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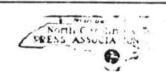
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## No Cause For Alarm

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. It is hardly likely that Polio will break out here in an epidemic form. However. strict compliance with health department rules and recommendations are essential as a precautionary measure, and better insurance that we will not have an epidemic of the disease in Western North Carolina. Every man, woman and child should do their utmost to follow health rules in our fight against this crippling disease.

### **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 headacrhes all along the line. All classes of mair have been delayed, and other inconveniences caused to the public. Sylva now has only two out-going mails daily, about three hours apart, leaving the people without a method of dispatching letters and other important mail over a period of 21 hours. In talking with J. B. McGee, superintendent of railway mail service out of Greensboro, our local post office found little evidence of concern on his part about the matter. He is said to have called the offices along this line "Little One Horse Offices, whose postmasters do not know that the World was not made in one day." In other other words, Mr. McGee considers the post offices in Western North Carolina, serving as outlets for mail for some 200,000 citizens, do not deserve as good attention on his part as his "big, two-horse" offices in the Piedmont. We feel that a PUBLIC SERVANT, receiving his living off the taxpayers of this area as well as the Piedmont, should be right in there fighting for the restoration of adequate mail service on this line just as quickly as possible. This would certainly breed better feeling on the part of the "one horse" office patrons toward public servants like Mr. McGee and the World's Greatest Postal System which he represents.

## A TIP FROM AUSTRALIA

 The restoration of peacetime price and rationing control apparently will be a major campaign issue in the forthcoming presidential election. If it is, the people of this country, whether they realize it or not, will be witnessing a debate over the future pattern of government under which they are to live. Permanent price and rationing control mean inexorable extension of centralized authority and the final adoption of the socialized state, whether it is called that or not.

Aside from the danger to personal liberty and other philosophical considerations, price and rationing control, from a practical standpoint, is a demonstrated failure. In every country where it has been tried it has led to shortages and hardship. When prices are arbitrarily held below the supply-demand levels of the free market, people will not produce. Legitimate distribution channels are disrupted by black markets and the police powers of the state become increasingly brutal if order is maintained. The expanding bureaucracy of OPA and its kangaroo court methods which were nipped pected if the system is re-established.

ter service at lower relative prices in the permanent centralized Federal Govern- spirituals. light of existing conditions without OPA, ment control of their economic affairs."

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.

What will these include?

Another note to Russia is possible. An appeal to the United Nations has been discussed. A physical test of the ing while the ing dries. The late Seviet blockade of land routes and water- Dr. Robert E. Speer is said to ways-while the air lift goes on flying have used these few moments for coal and food into Berlin-is mentioned. Player. What are excellent ideal.

But these are only the more obvous steps by which the western powers might pray but don't find the time; we step up their pressure for a fitting of the tre busy thout other things. Why Soviet blockade. Little or nothing is be- not my Dr. Species method? ing 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 that by James Monig mary: developed in such a way as to facilitate rather than cut trace relations between East and West. This is because for a pacification of Europe the development of this trade is essential. America's aims have been to help Europe back toward prosperity and peace, to help it avoid a showdown with Communism which might lead to war. But if Russia insists on torcing a showdown, the objectives of Europe's self-help program and American aid may logically be modified.

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. Moreover, in addition to in western is. c. there are the worldwide pressures, both economic feet high, 49 of these being above and diplomatic, which the western pow- 6,000 feet. The region is traversed ers might marshal against Russia, there by a network of modern roads that are other influences working on the side are enclosed on both sides by large of the western powers.

A very important one is the effect western North Carolina's many which Russian behavior at Berlin is hav- reh shrubs, wild flowers, fishing ing on the German people. From the and recreation facilities. The Great western zones of Germany gifts of food Smoky Mt. Nat. Park is a vast are pouring into Berlin, expressing a feel- playground for hundreds of thouing of unity among Germans which evi- sends of lannual visitors. The dently has been heightened by the Rus- seventy-one miles, with sixteen sian blockade.

