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HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOODBYE OLD MAN 1953 is the idea of cocky little 20 month old Bobby Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stover Cooper of Rt. 3, Marion, as he gallily welcomes the New Year and decides to be a better boy. Thursday night at 12:00 will end the Old Man 1953 and bring in the New Year as the citizens of the county will be prepared to change, make resolutions and try new ways. All of 1953 will be forgiven and forgotten as 1954 takes the starring role of the picture.

LIFE IN SMYTH COUNTY

CIVITANS HAVE YULE PROGRAM AT MEETING

The Marion Civitan Club had a Yule program in charge of C. B. Copenhagen at its meeting just before Christmas.

A recording of "The Littlest Angel" by Loretta Young was featured.

A short business session, presided over by Bill Mercer, was held to discuss club activities for 1954.

COMING EVENTS

for events not conducted for private gain. Column closes noon Wednesday.

(Mail postcard or dial Marion 3-8001)

TUESDAY, JAN. 5
MT. CARMEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB meets with Mrs. E. S. (PeeWee) Cregger, 2 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6
ANN JUDSON CIRCLE of the Marion Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. H. Reid, 2:30 p. m.
MATTIE MILES CIRCLE, Marion Baptist Church, will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the church.
FRANCES HUDGINS CIRCLE, Marion Baptist Church, will meet at the home of the leader, Mrs. Robert May, at 2:30 p. m. Cars will leave the church at 2:15 p. m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11
ROYAL OAK PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE CHURCH, regular meeting, 8 p. m., at the church. Board meeting at 7:30.

Jennings Gets Support of Democrats

Smyth County Democrats' support of their favorite for Congress, Sheriff Pat Jennings, has been given the nod by most of the party leaders in the Ninth District, a press association survey Wednesday revealed.

The press survey showed that Ninth District party leaders are expected to throw their weight behind Jennings and that he probably will be the man to oppose Republican Rep. William Wampler in the Fighting Ninth District race.

Jennings, army veteran, had strong support throughout the district in the last chase, losing out to Senator Mel Long, at the district convention in Bristol by only 23 votes.

Paul Duke of Richmond this week polled this area for the Associated Press, coming up with the conclusion that the Smyth County sheriff would be the man to get all out support for the Democratic nomination in next fall's General Election.

Sam Carter of Bristol, Democratic chairman of the Ninth, called Jennings "the leading candidate and the man to beat" for the nomination.

In 1952 Jennings did not have the support of "organization" Democrats, but this time it is pretty generally agreed that he has fairly solid organization support, which, along with the backing carried over



am not a candidate for the Democratic nomination to Congress. I have not been a candidate. I do not expect to be a candidate".

In addition to these, there has been some mention of State Sen. Harry C. Stuart, Russell County cattle farmer, but it is generally agreed that Stuart has no desire to make the race.

Stores to Observe Varied Policy For New Year's Closing

Marion merchants will observe a varied policy in closing for New Year's Day this Friday.

Horace Myers, secretary of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, says that those closing will include the furniture stores, the clothing stores, 5 and 10's, jewelry stores, auto stores, feed stores, part of the grocery stores and part of the hardware stores.

Remaining open, says Mr. Myers, will be the filling stations, drug stores, part of the grocery stores and part of the hardware stores.

Smyth's Christmas Donations Amaze Leathernecks

by Capt. Verle E. Ludwig

WITH THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION IN KOREA — Dec. 21 — (Special to the Smyth County News) — Smyth's all-out effort for "Operation Santa Claus" has leathernecks of this division agog today.

Inchon port officials and an army truck driver scratched their heads and muttered: "These darned Marines."

The Marine embarkation officer at Inchon had been on the lookout for the ship carrying the 74 large crates and packages that had gotten a Congressional boost to expedite it across the Pacific to Staff Sergeant Joseph R. McKinnon.

But army officials at the port ran across the shipment first, loaded it aboard an army truck and sent it up to McKinnon's front-line battalion.

There the Marion Marine's regimental commander, Colonel Ormond R. Simpson of the First Marine Regiment, and his battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel William C. Chamberlain, stood by with McKinnon to watch the truck unloaded.

The Smyth County leatherneck had taken the afternoon off from his duties to be on hand for the unloading of the largest single "Santa" shipment ever to arrive in Korea for an individual serviceman.

Before McKinnon's out-sized "mail-call" was moved inside the second battalion chapel to add to the tons of other food, clothing and treats leathernecks of the unit were to distribute during the holiday season in a destitute refugee camp, the division commander, Major General R. McC. Pate, came up to look at the shipment.

"This is amazing," he said as he shook hands with the Marion man. "If every community had come through like yours did, I don't know what we'd have done. But we would sure make a lot of these Korean children happy even if we'd had to drop all our other work."

The results from every

Patty Hicks Dies in Blaze In House Fire

Mother Saves Lives Of Two Other Children

Little 16 month old Patty Hicks was Marion's first fire victim in over six years.

The little girl perished when the efforts of her mother, Mrs. Lenford Hicks, of neighbors and of firemen to reach her failed as fire swept through two rooms of the four room house on Park Street in Marion.

Mrs. Hicks was taking the family Christmas tree the trunk of which was about three inches in diameter out when it caught fire from the open draft door of a coal stove. The tree burst into flames, igniting the whole room. The heat caused a television set to explode, further scattering flames.

Mrs. Hicks was able to get two other children out, but she could not reach the crib in which Patty was lying.

Neighbors broke out windows trying to reach the baby but were unable to get through the flames. Mrs. Hicks attempted repeatedly to reenter the room, but neighbors finally restrained her.

Fireman also attempted to get to the child, but the flames made rescue impossible.

(Continued on page 6)



Dr. Frank Repass Dies Wednesday

Dr. Frank Repass, 81, died at his home in Marion about 1 p. m. Wednesday, following a long period of declining health.

The funeral service will be Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the First Methodist Church with Dr. B. T. Sells in charge. Burial will be in Round Hill Cemetery. Pall bearers will be Henry Pruner, Gale Barker, Bill Farris, Jack Hudson, J. C. McClaugherty and Joe Gordon and members of Mrs. Repass' circle will serve as flower bearers.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Mae Goodell of Marion; a son, Roy R. Repass; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lorraine M. Repass, both of Marion; one grandson, Robert Preston Repass, Atlanta, Ga.; three great-granddaughters; a half sister, Miss Mattie Kent, Marion and two half brothers, R. Cloyd Kent, Marion, and Walter S. Kent, Grundy.

Dr. Repass was born July 7, 1872, the son of the late Thomas Repass and Amanda Starrit Repass Kent. He was graduated from Emory and Henry College and practiced dentistry in Marion for a number of years following his graduation from the Medical College of Virginia in 1911.

He was a long time member of the First Methodist Church and had advanced through all the steps of Masonry. He was a member of the Blue Lodge and Lynn Commandry in Marion and of the Shrine Temple in Roanoke.

Dr. Repass was quite interested in sports and had written many poems, several of which were published in the Smyth County News.

ROBERT BRITTON IS TAKING TRAINING

Robert Nathan Britton, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Britton, 417 North Main St., Marion, is completing his AF basic airman indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

His basic training is preparing him for entrance into Air Force technical training and for assignment in specialized work. The course includes a scientific evaluation of his aptitude and inclination for following a particular vocation and career.



SGT. JOSEPH R. MCKINNON and Maj. Gen. R. McC. Pate, commanding general of the First Marine Division, look on as Kathy, the little Korean girl, inspects a toy McKinnon has handed her. Lee, the young Korean cowpoke with a six gun from Smyth County looks on. (Other Pictures On Page 6)

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Announcements (2)

24 HOUR WRECKER SERVICE DAY PHONE 2-0841; NIGHT 2-0815. MARION MOTOR COMPANY, INC. 6-16-TF

For Sale (3)

ONE HAWAIIAN GUITAR for sale. \$75. Excellent condition. Like new. Phone 3-9982. 12-31-TF

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

FOR SALE — Used TD-9 International bull grader and logging winch. Phone 3-9972. 12-31-1t

BIICYCLE — good condition for details call 3-9913. 12-31-1t

REGISTERED FEMALE POINTER for sale. 8 months old. Call 2184 Chithowie or see Frederick Jones. 12-31-3t

FOR SALE — 1 six room, wide weather board home, with full size basement, and garage in same. Oil floor furnace, and insulated throughout. This home for sale by the builder. Call: Phone 3-4044. Located on Henry Street, East side. 12-31-tf

FOR SALE — One Duo Therm oil heater. Sells for \$99. Used three weeks. Will sell very reasonable. James W. Evans, Evans Esso Servicenter, Groseclose, Va. Phone 1214. Rural Retreat, Va. 12-31-1t

PARAKEETS FOR SALE — Still have a few left. Get them young and train them to talk. \$6 each. Dial 3-5992. 12-31-1t

Several good used sewing machines. Priced to sell quick. Parts, Supplies. Repair any make machine. A. W. Storm, Phone 3-4563. 12-31-1t

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NOTICE is hereby given that I will appear before the Town Council of Marion, on January 15, 1954, to apply for licenses to operate a taxicab in Marion. Richard L. Snider. 12-31-2t

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. 12-17-3t

WOULD like a job baby sitting. Contact Lila Bonham 528 South Commerce St., or call 3-6654. 12-31-1t

LOST — Bunch of important personal keys. Somewhere down town. Reward. Phone 3-9972. 12-31-1t

LOST — Several keys on chain. If found return to United Clothing Co. 12-31-1t

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Watkins Dealer in Smyth County, with established customers. Need man over 25 years of age with car in good condition. Company furnishes everything but car. Field help provided. Write K. A. Pensyl, P. O. Box 5071, Richmond, Va. 12-17-3t

A MARSHALL FIELD family owned enterprise has opening for ambitious man of unquestionable character and refinement. Age 26-60. College education preferred. Must be ready accept position by Jan. 4 and be capable earning \$5,000 annually. For local interview write Mr. J. H. Scholl, P. O. Box 1616, Richmond, Va. State age, education, phone number. 12-31-1t

HELP WANTED — Lady to care for two children, ages 4 and 6, four days a week from 8:30 a. m. to 4:15 p. m. Call 3-9955. 12-31-1t

FOR RENT — Eight room house for rent. Now being reconditioned for A1 renter. Available January 1. House can be inspected. L. H. Redmond, Sprinkle Farm, Groseclose. 12-10-TF

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

Blue Ridge Gas Building, Commerce Street, Marion, will be available Jan. 1. Call 311F, Rural Retreat. 12-24-TF

FOR RENT — Bungalow. Located on Cherry St. 6 rooms and bath. Has new furnace, hot water heater. Electric water heater. If interested call Dr. Carolyn Sherrill. 12-81-1t

MODERN 6 room brick house for rent. 209 Broad Street. 12-31-1t

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Special Notices (14)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION

In execution of a certain deed of trust March 14, 1949, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Smyth County, Virginia in Deed Book 104, Page 565, default having been made in the payment of the debt therein secured, and being required by the beneficiary so to do, the undersigned Trustee will sell at Public Auction at the front door of the court house of Smyth County, Virginia at 11:00 a. m. on Saturday, January 2, 1954, the following real estate:

A lot or tract of land containing about one-fourth acre, with dwelling house and other improvements thereon and all rights pertaining thereto, lying on the north side of College Street in the Town of Marion in Smyth County, Virginia, fronting 75 feet on College Street and running back northwardly 145 1/2 feet; being the same lot which was conveyed to Mack Malley by two deeds, one from Fannie F. Malley dated March 9, 1932, recorded in the Clerk's Office of Smyth County in Deed Book 65, page 193, the other from Dempsey Malley Amick dated June 12, 1943, recorded in Deed Book 87, page 205; a one-half interest in said property having been conveyed by Mack Malley to Emma Malley by deed dated October 7, 1943, recorded in Deed Book 87, page 206.

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Wise Wheeler Dies at 93



Henry Wise Wheeler, 93, of Marion died at 5 a. m. Thursday at the Lee Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his wife; Mrs. Amanda Johnson Wheeler, two sons, H. W. Wheeler Jr., Silver Springs, Md.; Curtis Wheeler, Bristol; seven daughters, Miss Pearl Wheeler, Mrs. C. S. Richards, Mrs. O. A. Grah, all of Bristol; Mrs. W. L. Yancey, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Frank Blevins, Damascus; Mrs. Roy Johnson, Marion, and Mrs. K. W. Pittman, Salem. Also surviving are two step-daughters, Mrs. M. W. Goodpasture, Marion; Mrs. E. R. Brown, Roanoke; three step-sons, E. V. Crowe, Cambria; E. T. Crowe, Salem and R. O. Crowe, Volney, 21 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 17 step-grandchildren.

Funeral service was conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Marion Baptist Church with the Rev. Primitivo Delgado officiating. Burial was in the Round Hill Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Walter Vernon, Curtis Hamm, Coy Anderson, Murley Moser, Claude Helton and W. J. Andrews.

Honorary pallbearers were Alex Hutchins, Joe Stephenson, M. F. Page, Boyd Jarvis, R. L. Noonkester, Roger Brown, Harve Powell, Dewey Hester, Garland Campbell, J. S. Sutphin, H. Clay Eller, Bates McGlothlin, Ralph Powell, Frank Hash Jr., L. P. Scott, Haynes Wolfe and Town Officials Beatrice Gwyn, K. K. Snider, Walter Francis, Joe Groseclose, H. P. Gills, Wythe Hull Jr., J. B. Richardson, George Greer, Jim Ritter and Ralph Wolfe.

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Flora Etta Wadell

Miss Flora Etta Wadell, 72, of Saltville died in a Marion hospital Thursday night.

She is survived by one brother, Kent Wadell, Cedar Bluff; two sisters, Mrs. C. W. Jones Sr., Saltville, and Mrs. Lena Cecil, Marion.

Funeral service was held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Valley Church of Christ with the Rev. Lee Poston officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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One Blonde Birch Step End Table	29.95	\$14.95			

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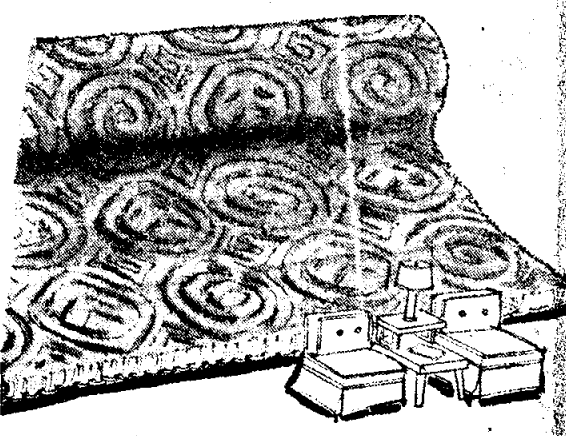
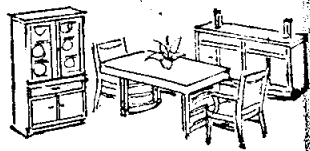
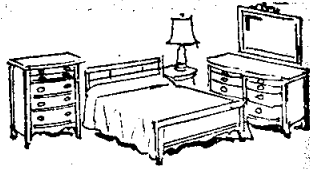
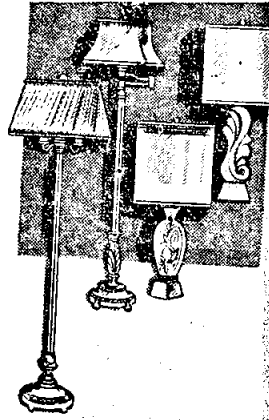
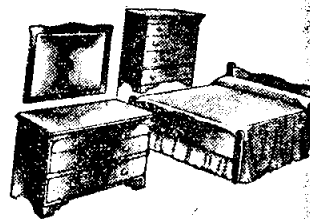
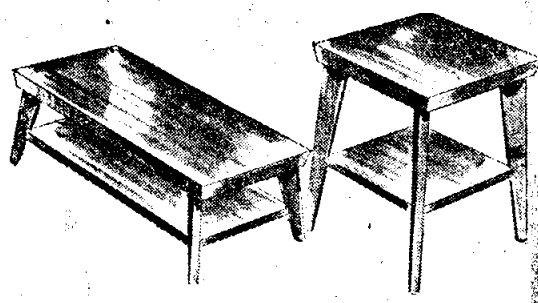
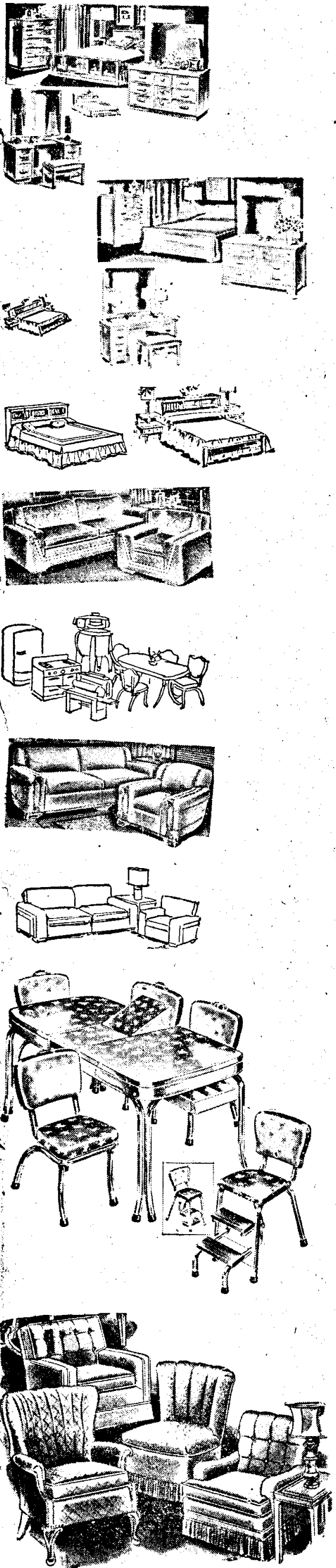
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Saltville, Dec. 28 — Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Craft have as their guests this week their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Findley Jr., and sons, Tommy and Freddy, of Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Craft spent Christmas Day with relatives in Bramwell, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore and Miss Alice Blanton Carter are visiting the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Carter of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ivey have as their holiday guests Mrs. Francis Lindsay of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Morrell and son, David, of Bristol.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roberts visited his sister, Mrs. Robert Cuddy, Mr. Cuddy of Meadowview, Route 2, Sunday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morrell of Johnson City, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Anderson and sons, H. P., Tony and Chuckie, and S-Sgt. and Mrs. Paul E. Barker and daughter, Kathi, of

Elizabethton, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Maiden and children, Sharon and Skippy, of McCready.

