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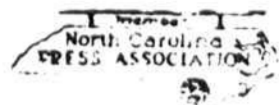
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INSIDE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — GOP Presidential Candidate Thomas Dewey and the Republican high command are bidding all-out for the conservative labor vote. They do not believe that labor can be voted as a unit, and reject President Truman's claim to the ballots of union men everywhere.

Meanwhile, labor circles are buzzing with reports about impending charges in unionism's top hierarchy.

Most of these reports, however, are merely the usual crop of rumors that become prevalent just prior to the annual fall conventions of the various unions.

One report says that John L. Lewis will retire as president of the United Mine Workers at the union's convention in Cincinnati in October.

Friends of Lewis say that there is nothing in this report. The 68-year-old UMW chief already has been nominated to a new four-year term in office.

Another report has it that 75-year-old AFL President William Green is due to step down. This is an annual rumor.

It will be no surprise, however, if Daniel Tobin soon quits as head of the powerful Teamster's Union. Dave Beck, Seattle's teamsters' boss, virtually has captured control of the union from the aging Tobin.

AIR FORCE STRONG AT BIRTHDAY — The first birthday of the inde-

pendent United States Air Force marked a smashing victory—finally—for the crusading pioneers of air power, and the men who picked up the torch and carried it when age and vicissitude forced the "early birds" to ground themselves.

The Air Force, begun four decades ago as an insignificant branch of the Signal Corps, finally obtained its divorce from the Army Sept. 18, 1947. In the ensuing 12 months it has:

1—Won in a bitter battle with the Navy the primary responsibility for heavy bombardment.

2—Convinced Congress, over the protests of President Truman and Defense Secretary James Forrestal, that air power should be expanded. The result was appropriations for the 60-group Air Force now being built.

In the forefront of the battling was Air Secretary Stuart Symington, first holder of that office. He was ably aided by Gen. Carl (Toohy) Spaatz, who levelled Fortress Europe and came back to head the Air Force before retiring.

Their victories gladdened all the early air crusaders alive—Gen. H. H. (Hap) Arnold and his cohorts.

Those who didn't live to see the triumphant day—Gen. William (Billy) Mitchell, Frank Andrews and the others—were so convinced of the rightness of their cause that they must have known their followers would win eventual victory.

H. S. T. VS. H. C. L.—President Truman may be out west on a 16-day campaign swing to gather votes of the people in person—but a large part of his campaign is being waged right in Washington.

The Justice department, with the president's blessing and under direct orders from Attorney General Tom Clark, has embarked upon a program of running down all possible violators of the Sherman anti-trust act.

The reason: An attempt to swing the legal axe at the source of the high cost of living—industries producing goods at inflated prices.

Already, the anti-trust division has filed suits against the nation's four major meat packers, three important farm machinery manufacturers, the Railway Express Agency, Inc., and others.

Additionally, it recently got a conviction against the eyeglass industry and an order from a New York federal justice to force that business from "price-fixing" practices.

Books Added To Jackson Co. Library

The following is a list of new books added to the Jackson County library. Some few are replacements. The library is now located upstairs over the Professional Drug store in six well-lighted rooms. The books are all classified and grouped so that they are easily located at all times. The librarian, Mrs. Mae Stallcup, invites you to use your library any time it can serve you.

JUVENILE BOOKS

Uncle Remus, Harris; Grimm's Fairy Tales, Grimm; Tom Sawyer, Twain; Huck Finn, Twain; Green Grass of Wyoming, O'Hara; Island Stallion, Farley; Black Stallion Returns, Farley; Lassie Comes Home, Knight; Girl of The Limberlost, Porter; Freckles, Porter.

ADULT BOOKS

Case of Smoking Chimney, Gardner; D. A. Calls A Turn, Gardner; Gardner 2 in 1, Gardner; Mistress Glory, Morley; The Furies, Busch; Long After Summer, Natham; Intruder In The Dust, Faulk-

ner; The Running Tide, Forbes; Roanoke Hundred, Fletcher; Citadel, Cronin; Barnaby Rudge, Dickens; Remembrance Rock, Sandburg; Old Curiosity Shop, Dickens; Scarlet Letter, Hawthorne; The Talisman, Scott; Tap Roots, Street; Hearststones, But The Patient Died, Edwards; Bait For Murder, Knight; Melissa, Caldwell; Tomorrow Will Be Better, Smith; Toward The Morning, Allen; Wonderful Mrs. Ingram, Ware; Cleft Rock, Hobart; Family Circle, Skinner; Shining Mountains, Van Every; Witness For The Prosecution, Gardner; Case Of The Fan Dancer's Horse, Gardner; Case Of The Backward Mule, Gardner; Foxes of Harrow, Yearby; House By The Sea, Godden; Creole Dusk, Roberts; Lonely Passage, Erdman; No Bugles Tonight, Lancaster; O'Henry Prize Stories—1948; Sky And The Forest, Forester; Proud Way, Seifer; Crosswinds, Cheavens; Smile Please, Topp; Dixie Raider, Morgan; Joshua, Costain; Bright Leaf, Fitz-Simmons; Sapper At Maxwell House, Crabb; Dinner At

