

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Here's what Christmas dreams are made of!

Dec. 12, Korea

Citizens of Smyth County:

From one very proud citizen of your county to all the rest of you I want to say thank you. Thank you for helping us keep the very special meaning of Christmas intact. We will forever be indebted to your kindness and generosity.

Words can never express our appreciation for what you have helped make possible. If ever we can be of any service to you — no matter how little or how big — do not hesitate to call upon us.

To each and every one of you the men of the Second Battalion, First Marines, take special pride in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours

An Ever Humble and Grateful Citizen  
of Smyth County  
Sgt. Joseph R. McKinnon

**CHRISTMAS GIFT.** The above letter was received from Sgt. Joseph R. McKinnon this week from Korea. Smyth citizens recently sent McKinnon over one and a half tons of food and clothes for Korean war orphans. These gifts have arrived in Korea and will be used for a big Christmas party for the children. The Marine had no idea of the big shipment, the letter to him stating only that the gifts were on the way. Merry Christmas to all who helped make Sgt. McKinnon's Christmas a happy one.

### COMING EVENTS

For events not conducted for private gain. Columns close noon Wednesday.  
(Mail postcard or dial Marion 3-8001)  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
MARION CHAPTER NO. 72, regular meeting, 7:30 p. m., Odd Fellow's Hall.  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28**  
MARION CHAPTER OES will meet at the Masonic Temple at 7:30 p. m. Regular meeting and Christmas party.

### Everything Happens In Smyth

Everybody gets the Christmas spirit along about this time of the year. The holiday gets each and every citizen in the "Christmas Comes but Once a Year" frame of mind. And practically every adult likes to play Santa Claus. That's part of the game. William Hull of Marion last Saturday decided to play Santa

There was just one trouble. William had built up his Christmas spirit by spirits. So much so that he was slightly on the intoxicated side of the ledger. Regardless of being a little tight, he still wanted to play Santa Claus and could find no one to enjoy his friendly state of mind. So he started knocking on doors and yelling in a jovial voice that "Here's Santa Claus."

Most folks like to be their own Santa Claus, so a report was turned in on William's antics. He was just trying to be friendly, but folks do not like a strange Santa Claus knocking on doors at night. Deputy Jim Richardson went

### CPL. WORTH BROOKS IS TO RETURN HOME AFTER TWO YEARS IN MARINES

Cpl. Worth Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Brooks of Rt. 2, Marion, is scheduled for release in December from the Marine Corps, after serving two years.

Cpl. Brooks was stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C., as a bridge worker with the 8th Engineer Battalion.

out Highway 11 in the eastern section of town to investigate. William was walking down the road singing and enjoying the holiday.

"Hello Santa, was the greeting given the young man by Richardson. "Hi. How are you feeling?" was the reply. "Not quite as good as you. Let's go before you get hurt."

"I'm Santa Claus." "I know, but the public doesn't and you might get hurt."

Santa Claus then went to jail to entertain the boys there. He was the only Santa Claus there for the night, and Sunday morning he wasn't in the mood to be the jolly visitor any longer.

Monday in court he received the least fine possible, \$5 and cost.

### LIFE IN SMYTH COUNTY

### Pay of Police In Marion Is Being Studied

#### Council Proposed Classification

Police Chief Ralph Wolfe was instructed by Marion Town Council last Friday night at its regular session to make a detailed study of the present police force in making out classifications for possible raises for law enforcement officers. Chief Wolfe presented to council a proposal for raises for the police, amounting to about \$1,500 a year. Town Engineer Jim Ritter exhibited a study made of present salaries as compared with the average for towns of over 4,000 in Virginia. This revealed that Marion, generally, is somewhat below the average.

Chief Wolfe stated that his men had asked him to present the matter to council.

Wythe Hull was the first to bring about the classification plan. He stated that in his opinion the police staff should be classified according to duties and responsibilities and rates of pay set up according to rank and years of service.

"Then a prospective policeman would know when he went to work just what to expect in the way of salary and advancement," he said.

George Greer moved that such plan be put into motion and definite action be held up until the return of Mayor Walter Jackson, who is in Florida.

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### Marion Firemen to Play Bob Campbell Mail for Sgt. McKinnon Santa to 1,500 Children Dies Sunday Fills Army Truck Monday In Richmond

Members of the Marion Volunteer Fire Department will have treats for 1,500 when they have their annual Christmas party for the children of the community this Thursday night at 7 p. m. at the Anderson Building.

Firemen have prepared 1,500 red socks containing candy, oranges and apples. Into the bags have gone 1,400 pounds of

candy, 3,500 oranges and 20 bushels of apples.

The annual Christmas party is financed by proceeds from the weekly Fireman's Jamboree at the Anderson Building.

All children of the vicinity are invited to attend, says Assistant Fire Chief Joe Stephenson, who states that small children will be served first.

#### Funeral Is Tuesday For Marion Leader



Robert M. Campbell

Robert M. Campbell, 59, died about 11 p. m. Sunday night in the Medical College of Virginia Hospital in Richmond.

Funeral service was held this Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the Royal Oak Presbyterian Church of which he was an elder. The Rev. Thompson Davis officiated. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Preston Copenhaver, B. H. Griffiths, Herbert Richardson, Ralph Repass, Hickman Buchanan and T. Carmel Brown.

Honorary pallbearers were T. H. Buchanan, Z. M. K. Fulton, R. W. Holmes, J. M. Menerick, J. D. Rhymer, William Archinal, Dan Buchanan, W. T. Grissom, C. W. Holmes, Robert A. Hunter, Peter Scholten, Thad M. Harris, D. D. Hull, W. L. Lemmon, O. J. Meador, Cameron Wolfe, John D. Lincoln, J. B. Neel Jr., D. D. Query, Charles Sowers, Carl Vaught and William Cook.

All are elders or deacons in Royal Oak Church. Mr. Campbell is survived by his wife, the former Miss Frances Lewis; his mother, Mrs. J. C. Campbell; one brother, J. Richard Campbell; two sisters, Mrs. George F. Cook and Mrs. Frank Copenhaver, all of Marion.

Mr. Campbell was born in Pleasant Valley, Penna., but came to Marion when he was quite young. He attended the Marion schools, Washington and Lee University and Pennsylvania State.

He and his brother were associated in the lumber business in Nicholas County, W. Va., for a number of years.

He returned to Marion in 1946 and has been a leader in civic affairs since that time. He was named president of the Marion National Bank to succeed the late Lewis Preston Collins. He was secretary of the Smyth County Draft Board, chairman of the county re-assessment board, a member of the Marion Kiwanis Club and on the board of directors of the Marion Chamber of Commerce. He formerly was chair-

### Taxi Driver Scrap Results in Fine For Two in Marion

A melee involving six taxi drivers of Marion last Friday morning shortly before day resulted in two receiving fines for assault, with the other cases being dismissed.

It all started when elderly W. F. Frazier and W. F. Blakeley, driving for the Fraziers, became involved in an argument and short scrap.

Results were fast and furious, with Mr. Frazier getting his false teeth broken. Blakeley leaving in a huff, coming back and then getting into a scrap with Bruce Frazier, son of W. F. Frazier.

Blakeley was fined \$50 and costs on charges of assaulting the elderly Frazier, and the younger Frazier was fined \$10 and costs on charges of assaulting Blakeley. The case was heard in Trial Justice Court Saturday.

The elderly Frazier, Howard Hall, Brown Buchanan, Roy Frazier were found not guilty of assaulting Blakeley.

Blakeley told the court that Friday morning he and Mr. Frazier got into an argument about who was to take what call for taxis, resulting in Mr. Frazier slapping him and stating that "too many drivers are trying to run this place." He said that he hit the man after being slapped and then went out, calling Roy and telling him what had occurred. Then he got into another cab and back in South Alley was accosted by Bruce Roy, Buchanan and Hall, he said. Blakeley stated that he did not know who all hit him, as they all were there.

Town Officer Ralph White

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### Telephone Company Plans Underground Cable Job

Plans for construction of underground cable by Inter-Mountain Telephone Company in part of the business section of Marion were learned last Friday night at the regular council session.

Town Engineer Jim Ritter stated that plans have been submitted for a project to begin on or after Jan. 1. This will entail underground installation from the rear of the telephone company's building on Main St. to a point in front of Tip Bottling Company on the opposite end of town.

This cable will extend down South Lane to Church, up

Church to Lee, out Lee to North Main to the bottling company, resulting in the removal of all overhead wires along this route. Much of the business section of Marion at present is served by these overhead lines.

Mr. Ritter estimated that it would cost approximately \$5,000 to repair streets and sidewalks which would be dug up in this big project. This damage, he pointed out, would be repaired by the telephone company. The franchise between the town and company insures such repairs when public property is disturbed.

### Bloodmobile Visit Nets 66 Pints In Saltville Tuesday

The Bloodmobile from the Roanoke Blood Center made a visit to Saltville Tuesday of this week.

This visit, sponsored by the Thomas K. McKee Hospital Auxiliary, netted 66 pints of blood. There were 12 rejections.

Members of the bloodmobile staff were very complimentary of the response in Saltville. They stated that the response was far better than many collections in other places.

Mrs. J. A. Soyars, chairman, wishes to thank all who helped in any way to make the visit a success.

### GIRL SCOUT TROOP RECEIVES BADGES

The Marion Girl Scout Troop 5 held an investiture ceremony at the Community Center building last Thursday evening.

The girls who received badges making them official girl scouts were: Marilyn Anderson, Ruby Jean Copenhaver, Sharon Dority, Ella Sue Haga, Llewellyn Hoge, Susan Hutchinson, Mary Ann Jennings, Barbara Jones, Caroline Cheves King, Elizabeth Ann Morris, Sandra Stroupe, Alma Stump, Gracie Mae Sutherland and Patricia Anne Townsend.

Mrs. M. C. Townsend is leader of the troop with Mrs. J. C. King Jr. as co-leader.

### Santa's Helpers Are Recognized By Town Council

Marion Town Council last Friday night voted to give members of the Volunteer Fire Department a bonus, along with paid employees of the town.

Firemen, unpaid in Marion and available for duty at all times, have not been given any Christmas present in past years. To the contrary, it was pointed out, they have always been on the giving end, annually holding the big Christmas party for all children of the community.

Council voted to give all employees paid by the hour a day's pay for Christmas and a check for \$10. Salaried employees, who will get paid anyway for their day off Christmas, were given \$10. Firemen also were given checks of \$10 each.

There are approximately 40 town employees and 25 volunteer firemen.

### Business Firms Of Marion to Close For Long Holiday

Retail employees of Marion citizens will get a long week end for Christmas holidays this year, according to an announcement by Chamber of Commerce officials.

Most business establishments will close Christmas Eve and remain closed until Monday morning. Although no information was available Tuesday afternoon on other places of business in Smyth County, it is understood that they are following the same general lines as those in Marion.

Horace Myers, secretary of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, stated that all hardware, furniture, grocery, feed and farm supply, auto and home appliance stores and automobile dealers will close Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Some of the drug stores also will close, while others will maintain holiday hours Saturday.

Service stations and restaurants mostly will remain open for the holidays.

man of Smyth Chapter, American Red Cross.

Mr. Campbell was the son of the late J. C. Campbell of Marion, one of the pioneer lumber men of this section. His father came to Marion when the children were quite young, lumbering throughout this section. Mr. Campbell and his brother followed their father in the business, moving operations to West Virginia.

Sgt. Joseph R. McKinnon's 74 Christmas packages, containing food, clothing and toys for 1,000 Korean war orphans, arrived Monday for mail call at his outfit, according to press dispatches this week from Korea.

Major General R. M. Pate, commanding general of the First Marine Division, termed the shipment as "amazing," stating that the ton and a half of gifts donated by Smyth County citizens "tops them all." Members of the First Battalion of the division last month decided to adopt the orphans for Christmas, writing home folks for help.

McKinnon's letter was published in the Smyth County News, resulting in an avalanche of gifts from Smyth citizens. Press dispatches from Korea stated it was the largest single Christmas gift ever sent a soldier overseas.

Monday at mail call a big army truck was used to deliver McKinnon his mail. McKinnon was modest in his part of "Operation Santa Claus," according to newspaper and radio stories filed from his headquarters to all parts of the nation. "I just wanted to see these kids get a little something extra for Christmas," the Marion soldier stated. As a result of the generosity of Smyth folks, his desire is coming true — enough food, clothing and extras for each and every child — a real Christmas for all those who helped make such possible.

### \$1,423 Is Paid In Fines to Marion During Past Month

Marion mayor's court fines last month amounted to \$1,357.60, with \$66.20 costs, for a total of \$1,423.80, it was reported last Friday night at regular session of town council.

Included in the convictions were four charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant. They were George R. Richardson, Marion; Alvin C. Wagner, Sugar Grove; Charles W. Neitch, Marion, and Lon H. Brooks, Sparta, N. C. Each was fined \$100 and costs and driving permits were revoked for 12 months.

Other cases included: 43 trucks, \$10 and costs each; six reckless driving, one \$50 and costs, one \$30 and costs, one \$25 and costs, two \$15 and costs, one \$10 and costs; five speeding, one \$15 and costs, three \$10 and costs, one \$5 and costs; one no license \$10 and costs; four improper parking, \$2; 121 overtime parking, \$1.

Also, one failing to stop for officer, \$5; one failing to halt for stop sign, \$5; six assault, one \$38.90, two \$15 and costs, three \$10 and costs; one contempt, \$5; six improper passing, \$10; two pound fees, one \$1 and one \$3.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Cook and son, Ronnie, of LaPlata, Md., will arrive this Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

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Marion Office Supply Co.  
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### Announcements (2)

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### For Sale (3)

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**ONE HAWAIIAN Guitar** for sale. \$75. Excellent condition. Like new. Phone 3-9982. 12-17-TF

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**FOR SALE** — 1941 Chevrolet. Good condition. Radio, heater, Howard Brown, Sugar Grove, 280 after 5 p. m. 12-17-TF

**TRIANGLE TOURIST COURT** for sale. 8 new and modern units. Electric heat, all air foam mattresses. Restaurant and Shell Service Station, 3 acres land on US routes 58, 221 and 100, 8 miles from scenic Parkway. Did \$35,000 business last year; reason for selling: other interests. C. W. Bartlett, Hillsville, Va. Call 133R2. 12-17-2tp

**HOLD EVERYTHING!**!! You still have time to solve that gift problem with a portable picnic cooler from your Coca-Cola salesman. 12-17-2tp

**Ice Skates on shoes.** Several sizes. Powell and Rector. 12-23-1t

**EASY SPINDRYER** washing machine. Frigidaire automatic washer. Call Chilhowie 4061. 12-24-1t

**USED girl's bicycle.** In good condition. Call 2-1923. 12-24-1t

**FOR SALE** — 4 haystacks, 3 ot stacks. Harry Moore, Atkins. 12-24-1tp

### Services (4)

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### Wanted (5)

**CORRESPONDENTS FOR THE SMYTH COUNTY NEWS FROM THE AREAS OF FAIRGROUND HILL, SPROUTS CREEK, LAUREL SPRINGS, CENTENARY, LINCOLN HILL, ADWOLFE, CROOK, ETC.**

**MIDDLE AGED woman** wants a good home and care for 5 year old boy while mother works. Must have good references. Write Mrs. Erbie Keyes, Justice Apts., Shell Rd., Carney's Point, N. J. 12-10-TF

**Wanted** — Man and family of character to handle farm machinery and take care of 200-300 Hereford cattle. To such man will make attractive offer for permanency. Write "Farmer", Smyth County News. 12-10-TF

**WANTED** — Housekeeper. Middle aged woman. Write to C. L. Wiggins, 523 Edwards St., Portsmouth, Va. 12-17-3tp

**Wanted to buy** — Hogs from 50 to 100 lbs. G. L. Gardner, Marion. 12-24-1t

### Help Wanted (7)

**LOOK AHEAD** — Start now to enjoy a good business of your own in '54. Raleigh Dealers needed for openings in Smyth County or city of Marion. Write at once. Raleigh's, Dept. VAL-890-1A, Richmond, Va. 12-10-5tp

**AMBITIOUS woman** of character education refined, 26-60 for a Marshall Field Family owned enterprise, experienced in teaching, club or church work. Must be ready to accept position by Jan. 4 and desirable rendering service of national importance. Be capable earning above \$4,000 annually. For local interview write fully to Mr. J. H. Scholl, P. O. Box 1616, Richmond, Va. State age, education, experience, phone number. 12-17-2t

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### For Rent (9)

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**FOR RENT** — Attractive and comfortably heated apartments, complete with new electric ranges, refrigerators, and hot water heaters. Hillcrest Apartments. Call 3-8901. 10-29-TF

**For Rent Jan. 1** — 3 room apartment. Furnished, bath, oil heat. Phone Chilhowie 2485. 12-24-1t

**For Rent** — New 5-room brick house. Oil furnace heat. Charles Eller, Atkins. 12-24-1tp

**Blue Ridge Gas Building**, Commerce Street, Marion, will be available Jan. 1. Call 131F, Rural Retreat. 12-24-TF

**For Rent Jan. 1** — 3 room apartment. Furnished, bath, oil heat. Phone Chilhowie 2485. 12-24-1t

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## Obituaries

### Roger Lee Hall

Roger Lee Hall, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall of Groseclose, died at the Lee Memorial Hospital in Marion Sunday.

In addition to his parents he is survived by two brothers, Monroe Hall and Charles Hall Jr., both of Groseclose; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hall, Groseclose, and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Nannie Sweet, Damascus.

Funeral service was held Tuesday morning at 10:30 at the Barnett Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Primitivo Delgado officiating. Burial was in the Kimberling Cemetery.

### W. F. DeBord

Funeral service for W. F. DeBord, 63, who died at his home in Sophia, W. Va., Saturday afternoon, was held at the Baptist church there Monday. Burial was in a Beckley cemetery.

Mr. DeBord was born in Marion and spent his early life here. His wife was the former Miss Minnie Blevins of Marion.

Surviving are his wife, one daughter, Shirley Rogers, and one granddaughter, Evelyn Rogers, all of Sophia; one sister, Mrs. Russell Elledge, and a brother, C. B. DeBord, both of Marion.

### Mrs. Virginia U. Brown

Mrs. Virginia U. Brown, 68, of Rural Retreat, died in a Marion hospital Tuesday.

She is survived by her husband, Frank R. Brown, two sisters, Mrs. E. E. Cobb and Miss Lois Umberger, both of Rural Retreat.

Funeral service will be held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday at the Marvin Methodist Church. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. The family requests flowers be omitted.

### Mrs. W. M. Venable

Mrs. W. M. Venable, 63, died Saturday morning at her home in Glade Spring.

She had been a member of the Glade Spring Methodist Church for the past 40 years.

Surviving are her husband; four daughters, Mrs. Frank Williams, Miss Hazel Venable, Miss Madeline Venable, Miss Louise Venable, all of Glade Spring; one son, Ed Venable, Abingdon; one sister, Mrs. Jess Hancock, Marion and six grandchildren.

### Mrs. Vicie C. Neitch

Mrs. Vicie C. Neitch, 70, of Marion died in a local hospital Tuesday.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Walter Franklin, Roanoke; Mrs. Ruth McCoy, Chilhowie; four sons, James Carl, Fred R. and Charles W. Neitch, all of Marion; Victor C. Neitch, Chilhowie; two sisters, Mrs. W. L. Blevins, Yards; and Mrs. T. G. Litz, Morrinstown, Tenn.; one brother, C. J. Freeman, Chilhowie.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday at the South Fork Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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### Mrs. Lula O. Roland

Mrs. Lula Osborne Roland, 77, died Monday morning at her home on South Fork.

She is survived by her husband, Andy P. Roland; one son, Arthur M. Roland, Fairfax; one daughter, Mrs. Fannie Mae Sebastian, Marion; one sister, Mrs. Jennie James, Moline, Ill.; one brother, Esker Osborne, Atkins; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at the Roland Creek Brethren Church Wednesday at 2 p. m. Burial was in the Roland Creek Cemetery.

### Mrs. Gilbert F. Hopkins

Mrs. Gilbert F. Hopkins, 55, of Chilhowie, died in the Marion General Hospital in Marion Saturday night.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, James Hopkins, Shawsville; Harry Hopkins, Marion; two daughters, Miss Pauline Hopkins, and Miss Lucille Hopkins, both of Chilhowie; three brothers, J. C. DeBord, Columbus, Ohio; John DeBord, Saltville; Howard DeBord, Kingsport, Tenn.; three sisters, Mrs. Hattie Sandefur, Glade Spring; Mrs. Ida Smith, Saltville, and Mrs. Alice Clark, Marion.

Funeral service was held Monday at 2:30 p. m. at the New Bethel Baptist Church. The Rev. Claude McKinnon and the Rev. Lee Howell officiated. Burial was in the South Fork Cemetery.

### Mrs. W. M. Venable

Mrs. W. M. Venable, 63, died Saturday morning at her home in Glade Spring.

She had been a member of the Glade Spring Methodist Church for the past 40 years.

Surviving are her husband; four daughters, Mrs. Frank Williams, Miss Hazel Venable, Miss Madeline Venable, Miss Louise Venable, all of Glade Spring; one son, Ed Venable, Abingdon; one sister, Mrs. Jess Hancock, Marion and six grandchildren.

Funeral service was conducted Monday at the Henderson Funeral Chapel in Saltville, with the Rev. Walter Gates and the Rev. Frank Maiden officiating. Burial was in the Baptist cemetery.

Patbearers were Clyde Ratcliff, A. F. Coe, Walter Gates, Tommy Coe, Gene Thomas and R. C. DeBusk.

### Cedar Springs

MRS. M. E. MYERS  
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buy paint for church and parsonage., buying upholstery for chairs and curtains at the church, making 20 1/2 gallons of apple butter and canning about 100 gallons of fruits and vegetables for the orphanage etc. Gifts were exchanged but from some cause two of the very handsomest ones were overlooked. To the surprise of the teachers, Miss Hattie Fisher and Mrs. Marion Goodpasture, the left overs were a gift to them from the class.

Mrs. Goodpasture was not present on account of illness, but, Miss Fisher was quite thrilled not only with her gift, but she so much appreciated the gorgeous wrappings. Dec. 18, same home, there were 19 assembled for another gorgeous banquet. One member brought two quarts of frozen huckleberries.

After the dinner, Miss Bertye Fisher was in charge of the devotional program. She for many years has given the program. She has had several distinguished speakers. This year she had Miss Geneva Morris, who was sent through college by the various societies. The Asbury Society was most happy to have an opportunity to meet its protégé.

She brought Christmas records with her, which were played by Miss Fisher while she displayed a huge album of Christmas facts, legends and carols.

The group thinks the education of Miss Morris was well spent money.

Mrs. Mollie Anderson is anticipating a pleasant Christmas. She was quite happy to have a secretary to get out Christmas cards for her.

There was a little snow but much cold last week.

**Perryville**  
DOTTIE POORE  
Perryville, Dec. 21 — Mrs. Alice Prater, Gary Allison of the U. S. Air Force and Mrs. Juanita McKenna of Plasterco were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prater and family.

The Loyal Friends' Class of the First Christian Church held its class meeting for the month at the home of Miss Shirley Brinkley. Refreshments were served, and games were played. Plans were discussed for the Christmas project of the class.

Bobby Brinkley of the U. S. Army has been spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ked Brinkley, and sister, Shirley, and wife and daughter at McCready.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hill and sons had as their guests this week end Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hill of Rustpoint, Ohio, and Mrs. Robert Prater and Buddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascome Brannon of Poor Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Frye and Faye of McCready were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gip Poore and family.

Mrs. Rachel Campbell and sons of Hankel visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Campbell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Price the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Greer had as their guests Sunday Mrs. Sam Allison of Allison

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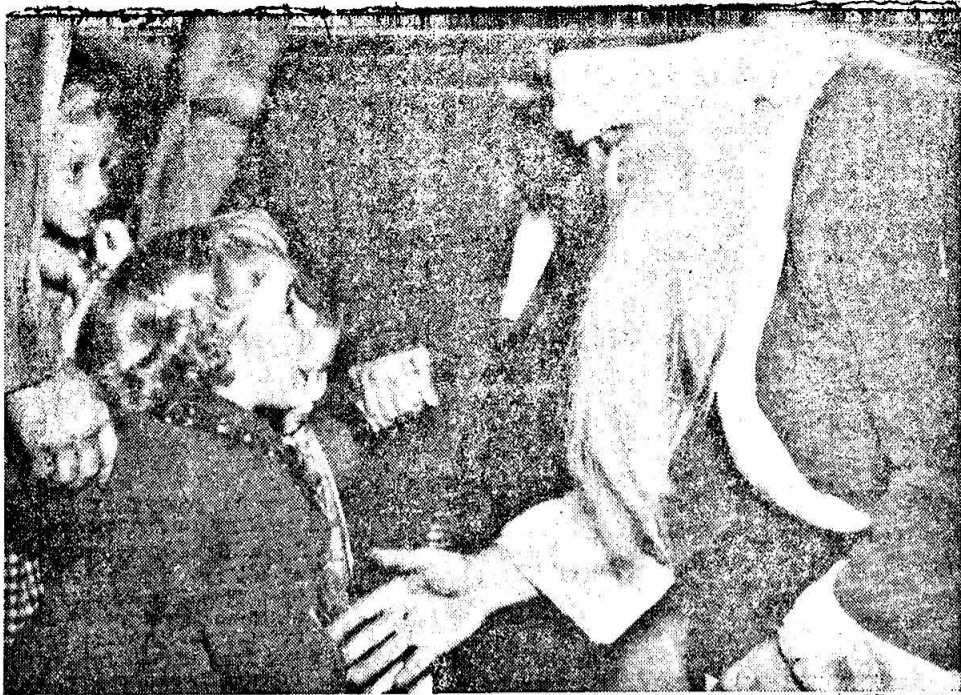
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**I WANT A DOLL**, Santa, could be the happy request of the little girl pictured above with the jolly visitor from the North Pole. The happy youngster, unidentified, was snapped at the annual Burlington Mills party in Marion Dec. 13.

## Over 700 Attend Annual Burlington Yule Party

More than 700 people, including employees of the Marion Plant of Burlington Mills, their families and guests, attended the annual Christmas party of the plant Dec. 13 at Marion High School.

F. E. Deaton, plant superintendent, opened the event with a welcome after which Dr. B. T. Sells gave the invocation.

Clarence Stephenson gave two Christmas pantomime numbers, and a movie of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" and several Woody Woodpecker cartoons were shown.

Door prizes, including hams, a table lamp and a smoking stand, went to Mrs. Helen Price, Mrs. Edith Dyson, Bill Johnson and Charles Kirby, all

employees of the plant.

Santa Claus made his usual appearance and led the group to the school gymnasium, where light refreshments were served. Santa distributed treats consisting of toys, color books, crayons, balloons, nuts, candy, oranges, apples and tangerines to all children up to 10 years of age.

Both the auditorium and the gym were decorated with beautiful Christmas trees, and Christmas music was played as a background throughout the party.

The plant closed for the holidays Dec. 18 and will reopen Dec. 28.

## Chilhowie News

MRS. HILTON RECTOR

Chilhowie, Dec. 21 — Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner and daughters, Judy, Mary and Kathy, have been recent guests of Miss Cordie Copenhaver. Dr. Turner is chief pathologist at the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. Mrs. Turner is the niece of Miss Copenhaver.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Crenshaw of Roanoke spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Sherwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Lewis of Norfolk will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis.

Miss Mary Virginia St. John has arrived home from Bloomington, Ind., where she

is a student at the University of Indiana to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parker St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Franklin and children of Ft. Myers, Fla., remain guests of her mother, Mrs. Marvin Sanders.

Haller Copenhaver of Portsmouth will arrive Thursday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Copenhaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greever, Miss Mabel Smith and Mrs. W. T. Smith will go to Johnson City, Tenn., Tuesday to spend the remainder of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carr.

Foundation and Dr. Salk have proved the vaccine is safe, and the only reason it will be tested on between 500,000 and 1,000,000 second grade school children all over the country is to prove its effectiveness."

Fulton quoted Mr. O'Connor as saying the sites for the tests had not yet been selected, but the National Foundation hoped to hold the trials in all states.

"Mr. O'Connor said the inoculations would be given before June 1 so the effects of the 1954 summer polio season could be observed," Fulton said. "This would mean that the results would not be known until 1955. It also means that gamma globulin, the blood fraction which gives temporary protection against paralysis, must be used again in 1954 because it is the best thing available."

"We were told that the National Foundation plans to spend \$7,500,000 on the vaccine tests and \$19,000,000 on an expanded gamma globulin program in the coming year. We also learned that the Foundation's regular programs of scientific research, professional education and patient care must go on and that these will cost an estimated \$48,500,000 in 1954. That means the next March of Dimes must raise \$75,000,000 if this important work is to go on."

## Fulton Attends Polio Meeting

Z. M. K. Fulton Jr., of Atkins, master of the Virginia State Group, who attended a March of Dimes preparation meeting in Roanoke last Wednesday said there appears to be real hope that paralytic polio may be conquered within the next few years.

"Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, addressed the meeting and told of plans to test a new anti-polio vaccine throughout the country beginning the week of February 8," Fulton said.

"Mr. O'Connor said the vaccine was developed by Dr. Jonas E. Salk at the University of Pittsburgh with March of Dimes financial support and with the scientific facts uncovered by the National Foundation during the past 16 years. "He said both the National

## Rye Valley Cannery Will Close Dec. 31

The Rye Valley cannery will close its operation Dec. 31.

More than 19,500 cans of food have been canned through November. Also 11,200 pounds fat, sausage and hamburger have been ground and 6,500 pounds lard have been rendered.

The cannery will open in July in time for vegetable canning.

A full report will be given later for the whole year's operation.

## SCRAP

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stated that he heard yelling and sounds of scuffling in the alley and went to investigate. Roy, he said, had Blakely by the arm, with Bruce hitting him.

Roy stated that he did not strike Blakely and that he was trying to part his brother and Blakely. "I'm too big to hit such a little fellow, even though he had hit my father. He and Roy are nearer the same size. I had stepped in between them, though, trying to break it up."

The other two cab drivers stated that they knew nothing of what had occurred previously and arrived on the scene just about the time the police officer did. They both stated that Roy was trying to break up the fight.

Mr. Frazier stated that Blakely stood around griping about who was to pick up what fares and such and returned from a trip still "mouthing." He said that Blakely hit him first and that he slapped at the younger man as he ran out the door.



**SANTA CLAUS IS HERE.** Last Saturday St. Nick made his annual visit to the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Yule party in the cafeteria of the plant. Carroll Dillard is pictured above telling Santa what a good girl she has been, in the hopes that he will fill her stocking Christmas Day. George Kiser is shown in the background.

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## 12 Miles of Roads Built In County

By E. D. Hubbard  
Work performed by the Department of Highways for the calendar year of 1953 has some outstanding accomplishments.

During this year we have constructed 12.30 miles of new bituminous surface treated roads making a total of 142.6 miles of hard surface roads in the county's secondary system. At present we have a total of 428.07 miles in the secondary system and 89.25 miles in the primary system making a total of 517.32 miles maintained by the department in Smyth County. Following is a list of new secondary treatments for this year. 606, 1.2 miles, Love's Mill Road; 615, 1.3 miles, Old Cripple Creek Road; 624, 2.7 miles, Gillespie Ridge Road; 638, 1.2 miles, Tattle Branch Road; 658, 4.9 miles, closed a gap, Scratch Gravel Road; 698, 1 mile, closed a gap, McGhee Road.

