

Personal Experiences:

Out Of The Night Of Morganton

Complaints About Treatment and Food Turned Off as 'Delusions'

By TOM P. JIMISON

(This is the third of a series by Mr. Jimison describing his experiences while a patient for a year in the State Hospital for the Insane at Morganton. Mr. Jimison is a former well-known North Carolina minister, lawyer, and newspaper columnist.)

The hospital administration is extremely sensitive about the food. Why this is so is difficult to understand. The State makes an allowance of only 17 cents per person per day for food, clothing, custodial and medical care, and any school boy knows that the sum is altogether insufficient. A county sheriff is allowed more for his prisoners who do not have to be clothed and who are presumed to be in good health. (Editor's Note: According to Dr. W. L. Williams, superintendent of the hospital, the State's appropriation figures are out to "sell" under \$15 per month per patient.)

Nevertheless, the administration does not want the people outside to know about the fare for patients. No visitor is ever brought around where patients are eating, not even the board of inspectors. Nay, especially not the inspectors. And patients must not write anything home about their food, not unless they say it is good. Furthermore, the patient who complains much about it soon learns that it is the part of wisdom to keep his mouth shut.

Delusions, like charity, cover a multitude of sins at Morganton. Perfect complainers about the food, but the lack of care by the doctors or the cruelty of attendants, is charged up to delusions. Patients are trusted to do all sorts of responsible work, work which requires, in some instances, considerable intelligence, but the minute one of them offers any criticism he is deluded.

EQUIPMENT BETTER THAN THE COOKING

A word more about the food. It is prepared in an enormous kitchen which is equipped with ranges and huge steam kettles. It is limited to a "Worry of 'Bad Breath'" from FALSE TEETH

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to prepare the sort of eggs used here, and the egg, hospital bread, after being soaked, had to be soaked in coffee before it was masticated. When faced with such a situation a sick man will just naturally go to bed in self-defense. After three days I told Dr. Saunders that I felt, so well I was actually afraid of myself, I'd myself out without the least qualm.

EGGS SCRAMBLED AND COLD
The food has to be hauled to all the dining rooms in the main group of buildings, two. There is one for women and one for men near enough to the kitchen to be served by small pushcarts. Even so, eggs to be served on the special diet for the illing are scrambled some two hours before they reach the patients. Hence they are cold and tough.

Meats are placed in large containers, usually milk cans, to be hauled to the various dining rooms. Much of the time those which are to be pushed to the nearby places are uncovered and catch the dust or anything else that happens to be in the way. Once I saw a can of milk beans turned over in the kitchen. A shovel was hastily rinsed off and they were shoveled back into the can. But they were only for patients. (To Be Continued.)

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson & Robt. S. Allen

OPM Power Division Regular Nest of \$1 a Year Men; 18 Give Services Free, Draw Pay Company Men

WASHINGTON—The hard-hitting Truman committee has not around to the matter yet, but some hot sensations are in store when the committee digs into the dollar-a-year-man handling of the power phases of the war production program.

For years one of the hottest issues in Washington has been the Power Lobby. It has been repeatedly investigated, and several years ago, after fierce legislative battles, the Federal Power and Holding Company Laws were enacted to curb the lobby.

The Truman committee has confidential information that today this lobby is more powerfully entrenched in the capital than ever before.

For months, it has been operating directly inside the Government, and running the Power policy of the OPM, which was until last week the key war production agency.

The OPM Power Division is not only manned with utility officials, but they are still on the pay rolls of private power companies. In other words, while presumably working for the Government, they are actually paid employees of the utilities.

After being deluged with complaints that the utility-run OPM Power Division was secretly aiding independent rural power co-ops, the House Appropriations Committee questioned J. R. Krug, head of the division, on these charges.

Krug defended his staff, but the committee, unconvinced, ordered him to submit a detailed report on his dollar-a-year assistant.

including the amount of salaries they are drawing from utility companies while working for the Government.

Two months have elapsed since Krug promised to produce this important information and so far he has not done so.

All the committee has received was a cogey letter from John Lord O'Brien, former corporation attorney who is OPM general counsel, giving a list of the Power Division's personnel, but has nothing about their private salaries. However, the little information O'Brien did disclose speaks volumes.

It shows that no less than eighteen key officials in Krug's division are dollar-a-year and "DOC" (without compensation) men who are still on private utility pay rolls.

NOTE: Appropriation Committee members estimate that the total pay these men draw from power companies is more than \$250,000 a year. War Production Chief Donald Nelson has privately indicated he will house-clean Krug's unit.

Langer's Fate
The fate of Senator William Langer, recommended for expulsion by the Senate Elections Committee, is still in the Senate.

Whether the Senate decides it takes a two-thirds or only a majority vote to oust him.

If the verdict is a majority vote, then the at-home, cigar-chewing North Dakotan, goes home. If it's two-thirds, then he is probably safe.

