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ANNUAL SELECTION ANNOUNCED

Man Of The Year: H. H. Everett

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

H. H. Everett is Charlotte's Man of the Year for 1952.

"The choice was easy to make," said members of the board that selected the theater owner and civic leader. Mr. Everett, they said, probably had devoted more time to unselfish work on behalf of his community than any other Charlottean.

"Yet, through it all," one board member said, "he has continued to be one of the city's sincerely humble men."

He was a leader in the drive to merge many fund-raising campaigns into one solicitation and became the first president of the United Community Services, parent organization of the United Appeal.

At the same time, he served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, leading that organization in an intensified program of getting new industrial and commercial firms moved to Charlotte.

At the same time, he became a trustee of Queens College and in less than two months was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees.

CHURCH WORKER, TOO

At the same time, he spent many hours of work being a leader of a new church, Trinity Presbyterian, and directing its initial building program as chairman of its Building Committee.

And he continued to work on behalf of civic projects through the Lions Club and the Variety Club.

He also devoted much time to being president of the Myers Park Country Club, though members of the selecting board for the Man of the Year pointed out that "Hack" Everett had never let social activities take him away from community-wide projects.

Mr. Everett was named Man of the Year for 1952 by seven Men of the Year of former years, J. B. Marshall (1946) the eighth member of the group, died earlier this year.

The selection of a Man of the Year is sponsored by The Charlotte News which established the award in 1944. Thomas L. Robinson, publisher; J. E. Dowd, general manager, and B. S. Griffith, executive editor, serve as advisory members of the group.

The award was established by The News to honor the citizen who was considered to have rendered the outstanding service to the community within the year. Holders of political positions, elective or appointive, are not eligible.

The past Men of the Year who made the selection are Coleman W. Roberts (1944), C. W. Gilchrist Jr. (1945), George M. Ivey (1947), J. Norman Pease (1948), Henry C. Dockery (1949), David Ovens (1950) and John Watlington (1951).

ONE YEAR'S SERVICE

The selecting board stressed that it makes its choice not on an accumulation of a man's accomplishments over a period of years but on the service rendered the community during the single preceding year.

But Mr. Everett, like other Men of the Year, has been a consistent civic leader for a number of years.

He was, for instance, one of the founders of the Charlotte Variety Club, which has carried out such projects as the financing of a children's diagnostic clinic at Memorial Hospital.

Another example: As an officer in the Lions Club, he was one of the leaders in the organization's establishment of Freedom Park, Charlotte's largest recreational area.

Another example: He was president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1951.

BUSIEST YEAR

But 1952 was Mr. Everett's busiest in community-betterment work. His activities touched the fields of industry and commerce, social work, religion and higher education, among others.

He served another year as president of the Chamber of Commerce. He re-grouped the Chamber's important committees, giving two vice - presidents more direct responsibility over specific projects. He intensified the Chamber's efforts to gain new industrial plants for Charlotte, and he spent many hours meeting with and entertaining visiting company officials.

In a brief period, the Chamber was instrumental in perfecting the plans for the Celanese Corp.'s huge office and laboratory building off Park Road; Ford's parts depot on Wilkinson Blvd.; Reichhold Chemical's big installation on Pineville Road; Southern Dairies' new headquarters in the northern part of the city.

But Mr. Everett did not exclude other matters while concentrating on industrial expansion. He led the Chamber in taking an unprecedented interest in local governmental affairs.

Under his leadership, for instance, the Chamber assigned a committee to study the municipal budget and make recommendations before the City tax rate was fixed. Under his leadership, the Chamber showed its concern over improved public facilities here by endorsing all the local bond issues and urging citizens to vote for them.

THE BIGGEST JOB

Most spectacular Everett enterprise in 1952, however, was in the field of money-raising campaigns.

He championed an expert review of solicitations, directed a committee to search for a way of cutting out the multiplicity of campaigns, and brought into focus the need for united action.

Beginning in February, and extending over most of the year, he worked closely with the Mayor's special study committee, which resulted in the forming of the United Community Services.

