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ALL TELEPHONES - 1100

FRIDAY, DEC. 14, 1945

AN EXPLANATION NEEDED

Announcement is made this week that the huge hospital at Camp Butner is being closed and report has it that a number of other government owned and operated hospitals are being abandoned.

A new veterans' hospital has just been announced for Durham. Camp Butner is a few miles out from Durham and the hospital there is a brick building, sufficient to accommodate over a thousand service men. It is said to be modern in every particular.

Why the government will abandon a hospital, so new, so modern and spend the money to build another six miles away is more than taxpayers can understand. The citizenry wants to see the veterans who need hospitalization amply provided for, but hospitals cost big money and why the needless shift is ordered merits an explanation.

This seems altogether too typical of what is going on in many places throughout the nation. There might be some justification for abandoning camp hospitals far removed from cities and placing new ones in more accessible centers, but Butner and Durham are so close together, we are unable on the basis of what is apparent to see justification and wisdom of such a step.

The government may not feel required to give explanation for such procedure. To this we disagree. The government belongs to the people and when moves of such apparent waste are made, the taxpayers are entitled to some reasonable explanation if there be such.

WHERE IS THEIR CONSCIENCE?

While Americans will never cease to cringe in horror and tremble in rage when lurid accounts of nazi concentration camp atrocities are read, it will be noted that German people are indifferent to broadcasts of the big-wig trials at Nuernberg. In an attempt to carry the monstrosity of crimes to the German populace, the American army set up sound trucks in the streets which were ignored by passers-

As long as such an attitude is maintained, what is the hope of stamping indelibly upon the German mind the crimes upon God and humanity that it had tolerated? True, we must suppose that among a civilized people there cannot be a bestial majority. We would believe in listening to graduates of Heidelberg whose family roots lie deep in the history of both Catholicism and Protestantism that these are incapable of wanton murder. But where are these when some reciprocation is expected among the decent in re-educating their people toward a democratic life? At least one that will respect human life in a world family?

Yesterday, with the conviction of six war criminals, the servance this year might lead us first on an American theme. is Dauchau court heard and read undisputed testimony of whole to put Christ in our Christmas. villages burned in order to force its citizenry into slave labor and of babies, born on slave trains, being thrown out of train be re-echoed. "Let the redeemed poraneity. It's an odd mixture of Earl B. Ruth New windows. An order of the SS was read which stated: "As a which we "say so" are many; and Freud and psychiatry. general rule, no more children will be shot." An order by Herman Goering directed that Russian laborers provide such ticipation in the work of the many of the semi-philosophical food for themselves as could be found, including stray dogs, Church, Christian speech. Christian of which the witty Gonarty cats, old horses, etc. Forty others, sentenced at Dachau, were The ways multiply, but those which found guilty of similar crimes and showed no emotion ex- are most impressive are the ways cept to blush when sentenced.

Dr. Luc Durtain, Parisian author and friend of Prof. once handed a tract to a drunk he saw on the street. The drunk Phillips Russell of U. N. C., tells of a German author-ac- said, "If you really want to help quaintance who arrived in Paris and later became famous for his ability to make hundreds of Jewish children "disappear" from their families in a single day.

Of such was Germany made and somewhere there is a he followed his benefactor to a solution, a method by which the elephantine skin of the Christian service in a nearby mis-German conscience can be pierced. Is indifference and cures without any effect. In this them. lethargy born of fear of still-active, blood-thirsty Nazis? Is it the fault of our approach? Is it that the German people That man was Jerry McAuley, fambelieve the details of these crimes a figment of the American imagination? Is it that eight years of aggression have dragged from Germany the precepts of Christianity? These are questions which will be answered only after a long Aliled ing. Oh, how I wish I could shout W. C. George Dies

BACK TO BURKE

One of the damning indictments brought by mankind you. against the nazi system was the contribution it has made and is making to prostitution and immorality. Allied military authorities estimate that the war stricken city of Berlin, alone, now contains at least 250,000 women of "easy virtue."

What troubles us, however, is what is happening in our own land along this line. Close observation during the war years has proved that prostitution is on the rise all over the United States. There has been no nazi party over here to advocate marriageless matches. What then is the cause?

