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INSIDE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — Backers of the dark horse GOP presidential aspirations of Speaker Joseph Martin (R), Massachusetts, are now worried that they cannot count on the 35-member Massachusetts delegation, originally figured to vote for Martin as a "favorite son" on the first ballot.

This would set the speaker up for the vice presidential nomination if sentiment turned strong enough in the GOP convention.

However, Senator Leverett Saltonstall (R), Massachusetts, is challenging the "favorite son" vote and his supporters are predicting he will get the delegation.

Meanwhile, the big California delegation is set to place the name of Gov. Earl Warren in nomination, and hold with him until released. Warren, unopposed in California, is like Martin, a potential dark horse.

His backers figure that if nominated, Warren can carry every state west of the Mississippi, except four.

AIR POWER — Senator Arthur Vandenburg (R), Michigan, GOP foreign policy chief and one of the top presidential dark horse threats, will play a "hands-off" policy on the controversy over the size of the Air Force. Here are three reasons:

1. If there were no other reason, the senator's blood relationship with Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, new chief of the Air Force, might prove embarrassing. The young general is a nephew of the Senate president.

2. Armed forces legislation is outside the official jurisdiction of Vandenberg, who heads the Senate foreign relations committee. His policy has been to stay in his own field.

3. The fight over a 70-versus-66 group Air Force may become a political "hot potato," as a presidential possibility, there is no point in Vandenberg getting at odds with GOP colleagues in advance of the Republican convention or campaign.

Meanwhile, the man who bought most of the 40 billion dollars' worth of warplanes for the United States in World War II is secretly working out a plan under which the American aircraft industry can reach maximum production in minimum time in case of an emergency.

The man is Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Echols, who as commanding general of the Army Air Forces material command, had biggest say on purchases in the last war. Since retired, he now heads the National Trade Association of Plane Builders.

Echols is completing his plan in concert with men like Donald Douglas, Glenn Martin, Larry Bell, Dutch Kindelberger of North America and William Allen of Boeing.

Members of Congress who want to see American's air power increased say they are fighting the same old battle that the late famed Gen. William (Billy) Mitchell.

Billy Mitchell, after World War I, campaigned relentlessly for air power. He fought the higher Army "brass" on the issue but his vision went unheeded. In 1926, Mitchell was courtmartialed and dismissed from the service for asking only a drop in the bucket compared to what the Air Force now has.

Air-minded lawmakers feel confident that this time the Billy Mitchell fight will end differently. The country, they say, wants supreme air power if defense leaders do not.

There is something about a commencement exercise that gives even we old folks a new inspiration and interest in life. The enthusiasm of the graduates seems to be contagious.

Actor Adolphe Menjou predicts the return of the derby hat to popularity. If he's right, some enterprising genius should get busy at inventing a flexible auto top.

Zadok Dumkopf reports his cousin-in-law, Seidel J. Stein, has taken the week off to celebrate a great anniversary. Beer came back to a parched United States 15 years ago this month.

preme Court will not affect our state schools. For if it becomes unlawful and unconstitutional for the Word of God to be taught those who seek this teaching, then may God have mercy on all of us!—Elkin Tribune.

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LET'S KEEP JACKSON COUNTY GREEN

Birth Announcement
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Saunders of Tuckaseegee have announced the birth of a son at C. J. Harris hospital on Saturday, May 22.

The 1948 Tar Heel peach crop will be down about one-third from 1947 production. Main reason for the decrease is that many orchards were damaged by spring freezes.

The Everyday Counsellor
 By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Fear is mankind's worst enemy. To make it personal, it is your worst enemy and my worst enemy.

As proof of this, the toll of mental sickness in this country is mounting to new highs. Our mental hospitals are crowded to the roofs, so are our hospitals and institutions for alcoholics. Add to that the number in our general hospitals who are there as a result of "functional disorders," and we have a staggering and forbidding picture.

The so-called "functional disorders" are chiefly the result of fear and worry. Erich Brandeis, one of my favorite columnists, writes that he went into a doctor's office the other day, found it unduly crowded, asked the cause. The doctor said, "It's fear." The recent campaigns about cancer and heart trouble have served to frighten people more, if they weren't frightened enough by Russia and the atomic bomb. Brandeis said his doctor told him, "Be enlightened, but don't be frightened." The cancer fund and the heart fund should have our support, but we don't need to become overly conscious of the various ailments which we might have. Too many of us think ourselves into illness.

I have a number of personal acquaintances who have "nervous hearts." They have been repeatedly examined by doctors who tell them there is nothing organically wrong with their hearts, but that fear and worry produce functional disorders which often bring actual discomfort and pain.

