWN.

YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT, HERE, UNCLE PHENIAS. THIS PLACE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A PLENTY HIGH CLASS JOINT!

RESTAURANT

-IT IS A BIT EXPENSIVE, UNCLE DEAR, BUT NOTHING IS TOO GOOD FOR OUR FAVORITE UNCLE!

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We Should Be Thankful —
Today is Thanksgiving. Many years ago our forefathers set aside one day each year, usually just after all crops had been harvested in the fall, to pause from their labors and regular routine to give thanks to God for the many blessings which they had received during the year. The day to them was a day full of meaning. They were truly thankful for the blessings they had received.

Today we wonder if many people have forgotten the real meaning of Thanksgiving Day and look on the occasion as just another holiday for fun and frolic. If they do, they are missing the real blessings that come with such an occasion. We all have much for which to be thankful, and if we are so ungrateful as not to take time on this Day to thank God for our many blessings, then we do not deserve them.

Just to live in America, the land of freedom and peace, is enough to cause every one to bow in humble thanksgiving. But by living in America we enjoy so many more of the good things of life than those in many countries of the world today. Although the world has much unrest and men are at each others throats in many lands, we are not actively engaged in war, another great blessing for which we should be thankful.

Here in Jackson county we have had wonderful crops. Although there was a polio scare last summer, few of our children fell victims. We have had no epidemics to strike down our people, no storms, or floods to take lives or destroy property. Yes, we have been wonderfully blessed. We should give thanks to God from the bottom of our hearts.

Now that is has been demonstrated that hot dogs can be cooked by radar why not put those huge cyclotrons to some useful purpose — for instance, frying hamburgers?

Two red hots, please—one with chili sauce and the other with radio active horseradish!

Japs now make whisky of onions. Guaranteed, no doubt, to produce a double-barrelled breath.

ambassadors in Washington. Others had ministers. The difference is important. An ambassador represents the chief of state and can call on the president. A minister only represents his government. He is entitled to see the secretary of state.

In addition, ambassadors get more money. Their salaries range from \$18,000 to \$25,000 a year compared with \$12,000 for ministers.

Since the war, the United States has envoy representation in many small countries, including all Latin-America and Pakistan. Politically, it adds to American prestige abroad, but it has also raised the protocol bill.

ATOM WAR PLANTS SCRAPPED — After all the arguments and surveys, it has developed that plans and not atomic war plants will be buried.

Blueprints for placing American war industry underground to forstall devastating results in the event of atomic attack have been scrapped.

Defense officials have been giving considerable study to subterranean plants in Germany, Japan, Italy, Czechoslovakia and elsewhere. Their conclusion is: "Not economically feasible."

Most of their planning now seems to be centered about the dispersal of industry to minimize the damage of a bombing raid.

By HAL

SP-F-F-H-T! —UGH... WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO KILL ME?

GOSH! AND THEY CLAIMED YOU COULD CUT THEIR STEAKS WITH A FORK! GUESS THEY MEAN SOME SORT OF PITCH-FORK!

OH DEAR! UNCLE PHENIAS WILL NEVER FORGIVE US FOR THIS... NOT WHEN HE KNOWS WE COULD HAVE HAD A MUCH BETTER DINNER AT MOST ANY RESTAURANT RIGHT IN SYLVA

KISS UNCLE PHENIAS DOUGH GOOD-BYE... AFTER THIS TREAT THE OLD BOY IS BOUND TO LEAVE HIS DOUGH TO THE DUMB FRIENDS LEAGUE...

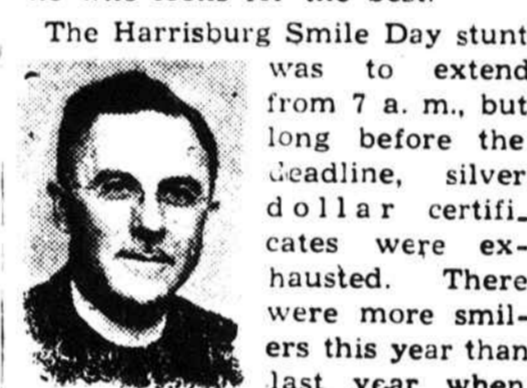
"THE EDITOR'S CORNER"



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

A smile usually "pays off" well. In Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on November 10th smiles paid off in silver dollars. According to the Associated Press, the Harrisburg Optimist Club on that day sent its members throughout the city with \$1,000 worth of certificates for the best smiles. Naturally, you would expect a club with the name "Optimist" to do that. The word optimist means one who looks for the best.