Woman's Missionary Union Has Meeting In Murphy

The Bryson City Division of the Woman's Missionary Union met in First Baptist Church of Murphy 1st Friday. The following from Tuskegee Baptist Association attended the meeting: Rev. and Mrs. Charles B. McConnell, Mrs. Hicks Cowan, Mrs. Jane Allen, Mrs. B. J. Hughes, Mrs. Taylor Hampton, Mrs. Dennis Fisher, Mrs. Roy Reed, Mrs. D. G. Bryson, Mrs. C. M. Warren, Mrs. C. E. Allison, Mrs. G. E. Scruggs, Mrs. Wayne Dietz, and Miss Pauline Shelton.

The theme for the program was, Belmont, Crabb; Light In The Window, Rinehart; How To Stop Worrying, Carnegie; Jane Eyre, Bronte; Peace Of Mind, Leibman; This Side Of Glory, Bristow; Portable, Shakespeare; Candle For St. Jude, Godden; Flames Of Time, Kindrick; Black Ivory, Collins; Peony, Buch; Shannons Way, Cronin; Hospital Zone, Seifer; and Trumpet In The City, Miller.



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

As we plan for Christmas this year, let's put the Christ in Christmas. Some days ago we gave a preview in this column of some of the new Christmas cards being offered for sale this year as presented in one of the New York newspapers. With it went an appeal to those who buy Christmas cards this year to select cards with a suitable message. It was also an appeal to those planning Christmas parades to do it thoughtfully, and make them Christian instead of pagan. We still have unhappy recollections of those huge balloons used last year, depicting grotesque animals which might have come from some other world or from some prehistoric era.



Many letters and messages of approval of this column were received. Among them was one from a merchant who for many years has done large business in Christmas cards. He also sent me a box on which he had had a large volume of orders this year. Each folder contains the complete music and words of one of the old beloved Christmas carols. On the outside of the folder is an artistic representation in color of the message of the Christmas carol. This set of Christmas folders carries the true message of Christmas.

This merchant told me that this year his customers were request-

ing religious Christmas cards in greater volume than ever before since he had been in the business. He said that this year they were thoughtful, having little patience with these crude and perverted distortions of the message of Christmas.

Christmas is fundamentally a religious festival. It bears the name of Jesus Christ who came as the Prince of Peace. The world has never been in greater need of the Prince of Peace than today. Every instrument and agency which we can use to turn the thoughts of men and women towards Jesus Christ, and to provoke them to seek the peace of God in their hearts and lives, should be used. We have no quarrel with those who miss entirely the message and meaning of Christmas, only regret. But we feel sure that we are voicing the heart's appeal of thousands for a new Christmas emphasis on Christmas.

Some of you who read this may be merchants and others who will shortly launch intensive advertising programs for Christmas. May we plead with you to keep the Christ in Christmas! He has never been needed in your lifetime as much as He is needed now! All the money we make from merchandising, all the property that we are able to get together, won't be worth much if Christ and the Christian spirit leave this country, and it is overrun by anti-Christian Communism.

"For Such a Time as This", Esther 4:14. Mrs. Foy J. Farmer, state WMU president, gave the devotional. After several reports of the progress of the work were given, Miss Ruth Provence, Executive Secretary, gave a challenging message on "Such a Time as This Calls for Advance." Miss Marjorie Spence, Missionary to Chile, gave a message and told of our Baptist work in Latin America.

After a delicious lunch was served by ladies of the Murphy Baptist Church, the program was climaxed with a message, "Faith For Such a Time as This", by Rev. Charles B. McConnell, pastor of Cullowhee Baptist Church.

State Commander Commends Local Legion

Joe Greir, State Commander of the North Carolina chapter of the American Legion, and first World War II veteran to hold this post, highly commended the local post in a brief talk to members October 7, in the Community House. Commander Greir especially congratulated the William E. Dillard Post for their activity with the war dead being returned for re-burial. To date the post has held military rites at the funeral of every body returned to Jackson county for reburial. This is a record which very few posts in the nation can match, declared Commander Greir.

The post was also commended for their membership enrollment for 1949. To date, there are more 49-up members for 1949 than during the entire year of 1948. The American Legion in the state during the past year has grown from 14,000 members to over 19,000.

North Carolina produced a record turkey crop of 421,000 birds in 1948.

