



Silent night, Holy night,
 All is calm, all is bright,
 'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
 Holy Infant so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy Night,
 Shepherds quake at the sight,
 Glories stream from heaven afar,
 Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
 Christ the Savior is born,
 Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, Holy night,
 Son of God, love's pure light.
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Merry Christmas

from the

Smyth County News

and all its people

Bob and Mary Anderson

Joe Stephenson

Howard White

Hope Jones

Lewis Stamper

Frank Starrette

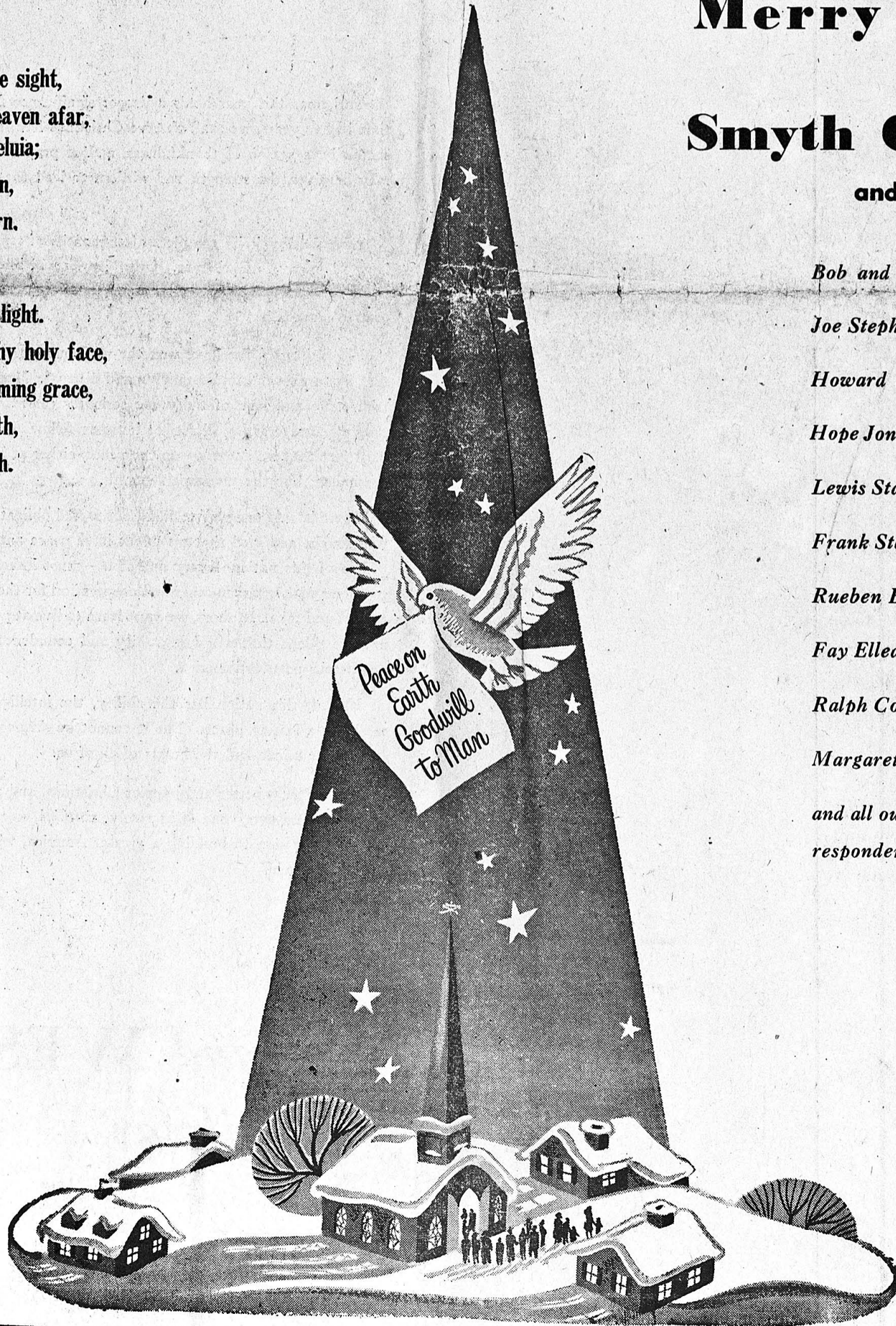
Rueben Blevins

Fay Elledge

Ralph Conner

Margaret Bise

and all our newsboys and correspondents.



Marion Has Growing Pains Mayor Dickinson Reports

by B L Dickinson, Mayor

The following is a brief review of the activities of the municipal administration of the Town of Marion during 1945:

No major physical improvements were undertaken during the year, but extensive maintenance and repair work was done on the water system and streets, and a considerable number of extensions and new connections of the water and sewer lines were made. The sewer system continued to give its highly satisfactory service.

The town is increasing in population and expanding in many ways and directions and is suffering from the natural growing pains incident to such conditions. There is constant pressure for extensions of streets, side walks, water and sewer lines and these improvements are being made as rapidly as possible.

Round Hill Cemetery has been greatly improved and is now in better condition and presents a better appearance than ever before since its establishment, and a trust fund has been set up providing for perpetual upkeep of lots for those wishing this service. In the course of the year the engineering department carried out extensive rehabilitation of the Community Council Camp at Hungry Mother Park and also carried on the work of garbage collection and removal through out the town, a new service which has been found very useful and very popular among our citizens.

The police and fire departments functioned well; the number of arrests for minor offences is disturbingly large, no doubt reflecting both unsettled conditions during the war and an unusual amount of money in circulation.

The annual report of the town's financial condition shows that we are now operating on a budget of income and expenditure of over \$100,000.00 per year, while our net indebtedness as of September 1 was \$177,686.24. Indebtedness was decreased during the year by \$7,000.00 bonds retired, \$7,800.00 added to sinking fund and \$2,000.00 paid on school indebtedness, while new indebtedness of \$15,600.00 was created by the purchase of the Virginia Lincoln site for future town use.

It is hoped that during the coming year we can proceed with an annexation program to take into the town a number of the built up suburbs, and extend municipal services, especially sewer lines, to them, and also that funds can be obtained for rebuilding Main St.

Marion Post VFW Established in November

Francis Marion Post No 4367, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marion, was instituted, officers elected and installed, at their meeting Friday, November 30, in the Municipal Hall.

The next meeting was held at 7:30 p. m., Friday, December 14th in the same hall. At this meeting a permanent place and time of meetings, was decided upon. The newly elected Commander, Troy W Myers, also appointed the additional officers at this meeting. Harry E Lottan, Rept of Virginia, Ass't Chief of Staff, officiated. Officers elected and installed were as follows: Troy W Myers, Commander, Carl Hester, Sr, Vice Commander, Harry White, Jr Vice Commander, Lanson Estep, Quartermaster, J M Wilson, Post Advocate, J Rich Young, Chaplain, Dewey Hester, Howard White and James Bradshaw, Trustees. The name selected, as indicated above, was, Francis Marion Post.

All of the enthusiastic members of this Southwest Virginia Post, were of one accord, in their desire to have the ladies make early plans for their Auxiliary. Every indication shows that this will be a fast growing, wide awake, post.

Scouts Reorganize; Five Troops Are Possible

by George J Kirk

This post war era and first peace time Christmas in several years is seeing the revival of scouting, and a new surge within the Boy Scouts of America.

Here, as in many other districts the war emergency had its depressing effects on the growth of scout troops, yet the remnants that were active made

a notable record in the war effort. Their waste paper collections, their aluminum and tin can drives were a matter of national recognition not to mention anything of their aid in war bond and stamp sales. Recognition from the president and General Eisenhower is in our hands.