This was slow and tedious work, requiring care in dealing with each charitable organization, and associates say Mr. Everett's diplomacy was outstanding. More than 20 agencies joined the United Community Services.

He was elected the first president of UCS, the organization which conducts Charlotte's new United Appeal.

While many others kept their fingers crossed, believing that the first United Appeal should not expect to reach its big goal, Mr. Everett kept oiling the new machinery and expressing optimism.

IT WORKED!

Success was immediate. In that first campaign, the goal of $738,000 was oversubscribed by many thousands of dollars.

Even while the United Appeal was being conducted, Mr. Everett was spending time and energy working with Queens College and the new president, Dr. Charlton C. Jernigan, taking a leading role in making the community more sharply aware of the value of that school.

He was elected to the Board of Trustees of Queens in the Fall and before the year was ended he had been elected chairman of the board.

But he didn't confine himself to city-wide activities. He showed the same kind of initiative and leadership in the forming of a new Presbyterian church which already shows signs of becoming one of the most active in the Mecklenburg Presbytery.

He was one of the comparative few who organized the Trinity Church, and became one of its first elders. The first year's budget was only $12,400, and the congregation held its services in the Belk Chapel of Queens College while starting plans for building its own buildings.

It was Mr. Everett who reminded his associates that many other churches, in their formative years, concentrated so thoroughly

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MR. EVERETT

Men Of The Year Speak

(Note — Six of Charlotte's Men of the Year of former years (George M. Ivey, 1947, being absent, and J. B. Marshall, deceased), have made the following statement for use with this year's announcement. — Editors, The News)

No one has ever been able to capture fitting words that will adequately interpret the fine spirit of this rapidly growing city. This town has become a great center, not because it is geographically well placed, but because there are back of it, many, many people with high ideals and a genuine ambition to further the commercial, educational and spiritual advance of the whole community. To this end, they contribute liberally of their time and money, and thus we become great.

The members of the group, to whom is given the responsibility of naming Charlotte's Man of the Year, met for lunch at the City Club and, after electing Mr. Henry Dockery as chairman, went about the task of selecting the person to receive this award. There are numbers of men in Charlotte who are eligible to be so honored and it was only because of his outstanding service that the committee settled on the one whose name is being announced today.

To the publishers of The Charlotte News should go an expression of our high appreciation for having instituted this custom because it gives an opportunity to honor one of our fellow-citizens who has contributed so much of his time and talents to make Charlotte the ideal community in which to live, to prosper, and to be happy.

C. W. ROBERTS, 1944
C. W. GILCHRIST, 1945
J. NORMAN PEASE, 1948.
HENRY C. DOCKERY, 1949.
DAVID OVENS, 1950.
JOHN WATLINGTON, 1951.

OUR WEATHER

Showers and windy, with not much temperature change today. Showers ending tonight. Thursday, clearing and cooler.

High temperature yesterday, 49 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 45 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 36 degrees.

Low temperature expected tomorrow, 26 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:21 A. M.; sunset, 5:21 P. M.

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Acheson Denies U.N. Workers Menace U.S.

GOP Senators 'Satisfied' By Job, Farm Talk

Taft, Others Speak To President-Elect

By MARTIN L. ARROWSMITH

NEW YORK (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower appeared today to have satisfied Sen. Robert A. Taft and other Senate Republican leaders on two issues which threatened to cause the new administration trouble in Congress.

The issues — (1) Procedure for job appointments by Eisenhower and (2) farm policy—were threshed out at a 2½-hour conference the leaders had with the general yesterday.

Taft told newsmen afterwards he was standing by his Dec. 2 statement that Eisenhower's selection of Democrat Martin. Durkin was "incredible."

But the Ohio lawmaker, slated to be Senate majority leader in the new Congress convening Saturday, said he felt a "general understanding" had been reached with Eisenhower on future appointments.

The understanding, said Taft, calls for "adequate consultation" with senators in advance of appointments.

The other issue which threatened to make trouble for Eisenhower cropped up just before yesterday's conference started.