S-Sgt. John L. Sneed has returned to Pope Field, Fort Bragg, N. C., after spending the holidays with his brother, A. M. Sexton, Mrs. Sexton and other relatives.

Cpl. and Mrs. Clarence L. Colley and son, Billie, of Fort Story are spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Colley.

Miss Eleanor Walker, who is employed in Roanoke, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Walker.

1-Sgt. and Mrs. John Myers have returned home after spending 24 months in Korea and Japan and are spending the holidays with relatives in Saltville and Rich Valley. They will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Knuckles, of Pineville, Ky., where she will remain for a while before joining her husband at his assignment in Fort Eustis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peeples and family of Baltimore, Md., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Peeples.

Mrs. H. E. Diggs had as holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. Don Harris of Philadelphia, Penn., and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Diggs Jr. of North Carolina.

Those spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. James Myers were Mr. and Mrs. Will Bise and Howard and Mason Myers of McComas, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Greer and Dickie of Chilhowie, M-Sgt. and Mrs. James Myers and Ronnie of Lake City, Tenn., and 1-Sgt. and Mrs. John Myers, who are home from Japan.

This is the first Christmas John and James have spent with their parents in 11 years. Another son, S-Sgt. Sam Myers of Mauston, England, was absent. For friends who wish to write to him his address is: S-Sgt. Sam Myers, 13384368, Hq. Sqdn., 406 Air Base Group, APO 193, 1/2 Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Saltville Garden Club Sponsors Decoration Contest

The Garden Club of Saltville held their annual Christmas decoration contest December 22.

Doors and doorways were judged this year on points of originality, color scheme and balance and design.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones won first prize, with second and third prizes being awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Earle S. Horne, and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Moore, respectively.

Judges for the contest were Mr. and Mrs. Clark Peck and Mrs. Harold Russell of Abingdon. Mrs. Peck is president of the Abingdon Garden Club. The judges were presented gifts by the Saltville club.

The committee in charge of the contest was composed of Mrs. J. A. Soyars, Mrs. Oscar Porterfield and Mrs. W. P. Stuart.

Cannery at Rich Valley Will Close This Thursday

The Rich Valley cannery will close this Thursday unless there is a need to operate in January.

J. T. Gardner says that persons who have canning to do are to contact him or Miss Mary Evelyn Whitely as soon as possible so that plans can be made.

Peter Worthy of Yale University, David Worthy of the University of Virginia, June Branham and Darlene St. John of Radford College, Reba Branham and Jean Diggs of Emory and Henry College, Frank Brown, John York, Boyd Morgan, Mickey Taylor and Edgar Sanders of VPI and Roscoe Moore of Roanoke spent the holidays in their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rogers Jr. of Biloxi, Miss., were holiday guests of his mother, Mrs. E. G. Rogers.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Linkous and children of Macon, Ga., have returned home after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Linkous.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Trigg Sanders were among those from Marion attending the Iron-Boot dance in Wytheville Saturday night.

Miss Martie Kincaid returned to her home in Wytheville Tuesday after a visit with her cousin, Miss Sandra Stephenson. Sandra accompanied her home for a short visit and while there attended a dance for the young people at George Wytthe Hotel Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Everhart visited relatives in Lexington, N. C., during the holidays.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Ralph Newman of Hometown, Penna., are visiting her mother, Mrs. M. M. Brown, and other relatives in Marion.

Mrs. J. D. Green had as her guests last week Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keys of Mt. Airy, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Flesher of Blacksburg were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Funk, over the holidays.

Mrs. Graham Hull, who recently broke her hip, is improving slowly.

Mack Grinstead of Baltimore, Md., has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Don Grinstead.

Carl Blankenbecker of Roanoke spent last week in Marion with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ockers and family are spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Mullins, in War, Penna.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale Williams of Mouth of Wilson were business visitors in Marion last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Deaton, Eric and Philip, spent the week end with relatives in Mt. Glead and Asheboro, N. C.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Dority were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sawyers and family of Bristol.

Mrs. Nannie Lane, Mrs. George McCready and Mrs. Lacy Richardson were visitors in Bristol Monday.

Paul Russell of Buffalo, N. Y., has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Jack Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeBord of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Winston DeBord and daughter, Beckey, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Homer DeBord.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Beverly and family spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Beverly, in Norton.

Guests of Mrs. W. H. Jones during the week end were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gibson and daughter, Patty, and son, Billy, of Kingsport, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McCormick, Bristol; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones and three daughters; Mr. and Mrs. John Barby; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Barby and Harold Barby, and Miss Betty Creasy of Glade Spring.

Mrs. Dan Jones has returned from Kingsport, Tenn., where she visited Mr. and Mrs. Conley Jones and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gibson.

Mrs. Louise Hall is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bowman in Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bell and daughter, Martha, visited relatives in Dublin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lambert of Winston Salem, N. C., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Collins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Van Hoy and daughter of Knoxville, Tenn., visited his mother, Mrs. Stella Van Hoy, during Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. O. O. Smith have as their guests Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hunt, of Cape Charles.

Miss Norman Croft of Longwood College is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. James H. Croft.

Mrs. Kate Keys, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peery, left Sunday for Philadelphia, Penna.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest M. Waak and family had as their house guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walton, and son, Jimmy, of Alabama and Mr. and Mrs. James Owens of Chilhowie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vermilyea of Norfolk and Mr. and Mrs. H.



CHRISTMAS CONTEST WINNER! Pictured above is the picture window drawing of Ralph Wolfe's entry in the Christmas decoration contest in Marion that won the first place

prize of \$25. The scene of the Wisemen is typical of the Christmas spirit. The contest is an annual event sponsored by the Marion Fire Department and the Chamber of Commerce.

Ralph Wolfe Takes First Place for Decorations

C. Elliot and daughters, Joyce and Betty, of Erwin, Tenn., spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Max Vermilyea.

Mrs. Lula P. Bonham, Commerce St., has returned home after a month's visit with relatives and friends in Hickory, N. C., and Chase City.

J. Q. Donnelly, salesman for Bluefield Hardware Co., is attending the Admiral Television Show at Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Keys of Norfolk were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simms, of Gilman St., Marion and Mr. and Mrs. John Keys of Sugar Grove, during the holidays.

Walter Alley of Fairfax spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Grace Alley and Eddie.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Goodman and children of Phoenix, Md., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Irvin Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Edd Goodman, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simms and children and Mrs. W. A. Simms and Ruth, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Simms of Wytheville last week.

Roger Keys and Joe E. Irvin spent last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. John Keys in Sugar Grove.

Mrs. C. W. Scott has returned home from Marion General.

Ralph Wolfe, Cumberland Street, Marion, won first place for the Christmas decorations on homes and yards sponsored annually by the Marion Fire Department and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Christmas scene drawing of the Wisemen on a picture window netted Mr. Wolfe \$25 for the first prize. Mrs. Wilma Ogilvie, Park Boulevard Road, was the second prize winner of \$15, and Mrs. Dave Martin, 325 Coyner Avenue, was the third prize winner of \$10.

The second prize winner was a homemade snowman scene, and the third prize winner was a Santa Claus decoration in the front door.

Honorable mention was a picture window drawing by Bill Troxell of 423 Pearl Avenue.

The judging was based on attractiveness, 30; appropriateness, 30; apparent time spent, 30; and apparent cost, 10. The judges were Mrs. C. W. Ridgeway, president of the Marion Garden Club; Miss Ruby C. Ball, art instructor, University Extension School, and Henry Thompson, local florist.

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Smyth Receives 105 Tons Of Cottonseed Meal

Smyth County Drought Committee Chairman George D. DeBusk reports that to date three carloads of cottonseed meal (105 tons) have been received by farmers in the county.

Another 40 ton car of cottonseed meal is still pending along with a 2,700 bushel car of oats. One car of corn totaling 1,800 bushels has been approved and should be received in the very near future.

An estimated 40 tons of mixed feed, containing cottonseed meal and corn has been used. All this feed has benefited about 400 farmers.

Beginning next Monday, Jan. 4, the committee will begin taking orders for wheat at \$1.10 per bushel along with corn. Orders for wheat or corn should be directed to the ASC Office in Marion, says Mr. DeBusk.

CPL. KELL ASSIGNED TO BOSTON SECTION

Cpl. Ralph E. Kell, Marion, has recently been assigned to the 15th Antiaircraft Artillery Group (Static), which is responsible for the antiaircraft defense of the Boston area.

Cpl. Kell re-enlisted in the Army Oct. 14. He was previously stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

He is currently with "A" Battery, 514th AAA Bn, Ft. Banks, where his job is that of gunner, 9 Omm Gun.

Bouncing Checks Case Bounced By Birchfield to Jury

A couple of hot checks given just prior to Christmas got Ernest Wagner in trouble this Wednesday, with Judge W. V. Birchfield sending his case to the Grand Jury after preliminary hearing in Trial Justice Court.

Wagner pled guilty to giving two checks which bounced December 19 and 31. The first had the name of John Wagner forged and was for \$10. The second was signed by Ernest Wagner and was for \$50, being given to Evans Service Station for two tires and tubes. The check bounced and Wagner stated that the two tires and tubes are now in the hands of a Marion taxi driver. Officers were seeking recovery after court.

Tahmadge Farmer of Matson Drive, Marion, was given a stiff fine and sentence as a result of an automobile accident Dec. 20. He was given until Feb. 22 to pay for damages to an automobile owned by Victor Ross of Trout Dale as a result of the wreck. The fine now stands at \$100 and costs and the sentence is for six months. Judge Birchfield stated that suspension will be considered when satisfactory arrangements for paying damages are made.

Ross stated that at the foot of Sugar Grove Mountain on Rt. 16 Farmer came around a curve, sliding on the wrong side of the road. A vehicle in front of the Ross car had to stop suddenly, resulting in the witness car crashing into the car in front.

The driver of the Farmer vehicle, which ran into a ditch, backed out, pulled into a driveway and sped away. Ross stated that he got the license number resulting in Farmer's arrest. The car is in his mother's name.

Deputy Jim Richardson testified that earlier that same day he had received complaints on this vehicle speeding and being driven in a reckless manner in this section. He said that shortly after he learned of the wreck.

Young Farmer testified that as he rounded the curve he touched his brakes, resulting in the skid. Lacy Norman of Adwoite, with him at the time, told the same tale.

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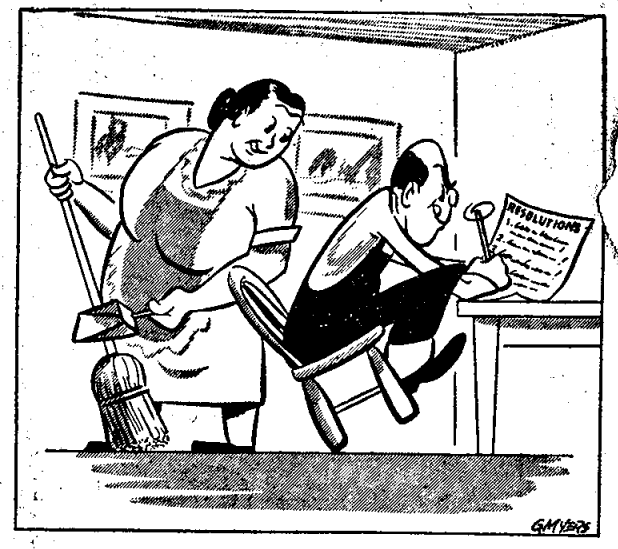
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Chilhowie Takes First Half in Saltville League

The Chilhowie team captured the first half championship and the Shaughnessy play-offs in the Saltville Duck Pin League at Plasterco last week. Chilhowie ended the first half of the season with a standing of 27 wins and six losses, or a jump ahead of the Shannon Mutual team. In the finals the semi-finals matches against the Ice Plant while the Handclites defeated the Shannon Mutual team. In the finals the Chilhowie team knocked out the Handclites with two out of three games for the Shaughnessy play-off championship.

The second half of play began on December 29 and will end with the matches to be played on March 13. The individual average for the first half are Handclites, Harold Hammond, 104.0; Pickle Tuggle, 103.5; Oattie Gillen, 101.2; A. Gillenwater, 100.0; Dick Porter, 99.6; Nance Hammond, 98.2; J. T. Kelly, 97.7; Willie Kiehl, 95.0; Buck Campbell, 94.5; Bly Goff, 93.8. The Taylors Esso averages were: Junior Hamilton, 103.7; Elmo Early, 97.5; Nip Eller, 96.8; Emory Hill, 96.6; Howard Wright, 95.0; John Taylor, 94.0; Duck Arnold, 92.2; Al Tuel, 92.2; Frank Leonard, 91.4; John Sheffield, 85.8; Wilmer Frazier, 83.2 and Tom Hutton, 82.2. Scores for the Ice Plant are Mack Poston, 106.9; Bus Davidson, 103.7; Mason Hicks, 103.6; Charles Catron, 101.3; Harve Davidson, 97.5; Pete Farris, 97.2; Sanders Frye, 94.8; John Terry, 90.0 and Robert Sword, 90.0.

Shannon Mutual scores were Shug Buchanan, 106.2; Bunk Sword, 105.5; Berk Henderson, 104.8; Sherman Maiden, 104.4; Foy Davidson, 101.0; Chub Arnold, 98.8; Bob Polstra, 94.6; and Howard Hill, 93.7. Averages for Glade Hardware were A. D. Sandefur, 103.5; John Kelly, 102.9; C. G. Thomas, 102.3; Earl Hill, 98.8; Jim Elrod, 98.5; Peco Norris, 96.8; Dan Hester, 91.8; R. B. Duncan, 90.4; and Jack Logan, 88.8. The Caustic scores were Ralph Col-

ley, 102.0; Paul Price, 101.7; Jim Smith, 100.3; Paul Estep, 100.0; Arthur Taylor, 94.5; Coy Minton, 94.4; Floyd McKinney, 93.3 and John DeBora, 83.6. The averages for Worthy Mine were David Whitley, 101.8; Tate Spraker, 96.6; Early Callihan, 96.2; C. R. Jones, 95.2; John Dvorak, 94.5; Bill Keesee, 92.8; M. S. Dunham, 91.8; Frank Bennett, 91.3; W. S. Palmer, 81.8; Lester Jarvis, 79.7; Bart Kinsler, 79.2 and Paul Wilson, 77.2. The Chlorine averages were G. B. Roberts, 104.2; Robert Gates, 101.2; Glen Henegar, 99.3; Bob Aebersold, 98.8; R. Mitchell, 98.6; Sid Snodgrass, 97.7; Cub McCready, 96.5; L. Burgess, 93.8; and N. Campbell, 92.0. The Mill Room averages were Henry Taylor, 100.2; John Shortt, 93.0; Frank Buchanan, 97.8; Ed Cahill, 96.0; W. Gillenwater, 94.6; Jim Jones, 91.2; Creston Lawrence, 90.7; Bill Moore, 90.0; Bill Montgomery, 88.2 and Andy Hawley, 84.5.

Averages for US Gypsum were Doc Helton, 99.0; J. R. Sessor, 98.6; Lawrence Duncan, 98.3; Ted Bateman, 95.9; Wheeler Farris, 94.2; R. Duncan, 93.0; David Buchanan, 91.6; Claude Smith, 91.5 Don Smith, 89.7 and Dan Helton, 89.0. The averages for Chilhowie were Casey Jones, 106.5; Kelly Berry, 106.2; Bill Greeson, 105.8; George Maust, 100.5; F. W. Berry, 100.3; Tom Keesee, 98.2; Meek Duncan, 93.7; David Overbay, 92.6 and Vance Snavely, 90.0. The scores for Central Service were Jack Simms, 101.3; Gene Love, 97.5; John Grinstead, 94.7; Buster Minnick, 93.8; C. Jones, 92.0; Bobby Grinstead, 88.3; Tom Bartley, 88.2; Bob Clapp, 85.0; Don Lawrence, 83.8 and Billy Wagner, 80.5.

Mack Poston captured the high individual average with a smashing 106.9. The high three game series went to A. D. Sandefur and Bunk Sword with a 372 and the high single game went to Kelly Berry with a 149. The high team game was taken by Chilhowie with a 589 and Shannon Mutual captured the high team series with a 1,664.

The team averages for the first half of the season are Chilhowie, 523.5. Shannon Mutual, 522.6. Ice Plant, 511.2. Handclites, 504.4. Chlorine, 495.8. Glade Hardware, 492.2. Caustic, 488.8. Taylors Esso, 484.8. Mill Room, 476.6. US Gypsum, 476.6. Central Service, 476.5. Worthy Mine, 467.5.

Chilhowie To Meet Sugar Grove Tuesday

The Chilhowie Warriors, with Bob Coulthard at the helm will face the Sugar Grove Maple Leafs in a non district tilt at Chilhowie Tuesday night. Bob Coulthard, formerly the coach at Sugar Grove for three years, will be out to knock down the team he coached in the past season. Robert Collier is the new coach for the Maple Leaf quintet and will be seeking a sweet victory over the Warriors.

Sugar Grove is in the Group Three District T with the Warriors in Group Two, District Seven. Sugar Grove has a record of three wins against one defeat, while the Warriors are on the short end of two wins and four defeat streak. Marion will race the Tazewell Bulldogs at Marion the same night. Tazewell has a two wins and no defeat record against two wins and two defeats for the Scarlet Hurricane. Other schools in the county will be silent until January 8.

Sports Chatter

By Charles Martin

A meeting to organize the Industrial Softball League in Marion is being planned for February. Last season the league operated with four teams. There was much rivalry and interest shown by players themselves and a scattering of fans.

Due to the fact that games had to be played late in the afternoons, attendance was small and interest slack. If at all possible, night games probably would bring about more interest and a bigger league. Softball is an ideal game for those who cannot, due to business reasons or that ever creeping girth, play baseball. It is a fast game and has lots of local interest.

If arrangements can be made to play games under the lights, many of our former baseball players probably would seek recreation by tying up with one of the teams.

Nearby communities also could be brought into the picture. Rich Valley, Sugar Grove, Atkins, Adwofte, Chilhowie and others could field good teams and the friendly rivalry on the field would be good for us all.

SPORTS IN SMYTH COUNTY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
HOLSTON HILLS COUNTRY CLUB Snow Bird Tournament for March of Dimes. Matches start at 10:30 a. m. regardless of weather.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5
COUNTY BASKETBALL Marion vs Tazewell at Marion. Junior varsity and varsity games at 7 p. m. Chilhowie vs Sugar Grove at Chilhowie. Varsity and girls games at 7 p. m. SALTVILLE DUCK PIN LEAGUE Chlorine vs Taylor's Esso. Chilhowie vs. Worthy Mines and Central Service vs Handclites at Plasterco. Game time 7 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6
SALTVILLE DUCK PIN LEAGUE Glade Hardware vs Ice Plant, Shannon Mutual vs Mill Room and Caustic vs US Gypsum at Plasterco. Game time 7 p. m.