We have also resurfaced 11.05 miles and widened 12.1 miles of bituminous surface treated roads from 12' to 16' and resurfaced same.

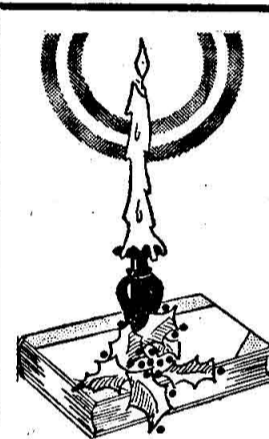
A major activity involved the stabilization of 45 miles of roads, using 40,000 tons of crushed stone.

Five new bridges were built, two bridges replaced with corrugated metal pipe, nine bridges repaired and one open ford eliminated.

Route 16 from Russell County line to the intersection of Route 42 was widened from 14' to 16' and bituminous resurfaced.

On Route 79 from Chilhowie to Washington County line we super-elevated and widened the curves and applied a bituminous resurfacing to the entire route.

Route 42 from the end of the present hard surface to the intersection of Route 16 is under construction at present, and we plan to complete this project by spring of next year, which will complete the hard surfacing of all primary routes in the county.



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**SECTION**  
MRS. CHARLES BARKER  
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Saltville, Dec. 21 — Mrs. A. K. Marion has returned home after being a patient in the McKee Hospital.  
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Laws of Jacksonville, Fla., were called home due to the illness of her father, G. F. Campbell, who is a patient in a Charlottesville

hospital.  
Miss Alice Blanton Carter of Columbia, S. C., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Moore.  
W. R. Roberts and Ted Roberts visited Bryan Hagy of Abingdon at a Roanoke hos-

pital Sunday. Mrs. Hagy accompanied them. Mr. Hagy fell and broke his hip last week.

Doug Holmes, Wayne Barker and Charles Canter spent the week end in Charleston, S. C. They were accompanied by S-Sgt. Paul E. Barker of Elizabethton, Tenn.

Airman and Mrs. Garland Parks of Miami, Fla., are home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Clarence Kelly and family spent Sunday visiting relatives in McCready.

Mrs. Nina Stafford and daughter and Mrs. Pat Surber of Berton recently visited Mrs. Virginia Call.

Mrs. Tom Surber and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pauley at the Quarry recently.

Mrs. Mary Lee Taylor and Leighton Adams of Baltimore, Md., visited Mrs. Virginia Call the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Cortner and children of Marion and Mrs. Nora Hubble recently spent a week end with Mrs. Nannie Halslip and Sylvia and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lynch in Roanoke.

Jack Bostic of Baltimore, Md., is spending sometime with his wife and family.

Mrs. Nora Hubble and Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Cortner and children visited Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hubble and Mr. and Mrs. George Houck at Nebo recently.

## North Holston

FLORA B. M'GUIRE  
PHONE 4978

North Holston, Dec. 21 — Mrs. Ellen Nora Hubble of North Holston, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Cortner and children of Marion visited Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Morehead and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Foglesong in Bluefield the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cuddie and Janet of Kingsport, Tenn., visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Heath over the week end.

Mrs. Gerald Gilbert recently visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Goff Jr. and children of Chilhowie visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Short Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Call and children called on Mrs. R. F. Brickey Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellis of Henrytown recently moved in to the community.

Mrs. Charles Brickey has recently been a patient in the McKee hospital in Saltville.

Miss Sue Surber visited Mr. and Mrs. Demp Kestner at McCready recently.



Cpl. James H. Call Jr., US 52233034, Svc. Co. 31st Inf. Regt., APO 7, 4 PM, San Francisco, Calif., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Call of Indiana, to spend the hol-



THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT is being displayed in a manger scene by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Chilhowie. The above creche is on Highway 11 in Chilhowie. Erected this week, live cattle are used to make the scene

of Christ's birth more realistic. In a pen to the left, not shown, is a flock of live sheep, with a painted shepherd watching his flock. The wisemen were painted by Harry Williams and "Spec" Echols. Jaycees officials state they will make this scene an annual event.

## Rich Valley High School

ARLENE ODUM

During the second six weeks of school 19 students made the honor roll with all A's. Juniors making all A's were: Clara Johnson, Ruth Roberts, Sue Burkett, Willie Webb, Stella L. McAllister, Frances Catron, Sandra Stephenson and Beverly Anderson.

Sophomores making this top honor roll were: Carl Atwell, Cleo Taylor, Janet Pratt and Mary Jane Evans.

Hazel Martin, Ernest Penland, Carol Call, Daisy Lamie, Phyllis Lowery, Henry Anderson and John Morgan were the freshmen making all A's.

Those making more A's than B's were: Arlene Odum, Darlene Wood, Don Carter and Jahie McGuire Hahn, seniors; Lou Jones, Alene Shortt, and Harold Coe, juniors; Harold Waddell and Ralph Stephenson, sophomores; Harold Lamie, Elsie Burgess, Jimmy Worley and Maxine Burkett, freshmen.

THE SCIENCE CLUB met Dec. 10 and elected officers. They are president, Sandra Stephenson; vice president, Ralph Stephenson, secretary, Sue Burkett; treasurer, Thomas Burkett and reporter, Benny Burkett. It was decided to pay 50 cent membership dues.

THE LIBRARY CLUB met in the library Dec. 10. Miss Madeline Gwyn gave the projector boys a brief talk on the care of the equipment. Judy Frye read a story. Elizabeth Clear read a poem. Miss Gwyn presented the members with useful gifts in appreciation for their willingness to serve as library assistants.

HERSCHEL RICHARDSON made the seventh grade honor roll for the second six weeks.

THE BETA CLUB met Dec. 15 and presented many gifts to two small boys. Initiation plans were read to the new members. These plans will be carried out the first week in January. Refreshments were served.

ROUND-UP STAFF members met in the library Dec. 11. Editor, Arlene Odum, gave a brief talk on how the articles had been written in the past and urged each member to take more time in writing their articles and have them in on time. Refreshments were served. The 3rd issue of the Round-Up was on sale Dec. 17.

TWO NEW PUPILS have been enrolled in the second grade recently. They are Patricia Young from the Chicago schools and Willis Crusenberry from Saltville school.

A COMEDY "Hog Wild" was shown to the fifth, eighth, tenth and sixth grades for having the highest attendance record.

THE PATROL CLUB met Dec. 16 and enjoyed a Christmas party.

The Reading Club met in the library Dec. 15.

## Quarry

MISS IDA M. JONES Quarry, Dec. 21 — There will be a Christmas program at the Quarry Church this Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Conord of West Virginia recently visited her sisters, Misses Susie and Ruth Hoover, and brother, Ray Hoover.

Mrs. Alfred Musser and daughter of Meadowview spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Terry, and family.

Mrs. Ray Lester, Connie and Ronnie of Abingdon and James Davis of the Navy spent the week end with their mother, Mrs. Emma Davis.

Miss Lucy Crusenberry spent the week end with Miss Gracie DeBord.  
Miss Hazel Hicks of Glade Spring spent the week end with

## Two Are Sent To Smyth Grand Jury

In Trial Justice Court last Wednesday three men were sent to the Smyth County Grand Jury.

Fred Cassell pled guilty to forging a check. His case was sent to the grand jury.

Landon Crigger and Ross Crigger were also sent to the Grand Jury for chicken stealing.

In charges growing out of a wreck Dec. 12 on Highway 11 at the intersection at Peak's Dry Cleaners, William Preston Freeman, Rt. 2, Marion, was found not guilty of reckless driving. Ruby Johnson McDaniel, Saltville, was held not guilty of criminal negligence. A third car driven by Sgt. Stanley Frank Michalowski was sandwiched between the two. All three vehicles were traveling west on 11. The Freeman car stopped to let another car come out of the driveway from Peak's. The Michalowski car came up behind the Freeman car and stopped. The Buick driven by McDaniel hit the back of the second car, and the second car hit the first. Mrs. Michalowski was hospitalized as a result of injuries received.

Trooper Roy Snead was the investigating officer.

Grady Ford Patrick, Fielden Loveless and Randall McCroskey, all attendants at Southwestern State Hospital, were fined \$25 and cost and given six months suspended for aiding and abetting two patients to escape. All three have been separated from hospital service. They had been promised \$20 by the patients.

Howard Burchett was fined \$10 and costs for operating a vehicle after his driver's permit had expired. He was given until Jan. 2 to get a license, in which case the fine will be suspended.

Elizabeth Clark was fined \$10 and costs for an assault on Wilma Pierce.

A warrant charging assault was dismissed upon motion of the plaintiff upon payment of costs.

In court in Saltville Dec. 14 a 16 year old boy was fined \$10 and costs for shooting a neighbor's dog. Three assault cases were dismissed upon motion of plaintiff's after payment of costs.

A large number of debt warrants were also cleared from the docket.

## Henrytown and Hill City

MRS. BARBARA HARRIS

Henrytown and Hill City, Dec. 21 — Mrs. C. H. Hyman visited Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hyman and children of Marion Saturday, Mr. Hyman has been ill.

Billy Woodward was injured Sunday while ice skating.

Mrs. Barbara Harris and sons, Mrs. Helen Hogston and Mrs. Pauline Plumb attended the Christmas parties at the school house given by the room mothers' Friday.

Mrs. J. R. Harris, Miss Lulabelle Harris, Miss Lois Greer and Mrs. Carl Harris and sons, Gregory and Steven, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Anderson and son, Mrs. Nannie Rickman and son and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Puckett and daughter of Poore Valley last week.

Sally Harris and Carolyn Smith had parts in the annual Christmas play at the Saltville High School last Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Smith and Eddie spent a few days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kefton Smith, and family. Mr. Smith is employed in Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Plumb and son were called to West Virginia this week due to the death of his grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Lunsford Holmes of Plasterco visited his mother, Mrs. Herman Cannon, Mr. Cannon and family Sunday.

Buddy Holmes of Plasterco is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Odum and son of Abingdon are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Smith.

Miss Jane Cannon of Roanoke spent a few days with her father, Herman Cannon, Mrs. Cannon and family.

Little Freda Borders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Borders, has been ill, but is much improved.

Bufford Hayden of McCready spent Saturday night with Bill Cannon.

Mrs. Alf Smith and Mrs. Gurtie Gregger visited Mrs. Calvin Smith and family last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Helton and children of Watson's Gap visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dawson, Sunday.  
S-Sgt. and Mrs. James E. Collins and sons, Jimmy, are spending a leave with his mother, Mrs. Mable Collins, and family.



The "Snapshot of the Week" is a regular feature of this newspaper, in cooperation with Greear Studio of Marion. The above picture is the latest one selected. Win a free 8 x 10 enlargement by bringing to Greear Studio the negative from which this print was made, and a clipping from this paper. Watch for the "Snapshot of the Week" in each issue of this paper.

**merry christmas**

Once again the season of song and merriment is at hand! As young and old raise their voices in tune with the Christmas celebration may we add to the chorus of harmonious greetings, a cheerful wish for all our friends.

"May you have a Yuletide of comfort and joy—a New Year of peace, good health and continued happiness."

**WMEV - Christmas Day - For Your Listening Pleasure**

9:00—"Is There A Santa Claus"	1:30—"The Juggler" by John Nesbitt,
9:45 — Zeke's Abingdon Christmas Party.	2:00—Christmas Carols.
11:30—Margaret O'Brien in "Angel With the Cold Nose."	2:30—Thomas Mitchell in "The Miracle of Christmas."
1:00—"The Littlest Angel" with Loretta Young.	3:15—Charles Coburn in "Jingle Bells."

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**FULTON TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS**  
Virginia State Grange Master Z. M. K. Fulton Jr. has been asked to make recommendations to the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations as to the logical responsibilities of the Federal government as compared to various states and their subdivisions.  
In a recent letter to Fulton, Herschel D. Newsom, master of the National Grange, asked for specific recommendations from Virginia.  
The Commission, of which Newsom is one of 23 members, was authorized at the last session of Congress and will soon report its findings to the Congress.

**BONHAM COMPLETES LEADERSHIP COURSE**  
Pfc. Gene K. Bonham, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bonham, Chilhowie, recently completed the eight weeks' Leaders' Course conducted by the 41st Tank Battalion of the 8th Infantry Division at Fort Jackson, S. C.  
Leaders' Course candidates are selected from the enlisted ranks of the Third Army area. The school develops the individual's potential for Army leadership with emphasis on Infantry weapons and combat leadership.

**HILAND DRIVE-IN THEATRE**  
Rural Retreat, Va.

TAKE THE FAMILY TO DRIVE IN MOVIES

SATURDAY, DEC. 26  
"HOME IN OKLAHOMA"  
ROY ROGERS  
GEORGE (Gabby) HAYES  
— Also —  
"WOMAN IN THE DARK"  
PENNY EDWARDS  
ROSS ELLIOTT

SUNDAY, DEC. 27  
"LAST OF THE BUCCANEERS"  
PAUL HANREID  
JACK OAKIE  
— Plus —  
News — Cartoon

**NOTICE**  
Our Dec. 27 show is the last show of the season. We thank you for your patronage and we're looking forward to seeing you next season.

**Greetings**

With joy and thankfulness in our hearts we send to all our friends the Season's best wishes.

**Season's best Wishes**  
Along with the many wishes that you already received, we would like to add ours. May this be a very Merry Christmas for you and may the New Year be one of happiness and prosperity.

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**HILAND Drive-In Theatre**  
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LIQUID OR TABLETS - SAME FAST RELIEF

**BETA SIGMA PHI HAS YULE DINNER**

The Virginia Beta Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority held its annual Christmas banquet last Wednesday night at the Hotel Lincoln with 16 members and nine guests present.

The group sang Christmas carols with Mrs. Nancy Warren, accompanist, at the piano. Gifts were exchanged by the members, and the guests were presented small favors.

**Marriages**

**MILLS - BICE**

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiley Bice of Saltville announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Gray, to Wather Dewey Mills Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wather Dewey Mills of Princeton, W. Va.

The single ring ceremony was performed December 4 at Kingsport, Tenn., by the Rev. Thomas W. Buchanan. The only attendant was Mrs. T. W. Buchanan.

The bride is a graduate of Rich Valley High and is employed at Marion Manufactory Corp.

The groom is a graduate of Princeton High and served 22 months in Korea. He is employed at Hercules Power Company of Radford.

At the present they are making their home with her parents.

**CRIGGER-OWENS**

Miss Louella Elizabeth Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley H. Owens, became the bride of James Andrew Crigger of Nebo Dec. 17 at 5 o'clock.

The Rev. Roy W. Redding performed the double ring ceremony at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Crigger will make their home in Marion, where he is employed at Southwestern State Hospital.

**Auxiliary Meets With Mrs. Edith Richardson**

The Martin-Ross Auxiliary 346 held the December meeting in the home of Mrs. Edith Richardson Dec. 15.

Mrs. Ruth Ashlin presented a program of rehabilitation. The meeting closed with an exchange of gifts.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Nina Barker.

Mrs. Julia Ross will be hostess to the group in January.



Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Goodman Sr. of 324 Virginia Avenue, Marion, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Sunday. The children attending were Mrs. Earl Fortner, Aledo, Ill.; Mrs. A. L. Graybill, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Harold Goodman, A. H. Goodman Jr., Marion; Ralph Goodman, Chilhowie; Mrs. Wade Horne, Sugar Grove. They also have 13 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Goodman and family of Marion and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris of Bristol, Tenn., attended the dinner and friends and relatives called during the afternoon.

**Holston Chapter Has Meeting With Mrs. Jake Andrews**

The Holston Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met Friday afternoon, Dec. 18, at the home of Mrs. Jake Andrews with Mrs. Veron Riddle and Miss Helen Buchanan as co-hostesses.

This was the first December meeting ever held by this chapter and was attended by 27 members and one guest.

Miss Ruby Allen, historian, turned the meeting over to Mrs. J. S. Roberts and Mrs. Frank Dillard, program chairman, who presented an interest-

ing program.

"O Come All Ye Faithful" was sung by the group, followed by the scripture reading of the Nativity from Luke.

Mrs. G. P. Anderson, Mrs. Nathan Brisco, Mrs. J. B. McCarty and Mrs. J. H. Reid gave talks on the origin and meaning of many of Christmas customs.

Mrs. Joseph Stephenson gave the origin of some of the best loved carols and accompanied the group in singing them.

The meeting closed with a reading "The Littlest Angel" by Mrs. Frank Dillard.

The members were invited into the dining room, where refreshments were served. They were in keeping with the Christmas season.

**Royal Oak**

**MRS. CLARA HILL CARNER**

DIAL 3-3682  
Royal Oak, Dec. 22 -- Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crabtree, Salem, Mrs. John Hudde, Wytheville, and Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Tilson, Nebo, were recent visitors of their relative, Mrs. S. E. Kegley.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hoge and family, Wassona Park, Park, have gone to Daytona Beach, Fla., to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Hamilton.

Miss Susan Lincoln has arrived from New York to spend the Yuletide with her father, John D. Lincoln, and grandmother, Mrs. C. C. Lincoln Sr. NAVCAD Rhodes Greer, Pensacola, Fla., is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Greer, Park Boulevard.

Mrs. W. S. Catron, North Main Street, spent several days last week visiting relatives in Roanoke.

Davis Wassum, who suffered a heart attack last week, is expected to arrive home from Lee Memorial Hospital for Christmas Day.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald, East Lee Highway, will be their daughters, Miss Nancy McDonald, Danville, and Mrs. Gordon Joyce and Mr. Joyce, Philadelphia, Penna.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Meador Jr., Wassona Park, were weekend guests in Roanoke.

Robert Livesay, Supervisor International Harvester Company, Birmingham, Ala., and Richmond, visited his cousin, J. S. Livesay, and Mrs. Livesay, North Main Street, whom he had not seen in 20 years.

Thursday night, five carloads of the Atkins School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Davis, visited the home of Mrs. Clara Hill Carner where they sang Christmas carols. Mrs. Carner is a member of the Atkins faculty but due to illness has not yet been able to assume her duties. She is improving slowly.

Dr. and Mrs. John B. Dovey, Mrs. Howard Dovey, Pittsburgh, Penna., and Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Swingle and family, Johnson City, Tenn., will be Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. C. C. Lincoln Sr., "Graystone Manor."

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Cassell and Mrs. Robert Cassell, Nebo, were visitors Thursday of Mrs. J. P. Hill. They were en route to Abingdon to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kelly, Chilhowie, were Sunday guests of his sister, Mrs. W. S. Catron.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Calhoun were visitors in Christiansburg Sunday. They attended a Christmas pageant at the Presbyterian Church in which their daughter, Mrs. Jack McCarty Jr., was the Madonna.

Jiles Collins, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ellis, is quite ill of pneumonia at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Collins.

Mrs. Mary C. Baylor, North Main Street, has gone to New York to spend the winter with her son, Dr. Curtis Baylor, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McCoy and children, Linda and Spiller, Clarksville, will arrive to spend the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCarty, Park Boulevard. Miss Beverley Birchfield has been ill at her home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Foggerson were guests of Mrs. Clara Hill Carner Friday afternoon at which time they presented Mrs. Carner with a "Christmas nound" from the Atkins School faculty.

Mrs. C. C. Lincoln Sr., accompanied by her granddaughter, Mrs. John B. Dovey, and

Sgt. Campbell Louthen USAF of Paywa, Ontario, Canada has recently spent a 30 day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Annie Louthen, of Marion.



**TED H. NEEVES**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neeves of Bristol, Tenn., celebrated his first birthday Dec. 8. Several friends came in to enjoy the cake and ice cream. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ted R. Calhoun of Sugar Grove and Mrs. Willie Neeves of Glade Spring. He is the great grandson of Mrs. C. W. Cassell of Nebo.

Dr. Dovey will leave Sunday for Florida where they will spend the winter.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Calhoun will be their family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCarty Jr., and daughter, Cynthia Gwyn, Christiansburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jones.

Sunday morning guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ellis, North Main Street, were her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Keller. Mr. Keller is improving slowly from major surgery a few months ago.

Mrs. Ruth Gwyn entertained her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren at a Christmas dinner Sunday evening at her home on North Main St.

Miss Mary Lewis Bryan, Independence, who is a student at Radford College, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fanning, North Main St.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Gail Livesay, North Main Street accompanied by Mrs. Zenna Richmond and Miss Sena Richmond, visited relatives in Plasterco.

**MT. CARMEL**

Mrs. Mamie Fox, who has been making her home with her sister, Mrs. Brown Wassum, was taken recently to the Richards hospital.

On Christmas Eve the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church will have its annual pageant, tree and treat.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ingram were this mother, Mrs. J. J. Ingram, his sister, Mrs. Fred Hollinsworth, and son, Barry, and his brother, Roy Ingram, all of Bassett.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Howell, Roanoke, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Neff, Covington, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Crigger.

Miss Mary Ann Ingram, who is attending the school of nursing, Jefferson Hospital, Roanoke, is enjoying her Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ingram.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Elledge and C. B. DeBord spent the week end in Sophia, W. Va., having been called there due to the death of their brother, W. F. DeBord.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR LEE MEMORIAL** hospital staff and patients, given an annual event, was held Tuesday. Pictured above, left to right are Mrs. Alice Jones and Mrs. George

A. Wright surrounded by the huge display of gifts. The exchange of gifts by the staff and a gift for each patient highlights the Christmas spirit at the hospital.

**Council**

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until early spring. The police force comes under direct jurisdiction of the mayor.

Rights of way for the long sought sewer line serving Amplex St. have been secured and were presented to council. This line will serve three or four homes, Economy Grocery and other stores of this section, which runs off Chatham Hill Road near the railroad. At present sewage from these homes is being dumped into the river.

About 600 or 700 feet of line must be constructed from a line on the southern side of the river, making a river crossing necessary. This, according to Mr. Ritter, will make it necessary to wait until the low water season in late summer. Future plans, with nothing concrete or definite, call for the extension of this line along the railroad tracks to serve Prater Lane and the freight station.

Request by Marion Taxi Association for limiting the number of taxis in town to 25 was tabled after a long discussion. Requests for taxi licenses for the coming year were presented. All present cab drivers, 26 in all, were approved, with the exception of one.

Richard Snider quit driving about six months ago, council was told. He kept his license and was requesting a renewal, with no designated stand of place of operations. Requests for license must have a designated stand, resulting in refusal of his request.

Ben Blevins had requested a new license, which council approved, after discussion about the proposed limiting plan. Following this discussion, Greer

moved that this application be granted, which was approved by all.

Mr. Hull and Mr. Greer led the group in opposing the limiting of taxis to 25. New licenses are granted only when need is shown under the present plan, giving council control if it is decided that too many are operating.

"If we start limiting the number to 25, we must go into this thing all the way," Hull stated. "The first thing we know, these 25 would be getting together and going up on prices and then we would have to step in and control this also."

Vice Mayor Kenneth Snider stated that he believed the taxi association could control prices better than council.

Hull and Greer then brought out the point that if council limited taxis to a definite number, without regard to future possible need, they should also perhaps study the limiting of grocery stores and such. Beatrice Gwyn said that the limiting of cabs to a definite number was for the purpose of keeping too many from operating, with none making a living and some getting into illegal jobs. "The temptation is there for these drivers," he said. "This is much more true than a grocery store operator."

"We now can limit the number of taxi drivers to fit in with the current situation," Greer stated. "Although I have nothing personal in the matter and have confidence in our present taxi operators, I will never be in favor of setting a numerical limit to taxis in town. It would be a constant headache."

No formal action was taken, the discussion by all members gradually dying down.

Blair Adams was granted permission to hook on to a one inch water line in the Mt. Carmel section, put in by F. D. Scott. Private lines along public property became part of the water system when installed.

Mr. Adams will pay a \$271 hook on fee and it has been suggested to him that he help Mr. Scott pay for his initial expense.

Citizens of Greer and Coyner Sts. requested that a fire hydrant be placed in their area. Several of these people live just outside town limits, with others in town.

The present four inch line is on the north side of Highway 11. Council granted their request, providing residents of this section pay for running the necessary four inch line from its present location to the proposed site for the fire hydrant, inside town limits.

Rural Retreat, Va.  
December 21, 1953  
**SPECIAL**

We want the world to know about some of the greatest white people that we have in our section of the country.

**The First Baptist Church, Rural Retreat, Black Lick.**

Our church had become so dilapidated that we, the community, have been trying to raise money for the repair of this building. For three long years the white people at Chilhowie, Marion, Bristol have given me, the Rev. James Campbell, money to help us. A number of our colored people gave money to help. We thank you all and the good Lord will reward you for year donation. But listen dear readers, on the tenth day of November, 1953, which was Monday, one of the most prominent men and his son of Rural Retreat, Virginia, Mr. Dallas Newman and Mr. Mike Newman, his son, brought Mr. Kelly Whisman, who did the electrical work, Mr. Gratton Steffey, who laid blocks, Mr. Ellis Williams, Mr. R. G. Williams and Mr. Raymond Leedy, who did the grading. Mr. Robert Grubb and Mr. Kent Grubb were helpers. They brought their machinery and went to work, laid the cinder blocks. Mike Newman did the carpenter work, laid most all the cinder block. They made trips to Wytheville, Marion and Rural Retreat for building materials. Never has it been known in history that white people have taken such an interest in doing so much without any charges for us as a race of people. The spirit of Christ must dwell within them.

The church members that labored from the first day until the last are: Deacon Pearl Wade, Deacon Adam Smith, Brother Lenny Smith, Brother Charles Jackson, Brother Paul Henley, Brother George Smith, Brother Bernard Russell, Brother Robert Jackson, Hugh Patterson, Delmas Jackson, Burley B. Price, Paul Young, Jessie Jackson.

At the front of our church the space of 32 inches square the names to be engraved on a marble plate and placed there, as the Lord told Joshua "When you get middle ways of the Jordan, get a man out of each tribe, which represents the 12 tribes of the children of Israel get a stone and lay it upon his shoulder, sit them upon the other side so that when your children ask "What meaneth those stones?" tell them that the priests are of the covenant and the children of Israel pass over this Jordan.

So when you read these names that are engraved on this marble plate they are the ones that were like Jeremiah, who built on the walls when they had been torn down at Jerusalem, until they were completed, so these names you see engraved here they are the ones that labored until this house of the Lord was completed, the 11th day of December, 1953.

Listen, dear readers, we owe some on this building. Would you readers mind, white and colored, reading this to your congregation. Perhaps someone might give us, which we wish you would a donation. It would be appreciated much and the Lord will bless you. And if you have a desire to help, on this just back your mail to James Campbell, Box 57, Chilhowie, Va.

DEACON PEARL WADE, DEACON ADAM SMITH, MRS. NANNIE E. RUSSELL, clerk, REV. JAMES CAMPBELL, Pastor.

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**Greetings**  
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**Greer Studios & Their Families Wish You A MERRY CHRISTMAS**



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## Greetings From FIELD THEATRES

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SUN. & MON.

**JAMES OWEN CROWHOODS**  
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TUE. & WED.

**PERILOUS ADVENTURE!**  
**LOUIS HAYWARD**  
**THE ROYAL AFRICAN RIFLES**  
IN COLOR  
Starring Veronica HURST  
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Thurs., Dec. 31

**SEA OF LOST SHIPS**

New Years Eve  
SPECIAL SHOW  
THURSDAY, 11 P. M.

**TREACHEROUS! SHAMELESS!**  
**Sins of Jezebel**  
Filmed in new Asco COLOR  
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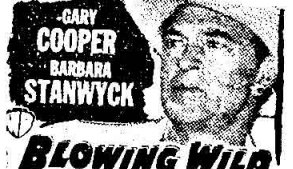
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Pagentry — Football  
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THURSDAY — FRIDAY,  
DEC. 31, JAN. 1



### Roberts Asks For Drink of Wine; Gets Fine of \$10

An argument over a drink of wine cost Richard Roberts of Sugar Grove a fine of \$10 and costs in Marion Trial Justice Court Saturday.

Roberts was charged with assaulting Earnest Wagner Dec. 16 near Marion as the result of an argument.

Carmen Hutton stated that Wagner rode up in a taxi which stopped near his home, with Roberts going out to the cab. In some manner, he said, the two became embroiled in an argument, with Roberts swearing loud and long. Hutton stated that he saw Wagner lying on the ground, with Roberts hitting him.

The man said that he went out and stopped the ruckus, telling Roberts that he was not going to allow such near his home. Judge W. V. Birchfield also fined Roberts \$10 and costs for using profane language in public.

Wagner stated that he came up in the cab, and Roberts asked him for a drink of wine. He said that the young man cursed him and, as he was getting out of the cab, hit him numerous times in the face and kicked him on the ribs while he was lying on the ground.

Jack Ballard, also in the cab, saw and heard nothing, even though the fracas occurred in his presence. He told the court that he was getting a bag of groceries out of the taxi when it all started and that was all he knew.

Roberts stated that he asked Wagner for a drink of wine and that Wagner cursed him

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JOHN PAYNE  
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Thurs., Dec. 31

Pagentry — Football  
**Rose Bowl Story**

and crawled out of the cab with an open knife, which, the accused said, he waved off with one hand and whammed Wagner with the other. Roberts said that Wagner cursed him first, which Wagner denied.

Edward Adams was found not guilty of reckless driving as Adams driving a car which struck Miss Easther Burnette the previous Sunday in front of the Church of God at Atkins.

Testimony revealed that it was raining hard as church services ended and that Miss Burnette ran into the path of the vehicle with her coat over her head. The rear view mirror of the vehicle was the only part found to have struck the girl, who was not seriously injured.

Adams stated that he was driving about 20 miles per hour at the time and that he was unable to stop after seeing the girl running directly into the path of his car.

Wallace A. Vaught of Marion was fined \$25 and costs, suspended, as the result of an accident. Earnest Roland Bell was found not guilty of the same charges, but was fined \$10 and costs for having no inspection sticker on his car.

Bell of Glade Spring testified that he was going east on Highway 11, near Atkins, on the afternoon of Dec. 11, when he was suddenly struck from behind by the Vaught car.

Vaught said that he started to pass Bell and saw another car approaching. He said that he put on his brakes, which at first held, but then the car went into a skid into the rear of the other vehicle.

Vaught recently lost his home and all contents in a fire. He readily admitted that the wreck was all his fault and that Bell had nothing to do with the accident. This resulted in the suspended fine.

Paul Brooks of Sugar Grove was given a fine of \$100 and six months as a result of a bad check charge. A warrant was taken by Jim Bowman charging him with issuing a fraudulent check for \$55.

Brooks stated that he cashed the check during a poker game at a place of business near Sugar Grove and that he had gone back and told him that the check would be made good.

A drunk was fined \$10 and costs, and a young man of this county was given a fine of \$10 and costs and 12 months, all suspended upon payment of costs, on charges of assaulting his wife.

L. P. Collins III has arrived from Washington and Lee Law School to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. L. Preston Collins.

**STATE**  
OF  
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Thurs., Last Time  
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In Technicolor  
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Christmas Day  
JEFF CHANDLER  
"Great Sioux Uprising"

Also Cartoon Festival  
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SAT - 2 HITS  
"TARZAN'S SAVAGE FURY"

PLUS  
BRIAN DONLEVY  
"RIDE THE MAN DOWN"  
(W. F. Taylor)

MON. & TUE.