Sen. Milton R. Young of North Dakota, secretary of the Senate GOP Policy Committee, told reporters he would oppose Senate confirmation of Ezra Taft Benson—Eisenhower's choice for secretary of agriculture — unless Benson came out flatly for permanent government price support of basic farm commodities at a minimum of 90 per cent of parity.

Parity is a formula designed to assure farmers a fair return for their crops in line with the price of things they buy.

After the meeting, Young said he had talked to Eisenhower about the matter — and to Benson by telephone—and that he had decided not to oppose confirmation.

ASSURANCE

Young said both the general and Benson had assured him they are for price support at 90 per cent of parity though 1954, as provided under the present law.

The senator said Eisenhower has "an open mind" as to how the matter should be handled after that, and that Benson had promised to study the problem.

GOP's Can't Get Job List

WASHINGTON (AP)—Some Republican congressmen complained bitterly today they have been unable to get a complete, authentic list of government jobs available for deserving Republicans.

After 20 years of Democratic presidents and administrations, these Republicans say they are having a tough time even learning what jobs are open to political patronage.

Several who didn't want to be quoted by name said the new Republican Congress, as one of its first steps, should pass a resolution directing the Civil Service Commission to supply a list of the thousands of government jobs that may be filled through political patronage.

Sen. Dworshak (R-Idaho) told a reporter:

"So far it seems that everything has been done to confuse the situation and make it appear that except for a very few top-level jobs, everything is covered by civil service."

The Civil Service Commission said Dec. 1 that 170,382 jobs were open to political replacement and said many of these were low-paid. The federal payroll is slightly over 2½ million.

A check of several Republican senators disclosed that not one had been able to get what he regarded as a complete list of government jobs where Democrats could be ousted and Republicans installed.

It is known that officials of the Republican National Committee have been attempting to assemble such a list. The task has been assigned to Rep. Albert Cole (R-Kan), who was defeated for re-election.

IN HIGH COTTON

M/Sgt. H. S. Range, Marine recruiter from Lubbock, Tex., has landed but the beachhead is slim as seven lovely Maid of Cotton contestants cluster around him at Memphis, Tenn., with gifts of cotton. Clockwise, they are: Patsy Mable, Helena, Ark.; Chris Taylor, Alma, Ga.; Sidney Erwin, Charlotte, N. C.; Pat Mansell, Lubbock, Tex., chaperoned by the Marine; Ann Herring, Arlington, Tenn.; Jo Ann Turner, Yazoo City, Miss., and Alice Corr, Selma, Ala. Miss Corr, a green-eyed math major at the University of Alabama, was selected from the field of 22 beauties to be the 1953 Maid of Cotton and Miss Turner was named the runner-up. (AP Wirephoto).

Big Guns Thunder Farewell To 1952

By JIM BECKER

SEOUL (AP) — Rumbling artillery duels and Allied air strikes opened the final day of 1952 on Korea's bleak battlefront after B29 Superforts plastered two vital Red targets.

A flurry of predawn ground scraps ended at daybreak. No major engagements were reported.

Twenty-one Superforts from Japan and Okinawa flew through heavy Communist ground fire and harassing night fighters in their two-pronged attack. They dumped more than 200 tons of high explosives on a sprawling ore-processing plant near the Yalu River and a key supply center near Sinanju. Sinanju is about 45 miles north of Pyongyang, Red Korean capitol.

B-29S CHALLENGED

Red night fighters offered a serious challenge to the B29s with repeated passes. The Air force did not say whether any bombers were hit. Bright moonlight helped the Red pilots.

Bursting shells filled the air around the bombers.

The Air Force gave no details of damage to the Choak-tong ore processing plant, a 105-acre target 25 miles southwest of Uiji on the Yalu, and the 85-acre Wollyong supply center. The Air Force said the plant processed graphite before the war.

On the deadlocked battlefront, big guns boomed before dawn. Allied artillerymen drove off small groups of Reds who probed actively at lonely Allied outposts on the Western and Central Fronts.

PATROLS CLASH

At many points, and especially in the rugged eastern sector, Allied patrols barged into Red groups and fought short, bloody scraps by moonlight.