The Harrisburg Smile Day stunt was to extend from 7 a. m. but long before the deadline, silver dollar certificates were exhausted. There were more smiles this year than last year when the Optimist Club tried the same stunt. "Last year we had to work until 10 p. m. to get rid of \$750," the Club President said.

"It was almost unbelievable," declared a bus driver. I usually have a bus full of sour pussies in the morning, but today I saw nothing but rows of teeth.

All of this proves that it doesn't take too much effort to smile. Thousands of people in Harrisburg smiled in the hope of receiving a dollar as a reward. But smiles produce far greater dividends than a dollar.

There's nothing like a smile to win your way with other people. You simply can't pick a quarrel with a smiling man. He disarms you at the outset. I recall two recent personal examples. I was in a traffic jam and almost bumped fenders with another driver. I nodded at him and smiled. He smiled back, waved his hand, and went on. My wife, who was with me, asked, "Who was that man who spoke to you and smiled?" I replied that I didn't know him, had never seen him before. The other incident occurred in Philadelphia recently, when I inadvertently drove in to a narrow one-way street from the wrong end. I met another car coming from the right direction. I smiled at him, nodded. He smiled in return, backed up to allow me to pass, and both of us went along in a good humor.

There's an old proverb in the Bible. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." A smiling man or woman has a way of getting along through life so much easier than the grouch. Recently we had an unprecedented example of a smiling little man, who even smiled when everything seemed to be against him. He is

States. He is called "The Smiling President."

Why not try it? When you and the Lord are in partnership, and He is in the driver's seat, you certainly have everything to smile about.

Mrs. Rachel Elders Stanford Passes At Her home

Funeral services for Mrs. Rachel Elders Stanford, 71, who died at her home Monday morning at 9:30, following a long illness, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Loveale Baptist church. The Rev. G. E. Scruggs, Rev. Edgar Willis, Rev. Ernest Jamison were the officiating ministers. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Nephews of Mrs. Stanford served as pallbearers. In charge of the flowers were the Misses Ethel Haskett, Jean Parker, Blanche and Claudine Monteith, Dorris and Peggy Middleton, Juanita Norton, and Audrey Lane Bryson.

Surviving Mrs. Stanford are the husband, one daughter, Mrs. McKinley Henry of Sylva, RFD No. 1; two sons, Claude of Sylva and Wayne of Rock Hill, S. C.; three sisters, Mrs. Wisdom Patterson of Lake Toxaway, Mrs. Will Cloer of Canton, and Mrs. Jim Ammons of Sylva; one brother, Bob Elders of Franklin; six grandchildren, Claudia, Carl, Gary Stanford of Sylva, Hazel, Patsy, and Bobby Stanford of Anderson, S. C.; also a host of friends.

Sylva Basketball Schedule Released

The following is the 1948-49 basketball schedule of the Sylva Golden Hurricanes. Two games with Waynesville High are still tentative, according to James R. Barnwell, head coach.

- Dec. 16—Cullowhee, there.
- Dec. 23—Nantahala, here.
- Dec. 31—Cherokee, here.
- Jan. 4—Franklin, there.
- Jan. 7—Bethel, here.
- Jan. 11—Stecoah, here.
- Jan. 14—Robbinsville, here.
- Jan. 15—Bryson, there.
- Jan. 18—Murphy, there.
- Jan. 21—Franklin, here.
- Jan. 25—Andrews, there.
- Jan. 28—Cullowhee, here.
- Feb. 1—Bryson City, here.
- Feb. 4—Bethel, there.
- Feb. 8—Cherokee, there.