To get the answer we go all the way back to Edmund Burke who said:

"War suspends the rules of moral obligation; and what sition is lone suspended is in danger of being totally abrogated." There, we think, is the answer.

GIVE IT TOP BILLING



you can offer to the value of Christianity is the way others see it



world we will be come-uppance. celebrating a holiday which commemorates the

Christ. The celebration for many will have little of Christ in it, but only one Ann baffled, but the rethe world-wide observance of the day is a tribute to HIM who gave us the Christian gospel.

No other birthday is celebrated he plotted.

the Lord say so." The ways in Christian living at home and in business, Church attendance, par- as a slow start and a few too tian cheerfulness and sympathy.

A Christian worker in New York me, you will give me your coat and not just a piece of paper."

Quick as a flash, the man peeled off his coat and gave it to the sion. He had take nall of the liquor service he gave his heart to his Lord and was gloriously converted. ous religious leader and reformer of the last generation.

When the Power of hold of a man's heart, it changes all of his ways of thinking and actin the ears of the thousands of men and women enslaved by drink today, "The power of God is the

Letters continue to come to my First Baptist church in Lowell. desk telling of the awful misery brought on by the curse of drink. which all the so-called seems to but little affect.

using alcohol as a means of cele- and the Peerless mill in Cherry- as a bombardier. strange way to celebrate the birth death. the Lord Jesus coming into some of our Christmas celebrations.

you claim to be a Christian, mas season will be a testing time is \$1.00 post-paid Orders may be ter, Mrs. Paul Daniel.

MR. PETUNIA, by Oliver St. John Gogarty (Creative Age: \$2.50). Petunia is the name of a watch-

The world des- der his thumb and with whom Richard P. Carter, of Roanoke, is perately needs he had relations which she con- chairman of the committee which purposes. should remind us his invitation, entered his

He was a man little in spirit. the inside of a watch but baffled woman. It's true he wasn't the pulse affected him more prefoundly. The only large and ample thing in him was the revenge

Though this novel, Gogarty's laid in Virginia a century and a These are days when the stirring quarter ago, it has a strangely words of the old Prophet need to convincing atmosphere of contemhorsehair and grandfather's clock

Admitting it has its faults, such is noted. I still think it builds up into a story you might like.

\$1.75).

Here are five stories and popular: "Puss in Boots." "Sleeping Beauty." "Little "Hop - o' - my Riding Hood." lished with 15 pictures by Dore, recommended the children will be glad to hear endeavoring to fill since

BOOK 5706, 1945-46, by American a community campaign. Jewish Committee uncor editorship of Harry Schneiderman and Julius B. Maller (Jewish Publica-

In Greenville Hospital

LOWELL.-W. C. George died at bration. Christmas drunks will fill ville, where he was assistant su-

for our Christian faith and dispo- sent to THE EVERYDAY COUN-SELOR, Box 4145. Charlotte, N. C. is determined in New York be- part of the secret file on his pre-

McPherson Named To Journalism Schools Committee By SNPA

Holt McPherson, managing editor of The Star who teaches the journalism course at Gardner-Webb Junior College, has been named North Carolina representative to maker, though it may not sound the Schools of Journalism comlike it . . . any more than it sounds mittee of the Southern Newspaper work in your life. People are more like the title of a very appealing Publishers Association, it was announced today by President Carl B. tion than by talk. He had a niece whom he kept un- Short of Roanoke, Va. .

> Christ. It is going fesses are prudent but repugnant. includes also Reese T. Amis, of the to be Christian. He had a friend, LaTouche Plan-Huntsville, Ala., Times; Sam E. of selling an important brand new ity or Chaos. The tagenet, over whom for a time he Gearhart of the Fayetteville, Ark. life, Miami, Fla., Herald; Willis S. Morof this. Soon though without entering it as far ris of the Augusta, Ga., Chronicle; throughout the as he would have liked, he got his Tom Underwood of the Lexington, Ky., Herald-Leader: T. M. Callahan of the LaFavette, La. Advertiser: skillful with anything as small as Hodding Carter of the Greenville, Miss., Democrat-Times; Fred E pan. birth of Jesus by a full - grown, independent Tarman, of the Norman, Okla, Transcript; J. I. Simms of the Orangeburg, S. C., Times-Democrat; Roy McDonald, of the Chattanooga, Tenn. News-Free Press; J. H. Butler of the Houston, Tex. Chronicle: Tom Hanes of the Norfolk Va., Virginian-Pilot: H. C. Greer of the Morgantown, W. Va. Post and Dominion News.