Any help given officials of the league in getting started will be greatly appreciated. Healthy, outdoor recreation is needed for our citizens.

Chilhowie citizens are really working in an attempt to secure lights for the high school athletic field. Beginning less than a year ago, a campaign was started to raise the necessary \$10,000 for the lights.

Chilhowie is a small community and ten thousand bucks is lots of money. But everyone has pitched in. A few dollars here and a few more there has swelled the total to date to near the \$7,000 mark. That's really getting things done.

Last summer we were talking with one of Chilhowie's biggest boosters and most civic minded citizens. "I would hate to throw cold water on the project and will support it to the best of my ability," he said. "But that is lots of money for a small community. I am going along with them and will help all I can. Maybe we can get the money some way or another. A lighted athletic field will be a big help to us."

The thought that maybe we can get the money some way or another struck us. Those folks want a lighted field, so they are going out to get it. At the present rate, they might be able to play football at night next season. Chilhowie's faith in itself and cooperation by all has made this possible.

The lighting of the field will help out no end and will be a tribute to the work of those interested.

Country Club To Hold Snow Bird Tournament

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

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

Bill Rouse was the winner in the tournament held last year. Bill shot a 41 and half of his 18 stroke handicap gave him a 33 for the course. There were 23 golfers who entered the tournament.

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

Angell Speaks on Fellowship Value of Civic Clubs

The value of a civic club is its opportunities of fellowship and responsibility of good deeds to fellowmen. Frank R. Angell of Roanoke stated Tuesday night at the annual Ladies' Night program of the Marion Kiwanis Club.

The meeting was held in the cafeteria of the new Marion Elementary School, with more than 200 attending. Mr. Angell, executive of Shenandoah Life Insurance Company, precluded his serious talk with a humorous one and concluded by singing a number of his original compositions, playing a guitar and also piano.

The speaker, a Kiwanian for many years, pointed out that unless a club features fellowship and cooperation in various civic enterprises it is failing in its functions. Each member must make this possible by realizing the value of club work and spending some time at making a good club member, he said.

President Emmett V. Richardson presided. Dr. Thompson E. Davis gave the invocation and the speaker was introduced by W. Ray Rouse. Mrs. John Crockett entertained with a number of musical selections during dinner.

Guests included Fred Callahan, lieutenant governor elect of the 8th Division, Lewis Jones, lieutenant governor, 3rd Division, and their wives, along with a number of presidents of other civic clubs of Marion and their guests.

FRANKLIN WILLARD CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF GROSECLOSE CLUB

Franklin Willard was elected president of the Groseclose Community Club at its December meeting.

Other officers are: Kenneth Sledd, vice president; Helen Willard, secretary; O. F. Ross, treasurer; Jeanette Dutton, reporter.

The program committee consists of Charles Reedy, chairman, and Earnest Moore, Misses Anna Simmerman and Ruby Leedy, assistants.

ATKINS MUSIC PUPILS HAVE YULE PARTY

The music pupils of Mrs. Fred Davis had a Christmas party in the Atkins School auditorium.

Before the party the Glee Club went caroling. They played a variety of games and exchanged gifts after which refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Fred Davis, Jeanette Davis, Betty Blackburn, Margaret Haga and Rhea Little.

100 Pints of Blood Sought January 5

Smyth citizens are asked to help reach the 100 pint quota when the Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its visit to Marion Tuesday, Jan. 5.

The bloodmobile will be set up again in the Anderson Building, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

"Smyth County is still far behind in its attempt to return to the donors all over the nation the thousands of pints of blood used last August in giving our children the Gamma Globulin shots during the polio epidemic," Bob Nelson, blood program chairman, stated.

"Plans are underway for building up this supply again for next summer and the more blood made available will mean more Gamma Globulin for this worthy program. Let's help other communities like we were helped when in need."

Mr. Nelson also pointed out the constant need of blood for the ill in Smyth County. "You have only to make inquiries at our local hospitals to realize the good that this program is doing," he said. "Smyth County is behind in its program, with neighboring counties furnishing much of the blood which is given out citizens. It is up to us to carry our own load and

the only way we can do it is by meeting our quota. This takes volunteers to give blood. Try it and see how much satisfaction you get out of helping someone else."

Boy Scouts of Marion will assist in the campaign to secure donors, officials announced this week. The youths will make a canvass of both the business and residential sections of the town, seeking volunteers.

Appointments may be made by calling the Red Cross offices, 2-0021, in the morning or Mr. Nelson during the day at 3-5281.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

(LEE MEMORIAL TUESDAY, DEC. 29 MEDICAL)

Mrs. W. F. Woody, Mrs. Arnold Overbay, Mrs. Roberta Ellison, Mrs. W. V. Birchfield Sr., Davis Wassum, Mrs. C. W. Repass, Mrs. Peggy Mathieson, John Wright, Clinton Sexton, Mrs. J. P. Broyles, Mrs. A. A. Slagle, Mrs. John Byrd, Mrs. S. E. Kegley, Marion; Mrs. Claude Martin, Herbert Montgomery, Miss Shirley Lester, G. W. Hopkins, David Cole, Aaron Sauls, Mrs. Lura Pen-

nington, Mrs. Jim Harrington, Mrs. Elsie H. Landreth, Chilhowie; Mrs. Odie Chandler, Walter Holdaway, Mouth of Wilson; Woodrow DeBord, Chatham Hill; Fred Ellis, Meadowview; Curtis Wheeler, Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. Ruth H. Harrington, Grant; Harry Absher, Whiterop; Mrs. Hattie Grubb, Independence.

SURGICAL


W. F. Frazier, Mrs. T. E. Davis, Marion; Paul Sexton, Fox; Mrs. Wiley DeBord, Paul Spicer, Chatham Hill; Mrs. Mary Billings, Independence; Mrs. Fred B. Nelson, Flatridge.

ACCIDENT

Mrs. G. T. Hull, Mrs. Delta Tarter, Mrs. Ola Blevins, Miss Willie Sprinkle, Marion.


MOORE TAKES COURSE AT AUTOMOBILE SCHOOL

Charles H. Moore, Marion, Rt. 3, has completed training at Rock Island, Ill., in frame straightening wheel alignment and wheel balancing. Mr. Moore is returning here after an intensive three weeks' study course at the Bear Manufacturing Company's Automotive Safety Service School.



NEW TRUCK ENGINES for '54

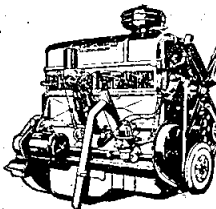
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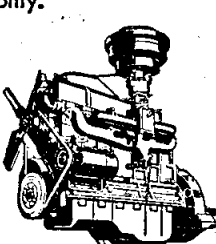
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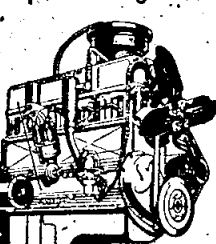
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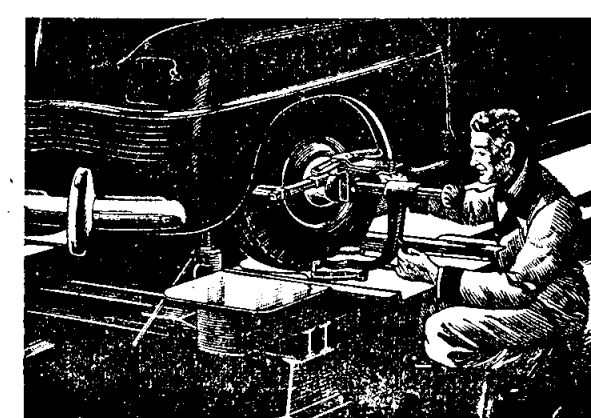

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Smyth Traffic Fatalities Cut in Half During 1953

If Smyth County can slip by midnight this Thursday night, the traffic fatality toll for 1953 will be cut exactly in half of the 1952 number of deaths.

Up until this Thursday morning, the last day of the year, there were seven traffic deaths in the county during the year. The total in 1952 was 14.

Three of the deaths occurred in Marion, with four in the county, Highway 11 tragedies accounted for four deaths. Only one was a pedestrian accident.

Two deaths resulted from wrecks at dangerous Preston Hill, west of Marion, on Highway 11. The only other spot where two died was at the intersection of 11 and Rt. 16, inside town limits, where two were killed in one accident.

"Last summer we became nervous and upset about the tragic polio epidemic which struck our county," Sheriff Pat Jennings stated Christmas week in summarizing the traffic fatalities. "I have been active and will continue to be active in the March of Dimes Drive, as I think it has been one of the biggest assets we have in helping stamp out polio. The point I am trying to make is that we are willing and ready to go all out in licking this dreaded disease, yet sit back and let the disease of reckless and careless driving kill our fellow citizens.

"This is a great American tragedy and one that local communities must solve. There are seven tombstones today marking the graves of seven people who would have been alive if we had exacted all due care in traffic regulations during 1953. It is definitely time that we jump on traffic crashes as a disease, just as we have

polio and other such plagues.

"One of our resolutions for the new year is to try to keep down traffic tragedies before they occur. This will entail the county police force keeping a more careful watch on speeders, hot rod artists, careless drivers and show offs. Town and state officers are doing the same. We are going to haul into court every dangerous driver we see and ask that those who are chronic cases have either their licenses taken away, where possible, or given time.

"It is our aim to make Smyth the shining example of safe driving for the state of Virginia. The only way to do this is to insist on everyone obeying traffic regulations. If they do not heed first warnings, then heavy fines and then confinement will be asked. Any trouble anyone gets into will be the result of their own misdeeds. Law abiding drivers must be protected from those who insist on taking a chance and we officers of Smyth County have as one of our resolutions to maintain a 24 hours a day, seven days a week vigil on traffic in the county."

Deaths during the year from traffic accidents include: Charles Hubble, 79, hit by automobile Jan. 7, Broad St., Marion; Fount Berry, 17, Chilhowie, car wreck, Preston Hill, April 9; Robert E. Bennett, 28, Roanoke, car-train crash, Mt. Carmel, April 21; Andy Marshall Freeman, 47, Marion, car wreck, Preston Hill, Sept. 7; Susie T. Pugh, 17, Volney, truck wreck, Rt. 16, seven miles south Marion, Sept. 26; Thomas Ford Blevins, 24, John Clair Delo, 43, car wreck, Rt. 16, Hgwy. 11 intersection, Marion, Oct. 3.



New Smyth Citizens

MARION GENERAL

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wyatt, Chilhowie, girl, Dec. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. William Seamour, Marion, girl, Dec. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Rogers, Atkins, girl, Dec. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Carico, Chilhowie, girl, Dec. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Palmer, Chilhowie, boy, John Reginald, Dec. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weaver, Marion, boy, Dec. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Orman Parks, Marion, boy, Dec. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haulsee, Atkins, boy, Dec. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wassum, Marion, girl, Dec. 28.

LEE MEMORIAL

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hall, Rural Retreat, girl, Dec. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Lee Blevins, Rt. 2, Chilhowie, boy, Dec. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Thompson, Glade Spring, boy, Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Keyes, Sugar Grove, boy, Glenn Edward, Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hash, Sugar Grove, boy, Dec. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hutton, Route 1, Marion, boy, Dec. 27.

THOMAS K. MCKEE

Mr. and Mrs. George Riffie, Chilhowie, girl, Dec. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tuggle, Saltville, twin boys, Dec. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Olinger, Kimble, W. Va., boy, Dec. 27.

MISS BONNIE HOPE, BRIDE-ELECT, IS HONORED WITH PARTY

Miss Florence Buchanan and Mrs. C. P. Hope Jr., of Abingdon entertained Tuesday morning at the Buchanan home near Chilhowie with a coffee honoring Miss Bonnie Hope, of Abingdon.

Miss Hope's marriage to Herman Robinson of Elizabethtown, N. C., will take place Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Green Spring Presbyterian Church at Abingdon.

The Buchanan home was decorated with white pom-pom chrysanthemums and Christmas greenery throughout.

Mrs. Wayne Williams of Crawfordsville, Iowa, sister of the hostesses, assisted them in the dining room. Mrs. Charles P. Hope of Abingdon, poured coffee.

Miss Hope wore a blue nylon jersey dress trimmed in angora and had a corsage of pink carnations. Her gift from Miss Buchanan and Mrs. Hope was silver in her chosen pattern.

GREEVER CLINIC

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Hart, Konnarock, boy, Dec. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy K. Farmer, Chilhowie, girl, Dec. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson, Chilhowie, boy, Dec. 21.

Smyth Citizens Observe Christmas In Quiet Manner

Smyth citizens celebrated Christmas in a quiet manner, with only a few arrests being made for too much to drink and no violence or disorderly cases being reported.

A survey of state, county and town police reveals that the long week end was quieter than usual, and the Trial Justice Court docket this Monday was practically clear.

Kermit Powers had charges of threatening Mae Call and her family dismissed, after the two neighbors got together on squabbling. Powers told the court that he wanted to be a good neighbor, and she told the court that she thought he was sincere, resulting in the charge being dismissed, upon payment of costs.

A young man who has gotten into trouble about not keeping up payments for support of his estranged wife and infant was given 12 months, suspended as long as these payments are kept up. He also was given a suspended \$20 fine on charges of not filing a tax return, having to pay costs on this.

A \$10 fine on charges of not having a driving permit was suspended against another young man as the result of his getting such permit.

A case against a man who has been in court time and again on charges of being drunk was held open.

PATTY HICKS

(Continued from page 1)

Fire Chief K. L. Snider estimated damage to the house at \$2,000. Preston Copenhaver owned the dwelling, which was located next door to the school which burned about three years ago.

Mr. Hicks was away hunting at the time of the tragedy.

Survivors include the mother and father; two sisters, Linda Carol and Iva Jean; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Adams, South Fork, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hicks, Pennsylvania.

Funeral service was held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the Adams home on South Fork, with burial following in the Thomas Cemetery.

The last deaths from fire in Marion were May 1, 1947, when the Walter Stroup home was destroyed taking the lives of Mrs. Hevara Hess and her four year old son, Herbert.

Nativity Scene Is Displayed In Chilhowie

Members of the Chilhowie Junior Chamber of Commerce this week expressed their thanks to all persons contributing to the effective nativity scene which was displayed on the Town Hall lawn.

The scene featured live sheep and cattle with painted figures of the wise men, shepherds, Mary and Joseph and a life-like Baby Jesus. On Christmas Eve carols were sung by members of the Full Gospel Church, with the singers dressed as angels surrounding the scene.

The Jaycees hope to make this impressive scene an annual feature in Chilhowie.

Royal Arch Masons Have Anniversary Celebration Tuesday

Royal Arch Masons of the 10th District comprising E. H. Gill Chapter, No. 50 of Bristol, Wythe Chapter No. 51, Wytheville, and Marion Royal Arch Chapter No. 54, and their ladies celebrated the 200th anniversary of the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree, Tuesday.

This is recorded in the minutes of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 and is the oldest account of the conferring of this degree now known to the fraternity. The exact date is December 22, 1753, and in keeping with the importance of this historical event, this district meeting was called for Dec. 29.

The principal speakers for the occasion were Most Excellent Ernest J. Goggin of Roanoke, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia, who gave a historical account of the conferring of this degree in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, and most Worshipful O. M. Miles of Roanoke, Grand Master of Master Masons of Virginia, who gave a general talk on masonry. He said we should go into the New Year with a determination to meet the challenge of the problems of the world, according to the ideals of masonry.

There were 115 in attendance with Excellent Companion Fred Archinal, High Priest of Marion Royal Arch Chapter, presiding over the meeting. He was assisted by Excellent Companion L. H. Hubble, who acted as toastmaster.

OPEN HOUSE IS HELD IN CHILHOWIE

Miss Florence Buchanan, George Buchanan and Willis Buchanan entertained at their home near Chilhowie Christmas evening with open house.

Guests were members of the Buchanan family and other relatives.

Annual Meeting Of WSCS Is Planned For January 7

The annual meeting of the Abingdon District WSCS will be held at First Methodist Church in Marion Thursday, Jan. 7, from 10 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. W. F. Blackard, district president, will preside. Officers for the coming year will be elected and installed at the afternoon session.

The noon meditation will be given by the Rev. W. C. Mason Jr., associate pastor of the State Street Methodist Church, Bristol.

FIRST METHODIST CIRCLES TO MEET

The circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Marion will meet Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 3 p. m.

Circle 1 Mrs. Cecil Greer, chairman, will meet with Mrs. B. T. Sells, with Mrs. Otto Snider, co-hostess.

Circle 2 Mrs. W. S. Catron, chairman, will meet with Mrs. Q. A. Calhoun.

Circle 3 Mrs. R. C. Gwyn Jr., chairman, will meet with Mrs. W. M. Sclater Jr.

Circle 4 Mrs. A. B. Graybeal, chairman, will meet with Mrs. W. Ray Rouse.

Circle 5 Mrs. F. A. Roland, chairman, will meet with Mrs. F. A. Roland.

Thursday evening, Jan. 7, Circle 6 Mrs. Walter Adams, chairman, will have a pot luck supper at the church at 6:30 p. m.

Circle 7 Mrs. Eugene Warren, chairman, will meet Thursday evening at 8 p. m.

The Wesleyan Service Guild Mrs. George Kirk, chairman, will meet at the church Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m.

program development, Mrs. W. H. Meek; gardening, Mrs. Martha Griffiths; poultry, Mrs. Rose Slem; fun leader, Mrs. Leslie Crockett; membership committee, Mrs. Fred Anderson, Mrs. Effie Blankenbeckler and Mrs. Robert Ashlin.

Greenwood

MRS. EVERETTE BOX

Greenwood, Dec. 28 — Pvt. Wilburn Cummings of Camp Gordon, Ga., spent a three day leave at home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Copenhaver had as their guests Christmas Day all of their children and families: Mr. and Mrs. James Holmes, Pleasterco; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Copenhaver, Marion; Dr. and Mrs. Greer Edminston, Roanoke; Major and Mrs. Robert Peters Jr., who have just arrived in the states from Labrador.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Oakes and Billy Love of Newport News are visiting relatives here and at Seven Mile Ford during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Falke had as their guests Sunday her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Groseclose, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ernest had as their guests Christmas Day all of their children and families: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wassum, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ernest, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ernest and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ernest. Saturday their guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Sheets of Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vernon, Marion.