Presbyterian Ladies To Hold Bazaar

The annual Christmas bazaar of the Ladies of the Presbyterian church will be held on Saturday, December 4, beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning. A large variety of handmade gifts will be for sale at this time, also home-

Mrs. John W. Smith Has Interesting Trip On Return To India

The following excerpts are from letters written by Mrs. John W. Smith, to her mother, Mrs. C. Z. Candier. Mrs. Smith wrote the letters while returning to India to join Mr. Smith who is an official of an old company there: "Somewhere East of Suez, where the best is like the worst."

This is the slowest ship that has sailed the ocean since the days of Christopher Columbus. Nearly three weeks after leaving New York, we were trying to escape the hurricane, and were informed that we were close to the port of New Orleans in our own Gulf of Mexico.

Now we are rolling slowly along in the Persian Gulf, and it is really warm weather with temperature at 20 and 130. They allow passengers to sleep on the deck, if they can find room. This is a dirty boat and I don't like it, but it is all right with young John. He likes his preacher friend very much, and the preacher likes him too.

I have radioed John to get us off this boat in Babrain, and save us from landing in Calcutta on December 1st, maybe.

I will mail this in Babrain. That city is the pearl center of the world. It is there that the most beautiful pearls in the world are found, but what are pearls compared to a shade tree in our back yard in Sylva, N. C., U.S.A. . . . ? Also what are they when compared to a long, cold draft of water from under Black Rock?

The children and I send lots of love to you and Argie and all our friends there

Devotedly,

MARY.

On board the S. S. Dwarka in the Persian Gulf.

Dearest all—I mailed each of the family a letter from Babrain. Hope that it has reached you.

Well, I have nothing else to complain about.

We arrived in Babrain last Thursday night and early Friday morning a launch came alongside and the general manager of the Babrain Oil and Petroleum company and another official came aboard looking for Mrs. John W. Smith and children. We were taken off the boat and were guests in his home until yesterday, when we came aboard of this lovely little ship and are now on the last lap of our long journey. We are due in Bombay on the 19th November, instead of being due in Calcutta on December 1.

Well to get back a little the man who came for us made us guests in his house—palace—until time for this boat to sail. It is a palace, no less. We had a nice suite or room and each of us had a personal servant. (I thought of all the washing and ironing I had done in Sylva during the past year).

- Feb. 11—Murphy, here.
 - Feb. 15—Stecoah, here.
 - Feb. 18—Robbinsville, there.
 - Feb. 22—Andrews, here.
- All dates include boys and girls games. A complete write-up will be released next week.

Nutrition Meet to Be Held

The State nutrition council of the Western district will meet in Asheville Saturday morning, Dec. 4, at 10:30. Registration will be in the Battery Park hotel. Anyone interested in nutrition is invited to attend his meeting.

Street Lights Go Up

Members of the Sylva Fire Department have completed stringing the Christmas lights over Main Street and will turn the power on tonight

Mrs. Throwberg and others gave a round of teas and parties for me. I felt as if I were part of a fairy tale. The Throwbergs live on an island paradise. Mr. T. was assistant secretary of state under Sumner Wells. He and his wife are very lovely people.

I went down to the baggage room to see if all my freight was still with me. There were all those packing cases that you and Jim made and packed for me. Everything was still in good shape. Will write more later.

Devotedly,

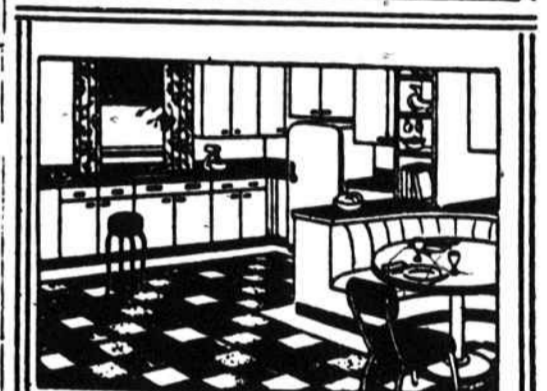
MARY.

Too Late To Classify HELP WANTED

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SEAMSTRESS WANTED — Full time, six days per week. Call at Sarah Jo's Sewing Shop over Wal-lin's Shoe Store. 26*

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BY WALLY BISHOP