Recreation Head In Kings Mountain

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Earl B. Ruth, of Charlotte, former basketball star at the University of FRENCH FAIRY TALES, by Char- North Carolina, and recently les errault, retold, with fore- leased from active duty in the word, by Louis Untermeyer, illus- navy, has been employed as city trated by Gustave Dore (Didier: recreation supervisor and will as- ter to compliment you sume his duties on January 1, it age-old was announced Wednesday by Mrs the sale. Those 'in the know' will Red recreation commission

drunk, who was so impressed that Thumb" and "The Fairy," embel- comes to Kings Mountain highly for the position

The program will be financed I doubt that anybody would take "Built more than a year ago at through funds raised last May in sufficient notice and single out a cost of \$40,000,000." the paper

Lt. Walter C. Miller Presumed To Be Dead FOREST CITY-The War department has notified Mrs. Ollie

only thing that can save you from 5:30 this afternoon in a hospital year has passed without proof of ever felt one. Hope you had sithis habit when it once gets hold of in Greenville. The funeral will be his survival. He was reported missheld Saturday at 3 o'clock at the ing in action December 3, 1944, pers! when the B-29 Superfortress of Mr. George was born in Green- which he was a crew-member failville, S. C., October 5, 1893. He ed to return from a bombing mis-When the habit gets hold of a man had lived in Gaston county for the sion over Japan. It was known to or woman, it becomes a disease, last 25 years and had been con- have been damaged by enemy air-

He was a teller in Union Trust Douglas and the air forces were summer, July 10, 1938, that this ing a call. Icy condition of the our jails and hospitals. What a perintendent at the time of his company here before joining the such that Donald Douglas' daugh- columnist attempted to reveal the highway was blamed for the acarmy. leaves three brothers, Pfc. Chas. "Hap" Arnold, chief of the air shortly. It is being published in re- Roger Miller, a former prisoner of forces, while the air forces prosponse to the many readers, and the Germans, and G. B. Miller, moted V. E. Bertrandias to be a contains material which has ap- both of Forest City, and Ernest major general. talk like it and act like it. Christ- peared in this column. The price Miller of Asheville; and one sis-

The price of West African cocoa EDITOR'S NOTE—Dr. Spaugh's new book "The Fathway to Contentment" will come from the press ed.

SELOR. Box 4145. Charlotte, N. C. is determined in New York because the United States is the largest buyer.

Merry-Go-Round

Jap Files Now **Tell Story Of** Douglas Deal

By DREW PEARSON Lt. Col. Robert S. Allen Now On Active Service With The Army

WASHINGTON - On July 10, 1938, this column sent out to its tional disclosure that "the Douglas Aircraft company has recently sold its latest flying fortress, the DC-4, to Japan, together with certain blueprints whereby Japan can duplicate the plane. Carrying four motors, this is one of the finest bombers ever constructed.

The column also pointed out that this sale was being made demanufacturers to cease selling planes to Japan.

But during the time which elapthe date of publication, Donald Douglas, head of Douglas Aircraft, made an emphatic denial, and on advice of attorneys, the story was

Since then, like so many other denials, it has become a matter of official record that Douglas did sell the DC-4, plus blueprints, to Japan.

Since then, also, a war has been fought with Japan, during which housands of American lives were built by the Japs on the basis of blueprints sold them by Douglas, played a past in the loss of those

Since then, finally, Jap files in the USA have been seized and it is now possible to give more details of the cooperation between Douglas Aircraft and Japan during the years before Pearl Har-

ULTRA SECRECY WANTED

This writer now has before him the original bill of sale, the cablegram between Tokyo, New York and Los Angeles, and other correspondence regarding the ship-ment of the DC-4 by Douglas to Japan — despite Donald Douglas' earlier emphatic denial.