Gene RUSSELL  
Marilyn MONROE  
**Gentlemen Prefer Blondes**  
TECHNICOLOR

Wed. & Thurs.  
Abbott & Costello

"Meet Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde"  
(W. R. Urps)

Theft Case Given To Grand Jury By TJ Judge Monday

Fred Cassell Monday in Trial Justice Court in Marion was bound over to the Grand Jury for the February term of court on charges of entering the home of Mrs. Maggie East-ride wife and taking a radio, valued at more than \$50.

The radio was stolen from the home on November 17. Both he and the woman live up near Attaway.

Deputy Jim Richardson investigated and made the arrest. Cassell signed a statement admitting the deed, stating that he was "drunk" at the time and that he hid the radio, going back the next day to get it.

Cassell denied breaking mirrors in the home and stated that the radio was all that he took.

Kermit Powers of Seven Mile Ford pled guilty to an assault charge. He was charged with hitting Walker W. Call Saturday night at the Call home.

Call stated that Powers called him from his house Saturday night and accused his children of tearing up a playhouse of a Powers child. Then, according to Call, Powers struck him in the face, knocking him up against the front porch siding.

Powers was fined \$20 and costs.

Roger McClure of Chilhowie was fined \$10 and costs on charges of not having an inspection sticker for his automobile. Charges of contempt of court for failure to appear on the first charge were dropped.

State Trooper S. M. Norris testified that Nov. 28 he stopped McClure and asked about his sticker's being missing. He said that the young man told him it had been stolen from his car and showed him a receipt, which appeared to have been tampered with and changed.

Investigation of the sticker number revealed that the receipt had been made out for another automobile, with someone's making the changes.

Norris said that friends of the youth frightened him about the case, resulting in his being afraid to come to court. This brought about the dropping of the contempt charge. McClure has since sold his vehicle.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION TO BE MADE SATURDAY**  
Town Engineer James Ritter has announced that there will be no garbage collection on Christmas Day.  
The usual Friday collections will be made Saturday, however, Mr. Ritter announced.

## Safety Precautions Are Urged During Christmas Season

Marion Chamber of Commerce (this week joined the Governor's Highway Safety Committee of Virginia in a campaign for traffic safety during Christmas holidays.

"A sure way to ruin Christmas for yourself and family is to be involved in a traffic accident," Secretary Horace Myers stated. He stated that the Marion organization has pledged support to the state officials in an effort to cut down on traffic tragedies.

The Governor's Highway Safety Committee states that there were 99 people killed in Virginia's traffic accidents last December. The 5,876 accidents reported for the same month saw 2,330 people injured and heavy financial loss from property damage, medical expenses, time lost from work and such.

Nothing that nine people died on Christmas Eve and seven on Christmas Day the motorist and pedestrian are warned against added hazards peculiar to the season. Traffic is heavy with shopping and visiting crowds while both drivers and pedestrians are preoccupied with thoughts other than those of safety, there are more hours of darkness and dusk, we can expect adverse weather and far more drinking takes place than the average, chamber officials pointed out.

## Milk Pipe Line Cleaning Study Is Made at VPI

Farmers who are still taking milk pipe lines down for cleaning are wasting their time.

A study conducted at VPI Agricultural Experiment Station by dairy researchers showed that in-place cleaning of the pipe lines is satisfactory, and there are no greater bacteriological counts of the milk flowing through the line than when the line is taken down for cleaning.

In the in-place cleaning system the pipe lines were left intact, and cleaning was done by forcing cleaning solutions through the pipe in much the same manner milk is forced through. An acid cleaning solution was used twice weekly. Sanitizing was done by using both chlorine and 180 degrees F. water. There was no measurable pick-up of bacteria in the line due to the use of in-place or circulation-cleaning methods. This was true for both the raw milk section and the pasteurized milk section of the line.

Time needed to do in-place cleaning was only one-third of that needed to take the pipes down for cleaning. The cost of cleaning material was about the same for the two methods.

Sfc. Oscar Shelton, Mrs. Shelton and daughter, Janice, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cook and Mrs. Ethel Shelton on Fairground Hill. He is stationed in Baltimore, Md., and his family make their home in Wytheville.



MARION HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS, pictured above helped the school team during football season and the coming basketball season by leading the cheers. The girls are bottom to top, left side, Bebe Birchfield, Margaret Williams, Peggy Jarrett, and Carolyn Lambert. Right side, Joan Query, Pat McCready, Martha Buchanan and Jane Horton. The above picture appeared on the cover of the Virginia Journal of Education for November.

## Six Are Named for Chamber Board



Dr. David L. Francis



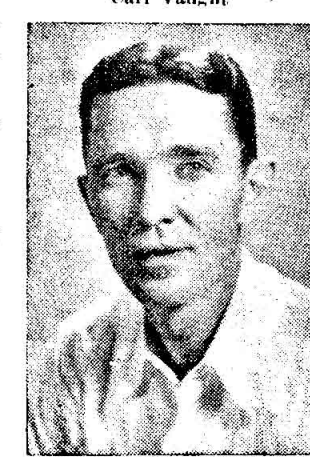
Carl Vaught



Phillip Carlberg



Stuart Ellis



Sam Kirby



Joe Quinn

Six community leaders representing industry and business have been nominated for three vacancies on the Marion Chamber of Commerce board of directors, Secretary Horace E. Myers announced this week.

From this slate, and from any others, nominated from the floor, members will elect three to serve three year terms on the board.

The six nominated are: Phillip Carlberg, service station operator; Stuart Ellis, industrialist; Dr. David L. Francis, dentist; Sam Kirby, industrialist; Joe Quinn, industrialist, and Carl Vaught, retailer.

These men were chosen at a recent meeting of the nominating committee.

The Chamber of Commerce annual meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 14, in Marion Community Center building starting at 6:30 p. m.

The program committee, O. J. Meador, J. Leonard Mauck, and R. E. Moore, has acquired as speaker R. E. Wilson, from Michigan, mercandise manager of the school division of Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., Inc. He has previously been in the education field and has vast speaking experience. The committee is stressing good food and entertainment and is in the process of getting special entertainment for the program.

Agenda for the meeting calls for the new board of director and new officers election, the presentation of 1953 bass derby, out of town entertainment, report of secretary and a financial year-end report.

## Another Left Turn Crash Is Reported

A 1951 Studebaker operated by Bryson Rowland of Marion was involved in an accident with a 1953 Plymouth operated by DeCourcy Kelley of Princeton, N. J., Saturday at the Marion western town limits.

The car operated by Rowland stopped to make a left turn into Washington Street off Rt. 11 when the vehicle operated by Kelly struck the rear end of the Rowland car. Damage was estimated at \$10 to the Rowland car and \$50 to the Kelley vehicle by investigating officer, State Trooper V. W. Hinton.

No charges were written.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Gollehon of Bristol spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dell Aker and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Terry.

## Rich Valley Bulls Top Jewel Box In 56-46 Contest Wed.

The Rich Valley Bulls, an independent basketball team, topped the Jewel Box team of Bristol in a 56-46 contest at Rich Valley last, Wednesday night.

Thomas Bise paced the Bulls with 25 points, and McNutt set the pace for the Jewel Box with 17 points. The Bulls grabbed an early lead in the first period and held it throughout the game.

The Bulls held to a 40-10 led at the midway mark of the game.

Bulls Buchanan, R. 8 f Newton, 12 Barnes, 4 f Purcell, 9 Buchanan, Ray c McNutt, 17 Bise, 25 g Rutter, 6 Huff, 3 g Phipps, 2 Bulls 14 26 10 10 56 Jewels 4 6 7 29 46

Substitutes — Bulls: Campbell 4 Lamie 4, Buchanan, E. 4 Jewel Box, none.

## Richlands Tops Marion 41-38 In A Close Battle

Richlands slipped in the final three points to take the upper hand over Marion's Scarlet Hurricane to win a close 41-38 district seven contest at Marion Thursday night.

Gerry Deen led the Richlands team with 15 points, and Fred Query paced Marion with 15 points. At the midway mark the score was knotted at 25 all.

The Richlands junior varsity topped the junior Hurricane in the opener 27-13.

Marion Reedy, 3 f Richlands Dean, 15 Query, 15 f Saunders, 4 Boone, 4 c Buskill, 14 Stephenson, 8 g Smith, 3 Comer, 7 g Ratliff, 3

Substitutes — Marion; Baker, Williams 1, Richlands, Turner 2.

## Country Club to Hold Snow Bird Tournament

The annual Snow Bird tournament will be held at the Holston Hills Country Club in Marion New Year's Day, according to Stuart Sprinkle, club official.

This tournament will go forward regardless of weather and will be 9 holes on a handicap basis. The entry fee will be \$1. The tournament will begin at 10:30 a. m.

Proceeds from this tournament will go toward the March of Dimes drive to begin in January.

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# NEWS of CHURCHES

## Women of Royal Oak Have Busy and Enjoyable Year

By Mrs. Z. M. K. Fulton

The women of Royal Oak Presbyterian Church have had a very busy and enjoyable year. Newcomers to the church and community have been welcomed into several of the circles and have enriched the work through their gracious sharing of their time and talents.

High point of the year was the privilege of serving as hostess for the annual meeting of the Women of the Church of Abingdon Presbytery April 23 and 24. Some 200 delegates and visitors were cared for through the efforts of the Royal Oak women, who joined fully in the devotional and business activities of the meeting. Mrs. Z. M. K. Fulton, local president, was appointed delegate-at-large to the annual meeting of the Women of the Church of the Synod of Appalachia and accompanied Mrs. J. P. Farmer, president of Abingdon Presbytery to that meeting in Asheville, N. C., in October.

Royal Oak also served as hostess to the women of District Two of Abingdon Presbytery Sept. 30. Approximately 75 visiting women participated in this meeting.

## Christ, St. Paul's To Have Christmas Services

The Episcopal congregations of Marion and Saltville will observe Christmas in ways transitional to the Episcopal Church. The service at Christ Church, Marion, will begin promptly at 11:30 Christmas-Eve night, in the quiet atmosphere of candle-light and evergreen.

The celebration of Holy Communion will begin shortly after midnight. An invitation is extended to the many persons in the community who desire to attend and participate in this act of worship on our Lord's birthday.

The Church School at Christ Church will have its Christmas program this Wednesday evening at 7 p. m. At St. Paul's Church, Saltville, the children's program will be held in the parish house at 7 p. m., Christmas-Eve. The congregation at St. Paul's will come together for a service on Christmas Day at 11 a. m. A most cordial welcome from the members of both churches awaits their friends and visitors, says the Rev. Edgar Ferrell, pastor of the church.

## Women of Rich Valley Presbyterian Meet

The women of the Rich Valley Presbyterian Church met December 15, at the home of Mrs. M. M. Lewis, with 18 members and four visitors present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the president, Miss Grayson Pratt.

The Bible lesson, "Jesus the Living Lord," was taught by Miss Ollie Owen, Bible teacher in Washington County.

Mrs. R. M. Buchanan Sr. was in charge of the program. "What the Joy Gift Does." The Christmas story was read by Mrs. Sam Clark, and Mrs. John B. Campbell read a Christmas poem. Miss G. S. Buchanan Jr. presented a story, "The Message of the Star." Records of several Christmas carols were played during the program, and G. S. Buchanan Jr. sang a special hymn.

At the close of the program the members placed their Joy Gift Offering envelopes on a Christmas tree.

At the business meeting a report were given by the committee chairmen.

Following the business meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess.

## Services Are Given for South Fork Baptist Church

Sunday School will begin at 10 a. m. this Sunday at the South Fork Baptist Church.

The Rev. O. N. Blankenbaker, pastor, will conduct the morning worship service at 11 a. m. this Sunday.

Prayer services begin at 7 p. m. each Thursday evening at the church and are also conducted by the pastor.

The Christmas program will be given this Thursday evening at the church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

## Calling Water to Save Building and Yule Tree

A Christmas tree for the building Fund of the Falling Water Baptist Church will be the church from this Wednesday until this coming Sunday.

Those who wish to make donations are asked to do so during this time.

The Sunday School Christmas program will also be held Wednesday evening at the church.

The donations will be included in the fourth Sunday offering, which is used for the building fund.

## Madam Russell Circles Meet

Circle 1 of the Madam Russell Methodist Church met last Thursday evening for a covered dish supper at the home of Mrs. Julius Call.

Mrs. R. H. Hawk gave a reading from "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" and Mrs. W. W. Brickey gave the devotional.

The Bible lesson from Jeremiah was given by Mrs. R. M. Polstra. Mrs. Call was presented with a gift and the members also exchanged gifts.

Circle 2 met last Friday evening in the recreation room of the church for a supper. A gifts was presented to the chairman and Miss Margaret Diggs gave the program.

Circle 3 met last Thursday evening at the church for a covered dish supper. Mrs. Frank Bennett and Mrs. Saffold gave a musical Christmas reading. Mrs. E. G. Rogers gave the Bible study.

Mrs. W. H. Driver, chairman, was presented a gift. Gifts were also exchanged by the members.

Circle 4 met at the home of Mrs. Clarence Maiden last Thursday evening.

Mrs. H. K. Routh gave the Bible study and Mrs. William Routh gave the devotional.

Mrs. Paul Price was assistant hostess. Mrs. V. T. Rector, chairman, was presented a gift and members exchanged gifts.

## Rev. W. F. Tuell Is Conducting A Revival in Sophia

The Rev. W. F. Tuell, pastor of the Cleghorn Valley Baptist Church, is conducting a revival at the new Friendship Baptist Church in Sophia, Va.

The Rev. Mr. Tuell, who is also pastor of the Sophia church, helped to organize the church Jan. 30 of this year. The first service was held Nov. 22.

The Rev. Mr. Tuell will preach at the Cleghorn church the first Saturday night at 7 o'clock, the first Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the third Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, third Sunday night at 7 o'clock.

## Roy W. Redding Lists Services

The Rev. Roy W. Redding will conduct a service at Green Mountain Christmas Night. A Christmas program will be given at this time.

He will preach at Poore Valley church the fourth Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and at the Lincoln Hill church at 7 p. m. the same day. The Rev. Robert Lyons is pastor of the Lincoln Hill Church.

## Guest Preachers To Speak At Nazarene Church

The Rev. C. H. Strong, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, Coynor Avenue, Marion, announces that Bible School and preaching will be held from 10:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. this Sunday.

The Rev. Roy W. Redding will preach.

The Rev. Archie Britt will be in charge of the 7:30 service.

## WHERE IS HE?...

*for we have seen His Star*

Centuries ago the Wise Men came to Jerusalem, asking the whereabouts of a new-born King. Simply they told their strange and beautiful story. They had seen His Star in the East, and were come to worship Him.

That wondrous Star has many counterparts today. In cities and hamlets the world over the spires of a million churches proclaim the reign of Jesus Christ.

But where is He? Where can weary travellers from the deserts of life find the King of their souls? Where can they lay down before him their precious gifts and render their heart-felt praise?

The church spires, like the Star, beckon those who seek Him. Each is a guidepost to Bethlehem. Each alone, and all together, they seem to answer the searching heart.

He is here! You have seen His Star. Come to worship Him. HE IS HERE!



### THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday	Deuteronomy	30	11-20
Monday	Judges	5	16-23
Tuesday	Isaiah	55	6-13
Wednesday	Matthew	2	1-12
Thursday	Luke	17	20-24
Friday	Hebrews	11	1-10
Saturday	Psalms	48	8-14

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## Marion Baptists Name New Officers for '54

At a brief business meeting held this Sunday morning, members of the Marion Baptist Church elected officers for 1954.

Six men were named to serve for three year terms on the Board of Deacons. They are Orman Parks, Claude Helton, Stanley Hedrick, C. R. Sebastian, Willis Wassum and George W. Kiser.

Mr. Kiser was also named treasurer, and Miss Josephine Aker will serve as clerk.

The baptismal committee will be composed of George Eblen, Mrs. J. C. McClaugherty and Mrs. Ruth Comer.

Mr. J. L. Williams will be chairman of the finance committee, with other members being W. J. Andrews, Mrs. J. R. Blalock, J. F. Tindall, J. P. Gills and C. A. Hutchins.

Sunday School officers are: Winston DeBord, superintendent; Mr. Tindall, associate; Mr. Gills, secretary; Mr. Hedrick, associate; Larry Higgins, adult department superintendent; Haynes L. Wolfe, associate; teachers, Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Williams, Mrs. J. F. Tindall, Clarence Noonkester and M. F. Page; Jackson C. Hudson, young people's department superintendent; Marvin Hall, associate; teachers, Mr. Hutchins,

Training Union Officers are: Mrs. James S. Burchette Jr., director; Miss Margaret Prater, associate; Miss Stroupe, secretary; Mrs. Huddle, Miss Mary Sebastian, intermediate leaders; Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Haynes L. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Noonkester, junior leaders; Miss Stella Tucker and Mrs. Primitivo Delgado, story hour leaders.

## Francis Marion VFW And Auxiliary Have Good Year

The Francis Marion Post No. 4667 Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary again would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Marion and Smyth County for helping them to have the most successful year in the history of the post.

The membership drive in the past was very successful, bringing it into second place in the ninth District. The Ladies' Auxiliary is first in the district as the year ended. The auxiliary was one of the 25 Banner Auxiliaries in the Department of Virginia.

The post received several citations and awards from both department and national headquarters for outstanding achievement.

The annual Memorial Day Service was held on the Court House lawn with a record attendance. This service was held by the Rev. Mr. Shumate.

This year's buddy poppy sale was by far the most successful held by the Post and Auxiliary, assisted by members of Scout Troop No. 90. The money derived from this sale has been spent for the aid of needy veterans and their families in and around Marion. The veterans in the Roanoke Veterans Hospital were given a ward party by the Ladies Auxiliary. Cookies and punch was served, and cigarettes were given to the patients. Donations were made to the cancer fund and to the National Home at Eaton Rapids, Mich.

The post and auxiliary had several members to volunteer their services in giving the gamma globulin shots.

Members of the post helped with the wrapping of the packages that were sent to the Korean orphans at Sgt. McKinnon's request. The auxiliary again sponsored the essay contest in the Marion High School with Elizabeth Mayford being the local winner.

The float entered in the homecoming parade titled "Thank You God for Bringing My Daddy Home", received the only honorable mention.

The post colors were entered in the homecoming parade and in the apple festival parade in Chilhowie.

A magazine sales campaign was sponsored by the post which was very successful and earned the post as their percentage five wheel chairs and a polio walker. This equipment is available to anyone in Smyth County who needs it free of charge. This is only a small part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars community service work.

This past summer saw a playground started on the VFW property for the use of children of the surrounding community. Swings and seesaws were installed this year, and plans are already underway to enlarge the facilities for next year. The post home is nearing completion and will be ready to accommodate all of the various activities of the post and the ladies auxiliary soon.

## Mt. View WSCS Meets With Mrs. Duncan

Mrs. Bradley Duncan was hostess to the WSCS of the Mountain View, Church Tuesday night at her home near Chilhowie.

"Christian Gifts from Christian Homes" was the topic of the program, which was led by Mrs. G. N. St. John. Others having part were Mrs. J. B. Brewer, Mrs. R. M. Widener, Mrs. Hurley Martin and Mrs. Edward Brewer.

## Special Service Is Planned At Lincoln Hill

A special Christmas service will be held at the Lincoln Hill Baptist Church in Marion this coming Thursday evening at 7:30.

The public is invited to attend.

## Layman's Day Service Slated at Grace Methodist Church

A Layman's Day Program will be held at Grace Methodist Church this coming Sunday.

M. B. Hankla will be in charge of the morning service and H. L. Stallard of Emory will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Stallard teaches French and Spanish at Emory and Henry College and has spoken at various times in many places in Southwest Virginia. His topic will be "Give Unto God the Things Which Are God's".

E. O. Martin will be in charge of the evening service and will bring the message.

Prayer meeting will be held at the church Wednesday night at 7:30.

## Yule Service To Be Held At Hooks Branch

There will be singing and preaching at the Hooks Branch Baptist Church of Marion Christmas Eve at 7:30.

Elder Claude Norris will be in charge of this service and he invites the public to attend.

## Mr. and Mrs. Berrios Of Emory and Henry College Give Lectures

Alfonzo Berrios, the new professor of Spanish at Emory and Henry College, has been giving lectures on Mexico and Spanish America at numerous churches throughout Southwest Virginia during the past few months.

Mr. Berrios, who has traveled extensively throughout Latin America and lived for some time in Mexico and in the Spanish southwestern culture of our country, has been lecturing on these areas since coming to Emory. He and Mrs. Berrios have colored movies taken in Mexico, New Mexico and California which show the life of the people of these areas and their Spanish traditions.

The films are about an hour and a quarter long. They were taken during trips to these areas. They show not only the natural beauties of the areas but also the handicrafts, living conditions, customs and traditions of the people. They take one to bullfights, ancient Indian temples, pottery shops, picturesque missions and a host of other interesting spots.

Mr. and Mrs. Berrios, who are experienced lecturers and photographers, have been well received in all their lectures. They have a real zeal for Latin America and a sympathetic understanding of the people and their problems which give

## Horse Shoe Bend

Horse Shoe Bend, Dec. 21 — Those spending the holidays, with Mrs. Lula Porter and family of Rock Falls, Ill., are Coy Porter and James, Mr. and Mrs. George Edd Burgess and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Landon McAllister and children visited Mr. and Mrs. E. S. McGhee and Betty Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Quince Eastridge and family of Damascus Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cruey visited Mr. and Mrs. James Prater and children of Poore Valley Sunday.

Mrs. Lewis Thompson of Allison Gap spent Saturday night with her son, Claude Thompson, Mrs. Thompson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Terry and Monroe visited Mrs. M. A. Billings, Mr. and Mrs. James Billings and children Tuesday.

Mrs. Lucy Blevins and daughter of Cleghorn and Mrs. Robert Blevins called on Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Collins Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Doane and Lila Cruey visited Mrs. Claude

## Groseclose

Groseclose, Dec. 21 — Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Foster of Norfolk are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ross.

Miss Anna Simmerman spent last weekend in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reedy and family, Mrs. C. H. Reedy and Charles spent last Sunday in Gary, W. Va.

Miss Betty Grayson of Radford spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Simmerman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Putman of Wellboro, Penna., visited in the Simmerman home Sunday night, en route to St. Pe-

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The Rev. and Mrs. Roy Redford visited Mrs. M. C. Bowers and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sledt last Saturday.

Garland Cline of Norfolk is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cline.

# I do not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it

## LET'S KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

By The Rev. David R. Ednie, Pastor,  
Marion Gospel Chapel

This title is copied from an advertisement by the Norfolk and Western Railroad in the Smyth County News. The advertisement is one of the best I have seen this year, it reads as follows:

CHRISTMAS... and,  
The lights will burn brightly, and the bells will ring out;  
The streets, and the stores and the shops will be filled;  
The gifts will be stacked high under the tree, and the festive board heavy under the Christmas feast;  
There will be merriment in homes throughout the land,

And the laughter of children to infect us all;  
The doors of our homes will be open, and friends will visit and clasp hands.

But more than any of these,  
Let each heart become a chapel,  
Remember that on this day one thousand, nine hundred and fifty-three years ago,

God gave to the world the greatest gift of all,  
His only begotten Son,  
Our Lord, and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yes, more than anything else,  
Let us remember this, and keep Christ in Christmas.  
A little child surrounded with Christmas gifts said to her mother, "Mama, whose birthday is it?" We might well asked ourselves the question, "Whose birthday is it," for we are apt to forget that Christ is the circle and the circumference of Christmas, that it was He who was born in Bethlehem so many years ago.

Why do we celebrate His birth? And what is the significance of that birth? These are questions that men have pondered down through the centuries. Who can solve the mystery of His Incarnation or of the Person of the Son of God? Only the Word of God can answer these questions fully and intelligently. Let us inquire at the Bible, we see that the first mention of Christ was approximately 4,000 years before His birth in Bethlehem. The promise of a Saviour was made by God just after the fall of man from fellowship with God to the place of banishment from the presence of God. The next mention of the Saviour is given to Abraham, and the patriarchs 2,000 years before the Incarnation. Then to David King of Israel was given the promise that from his seed the Messiah would come. David wrote of Him in the Psalms saying, "His Name shall endure forever, His name be continued as long as the Sun, and men shall be blessed in Him, all nations shall call Him Blessed". This was written 1,000 years before His Advent. Isaiah, the prophet, wrote of him later in these thought provoking words, "Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

This gives us a clue as to the Person and the mystery of the One to come. "His name shall be called Immanuel which being interpreted is God with us". Again Isaiah says of this Saviour to come "His Name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, The Eternal Father, The Prince of Peace." The next major prophecy concerning Christ given 700 years before His coming to earth is found in Micah, "But thou Bethlehem Ephrathah though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings have been from of old, from everlasting."

Thus the stage was set for the Coming One, whose identity has been revealed in many ways as the Eternal Creator, The Mighty God, whose goings have been from of old even from Everlasting, His Name shall be Immanuel which being interpreted "God With Us." In the New Testament the scene opens with the messengers from Heaven announcing to Mary that that Holy thing that shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of the Highest, He shall be Great, He shall reign for ever. To Mary's question "How shall this be," the angel answers in these mysterious words, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore that Holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God! Thus God was manifest in the flesh as we read "Jesus Christ who was in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men." The message of the angel that first Christmas night, that night of God's greatest gift to man was "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which is to all nations. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour Who is Christ 'The Lord.'" A Saviour for sinful Man, The Christ, the long promised Messiah, The Lord of all the Universe and Creation.

Who is now in Heaven the Brightness of His Glory, the express image of God's Person upholding all things by the word of His power, when He himself purged our sins sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High. Truly a wonderful birth, let us keep Christ in Christmas, let us be wise and seek Him, let us lay our gifts at His feet and worship Him. Let us crown Him Lord of all.

## A STUPID LAW

Present laws governing employment of teen agers have so many holes that they make a piece of Swiss cheese look like a hunx blasted from the Rock of Gibraltar.

A perfect example of the inadequacy of these laws came up in Trial Justice Court in Marion last week. A female Dick Tracy swooped down upon four leading business men of the town and hauled them into court for violating the law.

And, for all practical purposes, not a single one of these men was off base. To the contrary, each had gone out of his way to help the youngster working in his place of business. But according to the stupid law, these men were capitalizing upon poor little children, forcing them to toil long hours when they should have been out studying folk dancing or how to make pot holders out of discarded flour sacks under a government sponsored program of some sort or another dreamed up by and adde pated nit wit who has read a book or so on sociology.

A study of each case reveals that all four were doing the youngsters a favor in giving them work.

Bill Killinger was working a young student in the afternoons at his dry cleaning plant. The boy, a strapping six footer, was cleaning up the office and rest rooms and sorting clothes hangers. He was sorting the hangers in the back shop, where machinery was located.

In order to get to the rest rooms to sweep them out each day, he had to go through the plant. All this is against the law. He could not go back where the machinery is located, being too young. A separate room

would have to have been built for him to sort hangers. Bill was breaking the law.

This youngster is an adopted child. His foster parents are perfectly able to take care of him financially. They can give him all his needs. This young man, though, is more than grateful to these two adults who have given him a home and parental love. He wanted to work and was particularly anxious to earn some money in order to buy his parents a Christmas present.

Last Christmas he bought them a nice percolator, earning a little here and a little there in order to show them his love. Last spring he began thinking about this coming Christmas. He bought a top notch camera, with flash attachment and such, last April. Since that time he has been paying for this gift as often as he could rake up a couple of bucks, all money earned on his own and not taken from funds given by his parents. He only had a few dollars to go before the protector of children forced Bill to let him go. We saw the gift this past week, with the list of payments, sometimes small and sometimes large. Fortunately, the man from whom he purchased the camera is the same type man as Killinger. The youth will get the present for his parents.

There is another angle to the case which makes us wonder. For the past seven years attempts have been made to secure a birth certificate for this youth. This has been worked through the Welfare Department, which also has been spawned and regulated by a bunch of impractical dreamers.

Killinger had all papers complete on the youngster except his birth certificate. The snooper charged him with not having this. Mysteriously, the government suddenly came to life and within the matter of a couple of weeks secured the birth certificate, something not done for seven long years.

We are proud of this young man and his efforts and only wish we could call him son. Bill Killinger should be proud of the fact that he was helping the boy.

The next case concerns a young girl working behind a soda fountain for J. A. Thompson at City Drug. This girl was not 18, the required age for such work. Dr. Thompson had not checked her age, as she looked old enough to be behind the fountain.

This law was written to protect young girls from working in dine and dance joints, pin ball and gambling establishments and such. We can think of no place of business in Marion where we would rather a girl of ours to work then with Dr. Thompson. There definitely is no rough stuff, vulgarity or such allowed in his reputable place of business. To the contrary, he has the respect of every person in Smyth County.

This young girl was working in order to buy essentials and small luxuries for an invalid brother. She was using her money to help make his life happier and bring a little joy to his long, lonesome hours. Her parents are in bad health and are unable to provide too much over and beyond food and shelter. Further, an aged and dependent grandfather is living with the family, an additional burden on the family income.

Dr. Thompson was doing the community a favor instead of playing the part of Simon Legree in giving this girl a chance to work.

Bill Slater also was working a youth too young to be behind a soda fountain. Again it was a favor to the boy, rather than a hardship and cruelty. We are in Marion Drug Store day in and day out. We drink coffee there everyday of the week and often have a quick lunch there. And we must say that, like the other drug store, near perfect behavior is the rule. For the past two years we have never seen a drunk or other obnoxious character at this fountain. To the contrary, we have several minister friends who meet us there two or three times a week for coffee and a rough neck would get both a cold shoulder or the old heave ho in nothing short in this place of business.

This youngster started asking for a job several weeks before he was put to work. He wanted money for school activities, new clothes similar to those worn by his friends at school and to social functions and, primarily, money to buy his family Christmas presents. In other words he is an ambitious youngster who was willing to work for what he wanted. He even asked if he could pay the court costs levied against Slater and go to work. Again, we would like to call this youngster son and are proud of his ambition. Slater and Ray Folden, who operates the fountain department, thought everything was in order and were more than pleased with this boy's attitude and ambition. They did no wrong in giving this boy a chance. To the contrary, they were helping him and making a man of him.

Carl Vaught is next on the list. Vaught operates a grocery store in Marion and is one of the community's most public spirited citizens. Carl is rapidly making his mark in Marion as one of our leaders. He is never too busy that he will not stop and spend both time and money in helping the more unfortunate or pitch in on a community project.

The youngster he hired had not been in school for some time. He was working at odd jobs around town and was given a full time job in the grocery store. Vaught, like Dr. Thompson, thought that the boy was old enough for such employment, but this was not the case. He was charged with working the youngster overtime, but definitely not guilty of being a conniving, penny pinching criminal.

To the contrary, the young man was urged by Vaught to go back to school. The facts are, he was taking off four hours a week to attend distributive education classes at the Marion High School, a course offered youths of the community through school authorities and the Chamber of Commerce in an effort to train our young people for business life. This time was not charged against the boy, Vaught paying him for attending these classes.

All four of these men are among our leading citizens.

Their honesty is unquestioned. Their unselfish devotion to their community is a shining goal which most narrow minded, keep the law to the letter government employees will never reach.

That these men were guilty, according to a strict interpretation of the law, is admitted. But, like Trial Justice W. V. Birchfield and Commonwealth's Attorney Andy Funk, a just and reasonable interpretation would laud these men instead of condemn.

