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PROFITABLE ARBITRATION

WITH the possibility of a steel strike casting a pall over industrial co-operation as necessary to the nation at this time, it is encouraging, and to some it may be profitable, to note the accomplishments of the American Arbitration Association.

Long and costly litigation saps much of our industrial strength, and in the end does not always accomplish agreement. It is surprising to many persons to know that the AAA, during its 25 years of existence, has supervised the arbitration of approximately 45,000 cases, involving awards of from \$2.29 to \$2,300,000.

WORD H. WOOD

WORD H. WOOD will long be remembered by his fellow citizens of this community and region for many things. For the vision, skill and labor that built the American Trust Co. into one of the great banking institutions of the nation in less than half a century.

For his leadership in other banking and financial enterprises, including the establishment of a Federal Reserve bank in Charlotte and the operations of the Loan Board of the National Credit Association, and the N. C. Banking Commission.

MEMORIAL FOR DR. BENNETT

"NOW I am going to say something unconventional—and that is—that Communism is not primarily responsible for the growth of Communism. We call 'underdevelopment.' Communism is simply cashing in on the conditions of hunger, disease and ignorance in which more than a billion people have been held captive for too long.

HOW ABOUT PUBLIC SPANKING?

SENATOR TOBEY, never one to countenance the venal and sin, is "thinking seriously" of asking Congress to revive the whipping post for punishment of public officials who betray their trust.

FROM THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN

FROM out of the gloom which shrouds the scandal-ridden Bureau of Internal Revenue comes a tiny beam of light, feeble but persistent, perhaps the herald of a new day in Washington. It shines from the Federal income tax form and instruction sheet mailed to the happy taxpayer.

Field representatives will simply be "snosed under," to use the Commissioner's own words.

field. Many arbitrators contribute their time and service free. Labor arbitrators are paid, and in disputes involving money the association receives \$10 plus one per cent of the disputed award up to \$25,000. If no sum is involved the disputants pay \$50 or less.

In addition to saving time and money, arbitration by the AAA is strictly confidential. Hearings are conducted privately and arbitrators are sworn to secrecy. The continued recourse of both labor and management to the association reflects their mutual confidence in its decisions.

One of the association's minor cases, reported to the Charlotte Observer Monitor recently, involved two neighbors. Mrs. A's building towered up Mrs. B's garden. The arbitrator ruled \$55 payment in damages—and also suggested a handshake, which was smilingly agreed to by both parties.

Spears investigating committee in 1940 by the late Governor J. M. Broughton, after a series of articles in Tex News by the late Tom Jimison told of the miserable conditions in the State's mental hospitals. He had no previous experience in this field. But he tackled the assignment with vigor and enthusiasm, hurried many a searching question at the witnesses who appeared before the committee, hammered away insistently at the need for larger appropriations and better facilities, and finally carried the fight to the General Assembly where the ultimate creation of the N. C. Hospitals Board of Control resulted from efforts and those of fellow members of the Spears Committee.

THE REAL NEED

The admonitions and appeals to automobile drivers by highway safety departments, law enforcement officers, and editorial writers, and the efforts of safety committees and insurance companies to effect a reduction in accidents, are praiseworthy and should be kept up because they do some good.

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Collected By Bill Sharpe

TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

South And West (Greensboro News) "Water's pouring over the highway. I think something is broken!" a woman tourist reported to Highlands Police Chief M. A. Nelson recently.

Good Company

(Fou Bailey, -Times Dispatch) Sen. John Larkin of Trenton down in Jones County, chairman of the Appropriations Committee in the 1951 Senate, had a habit of talking to himself a great deal in the last legislature.

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So That's It

(Roy Thompson, Journal-Sentinel) Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Westmoreland, Rural Hill, Route 1, weren't feeling so good the other day, but are now fully recovered.

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Like Has Scored Downright Startling Success' In Europe

By Stewart Alsop

IT is astonishing to return from a three-month journey of observation abroad and find that so many people convinced that General Eisenhower's mission in Europe has been a failure. The impression is a total lack of any real accomplishment in Europe, of the whole European defense effort.

It is hardly surprising that most Americans should be unaware of what the Eisenhower mission is really accomplishing. Until very recently European defense efforts were themselves had no idea how much was really being done. These months came to the attention of the greater effort which is required in the period immediately ahead.

General Eisenhower's brilliant deputy, Gen. Alfred Gruenther, altered this whole atmosphere of gloom at a single stroke. At a secret briefing in Rome the European leaders in hard terms what had already been accomplished. He described how much work would be accomplished in the near future with a determined effort.

26 DIVISIONS Consider, first, what has already been done. As of today, Eisenhower has under his command some 26 divisions, the great majority already organized in conditions of combat readiness. He has a functioning, rational supply system for these divisions, and also such things as Paris and Bonn, where project for European unity based on a Franco-German political, economic and military marriage has suddenly ceased to be mere wishful

in short, although the change has been slow, and has been attended by such inevitable confusion that the United States has profited by Eisenhower's mission has profoundly altered the whole European atmosphere.

Office Parties But Memories To Ruak, Weaned Off Wassaill

By Robert C. Ruark

A slight difference of opinion concerning the nutritive value of alcohol as opposed to less ethereal foodstuffs has imposed a ban upon our correspondent the other day. The dubious detail belief that neat blackstrap molasses is more beneficial than its refined counterpart is usually an ingredient to eggnog.

Which is to say that I have been delivered, this year, from the joy of buying the festive "officer's party" and the Christmas cocktail rout—from the hall-fellow slips of the office bottle, the festive "officer's party" and the Christmas cocktail rout—from the hall-fellow slips of the office bottle, the festive "officer's party" and the Christmas cocktail rout.

But 'tis a grateful man I should be, indeed, as I rise fresh and rosy with the dawn, with no horrid although the pain of pinching the excess or telling the boss exactly how his business should be run. Here in the corner of the room during the holidays, and deponent hath not snapped a garter, set fire to a stenographer, or contracted the file clerk who filed the snuffly red nose. I have shunned mistletoe as the very plague — one finds

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