Here in Marion, which is part of the Smyth-Wythe district, which operates under the Roanoke Area Council, we find the typical trend. This year the Council is managed by a new and able official, Mr Robert Culver. James Crockett of Wytheville is the district chairman. These men have been very helpful in rechartering our two troops here in Marion. There are prospects of a third troop being sponsored as well as a possibility of a colored troop here in Marion. National statistics show that a town of this size can maintain five scout troops.

Activities for the year have been handicapped by the limitations of supplies and transportation. The Community

Camp at Hungry Mother Park was opened this fall as first used by a local scout troop. Recently five troops from Marion, Austinville, Max Meadows, and Wytheville met out there and had a fine get-together. Hikes and outdoor dining were also carried out there as well as the indoor activities of the troops. The troops are growing.

The interest and help people of this town are necessary, to the growth of scouting in our community. The training of each boy with a troop should be of much value not only to the boy himself but an advantage to the town and community as a whole. Citizenship is stressed. Here the boy feels that he is with boys of his own age, buddies that he can hike with, boys that he can acquire training from and boys that are coming in that he can train himself as he advances in his requirements. The Scout Oath and law are the basis of a boy's training and as he advances he must show his adherence to these principles. To

receive merit badges he must study many crafts and must have a knowledge of the wonders of nature.

Scouts here in America have been alerted to the aid of scout troops throughout the devastated parts of the world. Before we can do that we must put our own house in order. We should see to it that our own boys are at troop meetings and activities rather than at some street corner. This is a fine way to steer the present day boy from the temptations offered in this post war time. They must live with their motto, "Be Prepared, Do a Good Turn Daily."

Return of Vets Biggest Event For Rural Retreat

While peace may have been formally declared the elapsed time has been rather short for a reliable evaluation of the activities of the past year in and around Rural Retreat.

While the war was still ac-

tive there was no time and less inclination to think of our local accomplishments other than those directly connected with the successful outcome of the struggle.

This community undergoes no radical changes year by year therefore a yearly summary of its accomplishments and advancements reads year by year as a more or less monotonous repetition. The return of former service men is just about the most important item that has affected our community during the past few months, and the readjustment of their lives among us constitutes a vital element in our future progress.

During the year 1945 nothing of a spectacular nature has happened in this section, our citizens pursuing their normal course of existence so far as the handicap of war would permit. The organizations of this town have pursued their usual activities during the past year with no particular effort having been put forth to make it an outstanding year of a-

chievement. A town with a comparatively small population cannot boast of many organizations, but here as in other things it is quality and not quantity that is to be sought.

So far as the writer is aware only one new organization was established during the year, a post of the American Legion which it is to be hoped will attract a good membership from the returned veterans of the recent war, in addition to their fathers of world war I.

Our people approach the new year in a spirit of confidence and hope, and with the purpose of giving our best endeavor to those things that pertain to permanent peace and prosperity.

Girl Scouts Top Objective Of Junior Women

By Mrs W M Robinson
The Federation of Women's Activities is emphasizing "Youth Conservation." In line with this the Junior Woman's Club of

Marion has chosen as its main project the sponsoring of the local Girl Scouts. Miss Sylvia Haislip has been secured as counsellor and Mrs Julian Collins as her assistant.

Club activities during 1945 included: selling bonds in every drive; assisting in the National War Fund Drive; outfitting two kits for Russian Relief; packing Red Cross overseas bags; and working in the Tuberculosis Clinic.

Several years ago the Junior Woman's Club initiated the practice of giving a package to each Smyth county boy leaving for service with the armed forces. Donation from individuals and other organizations have helped us carry on this project.

The Nurses Aide Course, sponsored by the Red Cross, was taught by one of our members, and the records were kept by another. Six members completed the course.

We contributed \$25. to the Nursing School and \$50 to the Civic Entertainment program.

OUR SACRED OBLIGATIONS



Christmas this year holds a deeper significance for all of us. For the first time in five years, we shall observe Christmas free from the tragedy of war. It should be a season of thankfulness, and of prayer that our nation and people may be given the strength and wisdom to lead the world in building a lasting peace.

With family circles complete after months of separation, there will be many happy homes this Christmas. Other homes will be sad because loved ones will never come back. To those bereaved families goes the heartfelt sympathy of a grateful people.

We and our Allies have won the war, but many parts of the world are still torn by conflict, misunderstanding and distrust. Here in our own country, industrial strife and lack of unity are seriously retarding orderly reconversion and progress, and creating ill feeling between fellow Americans. We must face the hard fact that we haven't won the peace, either at home or abroad. This is not pessimism, but the unescapable truth.

There is only one way to fulfill our sacred obligations to our fellow Americans who fought and died that we might have peace and freedom. And that is, the people of this nation—every one of us—must knuckle down and work out our problems with common sense and cooperation for the good of all. We must learn to give and take. In short, we must learn to live at peace among ourselves. These are the things that will bring unity and confidence and build a happier, more prosperous postwar America.

United, this nation has the ability, the intelligence and power to lead the world to a lasting peace. But it cannot be dreamed; it must be built with the hands, the minds and the hearts of all of us.

As we face a better and happier Christmas, and give thanks for our blessings, let's each and every one of us resolve to think, work and express ourselves with untiring devotion to building a greater America, with peace on earth and good will toward men.

NORFOLK and WESTERN Railway



AS THE
highest joys of
Christmas come to us from the
blessing of giving, we gather
our humble share by giving our
service to this community and
our cordial and heartfelt wishes
for your happiness. May the
Spirit of the Nativity go with
you throughout the coming
year, and may your share of joy
be brightened by the acknowl-
edgment of our appreciation of
your past favors.

GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES FOR
THE NEW YEAR

The Marion National
Bank

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Ministers Cooperate To Forward Activities

by G Anderson Davis, secretary

Every activity of the community should be undergirded with the Christian ideal, and the Christian ministry should be unusually concerned in making this a reality. Just how this can best be accomplished is a topic for cooperative con-

sideration.

Each church in the community, led by its minister and acting as a separate unit, does its part, in a limited way, to promote the Christian ideal. Cooperative action and an exchange of ideas can do much to make these separate units more effective and more Chris-

tian. This is the task of the Marion Ministerial Association.

Thirteen ministers, representing the churches in and around Marion, have joined themselves together in a Christian Brotherhood. These ministers come together for Christian fellowship and to plan cooperatively the religious activities of the community on the first Monday of each month at ten a.m. in the directors' room of the Marion National Bank.

The activities of the Association are many, and at the close of each year, we attempt to retrace and evaluate these activities with a sense of neglect and a hope that more might be done another year. All of the accomplishments of the Association cannot be listed in, 1, 2 and 3, order, for work of this nature does not function that way. However, some of the tangible accomplishments are listed in this article.

Each Sunday afternoon, a local minister conducts a religious service at the state hospital. Services are also held on Thursday at the C I building. The annual Good Friday service, based on the Seven Last Words of Christ was conducted in the Episcopal Church. Cooperative Sunday evening services were sponsored on the lawn of Marion College during the summer months.

For several years the Association had sponsored a special religious education project in the public schools. Early in the year the Association began to work on plans to make this project more effective. As a result, The Inter-Church Council of Religious Education was organized. This council has taken over the project and is do-

ing quite an effective piece of work.

The Ministerial Association participated in the Community Summer Recreational Program, sponsored by the Community Council, and raised its quota of \$30.00 for the support of the program.

The annual community Thanksgiving Day service is promoted by the Ministerial Association. This cooperative religious service has proven to be quite an asset in the religious life of the community. The offering this year amounting to \$70.55, was turned over to the Inter-Church Council of Religious Education.