The deal was handled largely by V. E. Bertrandias, then vice-president of Douglas, later made a major general in the U. S. army. It was obvious, not only from Donald Douglas' denial, but from other precautions that neither the Japs nor Douglas wanted this sale to be published in the American

In the first place, the sale was camouflaged as one made to "Japan Airways Ltd." This gave it the outward appearance of a commercial transaction, though, of course, Japan Airways Ltd. was controlled by the Japanese government and commercial planes later can be adapted for military

of selling an important brand new bomber to a potential enemy of the USA, especially at a time when the Japs had been unmercifully bombing innocent civilians in China, and when Cordell Hull had appealed to American plane manufacturers not to sell to Ja-

Most tell-tale evidence of how anxious the Japs and Douglas were to camouflage the sale is illustrated by a letter addressed to Douglas Vice President Bertrandias from S. Akabane, New York representative of Nakajima Aircraft, which, with Mitsul, were interested in the deal. The letter was dated Aug. 14, 1939, just after the Douglas people, following one year of absolute secrecy, finally decided that with the obtaining of an export license the news had to leak out. Here is the letter showing how pleased the were at the skillful way Douglas handled the news leak: 'Major V. E. Bertrandias, Douglas Aircraft Co., Santa Monica, Cal

"Dear Mr. Bertrandias: "Looking over the Saturday edition of the New York Times, I could not help but write this letfor the most excellent way of disclosing not object to the transaction as trade, while laymen probably don't when mentioned singly by your de-You'll like reading them again, and which the commission has been signation as in the paper. Since of the DC-4 under the caption the State department's announcement is so casual and incidental, Japan's."

> your company. "I have purposely waited until today to scrutinize the papers for any possible reaction, but so far nothing has been mentioned of the sale.

"It was an excellent way of Miller that her son, 2nd Lt. handling the difficult matter in a Walter C. Miller, USAAF, is now delicate situation and I wish to gain." luck with your local pa-

"S. AKABANE,

"Nakajima Aircraft Company." Douglas "cures" nected with textile mills, including craft. Lieut. Miller, who entered have sold the DC-4 without perthe Rhyne-Houser mill at Cherry- the service in January, 1942, was mission from the U. S. army or Hull." navy. Not only was this permission given, but relations between mer of 1938. It was in that same on the highway while he was mak-This Christmas will find many ville, the Osceola mill in Gastonia sent overseas in September, 1944, navy. Not only was this permis-Besides his mother, he ter later married the son of Gen.

> When Bertrandias' name came before the senate military affairs committee for promotion, the justice department showed senators Pearl Harbor activities in an effort to bloc his nomination. But



Behind The

IF CLEVELAND COUNTY'S COURT HOUSE CAN BE EXTENDED 40 to 50 feet north and south without detracting materially from symmetry and charm of that presently well-integrated structure, as the architect says can be done, it seems to point a clear course for our county commissioners to undertake it and gather therein county functions now scattered less satisfactorily in various rented quarters over the city.

The need for additional space for county offices has been evident for years; repeated insistence of grand juries that public toilets be provided has accentuated need for more adequate building. The courthouse has been outgrown and the makeshift arrangements which thus far have served that growth are so outgrown and expensive that they direct action looking toward effective relief. If that can be accomplished within an enlarged courthouse, one that would sacrifice none of its architectural spite Secretary of State Hull's attractiveness while enhancing its utility, there seems every reason for appeal to American airplane the county to proceed with the proposition.

The commissioners have diligently canvassed other alternatives and find it unlikely they can purchase and build sufficiently close by the square sed between the date the column to effect as economical and satisfactory correction of the quarters shortwas distributed to newspapers and age as would result from adding the two wings proposed. The county, having just borrowed money at interest rates as low as one per cent, ought to find the operation economical as well as convenient and the time seems opportune to make necessary arrangements now.

TOO, IT SEEMS THAT THE COUNTY WOULD BE SERVED WELL by engaging now borrowing authorized under the hospital bond issues so that advantage may be taken of present favorable money markets. The hospital building program is going to need that money for construction in the next few months, it can be had now at an interest rate unlikely to get any lower, and county officials and hospital trustees are wisel lost and during which the DC-4 canvassing that situation looking to early sale of those bonds.