A secret poll showed a definite majority of members agreeing with the Elections Committee that Langer is unfit to sit in the Senate. But there are enough doubtful Senators to make the outcome of the vote still uncertain. If it is decided that a two-thirds vote is necessary to unseat him.

Actually, Langer's fate will be decided by such a count.

Langer contends that since he was seated when he presented his credentials last year, it requires a two-third ballot to oust him. The opposition denies this, pointing out that he was seated "with out prejudice." It is contended this means that the Senate expressly left open the door for future consideration of his eligibility and that his status, therefore, is the same as a newcomer seeking admittance to the chamber.

This argument will be settled by the Senate by a majority vote, so that this vote, in effect, actually will determine whether Langer is to remain in the Senate or is sent packing.

Father Coughlin Again
The phrase, Pearl Harbor, has already become the rallying cry of a united America. Public and press have ceased carping and settled down to slaying the war with the notorious exception.

Father Coughlin's "Social Justice," while gradually admitting the necessity of winning, continues to snipe at the Government, Congress, Britain, and Russia.

The Dec. 22 issue published two weeks after the Japanese attack, was packed with passages of hostility. After blaming the bankers and politicians for bringing on the war, the rabble-rousing priest paid a tribute to the Japanese. He thrust at Hollywood, and printed a poem about youth waiting in gore.

Asbestos Use To Be Reduced
Installation of pipe covering made principally of asbestos was prohibited after Feb. 1 by the Federal Government, except for pipes having temperatures in excess of 200 degrees Fahrenheit.

An order of the Federal Government setting forth drastic regulations on the processing, sale, delivery and installation of asbestos and asbestos products was issued today by J. E. MacDougal, manager of the Chemicals Division of the priorities field service.

Conservation of asbestos for military purposes requires that this material and products containing asbestos be restricted to use in filling defense orders, said the telegram.

On or before Feb. 10, asbestos processors will be required to severely limit sales in accordance with various provisions of the order and, beginning with Feb. 10, processors and others possessing asbestos will be required to make detailed reports to the Government.

Service Is Arranged Differently

Prayers Tomorrow At Second Church

A new arrangement will be tried tomorrow at Charlotte's weekly Community Prayer service, to be held at the Second Presbyterian Church at 12:05 o'clock.

According to the committee in charge, the program will consist of an opening prayer, opening hymn, and Scripture reading. The remainder of the hour will be devoted to silent prayer, so that worshippers may come and go as they wish, staying as long as they can.

JONES IN CHARGE
The Rev. W. W. Jones, pastor of the Allen Street Baptist Church, will be in charge of the service and will preside. The Rev. E. E. Rutledge, assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, will lead the singing, and the opening prayer will be led by the Rev. J. B. Love, pastor of the Parkwood Avenue ARP Church.

Don Davidson will be at the organ and will play soft music throughout the service.

The Rev. W. M. Boyce of the First ARP Church is chairman of the committee which arranges the weekly prayer services under the sponsorship of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Ministerial Association.

Patriotic Reward for Philandering Poach
EATON, Ohio—(AP)—Somewhere in this Preble County seat of more than 3,200 population is a "seventeen-year-old feisty poacher" worth a \$25 defense bond.

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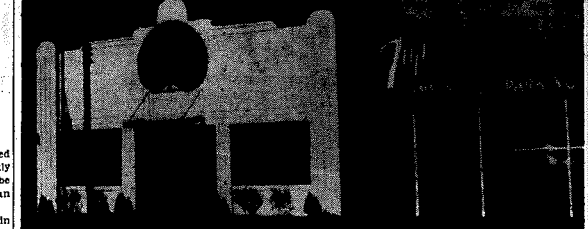
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Charlotte's newest grill, the Peacock Grill at 612 S. Tryon Street, will open tomorrow at 11 A. M.

Chris Economides, owner, and Dell Clary, manager, will be in charge and souvents will be presented to all customers. The grill is in a modern design, newly constructed building situated on a plot 110 by 140 feet in size, which provides ample parking space. Experienced curb boys, trained to give courteous service throughout the day and night, will be in white aprons and coats to serve with venetian blinds that add to the attractiveness of the place.

Mr. Economides, in addition to having operated as a caterer here for years, also operates the Palais Royal Hotel at Carolina Beach. Mr. Clary, manager of the Peacock Grill here, has had wide experience as a caterer, having worked in New York and Washington.



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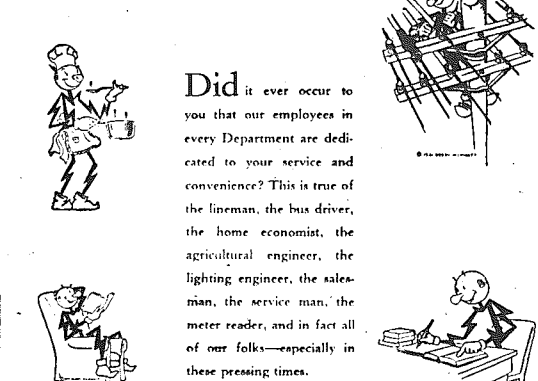
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