The Association has donated some hymn books for use in the state prison camp, located on this side of Abingdon.

We regret the loss, from our membership, of The Revs. Paul Worley and Joseph Hopper, who moved from Marion but rejoice in accepting as new members, The Rev. Olin Troy, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and Dr I D Terrell.

The Marion Ministerial Association has made much progress under the leadership of its president, The Rev. Edgar Ferrell, Jr, and is looking forward to a more progressive and Christian future.

Officers for 1946 are as follows: Edgar Ferrell, president; J L Mauney, vice president; C Anderson Davis, secretary.

C of C Membership Reaches 110 In 1945

by J Willard Horne

The Chamber of Commerce of Marion opened its year with the regular annual dinner meeting on January 11, 1945 attended by 73 members and guests. Beattie Gwyn, Paul Bird and

Ralph Lincoln were elected Directors for a term of three years to serve with A C Payne, Dr J A Thompson, Walter B Jackson, B L Anderson, H L Green, and Cecil K Greer. Mr Greer was elected President, Mr Gwyn, 1st Vice President, Dr Thompson, 2nd Vice President and Mr Jackson, Treasurer.

Mr Edmund H Harding of Washington, N C, was guest speaker. Directors' meetings have been held on the second Wednesday of each month and have been well attended. The membership for 1945 was 110.

The Committee for the roster of Smyth County men and women in the Armed Services, cooperated with the Board of Supervisors in erecting a beautiful board on the court house lawn. This work will continue until the list of names is complete.

A Committee has worked actively in preparing the ground work for an Airport for Marion. Application has been made for funds for a survey and the work will go forward whenever the Federal Aid program begins.

Our organization was able to secure the use of several buildings at Hungry Mother State Park for a summer camp. These buildings, formerly occupied by the CCC men, will be available through the Community Council for camping groups during the summer seasons. This will be an extremely valuable asset to our town.

The Chamber was also glad to help sponsor the Annual Band Festival held at Marion High School in May.

One of the most important projects for 1945 was the extremely efficient work of our Highway Committee. These men prepared vital statistics on the State allocations of funds for Highways in the Bristol

District over the past years. These figures were presented to the State Highway Commission with an urgent request for more consideration for Smyth County. They were promised funds immediately for a survey of the proposed road from Marion to Tazewell and the committee is vigorously following this project. Large groups from Smyth county were arranged by the committee for the meetings in Richmond on May 22nd and in Roanoke in October.

The Chamber invited the League of Virginia Counties to

hold their meeting in Marion. This was held at Hungry Mother State Park and was exceptionally well attended.

The Directors have made plans for a much larger advertising program for the coming year, to include both Marion and Hungry Mother Park. It is hoped that this will bring to this community a vast number of people seeking summer recreation and relaxation.

Important work has been done in cooperation with the Town Council in an effort to straighten out our parking problem. Petitions were circulat-

ed among the business men of Marion asking their opinion on the proper solution of this pressing problem and it is hoped that as a result of this work, a noticeable improvement will follow.

A program committee is arranging for a speaker for the coming annual membership banquet. Details will be announced later.

With the end of war and a rapid reconversion to peacetime pursuits, the Chamber of Commerce of Marion is ready to assume its duties in the future development of our community.

MERRY Christmas

A real old-fashioned Christmas we're celebrating this year. And what a happy glow it puts in hearts to know the ever, peace reigns supreme again. This Christmas, go to church to freedom the birth of a child, let us offer of thanks to the Peace and Happy hearts. It is gladness that we the joys of the holly and a New Year all your hopes and will come true. Thank your patronage and during the war; hope to continue in the years a-

Parks Belk Company



Girl Scout

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be grateful for contributions. A less successful campaign was conducted for dishes for the Community Camp.

A number of social activities, mostly of an outdoor nature, were engaged in during the year. Possibly the most successful was the three-day use in August of the Community Camp facilities, which the troop hopes to make an annual event, as was their camp before the war.

This year's Scout officers are Mary Carolyn Legarde, secretary; Liza Hubble, treasurer; Winnifred Kirk, Scribe; Ann Francis, Librarian; Martha Ellen Boatwright, Patty Rowland, Martha Ryder, and Laura Etta Garretson, Patrol Leaders.

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CHRISTMAS

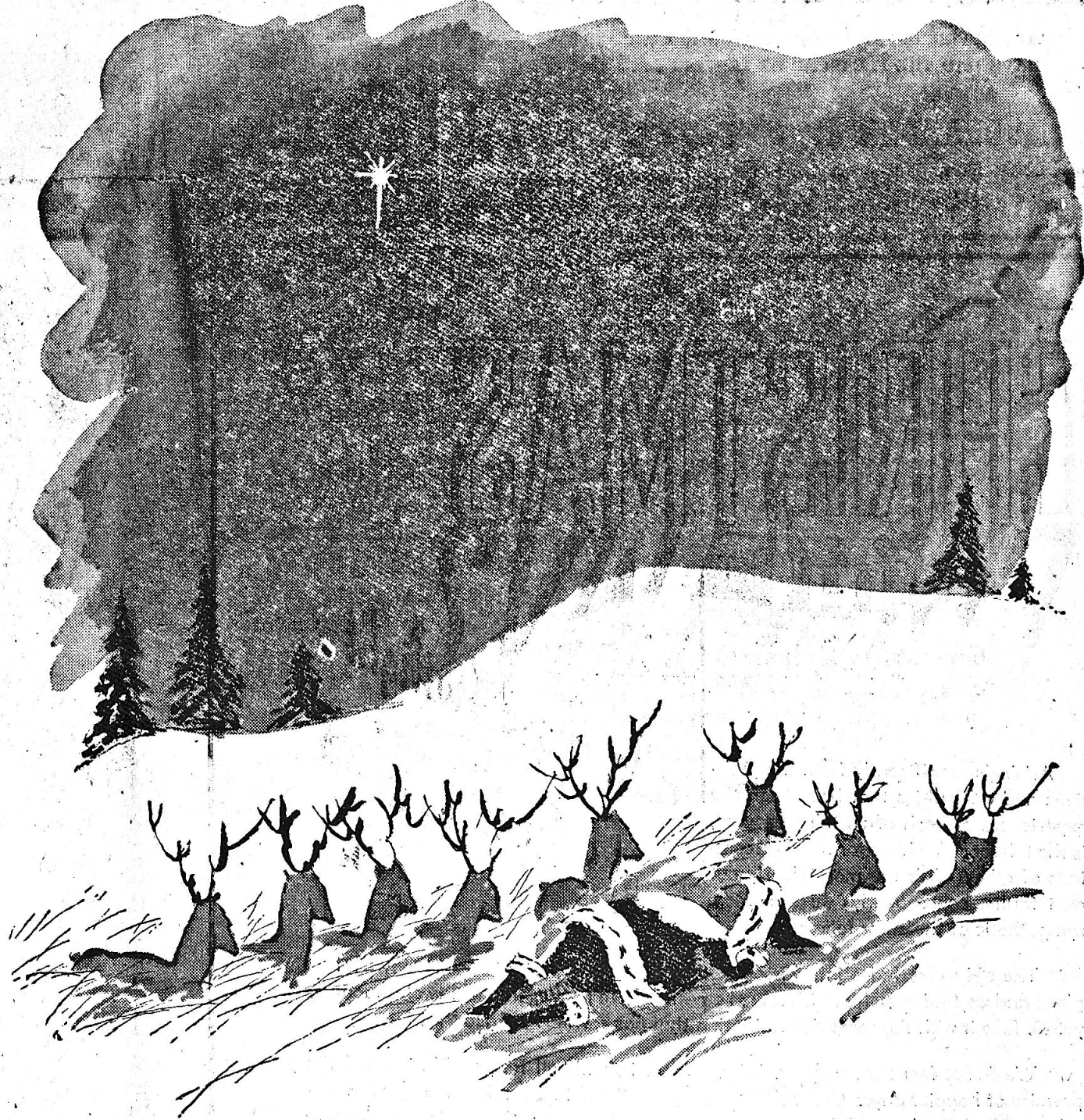
TRADITIONAL AS THE HOLLY WREATH

Each year, as Christmas rolls around, we find ourselves looking forward with keen anticipation toward the opportunity of sending Season's Greetings to our friends.