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MRS. S. C. HUTTON

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Rye Valley, Dec. 28 — Miss Alta Currin left Dec. 26 to attend a Methodist student conference at the University of Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fauber and son of Falls Church are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pittard and family of Buffalo Junction were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neeves and son of Bristol, Miss Geneva Calhoun of Pulaski and Miss Bobbie Calhoun of Madisonville, Tenn., spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Calhoun.



MISS ELLEN K. BELL joined the Appalachian Electric Power Company staff in October as full time home economist for the Marion area. Miss Bell's home is in Dublin, and she was graduated in home economics from Salem College in Winston-Salem, N. C. Her services are available for the home makers, schools, womens groups and others interested in the use of electricity in the home.

MISS BONNIE HOPE, BRIDE-ELECT, IS HONORED WITH PARTY

Miss Florence Buchanan and Mrs. C. P. Hope Jr., of Abingdon entertained Tuesday morning at the Buchanan home near Chilhowie with a coffee honoring Miss Bonnie Hope, of Abingdon.

MRS. ANDERSON IS HOSTESS TO HD CLUB

The Rye Valley Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Fred Anderson Dec. 18 with 14 members and two visitors present.

The demonstration "Holiday Salads" was given by Miss Bundy. After the demonstration and business session a Christmas party was enjoyed by the group, which included exchanging gifts and a shower for Miss Bundy.

At the business meeting officers were elected. They are: president, Mrs. Jay Dixon; vice president, Mrs. Leslie Crockett; secretary and reporter, Mrs. Ted Calhoun; treasurer, Mrs. W. O. Pierce; project leaders, Mrs. I. C. Choate and Mrs. Ray Robbins; devotional leader, Mrs. W. M. Campbell; federation goal leader, Mrs. W. B. Calhoun;

McKINNON

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where were excellent," the general added, "but this tops them all. We're all certainly proud of you and your community, McKinnon."

Day after tomorrow (December 23) McKinnon and his buddies from the second battalion will truck their treats to one of the many refugee camps in the division area.

There cooks of the battalion will set up chow lines to dole out hot soup and the Marion food donation to hundreds of ragged Korean children.

For many of the children it will be the largest meal they have had since last Christmas. These are the orphans of war and the children of families driven from their homes in North Korea or owners of land in the areas now occupied by UN troops.

They live in the crudest of hovels made of cardboard, straw and canvas. At night they crowd together in holes dug into the ground in the dirt floors of their huts. It is the only way they can keep warm in a land where fuel is critically short and trees are protected by the government to hold in the ground the water necessary for the annual rice crop.

Most of the refugees, once proud farmers and merchants of the Korean middle class, have only the clothes on their backs to guard against the bitter cold of this country's winter.

Ragged children make daily rounds in a slightly more fortunate town nearby to beg food. Often they have to steal the food. With them it's not a crime. It's another day of life in a land where even those who still have land or work are dangerously near destitution.

That's why Marines like McKinnon, as well as all American servicemen here, just don't feel right to celebrate Christmas at a well-laden messhall table until they've done a little for these Korean kids, many of whom can't remember any other life but the kind they're forced to live now.

"You certainly realize out here," says Lieutenant Samuel D. Chambers of Easton, Pa., the navy chaplain of McKinnon's battalion, "that it's more blessed to give than receive. A present like McKinnon got from this community is the best

Christmas present a man can get out here. You sure forget to be lonely away from home when you see the faces of these children getting some warm food and clothing."

Chaplain Chambers is the officer who drafted the letter that McKinnon sent to the Smyth County News asking for food and old clothing for the Korean children in the battalion area.

McKinnon added a brief postscript to the form letter: "As a Marine myself," he wrote, "I know that you will help us, so I have already told the battalion to count on us."

The modest Marion Marine wasn't sure today that he enjoyed being swept up in all the publicity that seemed to follow the all-out backing Smyth County friends and relatives gave his postscript.

"I just wanted to see these kids get a little something extra for Christmas," he said.

But you could read deep pride through that modesty. And looking at all those boxes and crates, and McKinnon standing beside them grinning at a little Korean child, you had a picture of Marion, Virginia, and Smyth County — a

community with a big heart. And you figure maybe just a quite "thank you" would have been better.

Because you know Joe McKinnon and the people he knew we could count on already have the only reward they wanted—that deep, inner satisfaction of knowing what the chaplain means when he speaks of the blessing of giving.

MRS. R. C. SLEMP ENTERTAINS WSCS

Mrs. R. C. Slemp entertained the WSCS of Elizabeth church at her home Friday night.

Mrs. W. M. Campbell was leader of the group. Others discussing the topic "Christmas Gifts from Christian Homes" were Mrs. Edward Bullins, Mrs. Ollie Meek, Mrs. I. C. Choate, Mrs. W. H. Meek and Mrs. Ted Calhoun.

Mrs. Ray Robbins will be hostess at the January meeting and Mrs. Slemp will arrange the program.

Mrs. Slemp served refreshments to 18 members. After the meeting the group enjoyed a Christmas party and exchanged gifts.



McKINNON and a couple of Korean children who hang around this battalion's area. These children, although benefitting from the generosity of Marines and communities like those in Smyth, are more fortunate than the children who were to receive the Christmas treats Leathernecks have received from home. Parents of these two children are employed by the battalion at its field laundry.



MAJ. GEN. PATE, right with cane, and Col. Ormond R. Simpson, commanding officer of the First Marine Regiment, left, look over the large shipment of crates and packages of food and clothing McKinnon received from Smyth County.



CHAPLAIN SAMUEL D. CHAMBERS, kneeling, right, and Lieut. Dwight Hoeg of Garden City, N. Y., Navy doctor with McKinnon's battalion, test a coat from Smyth County's "Santa" shipment for size by holding it up to a little Korean girl who is more interested in the doll she has bound, Korean fashion, to her back. The chaplain and doctor are the officers who were in charge of the battalion's Christmas party for Korean children in a nearby refugee camp.

DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING

Saturday, Jan. 9

2:30 P. M.

in the Auditorium of the Courthouse in Marion, Virginia

The purpose of this meeting is to elect delegates for the Ninth District Convention in Bristol on January 30, and to transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

Brodie Thompson,
Smyth County Chairman



MARINES IN McKINNON'S battalion move the Smyth "Santa" shipment into the unit's chapel where it is readied for the Christmas party for Korean children.

CHILHOWIE SECTION

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Chilhowie, Dec. 28 — Mr. and Mrs. James Fielden and daughter, Jackie, of Knoxville, Tenn., spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dungan.

Al. George Maust Jr. will leave Wednesday from the Tri-City Airport for Syracuse, N. Y., for a new assignment of duty. He has been on leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Maust, after overseas duty.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Horne and two children spent the past week in Panama City, Fla., and other parts of Florida and also visited his mother in Columbus, Ga.

Miss Nancy Keesee, a student at Atlanta Christian College, Atlanta, Ga., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Keesee.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Brown and daughter, Betty, Knoxville, Tenn., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown.

W. R. Urps is now at home after being a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Mountain Home, Tenn.

Pfc. Robert Goodman Jr. of Paris Island, S. C., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodman.

Mrs. Gladys Crockett of Fredericksburg is visiting her son, "Buddy" Crockett, her mother, Mrs. Nelson Greaver, and Mr. Greaver.

Ralph Craven, who is stationed at Glen View, Ill., where he is an instructor in instrument flying, is spending a two weeks' leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Craven, and his sister, Mrs. James Berry, and Mr. Berry.

Guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Craven were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Berry and son, Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Berry, James Berry and son, James Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bishop. Friday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Craven were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hale and daughter, Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hale, Mr. and Mrs. James Catron, Mrs. Kelly Catron, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Craven and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Craven. Sunday evening dinner guests were Mrs. O. K.

Jones and Mrs. Mary Lee Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Craven, Ralph Craven and both of the Mrs. Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wyatt and daughter, Becky, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dutton and daughter, Betty, spent the holidays with his mother in Lenoir City, Tenn.

W. E. Martin Jr., had a tonsillectomy Monday at Greeyer's Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Everett of Knoxville, Tenn., have been guests in the home of her sister, Mrs. Charmie Moore, and of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pugh in Marion.

Miss Helen Cole of Annapolis, Md., is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Cole.

Mrs. Ray Merchant went to Roanoke the first of last week to meet her husband, who is stationed at Annapolis, Md. They visited his father in Roanoke before returning home Thursday. He returned to Annapolis Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCormick spent Sunday with their son, John, and his family in Radford.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Blevins of Roanoke, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Donahoo of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. James Cole and son spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Cole.

The James Coles, who have been living in Bluefield, are moving this week to Abingdon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Huff Jr. have moved into their new home, the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Millard McClure, in the west end of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lewis spent the holidays with his parents in Greensboro, N. C.

Mrs. E. J. Rutland and Mrs. Margaret Madison spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kegy and daughter in Bristol.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith and family of Lexington have returned home after visiting her mother, Mrs. John Lynch Sanders.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott and Mrs. C. K. Jones Christmas Eve

were Mr. and Mrs. Maiden Romans and children of Newbern, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Eller and family of Glade Spring, Mrs. Mary Lee Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hale and children and Mr. and Mrs. W. Henry Copenhaver and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Sturgill and children are vacationing this week in Florida.

Miss Kitty Sue Rice of Washington, D. C., was home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rice, for Christmas.

N. H. Groseclose of Memphis, Tenn., spent several days last week with his mother, Mrs. Alice Groseclose, and sister, Miss Evelyn Groseclose.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Groseclose and son of Wytheville, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Minnick.

Mrs. James Berry and son, Gene, are ill at their home with mumps. Johnnie Blankenbecker is also confined to his home with mumps.

Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Hewitt of Salisbury, N. C., spent the week end with their daughter, Mrs. Mitchell Waters, and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fleming and daughters and Miss Ruth Craig spent last week with relatives in Loudon, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie LaPlace spent Christmas with relatives in Richmond.

Q. A. Eller remains a patient in the Abingdon Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Richards Jr. and children of Blacksburg spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jones and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ball and son, Ronnie, returned home Sunday after visiting relatives in Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bowman and two children are spending the holidays in Florida.

C. W. Chambers remains ill at his home.

Mrs. Frank Kelly is spending this week with her son, George, and his family in Johnson City, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Patrick spent Dec. 25 with their daughter, Mrs. Clyde Sheets, and her family in Radford.

Lincoln Minnick has returned to Detroit, Mich., after spending several days with his father, Frank Minnick, and Mrs. Minnick.

Miss Mildred Haga, a student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., spent the holidays with her brother, Billy Haga, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williams of Crawfordsville, Iowa, are spending the holidays in the home of her sister, Miss Florence Buchanan, and brothers, George and Willie. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hope Jr. and children of Abingdon, have also been visiting the Buchanans and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lee of Lockport, Ill., will arrive Friday to spend several days so been visiting the Buchanans.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Jacobs of Pullman, Wash., have been the guests for the past week of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKee and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sherwood they will leave Wednesday for Sarasota, Fla.

Other guests in the home for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sherwood and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Sherwood and son, all of Knoxville, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sherwood and children, of Maryland and Mr. and Mrs. George Kelly and daughters of Johnson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Hutton of Marion spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Tibbs and children of Atkins visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gates and C. F. Gates Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. Gates has been spending the past few days with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Atwell, and family.

Mrs. Gervis Atwell and Marlene visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Ferguson Saturday night.

Miss Sally Atwell spent Saturday night with Miss Goldie Gates.

C. E. Atwell spent the week end with Billy Culp of Glade Spring.

The Nebo PTA has been active the past year. During the year the PTA worked with the community on the March of Dimes program to contribute \$132 for this worthwhile cause. We had a program this fall and made \$46 and out of this bought new divided plates, soup bowls, and cups, and we need new pans. The school board built a new cafeteria and bought new folding tables for it. We also have a new bus for this community and we are very proud of this improvement. We have 34 members in our local unit.

Lansdown

PEARL PENNINGTON

Lansdown, Dec. 28 — Mary Lee Parsons and Pearl Pennington spent the night with Mrs. E. E. Rowland Dec. 25.

Vinton Ray and Jimmie Pennington spent Monday visiting in Chilhowie.

Those enjoying the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor and Lucille were Mr. and Mrs. Garland Tilson and children, Connie, Dickie and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Taylor and children, Carol and Mike.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson and sons of Camp Pickett have been visiting relatives here the past week.

Mrs. R. B. Mize, Mrs. Tom Taylor, Lucille and Mrs. Vinton Pennington visited Mrs. E. E. Rowland Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Doss of Bluff City visited Mrs. Edna Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Van B. Thompson and Johnnie Christmas Day.

Roy Mize visited Vinton Ray and Jimmy Pennington Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baumgardner and sons, Roger and Dale, were the Christmas Day guests of Mrs. Pearl Baumgardner.

Mrs. E. E. Rowland has been ill. Those who called on her during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pennington and children, Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Pennington and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sherwood and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sherwood and family, Mrs. R. B. Mize, Mrs. Amon Thompson, Mrs. Selba Dempsey and daughters, Sherman Dempsey, Mrs. Carl West, Jean Osborne, Glenna and Doris West.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee West of Bel Air, Md., are visiting relatives this week.

Mrs. Vinton Pennington has been ill for the past few days.

Spratt's Creek

HELEN COMPTON

Spratt's Creek, Dec. 28 — A Christmas program was held at Goodman's Chapel last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Creedy Gates of North Tazewell visited Mrs. J. E. Gates Saturday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Atwell during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Olen Kearly of Winston-Salem, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Culp of Glade Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Stonewall Culp of Beaver Creek, Willis Gates of Flint, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turley of Marion.

Misses Jean Cassell, June Ellen Atwell and Helen Compton visited Miss Marleen Atwell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitaker of Bristol have been visiting H. E. Campbell.

Mrs. Otis Hounshell of Bland spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Turley.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Ferguson and Misses Myrtle and Bessie Burnop of Marion and Mrs. J. H. Groseclose of Ceres were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Compton visited Helen, Hobert and Darr Compton Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. David Overbay of Chilhowie and Miss Page Richardson of Sugar Grove recently visited Mr. and Mrs. John Compton and Bob Coulthard.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Hutton of Marion spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Ferguson.

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Chilhowie Citizens Have A Bright Christmas

The citizens of Chilhowie had a very bright Christmas this year after pitching in to make it a happy one for everyone in the community by giving to the needy families in the area.

The Chilhowie Community Christmas Project was started early in December to raise enough food, clothing and toys for some 46 needy families in and near Chilhowie. The project turned out to be a great success with the Chilhowie Lions Club, the Chilhowie Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Chilhowie Chamber of Commerce backing the idea.

Packages of food, clothing and toys were distributed by the Boy Scout Troop 95 to some 46 families. Oranges, apples, flour, meal, meat, beans,

candy and canned goods were included in each package of food. There was about 40 pounds of canned food given to the families by the children of the schools. There were two or three toys given to the children.

The citizens of Chilhowie donated some 2,000 pounds of canned foods, about 750 articles of clothing and about 350 toys. The Town House hosiery mill employees donated \$78 to the project and \$28 in other cash donations was taken. The scouts picked up the articles and distributed the packages.

Bill Payne, J. C. Blankenbecker, Mrs. Helen Goodman, Mrs. S. M. Norris, Mrs. W. W. Vine and Mrs. F. A. Cole were on the committee to package the gifts.



DISPLACED IOWANS GATHERED at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. E. R. Rosen, 652 North Main, Marion, Saturday night to celebrate Christmas away from home. The Iowans came from Fort Dodge when Brunswick moved the Horn Brothers operation to Marion. These attending were the Paul Dalquist's, the Calvin Haas', the Clarence Cannoy's, the Chester White's, the Dick Williams' and the Edgar Rosen's family from New York. Dan Rosen and Carrie Rosen were home from college. Wire recordings were made of the evening.

Rye Valley Fair Serves Sugar Grove Community

By E. R. Thompson

The Rye Valley Community Fair was conducted again this year with over \$650 trade certificates being given as prizes.

A total of 1,174 exhibits was entered at the fair this year. This is a fairly large number of exhibits, since the fair is confined to the area served by the Sugar Grove School.

The following is a list of departments and the number of exhibits entered: agriculture, 153; horticulture, 61; home cooking, 109; canned goods,

303; flowers, 243; veterans and antiques, 32; school and art, 39; fancy work, 148; poultry, pets, wildlife and livestock, 86;

We also had several commercial exhibits from local stores in Marion and Rural Retreat.

The officers of the Rye Valley Fair Association would like to take this opportunity to express their appreciation to those who donated trade certificates as prizes and to everyone who helped make the 1953 fair a success.

Rich Valley Farmers Are Active in Civic Events

By J. T. Gardner

"Doing our part for a finer Community" is the slogan of 42 members of the Rich Valley Farmers Club. The objectives and activities of the club are examples of this slogan.

One of the highlights of the club each year is to sponsor a barbecue. This event was held in July with 200 people attending.

The club passed a resolution requesting the management of the Abingdon and Tazewell livestock market to employ state graders and weighmaster for livestock market. The members of the club felt the livestock should be weighed by a disinterested party.

The Smyth County School Board granted the Club permission to harvest hay on the new school site. The hay was sold for over \$500 and applied to Rich Valley Band Fund. This fund is set up to buy uniforms and instruments for a band when one can be organized.

A committee from the club constructed a new voting booth at Broadford. The cost of the voting booth was paid by the Smyth County School Board of Supervisors and Rich Valley Farmers Club. The booth was first used Nov. 3.

Representatives for the club were present at a hearing of the Congressional Agriculture Committee held in Bristol. The club drafted resolutions on current farm policy. These resolutions were submitted to Rep. William C. Wampler, who is a member of the Agriculture Committee. One of the problems the resolutions included was the problem of low price received for beef cattle.

One of the most recent projects of the club was to secure a game warden for the Rich Valley District. Walter Lamie went on duty as game warden Nov. 1. Club members assisted in placement of fish in streams for restocking. Every member of the club is interested in development and conservation of wildlife and fish.

Members of Farmers Club and citizens in community hauled 124 tons of gravel used to construct walks at Rich Valley High School.

The club had a square dance Dec. 23 and a shooting match Dec. 19 and Dec. 26. The proceeds from these events are to be used for Club activity.

The president of the Rich Valley Farmers Club is Raymond M. Buchanan; vice president, Jimmy Pratt Jr.; secretary, J. T. Gardner. The board of directors are: W. P. Buchanan, Edward Hilt, John Morgan, C. T. Barns. The club meets the first Friday of each month at 6:30, Rich Valley High School. We invite those interested to meet with us.

Rich Valley Fair Expands To Full Week of Shows

By J. T. Gardner

The Rich Valley Fair was successful. Attendance was lower than previous years because of fear of polio and hot weather.

