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INSIDE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON—Do not be surprised if President Truman, fresh from his great surprise election triumph, designates Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, (R), Michigan, as secretary of state in his new cabinet.

That Secretary of State George C. Marshall wants to retire is no longer a secret. And the president's intimates indicate that he desires to make the bi-partisan foreign policy an example for the troubled world.

Some of the president's intimates think this can be sharply emphasized by the appointment of Vandenberg, the world statesman, lifelong Republican, to the No. 1 cabinet post.

Senator-elect Margaret Chase Smith, of Maine, suggested that Mr. Truman name defeated GOP presidential candidate Thomas E. Dewey to the job. Her suggestion was obviously a hopeless one.

However, Vandenberg, who will no longer be Senate foreign relations committee chairman because of Democratic control of Congress, is regarded as a "natural" for the job.

Of all Republicans, Mr. Truman regards Vandenberg as the ablest. He worked with Vandenberg in the Senate. In the campaign just ended Vandenberg made one foreign policy speech in favor of Dewey. However, it was scholarly and surprisingly mild.

TRUMAN VICTORY TO BRING FARMERS BOOM?—The Democrats' return to power puts the party in a position where it has to make good on a sweeping farm aid program.

It is almost certain that the new administration will make another attempt to push through the international wheat agreement—this time with good chance of success.

What the Democrats will do about the ticklish farm price support structure is the big question. The party would scarcely dare make any change in the system for 1949 since many crops which will be harvested next year are already in the ground.

However, Democrats are not entirely satisfied with the sliding scale of support the Republicans have set up to become operative in 1950.

Reliably expected are larger administration grants of funds for many farm agencies, including the Rural Electrification Administration, the Soil Conservation Service and farm credit agencies.

FROM JOHN L. LEWIS — SILENCE—In all the jubilation among labor leaders over the election results, John L. Lewis is painfully silent.

The miners again ignored John L.'s political counsel as they did in 1940 when he urged them to vote for Wendell Willkie and resigned as CIO president when they did not.

President Truman's smashing victory was a sad story for the UMW chief. In any future tussle between the government and the miners in a national emergency coal strike, Lewis can expect Truman to throw the book at him.

The president is not likely to forget the vitriolic speech that Lewis made to the miners convention in Cincinnati last month when the union official denounced the president in bitter terms.

and annual Tobacco Festival, when 10,000 people stood in a drenching rain to see the parade of floats. County Agent Wayne Corpening and his festival committee did a swell job and are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

"JOE BEAVER"

By Ed Nofziger



Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture

"Have you been playing with matches?"

The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

"Christ is our peace." This inscription written in German has been painted in rude letters in



Berlin in the last war.

This huge monument was one of Berlin's prize exhibits. It was erected at the conclusion of the Franco-Prussian War which brought defeat to France, and the beginning of the united German military empire. I have just examined a volume of Stoddard's lectures published in 1897 in which the author describes Berlin as he saw it at that time. Writing of the city he says, "Mars, the god of war, seems to be the divinity most worshipped here." Of Berlin's chief street "Unter Den Linden," he says that it is a "kind of Triumphant Way and suggests courage, victory and conquest... at every step the dullest cannot fail to comprehend that he is in a nation of warriors.

"Chief of all the fine memorials of war, which Prussia's capitol contains, is the imposing Monument of Victory." It is on this monument, now surrounded with all the rubble and destruction of war that this rude inscription stands, "Christ is our peace." As I read Stoddard's description of war-like Berlin at the height of her power, and then read the description of those who have been there recently, the words of Jesus come to mind, "They that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

Almost 2,000 years ago St. Paul wrote: "He (Christ) is our peace." Now 2,000 years later an unknown writer inscribes it on one of the world's greatest monuments to war. How difficult it is for us to learn the lesson that love is the most powerful force in the world, that the use of force begets its own destruction.

The same St. Paul wrote, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." This is the divine pattern for conquest. It is the only one which will lastingly succeed in any struggle whether it be in the human heart of between the nations of the world. Christmas proclaims Christ as the Prince of Peace. Is He the Prince

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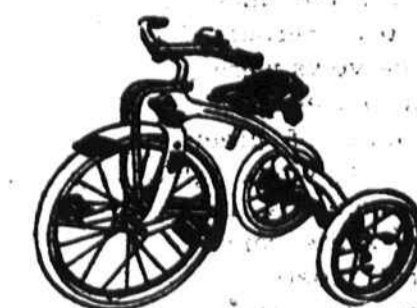
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Mrs. E. L. McKee

In the sudden and unexpected passing of Mrs. E. L. McKee Jackson County has sustained a severe loss, a loss which will be felt for a long time to come. It has been said that when a person passes on that there is always another to take their place. This may be true in many instances but there just isn't another Mrs. McKee in Jackson county, or any other Western North Carolina county for that matter. When there was a drive of importance to be put on in Jackson county to raise funds for the good of the community, county or state, Mrs. McKee was looked to put it over. Last summer when the polio situation was at its most critical stage Jackson county was called on to contribute \$1,000. Mrs. McKee, as a committee of one, went out and raised the money in one morning. It was in doing things like this that made her a forceful leader in her town and county.

Mrs. McKee's interests were not confined to the boundaries of Jackson county, or Western North Carolina, but State-wide. In serving the state in three terms in the Senate, she has contributed greatly to the cause of public education and public welfare. She was firm in her convictions, and stood by the principals which she considered to be the best interest of the people whom she represented. Having kept herself well informed and abreast of the public school situation of her county and state she was able to give of her time and knowledge to these things. In seeking re-election to the State Senate for her fourth term, she planned to go to Raleigh to give her best to the interest of better schools for the state and Jackson County. Her talents in this connection will be greatly missed in Raleigh in the 1949 session.

Mrs. McKee had many deserving honors bestowed upon her in the years she took so much interest in the public welfare. In everything she undertook to do she put herself thoroughly into the undertaking.

She will be missed most by her family and in her home, but her great host of friends and admirers throughout the State will also miss her. Her leadership in her church, the clubs and other activities of Sylva and Jackson county will be keenly missed in the years to come.

She understood and loved people. Perhaps that better than anything else, describes her and the many successes she attained in public as well as private life.

You'll have to hand it to them over in Haywood county... they've done it again, yes with a bigger and better sec-

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By HAL



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