This custom has become as traditional with us as the holly wreath is with Christmas. To each of you we say, with a warm feeling of appreciation, "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

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BRISTOL, VIRGINIA

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



AND TO ALL - A GOOD NIGHT!

Our store will close Christmas Eve, December 24, for an extended 3-day holiday commemorating our first Peacetime Christmas in 4 long years.

Heironimus of Roanoke

New Parole System Set Up In Virginia

By C H Funk,
Commonwealth Attorney

Complying with your request for a brief report on the activities of the office of Commonwealth Attorney for Smyth County during the past year, I offer you the following:

Our fiscal year runs from July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945 instead of from the 1st of January. During the period of July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945, there were 730 criminal cases and 76 juvenile and domestic relationship cases handled by the Trial Justice Court. The Commonwealth Attorney participated in nearly all of these cases. As to the criminal cases, most of them were misdemeanors and were disposed of either by dismissal for the want of evidence or by fine and jail sentence if the evidence justified. The cases alleging a felony were either dismissed for lack of evidence or sent up to the Circuit Court inasmuch as the Trial Justice has no other way of disposing of felony cases. Most of the felonies sent to the Circuit Court ended up by the Defendant's pleading guilty and accepting substantial sen-

tence in the penitentiary. Most of these offenses were for grand larceny, house-breaking, automobile theft and forgery.

Under the parole system which the state of Virginia has recently adopted, some of the offenders and especially, young offenders have been released on parole to the probation officer. The object of this law is that where a defendant is a first offender and especially where he is a young person and shows a proper attitude toward society, to give the person another chance without stigmatizing him or her with a penitentiary sentence. The parole officer is called by the judge and the case is dismissed, most of the time in the presence of the defendant. Then, the parole officer makes a complete history of the defendant's background and ascertains as far as possible the causes that probably led to the commission of the crime. If the crime probably originated from bad association or environment, the parolee is forbidden to continue his old associations and to quit frequenting places where questionable characters stay. He is required to get a job and to

report to the parole officer at frequent intervals and he is visited by the parole officer at frequent intervals and where the parolee is young he is encouraged, to go to school or to learn a trade during his probation period. Probation periods vary in length from one year to several years. Of course, not all parolees will make good. In case of failure, the original sentence is invoked, but we are happy to say that the majority of our parolees during the past year are making good so far and show every indication of establishing themselves as substantial citizens.

Another very important duty of the Trial Justice and the Commonwealth Attorney is to deal with cases of domestic relations. This includes misunderstandings between husband and wives and the neglect and failure to support wives and children. Many of these cases are never tried in court, but nevertheless, they take up considerable time of the Trial Justice and the Commonwealth Attorney. We try wherever possible to have the parties reach some kind of agreement and understanding without the necessity of an arrest or Court record. These cases are sometimes filled with very fascinating human interest stories and range from one

extreme to the other of human emotions. It is rather startling to know how some husbands and some wives will allow a slight misunderstanding to grow into a great mountain of anger and indifference. Instead of sitting down with each other and asking a few frank questions and giving a few frank answers, they appeal either to the Commonwealth Attorney or to the Trial Justice. In many of these cases where the parties can be brought together and where a discussion of their grievances is free and frank, a complete reconciliation is effected in a short while and no formal court action is necessary. To settle a case in this way gives us a great deal of satisfaction and in some of these cases where complete reconciliation is effected and from time to time we see the parties and know that they are getting along all right after months or years have passed, we get a great deal more satisfaction out of a case where it was necessary to prosecute someone resulting in months or years of imprisonment.

While it is true that those who are charged with law enforcement have many unpleasant situations to deal with, as a whole, the year 1945 has not been too unpleasant from the viewpoint of the Commonwealth Attorney's office.

18 pair of glasses fitted. The Department now has 212 children in the ADC group and it is our duty to give general supervision. There are also 16 children being boarded in private homes and schools. Forty-three juvenile delinquents were probated to the Department, 39 being disposed of by their completing a term of proper behavior. One child was committed to the Southwestern State Hospital and 3 are now in custody of the State Welfare Department in Richmond.

Now that a great number of men and women are being discharged from the service the demands on this office have steadily increased, and approximately four hundred veterans

and their dependents are interviewed and assisted with their government affairs each month. In addition to office activities, a monthly conference with allied agencies and organizations is held in the different

communities served by the Marion Contact Unit. Interested groups have met with the representatives of this office in Marion, Wytheville and Pulaski. It is recognized that the task of refitting the veteran (Continued on page 11)

Regional Office For Veterans In Marion

BY Joseph L Lindamood

In February of 1945 the Veterans Administration established one of its Contact Offices in Marion. This office, which is located in the Marion Drug Company Building, is staffed by Joseph L Lindamood, Contact Representative, and Miss Kathryn Weindel, Secretary, and in addition to Smyth County serves Bland, Wythe, Carroll and Pulaski Counties.

The activities that are carried on by the Marion Contact Unit include receiving veterans, their dependents and beneficiaries, of the Spanish-American War, peace time, World War I and World War II. Veterans of World War II include the Army and the WAVES, the Navy and the SPARS, the Marines, and the Nurse Corps of the service branches.

The functions of this office are to assist and advise the men and women who have been discharged from the service with any of their problems. Advice and assistance is given when requested on pension claims, compensation, hospitalization, government insurance, education, vocational training, loans for the purchase or construction of homes, farms or business property, and in general most any service that a veteran may seek in connection with his military exper-

Public Welfare Department Stays On Even Keel

by J F Ward

Since last Christmas, the local DPW has been running on an even keel. As far as Old Age Assistance is concerned, the number assisted has remained at 216. The number of blind recipients remained stationary, 13. On account of several women securing employment at the Aircraft factory, the number of ADC cases dropped from 84 to 78 but the money made available by that reduction was added to other families to bring up their grant to overcome the higher cost of living. The General Relief case load varies from month to month and is governed by the number of emergencies that arise.

The Department, in cooperation with the County Board of Supervisors, County School Board and civic organizations, in Smyth County, undertook a tonsil and eye clinic, 103 tonsillectomies were performed and



MERRIES Christmas

May this Christmas be a cheer, friendliness, and happiness. May the unsuppressable youngsters, the crackling early Yule log, and the int of holly and pine, make truly pleasureable one families, and your friend

We wish to thank you for your patronage during the look forward to pleasing you again in 1946. Happy N

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Empire Store

Marion, Virginia

CHRISTMAS

In the Twilight of Another Year

Arising magnificently from the problems and difficulties that have been the experiences of each of us the past year, is the tolerance we have for the shortcomings of others. We see more clearly our own faults, consequently we are more sympathetic of the other fellow.

The old years fades into history. Many, many important events have taken place and we find ourselves with mixed emotions. We ponder the next twelve months, yet we face it with the same determination that has carried America thus far.