This year was the first year that the fair was in progress for a full week. The rodeo performed from Monday through Wednesday with approximately 1,600 adults and 364 children attending. The fair was in progress from Thursday through Saturday with 3,277 adults and 586 children attending.

The exhibits were as good or better than ever before. Special credit goes to the people who arranged and organized the exhibits.

Members of the saddle horse show committee were pleased in entries in horse show. They thought that perhaps more entries would have been made if the Fair Tennessee State Show at Kingsport, Tenn., had not been held the same day.

The best and dairy cattle committee was well pleased with the show. The quality of livestock exhibited was some of the best produced in Southwest Virginia.

The Rich Valley Fair and Horse Show is put on by the Rich Valley Fair Association. The association is composed of interested citizens of the Rich Valley community. The fair is sponsored by the Rich Valley PFA Chapter. The Rich Valley Fair Association is a non-profit organization. All proceeds derived from fair are used to conduct fair and to expand facilities. Recently the saddle

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The Rich Valley Fair Association is grateful to the advertisers in the Rich Valley Fair and Horse Show catalogue and to all others who help make the fair a success.

Officers for the 1954 fair are: Jimmy Pratt Jr., president; John DeBusk, vice president; J. T. Gardner, secretary, and E. B. Hilt, treasurer.

Mrs. George L. Buchanan left Saturday for Texas to visit her aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Anderson spent Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roby Levitt.

Mrs. Cora Carter visited her daughter, Mrs. Jim Sanders, and Mr. Sanders Sunday.

Robert Carter of Lick Creek sang several songs at the

Church of God Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore of Chilhowie visited his mother, Mrs. Georgia Moore, Sunday.

Those visiting Mrs. Mary Moore Sunday were Mrs. Claude Burnop and daughter, Fern, John Oakes, Miss Hazel Oakes of Portsmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carter and sons, Rush Carter, Miss Mable Anderson and Mrs. Jessie Anderson.

Mrs. J. A. Stephenson and daughters, Kate and Polly, were dinner guests of Mrs. J. H. Anderson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anderson and family and Mrs. Mary Webb were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Waddell of Spratt's Creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Waddell and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Anderson and Herbert Moore were dinner guests of Mrs. Mary Webb and Tay-

lor Christmas Day.

Little Ryburn Anderson, received several cuts while ice skating. He was taken to the McKee Hospital in Saltville for treatment.

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Nebo PTA Active Group

By Mrs. T. J. Kegy

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Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman of Saltville celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary Dec. 21.

Relatives who called on them and visited with them during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Inga Houston, Tazewell; George Frye, Bluefield, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fleming, Princeton, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Helton and sons, Jerry and Tommy, Pearisburg; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor, Marion; James Chapman, who is stationed with the armed forces at Aberdeen, Md., and Tom Chapman of Martinsville.

Parties Are Held In Chilhowie During Yule Season

Mr. and Mrs. William Payne entertained at their home in Chilhowie Saturday evening, Dec. 19, with open house.

Other parties in Chilhowie during Christmas week were open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Echols Jr. Tuesday evening and a progressive open house Wednesday evening at the homes of Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Greever and Dr. and Mrs. Don Greever.

Mr. and Mrs. George Maust entertained Wednesday evening at their home with a party for the supervisors and office personnel of the Town House Hospitality Plant.

Chilhowie Lions Have Annual Christmas Party

Chilhowie Lions Club held its annual Christmas party and ladies' night, Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Southernaire in Chilhowie.

Lion president, Harry T. Ball, was master of ceremonies. He introduced Horton Barker, who gave a program of ballad and folk songs.

Each Lioness received a certificate of Christmas design.

MRS. CARTER IS HOSTESS TO CLUB

Mrs. Ray Carter was hostess to the Riverside Home Demonstration Club Tuesday, Dec. 15, at her home in Chilhowie.

Miss Karle Bundy, county home agent, spoke on "Holiday Salads."

Bride of Charles Owen Overbey



Miss Wilma Lois Nicewonder, daughter of Mrs. John D. Nicewonder and the late Mr. Nicewonder, was married at her home in McClure last Saturday afternoon to Charles Owen Overbey, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Overbey of Marion. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. S. M. McFall, uncle of the bride, before a background of white flowers, greenery and tall candelabra.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, J. D. Nicewonder Jr. She wore a floor length gown of tulle and imported French lace over satin, fashioned with long pointed sleeves and a molded bodice trimmed with seed pearls and iridescent sequins. Her finger-

tip veil of illusion was attached to a half hat of white satin with pearl trim which was taken from the wedding veil of her mother. She carried a cascade bouquet of white bride's roses centered with an orchid. Miss Mary Sebastian of Marion was the maid of honor. Walter May of Marion served as best man.

For a southern wedding trip the bride wore a cinnamon brown knit dress with matching accessories and orchid corsage. The bride received a BS degree from Radford College, Woman's Division of VPI. The groom attends National Business College, Roanoke, where he is a member of Alpha Kappa Phi Fraternity.

KENNETH STURGILL IS GIVEN PARTY ON BIRTHDAY

Kenneth Sturgill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sturgill of Marion, was given a birthday party Saturday, Dec. 19, honoring his seventh birthday.

Prizes were won by Sue Ellen Cortner, Kenneth Landreth and Betty Pennington. Decorations and refreshment were in the Christmas motif. Small Santa Claus favors were presented to each child present.



Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Stout, Hampton, Tenn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Louise, to Horace E. Myers, son of Mrs. Oakie Myers and the late Horace E. Myers.

Miss Stout was graduated from Hampton High School and Steed College of Technol-

ogy, Johnson City, and is secretary of the Carter County Chamber of Commerce of Elizabethton, Tenn. Mr. Myers is a graduate of National Business College, Roanoke, and I C S and is secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Marion.

The wedding has been set for late spring.

Miss Dickinson Is Honored at Series Of Parties Preceding Her Marriage Monday

Miss Frances Dickinson was honored at a series of holiday parties previous to her wedding Dec. 28 to William Clark Acherly of Louisville, Ky.

She was honored with a luncheon and a miscellaneous shower Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the home of Mrs. Eldridge Copenhaver and Miss Margaret Sue Copenhaver.

Covers were laid for 12. The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations. The hostesses were assisted by Miss Elizabeth Hull of Washington, D. C.

Following the luncheon, Miss Dickinson was directed by "bits" of rime to various places in the house, where the shower gifts were to be found. Miss Dickinson and Mr. Acherly were guests of honor at an "Open House" given by Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 26. Saturday night Miss Leola

Fields and Mrs. Thurston Culbert gave a dinner for the Acherly and Dickinson families.

Miss Barbara Holmes honored the wedding party and guests with tea from four to six Sunday, Dec. 27.

Following the rehearsal Sunday night Mrs. Robert Lane Anderson, Mrs. Wythe Hull Jr., and Miss Ellen Hull gave a dinner party for the bridal party and out of town guests.

A wedding lunch was given by Mrs. Gordon Joyce and Mrs. George McDonald Monday at 11:30 at the Holston Hills Country Club.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Black entertained at their home with a buffet supper for the out of town guests immediately following the wedding reception Monday evening.

Marriages

COMBS-HAWKINS

Miss Ora May Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins of Grant, was married Dec. 24 at 2 p. m. to Sherman Gayle Combs, US Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Combs of Sugar Grove. The wedding took place at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. J. R. Shumate.

SMART-DILLOW

Miss Lois C. Dillow and Carlton Smart were married Monday, Dec. 28, at the home of Dr. B. T. Sells, the officiating minister.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dillow of Marion, and the groom, who resides in South Norfolk, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Farrell of Vallejo, Calif. They will make their home in Norfolk.

TRIVETT-KING

Myrtle Lee King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph King of Rural Retreat, became the bride of Garney Ulysses Trivett, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Trivett of Rural Retreat, Dec. 29.

The Rev. J. R. Shumate of Sugar Grove performed the ceremony at his home. The groom is employed in Chicago, Ill.

WATTESON-BALLARD

Dr. and Mrs. Gyriec Thomas Ballard of Harrodsburg, Ky., announce the marriage of their daughter, Nancy Lou, to William Hall Watterson of Lexing-

ton, Ky., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Watterson, of Norris, Tenn., formerly of Marion.

The wedding took place at 2:30 last Saturday afternoon at the Lutheran church in Philadelphia, Penna. The Rev. Theodore Fischer was the officiating minister.

Mrs. William Bowman of Philadelphia, sister of the groom, was matron of honor, and Charles Henry Watterson of Long Island, N. Y., served his brother as best man.

The bride is a senior at the University of Kentucky, where she is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Mr. Watterson was a former student of the university. He is a salesman for the Cowden Manufacturing Company.

The young couple will make their home in Lexington.

Marion Personals

MRS. JOE STEPHENSON TELEPHONE 3-4053

Mrs. E. H. Copenhaver and Miss Margaret Sue Copenhaver were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hanes in Winston Salem, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Poe have returned from Mohawk, Tenn., where they spent several days of last week.

Capt. John McGhee of Grenier Air Force Base, Manchester, N. H., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. McGhee. Capt. McGhee is being transferred to Brunswick, Maine.

Mrs. Paul Sexton of Independence has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. B. T. Sells, and Dr. Sells while her husband is a patient in Lee Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Scott have had as their guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Ben Scott of Christiansburg, Miss Sallie Scott, Norfolk, and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Scott and family of Kingsport, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Adams Jr. have returned from a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Adams, in Richmond, his grandfather, E. G. Wilburn, who is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, and Mrs. Adams' sister, Mrs. Sam Ford, and Mr. Ford, Richmond.

Miss Ann Johnston of Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Marion.

Mrs. Lillie B. Hackler of Lynchburg is spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Noel Schwartz, and Mr. Schwartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cornick of Raleigh, N. C., were guests of her father, J. F. Killinger, and her grandmother, Mrs. J. P. Killinger, during the Christmas holidays.

Charles Keith Snider and K. B. Snider were business visitors in Cincinnati, Ohio, last week. Miss Martha Wolfe of Alexandria and Billy Wolfe, Roanoke, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wolfe.

Miss Clara Jean Robinson of Radford College spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conley Robinson.

Miss Ellen Hull of Princeton, N. J., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hull Jr. Mrs. Evie Copenhaver and Dr. and Mrs. Morris Wechsler had as their guests last week Mr. and Mrs. Charles Copenhaver and son of Salem and Mrs. Hugh Killinger of Roanoke.

Sgt. and Mrs. Hubert Smith and daughter, Gail, of Selma, Ala., spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stacy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Oakes and Miss Catherine Oakes were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Oakes and family in Salem last week.

Miss Ruby Shreeves of Alexandria, Lt. and Mrs. William J. Sparks, Valdosta, Ga., and Mrs. Nancy Weddle of Houston, Texas, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sparks. Lt. and Mrs. Henry C. Brosius and daughter of Scott Field, Ill., are visiting his mother Mrs. Virginia Brosius.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Stuart of Greensboro, N. C., spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barton.

Mrs. Charles Findley and daughter, Susan, of Philippi, W. Va., are visiting her mother,

Betty Jean Andrews Plans Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Jacob Andrews of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Jean, to William Porter Rhudy Jr. of Penn Yan, N. Y.

Miss Andrews attended Marion Junior College and is a graduate of Westhampton College of the University of Richmond. At present she is a member of the Drewry Mason

High School faculty in Martinsville. Mr. Rhudy, the son of Dr. and Mrs. William Porter Rhudy of Penn Yan, attended the University of Indiana where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is now attending the University of Buffalo School of Dentistry. The wedding is planned for early summer.

Mrs. Oma Moody

Misses Marie Blessings, Cornelia Wolfe, Geneva Wolfe and Margaret Mitchell of the Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, spent the Christmas holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Crockett spent the week end in Tazewell and Bluefield.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gordon of Johnson City, Tenn., are visitors in Marion. C. V. Wheeler has been spending several days with his daughter, Mrs. Roy Poff, and Mr. Poff in Washington, D. C. Billy Vines of Kingsport, Tenn., is visiting his cousin, Billy Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Francis have returned from Charleston, W. Va., where they visited their daughter, Mrs. R. G. Ragsdale, and Mr. Ragsdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephenson of Roanoke visited relatives and friends in Marion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Reynolds have returned from a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hay, in Clinchco.

Mrs. W. D. Vines, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Greenwood and Billy Greenwood spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Vines and family in Kingsport, Tenn.

Miss Joan Elliott of Washington Missionary College, Washington, D. C., is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hubble were guests of her sister, Mrs. Owen Spraker, and Mr. Spraker in Wytheville last week.

Mrs. Breece Barker and Mrs. D. O. Overbey left Tuesday morning by plane for Vail, Ariz., to spend two weeks with Mrs. Barker's mother, Mrs. Andy Vincy, and Mr. Vincy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucy Richardson and son, Johnny, of Bel Air, Md., spent the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Glenn Richardson. Ted Plummer of Baltimore, Md., also visited his aunt, Mrs. Richardson during the holidays.

Miss Breda Richardson is spending the holidays in Florida.

Pvt. James E. Snider, who was recently graduated from leadership school at Ft. Dix, N. J., has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Snider. He left

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NEWS of CHURCHES

Royal Oak Circles To Meet Next Week

Circles of the Royal Oak Presbyterian Church will meet next Wednesday and Thursday. Circles 1, 2 and 3 will meet Wednesday at 3:30. Mrs. Herbert Richardson is chairman of Circle 1 which will meet at the home of Mrs. Henry Durrschmidt. Circle 2 will meet at the home of Mrs. Virginia Brosius. Mrs. Trigg Sanders is temporary chairman. Circle 3, with Mrs. J. D. Green chairman, will meet at her home.

The circles to meet Thursday evening at 8 p. m. are 4, 5 and 6. Mrs. Jack Meek will be hostess to Circle 4 of which Mrs. William Grissom is chairman. Mrs. Carl Catron is chairman of Circle 5 and it will meet at the home of Mrs. J. J. Barret. Mrs. Ralph Wassum will be co-hostess. Circle 6 will meet at the home of Mrs. Lewis Reed, chairman, with Mrs. Harold Campbell, co-hostess.

The Women of the Church will have its regular meeting at the church at 8 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 14. The board will meet at 7:30.

Margaret Crawley Church Group Elects Officers

Officers for the coming year were elected when the YWA met at the Marion Baptist Church Dec. 21.

They are: Betty Stamper, president; Connie Stephenson, vice president; Phyllis Eblen, secretary; Peggy Martin, treasurer; Janie McGlothlin, community mission leader; Shirley Hutton, program chairman; Anne Eller, social chairman; and Shirley Moxley, mission study leader.

At this meeting there were nine members and one visitor present. The Lottie Moon Christmas program was presented by Mary Lyn Stamper. Those taking part were Shirley Moxley, Shirley Hutton, Peggy Martin and Mary Jane McGlothlin.

The YWA will meet again Jan. 4.

Family Altar Day Will Be Observed At Adventist Church

Family Altar Day will be observed in Seventh-Day Adventist churches of North America this Saturday, Jan. 2.

The pastor of the Marion church, John W. McGraw, will speak on the subject "Meeting God at the Home Altar". He will emphasize the importance of starting the new year with God in the home, work and the heart.

The Missionary Volunteer Society will meet at the church Friday night at 7:30 p. m.

The Sabbath School of the church will convene at 9:30 with the new superintendent, Eli Pennington, in charge. The Sabbath School will study in the winter quarter the subject "Christian Life and Service." The subject this Sabbath will be "God is Fitting Men for His Eternal Kingdom." The special offering at the end of the quarter will go to the South American Division.

Mrs. Goodman Leads Laurel Springs WSCS Program

The Laurel Springs WSCS held its monthly meeting Dec. 14 at the home of Mrs. Tom Goodman, with 13 members and two visitors present.

Mrs. Goodman was in charge of the program, "Christmas Gifts from Christian Homes." She was assisted by Mrs. Harold Lilly, Mrs. George Moore, Mrs. Rex Wolfe, Mrs. T. E. Casey and Mrs. Herbert Dean.

The president Mrs. Wolfe was in charge of the business, after which refreshments were served by the hostess and gifts were exchanged.

Elder Sturgill To Preach at Hooks Branch Baptist

Elder F. Carl Sturgill, pastor of the Hooks Branch Baptist Church of Marion, will fill his regular appointments this Saturday evening at 7:30 and Sunday morning at 11.

This coming Sunday a revival will begin at the church with Elder Kermit Childers as the evangelist. The pastor will be in charge of the revival.

The Misses Allen Are Hostesses To Wesleyan Guild

Misses Ruth and Ruby Allen were hostesses to the Mt. Carmel Wesleyan Service Guild at their home Dec. 22 with 11 members and one visitor present.

A Christmas program, led by Mrs. Bill Wyal, was given. Others taking part on the program were Mrs. Roy Winters, Miss Ruth Allen and Mrs. Fred McDonald.

The business session was conducted by Miss Imogene McGhee.

Following the program gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Dorothy Catron Is Hostess To Service Guild

The Fulton Wesleyan Service Guild met at the home of Miss Dorothy Catron Dec. 22.

Miss Lewis Buck was in charge of the program, using the topic "Christmas Gifts from Christian Homes".

Others taking part on the program were Mrs. Oscar Price, Mrs. R. B. Burris, Mrs. Richard Reedy, Miss Anna Simmerman and Miss Catron.

After the program gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served to the 14 members present.

The January meeting will be held with Mrs. Price.

Falling Water GA's Will Elect New Officers Sunday

The Falling Water Baptist GA's will meet Sunday evening at 6 o'clock for the purpose of electing new officers for the coming year.

All girls age 8 to 14 are invited to join this auxiliary with Mrs. Paul Fowler and Mrs. Joe Sayers as counselors.

E. M. Byrd Gives Week's Services

The Rev. E. M. Byrd, evangelist and pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle on Hutton Branch, announces his services for next week.

They are Sunday School at 2 p. m. with a preaching service at 3 o'clock.

A prayer service will be held Friday evening at 7:30.

Watch Night Service To Be Held At Madam Russell Church

A watch night service will be held at the Madam Russell Methodist Church in Saltville this Thursday evening from 9 p. m. until 12 p. m.

The film "The Guiding Star" will be shown, and the service will end with communion.

ANOTHER YEAR!

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Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday... Luke	4	1-13
Monday... Luke	4	14-30
Tuesday... Psalms	118	18-29
Wednesday... Proverbs	33	7-11
Thursday... Isaiah	55	1-5
Friday... Ephesians	2	18-22
Saturday... Psalms	90	1-17

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But aren't there moments which you do recall, things of which you are proud?

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Roy W. Redding Lists Services

The Rev. Roy W. Redding will preach at Quebec this coming Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

He will preach at Chestnut Ridge at 2:30 Sunday afternoon and at Green Mountain Sunday evening at 7.