The Eighth Army announced 1,814 Red casualties inflicted in the week ending Dec. 28, including 1,092 killed, 711 wounded and 11 captured. In the final week of 1951, Red casualties totaled 3,866.

A bright sun flashed off the snow covered battlefront as the year drew to a close. Temperatures were higher, hovering in the 40s.

TRANSPORTS DUE

SAN FRANCISCO— (AP) —The transport Gen. W. A. Mann arrives today with 1,877 veterans of Korean fighting. The Gen. A. W. Brewster is due at 5 P. M. (8 P. M. EST) tomorrow with 2,147 Korean veterans.

Admits 'National Interest' Suffers

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today national security is not endangered by United Nations employment of Americans of questionable loyalty.

But Acheson told a House Judiciary subcommittee that the presence of "these people," as he called them, among U. N. employees does give the United States a "black eye."

There is no real threat to security, he said, because U. N. workers do not handle matters "concerned with our national defense."

The subcommittee is making a general inquiry into operations of the Justice Department. It got into the question of subversives on the United Nations staff in connection with digging into whether the Justice or State departments interfered in a New York grand jury's inquiry into subversive activities by U. N. employees.

ACCEPTED INVITATION

An invitation was issued late yesterday for Acheson to testify. The secretary of state promptly accepted it.

Acheson had hardly settled into the witness chair before the Congress members were sparring with him over his refusal to disclose the names of State Department employees who have handled investigation reports on U. S. citizens hired by the U. N.

The department has refused to give this information (1) to the New York grand jury, (2) to a Senate committee and (3) to the House committee.

TRUMAN ORDERS

Acheson said he consulted President Truman before rejecting the request from the grand jury, and that Truman instructed him to refuse to give the information.

The secretary went on to argue that it would not be good administrative practice to subject subordinate employees to questioning by congressional committees or grand juries.

"The subordinates do only what they are told to do," he said. "The responsible officers, however, can be put on the stand to explain their actions.

"We should bear the responsibility for what is done right and the blame for what is done wrong."

When Acheson asserted that U. N. employment of possibly disloyal Americans presented no threat to national security, Rep. Keating (R-NY) commented that he and Acheson apparently place different interpretations on the words "national interests and national security."

"It strikes me they are synonymous terms," Keating said.

HARM ADMITTED

Acheson agreed that U. S. national interests are harmed by the employment of disloyal Americans by the U. N.

"They have given the U. S. reputation a bad name and a black eye in the U. N. and shouldn't have been there," Acheson said.

Robert A. Collier, committee counsel, told Acheson there had

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Truman Says Outlook For Peace Better

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Truman said today the outlook for world peace is better now than it was a year ago.

Truman explained, at his last news conference of the year, that he was referring to the outlook for the cold war in all parts of the world.

He said no new plan for hastening the end of the Korean War has been submitted to him. But he added that obviously he could not talk about such a plan even if one existed, unless it was something to be put into operation immediately.

Truman announced he will appear on radio and television Jan. 15 from 10:30 to 11:00 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, to report to the people on the state of the nation.

EXTRA MATERIAL

This address, he said, will contain some material in addition to what he will give Congress in his formal state-of-the-union message early next week. He will not appear before Congress in person.

The President began his meeting with reporters by expressing sharp regret that Secretary of Agriculture Brannan has had to make additional restrictions on imports of dairy products—as announced yesterday—under requirements of the Defense Production Act.

This is the wrong thing to do, Truman said, adding that he is not in favor of it at all. But he said Brannan was obliged to impose the new restrictions under the law.

AVOIDS CONTROVERSY

Truman avoided comment on two controversial issues, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's latest blast at him and the status of diplomat John Carter Vincent.

He had only a soft-voiced no comment when asked about MacArthur's suggestion last week that the President was using the "bloody drams" of Korea "as a means of self-glorification."

MacArthur's statement stemmed from Truman's own quoted remark to an interviewer that the general "wanted to involve us in an all-out war in the Far East." MacArthur retorted that he had not proposed to extend the Korean War but only to end it.