We do not fear the new year. We welcome it, with all its possibilities and the promise of happier days. Grant that we may continue to be tolerant one with another and as the dawn of the new year approaches, we say, "Season's Greetings to You, Our Friends."

Appalachian Electric Power Co.



Christmas

Greetings to all our friends

MANY are the times through the year, when we'd like to be able to stop and chat in a friendly way with all of you—but busy-ness prevents our taking the time to exchange pleasantries.

With the Christmas season at hand however, we take the opportunity to say in print, to one and all, how much we value your patronage and friendship—how much we look forward to being better able to serve you. And may your future be as bright as the holly in your windows—the flickering flames in your fireplace—and the shine in Santa's eye!

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Next to Marion Drug Co.
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Marion, Va.

Dial 5321

the best in the state has maintained. The Virginia Chapter has been led by several present and Grand Officers of Virginia and Tennessee, also of chapters in and out of the state. Special ceremonies have and are yet to be presented honoring the Charter Members, the Matrons and Patrons, also Present and Past Star Officers. Marion Chapter has done its part in the Red Cross work and has appropriated the amount necessary to purchase a wheel chair for the needy Smyth County Veterans.

The usual social functions have been held and the chapter is now anticipating the high lights of the year at which time the seventh birthday of the chapter will be celebrated with a Pot Luck Supper to be held February 7th, in the dining room of the Masonic Temple.

Regional Office

(Continued from page 10) into his community is not the task of any one agency. It is the responsibility of the community and must be met with vigor and ingenuity.

52,455 Visit Hungry Mother in 1945

by Randolph Odell

Last season Hungry Mother, Fairy Stone, Douthat, and Westmoreland State Parks operated fully, with all facilities opened to the public. The attendance in these four parks for the operating season was far below the attendance during the last pre-war year of 1941. This decrease was due to the rationing of gasoline during the season with the exception of the last two weeks, and the season was four weeks shorter than during normal times.

This past season the parks opened on June 3rd and closed on September 3rd, which was a shorter season than in normal times, when the season opened on May 15th and closed on September 15th.

Attendance in the four parks aforementioned for the 1945 season was as follows: Fairy Stone, 59,460, Hungry Mother, 52,455, Douthat, 24,824, Westmoreland, 19,878.

During the past season Hungry Mother had 52 group picnics, with twenty or more in each group. There were 321 camping groups consisting of from two to six persons.

Cabins in Hungry Mother were completely filled for the season, as were the cabins in the other three parks, and we were able to accommodate one request out of five for cabin reservations at Hungry Mother. We have requested funds for the construction of additional cabins, and hope that our request will be approved.

It is our plan to open all of the State parks and recreational areas with full facilities for season of 1946.

Unemployment Compensation Has Big Load

by W M Robinson

The local office of the Unemployment Compensation Commission opened here in February 1938. In order to make this article timely we shall skip the periods from that time to V-J Day.

Since that date, two thousand forty individuals have made application for Unemployment Compensation or Veterans Readjustment Allowance. Seven hundred twenty-five of these were veterans and thirteen hundred fifteen filed claims against the State of Virginia. These figures are exclusive of workers, whose earnings were in other states, we have filed about three hundred claims of this type.

The majority of our claims load has been caused by the cancellation of war contracts

at Hercules Powder Co., Virginia Lincoln Corp, National Fireworks, Inc, and discharged veterans who have come back and found no jobs to which they may return.

During the period from September 1 through November 30, 1945 this office has expended \$113,812.94 to unemployed applicants; \$72,521.94 of this money went to individuals whose claims were filed against Virginia. \$41,291.00 was paid to veterans.

The total disbursement was made in 7,945 payments, representing that many weeks of total or partial unemployment.



CHRISTMAS

KEEP YOUR CHIN UP

When we think back over the strenuous days of the past months, the difficulties and obstacles that have confronted each of us, we find our Greeting rather empty and meaningless.

Not because we aren't sincere, not because we are unappreciative, but because we fully realize the magnitude of attempting to convey in words the things that are in our hearts.

We've come a long way and we've got a long ways to go yet, but somehow, our confidence in the people of this community, as well as all Americans, leads us to know that eventually we will again enjoy the full benefits of the American way of life as we like to live it.

Until that time, there's still work to be done, so, lets keep our chin up and look forward to happier days ahead.

A Merry Christmas and A Bright New Year

Marion Motor Co., Inc. Master Service Station

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season of gift giving finds us most grateful to our men and women in uniform for the gift of peace and Victory which they have striven for. To them go our fondest Christmas wishes.

Next -- to those in the uniforms of war plants and farms, go our equally sincere greetings and appreciation for the great contribution made through the sweat of their brow and the strength of their brawn, in speeding the day when those in fighting dress may return home.

Finally -- to everyone in our community, whom we call "friend and neighbor" go our heartfelt expressions of the season's cheeriest sentiments! May each Christmas and New Year to follow find your joys increased and your loved ones ever near.

Virginia - Lincoln Corporation

Merry Christmas

How wonderful it is for us to again say "Merry Christmas" to you -- and really mean it! For this is truly a "merry" Christmas. At last there is world peace, once again homes are complete with sons, husbands, fathers back to help decorate the tree, command the turkey drumstick, add spirit and cheer to the Season. Yes, it's a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year that we are wishing you and it is with heartfelt appreciation that we sincerely thank you for your kind and understanding patience during the war. Now that peace is here, we shall be able to serve you better, please you more. We look forward to your continued varied patronage.

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IT'S CHRISTMAS, SO LET'S BE MERRY

It is our sincere wish that each of you will spend a most enjoyable Yuletide season. We wish this for you because you have been kind and considerate to us the past twelve months and we think you, our friends and customers, are deserving of all the joys of a successful Christmas.

So, now that it's Christmas, let's be merry, let's make this a real, old-fashioned American Christmas, full of good cheer for all.

Merry Christmas!

W. W. Mac Co.

Red Cross Services Extended In 1945

By Ruth Allen

The American Red Cross has had a very busy year. One of the outstanding features of the year's work was the fine work done by the Chairman of the War Fund and the members of his committee. They raised a total of \$14,566.22, from over 4,500 individual contributors besides business and other organizations.

The Production Committee has made for our service men 144 kit bags, 500 pairs bedroom slippers, 500 bedside bags, 150 knitted sweaters. These were made by various groups and organizations throughout the County, showing an excellent county cooperative spirit in the Red Cross.

The Junior Red Cross has a chapter in practically every school, and have raised \$184 in memberships. Some of the groups are working on kits for needy children.

The Home Service work will show the value of Red Cross to our county, in the period from December 1, 1944 through November 30, 1945. Many and varied have been the opportunities for service, as the following record will prove.

Number of persons visited

Chapter, 2683, number of services rendered, 6591, number of messages, 1892, social stories and welfare reports, assistance with Government benefits, 602, assistance releases, 117, information 1915.

Home Service is the link between the serviceman and family. There are many problems to be cleared and burdens to be lifted which Home Service finds the way to relieve mental stress.

Home Service representatives have visited over 300 homes.

A class of twenty women completed the 80 hour Standard Nurse's Aide Course, and were awarded certificates by The National American Red Cross. They have given 118 hours of volunteer work at Lee Memorial Hospital.

Nurse Recruitment: Interviewed persons interested in Cadet Nursing, and referred their application to hospital authorized to train cadet nurses.

To date we have received notices that three of our Registered Nurses have been released from service. Quite a number of Smyth County Nurses have been with the Armed Forces during World War II.