The Monday night prayer service will be held at the home of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Redding at 7 o'clock.

Marion Baptist Circles Will Meet Wednesday

Day circles of the WMS of the Marion Baptist Church will meet next Wednesday.

The Frances Hudgins Circle will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of the leader, Mrs. Robert May. Cars will leave the church at 2:15 p. m.

The Mattie Miles Circle will meet at the church at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Joe Blalock is leader.

Ann Judson Circle will meet with Mrs. J. H. Reid at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Hubert Kirby is leader.

Piedmont

MRS. DEWEY RICH

Piedmont, Dec. 28 - Mrs. Grace Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Barlow and Karen and James Jones of Kenneth Square, Penna., spent the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Eller and daughters, Sandra and Daphne, of Wytheville were dinner guests Dec. 25 of Mr. and Mrs.

J. G. Eller.

Neil Eller and Mack Jenkins of Avondale, Penna., spent the holidays with Mrs. Bertha Eller.

Miss Evelyn Barlow, a nurse at Johnston Memorial Hospital, Abingdon, left Sunday morning for Baltimore, Md., to enter Sheppard Pratt Hospital for a three months' training period after spending Christmas at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Rouse and son, George, had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Duncan. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Duncan and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. John Rouse and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rich and son were dinner guests Dec. 25 of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rich and Mrs. H. A. Rich of Sugar Grove. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. David Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Haga, Mrs. Ammie Haga, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Broskie and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parsons and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Parsons and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hayton and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Rich and family Mr. and Mrs. Ryburn Hall and son, Mrs. Glenn Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Cornette and daughter and Mrs. Tom Gillespie and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Eller spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Eller of Wytheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rich had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Blankenbecker, Miss Emma Blevins,

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. James Haga and sons, Eddie and Gregory; Mrs. L. C. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Craven and Mrs. Haga of Chilhowie. Supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Haga and daughter of Norfolk and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Broskie and son of Marion.

Roy Pennington and family and Mrs. Sarah Pennington of South Fork called on Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sheets Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rouse had as dinner guests Dec. 25 Mr. and Mrs. Bane Naff and family, Mrs. Millard Naff and Miss Minnie and Glenn Rouse.

Jim Rouse of Cincinnati, Ohio, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rouse.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cassell spent the week end visiting relatives at Whitetop.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Dolinger of Abingdon spent the week end with J. R. Dolinger.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Blankenbecker had as dinner guests Dec. 25 Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blankenbecker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Powers and family and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barlow and daughter.

Mrs. Paul Patton, Joan and Danny are spending the holidays with relatives at Rural Retreat.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Goodman have had as guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crigger and family of Elkhorn, W. Va., Mrs. E. L. Fortner and family of Aledo, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Good-

man Jr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Goodman Sr., all of Marion and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Blevins Jr. and son, Ker-ry.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Lovern had as dinner guests Sunday the Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Blevins and daughter of South Carolina, Mrs. W. H. Lovern, Ralph Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Minnick, Barbara Ann and Betty, all of Meadowview, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Blevins, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Epperson and daughter, Joyce, Joe and Wayne Blevins, all of Chilhowie.

Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Pennington are both ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pennington.

New Cove

JANET ROBERTS

New Cove, Dec. 28 - The New Cove Church presented its Christmas program Christmas Eve night.

Miss Maxine Burkett of Radford College is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Burkett.

Eugene Buchanan is visiting Billy and Jimmy Roberts at Dryden.

Mr. and Mrs. Marven Clear and daughter, Margaret, of Abingdon, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris visited Mr. and Mrs. Mac Clear Dec. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts and sons, Billy and Jimmy, of Dryden, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Petty, Ann and Junior of Marion spent the holi-

Marion Baptist WMU Has 6 Circles, Youth Groups

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Marion Baptist Church consists of six circles, three day circles and three night circles, the Business Woman's Circle, the Young Mother's Circle, and Young Woman's Circle. In addition we have our six young people's organizations, the Sunbeams, ages three to nine years, the Junior G. A.'s and Junior R. A.'s for boys and girls ages nine to 12 years, The Intermediate G. A.'s and R. A.'s ages 12 thru 15 years, and the Y. W. A.'s girls of 15 years and older. Each of the Junior organizations meet twice a month and follows the same lesson plans and mission study classes as our adult groups. Each Junior organization is sponsored by one of the circles.

Besides our regular circle and missionary meetings each month, we have three times a year a day of mission study, for home, state and foreign missions. Preceding the mission study day of home and foreign mission in March and December we observe a week of prayer with a service at the church each day.

The purpose and aim of the society is to advance and support all missionary work in our own church and town, the state, the territory covered in the Southern Baptist Convention and on the foreign fields, to help others wherever or whenever there be a need; to visit and administer to the sick, the unsaved and indifferent; to support such institutions as our Baptist Orphanage, Home for Aged, schools and camp for young people, of which The Cedars located just west of Marion is one of three in the

state.

Our society this year under the splendid leadership of Mrs. Ray D. Courtney, our president, and working through the circles has accomplished a great deal.

Bibles have been placed in hospitals and given to children in the Sunday School who did not have any. Literature and magazines have been placed in the jail. Blankets and drinking glasses were donated to The Cedars. Eighteen cottage play-meetings were held in the homes of our shut-ins. Food and clothing have been taken to a number of needy families. Several welfare children as well as one orphan from the Baptist orphanage in Salem were adopted by different circles.

Our society helps support one home missionary and makes an annual contribution to the White Cross and the American Mission to Lepers.

All the circles together give two large parties at Southwest State Hospital, one at Easter and another at Thanksgiving. About 350 patients attended each party, games, prizes and refreshments were enjoyed. Each month one circle entertains one ward, the program consists of a devotional service, games or entertainment, songs and refreshments. Religious records were donated to the hospital to be used on the wards where the patients can not attend the regular Sunday afternoon service.

This Christmas we sent toys to the children at the orphanage in Salem, baskets of food and clothing to our own needy families and remembered our sick members.

South Fork Baptists Change Pastors in '53

By Yvonne Kell

At the beginning of 1953 the Rev. Albert Cardwell resigned as pastor of the South Fork Baptist Church to attend the seminary in Louisville, Ky.

In June the church elected the Rev. O. N. Blankenbecker as pastor. The Rev. Mr. Blankenbecker serves both the Riverside and South Fork Baptist churches.

Sunday School and church officers were recently elected for the coming year. They are as follows: superintendent, Clay Rowland; assistant superintendent, Meredith Brown; secretary, Yvonne Kell; choir director, Clay Rowland; church clerk and treasurer, Mr. Julius Britton; pianist, Mack Sturgill; adult men's teacher, Blaine Sage; adult women, Mrs. Blaine Sage; young women, Mrs. Frances Rosenbaum; young men, Isom Sturgill; intermediate boys, Billy Hart; intermediate girls, Mrs. Charmie Neitch; junior boys, Wade Taylor; junior girls, Mrs. Clay Rowland; primary department, Jaunita Doss; beginners, Mrs. Mable Pennington, and cradle roll, Mrs. O. N. Blankenbecker. Mr. Ike Sturgill, Mrs. Bige Doss, and Mr. Meredith Brown will serve as assistant teachers.

YWA

Mrs. Nannie Elledge is counselor of the Young Woman's Auxiliary at the present time. This year the auxiliary made baby clothes to send to the Southern Baptist Missions in Africa and sent fruit baskets and gifts to the sick and needy.

The Auxiliary has observed the set aside weeks for prayer and given to foreign and home missions.

Present officers are: president, Betty Kinder; secretary, treasurer, Delores Taylor, and assistant counselor, Mrs. Cameron Cox.

GA

The Girls' Auxiliary, organized in 1950, is sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Otis Blevins and Mrs. James Pennington are counselors at the present. The name is Annie Armstrong Girls' Auxiliary.

The auxiliary now has 18 members, which is an increase of three members during the year. This year the group has attended a total of 22 meetings with an average attendance of 12. Each month the auxiliary completed a community missions project.

In the forward steps, which are attained by learning several Bible verses and the GA ward and allegiance, three girls will become maids. They are Carol Jean Blevins, Donna Blakely, and Ardenia Blevins.

In the spring of 1953 members of the auxiliary attended the coronation service for those who were completing the forward steps at Wytheville.

Mrs. Frances Rosenbaum presented the book, "American Toy" at a mission study class and picnic in October.

The auxiliary has observed the three weeks for state, foreign and home missions.

The present officers are: president, Carol Jean Blevins; vice president, Rebecca E. secretary-treasurer, Anna Ellis; program leader, Carol Roland; fun leader, Carol Rolan; historian, Betty Rolan; and community missions chairman, Jean Kell.

WMS

The Woman's Missionary Society meets once each month in the homes of its members. This year the WMS has observed the three seasons of prayer and contributed to foreign and home missions.

The society has held two mission study classes in 1953. One of these was held jointly with the Riverside WMS and another with the East End group. Clay Rowland gave the latter entitled, "The West is Wide."

At present the society has 15 members including two new members: Mrs. Margaret Parks and Mrs. Della Peacock.

Honorary members of the WMS are Mrs. J. L. C. Anderson, Mrs. S. F. Gollehon, Mrs. George Tilley, and Mrs. S. M. Quillen.

The present officers are: president, Mrs. Carl Neitch; vice president, Mrs. Otis Blevins; secretary, Mrs. James Pennington; treasurer, Mrs. Nannie Elledge; young peoples' director, Mrs. Julius Britton; prayer band leader, Mrs. Dave

days with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buchanan, Jimmy and Roger were dinner guests of Mrs. Thomas Buchanan Dec. 27. They also visited Mrs. Bradley Carter of Ridgedale.

Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts, Jimmy and Billy of Dryden visited Miss Elizabeth Buchanan and Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan.

Miss Marion Pratt of Marion College is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Thompson Pratt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roberts of Marion, Fred Roberts of Chatham Hill and Bobby Roberts of Broadford, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Roberts Christmas Day.

Misses Oneda and Eva Turley are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewisley.

Mrs. Bobby Buchanan children of Texas are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Blevins visited her parents, Mr. Mrs. W. M. Surber, last day.

CORRECTION

The by-line on the year story for the Main Street Aid Society of Saltville should have been Mrs. Frye instead of Mrs. Frye.

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

SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM

There are ramblings throughout Smyth County about the slowness of the school building program in the county. For the past several years it has been realized that school improvements are necessary, with crowded classrooms and antiquated plants being used.

A good fire solved the problem in Marion, the old elementary school burning and making it necessary to rebuild at the earliest possible date.

Not so with the problem in Chithowie, Rich Valley, Sugar Grove and similar places.

A volunteer school building program committee has been helping a great deal in attempting to solve the problem of needed school facilities. The school board itself has put many hours on trying to work out a satisfactory program. Members of both groups have given their time to the public.

But the ground remains unbroken and our children next year again will go to school in the same old, crowded buildings. Teachers will be handicapped by having to teach far too many students in buildings which were outworn many years ago.

School officials have labored long and hard on trying to find the solution to new schools. But results are what counts. Nothing definite has been announced in several months. All attempts to find out if and when something will be done results in "just as soon as we find the answer to this or that."

School Superintendent J. Leonard Mauck has borne the brunt of the criticism. This has been unfair. Mr. Mauck is much more interested in getting new schools built than the average citizen. He knows that he will continue to be criticized until actual building begins and no man likes criticism. His job is running our schools and naturally he wants to make good.

Changes are being constantly made in the building program. Could some of these changes be politics? Is it possible that in attempting to make everyone happy, everyone is being made restless?

Practically the entire county needs improved school conditions. Only so much money is available for this work. Is it now time to correlate the needs, according to the number of students and prospective students, with funds on hand and start building? Some groups are going to be mad and think that they are being cheated if this is done. But will not they think the same thing in the future?

Smyth County needs schools and the time for getting started is now. Criticism now spreading throughout the county could be just criticism.

MARCH OF DIMES

Smyth citizens this year are being asked to give more to the March of Dimes Drive than ever before. The record was \$12,500, raised in 1952.

Giving to any charitable or civic drive is a personal matter. But in giving to the March of Dimes this year there are two points to be kept in mind.

Last year Smyth County was hit hard with a polio epidemic. The National Foundation moved in and gave both financial and physical assistance. Gamma Globulin was shipped to Smyth for more than 6,000 of our youngsters.

This did not cost Smyth one penny. It was a service offered areas where the epidemic reached such dangerous proportions. Money for this came from donations from all over the nation. Smyth County, although not financially obligated, is morally obligated to return this by sending more money this year to the National Foundation. We are able to stand on our own feet and should do so.

Also, the local organization exhausted all of its funds in giving medical attention to all who needed same. Most parents whose children were stricken could not have afforded this care, which is continuing in extreme cases. In addition, National Foundation came through with \$1,500 in cash and the local foundation is in the hole to the tune of \$4,000 for this help. It is our obligation to erase this debt.

And the second point to be thought about is the chance of licking polio. Since 1936, millions of dollars, all collected by similar drives, has been spent in research in an effort to find a preventive for polio. This year a test will be carried out on two million children. They will be given a vaccine which scientists have developed in recent years.

This will cost money and again all this money must come from donations. If a successful vaccine can be found it will be worth more than has ever been spent on research. Foundation officials and health authorities believe that they are near the goal so long sought. The test this summer will tell the tale. Conducting such a test, going to cost plenty. Every cent for this gigantic task must be raised by March of Dimes Drives throughout the nation. All should carry their loads.

TRAFFIC RECORD

Midnight this Thursday night will bring to an end 1953. For Smyth County it has been a record year in preventing traffic fatalities.

As motor vehicles have increased, so have traffic deaths during the past few years. In 1952, there were 14 deaths as the result of traffic crashes in Smyth County.

At this writing there have been only seven deaths during 1953. If we can only get by a few more hours, we will have an enviable record in cutting our deaths exactly in half.

This has not been just something that happened. It has taken hard work on the part of law enforcement officers and others in carrying on a steady program of trying to cut down on wrecks.

All traffic deaths have a beginning of just one mistake or the taking of an unnecessary chance. Not one death in a thousand results from faulty mechanics of vehicles involved.

Speed, taking undue chances, momentary "going to sleep at the wheel" and such cause most of the wrecks. These mistakes can be corrected only by constant law enforcement.

Those who will not obey traffic regulations must be punished if we are to continue cutting down our traffic deaths. Perhaps we should get a little rougher in 1954 in this law enforcement. Fines have not stopped many of our hot rod artists. They have paid and laughed. Some have lost their licenses, which has helped a great deal. We have another idea which might further help during the coming year. How about the loss of freedom?

Jail sentences might be more effective than fines. Any man running wildly up and down the highways shooting a gun would soon find himself behind the bars. And a gun is not nearly as dangerous as a powerful vehicle, crashing and careening its way on the highways, the driver having no regard for others using the public property.

Families of those involved had much rather have their relatives in jail than in casts at hospitals. Their serving a term of confinement is much to be preferred to death or the life of a cripple.

If the word gets around that constant reckless driving will result in jail sentences, those inclined to run rough shod over the general public will be much more inclined to act like ladies and gentlemen while behind the wheel.

ROBERT CAMPBELL

Marion and Smyth County lost one of their valued leaders last week in the death of Robert Campbell.

Mr. Campbell had been active in community and business affairs since his return to Marion just after World War II. He had given of his time and energy to support the Red Cross, serving as county chairman. He was active on the library board and was secretary of the Smyth County Draft Board. At the time of his death he was serving on the board of directors of the Marion Chamber of Commerce.

He was an elder in his church, Royal Oak Presbyterian, and always was active in its management.

As president of the Marion National Bank he was one of the business leaders of the county.

His relations with the people of the county were many and varied, so his place will be all the harder to fill, and the void left by his passing is all the greater.

Smyth County Speaks

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Ward O
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Smyth County News
Marion, Va.
Dear Editor:

I want to tell you and the readers of your very fine news paper about Christmas here in Southwest Virginia's State Hospital.

I entered this hospital Dec. 6, 1953 as a voluntary patient and during the three weeks I've been here I've received only kindness from the doctors supervisors, nurses, attendants and the patients on our ward. Our Christmas holiday celebrations began Tuesday night with the dance. I wish every one of you could have seen how beautifully the hall had been decorated for this occasion. Red, green and white streamers were draped over the entire hall with red bells here and there and a huge star hung directly in front of the stage. There were pictures representing Christmas hung along the walls. I am sure some of these were painted by patients. The music was good and the square and round dances were lively.

Wednesday night we attended the Christmas play which was good. The cast was made up of patients and they, each and every one, did well. Friday afternoon there was a Christmas party at the chapel. The superintendent of the hospital was master of ceremonies and he introduced the minister from the Methodist Church here in Marion. He gave a nice talk and the Hospital Choir, composed of patients, rendered several Christmas Carols.

This choir wearing white robes looked as well as choirs I've seen in Cleveland, Ohio, churches and they sang as well. Christmas Eve they made the rounds of the hospital buildings and sang Christmas Carols outside and Christmas morning they came on the wards and sang. Yes, and I mustn't forget Santa Claus, who arrived at the chapel after the services Christmas day and helped the attendants pass out a treat to each patient. This treat was a bag of nuts and candy and two oranges and the patients who were not able to attend the party were given the same Christmas treat. The ones who did not receive packages from home or

friends were given gifts from those you people sent in. The superintendent said this had been the best Christmas he'd known, for there were more gifts for every one than ever before.

Truly Christ was here this Christmas. He, in His healing, healed the demoniac as well as the Centurion's son. Here they are no respecter of persons, for the poorest — most bewildered soul, gets the same consideration and care as the one who has plenty. I say "God bless" every one who made this Christmas possible and especially bless one dear nurse and her family who entertained me in their home Christmas morning.

Elsie Duke
Marion, Virginia
Dec. 17, 1953
Mr. Jim Tindall
Marion, Va.
Dear Jim:
In regards to H. B. Eller's Farm Notes Column appearing in the Smyth County News Dec. 17, there is one paragraph which says, "Farm foreclosures this year have exceeded the combined total of any of the five past 10 years. Farm debt has gone up by nearly 3 billion dollars; declining prices cut the value of land, buildings, machinery and livestock this year by more than 15 billion. Headlines that labor unions are striking for higher wages, plus lots of fringe benefits, do not make pleasant farm reading". It is not the fact that the working man is getting good wages that causes us who farm for a living to get low prices for our livestock and farm products. Here are a few figures for your information concerning the profits made by the packers for 1953. Swift's profits this year are \$33.9 million, a raise from \$21.7 million last year. The Wall Street Journal reports Armour's profits are expected to rise to \$10 million this year from \$7.1 million last year. These figures show who is getting rich at the farmer's expense.