> WITH 10 DAYS TO GO TILL CHRISTMAS EVE, A WHITE Christmas has plenty of snow at the present writing but white shirts won't be a sign of it—the stores report them as scarce as new automobiles.

THE ONLY COVERED BRIDGE TURNED UP IN THAT RECENT quest is one pictured on a Christmas card from Hughlan Smith, for which I am duly appreciative.

BILL PENDLETON SENDS ME LAWSON WOOD'S HILARous "Marking Time with Gran'pop" calendar for 1946. Wood draws upon a broad experience, keen insight into human nature and animal nature and an inborn genius for invention, to turn out his monkeyshines that delight millions. I've been a Wood enthusiastic fan for many years; the Pendletons have a great number in that calendar.

DR. FRANCIS BRADSHAW'S DECISION TO QUIT HIS 25-YEAR post as dean of students at the University of North Carolina to engage in private work in industrial psychology in New York takes one of Carolina's devoted faculty members at a crucial time in life of that institution moving into post-war problems where his experience and steadying influence will be needed. That he will make a great deal more money in his new work goes without saying, but it's unlikely his place in the life and administration of the University will be filled by anyone who will give himself as relentlessly to the work as he has done.

CORP. M. B. RUPPE, HOMESICK IN ITALY, SO STRAINS EVERY rule of versification to pack such pathos and humor into his lines on lowpoint score that I think you'll feel me justified in violating a standing ule against printing such to let you know his feeling: God made man and man made war

> And here I am with a low point score. It happened so fast that it shocked us all And left us behind the old eight ball. Draftees here and draftees there, They combed the cities everywhere. Four months of basic, one week at home And then they shipped us to parts unknown Where far from what I used to know I didn't care, I didn't mind For it was peace I sought to find. It finally came, they ended the war And here I am with that low-point score. I wait and wait, I feel so blue But what is there for me to do. While sweating the shells, I couldn't tell That sweating the ship is more like hell. Replacements are coming, I'm glad to hear, But so is Santa and a brand New Year!

army pressure was too strong. He sale of the DC-4, but was lied to

was made a major general any- by Donald Douglas. It was This columnist's disclosure of ed U. S. aircraft manufacturers

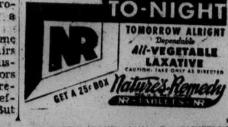
July 10, '38, made one error. The to stop shipments to Japan which the Japs were sup- plea that he repeated on July posed to have paid for the DC-4 In the year that passed was given as \$1,000,000. This was the DC-4 actually was shipped, any a mistake. Douglas gave them a sirplane manufacturer who really much better bargain, namely wanted to could have called of \$706,720, F.A.S. San Pedro. (This the deal. later was increased by the addition of spare parts.) they are limited to those in our JAPS EXULT OVER BARGAIN

The Japs boasted gleefully about know what the ship is anyway this bargain price. A Jap paper of Nov. 14, 1939, carries a picture "formerly America's biggest, now

> continued, "the giant plane was sold to Japan Airways for \$750,000. complete with plans for its assem-Another Japanese

account significantly stated: "Japan Airways has not yet decided what to do with its flying barassumed to be dead, since a full share the feeling of relief if you them long to decide. It was converted to one of the most useful planes the Japs had in the entire

> "Transactions for purchase of the "Nakajima Aircraft Company." plane were completed last summer ARMY-DOUGLAS COOPERATION before the 'moral embargo' on aircould not, of course, craft shipments to Japan was announced by Secretary of State



Note: The State department had no legal power to prevent the sale of airplanes, only moral suasion. Therefore, when Douglas applied for an export license for the DG-4, it was granted.

Mrs. Dan Moore Suffers Broken Leg In Accident

An odd family co-incidence resulted in an auto accident near Boiling Springs late yesterday ernoon, leaving Mrs. Dan Moore with a broken leg. Mrs. Moore is a patient at the Shelby hospital where her condition is said to be

Mrs. E. V. Moore had been at th and late yesterday she was taken to her home by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moore. Returning from that trip, the car driven by Dan Moore collided with Dr. E. V. Moore's auto-