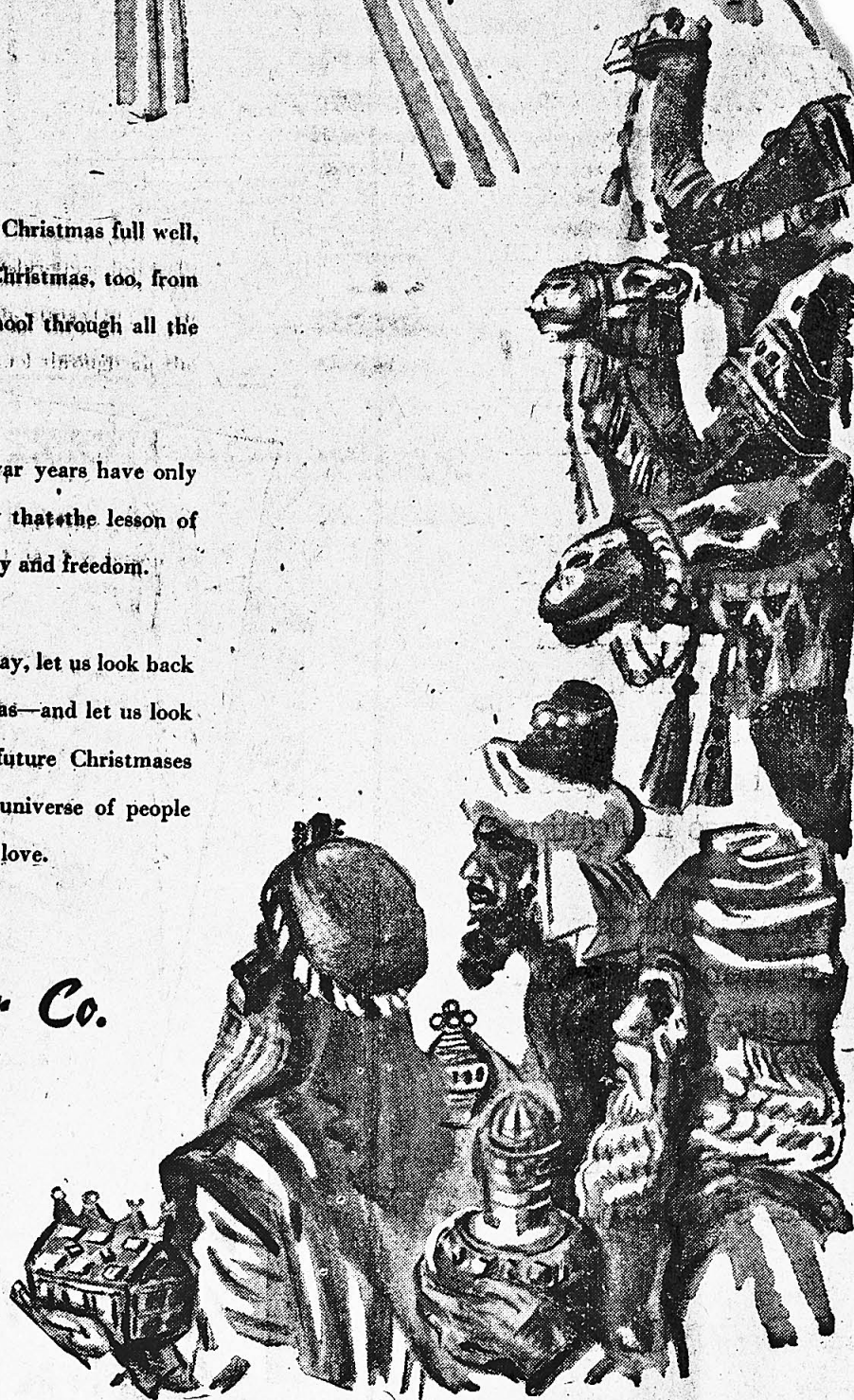


We all know the story of Christmas full well, we have all learned the lesson of Christmas, too, from our childhood hours in Sunday school through all the years of Church attendance.

Events of the past few war years have only served to emphasize more strongly that the lesson of brotherly love is one with democracy and freedom.

So upon this Christmas Day, let us look back to the message of the first Christmas—and let us look forward to the experience of all future Christmases spent in peace and security by a universe of people dedicated to the spirit of brotherly love.

**Smyth County Motor Co.
Inc.**



*A Merry
Old Fashioned Christmas*

Tinkling sleigh bells and soft white snow... holly wreaths and mistletoe... roasted turkey and pumpkin pie... the friendly handshakes of visiting friends and gay voices wishing you well... Blend all these together and you have our Christmas greetings! Good old fashioned greetings that mount in meaning each year as we say MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Marion Handle Mills, Inc.

Smyth Banks Reach New High In Deposits

by W. A. Wolfe

During the year 1945 the four banks serving Smyth county, The Marion National Bank, Bank of Marion, National Bank of Chilhowie and First National Bank of Saltville, have enjoyed the largest increase in deposits recorded in their history.

Notwithstanding the fact the banks sponsored two War Loan Drives in 1945, through which the people of our county invested more than two million dollars in U. S. Treasury Securities, the combined demand deposits now aggregate \$7,106,939.11, while the deposits held

in the Savings Department have reached the all time high of \$2,674,702.03. The Loans and Discounts have not increased in the same proportion as the deposits but now amount to \$1,319,016.86, which is an increase over December 30, 1944 of approximately \$22,000.00. The Banks now have a total of \$4,662,161.00 invested in U. S. Treasury Securities which reveals an increase during the year of \$1,242,000.00. With the heavy influx in deposits, naturally the volume of items handled have greatly increased thereby requiring more time in their processing and entering

in the records. The Bank employees' are to be commended for their loyalty during the past four years of war activity. Many of our experienced and well trained officers and employees have served their country well and are now returning to their former positions. We welcome them back and are pleased to be in a position to render them employment.

Our Banks are grateful to the many depositors for their loyalty and support in the past and assure them of their very best efforts to provide the type of Banking services in the future that will adequately care for their needs.

ZTA Health Center Gives Varied Services

By Edith Hoover

In the territory served by the Zeta Tau Alpha nurse during the past year more people were ill in January than in any other month. That was the month for flu, pneumonia, scarlet fever and whooping cough. May ran a close second with 171 persons under care. In August more home visits were made because of several very ill patients. This year there have been an unusual number of "strep" throats.

In June the nurse, Mrs. Clara R. Anderson, now in her sixth year at Health Center, wrote: "One day I visited five patients, three of whom were critically ill. I had one patient at Health Center for the purpose of giving penicillin shots every three hours. Arranged for hospitalization for one man and took him and another to hospital. One of these has a malignant growth; the other, hernia. Red Cross contacted me about one of the service men's children. I took them clothes, and a layette. The mother I took to the Red Cross office for emergency relief then to the doctor for her condition. The Probation Officer called to consult with me about one of our fifteen year old girls

on probation. . . . With the shots every three hours day and night it was a busy time." There are 6 positive typhoid cases in the territory. Work has been done with both contacts and suspects who were urged to attend the May and October chest clinics. Five were furnished transportation to the October clinic.

Prior to the recent construction at Health Center, children's clinics were held regularly with an average attendance of 11. In April the nurse assisted at four of the preschool clinics in the schools attended by children from this territory. In June some children were taken to the clinic at the Health Unit.

The hospitalization available to service men's wives has decreased the number of home deliveries. This year three were 16 home deliveries. At present 5 prenatal are under supervision.

No record was kept of the variety of services to service men's families, but 6 service men on leave were numbered among the patients.

People generally are more health conscious. The number of adults coming to talk over problems has increased. We note more illness among adults this year — 165 more adult cases than children.