Changes are needed in these laws. It is stupid for public spirited men to be unable to give a deserving youngster a helping hand. Something must be done if we are to continue to teach and help our boys and girls get started in life, instead of harboring them from standing on their own feet and wrapping them in a welfare state fog.

And for the field officers who investigate, we believe that people who can spot right from wrong are needed. If they do not have the gumption to tell officials higher up that the laws they are being asked to enforce at times are all wrong, insisting on corrections to overcome these wrongs, then they are not competent to serve. Snoping around like a Gestapo agent, insisting that "the law says" you are doing wrong, when common sense and facts reveal otherwise is not our concept of law enforcement. To our way of thinking poor judgment was used in drafting these laws, regardless of their good intent. And the law enforcement officers likewise are using poor judgment or are afraid of their jobs when they prosecute innocent men who are definitely leaders in our community.

## Other Folks' Ideas

### LYLE SEES PUBLISHING AS A PUBLIC SERVICE

Dallas (Tex.) News

Do newspapers and magazines contribute uniquely to a more enlightened public? Is the contribution one that can be measured when Congress is adjusting second-class postal rates? This is the fifth of six questions Texas Congressman John E. Lyle Jr. wants Congress to answer before revising postal rates.

Now Congressman Lyle pays an appreciated tribute to American publishing. He sees a need "more than ever to encourage every honest method of driving home to our citizenry the wonder and glory of a free America." He notes that magazines and newspapers in every imaginable field carry out the urgent task of maintaining understanding against the greatest threat in world history. He points out that Mexico values public information so highly that any magazine that has been published more than a year there goes through the mails free. And Canada's highest mail charge to a magazine is three-quarters of a cent a pound.

Lyle concludes personally that newspaper and magazine contributions to an informed America goes far beyond any dollars-cents measurement. "We should refrain," he urges, "from any step which might inhibit or halt this flow of information." Hence he urges an allowance for that value in any revision of second class rates. "If a subsidy at all," he says those rates are "a subsidy to the American people."

Actually developments in transportation have long since cut down the second class mail use by most newspapers. Today the magazine field is the most seriously involved. As to these The News agrees heartily with Mr. Lyle. And insofar as newspapers are concerned, most of those who cry "subsidy" overlook the enormous amount of free space accorded government services to inform the public by the papers. Today at least, if the government had to pay for this, a service freely given because it is public service, the benefits of second class rates would be far exceeded at the cost of the taxpayer.

This question of rates brings Congressman Lyle up to his final question which will be discussed on this page Monday: At what point will business mail rates drive customers away from the post office or out of business?

## Smyth County Speaks

Dec. 19, 1953

Dear Sir:

I am made to wonder as I think just how cruel and wicked our American people are, and the cause of it. Is it liquor, wine and beer, comic books and so called recreation, and do as you wish for your son or daughter to do, "Go have a good time." The Bible said in Galations, 6-7, Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. So fathers and mothers, if you sow the wrong kind of seed in the tender hearts and minds of your children, they will sooner or later somewhere bring you to shame. The Bible is true. Proverbs 29-15 says, "The rod and reproof giveth wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." We talk about the heathen lands across the seas that don't know God, but do we stop to think just how far this nation of ours is away from God. We know as long as people drink the devil's tonic of liquor, wine and beer, also sit and read the devil's love letters of comic books and learn to kill and destroy, and the underworld backing it up to destroy the minds of our people. Remember as long as our people partake of such things they are just as far from God as the man across the seas that we call heath-

ens. It's awful to think our people are called drunkards and gluttons, but thus saith the Lord, please read Proverbs 23-21 "For the drunkard and glutton shall come to poverty, and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. It is still said to know that a great part of our country is ignorant, Proverbs 20-1. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived there by is not wise." So that goes to show us a great part of our beloved country is ignorant and the wise so may God bless and help those that are trying to live right. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 6-27-28, "Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So look out, be careful. Proverbs 29-16, "When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth, but the righteous shall see their fall." Liquor, wine and beer is a great enemy of our country. It is not only destroying lives, but it's destroying virtue and soul as well. So something must be done to put down this awful evil. So remember the Bible, what it says, read Psalms 9-17. "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God." The Rev. D. J. Shelton Chilhowie, Virginia

Dec. 26, 1953

Dear Editor:

As this is nearing our blessed Lord's birthday, may I say a few words instead of getting drunk and the wild celebrating as usual. Let's all take time to kneel down and thank Him for what He has done for us. I for one thank Him for saving my soul. What He's done for others He can do for you. I was thinking of all the clutter over Hall and Heady. They had a precious soul and were some mother's son and daughter. I don't blame them as much as I do the rest of us; we haven't lived the Christian life as we should. We have sat idle and let them have beer, wine and whiskey in our nation; the wreck and ruin of many a poor man and woman. Not to mention the children that have gone hungry and cold so their parents could drink and have their parties.

Let's not forget God is still on His throne. He will say it's

enough some of these days and how will it be with our poor souls? It's not enough to say I'm a Christian, but let's do the start and stop. "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved. If ye love me keep my commandments." So says the word of God.

We will have a singing and preaching service at Hooks Branch Baptist Church this Christmas night at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited to come. Come and come praying for some poor soul to step out of the darkness into the marvelous light and liberty of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Forget not the assembling of yourselves to gather as the manner of some is. Let's not be like Judas, sell our Lord, or like Peter, deny him, but let's hold Him up high above the things of the earth love Him and serve Him.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year in the Lord for everybody.

Rilda Farmer

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— Brodie Thompson, Smyth County Chairman

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# Chilhowie to Build Filter Plant on South Fork River

The Chilhowie Town Council decided to build a 3,000 gallon a day filter plant on the South Fork River, among the other projects carried out during the year.

The council studied the water shortage growing in Chilhowie, and after a survey of the possible water sources, it was decided that the best would be the South Fork River. This was brought to the vote of the people for the approval of issuing of \$50,000 in bonds for improving the water system. There were 81 votes for this proposal and 19 votes against.

R. Stuart Royer and Company of Richmond was given the contract and the right to design the plant. At the present time plans are being made to build and bids on the project will be accepted after the first of the year.

The town purchased a pipe pusher to lay pipe lines in the town and bought 150 by 300 feet more land for the city dump, Acre Street from Chilhowie Street to Highway 27 was opened and the permission

to light the ball field was granted. The Christian Church property was bought to widen the street and afford a parking lot for the town.

A new automobile was purchased for the town, and street lights were installed on Holston Street and Popular Street. The garbage pickup was changed to twice each month. The town donated \$100 and 50 feet of hose to the fire department. Pendleton Street was graded and widened, and Orchard Drive had street lights installed.

The town paid the expenses for councilmen to attend the convention at Richmond held September 13, 14 and 15. The pipe lines were moved from under Rt. 11 on the west end of town and the stands were repaired at the ball park. Several stop signs and parking signs were placed throughout the town.

The town purchased land for the filtering plant on the South Fork River at a cost of \$1,500.00. Popular Street was opened to Rt. 11.



**NO SOAP** — Smyth last year had its usual run of break-ins and thievery. Ellis Quarry operators last April purchased the Culbert Quarry from D. D. Query. The next day they discovered someone had paid them a quick visit in an attempt to break into the company's safe. Tom Baumgardner is showing Joe Ellis how the tumblers and lock were messed up by the frustrated thieves.

## Chilhowie Jaycees Receive State Award for Festival

The Chilhowie Junior Chamber of Commerce was presented the state award for profit making during the year from the various projects of the club.

The big money making event for the club was the Apple Festival held Oct. 2 and 3. The committee for making the festival possible was E. B. Bonham, H. T. Ball, A. B. Farm, Hugh Cox and S. M. Norris. At a meeting held December 4 it was voted to make the Apple Festival an annual event.

The club was organized March 16 with 26 members and Jack Williams serving as first president. The charter night banquet was held April 21 with Bud Crockett, state vice president, as the guest of honor. Other officers were J. G. Johnson, first vice president; Hugh Cox, second vice president; W. W. Vine, secretary; J. T. Bishop, treasurer and R. L. Fisher, lobbyist.

On May 11 and 12 the club sponsored the movie, "Stars and Stripes Forever" in cooperation with the State Theater. The club paid \$100 on the equipment of the Chilhowie baseball team. Jack Williams resigned as president on June 30, and a farewell picnic was held at Hungry Mother park on June 19 honoring Mr. Williams and his wife.

S. M. Norris was elected as president in July.

On July 4 the club sponsored a field day at the ball field, and this was voted to become

an annual event. July 28, \$37 was paid on the debt of the Little League baseball in Chilhowie. The club is backing the drive for the lighting of the athletic field.

The club furnished transportation for the children for the gamma globulin shots. A ulin, shots. A float was entered in the Abingdon Tobacco Festival parade and in the Saltville homecoming parade. Ladies' night was held Nov. 20 Thanksgiving day a shooting match was started and is continually until Christmas, Dec. 1 the home of Harold Doss burned, and the club secured clothing and food for this family.

The Jaycees are sponsoring the Chilhowie High School safety patrol. The club is trying to secure signs to be placed at the east and west end of town. The Jaycees donated \$25 to the Boy Scout troop and \$200 to the Athletic Association for the football field. The sum of \$565 was reserved for the Apple Festival for 1954.

The Junior Chamber is working with other civic clubs to secure clothing and toys for the needy families.

The purpose of the club is to make the town a better place to live and render its service to the people of the town. Members desire, in the future, to serve the community and extend the services of the club to anyone who needs it. President Norris stated.

## Chilhowie National Bank Has A Very Good Year

The Chilhowie National Bank reported a very good year in 1953 as the bank grew rapidly, and two new departments were added.

The Christmas Club Savings plan was installed at the bank, and new equipment was added to the bank. The savings increase jumped to \$53,668.70 and the loans to \$52,798.80. The assets for the year were \$1,818,970.02. The checking accounts for the year were \$21,347.23.

S. A. Cole, cashier of the bank, stated that the bank had grown rapidly during the outgoing year.

## Chilhowie Chamber Of Commerce Has Good Year

The Chilhowie Chamber of Commerce reported a good year in the past year with the individual committees working to the fullest extent to help organization.

The industrial committee reported this year that there were some good prospects for a new industry in Chilhowie. Action was taken on the new school building in the buying of 15 acres of land from Bonham Brothers. The chamber hopes to have a new building in the near future.

The organization increased by 16 members to raise the total to 64 at the present time. The chamber organized the Civil Defense Spotters for Chilhowie with Henry Browning in charge. Sponsoring the Clean Up, Paint Up, Fix Up week was one of the club's projects.

The annual Ladies night was held June 9 at the Hemlock Haven with 70 members and guests present. The club, in connection with other clubs in Chilhowie, is trying to light the Chilhowie athletic field.

During the year \$275 was donated to the community projects and the club helped build a shower room at the school for the football players. The club is helping with the

annual Christmas program along with the other civic clubs in Chilhowie.

A committee has located two good prospects for a dentist for Chilhowie and hope to have one located in the town in the coming year.

The election of officers for 1954 was held December 8 and Mitchell Waters was elected president. L. M. LaPlace, vice president; J. E. Bonham, secretary and treasurer. There were other officers elected. On the board of directors are Bill Kelly, D. A. Rouse, Howard McClure and H. F. Rector.

## Mrs. Myers Makes Her Annual Report

By Mrs. M. E. Myers

The correspondent has the advantage of the readers. She can give her personal experiences and get by with it.

(But the reader doesn't even have to read it!)

Guests in the Myers home on New Years Day were Mrs. Charles Haynes of Roanoke, Miss Bertie Fisher and Mrs. Patterson, of Wytheville and Miss Hattie Fisher. Mercury was 28 all day.

Jan. 2 — Dreadfully sick all

day. Evelyn Wilson dismantled the Christmas tree. Mercury 40 nearly all day.

Jan. 3 — Sick all day, which was murky and disagreeable.

Jan. 4 — Big snow. Mercury 20.

Jan. 5 — Terribly sick. Mercury 20.

Jan. 6 — Still very sick.

Jan. 7 — Very weak, mercury 60.

Jan. 8 — Suffered entire day. Fog very dense.

Jan. 9 — Sick in bed all day. Mercury in low 40's all day. Mrs. Millard Newland went to Memorial and Crippled Childrens Hospital in Roanoke where she underwent a major operation. Mrs. Horace Bennington underwent a very serious operation in the Abingdon Hospital.

Jan. 10 — Suffered agony from two a. m. until five p. m. Rained all day.

Jan. 11 — Mrs. D. J. Horne was notified that her mother was critically ill in the Abingdon Hospital. Mrs. Horace Bennington critically ill.

Jan. 12 — Beautiful day, mercury high 40's. Very sick for three hours. Company all day.

Jan. 13 — Furnace stopped running some time in the night. Telephone call brought Glen Sprinkle of Marion to correct the trouble.

Jan. 14 — Very sick about four hours.

Jan. 15 — Very sick all day. All medicine changed. Day gorgeous, high 50's.

Jan. 16 — Very sick. Day misty, mercury 60.

Jan. 17 — Sick all night, well all day. Dark, gloomy, rainy.

Jan. 18 — Felt fine all day. Day beautiful, temperature about 60. Fourteen callers in afternoon.

Jan. 19 — Junior Hilton had his hand mangled in a baler at Edd Moores. He was taken to Lee Memorial Hospital.

Jan. 20 — Sick as I was I took Auntie, Hattie, Ola, Mary and Sara to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shaffers in Wytheville to see the inauguration of President Eisenhower. Television was perfect. Day wonderful; temperature around 60.

Jan. 21 — Very ill from 2 a. m. until mid afternoon.

Jan. 22 — Long talk with Harold, Catherine and Johnny in Kansas City, Kansas.

Jan. 23 — Weak all day but no suffering.

Jan. 24 — Agonizingly sick. Dr. Huddle advised that I see Dr. Schiff. X-rays were made. Dr. Schiff advised my returning to Lee Memorial on Monday.

Jan. 25 — Fairly comfortable. Hattie came up to stay with Auntie while I went to hospital. Mercury around 30.

Jan. 26 — Drove to Lee Memorial Hospital. Had miserable night.

Jan. 27 — X-rays all morning. Comfortable all afternoon.

Jan. 29 — Terrible night.

Jan. 30 — Slept fine. More x-rays.

Feb. 1 — Miserable all day, no appetite. Didn't know I could get that ill. Dozens of callers.

Feb. 2 — Stupid and sleepy but wrote letters to Smyth County News and Southwest Virginia Enterprise. Dr. Rogers said my x-rays had been sent to specialists.

Feb. 3 — Somewhat improved. Still no appetite. Lots of callers and cards.

Feb. 4 — Had wonderful night. Ate lovely breakfast. Mrs. Woodrow Kelly called. I was able to play and enjoy canasta.

Feb. 5 — Miserable night.

Feb. 6 — Scads of cards and visitors.

Feb. 7 — Very sick. Many callers.

Feb. 8 — A woman brought her Bible. She stayed and stayed and read and read. She explained as she went along.

Feb. 9 — More x-rays. Wonderful lunch, steak, potatoes, baked apples, jello, snap beans, cake, coffee, milk.

Feb. 10 — Suffered, all night.

Feb. 11 — Could not even sit up.

Feb. 14 — Felt perfectly well. Got lovely candy and scores of greetings. Ola, Evelyn and I went to the Woodrow Kellys for canasta.

Feb. 15 — Miserable night. Big snow, 55 cars got stuck in snow between Marion and Grant, Catherine, Harold and Johnny sent gorgeous flowers.

Feb. 16 — Wonderful night.

Feb. 17 — Not even sick. Received several boxes of delayed Valentine candy, magazines and cookies.

Feb. 18 — Fine. Called on patients. Lots of company.

Feb. 19 — Very sick. No appetite. Mrs. Earnest Fielder, Mrs. S. P. Bennington, Miss Sara Roe, brought marvelous home made candy. Mrs. Cornette, strawberry preserves and apple butter.

Feb. 20 — Mrs. Georgie Rider and I went to beauty parlor for my much needed beauty treatment.

Feb. 21 — Still well.

Feb. 22 — Quite well, callers all day.

Feb. 23 — Very sick. Three doctors gave examination. Appendicitis was their verdict.

Feb. 24 — Felt well, but doctors said an operation was still in their minds.

Feb. 26 — Miserable night. Harold, Catherine and Johnny gave me a surprise visit from Richmond.

Feb. 28 — Janice Blevins

was overcome with monoxide gas while attending a drive in movie. She was unconscious when admitted to 210. I had a room full of company and many cards and gifts.

March 1 — Very ill.

March 3 — Excellent night and day. Mrs. Goodpasture polished my poor calloused feet with fine sandpaper. She is an angel of mercy. A long stay in bed ruins feet.

March 14 — Perfectly well, but still not discharged. The members of my Sunday School Class at Asbury brought "One a day gift box". They were dated from March 3 to March 23.

March 5 — Very ill. Mrs. Glen Reid Hilton drove my car home. First time used since my entrance. More, more, gifts.

March 6 — About the middle of the night a nurse said she wanted to cheer me up, so I could sleep. She announced: "Stalin is Dead." Dr. Schiff said they had definitely decided an operation could not be avoided.

March 7 — Dr. Schiff thinks now the operation will not be necessary.

March 8 — Very sick. Temperature 104.

March 9 — Well again.

March 10 — Dr. Wright went visiting first time in weeks in his wheel chair.

March 11 — Junior Hilton was a God send. He was able to go to and from home for his hand dressing. He kept me supplied with needed things from my home.

March 12 — Marvelous. Walked, ate, read. Company all day.

March 13 — Simply fine!

March 14 — Discharged from hospital. Ola and Evelyn brought me to their home where I spent the night.

March 15 — Wrote letters to county papers, rested and visited with Rural Retreat friends and back to Cedar Springs in the late afternoon. A most cordial greeting from my relatives.

March 16 — Irvin Niernmans father died in Baltimore.

March 17 — My Sunday School class brought the handsome azalea plant I ever saw.

March 18 — Sister Hattie Fisher is quite ill.

March 19 — Auntie and I played checkers and just loafed.

March 20 — Received beautiful linen handkerchief with tating on it from Mary Corless Wright.

March 21 — Harold, Catherine and Johnny arrived from Richmond. They took Hattie to Dr. Bailey who advised that she go to hospital.

March 22 — The Richmonds left about five o'clock. It was raining. The mercury was 50.

March 23 — Charles Hilton took Hattie to Lee Memorial Hospital. It rained all day.

March 24 — Beautiful day. Had eight callers.

March 25 — Hattie Fisher returned home and a sister in law, Mrs. Maurice Neel Fisher, was quite ill.

March 26 — Very cold and windy and snowing.

March 27 — I drove to Lee Memorial Hospital for general check up. Dr. Schiff was amazed at my improvement. Mrs. John Repass, drove me back home.

March 28 — More gifts for being sick. It quite overcomes me.

March 29 — Snowy, windy and very cold. More gifts.

March 30 — Much warmer.

March 31 — Beautiful day. Electric power off for hours. Pump lost pressure. A mess getting it going again.

April 1 — Harold, Catherine and Johnny arrived from Richmond.

April 2 — Burned brush in orchard. Harold worked all time he was here.

April 3 — I, of all things, got hysterical when they started to leave.

April 4 — Auntie became quite ill.

April 5 — Auntie perfectly well. Dinner with the Wilsons in Rural Retreat.

April 6 — Ellis Keesling of Bristol called. Rainy but mercury was in high 50's.

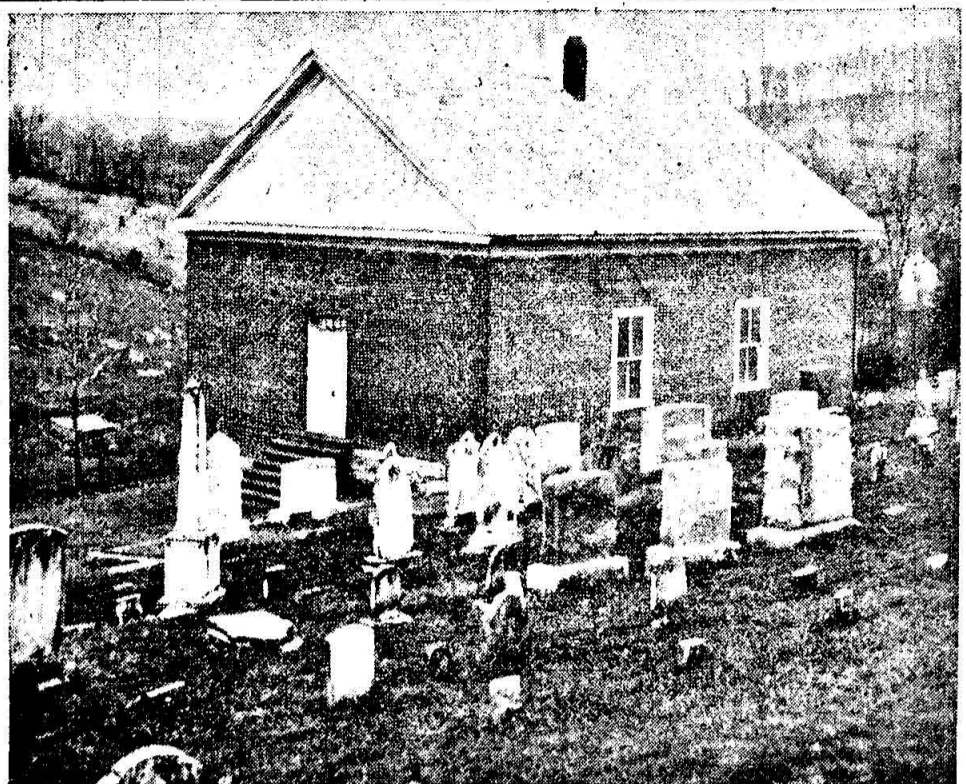
April 11 — Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson Smith was married at Fort Myers to Sgt. Herbert Geisler. Her mother, Mrs. Frank Anderson, attended the wedding in Washington, D. C.

April 19 — Mrs. Mollie Anderson developed jaundice.

April 20 — Mrs. Anderson was taken by ambulance to Lee Memorial Hospital. Condition very critical.

April 21 — Spent day with Mrs. Anderson who was slightly improved. I enjoyed a wonderful birthday dinner given by Mrs. M. R. Jones of Groseclose honoring her son, Darrell and his friend, Charles Seaver.

April 24 — The Fowler, Hall,



**SMYTH CHURCHES** — Symbolic of man's belief in the everlasting are the small, historical churches scattered throughout Smyth County. Citizens of the county, as they have for generations, worshipped in large numbers at these churches. Typical is Old Ebenezer, now used only once a year but kept in immaculate condition throughout the year, a standing monument to this country's belief in freedom of religion.

sale was conducted. There was a down pour of rain and an electrical storm. All was clear at time of sale.

April 25 — The Rev. J. W. Colbert returned from an evangelistic trip to Georgia.

May 1 — The James Lee Hagas moved to Maryland.

May 3 — Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kinder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The five sisters were together for this occasion.

May 4 — Saw for the first time the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cornette. They had a house warming while I was in the hospital.

May 10 — Quarterly meeting at Wharf Hill. I was elected delegate to District conference in Wytheville.

May 13 — Mrs. Anderson, after her very critical condition, arrived home and walked from car to bed room.

May 15 — Got "baby sitter" for Auntie while I went to conference. Got call at church to return home that she was quite ill. She was better upon my return and slept all night.

May 20 — I picked my first rose buds.

May 24 — Mercury nearly 90, but not hot.

May 28 — Mercury 50.

May 29 — Clay Philippi, after a lingering illness, died at his home.

June 1 — Mr. and Mrs. Philip Delp moved into the newly decorated house vacated by the Hagas.

June 2 — Heard the coronation service for Queen Elizabeth. Every word distinct.

June 3 — Mrs. George Audis celebrated her 97th birthday. I was fortunate enough to be one of the guests.

June 5 — Attended 50th anniversary of the Wythe County Home Demonstration Club in Wytheville. It was a tea and fashion show of better home made cotton dresses.

June 6 — Nice rain.

June 8 — Speedwell Bank was robbed by a man with his face disguised by strips of adhesive tape. Ford James won a plane trip to California for excellence in salesmanship.

June 9 — Miss Evelyn Wilson left for a two months stay to study Spanish in Mexico City. There was a terrific rain and hail storm.

June 10 — There was a regular tornado which lasted several minutes. Many trees were unrooted.

June 12 — Spent day in Wytheville with Mrs. W. H. Fisher and Miss Bertie Fisher. Upon returning home Mrs. Glen Fielder had left a chicken and a cake. Another gift!

June 19 — Ice cream supper at Asbury Church.

June 20 — Mercury in low 90. Very hot.

June 24 — Blue Springs H D Club met with Mrs. D. C. Haywoods. Seventeen present.

June 27 — Wonderful rain.

June 28 — Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buchanan gave a big, belated birthday dinner for Mrs. Anderson. Guests were Fontaines, Helen Burkett, Gary James, Myers, Anderson.

June 29 — It rained nearly all day.

July 2 — Sprained ankle when stepping off porch. It was bandaged six weeks. It was not carelessness either. A heel tap pulled off.

July 3 — Down pour of rain in early afternoon. Lovely bridal shower at Community Center for Mrs. Gene James.

July 4 — Spent most of the

day in bed on account of the painful ankle. Twenty-five assembled on the Myers lawn for the annual WSCS family picnic. Weather fine, temperature about 90.

July 9 — Rural Retreat Garden Club family picnic at the Methodist Church parking ground. Big crowd, lovely food and entertainment. Extremely cold, around 50.

July 13 — Asbury MYF had program at the community center.

July 14 — Mrs. W. F. Seal and son, William Jr. of Norfolk, Mrs. Willie C. Hall and son, Ronald, of Disputante were guests here.

July 17 — Mrs. Edgar Nichols entertained several of her friends with a lovely party.

July 18 — A wonderful rain!

July 19 — D. J. Horne went to the Veterans hospital in Johnson City for treatment for a broken back sustained while in the service.

July 22 — Blue Springs H D Club met with Mrs. D. C. Cox. Seventeen were present.

July 23 — The first fair arts and crafts was wonderful at the community center in Marion. The exhibits were outstanding and most interesting.

July 25 — Mrs. Lula Blumberg, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Niernman of Philadelphia and Baltimore, arrived for a two weeks visit. It is 17 years since Mrs. Blumbergs last visit.

Aug. 1 — Attended the wedding and reception of Miss Eleanor Shumate and John Hall at Grace Lutheran Church

Some smart alec let the air out of their tires during the ceremony. Someone put a big dent in my car rear fender. They never apologized. Day very hot and dry.

Aug. 3 — Big dinner with Miss Bertie and Mrs. W. H. Fisher. There was a terrific rain storm.

Aug. 4 — Went to Bob Williams to see them sort, grade and pack peaches and apples.

Aug. 6 — The Philadelphia and Baltimore guests returned home. Miss Evelyn Wilson accompanied them to Washington where she visited her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Steffy.

Aug. 8 — Mrs. Claude Stroud cut entirely through the palm of her left hand. She said it was carelessness with a knife.

Aug. 9 — Quarterly meeting and homecoming at Blue Springs Church. There was an elaborate and delicious basket, dinner. Mercury was in the low 60's.

Aug. 11 — Mr. and Mrs. Homer Browning and Miss Annie Bell of Fairfax, Mo., arrived for a two weeks visit.

Aug. 12 — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fulton of Sugar Grove spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. George Fulton.

Aug. 13 — Attended Baptist Association in Wytheville. Summit and Sharon Churches joined the association.

Aug. 16 — Attended a big picnic at Asbury church honoring the Fairfax guests. A

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# BBC Experiences Many Changes During Past Year

By J. B. Neel

The year just drawing to a close has brought many changes to the Marion factory of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company. The manufacture of dining room furniture was discontinued. Production was started on folding partitions, gymnasium seating and school furniture. Several new jobs were also started in the plastic division. Local employment increased during the year from 450 in January to 735 at the present time, a net gain of 285 jobs in the local plant.

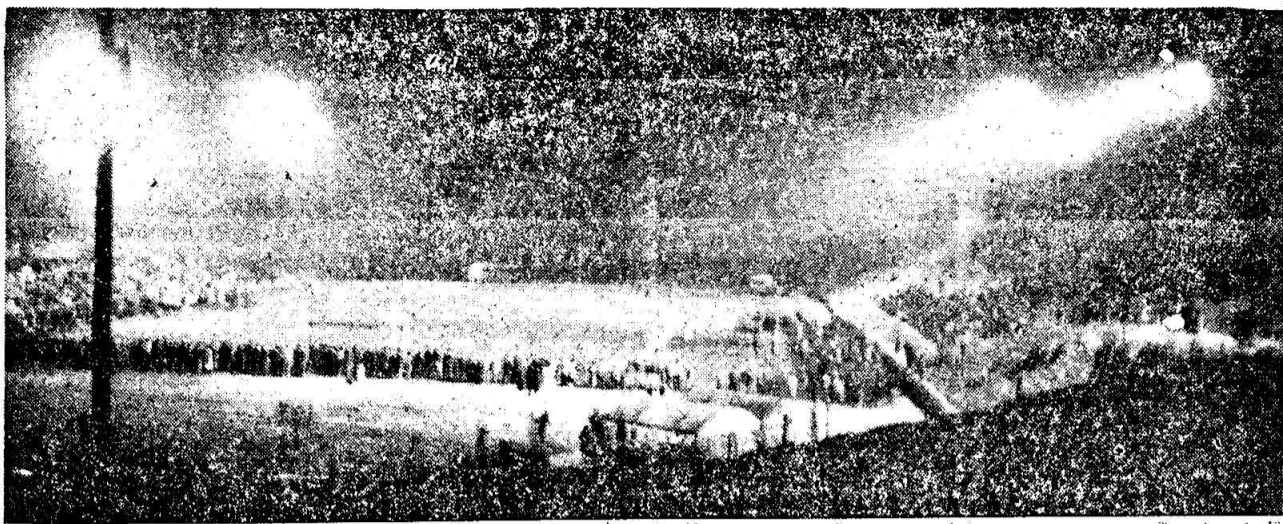
In spite of this increased production and employment the company has experienced its poorest operating results since the depression years. Its low earnings are due to a number of factors, among which were the moving and intergradation of the Horn Brothers' gymnasium equipment with the factory operations and the development and engineering expenses in connection with the new line of school furniture. Some loss was incurred in training employees to produce these new lines, and there were advertising, merchandising and many other expenditures attendant to the entry into new manufacturing and sales fields. A considerable amount of new machinery and equipment has been purchased and installed in the local plant. Several major new lay-outs were made in the manufacturing areas.

The company rented space in a tobacco warehouse in Abingdon last spring to store finished goods so that more floor area would be made available for manufacturing. As this space had to be released, a warehouse was rented in Roanoke late in the summer, and most of the company's finished products are now stored there awaiting shipment to customers.

When the year started about half of the factory was devoted to the manufacture of a high grade of dining room furniture for the Meier and Pohlman Company of St. Louis, Mo. This contract was terminated during the fall months of this year to make more space available for the manufacture of Horn Brothers' products and school furniture.

The transition from the dining room furniture to Brunswick's own products has been made with very little time lost by the working force. Almost all of the 200 men who were working on it have now been transferred to other work on which the manufacturing schedules were increased as the work on the dining room furniture decreased.