There is no feeling toward the county agent for this unfair condition, as I think he is one of the very best county agents, and I think Smyth County is fortunate in having a man like him for county agent.

Yours truly,
V. M. Cox

Farm Notes

H. B. ELLER

Livestock School January 6

The livestock farmers of Smyth are invited to attend a special livestock school to be held in the courthouse, Marion, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The program will start at 10:00 a. m. and run until 3:00 p. m. Livestock specialists of the VPI extension service will present the following program with use of flannel board and colored slides. Talks: 1. Reap with Sheep 2. Fences and Livestock Equipment 3. Marketing Tips for Building a Production Program 4. Producing Hogs for Home Use 5. Producing Cattle Economically for Present Markets.

Drought Feed Situation

The first car of cottonseed has arrived and been distributed. The second and third car approved was shipped last Thursday and should be here this week. The first car of corn was shipped from Indiana last Thursday and should be here this week. This leaves one car of cottonseed and one car of oats to be heard from.

The supply of oats and cottonseed ran out. This affected the type of mixed feeds that were being approved. As a result of this, two new mixtures have been approved. Mix No. 1 will contain 1000 pounds of corn and 500 pounds of wheat per ton of mixed feed. Mix No. 2 will contain 1000 pounds corn per ton.

The dealers who will supply these new mixed feeds are using molasses, cottonseed meal and minerals to supplement the grains. They will be priced to reflect the reduced cost of them of the grains that are used (corn and wheat).

Nebo Community Is Busy in '53

My Mrs. T. J. Kegley

John Buchanan, the efficient caretaker of the Nebo Cemetery, was forced by ill health to give up the job as caretaker. William Hubble took over the job and is learning to do the work, and I am sure he will also do a good job.

A memorial service was held in June, and a nice sum was donated by the people who are interested in the upkeep of the cemetery.

E. C. Haislop, Mrs. G. L. Hubble, W. W. Hubble and Mrs. J. M. Buchanan were all buried in this past year. O. K. Hubble, a former resident of here died and was buried in Maryland last month.

Nebo 4-H Club

Nebo had an active boys 4-H Club the past year. Robert Haislop was the leader and took an interest in the work. He has resigned as leader, and Fred Cox will be the leader next year.

G. L. Hubble Jr., Archie Atwell, and Byron Kegley won medals at the 4-H Achievement Day in Marion in November.

Nebo Woman's Society of Christian Service

There are three societies in the Nebo area. There is one in the Zion-Ezelle communities, one in the Fairview community and one in Lick Creek. Goodmans communities. They have all taken an interest in their work and much good has been accomplished.

The activities for the past year included Christmas parties, pounding the pastor, the Rev. Thurman Litterell, and exchanging gifts by the members. Some of the members attended the week of prayer program at Red Oak.

The sick members were cheered by cards. We sent flowers to members of society in time of sorrow. One society sent a bed jacket to a former member who has been in a hospital for some time. Several dozen cans were filled for the Methodist Home at Greenville, Tenn.



On Monday, January 4, we'll be open for business at our new location, first floor, Hotel Lincoln Building.

MARION STUDIOS
PHONE 3-6431

Marion Garden Club Wins State Federation Award

By Mrs. C. E. Barton

The Marion Garden Club with its membership of 75, under the leadership of its president Mrs. C. W. Richardson, has had a very successful year.

The object of the club is to create interest of its members for better designing, arranging and showing flowers as well as growing them, to help beautify Marion and create interest spots for others to see and to enjoy, to help preserve native trees, wild flowers and birds.

Very interesting and informative programs have been given each month by members of the club and guest speakers. Two films "Bouquet of Beauty," and "Ways to Better Vegetables," were shown by Ray Moore Jr. of Tazewell. They depicted improved methods of rose culture and growing better vegetable garden. An interesting talk on her trip to Arizona and its native cacti was given by Mrs. H. B. Eller. Mrs. C. W. Richardson gave an account of historic places she visited while on a trip to Idaho. Mrs. Joseph R. Blalock showed slides of her trip to California. William H. Campbell of the U. S. Forestry Service gave informative talk on "Trees."

The club participated in the annual clean up drive sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Members also distributed stickers for windows of business places and cars, with their slogan "Don't be a Litterbug."

Flower arrangements were furnished for the commencement of Marion College and for the dedication of the new Rufus A. Morison building at Southwestern State Hospital.

An all day workshop was held under the supervision of Mrs. George C. Steedman, a national accredited judge, of Roanoke.

A donation was given to the Civic Entertainment fund and to the polio drive.

A donation was also given to Nature Camp, sponsored by the Federation Garden Clubs of Virginia. The camp is located in George Washington National Forest. The purpose of this camp is to create interest of our young people from five years, to senior high school in plants, birds, wild life, soil,

Marion Community Chest Aids Many Worthy Causes

By Mrs. Robert Lane Anderson

The Marion Community Chest, functioning through a board of nine directors, meets at least twice a year.

The annual meeting to which the public is invited is always in January. Three new directors are chosen at that time so that the board is always made up of six old and three new members. In 1953 Dr. J. J. Eller, Sam Kirby and Aubrey Matthews were elected to the board. Jack Barret was chosen president; Thad Harris, vice-president; Mrs. Willis Sprinkle, treasurer, and Mrs. R. L. Anderson, secretary. Other members are Wilburn Steele and Brodie Thompson. Mrs. Sprinkle, Mr. Harris and Mr. Thompson will leave the board in January, 1954, having completed three year terms.

In September the budget hearing is held and requests from agencies are carefully

Marion Lions Complete Active, Successful Year

By H. B. Eller

The Marion Lions Club of 52 members has had a very active and successful year as a civic club.

The members realize and appreciate the fact that the success of the year's program is due to a large extent to the fine support and cooperation received from the citizens of Marion.

We are glad of the opportunity to express our thanks to all who have assisted us in our many projects during the year.

The social phase of the club's program included four Ladies' Nights meetings.

The money raising activities included the sponsorship of a circus, donkey baseball game, the Silas Green show, a minstrel of local talent and a trailer display of The Babe in the Manger.

The following activities for the benefit of individuals and our community were sponsored by the Marion Lions. Safety Patrol, under the direction of Joe Stephenson and Walter Adams. This project included the supply of white

water and offering concentrated instruction in the wise use of conservation of these resources.

Mrs. Richardson was honored with a Life Membership in the Federation of Garden Clubs for her untiring work as president of the club since it was organized in 1950.

The main project of the Garden Club for the year is garden therapy at the Southwestern State Hospital. A committee has been meeting one morning each week with a group of 33 patients which is called the Flower Lovers Group, planting and cultivating flowers and making arrangements, and in different ways trying to add help and happiness. Flowers and containers have been donated by members of the club and other interested friends. A large number of tulips and daffodils and other plants have been planted for spring beauty at the hospital. Flowers have been placed in the chapel each Sunday, with a few exceptions. At the present time the group is busy making red crepe paper noisettes, which will be used in baskets of evergreen to decorate each of the eight dining rooms for Christmas.

For the most outstanding work in garden therapy the club was awarded the Inez loving cup at the Southwestern District meeting held in Lynchburg in October. The District consists of 28 counties. The club is very proud of this record.

Each meeting is a regular flower show with its many beautiful arrangements and specimen on display but the real fall show was the holder in October using as its theme the poem "September." Many blue ribbons were won at this show. The flower lovers group of the Southwestern State Hospital entered 20 arrangements that were made under the direction of the garden therapy committee. There were a number of blue ribbons won in this group with each arrangement receiving a ribbon.

We pass this way but once, let us beautify the paths we go so that others may see which way we went.

Marion Civic Entertainment Program — A total of \$50 was donated toward the expense of this project.

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Scout Troop Sponsored — A total of \$175 was donated to purchase certain equipment of one Boy Scout troop that is being sponsored. Ted Russell is the leader of this project.

District Conference — The Marion Club served as host for the District 24-A fall conference of Lions Clubs. Some 125 out of town members and their wives were in attendance at this conference. The success of this project was due to the hard work of Walt Massie and Clarence Slagle.

Considerable interest was created in better attendance during the last half of the year when the club was divided into two teams, the Gully Jumpers headed by Leonard Sells and the Briar Hoppers led by Jim Webster.

This contest was concluded December 14, with Jim Webster's Briar Hoppers winning a close match.

The losing side set the winners up to a steak supper. The losing side then had a meal of corn bread and beans.

For the first six months of 1953, Ralph Conner served as president. The last six months, H. B. Eller was president. Clarence Slagle completed his third year as club secretary.

Camp

MRS. D. C. COX

Camp, Dec. 28 — Walter Fulton, SN, who has been stationed in Guam for several months, is spending a 30 day leave with his mother, Mrs. Charlie Richmond.

Mrs. Lou Hall, who has been a patient at Lee Memorial Hospital, has returned home much improved.

J. C. and Miss Vinnie Jennings were dinner guests of Mrs. Sena Ward, Marion, on Dec. 25.

The Rev. and Mrs. Scott Wood and daughter, Nottingham, Penna. have been visiting friends in this community. He preached at Sharon Baptist Church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Flannigan were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Arley Rutherford and family visited friends in Volney and Rugby Saturday. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Baugess, Volney. On Sunday they visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper, Marion.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cox over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halsey and daughter, Mrs. Linnberry Perry, Mrs. Celine Jennings, Miss Laura Robinson, Albert and Jay Linnberry of Galax and Mrs. James Dowell, Fox.

Jack Williams and family, Hampton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Richmond and other relatives last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hawk were week-end guests of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hensley and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hensley, Speedwell.

Miss Edna Cline, Cripple Creek, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Richmond.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Baumgardner were Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Baumgardner, Mrs. Leona Sage, Mrs. Helen Vaughn and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cox and family, Ceres.

Mrs. Okie Sample, Honaker, called on friends Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John McWaters and son, John Alan, Radford, spent Christmas with relatives.

Ann Haywood, Radford, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haywood.

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Marion Pilot Club Has Busy and Successful Year

By Annie E. Francis
The Pilot Club of Marion, a classified civic organization for business and professional women, has had a busy and successful year during 1953 — a year in which the club members have endeavored to put into practice the Pilot principles of 'friendship and service'.

The Marion Club, chartered in 1947 with a membership of 15, now has 24 active members on roll.

Under the leadership of Mrs. John Fisher, who served as president for the first four months of 1953, and who was then succeeded by the incoming president, Mrs. Burchell Cornett, the club has engaged in many worthwhile projects, both on the local and international levels.

Among the level activities undertaken are included the following: contribution to March of Dimes; donation toward buying clothes for a local boy to attend the Virginia State School for the Blind; assisted the local Red Cross chapter in its fund-raising campaign; aid with crippled children's clinic; assisted the State Health Department in mailing chest X-ray reports; one members acted as chairman of the Christmas TB Seal sale drive; sent appropriate greeting cards to hospital patients on special occasions, such as holidays; incorporation with the AAUW; co-sponsored a girl to attend the Virginia Girls' State at Blacksburg in July; assisted an elementary school student in paying for necessary repairs to her hearing aid; provided a scholarship for local student attending Marion College; assisted with the polo clinic at which over 6,000 Smyth County children received GG shots; assisted with the work connected with the blood bank; contributed to the Civic Entertainment Fund, and provided a Christmas basket for a needy family.

On the international level, the club has made contributions to the Ruby Newhall scholarship fund, (a fund set up by Pilot International in memory of a deceased Pilot for deserving students); a CARE package was sent to

Pakistan, and contributed to a scholarship fund for a student from the Netherlands to attend Florida State University.

Money to carry out these projects has been raised by three principal methods: rummage sale, rainy-day fund, and "Make Your Dollar Grow" method.

Attendance has been concentrated on during the past year, and a contest has been in progress during the past few months which has as its aim stimulating better attendance of club members.

The Marion club was represented at the 10th annual Spring Convention of the Pilot Clubs of Virginia held in Bristol April 17-18-19, and again at the Fall Planning Council of Pilot Clubs held in Portsmouth October 24-25.

In October, also, the Marion Club had the pleasure of a visit from the district governor of Pilot International, Miss Lucy Ridley, of Portsmouth.

The Pilot Club is represented on the Marion Library Board, and also has a representative on the planning group for the Civic Entertainment.

The 4th annual Civic and Bosses Night was held in November, at which time the club had as its guests the representatives of the Town of Marion, and of various other civic and service groups.

The club has been fortunate in having outstanding programs for its dinner meetings, which are held monthly. Among these have been musical programs, a report from a delegate attending the Lutheran World Federation meeting held in Hanover, Germany, a report on the fluoridation of the town water, a study of Pakistan, a description of Westminster Abbey by a former Smyth Countian now living in Scotland and an account of the experiences of an Estonian woman while living under Communist rule.

The program of work for the group was planned at the beginning of the year, committees were appointed, and the club has enjoyed a thriving, successful year under the

leadership of the following officers: president, Mrs. Burchell Cornett; first vice president, Mrs. William Seaver; second vice president, Mrs. Virginia Tate; recording secretary, Miss Pauline Moody; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Z. T. Atkins; treasurer, Miss Shirley Miller and directors, Miss Lucille Naff, Miss Ruby Allen, Mrs. John Fisher, Miss Rachel Buchanan, Miss Annie Francis and Mrs. C. C. McClellan.

Marion Shrine Club Enjoys Good Year

By W. A. Wolfe

The Marion Shrine Club has enjoyed a good year under the direction of R. E. Moore, president. The chief activities of the club were in connection with providing a place and food for the crippled children's clinics held at the Masonic Temple.

Three clinics were conducted at which in excess of 200 children were examined and treated by specialists under the direction of the Crippled Children's Bureau and sponsored by the Smyth County Health department.

We now have a membership of 45 and have held two dinner meetings in Marion and attended various meetings in Kazim Temple at Roanoke.

At the fall meeting Beattie Gwyn was elected president; Frank P. Copenhaver, secretary, and Malcolm M. Brown, treasurer.

The prospects for 1954 are promising under the leadership of the above officers.

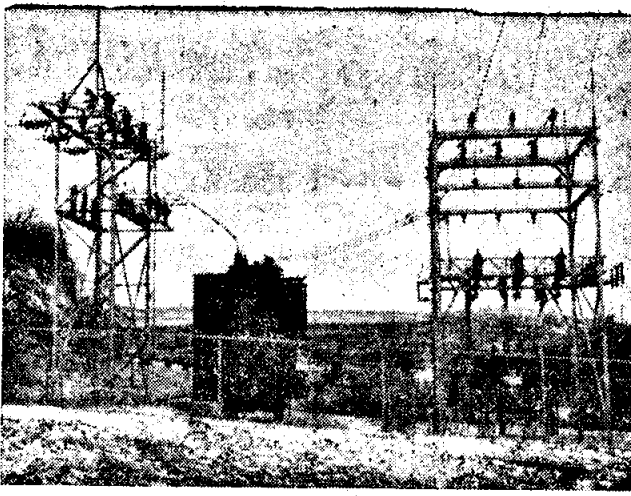
Sugar Grove Farm Students Sponsor Many Activities

By E. R. Thompson

The Sugar Grove Agriculture department of the Sugar Grove High School engaged in or sponsored the following activities during the year.

Forty-seven high school boys enrolled in vocational agriculture classes. The supervised farming program of all the members consists of 72 acres of field crops, 484 baby chicks and laying hens, 113 head of livestock and 152 supplement farm jobs and improvement projects.

Supervised the operation of the Sugar Grove School Com-



NEW 33,000 VOLT substation just completed at Chilhowie by the Appalachian Electric Power Company. This affords Chilhowie and the surrounding area with an additional and stronger source of electricity.

munity Cannery. A total of 225 families have processed to date 7,297 cans of fruits, 7,215 cans of vegetables and 4,444 cans of meat; 5,420 pounds of sausage and hamburger have been ground and 6,568 pounds of fat ground and lard rendered. This does not include the month of December.

A farm machinery class was conducted with an enrollment of 92. This class repaired, overhauled, rebuilt and constructed over 170 pieces of farm machinery and equipment.

Enrolled 20 members in a part-time class. Each member carried out one animal unit as an enterprise and engaged in shop and classroom instruction.

Sponsored the Rye Valley Community Fair. FFA chapter members served on committees and aided in preparing for the fair in addition to entering exhibits in the different departments.

Other accomplishments of the chapter include the following: repaired and refinished 32 chairs for the school; repaired and refinished 36 teacher's desks; repaired farm machinery; painted outside of agriculture building; exhibited the FFA purebred hereford bull at the Rye Valley Community Fair and the Atlantic Rural Exposition winning second and fifth place respectively with a total of \$18 in prizes.

Twelve veterans are now enrolled in the institutional-on-farm training class with R. A. Bennington as teacher. The purpose of this class is to aid veterans in becoming established in farming.

Atkins HD Club Membership Is Up 33 1-3 Per cent

By Mrs. H. Shuler Atkins

The Atkins H D Club in its third year of organization has made progress with an increase of 33 1/3 per cent in membership. The present enrollment is 21 members.

We are continuing our tray etching with the Women's Society of Christian Service. The trays were sold and proceeds applied to the Davis Memorial Methodist church building fund.

All financial obligations have been paid. The club has added to its treasury by selling 20 dozen dish cloths. Donations were made to the March of Dimes and the 4-H fund. A new girls' 4-H Club was recently organized in Atkins with a membership of 11 girls. One home demonstration member is adult leader for this club. Joe Hoofnagle, member of the Atkins boys' 4-H Club, won honors with his fat pig project. He had the grand champion pig in the district fat hog show. Another member, Roger Kegley, had the reserve champion fat pig in the same show.

The club chose as a community improvement project, the placing of name plates on mail boxes. Forty-five have been ordered and placed on the boxes.

The project leaders attended the leader training meetings during the year. The president attended two county home demonstration committee meetings at the home agent's office. Three demonstrations were given without the home agent. One member, Mrs. Z. M. K. Fulton, gave a program on safety on our local radio station. She also presided at District VI meeting of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs which was held at Grundy May 5.

The members and their families enjoyed a picnic in July at Hungry Mother State Park. Club officers for 1954 are: president, Miss Margaret Feazell; vice president, Mrs. J. E. Catron; secretary-reporter, Mrs. Charles Hash, treasurer, Mrs. Shuler Atkins.

Rye Valley Ruritan Club Makes Its Community Better

By E. R. Thompson

Approaching the end of another year, the Rye Valley Ruritan Club, is proud of its part in making the community a better place in which to live.

In the two years of its existence the club has become established as an active community organization.

