

## Super Small Risk

One of the nation's top scientists, Dr. Bernard L. Cohen, formerly a senior physician at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, is the author of a book entitled, "Nuclear Science Society." The book explains in lay language the true dimensions of the nuclear radiation "hazard" with reference to nuclear power plants.

Dr. Cohen notes that, "... if all of our present electric power were derived from nuclear fission, the low level releases of radioactivity would cause about eight cancer deaths per year in this country, and there would be an accident once in 2,500 years that would kill typically 500 people..." If this sounds frightening, consider the numbers in another way. According to Dr. Cohen, the risks of nuclear radiation are "... about the same as the danger in driving an extra hundred miles, or in going swimming for one extra hour in our lifetimes... the danger from nuclear power is equal to that of smoking one cigarette every eight years... being overweight causes various maladies that might shorten our lives — nuclear power is as dan-

gerous as being a hundredth of an ounce overweight. Statistics show that people from rural areas live longer than city people—nuclear power represents the same added danger as a farmer experiences if he spends 12 hours of his life in a city."

Dr. Cohen translates the worst fears of critics of nuclear power plants into additional figures. If these fears of nuclear accidents and radiation were correct, all the foregoing numbers should be multiplied by 25. Thus, "... the danger of nuclear power would be equivalent to that of smoking three cigarettes a year, of being one-quarter ounce overweight, or of a farmer spending twelve days of his life in a city. When put in this perspective, would any reasonable person claim that even these larger risks are too big a price to pay for electric power?"

Compared to the chaos that would ensue from a shortage of electric power, the safety of nuclear energy should be beyond question even in the minds of the most skeptical.

## Vital Spin-Off

Mathematical computations involved in navigating and landing a spaceship on the moon could never have been accomplished except through the speed and accuracy of the most advanced computer calculations. The success of the space program has hinged largely upon the development of American leadership in computer technology. The spinoff benefits from that technology are now making themselves felt in every walk of life here on Earth.

For instance, "... new third-generation computer equipment..." is now going into operation on the nation's railroads to provide up-to-the-minute information on freight car movements throughout the nation. The new system—known as TRAIN II—will be capable of handling as many as 1.4 million reports a day or approximately 42 million a month. This is two and a half to four times faster than the present Tele-Rail Automated Information Network (TRAIN), which introduced computerized handling of rail freight movements. Under the watchful eye of the computers, TRAIN II will help to vastly in-

crease freight car utilization. It is not difficult to imagine the importance of keeping the cars rolling during critical periods of heavy shipments, such as the seasonal demand for transport of hundreds of millions of bushels of grain. Coupled with fleets of new large-capacity cars, TRAIN II will lift U. S. rail operations to new heights of efficiency and capacity never before known.

The point that should not escape public notice is that here is a perfect demonstration of how great advances in science and technology, which often appear unrelated to everyday life, are continually adapted to the operations of such basic activities as the railroads. Such adaptation is part of a "keeping up" process in meeting the inexorably rising demands of a growing nation.

A principal function of government today should be to ensure the perpetuation of the unique combination of technology and enterprise in the railroads as elsewhere. This is the only guarantee that tomorrow's generations will have a better life in the future.

## SAM ERVIN

SAYS

WASHINGTON — The Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights recently reported an amended version of a bill, which I introduced, to curb the intrusions of military intelligence agents into the political and private affairs of American citizens.

S. 2318 is a proposal which seems eminently in keeping with the traditional principles which have guided this country throughout her history. The military has no place interfering in civilian affairs, and certainly has no business invading the privacy and assaulting the constitutional liberties which are secured to all of us.

When military surveillance was uncovered four years ago by the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, there was virtually unanimous condemnation from Congress and the general public. President Nixon also declared himself to be "totally, completely, and unequivocally" opposed to military spying, and pledged that none would be conducted in his administration. The Defense Department then promulgated new regulations which put an end to those repressive practices. More recently, we have had the White House launch a privacy initiative. The President told us that "a government that fails to respect the privacy of its citizens, fails to respect the citizens themselves." In February, a new privacy panel was created to study the area and make legislative recommendations.

The public is obviously concerned. In a recent survey prepared by Louis Harris for the Government Operations Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, he found that 75 per cent of those surveyed thought that wiretapping and other governmental surveillance constituted a "serious"

threat to people's privacy.

