

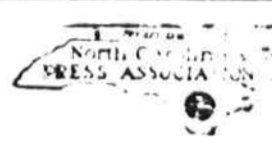
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No Cause For Alarm

Although increasing numbers of polio cases are reported from the central part of the state, and two cases have developed in Jackson county, there is no cause for undue alarm on the part of our citizens.

Cooperation Needed

We realize that the removal of the passenger trains on the Murphy-Asheville branch has up-set a long established method for handling the mail in this area, and that a sudden and complete change in this system has caused headaches all along the line.

A TIP FROM AUSTRALIA

The restoration of peacetime price and rationing control apparently will be a major campaign issue in the forthcoming presidential election.

Aside from the danger to personal liberty and other philosophical considerations, price and rationing control, from a practical standpoint, is a demonstrated failure.

American consumers are getting better service at lower relative prices in the light of existing conditions without OPA

Berlin: Next Moves

Now that Moscow has acknowledged that Russian policy—not technical difficulties on railroads or highways—is responsible for the Berlin crisis, the world watches intently for "next moves" by the western powers.

Another note to Russia is possible. An appeal to the United Nations has been discussed. A physical test of the Soviet blockade of land routes and waterways—while the air lift goes on flying coal and food into Berlin—is mentioned.

But these are only the more obvious steps by which the western powers might step up their pressure for a lifting of the Soviet blockade. Little or nothing is being said, for example, about organization of economic pressures on Russia, which so badly needs machinery and other capital goods from western sources.

Indeed, the Marshall Plan has been developed in such a way as to facilitate rather than cut trade relations between East and West. This is because for a pacification of Europe the development of this trade is essential.

None of us in the western countries can look complacently on such a possibility. But it may be useful to remind ourselves that the weakness in our Berlin position, of which we hear so much, is chiefly local.

A very important one is the effect which Russian behavior at Berlin is having on the German people. From the western zones of Germany gifts of food are pouring into Berlin, expressing a feeling of unity among Germans which evidently has been heightened by the Russian blockade.

Despite tons of Russian propaganda about the western powers' alleged aim of dividing Germany, the German people, both in the western zones and in Berlin, within the eastern zone, are identifying themselves by action with present western efforts to beat the Russian blockade.

This is a comradeship which the Kremlin cannot have intended to create. It may occur to Moscow, in the light of this development, that to win Berlin and lose the German people would be a Pyrrhic victory.

In view of the tone as well as content of the Russian reply to the American, British, and French notes protesting the blockade of Berlin, the very next move of the western powers must be to increase the capacity of the air lift to Berlin. Additional Russian-devised dangers to aviation through the air corridors to Berlin, and around western powers' airfields in Soviet-controlled territory, must be prepared for.

Meanwhile, inquiries as to the statement in the Russian note that Russia would "if necessary" supply food to Germans in the western sector of Berlin ought to be pressed. It was originally assumed that food for all Berlin would be available from the eastern zone.

One other immediate task faces western diplomacy. It is to make quite clear that the western powers' "violations" of the Potsdam and Yalta agreements of which Russia now complains have been mainly efforts to apply the principles of these agreements at least in the areas controlled by the western powers, since it proved impossible to obtain Russian cooperation in any broader application of them.—Christian Science Monitor.

than they ever did with it. Congressional investigations have shown that retailers' profit margins are less now in the free market than they were in the controlled market of OPA. Moreover there are no shortages of necessities.

America is not the only country that has been faced with the price control issue. Australia recently defeated by a heavy majority vote an attempt by the Central Labor Government to write price control as a permanent power into the Federal Constitution.

The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

What do you do after you have signed your name with a pen to a letter, check or other document. Perhaps you use a blotter if you have one at hand. Perhaps you search for a blotter, perhaps fumbling while the ink dries.

All of us want to pray more than we do. Many of us ought to pray but don't find the time; we are busy about other things. Why not try Dr. Spauld's method?

Prayer is vital to man's happiness and communion with God. Without prayer there can be no happiness and contentment. One of our most beautiful hymns is that of James Montgomery:

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, Uttered or unexpressed; The motion of a hidden fire, That trembles in the breast."