Office calls have increased. The nurse can take care of more patients if "shots" and dressings can be done at the Center. Time is also saved if people come to the Center to discuss their health problems.

More infants and preschool children are the victims of those communicable childhood diseases! Parents of today are interested in preventive measures. Perhaps by the time most children go to school they have had the disease or have been immunized!

Accidents mean rush calls. Within one week 2 boys (aged nine and eleven) were injured chopping wood. In one case a baby was treated for exposure since the deserting mother locked the children out of the house.

The entire library was not

unpacked this year because of lack of room, but books available have been very popular. By the first of the year the books on loan from the Marion Public Library as well as the entire Health Center library should be easily available.

Not one of the roads traveled in rendering nursing service is paved. Synthetic tires have a very short life on roads like these. A complete report would include experiences with fog, sleet, ice, snow drifts as well as mud and ruts. One month the mileage was 1959 miles; the average for the year was 1537 miles a month.

While health education and care is the major interest of ZTA Health Center, the nurse is a friend to whom people in the territory turn with many problems. The nurse then refers them to the proper social agency to meet their need. In turn the agencies frequently contact Health Center for information they lack. Thus Health Center seeks to serve the people of the territory. To all those, individuals as well as agencies and institutions, who in any way have helped to bring a richer life to our people, Zeta Tau Alpha Health Center says a grateful "Thank You." With a practically new plant from which to work Health Center expects to render an even better service in the coming year.

USES Now Working Hard To Place Returning Vets

by John W. Hillman

The Employment Service was transferred from State to Federal administration on January 1, 1942. During the war it has concentrated its program on finding suitable workers to meet the needs of defense as well as civilian industries, in order that an orderly flow of manpower might be available to all, in so far as was practical to the good of the nation.

With V. J. Day, the picture reversed itself sharply. Being transferred at that time from the War Manpower Commission to the Department of Labor, we were given the responsibility of finding jobs for the returning Servicemen and women, as well as workers idle because of cancellation of war contracts.

During the last eleven months, this office has reported more than 20,000 reception contracts, which represents application for some kind of service, available through our office. Of this number, more than 4,000 have been returned Servicemen and women from Smyth, Washington, Grayson, and Wythe counties.

The Employment Service has accepted the opportunity to serve as an Information Center for veterans, and has established a physically handicapped program to render service to the physically disabled. This is in addition to our regular program of finding the right man for the right job. We realize that the elimination of turnover by carefully selected employees, is of primary importance to employers, and we

endeavor to match the man to the job to be filled.

Our staff has been carefully trained in handling cases of the physically handicapped, with emphasis on the fact that we are primarily interested in what the man or woman has left, rather than on what he has lost. There are in our files some interesting cases of readjustment of disabled men of which we are proud.

We have in the last eleven months, made more than three thousand referrals to various types of industry, local and otherwise. Confirmation on the number hired is not available to date, but our records show better than seventeen hundred placements, with a large number of those not confirmed showing that they had a change of heart after leaving the office, and did not report to the prospective employer.

At this time, our files contain more than six hundred applications for work from veterans, many of whom are not willing to leave home for work, which is a very understandable attitude since most of them have been away from home for several years already.

Our service is also extended to employers as well as employees, and we are often able to give information on labor conditions throughout the nation as well as local. We are sometimes able to give suggestions on reducing expensive turnover and other information touching operations, which is reflected in our contracts with the employee.

In order to give the most satisfactory services to the community, it is of course necessary to have the cooperation of the local employers. By helping us to the extent of supplying us with their labor needs, employers are helping themselves and enabling us to be greater service to the general public.

Marion Book Club Continues Support Of Library

by Lucy D. Urquhart


The Marion Book Club has met as usual in 1945 with monthly programs given either by members or guest speakers. Many of these programs have been reviews of significant books. It has loaned the Marion Public Library 25 recent books for use by its readers and placed the "Reader's Digest" in the library. It has also made its usual payment on the librarian's salary.

Quiet Year For Chilhowie Fire Fighters Reported

Nineteen forty-five was a quiet year for the Chilhowie Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Everett B. Bonham reports, and probably a good thing too, because, says he, the department has suffered much from the war and is at a record low.

"As the boys return, we'll rebuild," says the Chief.

There was only one alarm during the year — that one false.




MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU, OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

WE INSURE ANYTHING

Marion Insurance Agency

H. P. Greenwood, Manager
Greenwood Bldg. Marion, Va.



With sincere Christmas Greetings, accept too our cordial wish for abundant prosperity and contentment. In connection with these greetings, may we say "Thanks to all the good friends of this organization for enabling us to continue to be of service to you."

Art Beauty & Barber Shop

Marion, Virginia



May Christmas be Long and a Merry One --- A Season You will Always Remember.

As we are going out of business January 1, we wish to express our appreciation for the business you have given us in the past.

Trolley Lunch

W. W. Farris & Mrs. Carrie Elliott
Marion, Virginia



To Wish You true Old-fashioned Christmas Happiness

To each and every member of our organization, and to the community our sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas, and for a New Year that will be rich in its store of happy hours, reunited with loved ones.

Believe in our sincerity, when we add that whatever we can do to increase your season's cheer — we shall gladly do!



Harwood Manufacturing Corp.

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS



Our every thought this Yuletide is for those about us whom it has been our privilege to serve and those whom we would like to serve in the future.

Your consideration and regard mean much to us and we are grateful for your friendships.

May this be a Christmas never to be forgotten for its happiness and contentment.

The Style Shop

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Marion, Virginia

Few Forest Fires Set Fine Record For 1945

by Paul W. Sundheimer
District Ranger

The Jefferson National Forest of which your local Holston Ranger District of 87,000 acres is a part has tried very hard to contribute its share to the war effort. It also has tried to keep burning a basic resource for future use. The view now is to contribute as much as possible to peace and progress.

The war period has stressed more and more the need for wiser use and better treatment of our forest resources. The high grade log is no longer easy to find. Lumber is no longer in the realm of plenty. There are definite signs of progress in public thinking and public appreciation of our timberlands as a growing and renewable resource.

Most of the Holston District has been under forest management and protection for thirty years. The result of protection alone has produced some striking second growth. The Holston District is definitely on the way to a new forest with a useful future.

During 1945 the District suffered four forest blazes, all held to a small size. Compared to past years this is an excellent record. The favorable weather and keener appreciation of the public are the main factors making possible this good record. Despite the good record is no reason to reduce eternal vigilance and care. It behooves every citizen to exercise every precaution and consideration while in the woods or near to it.

The National Forest is not necessarily a unit of land to feast the eyes upon for beauty alone. Its purpose is use, giving things useful for mankind such as water, wood, wildlife, recreation, etc.

The year 1945 is closing with some 90 active timber sales. These sales vary from fuelwood to the highest grade logs. They are made from a value of \$3.00 to the sky as a limit. Nineteen special land uses are in operation. Four grazing permits utilize desirable forage on the National Forest for beef cattle production.

In November the first deer hunt in many generations was conducted in cooperation with Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. Prospects are good for more such sport

in the future. Work continues to proceed in betterment of wildlife habitat and food supply to increase the capacity of the land to carry larger wildlife numbers.

The years ahead are viewed with optimism. Wood as a raw material is in demand more than ever. Many new uses were found during the past four years and science indicates more new uses in the future. The subject of wood supply, however, is not very encouraging. United States is draining its 461 million-acre resource at the rate of 1.2 times growth. Quality of logs is getting poorer. Many acres of forest land are not producing what they should produce. Some form of public regulation seems to be desirable to prohibit wasteful cutting of young, growing trees and denuding land or a sufficient growing stock of trees. Some land owners are already applying good forest management practices to assure their own supplies. Some, too, have found it a profitable business to grow timber. The number of owners in this class are few over the country.