I find it astounding that despite its public pronouncements and the obvious concern of the public, the executive branch cannot bring itself to disavow once and for all the use of military agents to conduct surveillance of the political activities of civilians. Such pernicious practices have no place in a free society either now or henceforth. It is useless for military purposes, and positively harmful to the liberties of Americans.

And yet, we have the Department of the Army in court defending its widespread surveillance of Americans during the early 1970's, and both the Defense Department and the Department of Justice expressing opposition to S. 2318. Thus, we find the executive branch opposing the bill despite its own regulations which prohibit surveillance. The reason for this opposition is not clear. Perhaps it is only the result of shortsighted bureaucratic opposition to any legislation which purports to limit the Defense Department's discretion to resume surveillance, even when there is no stated intention of exercising that discretion.

On the other hand, perhaps there are elements within the Department which are not yet reconciled to the ban on surveillance. It may be that these persons look toward the day when public attention will be diverted elsewhere, and the Department rules can be softened. So long as we rely only on a changeable Department of Defense regulation there will always be this danger. The history of this kind of surveillance dates back perhaps a century. History shows that the military always retreats in the face of public concern with its domestic spying activities, and then re-

## See Off Homesteaders Planning Annual Handicraft, Bake Sale

By - Jackie Gravley and Joyce Thomas

SEE OFF — The See Off Homesteaders will hold their Annual Handicraft and Bake Sale, Saturday, July 27th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be many homemade crafts, baked goods, home canned goods and cut flowers for sale. We will also have a Cook-book for sale this year, filled with the favorite recipes of the ladies of the community and many helpful cooking hints. We've had many inquiries about these cookbooks. They will sell for \$2.00 and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the sale.

The Homesteaders had their July afternoon meeting at the home of Mrs. Jessie Lane. Many attended and enjoyed the fellowship. The Club got in contact with the County and have had a Green Box for garbage and litter installed next to the Community Center and everyone in the community is welcome to avail themselves of the service. It is the responsibility of each and everyone using the box to help keep the area clean around it.

Mrs. C. A. Butterworth of this Community, and the See Off Homesteaders each donated a much needed Bassinet Cabinet Unit for the Nursery of the Transylvania Hospital.

Many thanks to all those who have helped with getting the floors of the Community Center cleaned and the sealer on them. It was a big project and we appreciate all that was done.

The See Off 4-H'ers met Thursday night for a Woodworking session under the supervision of Dennis Winters and John Sinclair. They worked on the name signs and hope to have another session in the near future.

Many of our 4-H'ers from other clubs in the county and Dennis Winters, went on a hike into Pisgah Forest Friday to help raise money to go to 4-H camp this year and also to Raleigh for the State 4-H Congress. They had a great time even though they took the wrong trail and hiked much farther than expected. Mr. and Mrs. Pate Ward, and Col. Williams of this community sponsored...

sored two of our hikers, and several businesses in town sponsored some of them. The Homesteaders gave a check for \$55 to the 4-H Club to help with the expenses of all 4-H'ers going to camp or to Raleigh.

We have many of the sick list this week. Ted Newton, father of Roger Newton, is in Asheville Mission Hospital suffering from an injury sustained at work. Mrs. Davis Morgan is in Transylvania Hospital; Jim Morris is also in the Transylvania Hospital; Miss Tracy Shook, grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ball, is in the Fletcher Hospital; and Mrs. Beatrice McGaha, sister of Mrs. Polly Wilson is in the Transylvania Hospital.

Dunn's Creek Baptist Church will hold their third Saturday night "Sing" this Saturday, July 20th at 7:30. There will be several groups there, and the public is invited.

John Sinclair of this community will appear in a play — "Egad, What A Cad" to be held July 23-24th at Brevard College. It is a delightful play, will be free of charge as part of the Festival of the Arts, and everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hudlow and family from Tennessee visited her father, W. R. Marchman and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lebert and family. While here one of their daughters, Shaun, entered Rockbrook Camp for an eight weeks session.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip McGaha of Becky Mtn. and son, Dr. and Mrs. Eddie McGaha and family visited their other son, Capt. and Mrs. Norris McGaha and family in Colorado Springs, Colorado recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Lance and family returned to Atlanta after spending their vacation with their parents and taking a side trip to Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. Joyce Murphy from Panama City, Florida, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Owen of this community.