Richard E. Nelson Now Serves Aboard USS Helena

Richard Earl Nelson, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Willie G. Nelson of Route 1, Sylva, is serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Helena which has just been awarded the Battle Efficiency Pennant and "E" for her general excellence throughout the fiscal year July 1, 1947 to July 1, 1948. The award is a competitive one, based on overall battle efficiency. Each department of the ship is graded to determine the vessel's final mark in the competition. The pennant is a red triangle with a black circle in the center.

Funeral Services Held For J. H. Hall

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for John V. Hall at his home on Cope Creek. Mr. Hall passed away on Friday, Oct. 8, after several months illness. Rev. E. J. Jamison officiated at burial service and interment in Old Savannah Baptist church cemetery. Pallbearers were Lewis Watson, Rufus Buchanan, Joe Smith, O. B. Hall, Nelson Franklin, and Fred Brown.

Mr. Hall was a native of Jackson county but had spent the greater part of his life in and near Newport, Tenn., and was a member of the Newport Baptist church at the time of his death. He, together with his family, returned to this, his native county, about four years ago to make their home. Survivors include the widow, the former Essie Daniels of Asheville, and two nephews, Arlie Hill and Bessel Hall, who have made their home with Mr. and Mrs. Hall since they were very young boys.

Hill regret to learn of the death of our friend, Mr. John H. Wilson our community.

LOOKING 'EM OVER IN JACKSON

By Sgt. Dave Calhoun First week in October turned off quite cool—knocking polio in the head for good, we hope. Possibly the Weatherman is giving us advance notice of a cold, frosty winter.

Wound up another week in Sylva and surrounding country-side. John H. Brown, Jr., formerly with the Jackson County Bank, enlisted in the U. S. Air Force last Monday for a three-year period. He will be sent to Wichita Falls, Kans. for basic training. Ervin Wilson Sutton, of Dillsboro, enlisted in the Regular Army in July, is at home for a 19-day furlough. He is on his way to Europe for overseas duty and is really pleased with his new assignment. He has been giving the town of Sylva another look with his brother, Sgt. F. Cl. John R. Sutton, recently returned from service with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea.

Ted Angel of Sylva, enlisted in the U. S. Air Force last February, is also back in town taking in the sights. He, too, is on a short furlough and is slated for overseas service in the Pacific theatre. Resting in a port of embarkation on the Atlantic coast is Samuel F. Beck (enlisted in the U. S. Army last June) of Gay, awaiting shipment to Europe.

Mrs. N. H. Kirk just dropped in to say that her sons, Paul W. Kirk (enlisted in the Army Air Force in September) is taking training in a Radio operator's school in Chanute Field, Ill.

Up Highlands way a tourist passing through asked an old native of that section what he lived on. The caustic reply was "tourist in the summer and 'taters in the winter."

Barkers Creek News

Dedication services will be held at Rock Dale Baptist Church at Barkers Creek on Sunday, Oct. 17. All preachers and Church members are invited to come. There will be dinner at the noon hour. Everyone come and enjoy the service.

and is therefore terms a "meatball". In addition to the "meatball" each enlisted man having served on board the Helena for at least six months of the competition year is entitled to wear an "E" on the sleeve of his uniform and receives a cash award as well. This is an old peacetime practice in the Navy revived with this recent award.

PROMOTED



Marine Corps Headquarters has announced the promotion of Charles C. Pettit, Jr., Sylva, to the rank of Captain in the Marine Corps Reserve, who is a member of the Marine Engineers. He served with the famed Marine Engineers during World War II.

Captain Pettit served with the Marine Engineers for three years during World War II. During this time he was assigned to the Camp Engineering Battalion as Camp Forestry Officer at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He also served on active duty for two weeks during the past two summers with the famous Second Division Engineers.

Captain Pettit is the son of C. C. Pettit, Sr. of Route 2, Asheville, N. C. He is now with the North Carolina Forest Service serving as District Forester of District nine with headquarters at Sylva.

Johnston County farmers have found that treating tobacco plant beds for weed control is profitable. Most of them plan to use the combination treatment of uramon and cyanamid for their 1949 beds.

Forage and pasture crops will make it possible to increase farm efficiency and to lower costs thru minimum use of machinery and labor, says O. S. Amodt, head agronomist, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Too Late To Classify

LOST — Brown Leather Bill Fold with gold initials, K.M.R., containing cash and a bus ticket from Cashiers to Brevard. Finder return to Sylva Herald office and receive reward. No. 20,21,22

WANTED — A Used Piano, Mrs. Charles Pleasant. Can be located at McNeely's store in East Sylva. No. 20, 21

FOR SALE — Two burner portable oil heater, also laundry jacket water heater. Call 225-J, Sylva. 20

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By HAL