Despite tons of Russian propaganda feet. Adjacent to the Park are about the western powers' alleged aim of dividing Germany, the German people, together Western North Carolina both in the western zones and in Berlin, comprises one of the largest remwithin the eastern zone, are identifying nants of American Wilderness. themselves by action with present west- While traveling over these vast

This is a comradeship which the be careful with fire. Let's do not Kremlin cannot have intended to create. spoil with fire, that which took 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 A. F. & A. M. Announces of the Russian reply to the American, Change In Meeting Dates British, and French notes protesting the J. Sam Bryson, Worshipful blockade of Berlin, the very next move Master of Glenville Masonic Lodge of the western powers must be to in- No. 551, has announced a change crease the capacity of the air lift to Ber- in the regular meeting time of the lin. Additional Russian-devised dangers lodge. In the future the Lodge will to aviation through the air corridors to Friday evenings at 7:30 o'clock. Berlin, and around western powers' air- All visiting Masons are cordially fields in Soviet-controlled territory, must invited to attend.

be prepared for. Meanwhile, inquiries as to the state- North Fork Ranch ment in the Russian note that Russia Week-End Guests would "if necessary" supply food to Ger- Mr. and Mrs. Roy Felger and mans in the western sector of Berlin daughter, Beverly, of Miami, Fla., ought to be pressed. It was originally and Mr. and Mrs. William Rankassumed that food for all Berlin would miami, Fla., and Uniontown, Pa., be available from the eastern zone. In- arrived last week to be the weekdeed, the economic unification of Ger- end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. many forecast exchange of food from L. Mathews at North Fork Ranch eastern Germany for industrial products in the North Fork community. from the other zones.

One other immediate task faces west- TO SING AT WCTC ern diplomacy. It is to make quite clear that the western powers' "violations" of the Potsdam and Yalta agreements of oraterio work, has played leading which Russia now complains have been opera roles, including a role she mainly efforts to apply the principles of "Paul Bunyan"—and has made these agreements at least in the areas made many tolk-song records. She controlled by the western powers, since has appeared before Princess it proved impossible to obtain Russian Juliana of the Netherlands and at cooperation in any broader application national conventions of the Daughof them.—Christian Science Monitor.

than they ever did with it. Congressional vice president general. investigations have shown that retailers' profit margins are less now in the free man, which was founded and market than they were in the controlled market of OPA. Moreover there are no a Bachelor of Music degree she shortages of necessities.

America is not the only country that singing folk songs, particularly has been faced with the price control is- Crecle songs and Negro spirituals. sue. Australia recently defeated by a Her program Thursday night heavy majority vote an attempt by the songs. Onio river valley folk songs, in the bud at the end of the war should Central Labor Government to write price South American folk songs, other serve as fair warning of what can be ex- control as a permanent power into the songs in the folk song medium, Federal Constitution. An observer point- Creeolee songs of Louisianan, street American consumers are getting bet- ed out that 'The Australians do not want cries set to music, and Negro

## The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

What do you do after you have God is near. signed your name with a pen to a letter, check or other document, speech, That infant lips can try; have one at hand. Perhaps you search for a blotter, perhaps fum-All of us outsit to pray more then we as. Many of us ought to

o. our most beautiful hymns is proy.

"Prayer is the simplest form of Perhaps you use a blotter if you Prayer, the sublimest strains that teech The Majesty on high. Prayer is the Christian's vital

breath, The Caristian's native air; His watchword at the gates of death; He enters heaven with

"Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice. Returning from his ways: While angels in their songs rejoice. And cry, "Behold, he prays,"

"On Thou, by Whom we come to God. The Lite, The Truth, the Way! The path of prayer Thyself hast tred; Lord, teach us now to

Proyer was the source of the "Pr. yer is the soul's sincere re- power which Jesus Corist displaysire. Uttered or ed on earth. It is recorded that unexpressed: The frequently He turned aside to motion of a hid- commune in prayer with His den fire. That Heavenly Father. He prayed pubtrembles in the lically among those people whom He served. St. Paul wrote, "Proy "Prayer is the without ceasing . . . in everything burden of a sigh, by prayer and supplication with The falling of a thanksgiving let your requests be tear. The upward made known unto God. And the glanding of an eye When none but peace of God, which passeth all thederstanding, shall keep your \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* hearts and minds through Christ

soul. It is as vital to spiritual life you pray-perhaps for the one as air in the lungs is to physical to whom you have just writtenlife. Don't be too busy to pray, perhaps for a member of your If you are, you are busy about the family, a friend, for our nation in

Next time you sign your name haps for your own needs.

Prayer is the breathing of the to a letter, let the ink dry while its time of great opportunity-per-





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ern efforts to beat the Russian blockade, and beautiful areas this summer nature years to grow.

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