As noted above, several new jobs were started in the plastic division this year. The company entered this field in a small way in 1951. An agreement was entered into with the Zenith Plastic Company of Gardena, Calif., for the exchange of engineering and other technical assistance. Several contracts were acquired, and production started during 1952. This division produces low pressure reinforced laminated products, utilizing polyester resins and fiberglass strengtheners. Radar housings and structural parts for aircraft and missiles are produced for several of the major aircraft companies. Some boats were produced for the Sears-Roebuck Company in this division during this year. As well as expanding its production, which is related to the defense



**NEW STADIUM** — The dream of a new stadium for Marion was realized in 1953. The first game was played in late October at the new site, with a record breaking crowd of about

5,000 turning out. Work is still progressing on the permanent seats and such on the \$50,000 athletic field. Formal dedication has not been held.

effort, the company is also looking for civilian markets for further expansion in this division.

The Horn Brothers' Company of Fort Dodge, Iowa, was purchased by Brunswick last year. The plant at Fort Dodge was operated during the rest of 1952 and part of 1953 by Brunswick, while plans were being made for moving the work to the company's plants at Muskegon, Mich., and here in Marion.

Folding partitions were put into production in the Marion plant in January of this year. In April work was started on bleacher boards for gymnasium seating. The woodwork on these items is done at the Marion factory, while the metal parts are made at the company's plant in Muskegon, Mich.

In July of this year production was started on molded plywood seats and backs for the school seating and on several kinds of table tops, which will be used in school classrooms. A shortage of materials has limited production on this line, but these are expected to be overcome in the near future, and production schedules will be increased much above the present level.

Brunswick's new school furniture is modern in design and quite different from conventional school seating. Sales outlooks for it appear to be good. Coupled with the gymnasium equipment, this school furniture should constitute a substantial portion of the company's manufacturing and sales volume in the future. These new products have already brought work to more than 300 new employees in the Marion factory this year.

Production of bowling and billiard equipment has remained at a rather steady level throughout this year and last year. The company's volume of business on bowling and billiard equipment and supplies has not been as high for the last few years as formerly, principally due to the higher cost of erecting new buildings to house bowling alley installations and due to the scarcity of space that can be rented for bowling and billiard establishments. A restriction on the use of materials that could be used for erecting building for recreational uses, which was applied at the beginning of the Korean conflict, has also had some effect on the company's sales volume in these fields.

It was when these restrictions were imposed at the beginning of the Korean "police

action" that the company came to the conclusion that it must diversify its products to justify the operation of two factories and 27 branch sales offices in this country. These plans for diversification have borne fruit in the new products mentioned above. In addition to its domestic operations, Brunswick owns four foreign subsidiaries located in Toronto, Canada; Mexico City, Mexico; Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The company's payrolls now put more than \$2 million annually into local trade channels.

The very heart and essence of any company or organization are the people who work for it. A lot of Brunswick folks have been with the company since it came to Marion in 1945. Some additional ones joined during the intervening years and several became associated with the company last year. The big increase in employment, however, has occurred this year. Most of the new Brunswick employees, of course, are local people — born and raised in Smyth County.

Local people were hired for all new jobs when qualified applicants were available. In an expansion involving major new products requiring a high

degree of specialization it was inevitable that the company would have to look elsewhere for some of its requirements for technically trained people. While the new local employees are too numerous to be mentioned here, some mention might be made of the employees hired away who have not only become Brunswick employees but have also moved their families to Marion and have taken their place in community life.

James Geraty was promoted from the company's home office in Chicago to be factory accountant here in Marion. He attended Notre Dame for two years and then Loyola University in Chicago, where he received his degree in accountancy. He came to work for Brunswick in 1950.

Several other men have been employed from away from Marion to work in the Accounting Department. Among them are:

Bill Fleenor, a native of Bristol, Tenn. He attended the University of Tennessee and Bristol Commercial College. He was graduated from the latter and held various accounting jobs in Bristol before being employed with Brunswick as a general accountant.

Robert Murray, a native of

Television Corporation in Norfolk when he accepted a position with Brunswick as a cost accountant.

Robert Crouch, a native of Washington, D. C., comes to Brunswick from his home town, where he has held various accounting jobs. He received his accounting degree from Benjamin Franklin University in Washington and will work in Brunswick's cost department.

Quite a few new people were employed during the year to work with the reinforced plastic division. Some of them are assigned directly to that division, while others hold jobs in service departments whose work is related to the plastic production. Some of these men are:

Walt Massie, who is a native of Roanoke, and comes from Huntsville, Ala., where he was a research and development engineer for the Home-Haas Company. He holds both a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering from VPI and is a project engineer in the plastic division.

Cale Harvey, another VPI man, comes from Akron, Ohio, where he worked for the Goodyear Aircraft Company. He is a native of the Farmville section and is working as a project engineer in the plastic division.

Tom Quinn, a native of Atlanta, Ga., comes from his home town where he was an industrial engineer for Rich's Department Store. He had recently come out of the service and prior to that had worked for the Ford Motor Company. He has a degree in industrial management from Georgia Tech and is presently doing methods work in the plastic division.

James Thompson, a native of

Richmond, came from Kingsport, Tenn., where he was employed with the Kite Engineering Company. He has a degree in Industrial Engineering from VPI and is doing methods and standards work in the plastic division.

John Snook came from

Kingsport, Tenn., where he was employed with the Kite Engineering Company. He has a degree in Industrial Engineering from VPI and is doing methods and standards work in the plastic division.

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plastic division, but is tooling primarily for the plastic work.

Landon Minnick, a native of Gate City, came from Abingdon. He is a draftsman in the tooling department. He attended Tennessee Wesleyan, where he studied art, and Emory and Henry College, where he took pre-engineering courses.

Charles Gill, another draftsman, came from his home town of Morristown, Tenn. He had just gotten out of serv-

ice when coming to work for Brunswick and prior to that had worked for the America Enka Corporation in Morristown as a draftsman.

Mary Bell, a native of Norton, was also employed to do drafting work. She took her training at VPI while her husband was also attending school there.

Claude Slomp, a native of Jonesville, was also employed as a draftsman. He graduated from Emory and Henry College, where he took a pre-engineering course, and had been working for the TVA Authority as an engineering aid.

Several new people were transferred from Fort Dodge, Iowa, where they had been working for the Horn Brothers' Company. They are:

Paul Dahlquist, who is general foreman in the partition department, had held a similar job with Horn Brothers at Fort Dodge.

Erick Rosen is a foreman in the partition department. He had worked for the Horn Brothers company for 24 years.

Clarence Cannoy, another foreman who came from Fort Dodge, is a native of Elk Creek. He had worked for the Horn Brothers' Company for the past four years, but had been in Iowa for 16 years previous to that doing other kinds of work.

Calvin Haas, Chester White and Richard Williams all came to Marion to drive transfer trucks, delivering gymnasium equipment to Brunswick's customers all over the United States. All had held similar positions with the Horn Brothers.

A number of technically trained men have been employed on work that is related to the wood division. Among them are:

Raymond Bomers, who came from the American Seating Company in Grand Rapids, Mich., is a native of Grand Rapids. He took extension work at the University of Michigan. He had been employed by the American Seating Company for the past 16 years in their methods and standards department. He will do similar work here and will be concerned primarily with Brunswick's new line of school room furniture.

Jack Eggleston, a native of Portsmouth, came from Norfolk, where he had been with a Navy Sea Bee construction unit. He formerly was quality control supervisor for the Thaden-Jordan Furniture Company in Roanoke. He is a methods engineer in the wood division.

Robert McKay, a native of Rochester, N. Y., came from Martinsville, where he had been employed by the Bassett Furniture Company. He has both a Bachelors and Masters Degree from the University of Michigan in wood technology and is in the production engineering department.

Richard White, a native of Newburgh, N. Y., came from North Carolina State College, where he was graduated in June with a degree in wood technology. He is an inspection foreman.

Arnold Reynolds came direct from military service. He is



**HOSPITAL THERAPY** — Patients at Southwestern State Hospital must have recreation to occupy their time if they are to recover. A group of Marion citizens for the past several years has been playing chess with those who were interested in the complicated game. During the past year they branched out, playing competitive games with visitors from Bristol, walloping the visitors in the ancient game which requires undivided concentration.

a graduate of VPI with a degree in mechanical engineering. Previous to his military service he had worked for the Virginian Railroad and Dupont Company as a mechanical engineer. He is a native of Riner.

Bill Tate, a native of Winston-Salem, N. C., came from the Tomlinson Furniture Company of High Point, N. C. He has a degree in forestry from North Carolina State College and is a methods and standards engineer.

Burke Ewing, a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been employed by Brunswick on three different occasions. He first started to work for the company in 1933. In 1941 he resigned to accept a position as superintendent of the Sheldon Woodworking firm of Muskegon. He returned to Brunswick here in Marion in 1947 and worked until 1949. He returned this year to his former job in the production engineering department.

Charles Spear, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., came from Danville, where he had been employed by the Dan River Mills as an industrial engineer. He has a degree in industrial engineering from the University of Miami and is now doing methods and standards work on Horn Brothers products.

Bill Yoder, a native of Columbia, S. C., came from Charlotte, N. C., where he had been employed by the United Mills Corporation. He attended North Carolina State College and is now doing methods and standards work in the partition department.

A few other new employees holding positions requiring specialized training are:

Paul Sterner, a native of Quakersville, Penna., who has been with Brunswick since 1949 at the company's home office in Chicago, was transferred here this summer as a traffic specialist. He is directing shipment of the Horn Brothers gymnasium equipment.

Allen Kirby, a native of Washington, D. C., came from Baltimore, Md. He has a degree in traffic from the University of Maryland and is working as a traffic analyst.

Wendell Beckner, a native of Elk Horn, W. Va., came from Wytheville. He has a degree in business administration from VPI and is an assistant to the factory purchasing agent.

With the company's expansion of its manufacturing operations, it was natural that a lot of old Brunswick folks would receive promotions to jobs entailing more responsibility. These promotions and changes of duty are too numerous to list here, but brief mention should be made of those who have received promotions to supervisory positions. They are:

Tom Harvey, who has been with Brunswick since 1950 as a methods engineer, was promoted to be night superintendent. He has a degree in mechanical engineering from VPI.

Charles Scott, who has been with Brunswick since 1947 on various jobs, but was most recently a foreman in the plastic division, was promoted to be general foreman in the plastic production department.

Joe Prater, who has been with Brunswick since 1946 as a material control clerk, was promoted to be material control supervisor. He took training in pre-engineering at Get-

tysburgh. College in Pennsylvania.

Harry Andrews, a graduate of the University of Maryland, who has been a traffic analyst with Brunswick since 1950, was promoted to be a traffic supervisor.

Richard Engard, who has been with Brunswick since 1952, was promoted from the methods engineering division to be foreman of the trim and pack department. He has a degree in Industrial Arts from State Teachers College in Pennsylvania.

Harry Weaver, who has been with Brunswick since 1952 as a draftsman, was promoted to be an inspection foreman. He is a graduate of Emory and Henry College.

Bill McCready, who has been with Brunswick since 1952 as a chemist, was promoted to foreman in the plastic division. He is also an Emory and Henry graduate.

Jesse Richardson, who has

been with Brunswick since 1945 and has held various production jobs, was promoted from the work force to be foreman in the plastic division on the night shift.

Ed Whisman, who came to work for Brunswick this year on a production job, was promoted to foreman in the partition department in the night shift.

Charles Moore, who came to Brunswick in 1952 as a detailer and estimator, was promoted to be a foreman in the partition department.

Marvin Harden, who has been with Brunswick since 1946 as a storekeeper in the shipping department, was promoted to be a foreman in that department.

Kelly Murray, who has worked in the millroom at Brunswick since 1947, was promoted to be a foreman in the partition department.

Jake Russell, who came to work for Brunswick in 1952, but had formerly been an employee, was promoted from an hourly job to be foreman on the bleacher seating.

Ray Anderson, who has been with Brunswick since 1946, has done various jobs in the millroom and was promoted to be a night shift foreman in the millroom.

Elmer Peake, who has been with Brunswick since 1945, was promoted from an hourly job to be foreman in the billiard, rail and slate departments.

Allen Richardson, who has been with Brunswick since 1945 as an operator in the veneer department, was promoted to be a foreman in that department.

Employee relations have remained good, and there has been a noticeable spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding between the company and the union representing the hourly production and maintenance employees.

The agreement between the company and the union, which was signed in August, 1952, continued in effect. It expires August, 1954. Under the terms of this agreement, hourly rated employees received a one cent increase in pay in August of this year due to a one per cent increase in the cost of living. Wages will be reviewed again in February, 1954, under the escalator provisions of the contract and any further increases which may have occurred in the cost of living will be reflected by corresponding wage increases.

The company's group insurance plan has continued in effect. Over \$125,000 was paid out under this group policy

during the year. Life insurance is provided for all employees in amounts approximately equal to one and a half times their annual salaries. The hospitalization coverage includes room and board, miscellaneous charges, surgical benefits and in-hospital medical fees for the employee and his dependents. In addition, there is a health and accident policy for the employees which insures them against loss of earning due to illness or non-occupational injuries. This coverage insures time lost up to a maximum of 26 weeks. The cost of this group policy is divided half between the company and half to the employees.

Employees with one to five years of service receive one week of paid vacation, and those with five years or more of service receive two weeks of vacation with pay.

The company operates a cafeteria, serving a noon meal to employees at cost. A first aid room is attended during the working day by a nurse who takes care of minor injuries and illnesses.

While the year just ending has not been a profitable one for the company, a great deal of preliminary work has been done and work has been started on new products which offer good prospects for continued high employment and profitable operations in future years.

**Chilhowie Fire Department Has A Good Year**

The Chilhowie Fire Department, during the old passing year, had a record good year with only 20 fires being reported.

Of the 20 fires reported only six of this number was in the town of Chilhowie.

E. B. Bonham was reelected chief of the department, and Jim Bishop was elected assistant chief. Other officers elected for the coming year were Harvey McCormick and Joe Love Bonham, captains, and John Mason, secretary and treasurer.

There was no new equipment added to the present supply during the year.

**Chilhowie Lions Club Lists Achievements**

The Chilhowie Lions Club reports a good year during 1953 with many projects being carried out.

One of the main projects on the list was the sponsoring of the Boy Scout Troop 95. A fund raising committee gave donations to the troop to help buy equipment.

A steak and bean dinner was held July 9. The team with the best attendance record was fed steak, and the losers were fed corn bread and beans. On Aug. 20 a game party was held at the Chilhowie High School gym to raise money for the sight conservation committee. Many children were examined throughout the year and received glasses. Stamps were mailed to the citizens in Chilhowie and area to raise funds in connection with the sight conservation.

During August the club secured donors for the blood bank, and a zone meeting for the district was held in Chilhowie. Rural Retreat, Marion, Saltville, Rich Valley, Glade Spring, Damascus and Bristol were clubs represented.

The Chilhowie Lions along with other Lions Clubs of Virginia decided to construct the Virginia School for Blind at Charlottesville.

A croquet tournament was held to raise fund for sight conservation. Teams from Chilhowie, Glade Spring and Seven Mile Ford were entered. On Dec. 5 a square dance was held in Chilhowie to raise funds for the Lions part on the shower room at the school. The lighting of the football field is a part of the club's activities. The Lions are working with the other civic clubs on the Christmas welfare project. Ladies night was held Dec. 17. Officers elected for 1954 are:

H. T. Ball, president; H. C. Browning first vice president; L. S. Walker, second vice president; Thomas McKee, third vice president; L. M. LaPlace, secretary; S. A. Cole, treasurer; Ralph Dutton, tailwister; William Paine, Hontamer; and John DeBusk and Edwin Sanders directors.

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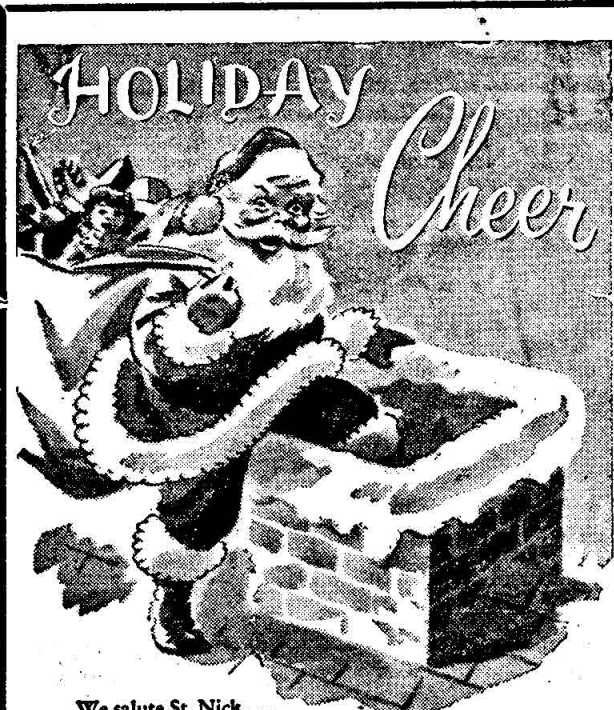
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ship Him."

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*Christmas Greetings*

# Chamber of Commerce Grows with Community

**By Horace E. Myers**  
 As secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Marion, Inc., since May 15, I should like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the people of Marion for the fine cooperation and encouragement given me in my first year of service. The following is just a small outline of the vast amount of fine work done by the members, committees and directors in the year 1953.

The Chamber of Commerce was organized in 1935 with a total of 66 members. Today there are 259 voting representatives. In comparison the population of Marion in 1935 was 4,160 and in 1953 approximately 7,200. The need and service of a local chamber has grown along with Marion.

**Agriculture Program**  
 At a meeting of farmers who were guests of the local bankers the chamber awarded strip cropping certificates to seven farmers of Smyth County who started strip cropping during 1953 as a means of soil conservation.

The chamber and retail merchants sponsored a local baby beef show under the supervision of the county agent, H. B. Eiler. The winners of this contest, Miss Nancy Horne, Sarah Lindsey, Jimmy Buchanan, Martha McDonald and William St. John, went on to enter the Southwest Virginia Fat Steer Show at Bristol. Nancy Horne won the coveted Grand Champion award.

The chamber awarded outstanding leadership plaques to Nancy St. John and Charles Hopkins at the 4-H Achievement Day program.

Smyth County's Artificially Sired Dairy Show sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce was very successful with a total of 17 contestants in 3 classes. George D. Groseclose had the Champion Jersey heifer, Richardson Brothers, champion Holstein heifer, Marion Winters the Champion Guernsey.

In cooperation with the local county agent the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a retail school for poultry and egg retailers.

**Education** — The education committee has had meetings through the year in which plans were mapped, result of which will materialize in 1954. No publicity can be given but when announcements are made the committee knows the community will cooperate in every way.

The committee met at Marion College setting plans for a Marion College Day. The committee members and other prominent Marion men entertained the fathers of the college seniors at a dinner at Hemlock Haven.

**Highway** — The chamber received congratulations for the good work done in previous years toward securing a better highway over Route 16. The Chamber is now working toward getting a U. S. number for this route.

The committee has urged the paving of the parking lot in order to facilitate more room for parking.

**Publicity and Advertising** — The Marion chamber again sponsored with J. Walter Wyatt park concessionaire, a bass derby for the largest and second largest bass caught at

Hungry Mother State Park. Cash prizes of \$20 and \$10 will be awarded the winner. Norman Arnold and Gordon Conner have at the annual meeting in January.

A total of 20,000 new folders will come from the press ready for January distribution throughout the United States. The distribution of many thousand of the folders throughout the year has added to the tourist trade in Marion. Hundreds of inquiries as to the Park and Marion have been answered throughout the year.

A 25,000 place mats with pictures and a map of Marion are now being printed for restaurants and tourist establishments in and around Marion.

The chamber has distributed mileage tables and tourist accommodations to all inquiries.

The chamber officials have welcomed many groups and conventions to Marion such as doctors convention, teachers, home demonstration groups, etc.

Pictures and new releases are continually mailed to newspapers.

A new cover which advertises the park was made for the monthly news bulletin; this bulletin is mailed throughout Virginia and Tennessee.

**Industrial development** — Several industrial inquiries were handled this year through committee of the Chamber of Commerce by statistical information, personal contact and meetings with prospects in Marion.

The first prospect, a garment industry was shown all sites in Marion and presented with facts and details. This particular industry would employ approximately 200 women and a labor survey was required. The survey response showed 765 responses, 399 male, 366 female replies. The prospect turned down Marion probably because Marion already has a very good garment factory.



**GROSECLOSE HONORED** — A Marionite, Fred S. Groseclose, was honored in Japan last April for his work with the Red Cross in Korea. Groseclose was given the Medal of Freedom for his work. He is shown above receiving the award in April from Col. Willie N. Thomas at Camp Kikura in Japan. He is now back in the States on leave and will be stationed in Texas.

Through effort of the Chamber of Commerce the fertilizer division of Southern States Co-operative, with factory expansion in mind, was helped and shown property in and near Marion. This company was fortunate in finding a very

good piece of land near Atkins, where a fertilizer plant will be built at some later date.

At the present time another prospect has been given considerable attention in an effort to show that this territory is the best location for this project which cannot be given publicity at this time.

Statistics on Marion and Smyth County has been prepared for the office file. All inquiries can be answered from this file.

The 69 acre industrial site owned by the Chamber of Commerce was leased to Neal Umbarger at \$500 per year. This site loan is being paid by monthly installment, balance due January 1, 1953 was 5,670.00. Every effort is being made to place some form of industry on this property. Norfolk and Western Railway has been studying the property for an industrial prospect.

**Membership** — The active membership of the Marion Chamber at the time this report is being prepared is 259. A few members have been lost due to deaths, changes in jobs, etc. The membership is larger and stronger than anytime since its organization date due to the very good work of the membership committee.

The membership is continually being contacted through the news bulletin, letters and personal contact by the secretary.

The annual meeting, with the speaker Dr. Walter A. Flick of the faculty of Washington and Lee was well received and attended by the membership. The officers elected for 1953 were Fred Q. Graybeal, president; E. Neal Umbarger, first vice president; J. Leonard Mauck, second vice president; Francis M. Hoge, treasurer; directors, Jack L. Alexander, Robert M. Campbell, Dr. E. V. Richardson, Brodie Thompson and James F. Tindall.

The Chamber lost the able secretary, M. L. Greenwood Jr., who had been chamber secretary from January 15, 1951 to April 1953. Mr. Greenwood took a position with a local industry.

**Retail Merchants Activities** — A spring meeting of the retail merchants was held in February. At this meeting Wednesday and holiday closings were decided upon. The Retail Trades committee elected to serve until the fall meeting was composed of W. J. Andrews, chairman; Max Schloss, vice chairman; Jack L. Alexander; Donald LeDuke, and Oscar McNeil.

The advertising control committee was very active throughout the year screening advertising proposals. All merchants are very pleased with this work as a protection against fraudulent and unworthy advertising which has saved them many thousands of dollars over a period of years.

The merchants again sponsored the Christmas decoration program for Main Street. The retail committee collected more than \$600 from the merchants to finance this program. In addition to regular decoration bought, each year several new pieces of permanent decoration equipment was purchased. The merchants now own more than \$1,600 worth of permanent equipment.

The most extensive Christmas parade to date was sponsored by the merchants. The parade was attended by thousands. The regular participants had the additional help of the Junior Woman's Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Appalachian Electric Power Co.

The chamber and the Marion Volunteer Fire Department sponsored a Christmas decoration contest with prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10 being awarded for the best outside Christmas decoration.

The retail merchants cooperated in Spring and Fall Town-wide Sale which brought bargains to the customer and gained goodwill and money for the merchants. The merchants advertised in a tabloid, which was distributed to six counties. The merchants feel that through a cooperative town-wide sale, Marion can be made the shopping center of the Mountain Empire.

Through a meeting called by the Chamber of Commerce, a committee headed by Jim Tindall was organized to be sent to Richmond to request a lower license for out of state fishermen.

The committee was successful in presenting its arguments and a \$1.00 out of state fishing license for impounded waters is assured.

An informative school in merchandising and selling, taught by the Distributive Education teacher, Mrs. Mildred Dickenson, was sponsored by the chamber for the sales clerks of Marion stores.

An industrial series was started in the news bulletin in order to familiarize the community with our local industry.

A beautification week co-sponsored by chamber and civic clubs was very successful with help from the Scouts who carried the campaign to each householder and the students who entered the poster contest. Through radio, newspaper and personal contact people were made conscious of the need of a clean up campaign which made people get busy.

The first Smyth County Arts and Crafts show held in August was a huge success with attendance of 3,000 with people registering from 15 states and the Canal Zone.

A meeting was held to make plans for a Hungry Mother Park Opening for 1954.

Robert Wolfenden, chairman of the project, has given much of his time toward organizing this Hungry Mother Park Opening for 1954.

Better service can now be given to the members because of an addition in the staff. Miss Shirley Lounen was hired in September for general office work and is doing a very good job.

Through cooperation and hard

work of each member, the Chamber of Commerce can render its best year of service to the public in 1954.

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The most powerful Chevrolet passenger car engine ever built! Amazingly economical, it's teamed with Powerglide, optional at extra cost.

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**NEW POWER IN "BLUE-FLAME 115" ENGINE**  
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In gearshift models, the more powerful "Blue-Flame 115" engine gives you finer performance with money-saving gas mileage!

**New!**

**NEW STYLING IN BODY BY FISHER**  
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New front- and rear-end styling. All around the car you see new beauty in the only Fisher Body in Chevrolet's field.

**New!**

**FINEST, MOST COLORFUL INTERIORS**  
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Here are the most luxurious interiors on any low-priced car! New interior color harmonies are keyed to brilliant new exterior colors.

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**LOWER PRICED POWER STEERING**  
 Another Chevrolet "First"!

First in its field with Power Steering, Chevrolet now reduces the price. Optional at extra cost on all models.

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# Appalachian Power Continues Expansion in Smyth

By W. C. Buchanan

The Appalachian Electric Power Company has continued its expansion program during 1953. This work was planned to meet the present and anticipated future demands for electric service in Smyth County. During the year, the company spent approximately \$262,600 to make major improvements in its transmission and distribution systems in the county. This is a portion of a scheduled improvement program totaling \$1,300,000 to be made to the facilities in Smyth County.

A new 33,000-volt transmission line was built from Saltville to a new substation at Chilhowie. This provides Chilhowie and the surrounding area with the same capacity as that of Marion. The distribution system in the west-end of Marion was rebuilt and converted from 4,000 volts to 12,000 volts operation.

Progress is being made in providing a network of high-voltage, 132,000 volt transmission lines to serve Marion and Saltville and other principal towns in the area. This network will be in addition to the existing 33,000-volt network which will give the towns two feeds to insure a continuous source of electricity.

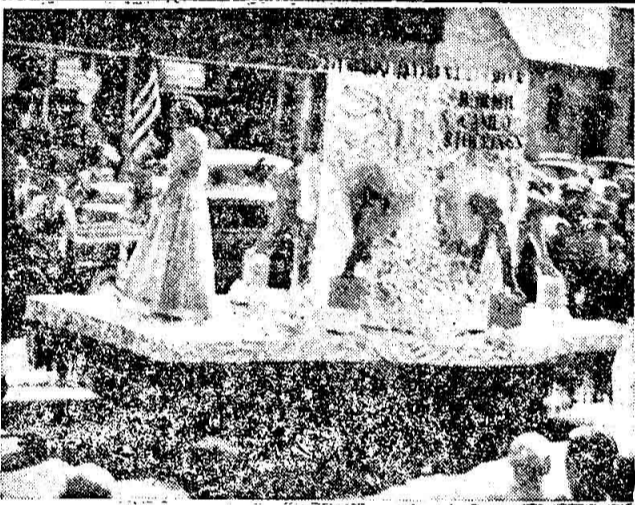
## Marion Music Club Gives Programs For Members, Public

By Carolyn White

The Marion Music Club, entering its 31st year of organization, looks back upon a year of varied and active participation by every member. Under the leadership of Mrs. Warren Wright, president, who is serving a second term of office, the club has grown in both membership and interest. The program committee, composed of Mrs. J. S. Stephenson, chairman, Mrs. H. N. Kepler and Mrs. I. H. Huff, has ably directed the study program of the club with informative lecture



**TRAFFIC FATALITIES** — 1953 was another bloody year on Smyth highways. The third fatality of the year occurred last April, when Robert E. Bennett of Roanoke was killed when the vehicle he was driving was struck by a train at a crossing near Mt. Carmel.



**FLOATS** — Burlington Mills came up with a new angle in floats for various parades in Smyth during '53. Young girls were encased in a showy box, with their legs, sheathed in beautiful Burlington hosiery modeled on the outside. Jaycee President S. M. Norris of Chilhowie, where the Burlington float took first prize in the Apple Festival parade, came mighty close to getting into trouble as the result of such an idea. Before the parade he was inspecting the float, thinking that mannequins were being used, and started to touch. Just as he did the model moved. So did Norris — on to another float.

sessions together with illustrative musical selections. Guest artists, as well as club members have presented outstanding concerts, several of which were meetings open to the public.

During the past year, the club finished the study of Verdi's operas with the January meeting at the home of Mrs. D. D. Query. Selections from "Il Trovatore" were performed by Mrs. Evan P. LaFollette, soprano; Jack Barret, tenor, and Mrs. Erwin Jones, pianist. The February luncheon meeting at Virginia House was the annual federation program. Mrs. Cloyd Kent, who is a vice president of the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs, was

organist, of Emory and Henry College.

An objective accomplished during the year of great benefit to the club was the revision and adoption of the constitution and by-laws. A special committee, headed by Mrs. Kent, worked tirelessly to present to the club a workable and enlarged document. The most important changes were the name of the club from "Monday Afternoon Music Club" to the "Marion Music Club," also provided was a change of time of meetings permitting meetings at night, thereby resulting in flexible scheduling of meetings, to make it more practicable for attendance of various groups heretofore prevented from attendance by afternoon meetings. Further, the constitution was amended to permit officers to serve for two consecutive terms. Several new departments and committees were added, further meeting the current needs of the club. Due to the rapidly increasing membership, a limitation was set limiting membership to 60 active members, prospective members to remain on a waiting list.

Officers re-elected to serve for a second term were as follows: Mrs. Warren Wright, president; Mrs. J. O. Crockett, first vice president; Mrs. H. N. Kepler, second vice president; Mrs. A. B. Graybeal, recording secretary; Mrs. Morris Wechsler, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Joseph H. Blalock, treasurer; Mrs. R. Cloyd Kent, parliamentary, and Mrs. G. F. Cook, historian.

For the program theme for the new club year beginning in September, the program committee, selected "Music from All Nations." In keeping with this theme, programs were planned which may be best characterized by a quotation taken from the club yearbook "Music that knows no country, race or creed; but gives to each according to his need." Guest artists Misses Ruth Littleton, soprano, and Nell Combs, organist, of Abingdon, and Ted Russell, tenor, presented the opening program of the season which was held at the First Methodist Church. Their selections included compositions from Bach, Handel and Bizet.

At this meeting the presentation of the year books was made by Mrs. Crockett. The yearbook committee, with Mrs. Warren Wright, chairman, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Crockett, and Mrs. Kent, this year edited an attractive blue and gold yearbook, complete with useful information, such as the collect of the NFMCC, the federation hymn, list of past presidents, club officers, department heads,

and standing committee members. A complete list of all programs for the entire club year, the new revised constitution and by-laws and list of club members are also included.

