

SCANNING THE NEWS

WHATEVER one may think about former President Harry S. Truman, his recent visit to Washington was as refreshing as a mountain breeze in the stuffy, whispering-in-ears and censor-laden atmosphere of the Capitol City.

Mr. Truman's visit brought back some of the human warmth now missing here. His effervescence and frank down-to-earth comments were at wide variance to the secrecy and behind-door meetings of Congressional committees which are now largely becoming the rule, rather than the exception. His rather corny adjectives, his broad grin, his rubbing shoulders with taxi-drivers, with people on the streets, his very innate friendliness, his early morning walks which drew crowds everywhere and friendly greetings from the men and women on the streets—all were in such broad contrast to the stilted, looking-over-the-shoulder, chilly and cheerless attitudes and blank faces which now pervade official Washington, as to invite widespread comment throughout, not only the newspaper fraternity, but almost everywhere in the city.

More, Mr. Truman brought back to Washington the two-party system. He made it plain there was a Democratic party and a Republican party and that next year there is a Presidential election; that so far as he was concerned there was no bi-partisanship about this. There was no hush-hush about his attacks upon the Administration, nor upon President Eisenhower where he thought the President was wrong. And in so

doing he issued a plain rebuke to the leaders of the Democratic party in Congress who at best have been politically afraid of criticizing President Eisenhower because of his widespread popularity.

As a matter of fact it begins to appear that many of the top Democrats in both Senate and House, most of whom come from the South, and who can be reelected in 1956 almost without firing a shot at the Eisenhower administration, have decided to use just those tactics. Which will make it tough for the relatively few northern Democrats up for reelection in 1956, and who must base a campaign upon opposition to Eisenhower and the Eisenhower administration.

Debate and committee hearings over the restoration of the 90% of parity to farm prices set a precedent. It was such a remarkable precedent that Representative Harold D. Cooley, chairman of the House Agricultural committee and a committee member for twenty years, printed a committee document and distributed thousands of copies to farm groups. The pamphlet contained the testimony of Walter P. Reuther, President of the CIO; George Meany, President of the AFL, and the Presidents of four or five unions in the CIO ranks, all in favor of the restoration of 90% of parity for the farm basic crops.

The writer of this column, has for 15 years been saying that if the Labor and Farm groups would once get together on a single objective they could get whatever they wanted in Congress.

GOVERNOR DESIGNATES JUNE AS DAIRY MONTH

Raleigh — Gov. Luther H. Hodges has designated the month of June as June Dairy Month in North Carolina and expressed himself as "happy to join in this salute to our growing dairy industry." He has accepted an invitation to be toastmaster for a dairy breakfast in Raleigh on June 3 which will inaugurate the statewide observance.

The Governor issued this statement:

"For some years June has been observed in North Carolina as Dairy Month as a means of calling attention to the tremendous importance of milk and milk products in the life and economy of our State. Dairy farming now ranks among the leading agricultural enterprises in North Carolina and last year meant a gross farm income exceeding \$109,000,000, three times what it was in 1940.

"Milk and milk products mean a livelihood, or an important supplementary source of income to more than 35,000 Tar Heel farm families. Dairy farming has put back to work thousands of acres of farm land made idle by crop control restrictions. It has rebuilt and saved much land we were losing to soil-depleting crops and to erosion.

"In the field of dairy manufacturing, there has been tremendous growth with about half of the 130 plants in the State having been built since 1939. About 6,000 North Carolina families are dependent upon the processing and distribution of dairy products for a livelihood or for a part of their income.

"The June Dairy Month observance will highlight the importance of dairy products in building and maintaining our people's health. A nation-wide event, it was inaugurated in 1938 by the dairy industry, in cooperation with other industries and groups, to call attention to dairy products when they are most abundant.

"I am happy to join in this salute to our growing dairy industry and hereby designate the month of June as June Dairy Month in North Carolina."

LET LEEVE

INTERMISSION time at the drive-in movie (when they turn off the lights and rewind the film, I suppose) used to be a right pleasant interlude when drive-ins and I were younger (and I was single). But times have changed.

Modernization has caught up with intermission time. Used to be, if you got three minutes of dull silence, marred only by the crumpling sound of molars against popcorn here and there. Now-a-days you get music and a picture on the screen—a spry little elf (who should have a tummy like Santa Claus) who points to the clock every few seconds to let you know how long before the feature starts and at the same time tries to distract and entice you by putting down something in order of three candy bars, two soft drinks, a malted milk, peanuts, popcorn, an ice cream bar and a couple of unidentified objects.