Under the leadership of H. P. Richardson the following yearly program has greatly strengthened the club: progress of the National Forest Service; farm water systems; county agriculture program; accomplishments of Ruritan National; getting the most from your electrical dollar; program of the state forest service; the church and the rural community; community publicity and ladies' night.

Community projects sponsored by the club during the year are: members of the Ruritan Club organized the community for transporting the children to Marion for inoculation for polio; graded and seeded athletic field at the high school; cut post and constructed fence around school grounds; collected over 300 bales of hay for a farmer in the community whose barn burned down; aided the Rye Valley Fair Association in conducting the community fair; attended four different churches in the community as a group during the year; sent the local Methodist minister to the Rural Minister's Conference at VPI in July, and appointed a member to serve on the Teacher Recruitment Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Russell and family of Baltimore are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Russell, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perkins and family of Anawalt, W. Va., were Saturday visitors of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hutton.

Marion Council Of Church Women Has Three Programs

By Mrs. Richard Engard

The Marion Council of Church Women started the year with observance of World Day of Prayer at Christ Episcopal Church Feb. 20. The theme was "Walk as Children of Light." The service was led by Mrs. J. R. Nelson.

Our May Fellowship Luncheon was held at the First Methodist Church. Mrs. David Francis and Mrs. Joseph Stephenson served as co-chairmen. Mrs. Robert Lane Anderson was an excellent speaker; her topic was "Citizenship, our Christian Concern."

We observed World Community Day Nov. 6 at Marion Baptist Church. Mrs. Joseph R. Blalock and Mrs. Ray Courtney were in charge of preparations. The theme was "Building Lasting Peace". At this service the Package for Peace were dedicated. We sent approximately 150 lbs., consisting of towels, sheets, blankets etc. to Europe. There was also a generous silver offering.

May we all strive in the new year, to work together in 'Christian' fellowship, and share our knowledge of the love of God with our neighbors at home and abroad.

Saltville's Chest Drive Is Oversubscribed

By E. E. Diggs

The people of Saltville and vicinity are beginning to appreciate more and more the value of the Community Chest, and this fact made the campaign of 1953 easier to bring to a successful conclusion than in former years.

With a fine staff of volunteer workers and a cooperative public, the goal of \$5,200 for Community Chest and Red Cross was reached and surpassed by about \$300.

The Community Chest, in taking care of several charities and worthy causes, is the best way for cities and towns to meet these obligations. An enviable record was set by several departments of the Matheson Chemical Corporation plant at Saltville as 100 per cent of the employees of these departments contributed to the drive. Saltville business men also contributed 100 per cent.

Currin Valley and Attoway

MRS. ZOLLIE V. FOWLER

Dec. 28 — Mr. and Mrs. Worth Baldwin of Baltimore, Md., were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Irby Pafford.

Mrs. Carmen Parker, who was injured Dec. 16, was able to return from the hospital on the following Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Parker and another passenger, Miss Hampton, were on their way to work in Marion, Wednesday morning, when on the bend next to Furnace Hill, the car went out of control on the ice and Mrs. Parker was thrown from the car. She suffered a lacerated head and other minor bruises and burns about the face and legs. Miss Hampton, who was riding in the back seat and Mr. Parker, who was driving, were not injured.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Antrican and small son of Bristol spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Parker.

The Rev. Mr. DeFriece returned home from a Marion hospital last Saturday much improved.

Noah Campbell is ill at his home.

C. R. Sturgill Jr., of the U. S. Army returned home from duty in the Far East recently.

D. L. Shumate of Richmond spent Christmas week end with his parents and sister.

Miss Betty Will Rupard, who is a teacher this year at the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton, and Charles Rupard Jr. of the University of Virginia spent Christmas with their parents and grandfather, W. B. Shelton.

Albert Watson of Boone, N. C., was a week end guest of his brother and family.

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Stoney Battery

MRS. VERNIE SEXTON

Stoney Battery, Dec. 28 — Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Lowe and sons have returned to Fairfax after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blevins.

Charles Pickle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pickle, has recently been discharged from the U S Army.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brown of Elkton, Md., visited her parents and grandmothers, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Sexton, Mrs. W. M. Sexton and Mrs. W. H. Dutton, during the holidays.

Donald Sexton visited William Sexton, who has been ill, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilley and sons and Mrs. Rachel Sexton visited Mrs. Roy Sexton Thursday evening.

Miss Dorothy Stines of Chilhowie visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stines during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Waddell of Christiansburg attended the funeral of Mrs. Andy Roland last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Weaver of Fairfax visited relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roland, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Owens, Helen Roland and Mr. and Mrs. James Roland returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Blevins, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Blevins and Miss Shirley Richardson were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ferguson.

Misses Barbara, June and George Kirk visited Miss Bessie Sexton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Thompson and son, Gerald, of Abingdon and Miss Pauline Rotenberry of Bluefield, W. Va., spent Christmas visiting Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rotenberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell West and daughters, Gladys and Margaret, and sons, Roger and Jim, were dinner guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Greer.

Miss Margaret West spent Christmas visiting Miss Peggy Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Roby Pickle visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kirk, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vitale and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cullop and daughters were dinner guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Grubb.

Alkalies Take Pennant Four Of Five Years

By E. E. Diggs

The Saltville Alkalies in 1953 captured the Burley Belt League Pennant for the fourth time in the last five years.

The Burley Belt League in 1953 was composed of only four clubs: Saltville, Abingdon, Lebanon and Bristol. Much credit is due the officials of the league for their fine work in holding the circuit together. C. C. Poindecker of Emory is president and secretary-treasurer, and Chauncey DeVault of Bristol is vice president.

All indications point to a six or eight club league in 1954, with Marion having completed a new lighted field and it is almost sure they will re-enter the league. Other possibilities for the membership of the loop are Chilhowie, Glade

Spring, Elizabethton and St. Paul.

The Saltville Alkalies jumped into the league lead about the fourth week of the season and were in front all the way in, being closely pushed by Abingdon. Bristol also had a much improved club at the close of the season and bid fair to be hard to handle in 1954.

The Abingdon Blues won the Shaughnessy play-off at the close of the season by defeating the Alkalies 3 games to 2.

Many close and thrilling games were played in 1953, and fans are looking forward to 1954.

Lick Creek

MRS. MARY SHUPP

Lick Creek, Dec. 28 — Miss Nannie Maye Thompson, who has been a patient in Lee Memorial Hospital for several days, has returned home.

Mrs. John Harner, who spent several days in Maryland with her children, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Shupe, Neal and Kenneth of Gate City spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Shupe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Myers spent Christmas at home. They left Sunday to go to Tazewell to stay with her brother-in-law, David Hubble. Mrs. Hubble, who has been in a Bluefield hospital is now a patient in a Tazewell hospital.

Little George Shupe has been ill at his home for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Keece and Phyllis have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Keece and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hess.

Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Thompson visited Mrs. Nannie Myers Saturday night.

Burkett Gregger of Ohio has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gregger, recently.

Leroy Harner and a friend of Maryland visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harner, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hayes and children of Wytheville have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Young and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Myers, Nora Ruth, Bonnie Sue and Elmer and Marvin Hayton attended prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Poston Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cregger and son of Maryland have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shupe and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Myers over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Regas visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thompson.

Bill Hayton visited his daughter in a Tazewell hospital Christmas night.

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ROY ROGERS

"Under California Skies"
— Plus —
"Abbott & Costello In Society"
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THEY HAD A DATE WITH DESTINY IN THE POWDER KEG OF THE WEST!

JOEL McCREA
YVONNE DE CARLO
PEDRO ARMENDARIZ

BORDER RIVER
with Technicolor
A UNIVERSAL-INTERNATIONAL PICTURE
(Stanley Ockers)

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THOSE REDHEADS FROM SEATTLE
COLOR BY TECHNICOLOR

RHONDA FLEMING **TERESA BREWER**
GENE BARRY **GUY MITCHELL**
AGNES MOOREHEAD **THE BELL SISTERS**
(W. J. Odham)

THURSDAY, 9c & 30c
Football - Romance - Authentic Rose Bowl Parade.
Rose Bowl Story
MARSHAL THOMPSON

FRI. & SAT.
2 BIG FEATURES
New Serial
Bill Elliot
"THE Homesteaders"
Plus
Too FUNNY FOR WORDS!

BOB HOPE - RICKY ROONEY
with MAXWELL

OFF LIMITS
A PARAMOUNT PICTURE
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"Jungle Drums Of Africa"
(J. E. Phipps)

SUN. & MON.

3-D LIFELINE

BEAUTY and DANGER—in 3-D!

THE GLASS WEB
with JOHN FORSYTHE
WALTER HENDERSON
(James Phipps)

TUE. & WED.

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THURS., JAN. 7

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families.
The FFA members help to get grounds and buildings ready for the fair. Many of the FFA members served on Fair committees and helped with the conducting of the fair in general.

The FFA members have made 10 field trips after school to farms in the community. The members participated in vaccinating and dehorning cattle, as well as other practices in managing livestock.

The chapter enters teams in all federation contests. Benny Burkett placed first in Smyth-Wythe Federation public speaking contest. The chapter placed first in the livestock and dairy judging contest held at the Rich Valley Fair. They placed second in dairy judging and third in forestry judging contest. The chapter placed first in grain judging contest. The winners in the chapter contest represented the chapter in livestock and dairy judging at the state convention.

Every member takes farm shop. They repair tools and equipment for home farms as well as for farmers in community if requested.

A total of 334 people have used cannery facilities since opening in July. During November 4,292 pounds were rendered. About the same amount is expected to be rendered in December. A total of 14,738 quarts of food have been processed. Mary Evelyn Whitely is instructor, and Silas Clark is boiler operator.

Seventy-five per cent of the veterans enrolled in agriculture at Rich Valley High School have reached the status of

Future Farmers Of America Are Active In Rich Valley
By J. T. Gardner

I believe in the future of farming with faith born not of words but of deeds." This is the creed of the 60 members of the Future Farmers of America organization at Rich Valley High School. The boys put into practice what they study in class by doing home projects.

Most recent objectives completed was helping needy families in the community at Christmas. Each member contributed food and clothing, which were distributed to eight

THURS., 10:45 P. M. Special Late Show

GIRL NEXT DOOR
with DON DAILEY
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THURS. & FRI.

CLAY COOPER
BARBARA STANWYCK
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THURS. & FRI., JAN. 7-8

TARZAN AND THE SHE-DEVIL
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Joyce Mendenhall

Find your name for FREE TICKETS to the theatres.

STATE OF CHILHOWIE

Thurs., Last Time

DR. Jekyll and MR. Hyde
with BOBIS KARLOFF

FRI. & SAT.

LEO GORCEY and the BOWERY BOYS

Clipped Wings
with HUNTZ HALL
with ANNE THORNTON

— Also —

"HIAWATHA"
in natural color

MON. & TUE.

JAMES STEWART in

THUNDER BAY
with GILBERT ROLAND - DAN DURYEA

WED. & THURS., JAN. 6-7

LAW and ORDER
Color by TECHNICOLOR
Ronald REAGAN
Dorothy Malone - Preston Foster

Roy Riley and family.
Miss Doris Goodman was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weddle at Abingdon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stanley and family of Bland visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stanley and family during the holidays.

Patsy Steele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steele, has been ill at her home for the past few days.

farm owners. They have attended several field trips and demonstrations which included a trip to Greenville Agricultural Experimental Station field day at Greenville, Tenn. One hundred per cent of class members attended. The group wired a barn belonging to Howard K. Hypes, who is one of the members of the class. This was done as application to a study made in class on wiring farm buildings. They repaired machinery and tools on home farms as part of their shop training. E. B. Hill is instructor of the veterans class in agriculture at Rich Valley High School.

A farm machinery repair class will start at Rich Valley High School in January. Farmers will have the opportunity to repair their tools and machinery. The class will be held one night a week, and will continue through April if sufficient interest is shown. John Holloway will be present to assist the farmers in making the repairs.

Seven Mile Ford
MRS. HAROLD WALKER

Seven Mile Ford, Dec. 28 — Mr. and Mrs. Howard Litz and Jane of Morristown, Tenn., spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walker. Christmas Day dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Walker and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walker and Gene.

Miss Gay Moore of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Miss Sibyl Moore of Alexandria are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Blessing and Willis, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Rice, Barry and Sharon.

Mrs. G. M. Pulliam and Mrs. R. M. McGhee were dinner guests of Mrs. T. B. Rector and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dungan Friday. Those calling in the afternoon were Mrs. G. L. Atkins, Mrs. J. W. Dungan, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McGhee, Tommy and Alan, Mrs. Harold Walker and Gene.

Willis Blessing of VPI is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Blessing.

A. L. Dungan of Dayton, Ohio, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dungan.

Mrs. Foye Greer, Jimmy and Paul of Marion called on Mrs. T. B. Rector and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dungan Saturday afternoon.

Pvt. Bobby Joe Walker of Camp Gordon, Ga., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walker.

Mrs. G. M. Pulliam, Mrs. H. T. Walker and Gene called on Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coulthard in Marion Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Colley Jr. of Linthicum Heights, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colley and daughters of Waynesboro are visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hicks and sons spent Christmas Day in Rural Retreat.

Charles Vanhooder of the U. S. Army is visiting his wife, and parents.

Mrs. G. M. Pulliam made a business trip to Bristol Monday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. R. M. McGhee were Mrs. T. B. Rector, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dungan, Carolyn and Gary, Mrs. G. M. Pulliam, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McGhee, Tommy and Alan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Walker and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walker and Gene were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Moore, Anita and Joe of Richmond are visiting Mr. and Mrs. James R. Tilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Oakes, Misses Billy Lou Oakes and Margaret Tilson of Newport News spent Christmas with relatives. They were accompanied home by Mrs. A. L. Tilson.

WMEV Completes Its Fifth Year on Air

By Robert C. Wolfenden

This is a happy Christmas season for WMEV for it was just five years ago that WMEV went on the air Dec. 12. We would like to thank the many friends and customers who have made possible this fifth anniversary.

Every year on our anniversary day, WMEV has received a telegram from Mrs. Sam Martin of Wytheville. Mrs. Martin we thank you so very much for your telegram again this Dec. 12.

The year 1953 has been a busy year for WMEV. And many things have happened this year. April 1, we were informed that the Mountain Broadcasting Corporation had just been granted a construction permit to build a television station on channel 50 (UHF) on Walker's Mountain, just off Route 16, above Hungry Mother Park. The station has not been built, but we of the Mountain Empire Broadcasting Corporation are still working to build the day when WMEV-TV may be an actuality. People say, "Won't Cousin Jeke look good on TV." I wish that I could tell you when WMEV-TV would be a reality. Frankly, we don't know.

Then came the broadcast of the Queen's Coronation from England with such a thrilling and interesting report by ABC's Ted Malone. I think the coronation broadcast was one of the best given in 30 years of broadcasting. This fall we were most happy to have Bill Stern bring you leading football games through our ABC network. Bill Stern will wind up the football season on New Year's Day with the Sugar Bowl game.

A big addition to the ABC network's daytime programming will be the famous Martin Block who starts an afternoon program over WMEV-ABC Monday, Jan. 4. And we would like to call your attention to the perennial favorite who is celebrating his 25th year on the Breakfast Club heard each week day morning at 9:30 on WMEV, Don McNeil.

H. B. Eller, Smyth County's agricultural agent, again received a certificate of merit from the Associated Press for his Farm Program on WMEV. Mr. Eller was the only county agent in Virginia this year to receive a certificate from the

Associated Press for excellence in farm broadcasting.

WMEV dedicates itself to continued progress in programming for pleasure, education, religious services, and public service as it begins its sixth year of service in Southwestern Virginia and I personally reminisce through a quarter of a century of radio as I start my 26th consecutive year in broadcasting. I hope someday to start a television service to you from WMEV-TV. You the listener will be the first to know when ever that project gets underway.

With faith in the future, thanks to our listeners and clients we look forward to a bright future with the American way of life — democracy — freedom for all which started on that first Christmas Eve with the birth of the infant Merry Christmas to all and to all a Happy New Year — in 1954.

WED. HOGSTON IS WITH ARMY IN KOREA

Pvt. Bobby Hogston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hogston, Rt. 1, Saltville, recently arrived in Korea for duty with the 45th Infantry Division.

Pvt. Hogston, whose wife, Lois, lives in Quarry, entered the Army last May and completed basic training at Camp Breckinridge, Ky. He is a graduate of Saltville High School.

Thursday Night Is Deadline for Using Old Truck Stickers

Midnight this Thursday night is the deadline for getting new inspection stickers put on all trucks in Virginia, State Trooper S. M. Norris warned this week.

"There is no extension, so it is necessary that all trucks be inspected and have new stickers in place before being allowed on the highways," the officer stated.

"If you do not have a sticker, get the truck hauled to the garage and inspected before using it," he stated. "If we see any being operated after midnight this Thursday night, it will be necessary that we haul them in."

FRED BANE RECEIVES PROMOTION IN ARMY

Fred Bane, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bane of Fairground Hill, Marion, has recently been promoted to sergeant first class in the U S Army.

Sgt. Bane has been stationed at Camp Pickett since his return from overseas in 1951. He is working with the hospital.

The Cedars
MRS. ALMA GOODMAN
PHONE 3-7318

The Cedars, Dec. 28 — Mrs. Mattie Hylton of Roanoke, Vernon Weddle of Abingdon, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodman, Miss Peggy Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Richardson and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goodman and family during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riley and family visited relatives in West Jefferson, N. C., last week end.

Miss Betty Faye Stanley visited Mr. and Mrs. William Meadows in Bland County last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams of Seven Mile Ford visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodman recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson and family were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs.

THE SEARCH FOR ETERNAL YOUTH

The quest for eternal youth has long engaged the world's foremost scientists. Ponce de León expected to find the Fountain of Youth in the southeastern United States. A Russian scientist was reported to have achieved success in 1945. Although it is extremely doubtful that eternal youth will ever be realized, the developments of modern medicine have added many years to life expectancy. Available to you when prescribed by your physician are many therapeutic specifics which strike at the heart of infection, providing longer, healthier, and happier life. We carry these products in stock awaiting your requirements.

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FRED R. POE, area representative of the Appalachian Electric Power Company, introduces the electric appliance dealers at the Appliance Show in Marion June 25 and 26. The dealers are: W. W. Ross, Center Furniture Company; Mrs. Della Ruth Dillard, Sears, Roebuck and Co.; Oscar McNeil, Burgess-McNeil Furniture Company; Robert Vaught, Rash-Vaught Furniture Company; Clarence Coulthard, Home and Auto Supply Company; Brodie Thompson, Marion Easy Pay Tire Store, and W. W. Scott Jr., Scott Furniture Company.

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