Miss Mary Hoover is spending her summer vacation with her mother, Mrs. Dot Hoover before returning to her Nurses Training in the Fall.

## Cathey's Creek Club Awards Beef Next Monday Evening

By - Mrs. Ken Riley

CATHEY'S CREEK — The Cathey's Creek Development club will hold their regular meeting on Monday night, July 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. This is the BIG night for the awarding of the beef. All the community have a very hearty invitation to come. There are some tickets left.

Every second Saturday morning at 10:00 the folk are urged to meet at the center and help in the roadside cleanup.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor hosted a cook out and swim party last Sunday at their home here in honor of the Stanley Home Products dealer and their husbands. Attending out-of-town were: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Krick, Branch Manager, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Justice Assistant Manager, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Worley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wilson and two children all from Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have

sumes when the climate is favorable. If the administration is serious about its opposition to such surveillance, it is time they supported the bill. The White House should make it clear that it does not endorse the opposition of the Defense Department.

S. 2318 makes it a crime to conduct military surveillance over American civilians. I am unable to understand why a government which purports to abhor military surveillance is unwilling to penalize those who engage in this practice. The only way to stop a repressive practice is to impose a penalty for doing it.

I have called upon the Departments of Defense and Justice to reconsider their objections to this legislation, and have asked the White House to give this bill its support.

just returned from an eight-day trip which Sue won from Stanley Products. They toured several parts of New York. Highlights were: attending an appearance of the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall, visited the United Nations Building, the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty and China Town.

They made an audience appearance to two T.V. programs, "10,000 Pyramid" and met Dick Clark. The show will be aired on August 2nd. The other show was "Jeopardy" with Art Flemming. This show will be aired on Channel 4 at 1:30 p.m. August 7th and 8th.

On Wednesday they went on to Westfield, Mass., and attended the Stanley convention where Mrs. Taylor was number one sales person for May and June in the Asheville district. There were twenty counties in competition for which Sue came out number three in the area.

We think Congratulations are in order. Good Luck Sue!

We wish to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fisher and daughter Tina to our community. Gail was raised here as she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Taylor here.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKinley were Mr. and Mrs. James McKinley and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Junior McKinley and Thmas of Brevard.

We are sorry to learn that "Uncle Harkless Barton is confined to the local hospital.

It is nice to hear that Jim Williams is able to be walking a bit around the house and he had returned home from Mission Hospital a few days ago following back surgery. Hurry and get well Jim!!!

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Haffney and daughter Wilma Haffney and Jimmy spent the past week visiting Mrs. Haffney's brother,

## Brevard Personals

Mrs. Clyde Sitton and son David returned home July 9th after a month's visit to New Orleans with her daughter and family. Their flight down and their stay were very enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Norville have returned to Glen Burnie, Maryland, after visiting his mother, Mrs. Albert E. Norville, in Brevard. They also attended his High School reunion.

Now living in Brevard and residing on French Broad Street are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vincent and their two daughters, Terese and Gerri, and also Mr. Vincent's mother who is living here with them. Mr. Vincent retired from the Chrysler Corp. after 27 years of service. Mrs. Vincent is the former Mildred Queen, a native of Brevard and Transylvania county. The Vincent family moved here from Dearborn, Mich.

Mrs. Sue Taylor, manager for Stanley Home Products, has just returned from a Stanley convention at their home office in Westfield, Mass. She won this trip during a sales campaign in May and June. She was No. 1 sales person in the Asheville branch, which covers 20 counties in Western North Carolina. Included in this trip was a three-day stay in New York City. While in New York, the group went to Radio City Music Hall. They took a tour all over New York and also went to see two television programs, "Dick Clark \$10,000 Pyramid" and "Jeopardy".

Dr. and Mrs. Donald D. Dairs and sons, Jeff and Matthew have returned to their home at State College, Pa., after spending a week with Mrs. Dairs' mother, Mrs. Wiley Meece of Probart street.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Holcombe and children Debby James and Susie of Fort Mills, S. C., spent several days the past week with Mrs. Holcombe's mother, Mrs. Wiley Meece of Probart street.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Galloway and Mr. Norman Galloway of Kannapolis, were Saturday guests of Mrs. Wiley Meece of Probart street.

Rev. and Mrs. Roland Whitmire and daughter are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Holt of 64 Franklin street.

Roy Barton and family in Miami, Florida.

They visited the beaches and spent one night in a motel each way had a lovely time.

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