Appointment of department heads and standing committees was made by Mrs. Wright as follows: director of department, Mrs. Kent; course of study, Mrs. J. M. Graybeal; schools and colleges, Miss Mary Preston Sheffey; music in the home, Mrs. J. R. Ervin; church music, Mrs. Clay Eller; Virginia composers, Mrs. E. P. Ellis; civic and national music, Mrs. James S. Dean; radio, Mrs. Rex Wolfe and Mrs. T. M. Gillespie; scholarship and loan, Mrs. Erwin Jones; music in hospitals, Mrs. H. N. Kepler.

Standing committee chairmen: program Mrs. Stephenson; yearbook, Mrs. Wright; social, Mrs. Crockett; membership, Mrs. Wilson Scott; cards, Mrs. Wechsler; advisory, Mrs. Kent; specialized activities, Mrs. J. W. Sealise; scrap book, Mrs. W. A. Wolfe; publicity, Miss Carolyn S. White; hymn of the month, Mrs. Henry Thompson; telephone, Mrs. C. S. Wassum; attendance, Mrs. George Wheeler; finance, Mrs. Cecil Greer; junior and juvenile, Mrs. E. N. Legard.

At the October meeting, held at the home of Mrs. W. M. Slater Jr., Mrs. Paul Peterson, spoke on Norwegian music. Mrs. Peterson has lived and taught in Norway. Appearing on the program as guest artists, whose selections included offerings from Grieg and Bull, were Miss Barbara Brown of Marion College, pianist; Mrs. Huff, violinist; Mrs. Donald Jones, soprano, and Mrs. Peterson, pianist.

Announcement was made by the president that honorary memberships had been awarded by the club to Mrs. E. H. Copenhaver and Mrs. Fannie Y. Copenhaver, charter members, for their outstanding service and loyalty through the years.

October 10, Mrs. Kent presided as acting director at the district meeting held in Wytheville. Marion Music Club presented Mrs. LaFollette, soprano, accompanied by Mrs. Stephenson, in two selections as a part of the program.

Members of the Bristol Music Club presented the program at the November meeting held at the home of Mrs. John D. Lincoln. It was decided at this meeting that the club would hold a game night Nov. 23 at the Marion Community Center for the purpose of raising funds.

One of the most outstanding programs of the year was the club sponsored tenth annual Christmas Musicales, which was held Dec. 6 at the First Methodist Church and broadcast over Station WMEV. Mrs. Stephenson has been in charge of the program each year, and this year was assisted by Mrs. Kepler and Mrs. Huff. Participation by all church choirs is encouraged, and this year the following groups cooperated: Royal Oak Presbyterian, Marion Baptist, Ebenezer Lutheran, Grace Methodist, First Methodist, Marion College Choir and the Marion High School Chorus. Choir directors were Miss Betty Ruff, Walter Williams, J. Ervin, Ted Russell and Paul Peterson. Mr. Peterson directed the combined choirs and congregational singing. An overflow congregation heard an inspiring program of Christmas music which embraced many of the emotions of the Christmas season: triumph, joy, peace and awe.

At each meeting, the club studies a hymn, its origin and author in order to give club members a greater appreciation of church music. Hymns studied during this new club year have been "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," "God of Our Fathers," and "We Plow the Fields and Scatter." Marion Music Club in its aim to share the gift of music with others has made contributions locally to the Civic Entertainment Fund; and through its affiliation with the Virginia and National Federation of Music Clubs has contributed to the student loan fund, which enables worthy music students to further their studies.

In summation, it has been an aim of the Marion Music Club to stimulate music education as a profession and as an integral part of general education and community life, realizing that music is no longer only for the talented and well-to-do, but is a spiritual necessity for the common man. A great deal of our study has been directed toward the aim of developing sensitivity, taste, and critical sense in music, to help the listener understand and appreciate the worth, beauty and diversity of the world's store of music.

Therefore, it has been the endeavor of the Marion Music Club to share the blessed legacy of music by bringing to its members and the community informative study sessions and performances of high excellence by club members and guest artists. We have in the words of our collect, "with consecration dedicated ourselves to the purpose of our Federation to bring the spiritualizing force of music to the inner life of our nation."

## Roland's Creek

MRS. EARL WARD  
Roland's Creek, Dec. 14 — James G. Tilson returned home Dec. 12 from Jefferson Hospital in Roanoke, where he underwent surgery.

Mrs. Earl Ward, who has been a patient in Marion General Hospital, returned home Dec. 12.

Mrs. Andy Rowland continues ill at her home.

Mrs. Robert Griffiths and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stone of Sugar Grove visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tilson and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ward Dec. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Tedder and family of Abingdon were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burchett Dec. 13.

Mrs. Everett Adams and son, Larry, of Rising Sun, Md., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tilson and Mrs. A. J. Ward.

Mrs. John Tilson visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tilson and Mrs. Andy Rowland Dec. 13. Mrs. A. J. Ward visited them also.

Mrs. Everett Adams and son spent Dec. 13 visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sherwood.

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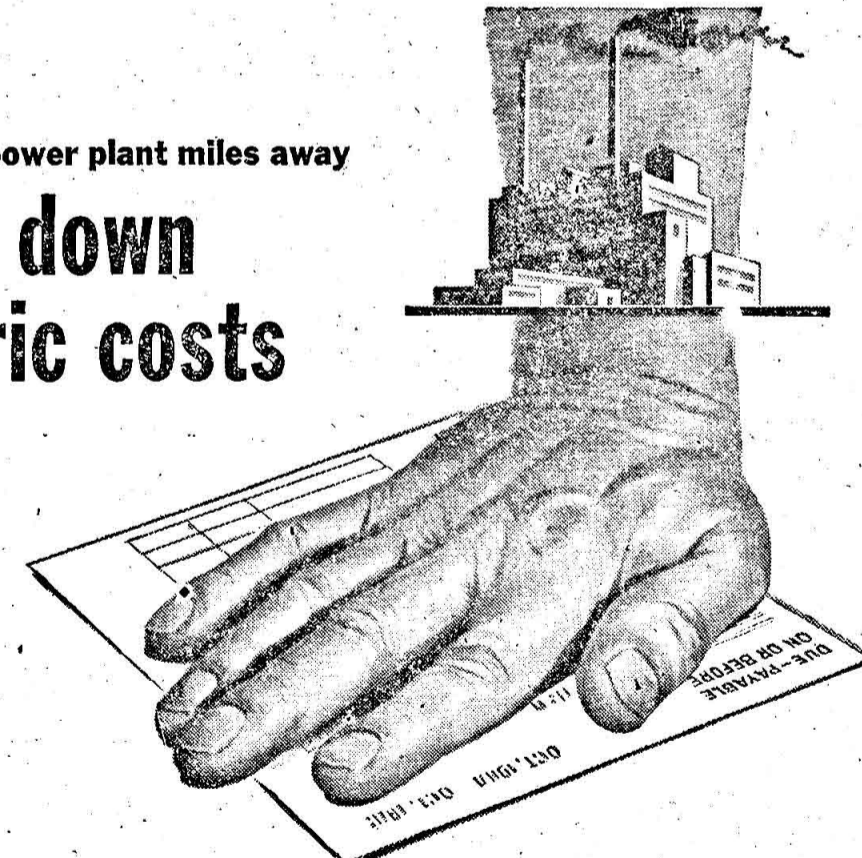
Our Christmas wish for all is that the Holiday Season may hold the promise of peace and prosperity for the coming year.

**Wythe Finance Corporation**  
Marion & Wytheville

in charge of the program. The Keynote Junior Club in March, under the direction of Mrs. Francis J. Copenhaver, presented an outstanding program on gypsy music. The Junior Club is sponsored by the Marion Music Club and is federated with the State Junior Music Clubs.

The faculty and students of Marion College presented their annual program in April. Paul G. Peterson of the College spoke on German lieder, and several students selected from the College Choir gave vocal selections. Closing the club year in May, the club presented in concert Mrs. I. H. Huff, violinist, and William Bradley,

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A lot of folks don't realize it, but the average family gets about twice as much electricity for its money as it got twenty years ago.

There are two main reasons why this is true. One is mass generation and distribution of electricity. Another is the great advancements that have been made in generating technique. The new Muskingum River Plant that's just started operating in Ohio is a good example of both. It's another big step—miles away though it may be—toward keeping electric rates low in this area where you live and work.

Mass generation means larger plants where coal and water are most economically available instead of smaller plants closer to the towns they serve. The \$45,000,000 Muskingum River Plant, for instance, is big enough to supply electricity to all the homes of a city of 800,000. And it embodies the results of years of research, all aimed at getting more power from coal and water at lower cost.

Muskingum River Plant, of course, is a unit in the American Gas and Electric Company system, of which this, your power company, is a part. The system is made up of many such plants, all interconnected to assure you not only plenty of power, but the utmost in continuity of service. A new plant anywhere on the system means more power to grow and prosper on for every one of the 2290 communities the system serves. New economies at any plant mean savings for every single customer on our lines.

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### Mrs. Myers

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about 75 friends and relatives were present.

Aug. 17 — Attended the 30th anniversary of the organization of the Southern States Cooperative in Black Lick. Everything under the heavens to eat.

Aug. 18 — Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beinbrech of Upper Sandusky, Ohio came for a visit with Mesdames Ray and Gilbert Fisher and their families.

Aug. 20 — Attended training program for the Wytheville District in Pulaski Methodist Church.

Aug. 22 — Attended Rye Valley Fair. Exhibits splendid despite drought.

Aug. 26 — The Blue Springs Home Demonstration Club family picnic was held on the Myers lawn. Twenty-five were present.

Aug. 28 — Attended Fair at Rural Retreat. The Rural Retreat Garden Club ranks high with New York when it comes to handsome flowers, roses in particular.

Aug. 30 — Nice picnic at Myers home. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wright and grandson, Ranny, the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Colbert, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Neel Fisher, Miss Hattie Fisher. Mercury 94.

Sept. 3 — Mrs. Robert E. Marx and her brother, Jimmy Wyatt, arrived from Washington, D. C. just as we were sitting down to supper. Two more plates were added and they remained about three hours before going to Chilhowie for a visit with relatives.

Sept. 4 — WSCS in home of Mrs. Garland Hurt.

Sept. 6 — Drove to Teas, Elizabeth Church to hear Dr. Stuart Staley give a wonderful talk on his stay in India.

Sept. 7 — Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Call of Roanoke, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Wyatt, Bristol, Jimmy Wyatt, D. C. Rodney Bowers and Miss Mary Carless Wright of Fries, Mo. ekeee?h.a

Sept. 9 — Attended Galax Fair. Excellent exhibit and the stage show was by nationally known professionals.

Sept. 10 — Attended Rural Retreat Garden Club at Crockett Community Center.

Sept. 11 — Attended Fair in Bland. Horses, ponies, cattle, sheep excellent. Good display of most every thing. Mrs. Mollie Anderson became ill after seeing all of the exhibits. By

the time she reached home she was so ill an ambulance was called to take her to Lee Memorial Hospital.

Sept. 14 — First big frost. Very little damage.

Sept. 16 — Harjo called hospital from Kansas City and offered to come home if necessary on account of aunties illness.

Sept. 20 — My birthday was spent in the hospital but friends were so generous with letters, cards, calls and gifts it wasn't too bad.

Sept. 24 — Flower Show by the Marion Garden Club. Late in the season, but flowers and arrangements were superb. Mrs. Ray Rouse was good enough to bring her blue ribbon flowers to the hospital for Mrs. Anderson.

Sept. 25 — A new friend, Mrs. V. C. McKee, brought her tray to my room where we ate together. Mrs. McKee's husband was critically ill, but it was refreshing to visit with her. The brand new barn of John D. Horn with approximately \$5,000 worth of baled hay burned to the ground. The insurance company paid the \$3,000 insurance immediately.

Sept. 28 — Three of the Asbury pulpit chairs were re-upholstered, and new curtains bought for the preacher's room at the church. These chairs had been in use since 1906 and were still in fair condition.

Sept. 30 — Asbury women made 29½ gallons of apple butter for Holston Orphanage in Greeneville, Tenn. They met at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Fisher with a pot luck lunch.

Oct. 11 — All day mission study of WSCS for entire charge held at Asbury Church.

Oct. 14 — I almost feel like a patient being released from the hospital. I was Aunties' special nurse day and night during her entire stay in the hospital. She returned home by ambulance, but she was able to walk to her meals at the dining room table on Oct. 16.

Oct. 17 — Think of having the room full of flowers grown out side. Roses and many other varieties of flowers were brought by Mrs. Hedrick and Mrs. Catron.

Oct. 20 — Attended Speedwell H D Club meeting at Community Center and won the door prize.

Oct. 21 — Received the Wythe County Welfare Report book for the year. Does Smyth County put out one?

Oct. 23 — The new barn was finished for John D. Horn. It was erected in 14 days. There were 17 volunteer workers.

Oct. 27 — A little rain.

Oct. 28 — Gloomy and rainy all day.

Oct. 31 — Mercury 70 all day.

Nov. 1 — Walter Calhoun was the speaker at Asbury church for Laymans Day.

Nov. 3 — Mrs. Anderson well enough to go to the polls to vote. She spent day at Roes. Mercury 75 nearly all day.

Nov. 4 — More flowers.

Nov. 6 — Mrs. Ora Lee Miller Irvin of Chillicothe, Ohio, was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Cornette.

Nov. 7 — The John D. Horn family received six big truck loads of baled feed from their neighbors as a gift for their cattle.

Nov. 16 — Mrs. Mollie Anderson again critically ill. Dr. Schiff advised medicine as in previous attacks.

Nov. 25 — Mr. and Mrs. Con Jones celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Asbury church gave them a tapestry upholstered platform rocker. They held open house the following Sunday from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Nov. 26 — Thanksgiving was a beautiful day. Mercury around 30 all day. So many people brought trays, that it was a regular banquet. The meats were turkey, beef, fresh sausage, a whole chicken, salads, assorted vegetables marvelous cakes etc. How in Gods name can I ever say thanks enough to my good neighbors?

Nov. 27 — Lots more food! Mercury 40 all day.

Nov. 29 — Auntie so well she insisted that we attend preaching at Asbury. She could be called the eighth wonder of the world. (She didn't get to go.)

Nov. 30 — Received generous pieces of the gorgeous cake from the open house for Mr. and Mrs. Con Jones. This was deeply appreciated. Mr. Jones said: "We missed you!" My gracious, just 25 days until Christmas and this has to go to the printer. Another happy year is wished for each of you.

Here are a few news items which are not dated.

Seaver (Sonny) Hilton killed a white deer, statistics are one albino deer in 30,000. This deer played near here all summer. Tommy Thompson and Edwin Hilton won blue ribbons on their 4-H hogs at the Bristol fair.

Mrs. Powell Delp, 90 year old mother of Glen and Dr. Delp, suffered a stroke in September. She is able to be up and is quite active again.

Cedar Springs parsonage and

Asbury church were painted this fall.

The Asbury WSCS get out memorial plates with the picture of the third and fourth church on the front. They were founded 1825 and 1906, with a brief history on the back.

Ten preachers have been called to preach from this church.

### Lick Creek

MRS. MARY SHUPE  
Lick Creek, Dec. 14 — The Rev. Roy W. Redding will preach at the Lick Creek School House every second Sunday in the month.

Will Hayton was called to Tazewell due to the illness of his daughter, Mrs. David Hubble, who is a patient in a Tazewell hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Houck and children of Baltimore, Md., recently spent the week and Mrs. John Harner. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Harner, who plans to spend several days with them.

Misses Hess and Zarfoss had their Christmas service Dec. 11.

The Lick Creek Sunday School had a Christmas program last Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Cregger have been attending the revival at Liberty the past week.

Alfred Cregger has been visiting his father, Will Cregger.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Young and children of Burkes Garden spent a day recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thompson.

Andrew Young of Chicago, Ill., spent last week with his wife and daughters and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Henderson and children of Groseclose, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cooper and children visited in the Young home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cregger visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Shupe, Dec. 13.

### Chatham Hill

MRS. CLAUDE BURNOP  
PHONE 531  
Chatham Hill, Dec. 14 — Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hubble have been ill but are better.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillespie of Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bowling and daughter, Wanda, Mrs. Kate Waddle and grandson, Edgar Waddle, visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hubble Dec. 13.

Mrs. G. W. DeBord is still a patient at Jefferson Hospital in Roanoke. She had a minor operation. Her husband visited her Dec. 12.

Mrs. Gray Billings and family of Thorpe, W. Va., were called here because of the death of her brother, Will Moore, at Lee Memorial Hospital last week.

Misses Kate Stephenson and Mary Virginia Olinger were visitors in Wytheville Dec. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Neel, Gail and Billy, and Mrs. John Burnop were visitors in Bristol Dec. 12.

Miss Wanda Bowling of Richmond Medical College is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bowling. She returned Wednesday.

Sgt. Thomas of the camp spent last week in Richmond.

Miss Arlo Lee Webb of Radford College has arrived home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Webb.

Bob Colthard is a patient in McKee Hospital at Saltville.

### Poore Valley

MRS. JAMES PRATER  
Poore Valley, Dec. 14 — Clarence Frye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Frye, has been discharged from the army. He and his wife are living in Perryville.

Miss Alice Frye spent Dec. 13 with her sister, Mrs. Willie Keith, of Allison Gap.

Walter, Tony and Alex Tolbert spent the week end at home.

Mrs. Dinah Prater and Carol were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ward of McCready Dec. 12. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Atwood and family of Narrows spent last week end with the former.

Sgt. Montgomery Frye spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cruey of Chilhowie, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Davidson of Beaver Creek, Mrs. Stuart Frye and sons, Pansy and Rebecca Gillespie, Ella Frye and Patsy Rogers visited Kathleen Prater Dec. 13.

Luther Ford of Broadford visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ford Dec. 13.

John Frye visited his daughter, Mrs. David Talbert, last Sunday.

## Marion Bank Completes 79th Year

By Robert S. Garnett

The story of The Bank of Marion is difficult to tell in an interesting way, because it is figures which compose the story, and figures are seldom interesting.

More interesting to us are those who made the figures possible, you our valued friends and customers. Without you we would not have a story to tell.

We have just completed our 79th year of rendering our services to Smyth County. We look forward with pleasure to 1954, our 80th birthday. Our institution has grown and prospered with our town and county, and it is always a pleasure for us to participate in all undertakings which benefit our community.

Many citizens have moved to Smyth County during the year. It has been our pleasure to have been of service to many of you. The new friends we

have made, and the old ones we have kept are our valued assets. We trust our services will continue to merit your approval.

It was indeed a pleasure for us to welcome Bill Smith home from the Korean area. Bill is back on his job as a member of our staff, after two years in the service of his country. The year 1953 was a very successful year for our bank, and we are busy making plans to improve our services during the coming year.

We are fortunate in having on our board of directors outstanding business and professional men who give unsparingly of their time to the operations and problems of our bank. The officers, directors and employees will strive to make 1954 a banner year in rendering service to Smyth County, and to all of citizens we extend our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

order to teach their children the Bible as well as the state required curriculum.

Plans for strong revival meetings are also on the 1954 horizon. The motto of Adventist laymen is — "Win one more in '54'."

The Young Peoples Society of the church is to be strengthened to be a strong agency for "Share Your Faith" in 1954.

The Dorcas Welfare Society of the church plans to be very active in the coming year in helping the needy and poor.

As 1953 is about to leave us never to return, and 1954 challenges with the unknown, the Seventh-Day Adventist thanks God for a free country and the privilege to worship according to the dictates of their consciences. May our country and state always be reminded that our heritage is — "A Country without a king, a church without a pope."

be presented by the Dramatics Club. Characters are Carolyn Musser, Betty Groseclose, Shirley Wyrick, Sara Neff, Alva Dixon, Marion James, Mary McKay and Ronald Hackler. This play was written by Margaret Crary. "Peace Black Peace", written by Charles Phillippi, dramatist, will also be presented. The characters are Freda Corvin, Alice Kincaid and Ronald Hackler.

Mary McKay and Shirley Wyrick will give readings between plays.

### Stoney Battery

MRS. VERNIE SEXTON

Stoney Battery, Dec. 14 — Sam Brooks returned home last week from a Marion hospital much improved.

Misses Betty and Magaline Sheets visited Miss Bessie Sexton Dec. 12.

Mrs. Lon Roland, who has been ill at her home for the past three weeks, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stines, Mrs. Ray Thomas and Betty Whitaker spent last week visiting relatives in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Isom Burchett is visiting various parts of South Carolina. She is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Delancy, there.

Miss Bessie Sheets was ill at her home last week.

W. R. Sexton and children were Dec. 13 dinner guests of Mrs. Laura Hawkins and family of Riverside.

Misses Bobby Brooks and Myrl Pickle were ill at their home last week but are well now.

Mrs. Wiley West visited Mrs. Andy Roland Dec. 12.

Mrs. Rachel Sexton has been ill at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Owens and son visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Martin, Dec. 13.

James Tilson, who recently underwent a serious head operation, is slowly improving at his home.

Mrs. Jim Eller, who has been a patient at a Marion hospital, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sherwood and children visited Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson.

Mrs. Beulah S. Whitaker recently visited Mrs. J. R. Stines.

JOYCE, JEAN MEEK  
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TO 4-H CLUB

The Marion 4-H club girls met December 5 at the home of Joyce and Jean Meek.

A new name was decided upon for the club. It will be "The 4-H Scattered Squaws of Marion."

A bake sale was planned for December 23 in the Center Theater lobby. This sale will be the first of a series of bake sales the club will sponsor during the year's work. The proceeds from these sales will go toward financing the club girls to camp in Greeneville, Tenn.

A Christmas party will be at Martha and Annette McDonald's December 25. The exchanging of gifts will be a high light of evening.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Nancy Horne. A demonstration will be given by Sarah Frances Eller on "How to Wash Hair Correctly."

## Marion PTA Averages 215 at Its Meetings

By Mrs. Fred Graybeal

I am happy to report that the Marion PTA has had a very successful year, and that the Parent Teacher Association is growing rapidly in number as well as worthwhile achievements. As most of you know, we are continuing to give one dollar as an attendance prize to the room having the most parents present at each monthly meeting. Our attendance so far this year has averaged 215 parents and teachers at each meeting.

In December of last school year, we gave \$15 toward the art exhibit sponsored by the Junior Woman's club. The program in December was given by pupils in the chorus directed by Miss Betty Ruff, and the band students directed by Joseph Ervin.

Each year the room mother give a Valentine party in each room. The children look forward to this and seem to enjoy it very much.

In January we heard Mrs. Lewis Woolwine, president of the Holston district, speak on "Cooperation Between Parents and Teachers for Working Together to Help the Child."

February's program consisted of a Founder's Day play entitled "Youth Takes a Hand," given by the pupils of Mrs. Ransone's 7th grade.

Fathers' night was held in March at the Marion High School auditorium. At the request of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, the PTA voted to support the fluorination of Marion's water supply. At this meeting we heard Dr. Nicholas C. Brown, dean of men, Emory and Henry College, speak on "How We Can Encourage Young People to Enter the Teaching Profession."

In April we sent a number of people to the District PTA meeting in Abingdon at which time one of our own members, Mrs. Warren Wright, was elected president of the Holston district. We are very proud to have the district president coming from our organization, and we know Mrs. Wright will do an outstanding job.

In May the PTA helped with the pre-school clinic, as well as the county music and art festival.

In a report given by the room mothers' chairman, we learn that the mothers have contributed the following: books, clothing, record players, tables, window shades, a globe and lights. At the April meeting we heard Mrs. Hugh Pierson tell of her experience as a teacher in Africa.

The PTA assisted in the Gamma Globulin clinic in Smyth County.

At the first meeting of the present school term held in the cafeteria of the new Intermediate school, we voted \$20 to be paid toward the expenses of a delegate to the state PTA convention to be held in Bristol. We also voted \$25 be spent for first aid supplies for each of the two schools and that \$75 be spent for playground equipment in both schools. A tea for the teachers was given following the business session in September.

The PTA has helped in the cafeteria of the Intermediate school since the opening of school. Parents have shown a very cooperative spirit concerning this project.

At the October meeting we voted to pay \$100 each on a projector and duplicator for the school. And at this same meeting, we voted to buy a trash receptacle for the Intermediate school teachers lounge.

A total of \$100 was allocated for the purchase of shoes and other clothes for indigent children. A report of the rummage sale showed a sum of \$200.80. Mrs. Graybeal gave a short report of the PTA state convention held in Bristol. We enjoyed an interesting talk given by Jack Musten on the recreation program for Marion.

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PHONE 531  
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Mrs. G. W. DeBord is still a patient at Jefferson Hospital in Roanoke. She had a minor operation. Her husband visited her Dec. 12.

Mrs. Gray Billings and family of Thorpe, W. Va., were called here because of the death of her brother, Will Moore, at Lee Memorial Hospital last week.

Misses Kate Stephenson and Mary Virginia Olinger were visitors in Wytheville Dec. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Neel, Gail and Billy, and Mrs. John Burnop were visitors in Bristol Dec. 12.

Miss Wanda Bowling of Richmond Medical College is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bowling. She returned Wednesday.

Sgt. Thomas of the camp spent last week in Richmond.

Miss Arlo Lee Webb of Radford College has arrived home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Webb.

Bob Colthard is a patient in McKee Hospital at Saltville.

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Annually at the anniversary of Jesus' birth, millions read Charles Dickens "Christmas Carol." Millions of others will listen on the air to Lionel Barrymore as he perennially interprets miserly Scrooge, both villain and hero of the tale.

It is well to read the immortal little story about mean, grasping, penny-pinching Scrooge whose sharp mind is continually dreaming dreams and seeing visions. To him appears the ghost of his former partner, Jacob Marley. In life Jacob Marley had been as hard as nails and as stingy and paltry as old Scrooge himself.

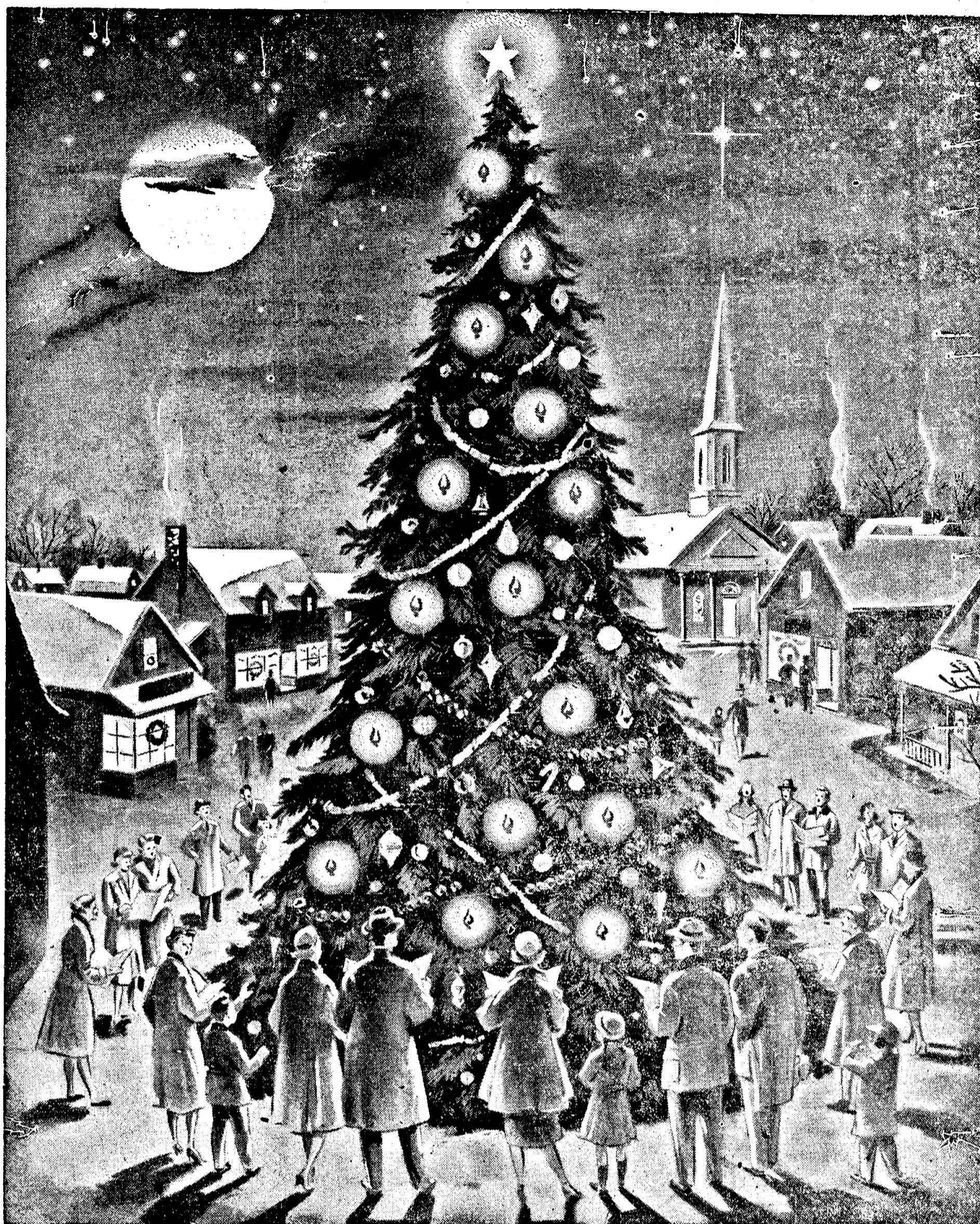
Now from the world of shadows, Marley's ghost does his utmost to save parsimonious Scrooge from the disaster which had inevitably overtaken him. As the ghost wrings his hands and deprecates the shortcomings and omissions of the life he had lived on earth, Scrooge manages to inject these words, falteringly and with quavering voice: "But you were always a good man of business, Jacob."

The rejoinder from the ghost of Jacob Marley supplies an effective commentary on the great avocation before us at Christmastide:

"Business," cried the ghost, wringing his hands again. "Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, benevolence, were all my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!"

And so it was!

And so it may be!



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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# Agriculture in Smyth County Is Varied Operation

By H. B. Eller

Smyth County, a highland area crossed by elongated mountain ridges and comparatively broad intervening mountain valleys supports an agri-

culture well proportioned between the production of livestock, corn, wheat, hay and apples on a commercial scale. Burley tobacco is now the main cash crop. The acreage

of cabbage and rutabagas continues to decrease due to loss of more markets each year. Livestock and livestock products (other than dairy and poultry) account for the largest single source of income. Income from crops ranks second and that from dairying third.

There are 1,895 farms that average 95 and one half acres. A further breakdown with reference to size reveals there are 1,189 farms of ten acres and above and 19 farms of 1,000 acres and over. The 1950 agricultural census also reveals that the farm income from Smyth County was \$3,600,000. The survey shows that for the period 1945-1950 the value of whole milk sold doubled over the five year period 1940-1945. Due to the drop in cattle prices and another drought for the second consecutive year, the farm income for 1953 for Smyth County will be reduced considerably over previous years. This has been reflected in recent months in the decline of sale of heavy or large pieces of farm machinery.

Milk produced for manufacturing purposes also took a big drop this year. As a large number of Smyth farmers are producing grade C milk, this has affected the income of a large percentage of our farmers.

**Livestock** — Efficiency in production and marketing was the main objective of the 1953 county livestock program. In getting the beef producers to carry out this objective the better sire program, control of both internal and external parasites, use of economical rations and methods of feeding, control of bangs disease, the sale of feeder calves by grade through feeder calf sale and the sale of yearlings steers by grade through a similar sale were phases of the total program.