The purpose of course, is to make you desire a portion of one of the things the little gentleman seeks to be enjoying so immensely . . . enough to want to get out of the car and walk a couple of miles to the refreshment stand.

It always works when I take my family to the drive-in. Only trouble is that the little man on the screen eats so fast he loses some sales. The kiddies watch everything he does with expression like "I want some of that, but what else there is." "That's it . . . no, I think I want some of that . . ." That sort of stuff carries on until the little man gingerly wipes his cheeks with a napkin, the feature starts and everybody forgets about eating.

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1. Inculpate means (a) to teach; (b) to blame; (c) resting.
2. Nebulous means (a) misty; (b) gas-filled; (c) doubtful.
3. A pundit is (a) a professional jester; (b) learned person; (c) meaningless joke.

ANSWERS
1. Blame
2. Misty
3. Learned person

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PECAN PIE

- 1/2 recipe pastry
 - 2 eggs, beaten
 - 1 cup Karo Syrup
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
 - 1 cup pecan meats
- Roll pastry 1/4 inch thick. Line a 9-inch pie pan. Mix remaining ingredients together, adding pecans last. Pour into pastry shell. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 15 minutes; reduce heat to moderate (350° F.) and bake 30 to 35 minutes longer.
*If salted nuts are used omit salt in recipe.

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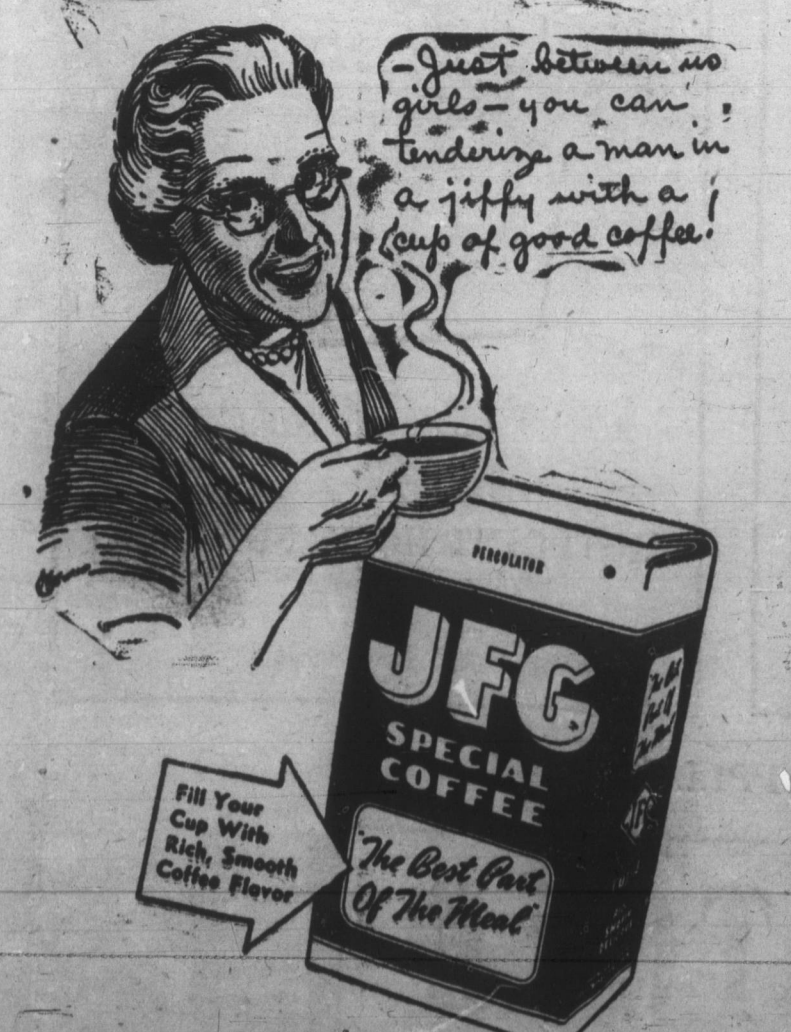
PVT. JOHN EVANS RETURNS TO STATES

Camp Lejune (FHTNC) — Marine Pvt. John Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Evans of Route 1, Burnsville, N. C., is scheduled to arrive here May 27 after a five-month tour in the Mediterranean with the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines.

The battalion, aboard ships of Transport Amphibious Squadron 6, conducted amphibious exercises with the 6th Fleet and the Turkish 4th Division. The major exercise was NATO "Red Trident I," held in mid-March at Saros Bay, Turkey.

At intervals, training was suspended for visits to Mediterranean ports in Algeria, Italy, Greece, Turkey, France and Spain.

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