If we could get fear out of the world, we would have peace. By like token, if you can get fear out of your heart, you will have personal peace. But it is as difficult to remove fear from the human heart as it is to remove air from an empty bottle. We can do it the hard way or the easy way. The hard way to exhaust air from an empty bottle is to buy or borrow a pump for the purpose. A much simpler way is to fill it full of some liquid which will automatically exhaust the air. So it is with

The Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation acting as the medium through which the Commodity Credit Corporation administered its loan program, received 232 million pounds of the 1947 crop of flue-cured tobacco, or nearly 18 per cent of the net sales for the season.

The flow of honey started in some of the Eastern counties on April 20. Some little dribble had been coming in for some weeks in Farmers' Bulletin 1987, Common Diseases of Important Shade Trees, has recently been issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and copies are available free.

Annual egg production per layer in the United States increased from 93 in 1925-29 to 118 in 1945-46.

Wage rates paid by North Carolina farmers were higher on April 1 than a year ago. The average was rate per month without board increased from \$75.50 to \$85.


Jr. Woman's Club Met With Mrs. Cowan
 Mrs. Leo Cowan was hostess last Wednesday evening for the May meeting of the Junior Woman's club. In the absence of the president, Mrs. D. B. Hooper, vice-president, conducted the business session. In addition to the transaction of all routine business, plans were completed for the dance which was held at the Community house on the following Saturday evening.

Due to the unusual amount of business the program was omitted. Mrs. R. L. Crawford and Mrs. Fred Hooper were welcomed as new members at this time. During the social hour Mrs. Cowan served strawberry shortcake and coffee.

VOTE FOR

JAMES TURPIN

For REPRESENTATIVE In the STATE LEGISLATURE From JACKSON COUNTY



In making my race for the nomination for Representative from Jackson County I will use every effort in promoting passage of legislation for the benefit of Jackson County and the State as a whole. I wish to see legislation passed for the improvement of our farm-to-market roads, better salaries and teaching condition for our school teachers, state aid for school buildings, improved conditions for the farmer and laboring man.

If nominated and elected, I will do all in my power to foster such laws.

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Albert Dee Parker

The sudden passing of Dee Parker, as he was familiarly known by his large circle of friends in Sylva and vicinity, will leave a vacant place in the life of our community. Few people live and conduct themselves in such a way that their passing isn't soon forgotten. Dee Parker was among that few. He was a friend and neighbor to everyone and always had a smile and cheery word for all with whom he came in contact. His home life, church life, civic and business life always carried the true spirit of a Christian gentleman. His sudden passing was a shock to Sylva.

The Herald extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. Parker and other relatives.

Forest Fires Are Destructive

The recent disastrous forest fire in the Pisgah National Forest in Transylvania County should be a renewed warning to every citizen in Jackson county and a doubling in their efforts to prevent the outbreak of fires in our forests. The forests of Jackson County, along with agriculture, constitute the backbone of our economy. The Mead Corporation plant located in Sylva and the various sawmills located in the county our forests keep these mills running, which in turn furnish employment for many hundreds of men, both in the mills and woods. The payroll from the products of the forest and the labor of the men means that Jackson County has a well balanced industry. If we are to keep this means of wealth, we must keep fire out of the woods.

The watchword for everyone should be, "prevention of forest fires, as well as farm and town property fires."

Outlaw The Bible

We have realized for a long time that this old world is, and has been, in a sorry plight for years, but we never thought we would see the day when our own Supreme Court would outlaw the teaching of the Bible in our public schools; would decide with an atheist against those who believe in and worship God.

It seems to us that what our nation needs most at this time—and the entire world too—is a greater belief and faith in God rather than a more abrupt turn-away from His teachings.

To us it matters not what faith one believes in. After all, all truth faiths point to the same goal, and if one eventually reaches that goal, why worry by which path he came? And if there are those denominations which, through jealousy of other denominations, are working for the discontinuance of Bible in the public schools of our land, then those denominations, it would seem to us, need to set their own house in order.

The Bible contains the greatest truths for living that are in existence. Study of the Bible will reveal these truths, and if its teachings are heeded, life should be easier for both the individual and the nations. Yet because too many of us are heedless of these inspired writings, we are suffering as a consequence.

Some say that Bible should be taught in church schools only. But our Constitution guarantees every citizen freedom of worship in whatsoever manner or fashion he pleases. Then if we desire that our children be taught Bible in our schools, why should our will be frustrated by those who believe other than we? If those who oppose the teaching of Bible in the public schools do not wish to have their children take the course, then that is their affair. So far as we know, Bible courses in North Carolina are not compulsory.

We hope the recent ruling of the Su-