Through this program the cattle producers learned the value of producing a quality product and how it could be marketed even during a poor marketing year if the product was well advertised.

The two newest approaches made in connection with the above program included the group approval by feeder calf producers to have their heads tested for TB and bangs as a requirement for eligibility for their calves to go in the sale. They also agreed to assess themselves 50c per calf to be used for a special advertising or promotional fund.

Considering the results in terms of the main objectives for this program, I would say that considerable progress was made.

For the first time all the beef herds from which calves were consigned to this feeder calf sale, were bangs and TB tested.

We assisted with the location and selection of 11 registered bulls, also a number of females. The increase in number of silos, both temporary and permanent, is an indication of greater interest in economical rations. A farm buildings tour provided a study in better methods of feeding.

A total of 18 calf producers marketed 357 calves cooperatively. More of our steer producers sold their cattle by grade through the Abingdon yearly steer sale. They were all pleased with the prices received.

A series of special community meetings were held throughout the county at which time the control measures and prevention of bangs was discussed with the beef and dairy cow owners.

**Sheep** — In the county sheep program as well as in the cattle program, efficiency of marketing production and a better

quality product were set up as main objective.

These objectives were accomplished by the cooperative marketing of 34,000 pounds of wool through county wool pool by 90 per cent of the growers, the dipping of 2,600 sheep by use of county owned portable vat. A total of 25 registered rams were placed with lamb producers as a means of increasing quality of lambs.

**Swine** — Efficiency in pork production through use of registered sires, more ladino pastures, use of balanced rations and control of internal parasites covered the objectives for the swine producers. Progress in getting these objectives carried out has been slower than that experienced with the cattle and sheep producers. Hog production represents only a small percentage of the livestock in this county.

**Dairying** — More efficient production through better breeding, management and feeding was the main objective of our dairy program.

In carrying out this objective, considerable emphasis was placed on artificial breeding. In addition to stressing the value of this program by radio and news articles, a test tube dairy heifer show was held for the first time at the county seat. This gave additional farmers a chance to see the results of this program as it affected type. It also gave an excellent opportunity to bring this phase of the work before the public by publishing the results of the show. This work has continued to grow as a large number of new breeders started using the service for the first time and also some of the old breeders have used it to a greater extent than used in previous years. The county agent's office serves as headquarters for the consolidation of all calls for the inseminator.

Another approach to carrying out our main objective was that of holding a dairy herdsmen school. This was in all day school conducted by our extension dairy specialists. Also, our county veterinarian took part in a discussion on diseases and sanitation.

Our county DHIA unit of 21 herds served as an organ through which we reached most of our grade A milk producers with certain phases of an educational program. This organization held regular quarterly supper meetings following which an appropriate program was presented. Some of the topics discussed at these meetings were winter feeding of dry cows and heifers, milk marketing organization, importance of pastures, etc.

Some 780 cows were on test in our DHIA this year. As a result of this testing program one member had a Guernsey bull proved with an outstanding record and was fortunate in placing him on an artificial stud at \$3,000. Two new members were added to the association during the year.

**Agronomy** — The main objectives of the agronomy program were to create greater interest in soil testing, best varieties of crops, more efficient production of burley tobacco and alfalfa, value of extra nitrogen on small grains and old meadows as well as permanent pasture under certain conditions.

In carrying out these objectives, county-wide meetings and community meetings were held; radio and press were used. A total of 273 soil samples were sent to the state laboratory for testing and recommendations for same were written by either the county agent or assistant agent. One alfalfa clinic held as a field meeting and conducted by the extension agronomist, entomologist and plant pathologist was held with good attendance.

The farmers of this county purchased this year the largest volume of TVA ammonium nitrate that has been purchased under the discount program for use on grasses. The value of fertilizing permanent pastures was continued with the 15 active TVA unit test demonstrators located in every community of the county. These demonstrators received 113 tons of 48 per cent calcium metaphosphate.

Two farmers demonstrated the value of using extra nitrogen in early spring to secure extra grass for early grazing. This practice gave them a good two weeks earlier grazing than when nitrogen was not used. They used 150 pounds 33 per cent nitrogen per acre.

To provide the latest information on production of Burley tobacco a county-wide meeting for all growers was sponsored in cooperation with the county Farm Bureau organization. The director of the Greenville Tobacco Experiment Station was the speaker for this meeting. Attendance was 200.

To secure information on performance of a number of new

varieties of hybrid corn, seven farmers cooperated.

A number of cropping plans were worked up. Three farmers were assisted with the proper methods of making grass ensilage, a practice that was carried out on more farms this year than for any previous season.

The Marion Stadium Corporation was directly assisted with the growing of a sod on the new football field. Due to the dry season, an irrigation system was installed and operated.

**Conservation** — The conservation of soil by contour strip cropping, the construction of farm ponds and the planting of forest tree seedlings were objectives set up for securing greater conservation this year.

As this county does not have a soil conservation service technician, the strip cropping work was promoted and carried out by assistant and county agent.

A total of approximately 185 acres were strip cropped for seven farmers. A special supper meeting was worked up for this group in cooperation with local banks and Chamber of Commerce. An appropriate certificate was awarded each of these farmers by the local Chamber of Commerce in recognition of having started this type of demonstration.

Help was secured from the district soil conservationist in laying out five farm ponds. Four additional ponds were staked out by the assistant and county agent.

A total of 31 farmers planted 51,000 tree seedlings of the following species: white pine, poplar and black locust. Two farmers were assisted in securing fish for their ponds.

**4-H Club Work** — A total of 80 boys and nine girls were enrolled in crop and livestock projects in seven clubs in 1953.

These members completed crop projects that netted them \$1,116.28, and livestock projects that netted \$3,199.94. Prize money won on livestock exhibits totaled \$457.80. The total money received by the members on their projects were \$4,766.02.

Club members took a very active part this year in the many activities offered to them. The district camp was attended by 38 boys and girls. One boy and one girl attended the 4-H All Stars. Ten boys and girls exhibited 14 baby beehives in a county show at Marion and district show in Bristol. Two first places and grand championship were won by our members in the district show. Some 25 hogs were entered in the district fat hog show in Bristol. Our members won five first places, grand champion and reserve championship in competition with 75 hogs.

One of our best achievement day programs was held in November. This was well attended

ed by both members and parents.

A new project was started in November that has been well received and on which considerable progress has been made. This is the purebred beef heifer project. Two Angus and fifteen Hereford heifer calves have been purchased by sixteen members.

In carrying out the 1953 4-H program, four men leaders assisted. Meetings of all the clubs except two were held at night in homes of members. We find it next to impossible to hold satisfactory meetings in schools, particularly consolidated schools.

Although we did not have a large number of members enrolled this year, I feel that, based on results just reported, that the quality of work was well above average.

**Emergency Programs** — The Army Worm was first observed causing serious damage to our crops, corn and barley, May 24. From this date until about June 15, full time was devoted to an educational program relative to control and prevention of damage by this insect. Effective use was made of local station and press. The telephone and personal visits to the farms infested were other methods used. Materials used for control were DT, chlordane and toxaphene. They all gave results; however, DDT was most expensive, chlordane worked slower. Toxaphene gave the best results for the money and killed quickly.

**Drought Emergency V Program** — Due to the 1953 drought, assistance was given the county mobilization committee in applying for surplus feed and also time was devoted to serving on the county drought committee. Applications for the federal hay money were taken in my office. The educational phase of these programs was conducted by the county agent. The local radio, press and meetings were used. Also, a special county meeting was held for both beef

cattle and dairy farmers at which time our extension agronomist, dairy and beef cattle specialists presented information on practices to follow to meet the feed shortage. In addition to this meeting special circulars with specific information on stretching feed supplies were mailed out.

**Community Clubs** — Two community clubs, Ridge Dale and Groseclose, that averaged about 60 per meeting were assisted with their monthly programs and projects. Although these clubs did not complete the necessary paper work to compete in the county and district contest, they did hold regular meetings and carried out some good work.

**Minor Projects** — A number of activities may be listed under this heading. The total time devoted to these many projects required several days work.

**Agricultural Engineering** — One all day farm building tour conducted in two communities was held for the purpose of having our extension building specialists to present latest information relative to planning and building certain type barns and silos.

One irrigation demonstration was conducted. Three irrigation systems were purchased and put in operation as a result of this demonstration. Systems for three other farms are now being designed by our extension specialists.

Assistance was given several cal power company in getting pictures and writing articles for a special edition of local paper on farm water systems.

Assistance was given several farmers in laying out trench silos.

A number of plans for new farm buildings were secured for interested farmers.

**Horticulture** — One all day

school on spray program and fertilization of orchards was held by our horticulture specialist.

**Farm Management School** — A two day school on land appreciation for professional workers and farmers was conducted in cooperation with soil conservation representatives.

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**Educational Work of County Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Committee** — In complying with the request of our new secretary, Mr. Benson, I have taken the lead and responsibility of presenting the 1954 program to our farmers. This program has been presented at night meetings in nine different communities.

**Radio and Press** — A weekly radio program of 12 to 15 minutes and a column for the weekly county paper have been carried out and prepared.

The two community fairs were assisted with planning and exhibits.

One week was spent in Michigan in connection with advertising our feeder calves.

A few other activities that required some time include the judging of communities in another county, serving on agricultural committee of Chamber of Commerce, judging a speaking contest for SCS, and working with local civic club.

In carrying out the many different phases of work as reported above, the county agent, assistant agent and secretary wrote 56 news articles, made 53 radio broadcasts, participated in 78 meetings, made 471 farm visits, handled 1,004 office calls and 1,324 telephone calls. A total of 18,069 miles were traveled by both agents.



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## Employment Service Makes Annual Report

By John W. Elliott  
The high rate of employment in the Smyth County area enjoyed during the first nine months of 1953 apparently reached its peak and began subsiding during the last three months of the year. It is estimated that over 200 workers are now either laid off indefinitely or are working reduced hours. The slackness in work is noted primarily in manufacturing lines and is generally attributed to declines in the demand for products.

Active applications for employment now filed with the office total 1,183, including 493 females and 265 veterans. Current totals of applications are 278 greater than in June and 504 greater than in November 1952.

Total active claims for unemployment insurance totaled 464 at the end of November, which was an increase of 62 per cent over June and an increase of 118 per cent over November, 1952.

The year began with a notable number of new workers required for replacements and new positions in manufacturing lines. This condition continued

throughout the first quarter of the year, with only outdoor activities remaining at depressed levels, due to weather conditions.

Workers were still being required in manufacturing lines during the second quarter of the year; however, some minor fluctuations developed. Service establishments began adding workers to handle the seasonal tourist and vacationing trade. During May and June the office was visited by numerous school graduates and other students desiring summer employment.

In cooperation with the Marion Chamber of Commerce, a labor survey was made in June and completed in July. Final tabulations of the replies to this survey indicated that there were 765 area people who desired or would be available for employment in industry in the Smyth County area. This information has been catalogued as to educational and age levels and includes multiple skills revealed. All of this data has been available for servicing of industrial requests of new plants desiring locations and also of industries now located in the area for manpower planning.

Employment in July and August was retarded somewhat by sizable layoffs in manufacturing. A decline in construction employment due to completion of area projects was balanced to some extent by the beginning of a highway project west of Marion, estimated to cost over \$200,000.

The balance of the year was characterized by numerous recalls and separations from work, until November when unemployment apparently reached its peak for the year.

Referrals of workers to jobs thus far in 1953 number 1,716 to local openings, and 273 to out of town jobs. These referrals have resulted in 1,022 confirmed placements with quite a number of referrals still pending.

In an effort to assist applicants who had never become occupationally fixed or had physical impairments, 741 counseling interviews were held to try to arrive at a solution to their individual problems.

The office also administered 744 test batteries to determine applicants degree of aptitude for various jobs or fields of work. Many improvements and modifications of the testing program were achieved. The tests now available to employers and applicants are known as follows: The general aptitude test, which enables the applicant to narrow his potential aptitudes down to one of several fields of endeavor; the specific aptitude test battery, which reveals potential aptitude for entry into a specific occupation, and the proficiency tests, which are primarily for clerical workers, and include typing, dictation, and spelling exercises.

The maximum use of the facilities and services of the Virginia State Employment Service are available and invited from employers, people seeking employment or general information and the public as a whole. It is the primary aim of the personnel of the office to render prompt, efficient, and courteous service to all clientele, and for which no charge is made.

The office continues to serve the area of Smyth County and portions of Wythe, Grayson and Washington Counties.



**HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN**—Mrs. Josette Butler, native of France was involved in a traffic tragedy which deeply moved Smyth citizens last December. Just a few days after arriving in this country she, her husband and little son started to his family's home in Tennessee. The husband and child were killed in a traffic accident and the lonely woman remained in Smyth hospitals for several months — her family in France. Smyth citizens began visiting the injured woman, who was hurt spiritually and mentally as much as physically. She has now returned home, with a warm spot in her heart for citizens who befriended her during the unfortunate experience.

## American Legion Auxiliary Is Active in Civic Affairs

By Mrs. Glenn P. Anderson

For every man in World War I who endured the dangers and hardships of camp, ship and battlefield, there was a woman serving at home to help make possible America's victory.

After the war had been won and the men of the armed forces had banded together in the American Legion to carry forward their service to country and to prevent the security and freedom of America from being lost in the peace, it was only natural that the women of their families should desire to continue to serve with them. The result of this desire is the American Legion Auxiliary, the largest and most influential organization of women in the United States today.

In the local unit, Smyth County Post No. 18, regular meetings were held once each month with two or more members acting as hostesses for the social hour which usually followed. All required programs for citations were held, and guest speakers were on hand for each program.

The local unit is always working for the betterment of the community and assisted in most all of the civic enterprises and projects. Among these were the Heart Fund drive for Smyth County which netted a total of \$134.04, with this money being obtained by placing plastic hearts in various business establishments throughout the Town of Marion, the Poppy sale fund was used for the unit's rehabilitation and child welfare; cooperation with other civic organizations in sending six girls to Girl's State in Blacksburg. For two of these girls all expenses were paid by Smyth County Post No. 18 of Marion. All six of these girls were guests at the regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary upon their return and reported on their experiences and education in learning about local, state and national government.

Numerous contributions have been made in civic and national drives such as the Cancer Drive, March of Dimes, cash and various articles for the Gift Ship for Veterans in Roanoke, furnishing school lunches, bus tickets, clothing etc. for several local families.

Smyth County Post No. 18 was represented at the conference both in the spring and fall and was honored by having Mrs. Pat Jennings elected Alternate District Committeewoman for the coming year.

The present membership is Officers for Smyth County Post No. 18 are: president, Mrs. Glenn P. Anderson; first vice president, Mrs. Ellis Calhoun; second vice president, Mrs. Roger Rowland; secretary, Mrs. Charles Jackson; treasurer, Mrs. George Kiser; chaplain, Mrs. Herman Hubble; historian, Mrs. John Burkett, and sergeant at arms, Mrs. Fred White.

The work that has been done by the American Legion Auxiliary has assumed national importance. Through the development of their activities, the auxiliary and their posts are developing the entire nation and are contributing toward making America a better place in which to live.

## Marion OES Is Active During The Past Year

By Mrs. Aldah McClagherty

Marion chapter No. 72 Order of the Eastern Star has had a very active year under the leadership of Mrs. Marie Atkins, worthy matron, and Gale Atkins, worthy patron. This is the first time in this chapter that a husband and wife have served together in the past as worthy matron and worthy patron.

Marion chapter now has a total membership of 114. Several new members have been initiated during the year. The members have supported the state projects of the grand chapter of Virginia and helped in the community such as G C Clinic, contributions made to March of Dimes, Red Cross and the recent drive for Korean orphans.

Marion chapter had the honor of assisting in the institution of a chapter in Saltville, by conferring the degrees, and later they initiated several new members for the Saltville U D chapter. Other things we did during the year include our district school, Robert Morris Founder Day, and Memorial for deceased members.

Last but not least was the annual visit of our worthy grand matron, Sister Adel Major of Norfolk, and worthy grand patron, Eugene Bane of Grundy. They had with them several other grands from over the state and also out of the state. Our associate grand patron, Fred Novel, from Electric chapter in Roanoke was also present. A banquet was held in their honor at the Hotel Lincoln and our meeting held in Masonic Temple.

Miss Major gave an address on "Living Our Obligations", and Mr. Bane on "The Hospitality of the Southwest". After the meeting refreshments was served in the dining room of the Masonic Temple.

Sister Anna Archinal is a member of the grand committee on registration of visitors of the Grand Chapter of Virginia. The following officers of Marion chapter No. 72 OES are as follows: worthy matron, Mrs. Marie Atkins; wor-

thy patron, Gale Atkins; associate matron, Mrs. Aldah McClagherty; associate patron, Carl McClagherty; secretary, Mrs. Emma Wechsler; treasurer, Mrs. Anna Archinal; conductress, Mrs. Ruth Harrington; associate conductress, Mrs. Edith Fisher; chaplain, Mrs. Pearl Kent; marshal, Mrs. Swan McMillan; organist, Mrs. Hildred Davis; Adah, Mrs. Charlotte Miller; Ruth, Mrs. Reba Sexton; Esther, Mrs. Annie Poe; Martha, Mrs. Frances East; Electa, Mrs. Martha Counts; warder, Mrs. Edna Blessing; sentinel, Roby Blessing; pages, Mrs. Joyce Simms and Mrs. Blanche Milhorn.

in return for the supreme sacrifice made by my Savior on Calvary. Yet looking into the unknown future of the new year, knowing not what it has in store, I trust that new doors of service in the ministry will open. As the word goes forth many more souls will be brought to the Lord among the otherwise unreached of rural America, than was during the old year.

This year I have traveled 24-142 miles, preached 443 sermons and addresses, leading 128 souls to the Lord. Also, I visited in 1,431 homes where I read the Bible and had prayer. Along the "old back roads," I now have 38 Sunday Schools which I have organized and supervised with an enrollment of about 1,350. Aside from supervising these schools this year I have conducted 20 Vocation Bible schools with a total enrollment of 717. Also, I assisted in one young peoples' Bible conference, where I took 35 young people from my Sunday Schools of this section.

Another phase of the work, which brings a great deal of joy to me, is going into the week-day schools singing, praying and having a Bible lesson with the children. During this

year I have conducted 294 such sessions with a total enrollment of 16,092 children.

In most of the 38 Sunday Schools I act as pastor thus conducting revival meetings, performing marriages, aiding the needy and doing anything possible to assist until the work is taken over by some denomination. They then carry on for themselves, and I go elsewhere to aid another group.

My hope for the new year is that I may still be able to carry the Gospel to the "otherwise unreached of rural America" through your gifts and offerings. At the question is asked in Romans 10:15 "How can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent?" To have a part in the sending of ministers and missionaries is as great a responsibility as going yourself. By your giving you have fulfilled your responsibility. As I go I am endeavoring to fulfill mine. May the new year bring manifold blessings to each of you, who are endeavoring to promote His Kingdom among men, by going or sending others.

## Roy W. Redding Lists Activities For Past Year

By The Rev. Roy W. Redding

"For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21. Greetings in the wonderful name of our Savior, which is above every name. As I stand upon the verge of the unknown of this new year looking backward upon the accomplishments of the old year I do it with a somewhat disappointed air that more has not been done

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# Marion College Activities Are Many and Varied

By Mary Preston Sheffey

From the first dance of the new year 1953, presided over by the Valentine Queen, Jane Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, Burkes Garden, through the last spring dance in honor of the graduating class, the year was filled with activities both social and academic.

Among the outstanding activities were dramatic presentations, music recitals, and lectures.

In April the Footlight and Fantasy club under the direction of Mrs. James Scott, presented "Dear Ruth."

The students of the music department, under the direction of Paul G. Peterson, participated in seven college-sponsored recitals and before civic and educational groups. The music

faculty presented the recitals. When the members of the choir made their initial appearance at the Reformation Service, Rural Retreat, they wore for the first time their blue academic-style gowns. On their concert tour in April, they sang before church groups at Roanoke, Danville, Staunton, Shenandoah, Harrisonburg and New Market. During the year the choir sang before 12 high school groups, before the Federation of Musical Clubs at the choral festival in Danville and with the Virginia Symphony in the local high school.

The international relations forums brought to the college campus such prominent speakers as Dr. Albert P. Fernback, University of Virginia; Dr. John Gange, director of Woodrow Wilson School of Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia;

Dr. Shao Chung Leng of Thengta, China, and Dr. Farid Hanania of Lebanon, visiting professor, Woodrow Wilson School of Foreign Affairs.

The 79th commencement came to a climatic close. Mr. John Fray in his annual message assured the students and alumnae that the uncertainty suffered by private colleges during the last four or five years had given place to a degree of confidence and that Marion College was ready to move forward not only with improvements in enrollment but in plans for a larger pattern of college life.

This feeling of confidence was reflected at all the activities of commencement week beginning with the colorful May Day pageant presided over by the May Queen, Lucy Davis Max Meadows.

At the Mother-Daughter banquet, one of the gayest events of commencement week, Kate Noonkester (Legard), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Noonkester, was presented as Miss Marion 1953.

An exciting event of commencement week was the presentation by friends of Marion College in Marion and Chilhowie, of a 1953 model Chevrolet station wagon. This handsome gift was enthusiastically received by administration, faculty and students.

At the baccalaureate service held Sunday, May 31, the Rev. Russell D. Snyder, D. D., Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Penna., delivered the sermon. Commencement was held Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. with Dr. Charles J. Smith, provost, Roanoke Col-

lege as speaker. At this exercise, four Smyth County students were among those named as Honor Roll students: Junior Allen, Kate Noonkester, Evelyn Adams and Doris Goodnan.

During the summer, renovation of the College building continued. The entire third floor of the dormitory and the rooms on Faculty Hall were decorated. On the main floor the administrative offices were expanded to include an Office of Admissions. All the offices, the chapel and the dining hall were brightened and improved by minor repairs and redecorating.

On the ground floor, the Home Economics room was completely renovated; partitions built, tile floor laid, walls and ceilings painted in accordance with the interior decorator's over-all plan.

The 80th session of Marion College opened September 11. The entire faculty and staff returned with the exception of the former dean, Miss Coding, who planned to teach in her home town; Miss Helen Louise Evans, Lincoln, Neb., was appointed to fill this position. Because of the increased number of students in the high school department, an additional member, Miss Emma Louise Brandt, was added to the faculty.

During orientation week 98 students registered for academic work, a 12 per cent increase over last session. The music department registered 78 students.

The administration office has announced five cooperative programs of interest:

December 5, the Footlight and Fantasy Club presented Ruth Gordon's delightful comedy, "Years Ago," under the direction of Mrs. James Scott.

The annual Christmas dinner for resident and nonresident students was held Wednesday, Dec. 16, at six o'clock, following the dinner a Christmas program under the direction of a faculty committee headed by Paul G. Peterson, was given in Rhyne Memorial Chapel.


College closed for the Christmas holiday at noon Thursday, Dec. 17, to reopen Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Marion College has approved a cooperative program with the Department of Education of the University of Virginia whereby students can take two years at Marion College and transfer to the junior class in the School of Education at the University of Virginia with full Junior status.

Another cooperative program has been set up with Gettysburg College whereby students graduating from Marion College with an acceptable academic record will be assured of admission to Gettysburg College.

Still another cooperative program, and one which the college has been very anxious to have established, is with Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, whereby students graduating from Marion College are admitted to the integrated program which now exists between Wittenberg College and the Deaconess Board of the United Lutheran Church in America. Hitherto, junior college graduates were not eligible to transfer to any of the four-year colleges and enter this cooperative program between the Deaconess Board and the respective college.

The Extension Division of the University of Virginia in cooperation with the college has been sponsoring a series of classes on the undergraduate and graduate school level in addition to non-accredited courses. Dr. Swineford of the University faculty taught a class in education on the graduate school level, and Mrs. Swineford on the undergraduate level in general art, and Sam Crockett taught a non-accredited course in Problems of Economics. Four classes have been offered through these channels to the people of Marion and community for the fall of 1953, namely: graduate education course in Mental Hygiene by Dr. O. K. Campbell of the Extension Division; one in general art on the undergraduate level by Miss Ruby C. Ball of the Extension Division; and a course for students in engineering, "Foundations of Mathematics", by Professor J. Worth Young. A second undergraduate course is being taught by Mr. Charles A. Spear, "Problems and Principles of Economics". Marion College faculty and students are enrolled in several of these extension courses. A total enrollment for the fall of 1953 in the extension courses at the college is 77.




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**Elizabeth WSCS Has Good Year**

By Mrs. S. C. Hutton

Mrs. Scott Meek was elected president of the Elizabeth WSCS. Other officers elected are as follows: Mrs. W. M. Campbell, vice president; Mrs. R. C. Siemp, promotion secretary; Mrs. James Russell, missionary education; Mrs. Edward Bullins, Christian social relations and church activities; Mrs. Ollie Meek, spiritual life; Mrs. Ray Robbins, secretary student work; Mrs. W. B. Calhoun, youth work; Mrs. Earl Scott, secretary children's work; Mrs. Ted Calhoun, reporter, and membership committee; Mrs. Ray Bullins, Mrs. Fannie Robbins and Miss Iona Griffiths.

Following are the activities for the past year: contributed to the poppy sale put on by the Sugar Grove American Legion Auxiliary; supported foreign missions; canned apple sauce and vegetables for the

## Rural Retreat Fair To Observe 20th Birthday

In early September, 1954, the Rural Retreat Community Fair Association will celebrate its twentieth anniversary as an active organization. In 1934 the first fair was held at Rural Retreat by the fair association, a practice which continued each year until 1940. That year the fair placed its exhibits on display in Wytheville in connection with the celebration of Wythe County's 150th anniversary. In 1941 a fair was again held in Rural Retreat as usual, but none was held during the Second World War. In 1946 after five years of dormancy the fair association resumed its annual fall activity, and with the exception of the 1950 polio epidemic a fair has been held each fall.

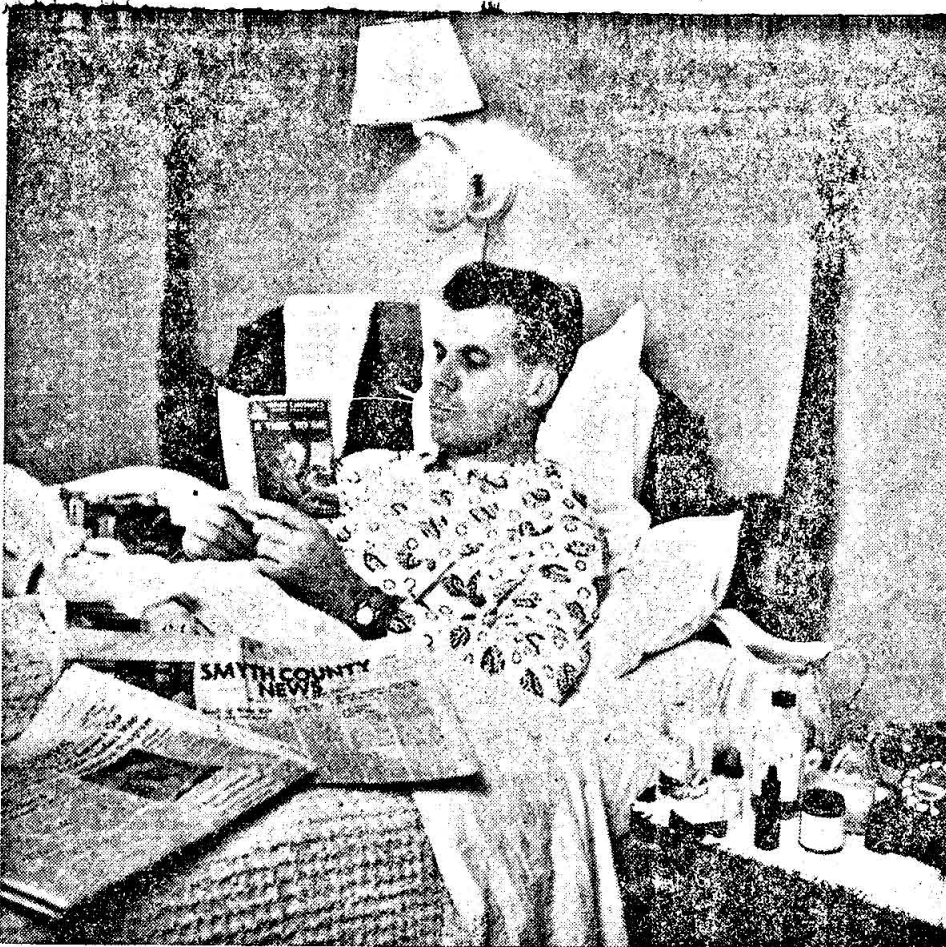
In the beginning the fair was held to satisfy the needs of the local citizens and took in all the territory naturally drawn by the school. It was only a one-day affair and was strictly agricultural. Then as time passed and the schools consolidated, more territory naturally was taken in, thus bringing about the need for a two-day fair. It was about this time that both local and county merchants and dealers were invited to make commercial displays at the fair. In

1951 the association opened its exhibits to all of Wythe County, and in 1953 the fair was held for three days in order to keep up with the changing times.

There are 23 departments in the fair, with a committee in charge of each department. The men and women who work each year to make the fair possible give their time freely. No official or anyone connected with the fair association has ever received any pay for his services. No entry fees or admission charges have ever been given except the dairy show has given cash awards for the past two years.

The Rural Retreat Fair Association has never had a carnival in connection with the fair because in the beginning the fair was held so that neighbors and friends could meet and exhibit their wares. It was something the whole community took part in and no outside entertainment was needed, since the fair operated successfully on this basis.

The season determines which department is outstanding. However, some departments always stand out over others. In years past the draft horse show was a big feature at the fair.



**THE FLU** — Last winter life in Smyth was slowed up considerably with a 'flu epidemic which struck hundreds. Myers Mink, above, was one of those who was sent to bed with chills, fever and bottles of medicine. Mink also took along a little reading to tide him over the idle days.

but in recent years the horse has faded, and the dairy show has taken its place. Then of course the flower show has always been one of the most outstanding departments of the fair.

The association has had eight presidents during the years, namely, S. S. Cassell, G. C. Neff, Frank R. Brown, Fred P. Brown, Frank Neff, Harry Hall, Glenn Copenhaver and G. C. Neff Jr. in that order. Under the leadership of these men the association has acquired a small saving, most of which has been invested in war bonds. The association has made numerous donations to the school, since it will benefit more people in this way.

The Rural Retreat cannery was built and equipped by the fair association in 1946. In 1950 bleachers were erected on the baseball field, and five new band uniforms were purchased. In 1952 a loud speaker system was given to the school and a \$125.00 contribution was made to the Athletic Association. Donations have also been made toward the purchase of drapes for the auditorium and a room for the second grade in the basement of the old building.

The Rural Retreat Community Fair is one of the largest of its kind in Southwest Virginia, and it is entered into by more people of the Rural Retreat community than any other activity.

Next year the fair will be open to the county. It will be a three-day affair complete with dairy show, horse show, flower show and fashion show. Another feature which the fair hopes to build up next year is the children's pet parade, to encourage early participation of the young citizens of the community in the activities of the fair. Plans have not been completed as yet for the schedule for the 1954 fair, selection of department chairmen, etc., but we are looking forward to a very big and prosperous fair for 1954.