In the Vincent matter, Truman said only that the case of the career diplomat has not reached him yet. (His counsel, Charles Murphy, is known to be studying the case.)

A federal loyalty board has found there is a reasonable doubt about the loyalty of Vincent, once a State Department China policy-maker and now minister to Tangier. It is up to Truman and Secretary of State Acheson to decide whether Vincent should be fired.

On other matters Truman supplied these comments:

1. Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain undoubtedly will talk with him about such things as shoes and ships, and sealing wax — line lifted from "Alice in Wonderland" to denote a variety of subjects — when Churchill pays a courtesy call

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Marguerite Piazza's Husband Dies Suddenly

NEW YORK — (AP) — J. Groves McDonald of Memphis, Tenn., husband of lyric soprano Marguerite Piazza, died unexpectedly today at their Manhattan apartment.

McDonald and the singer, who originally came from New Orleans, were married in 1950. They have a son, born in New Orleans June 23 last year.

EVENING PRAYER

Eternal God, as Thou hast led us through all this year, so now we thank Thee for Thy leading this day. As we face the new year we turn unto Thee for guidance for ourselves and for our nation and for our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Winning Entry Comes From Soldier

Texan's Mosquito Story Wins Liar Prize

By JOHN B. RUMSEY

BURLINGTON, Wis. (AP) — The World's Champion Liar of 1952 was announced today by the Burlington Liars' Club, and the winner of the 23rd annual Ananias Award is—not surprisingly—a Texan.

After 12 months of sorting through mounds of prodigious tall tales, the club selected Airman 3 C. Harry V. Cummings of Dallas for his tall tale about Japanese mosquitoes.

Cummings, stationed at Johnson Air Force base near Tokyo, is the third Texan to win the crown in recent years, but he had to draw on foreign material for this winning whopper:

"One night in July I had just turned in for the night when I heard the door open. At first I thought it was one of the other guys who slept in the room with me. When I got a better look I saw it was two mosquitoes. They stood nearly 6 feet tall, and believe me, I was too terrified to move, so I just lay there when they approached my bed.

"I heard one of them say, 'Do you think we should eat him here, or should we carry him home?'

"After a moment's consideration, the other replied, 'Let's eat him here. If we carry him home the big mosquitoes will take him away from us.'"

HONORABLE MENTION

Another Texan, John S. Kendeix of Brooke Army Hospital at San Antonio, won an honorable mention. He said that as chief engineer of a hospital ship, he was once faced with the task of getting a large boiler installed in the heart of the ship within a matter of hours.

"I went ashore," he lied, "bought 100 pounds of alum, dumped it into the boiler and filled it with water. When the boiler had shrunk to about the size of a radiator, I lowered it through the hatches, bolted it into place, washed it out with hot water, and when it had expanded to normal size, fired it up—and we took off on time."

The judges also gave honorable mention to Fred Craven of Atlanta, Ga., who said his brother had a well-trained dog. When the brother carried the gun on his right shoulder, the dog hunted rabbits. If the gun was on the left shoulder, the dog hunted squirrels.

The brother got out a new fishing rod to show to Craven, and in a few minutes the dog appeared from behind the barn carrying a can of worms.

Ellie Stein of Bristol, Conn., won admiration for his fantasy about a lifelong Democrat who switched to Eisenhower. He entered the voting machine and grabbed the Republican lever. The GOP lever, unaccustomed to the touch of this through-and-through Democrat, kicked back and broke his arm.

CHAMP LIAR OWES IT ALL TO FATHER

TOKYO (AP)—The world champion Liar today declared, "If my father had entered the contest, I wouldn't have had a chance."

Airman 3C Harry V. Cummings, crowned champion by the Burlington, Wis., Liars' Club for his whopper about giant mosquitoes, gave all the credit to his father, George D. Cummings of Dallas.

"I got the knack of lying from him," the 20-year-old airman said.

How did his barracks mates take the news?

"They pretty much agreed I was the best liar around here, and they figured the decision of the Liars' Club just made it unanimous."