"Prayer is the burden of a sigh, The falling of a tear, The upward glancing of an eye, When none but God is near."

TIMBER TALKS

By W. C. HENNESSEE

I wonder if we know that here in Western N. C. there are 223 mountain peaks, 5,000 or more feet high, 49 of these being above 6,000 feet. The region is traversed by a network of modern roads that are enclosed on both sides by large resources of hardwood timber.

Western North Carolina's many forests afford a treasure land of rich shrubs, wild flowers, fishing and recreation facilities. The Great Smoky Mt. Nat. Park is a vast playground for hundreds of thousands of annual visitors. The Smokies run through the Park for seventy-one miles, with sixteen peaks reaching an altitude of 6,000 feet.

While traveling over these vast and beautiful areas this summer be careful with fire. Let's do not spoil with fire, that which took nature years to grow.

LET'S KEEP JACKSON COUNTY GREEN!

Glenville Lodge No. 551, A. F. & A. M. Announces Change in Meeting Dates

J. Sam Bryson, Worshipful Master of Glenville Masonic Lodge No. 551, has announced a change in the regular meeting time of the Lodge. In the future the Lodge will meet each 2nd Saturday and 4th Friday evenings at 7:30 o'clock.

North Fork Ranch Week-End Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Felger and daughter, Beverly, of Miami, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. William Rankling and daughter, Mary Jean, of Miami, Fla., and Uniontown, Pa., arrived last week to be the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Mathews at North Fork Ranch in the North Fork community.

TO SING AT WCTC

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eratorio work, has played leading opera roles, including a role she created—in Benjamin Britten's "Paul Bunyan"—and has made many talk-song records. She has appeared before Princess Juliana of the Netherlands and at national conventions of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which her mother is national vice president general.

Miss Van Wey was born in Rosman, which was founded and named by her father. After being graduated from Salem college with a Bachelor of Music degree she started seriously collecting and singing folk songs, particularly Creole songs and Negro spirituals.

Her program Thursday night will include North Carolina folk songs, Ohio river valley folk songs, South American folk songs, other songs in the folk song medium, Creole songs of Louisiana, street cries set to music, and Negro spirituals.

HERALD WANT ADS

Prayer is the breathing of the soul. It is as vital to spiritual life as air in the lungs is to physical life. Don't be too busy to pray. If you are, you are busy about the wrong thing. Next time you sign your name to a letter, let the ink dry while you pray—perhaps for the one to whom you have just written—perhaps for a member of your family, a friend, for our nation in its time of great opportunity—perhaps for your own needs.

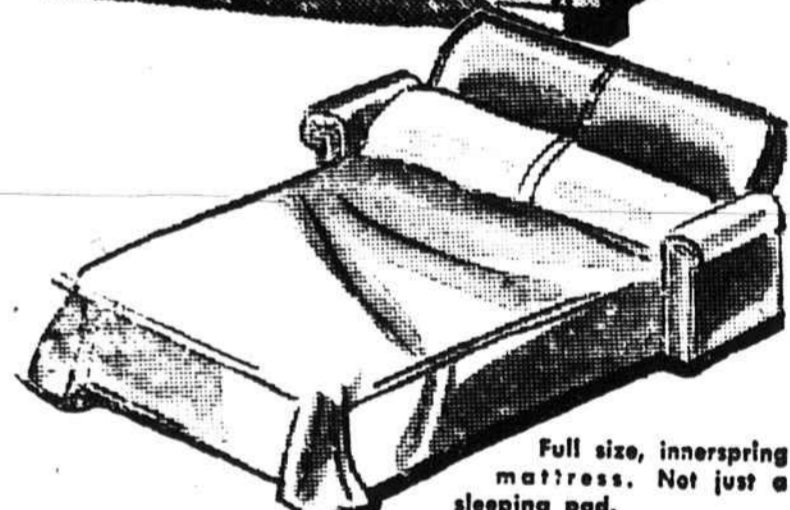


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