

OBSERVATIONS

SMOKERS

While waiting for a bus in Raleigh Monday, with nothing better to do, I carefully counted the people who were smoking. There were six — one man and five women. Wondering if this would indicate that women smoke more than men, I concluded that they do—in public. It is an old thing with men to smoke anywhere, everywhere for the pure joy of a good smoke. With the ladies smoking still has its novelty and they get a kick from public smoking they missed long ago. We still believe many more men smoke than women, though doubtless some women smoke more than some men.

TALK

Ralph Lewis and I were having a street corner conversation a few days ago and he made this very philosophical statement: "You know I can learn a great deal more sometimes by listening at other people talk than I do by just listening at myself". But some of us enjoy hearing ourselves more than any one else.

THE BIBLE

The Bible is supposedly the most read book in existence. We doubt this very much. In fact, when considered in the light of its importance to men and especially to the church, we doubt if there is a book that is treated with more indifference in our reading, and its teachings more ignored in living than the Bible. I heard two colored men arguing a few days ago. One mentioned that Adam had two sons, Cain and Abel. The other doubted it and appealed to me, asking if Adam and Eve did have two boys named Cain and Abel. I said yes, but he still seemed to doubt the statement. A country church proposed to elect some deacons to fill the places of ones who had died. A brother to a deacon was suggested as one of the three nominees. But the pastor seemed to doubt the Scripturalness of brothers being deacons or that it would be contrary to Baptist policy. Yet the church already had two brothers on the Board of Deacons, both mighty fine men.

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Shipment of Garments Is Held Up by Lack of Help

Hundred Garments Not Yet Finished

Some persons may be surprised to learn that because of delay in making the sleeping garments sent to the local sewing room from Raleigh headquarters shipments of layettes overseas is being delayed.

Mrs. Wallace Temple stated Monday that so many workers have become too tired or too busy to report for work and there remain one hundred garments to be made before Christmas. She urges that all who can possibly find time give at least one hour in Decem-

ber to this sewing. It may be taken home, if preferred.

This community has made a fine record in Red Cross projects during the war; but it must be remembered that desperate needs remain to be met.

Preparation and delivery of layettes for newborn babies is surely one measure than none could criticize; and no season could be more appropriate for making baby clothes than just before Christmas.

Do not cheat yourself of the opportunity to rejoice in the work being done for destitute mothers; gain the deepest joy by helping.

Don't fail to attend the Farm Bureau meeting Monday night. It's Ladies' Night!

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"Me... I'm staying in the Army!"

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- 1 "First, I keep my present grade. That means a lot.
- 2 "By reenlisting for 3 years I can pick my own branch of service in the Air, Ground or Service Forces, and can go to any overseas theater I wish.
- 3 "I get my mustering-out pay, even though I'm reenlisting. Also, I get \$50 a year reenlistment bonus for each year I've been in the Army. My dependents receive family allowances for the full term of my enlistment. And I'll be eligible for GI Bill of Rights benefits when I get out of the Army.
- 4 "My food, clothes, quarters, medical and dental care are all supplied to me. And I can learn any of 200 skills or trades in the Army schools.
- 5 "All of us who are reenlisting are going to have from 30 to 90 days' furlough at home with full pay and our travel paid both ways. And we'll have 30 days' furlough every year with pay.
- 6 "Any time after 20 years I can retire at half pay increasing year by year to three-quarters retirement pay after 30 years of service. And the time I've already served in active military or naval service counts toward my retirement time. Added up—reenlistment seems pretty sound to me!"

JANUARY 31, 1946

AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR MEN IN THE ARMY

MEN now in Army who reenlist before February 1 will be reenlisted in present grade. Men honorably discharged can reenlist within 20 days after discharge in grade held at time of discharge, provided they reenlist before February 1, 1946.

You may enlist AT ANY TIME for 1½, 2 or 3 year periods. (One-year enlistments for men now in the Army with at least 6 months of service.)

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		20 Years' Service	30 Years' Service
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Technical Sergeant	114.00	74.10	128.25
Staff Sergeant	96.00	62.40	108.00
Sergeant	78.00	50.70	87.75
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