## St. James Lutheran Has Had a Good Year

St. James Lutheran Church, Chilhowie, has enjoyed a rather normal and at the same time full and active year. Delegates from the congregation and from the auxiliaries attended their respective conventions on the conference and synodical level. The Lutheran League had representatives at the national convention. The congregation, as well as the auxiliaries of the church have responded to the different appeals in a most generous way, having always attained a 100 percent goal and in many instances far exceeded the minimum goal. Supply pastors have been secured throughout the year to take care of the regular services of the church.

Everett Duncan represented the congregation at the meeting of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia in Roanoke in April. Mrs. Sam Mountain was the representative of the Missionary Society at the Synodical, Winchester, the first week in October. Marian Duncan was a delegate of the Lutheran League to their synodical convention at Roanoke College in June. The local leaguers were delighted that two of their members were able to attend the national convention at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Marian Duncan and Nancy St. John were the fortunate ones.

The congregation had two appeals for Lutheran World Action and over-subscribed their quota for 1953. These offerings render a worldwide service in that they enable the church to provide literature for chaplains in the armed services, service centers in different areas of the nation and of the world for service men, support orphan missions in different sections of the world where nations depleted by war have been unable to sustain their mission enterprises, finance personnel for world relief and world refugee service; provide pastors for refugees as they have taken up residence in different sections of the world, and have contributed to the rebuilding of churches in bombed out areas in Europe and Asia. The men of the congregation over-subscribed their Lutheran Brotherhood goal for the Home Mission Gift fund. The benevolence quota for the year has been over-subscribed. The congregation has shipped 150 pounds of clothing to Lutheran World Relief to go to refugee centers in Asia and Europe.

The Sunday School held its annual picnic on the church grounds the fourth Sunday in August.

Miss Leah Bonham served on the staff at the summer assembly at Massanetta Springs in August. Miss Mary Virginia St. John served throughout the summer as a counselor in an intermission camp sponsored by the Lutheran churches of Baltimore. A number of the young people attended the area youth camp held at Konnarock in June.

In these and many other ways the congregation and the auxiliaries of the church have been active in assuming a fair share of their responsibility in the local and the larger work of the church.

was added to the shelves each month which now contain between 7,000 and 8,000 volumes. Fifty new Junior Guild books were an added attraction for young readers. The new additions were made possible by a grant of \$500 from the Marion Community Chest.

The library welcomes requests for new books and is very much interested in attracting new readers to use its facilities to a greater extent. Newcomers are most welcome and will find the Marion Public Library a pleasant place to browse and read. It is open Monday through Saturday afternoons from 3 to 6 p. m. and Monday and Friday nights from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

Mrs. R. L. Anderson is chairman of the Book Buying Committee and Robert Campbell, chairman of the Finance Committee. Miss Leola E. Fields is president of the board.

## 24 Members Are Active in Blue Springs HD Club

By Miss Munsey Horne  
The Blue Springs Home Demonstration club has 24 members, each meeting of 14.

During the year three demonstrations have been given by the project leaders.

Some bedspreads and trays have been made by the club

members.

One member attended the Institute of Rural Affairs at Blacksburg in July.

The president and secretary attended the achievement day program in Marion and showed some handmade gift items made by the club members.

Improving the Blue Springs cemetery, a project started by

the club in 1952, has met with wonderful success. A community wide interest has developed and much has been done to make the cemetery beautiful. A power mower has been purchased.

At each meeting a few safety rules were given to make members always remember "alert today alive tomorrow."

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# Marion Public Works Department Suffers from Growing Pains

By James Ritter  
Marion's Public Works Department is suffering from growing pains just like all the other municipalities in the state. Its growth is not as rapid as some but such that it requires programs which are extensive, and these problems will have to be taken care of in the near future.

While the present water supply has been sufficient for the town residents as well as several hundred outside water users, it is felt that at the rate of present growth, Marion will in the near future have to develop new sources of water. With this in mind, and looking to the future, the town purchased the Cornett Spring, about seven miles east of Marion. The cost of bringing this water to Marion will be over \$100,000.

Another project which the town will be faced with perhaps within two or three years is the enlargement of the Sewage Disposal Plant. The present plant, built for 5,000 persons in WPA days, is fast becoming overloaded. With more sewer lines being built each year, and with more new houses being built and connecting to the sewer, the need for enlarging the Sewer Plant is further aggravated. This enlargement will cost over \$100,000.

A third problem which is facing the town is the widening of Route 11 through the town. The solving of a portion of this problem was taken by the Council in October when they took the first positive step in

initiating a construction program. In a resolution to the State Highway Department, it was stated that the town would pay 25 per cent of the cost of building four traffic lanes plus parking space on one side, from East Main Street to the Horton Piner. The cost to the town including rights-of-way at this time; however, a horse-back estimate would be about \$60,000.

The building of Johnston Street to the new school was one of the accomplishments for the year 1953. With a width of 51 feet between curbs, it is four feet wider than Main Street and is designed to take care of three traffic lanes and parking on each side. This project has cost \$14,500 so far. Curb and gutter and sidewalk are about 85 per cent complete, and next year one-inch of plant mix will be placed on the surface.

The building of the Henry Street sewer, which had long been anticipated, was completed in 1953. This annexation obligation cost the taxpayers \$12,076.55, and \$750 has been collected for sewer taps along the line.

A total of \$650 has been collected for sewer taps on a \$2,855.56 expenditure on the Palmer Street sewer.

The extension of the Huldale Avenue sewer, financed 100 per cent by the developers, will serve an estimated ten houses, at a cost of \$1,534.12.

A summary of sanitary sewers constructed in 1953 are:

Henry Street, 4.22 L. F., cost \$12,075.65; Palmer Avenue, 1.265 L. F., cost \$2,855.56; Hull Avenue, 6.40 L. F., cost \$18,320.00; Total, 6.327 L. F., cost \$23,251.21.

Average cost per L. F., \$3,690.00. Curb and gutter was completed for the following property owners on a 50-50

cost basis: 1.00 L. F., cost \$2,301.00; 1.00 L. F., cost \$2,301.00; Albert Francis, 1.24 L. F., cost \$2,211.00; Robert Gonsky, 1.24 L. F., cost \$2,211.00; Olin Dillard, 1.35 L. F., cost \$2,644.90; Total, 5.78 L. F., cost \$10,366.28.

Average cost per L. F., \$1,790.00. Eighty-one L. F. of curb and gutter and sidewalk was completed for O. E. Sryers at a cost of \$224.44.

Seventy-four L. F. of sidewalk constructed in front of the Episcopal rectory at a cost of \$111.45.

In the water department, 420 feet of four inch C. I. main was laid on Sprinkle Avenue between Chatham Hill Road and Henry Street at a cost of \$1,018.96.

The joint Town of Marion-Smyth County Dog Pound has proven a success during its initial year of operation. Over 125 dogs have been picked up, most of which have been killed. Under the present arrangement, Smyth County pays for all food, and the town furnishes the keeper of the pound.



SNAKES — Last year was like every other year in the history of Smyth County, with the usual big snake killing story. What made 1953 notable, though, was the size of the biggest known kill. Charlie C. Kell back

in August killed a big rattler on Walker Mountain, measuring 48 inches in length, with a girth of about six inches. Even Texans would have to look hard to find a bigger mountain rattler.

## Carnegie PTA Buys Freezer For Cafeteria

By Mrs. Evelyn T. Lawrence  
The Carnegie High School PTA under the able leadership of its president, S. E. McClanahan, in 1953, as in past years, had as its goal, improved school facilities and better-in-community relationships. The association, which has always done a major work in assisting the operation of a first class hot lunch project in the school, installed in 1952-53 a much needed freezer in the cafeteria, at a cost of \$600. To help meet monthly payments, the PTA sponsored a variety show, a class popularity contest with students from grades seven through eleven participating, and the sale of sandwiches and soft drinks after basket ball games.

The Carnegie PTA, serving Marion, Chilhowie, Sugar

Grove and Saltville, maintains that the education of our youth is of supreme importance. For many years the association members have realized that with crowded teacher schedules and a lack of science, physical education, home economics, commercial art and shop facilities, the students have received an inadequate secondary education. Despite this existing handicap, Carnegie High School graduates have merited some commendable and some superior ratings in the respective colleges throughout the country.

Students, parents and patrons alike have been keenly interested in the Carnegie building program and are eagerly awaiting the erection of a gymnasium and two dressing rooms and two classrooms led by Superintendent J. Leonard Mauck and the Smyth County School Board. The PT-

T will seek in the new year improved health and safety facilities for its youth. Among these school needs are a sidewalk in front of the school building, an inside way of reaching the boys' lavatory and running hot water for sanitary handwashing. The Carnegie High School PTA, with hope, patience, and perseverance looks forward to a promising, progressive 1954.

## Seven Mile Ford Members Put Up Over 3,000 Quarts

By Mrs. C. W. Walker  
The Seven Mile Ford Home Demonstration Club is very proud of its accomplishments during the year 1953.

It has been a year of fun, fellowship and demonstrations along lines all homemakers are interested in. We will mention some of these demonstrations; we were taught ways to prepare quick meals, new ways of cooking vegetables and correct method of frying foods. We had demonstrations on how to select and care for the new fabrics from which many of our clothes are made today, also correct dress.

The demonstrations on "The Care and Cleaning of Floors and Tugs" and "Window Treatment" were very helpful. It might be mentioned here that part of the above demonstrations were given by the project leaders who did a splendid job.

This experience in leadership we consider is one of our greatest assets in club work and is helpful in other walks of life.

Aside from the routine demonstrations, club members have gained information by exchanging household hints, recipes and methods of canning and preserving our farm products.

From the well filled cellar shelves and over flowing home freezers, there is abundant

proof the new ideas have been tested.

Much has been done to improve the homes of the community during the year. A few built new homes; others remodeled theirs. Several kitchens were remodeled with cabinets installed and electrical appliances added, all adding to the comfort and convenience of the homemaker.

Last but not least we had to meet our club's financial needs. To meet this need we had a community party at which we had bingo games, cake walks, guess cakes and sold cakes, pie, candy popcorn and "hot dogs." The result was over \$40 in our treasury.

We are looking forward to a good year in 1954, and from the preview of future demonstrations we will not be disappointed.

## 17 Nebo HD Club Members Are Active

By Miss Mildred Lawrence  
The Nebo H D Club has had a very successful year. Although small in size it has been large and strong in interest and activity. With only 17 active members these few have canned over three thousand quarts of vegetables and fruits.

The two home freezers in the club contain five hundred pounds of frozen fruits, vegetables and meats.

Fifty dresses and aprons have been made and remodeled.

Thirteen members have running water in their homes with all making repairs, painting their homes and improving the grounds around the home.

Three demonstrations were given by project leaders.

For the October meeting the club met at the Ceres Cannery in Bland County for an all day meeting the Demonstration was on basket weaving. Nine baskets were made at this meeting. Miss Bundy and Mrs. Kyle Crabtree gave demonstration at the Achievement Day program held at Marion. Sev-

eral of the Nebo Club members attended and had some of their work on display.

One of the outstanding accomplishments of the club was the piecing and quilting of a quilt by the members, and chances were sold on the quilt.

At a program given at the Nebo School sponsored by the club a drawing was held, and the quilt was given away to the lucky winner, Mrs. B. W. Smith of Nebo. At total of \$26.35 was made on quilt, and \$32.45 made at the door, making a total of \$58.80 to go into the club treasurer.

Our club was very much saddened by the death of one of our faithful members, Mrs. B. M. Crabtree, in October. She will be greatly missed and will long be remembered by all for

to know her you had to love her.

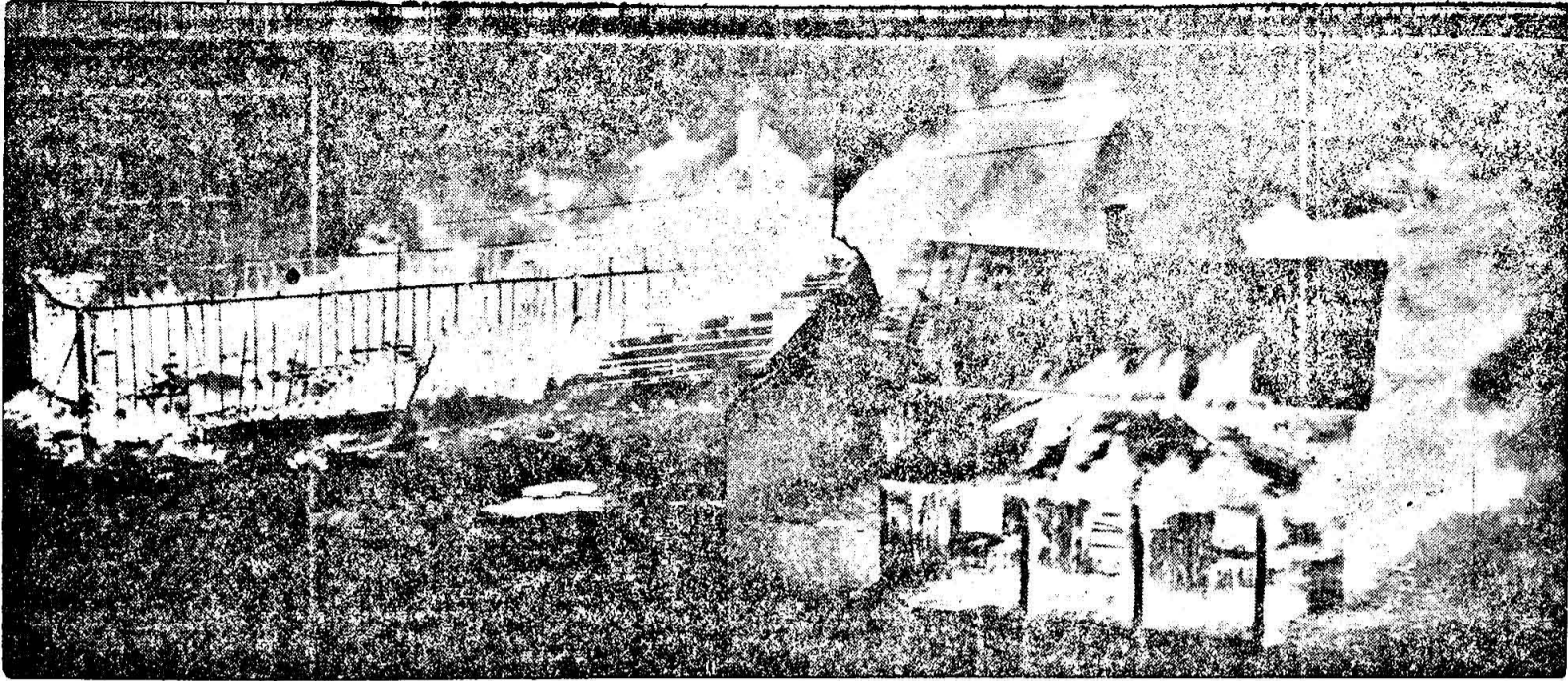
Get well cards were bought and mailed to seven members by the secretary.

A donation was made to the March of Dimes and Pennies for Friendship.

Besides learning to do our work more efficiently, and the many new things that we have been taught by our faithful leader, Miss Karle Bundy, during the year the fellowship of meeting and working together in the different homes means much to the Nebo Club members toward building a better community.

The Nebo Home Demonstration Club is looking forward with much hope and interest for a better 1954.

Inter-Mountain Telephone Company



**COSTLY FIRES** — Smyth County was plagued with fires during 1953. Keys store burned to the ground, with Sugar Grove apparently getting hit hardest. Last April the James Park home along with it. A big barn in that community, filled with corn and hay, also burned during the year, along with the parsonage of the Church of God there.

## Marion American Legion Is Proud of Achievements

By Bill Haulsee

During the past year the Smyth County Post 18 American Legion Department of Virginia has done several things of which they are proud.

In Smyth County alone they have spent over \$250 toward their Child Welfare program. This consisted of buying lunch tickets for needy school children, purchase of coal for a disabled veteran's family, and other projects where children of veteran's families were concerned.

The Smyth County Post 18 has contributed or assisted in the March of Dimes, New Stadium, polio epidemic, blood donor drive and many other community service organizations.

During the past year the Post has refurbished its meeting Hut with new tables and chairs, purchased a coin operated music machine, and has run successfully a club for members and their guests on Friday and Saturday nights.

During 1953 the post has bought a new American flag and a new American Legion standard to be used in military funerals and American Legion activities.

In 1953 Post 18 had 400 members. All of these men served in World War I, World War II or the Korean War. This was the largest membership

the post has known. It received the American Legion honor ribbon for exceeding the membership of the past year in a certain specified time.

During the summer the post had a very successful picnic for the members, families and their guests.

We were co-sponsors of the Dale Carnegie Course No. 3 in Marion during 1953, with many members of the Legion taking this course.

During the month of June we sent two local boys to the American Legion, sponsored "Boys State" in Blacksburg.

They were Bobby Simons and Jimmy Boone. When they returned they visited us at our monthly meeting and gave us a detailed report on their activities while attending Boys State. The American Legion is proud to be able to sponsor such a worthwhile project as this.

During the next few months were plan to erect in Marion, Atkins, and Chithowie in the proper places school safety signs for the protection of our children.

This post has also contributed financially toward the Korean Orphanage Christmas Fund.

We urge all veterans who are eligible to do so to join the American Legion as soon as possible and help us in this worthwhile work.

## Holston Hills Experience Many Changes

By J. J. Barret

Quite a number of important changes took place during 1953 at Holston Hills Country Club, but when viewed in retrospect at the year's end, the gains and accomplishments far outweigh the losses. Changes in personnel, new champions for old, a new invitational tournament and considerable new improvements spell the difference.

Early in January, the club suffered a big loss when Charley Walk, golf professional and manager, resigned in order to accept the professional job at the Bristol Country Club. Despite their regret at his leaving, for they knew he would be most difficult to replace, club members turned out in large numbers to attend a farewell dinner in his honor and to wish him well in his new venture.

At the annual membership meeting in the spring, Wytch M. Hull Jr. was elected president for the year. Without Mr. Hull's leadership, limitless energy and enthusiasm, the picture at the year's end might have been quite different.

In the major activity — golf — the club team did not fare

so well this year in the Southwest Virginia Golf Association competition. Third place in the final standings of the season's play was the best they could accomplish; however, they easily won the annual Stephens Memorial tournament held at the home course in August. New champions emerged in both annual club tournaments. Pat Collins won the President's Cup, in keeping with the tradition of no member ever winning twice. Bill Bishop, in a hotly contested match, gained the club championship over the former champion, Stuart Ellis.

A long sought-for goal was realized over Labor Day week end when the first annual Invitational Golf Tournament was held at the club. Entries were received from golfers throughout Virginia and from neighboring states, and enthusiasm ran high during this week end. The large galleries following the matches were treated to some excellent exhibitions of golf. Audlick Burke of Bristol was the winner, but only after Stuart Ellis electrified the gallery with his putting prowess and carried Burke to the 21st hole before losing. This tournament is to be an annual affair and has created wide-spread interest among the better golfers in this area.

A new women's Southwest Virginia Golf Association has recently been formed, and the club will enter competition with a team this next year under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Roane. Mrs. David Francis won the women's championship this year, and Abe Lincoln Jr. won the boy's tournament.

Social life under the direction of the Golf Widows has been held on a high level during the year. Several dinner dances and buffet dinners were given, and the clubhouse has been open for lunches and dinners at other times. The clubhouse has been completely redecorated and attractively furnished.

Several major improvements have been made to the club facilities and will be ready for use during the coming year. A new bridge has been constructed over the Holston River, which will provide a much needed new approach to the club grounds. It will be placed in use when the necessary road work is finished. A new practice putting green is completed and will be ready for golfers next spring. A new first tee was constructed at the

west end of the clubhouse which will give interested spectators a much better view of the golf matches.

Stewart Sprinkle undertook the duties of club manager and golf professional in August, and due to his close attention and hard work, the golf course has never been in better shape. In spite of the severe drought, the greens have continued to grow and develop until they are now considered the finest in this entire area.

All in all, Holston Hills Country Club winds up the year 1953 proud of its achievements and can rightfully be considered a valued asset of Marion.

## Welfare For Past Year Is Listed

By Henry Durrschmidt  
Your Welfare Department is glad to have this opportunity to extend the Season's Greetings from the staff to all of you.

The department began the year with the following cases on record, shown in comparison with the record as of Dec. 1.

- Old Age Assistance, Jan. 1953, 200; Dec. 1953, 176.
- Aid to dependant children, Jan. 1953, 103 (318 children); Dec. 1953, 117 (322).
- General Relief, Jan. 1953, 17; Dec. 1953, 18.
- Aid to totally and permanent disabled, Jan. 1953, 16; Dec. 1953, 30.
- Foster care children, Jan. 1953, 13; Dec. 1953, 15.
- Aid to the blind, Jan. 1953, 13; to Dec 1953, 14.

During the year a complete review of all old age cases was made which resulted in a material reduction in number and a substantial potential saving in expenditure. The reduction in old age cases is largely due to near relatives being persuaded to assume more responsibility for the care of aged relatives.

Aid to Dependant Children has steadily increased during the year, both in number of cases and in cost. There appears to be an increasing tendency for fathers to desert their families, but the basic reason for the increase in this category is first the ever in-

creasing cost of living and second, as is the case with the schools, a larger total number of children. The actual percentage of children needing aid is about the same as it has been.

During the year three children were placed for adoption, and checks made on adoption in previous years indicate that both adopted children and foster parents are benefiting by the association.

We are gradually transferring totally disabled persons from general relief to the comparatively new category of aid to the totally and permanently disabled. Careful physical checks are made in every case before such a transfer is made, and a doctor's certificate is required for every case of total disability.

In June, board member George A. Dutton passed away. Mr. Dutton was a valued member of the board, and his passing is greatly regretted by all of his associates. His knowledge of the people of the county was a valuable asset to the board, and his unfailing courtesy and kindness made it pleasanter for everyone in the department. I. C. Choate, a Sugar Grove resident for many years, replaces Mr. Dutton on the Welfare Board.

The Welfare Department was handicapped during the year by shortage of staff as well as by changes. The position of child welfare worker was vacant until Dec. 1 so that adequate attention could not be given to children in our care. It is hoped that now we have a part time staff member for children's work there will be a great improvement.

The two general case workers we had for most of the year were kept busy on the review of old age cases and as a result of their good work a real reduction has been effected in this category. It is interesting to note that two categories — old age and aid

to dependant children constitute reuiques about 70 per cent of the total expenditure and are about 77 per cent of the total number of cases.

We are fortunate in having a capable clerical staff without which it would be impossible to cope with the enormous amount of paper work required by federal and state regulations.

*Merry*  
**CHRISTMAS**

A Yuletide wish and a sincere hope... that every day of the holiday season is filled with joy for you and yours, and that our pleasant relationship and confidence in each other may continue through the years.

**Smyth County**  
**Mutual Fire Ins. Co.**  
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*Joyous*  
*Greetings*

May every heart  
at your house be filled  
with good cheer  
and happiness this Christmas.

**MARION SERVICE**  
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With best wishes for a

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and Every Day

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*Happy*  
*Holiday*

To all our  
friends we'd like  
to say: Good Tidings  
for the Holiday! We hope  
it finds you blithe and gay!

**M. C. Hamm**  
**M. B. Conner**  
Representatives For  
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It looks like it's going to be the happiest  
holiday ever—filled with the pleasures that only  
the Yuletide season can bring... a deep down glad spirit, warm and loving hearts.

May you enjoy this Christmas with unlimited good health and good spirit.

**Parks-Belk**  
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# 1953 Is Record Year for Harwood of Marion

## Production, Employment Are at Peak

1954 Prospects Are Excellent  
By P. C. Smythe

The year 1953 has been a record year in the history of the Harwood Company.

From the very first of the year, 1953 looked promising from every standpoint. During the year employment was at an all time high, with the three Harwood plants maintaining over 900 people on their payrolls. Production for the year was the greatest in the history of the company. More pajamas, shorts and slips were shipped from the plant during 1953 than in any prior year. With maximum employment during most of the year and with the greater production schedule our payroll for the year was much higher than in any previous year.

During 1953, Harwood expanded its plant facilities to keep up with production requirements. The most important expansion was the completion of the new Abingdon Plant. The new plant will provide working space for 250 employees. It is the most modern sewing plant in this area. In the Marion Plant additional space was gained by the extension of our second floor balconies. This addition increased our storage space for finished goods. The production, personnel and engineering departments were enlarged to give much needed room. A new machine shop, rest room and piece goods storage room were also added. These additions provided more floor space in the production area of the plant. At the Holston Plant in Marion the company took over the lower floor in the building for much needed storage space.

During the year we had two new additions to the staff here at Harwood. M. L. Greenwood Jr. came with the company as Purchasing Agent, P. C. Smythe came with the company as Personnel Director.

In 1953 the company sponsored its first employee softball team. A full spring and summer schedule was played and plans are being made to field a team again next summer. In the county Red Cross Blood Program during the past year, Harwood employees are to be commended in their support of this program.

The huge Christmas "Open House" was held for employees and their families at Marion High School Dec. 20. Around 1,600 people attended. This annual party is the largest of its kind held in Smyth County.

1954 promises to be as great a year for the company as was 1953. Our production schedule will remain the same for 1954. It is the plan of the company to stabilize our production throughout the year as nearly as possible and in doing this to provide for stabilized employment throughout the year.

The Harwood Company is looking forward to a happy and most prosperous New Year.

## WMU Is Active In Sugar Grove

By Mrs. S. C. Hutton

Activities of the Sugar Grove WMU are as follows: Officers elected were president, Mrs. Edd Surface; vice president, Miss Erma Shupe; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Bill Barker; program chairman, Mrs. Rudolph Ernest; stewardship chairman, Mrs. Anne Parsons.

There were 12 meetings during the year, one mission study class, three seasons of prayer programs.

The group contributed to the poppy sale sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, helped several needy families in the community, helped sick families, sent sick members flowers, sponsored a shower for a burned out family, attended a course taught at the church on stewardship, contributed to the cooperative program, gave to the missions and donated \$1,000 to the building fund to help build Sunday school rooms at the church.

There is a total of 33 members on roll.

The Rev. Henry Colvard of Lenoir, N. C., is pastor.



NEW CITIZENS — Anneliese Peake, native German became a new American citizen last February. Anneliese was drafted into the German Army in 1943, continuing in service as a typist and clerical worker in uniform until the end of the year. She and her family were forced out of East Germany following the war, moving to Frankfurt in the American Zone. Here she met Douglas Peake of Smyth County, serving with the Army of Occupation. Married in 1948, they came to his home in Marion, where she began work immediately on securing full citizenship. She and her two children are shown above.

## Marion Civitan Club Is Active in Civic Affairs

By Max Schloss

The Civitan Club of Marion, one of the youngest of all the civic clubs in Marion, is seeking to take its place with the others in helping the various activities.

The officers this year are as follows: president, Max Schloss; vice president, Graham Fisher; second vice president, R. Mercer; treasurer, B. Randall and secretary, H. Thompson.

In local activities the Civitans are sponsors of one of the local troupes of Boy Scouts. They have contributed \$25 and are ready to help further when needed in this activity.

They also contributed to the building of the new stadium giving \$50 from the club as well as personal donations from the members.

The Marion Civitans are planning a new and much needed project for the new year. It is a

major project for the Civitan International and is called "Traffic Safety Program." We expect to start early in January a drive for enrollment of teenagers for signatures to a "Man to Man" agreement for fathers and sons regarding the family car and how it should be driven, and a "Dad to Daughter" agreement regarding the same matter.

Out of town activities were a trip to Bristol and dinner with all district Civitan clubs at the Bristol Hotel. The speaker for the evening was the well known Senator Ester Kefauver of Tennessee.

We are looking forward to a new year, and a better one in service to the citizens of Marion in accordance with our creed "Whatsoever ye would that men would do to you, do ye also to them."

## Val Deer Grange Uses Ritual At Its 12 Meetings

By Minnie Rouse

The Val Deer Grange, believing that ritualism is the affectionate tie that binds together those who recognize the brotherhood of man, as the finest expression of the Fatherhood of God and that all good rituals, inspires the members to seek and do their best work, has opened each of its 12 meetings during the past year with the ritual, the open Bible and the American flag displayed.

Believing also that the way to a granger's heart is by way of his or her appetite, a pot luck supper has been served at each meeting.

Some of the activities carried on are as follows:

Submitted to proper authorities resolutions favoring and urging improvement of the highway leading from Riverside to Chilhowie, resolutions disapproving telephone zoning which would automatically increase the telephone rates; resolutions favoring the employment of two qualified men at the Experiment Station to be located at Emory.

Sponsored a community meeting with W. P. Price, agricultural agent for the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, who spoke on important phases of American transportation.

Sponsored a joint health program with the Riverside PTA with Miss Carolyn Sheffey, visiting teacher of Smyth County, speaking on "Mental Hygiene."

Held a joint installation of officers with the members of Cox's Chapel and Carsonville Granges at Cox's Chapel, Grayson Co., with Earl Shiplett, state deputy, as principal installing officer.

Organized a degree team and shall confer the first degree on all candidates of the three grades in the near future.

Carsonville Grange will confer the second degree and Cox's Chapel the third degree. Members of Val Deer Grange have assisted with bloodmobile clinic, F. G. clinic, pre-school clinic and March of Dimes.

Some of the members attended Institute of Rural Affairs at VPI, the Virginia State Grange meeting, Richmond, the Tennessee State meeting at Greeneville, Tenn., the North Carolina State Grange meeting at Greensboro, N. C., the National Grange meeting at Burlington, Ver.

Our lecturer, Mrs. Z. M. K. Fulton, has the honor of being Pomona of the National Grange, and Mr. Fulton, is master of the Virginia State Grange. The master of our grange is chairman of the education committee of the Virginia State Grange.

The following officers were

elected at the November meeting for the coming year: master, Miss Minnie Rouse; overseer, A. B. Farmer; steward, Simeon Byrd; gate keeper, N. A. Wolfe Jr.; lecturer, Z. M. K. Fulton; chaplain, Mrs. R. M. Widener; assistant steward, Benjamin Fulton; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Bradley Duncan; secretary, Mrs. Stella Blackwell; treasurer, Neal Echols; Flora, Mrs. Jessie Blankenbecker; Ceres, Mrs. Viola Echols; Pomona, Mrs. Simeon Byrd.

Executive committee, Z. M. K. Fulton, Vance Echols, Miss Dulcie Sturgill, and Julius Britton.

Chairman home economics committee, Mrs. Bessie Wyatt; juvenile matrons, Miss Dulcie Sturgill, Mrs. Vance Echols; chairman youth committee, Mrs. Anna Duncan; pianists, Mrs. R. M. Widener and Benjamin Fulton.

## Greetings

May the wondrous spirit of Christmas bring you a special note of joy that will continue with you throughout the coming New Year!

### Wayside Nursery

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## Greetings

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Along with our warm Christmas Greetings we send to you and those dear to you every good wish for a joyous season filled with good health, good cheer, and contentment. And may your Holiday happiness extend throughout the New Year.

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## A VERY Merry Christmas

The warm spirit of this Holiday Season is symbolized by the friendly Christmas candle, lighting our way to closer friendships and greater happiness.

May your Christmas be radiant with joy and good health.

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And Merrier too  
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A Joyous Christmas... A Happy New Year.

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