Conservation in general has taken a firmer root over the country during the past several years. The days of conquering virgin forest lands are nearly over. The pioneer of tomorrow must deal with old lands; rebuild and have hope in the land that will grow trees. The old land must bear the fruit for the years to come. It was Emerson who said, "Nature encourages no looseness and pardons no errors."

Good Works Mark Year In Life Of Legion Auxiliary

by Mrs. S. F. Gollehon

The American Legion Auxiliary Smyth County Unit No. 18 had its fifth birthday last May. We organized with 25 Charter members, our 1944-45 membership was 63.

Each year the Unit has received the Department Citation one that is not so easy to win. The National Citation for membership — thanks to the enthusiastic chairmen, Lottie Catron and Ethel Ford — has each year been awarded the Unit.

This year's work of the Unit has been a continuation and an enlargement of the similar activities of previous years. It has cooperated in all War Bond Drives, manning booths, soliciting, buying, etc.

Funds were given to help purchase "send off" gifts for home county boys.

Each call from Department President for veterans' aid was answered with cash donations. Full account — for equipment care for amputees given, records for veterans' hospitals purchased, quantities of soap and wash cloths sent monthly to veterans' hospitals, bushels of soft drink bottle tops veteran's work material, \$25 contribution sent for veteran's entertainment.

The Unit held a very successful service sale of articles made by hospitalized veterans. An offering of \$5 was sent to the Kate Waller Barrell Memorial Fund.

The Unit cooperated with cash donations to the infantile paralysis drive, civic entertainment, the U. S. O. war fund, to the Red Cross room, also many bedside bags, kits were made by members in their homes.

The Unit gave fuel and food to local needy as cases were presented. The Unit's adopted family was helped often and substantially. The mother writes "We could not have kept our children in school had it not been for your help." When the family's little baby passed away, the Unit paid the larger part of the burial expenses.

During the year the Unit had several very informative and entertaining programs. Every meeting was interesting, ably conducted by President, Mrs. Everett Hale, and supported by its fine and cooperative, working membership.

The year 1945-46 presents the challenge to make a good organization a still better one. This will come to pass under the fine leadership of President, Lora Hubble, assisted by the corps of old members, inspired and aided by the new members now joining.

Christmas will find us "Playing Santa Claus."

Girl Scout Troop Now Has 24 Members

By Carolyn Sheffey

The spirit of Scouting was expressed by Lord Baden-Powell, its founder, in a foreword to the Girl Scout Handbook, as being "the work of friendliness and cheerful service." The Girl Scout Program is arranged to provide activities along those lines on three age levels: the Brownies, or Junior Scouts, are girls from seven through nine; the Girl Scouts proper are from ten to fourteen; and

the Senior Scouts are fourteen and above.

Marion Girl Scout Troop No. 1, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, is at present our only active troop. It has a membership of twenty-four girls engaged in the intermediate program of Scouting. This troop holds weekly meetings under the direction of Miss Sylvia Haislip, leader, and Mrs. Julian Collins, assistant leader, in a room provided by the Methodist Church.

The programs are concerned chiefly with the following ten program fields: Arts and Crafts, Community Life, Health and Safety, Homemaking, International Friendship, Literature and Dramatics, Music and Dancing, Nature, the Out-of-Doors, and Sports and Games. When a Tenderfoot Scout has completed a simple activity in each of these fields, she is eligible to become a Second Class Scout. At least half of the membership of the troop will have attained that rank by the end of the year.

A Second Class Scout selects one of the program fields as her major and begins to work for proficiency badges in that and related fields. Earning proficiency badges demands more difficult activities and careful work. This work is of a nature to develop good citizenship, originality, initiative, resourcefulness, responsibility, and sportsmanship, as well as to broaden the field of knowledge. Local authorities in each field are asked to examine the Scout before an award is made. Ten proficiency badges entitle their earner to become a First Class Scout. At least two members of Troop Number 1 will be eligible for that honor, the highest in Girl Scouting, at its next Court of Awards.

In addition to the weekly meetings, the Scouts attempt each year to engage in some community service. The service activity of the past year of which Troop Number 1 is the proudest was the collecting of magazines for use by the patients at the State Hospital. Twice during the year they canvassed the town and gathered together enough magazines to fill the hospital car to overflowing. This involved many trips with wagons borrowed from the boys of the neighborhood, and the carrying of many heavy armloads, as well as the ringing of many patient citizens' doorbells. The troop hopes to attempt this service again soon, and will

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NO DOUBT all of us find it difficult to observe the Christmas season in the manner to which we have been accustomed in former years but shall we not receive a certain amount of satisfaction from the knowledge that we are a step nearer to lasting Peace.

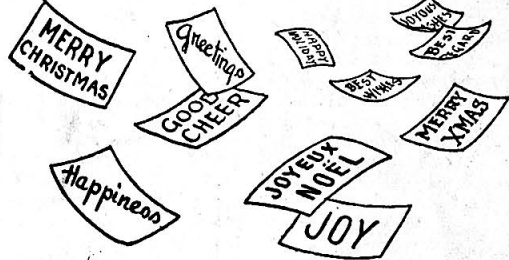
FROM the set-backs and disappointments of past months have come the cementina of solid friendships that will in a measure compensate all of us for the sacrifices we have made. Out of the chaotic conditions will come a quiet understanding that will remain with us always.

AND SO, at this time of Christmas, may we make every effort to enjoy it to the fullest and let us be thankful for all good things that have been our fortune.

THE Season's Best to each of you.

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GLAD TIDINGS



MAY THE SKIES BE FILLED WITH CHEERFUL GREETINGS TO YOU, OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS. WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR LIBERAL PATRONAGE AND TRUST WE MAY CONTINUE TO MERIT YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Frank T. Lemmon

HERE'S A MEDAL FOR YOU



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Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Pugh

Here's OUR GREETINGS

Pause a few minutes, please, to accept our heartiest GREETINGS for the Christmas season. Our every wish is for your happiness and contentment at Christmastime and during the New Year.

Whatever your disappointments may have been the past year, whatever sacrifices may have been yours, may you find strength to face the future with a cheerful heart.

We, as Americans, look forward to each Christmas because it is a season that is definitely a part of the American life. From the friendliness of the Yuletide, may we obtain the determination to meet the problems of the future, secure in the knowledge of tried and proven friendships to help us in our every effort.



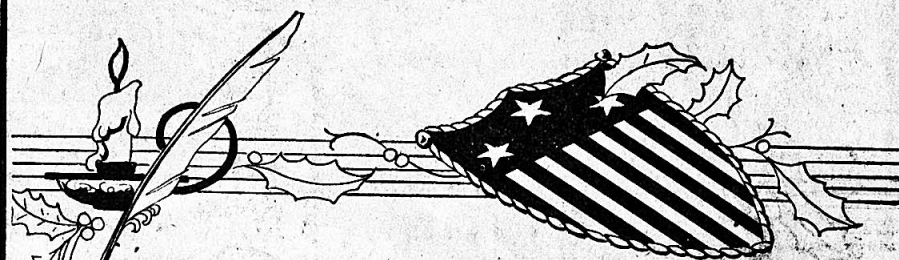
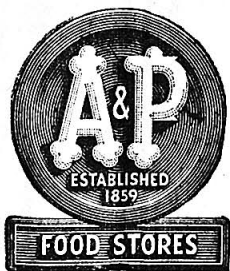
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GREETINGS! TO YOU, ONE AND ALL!

It's time for each of us to enjoy the finest time of the year—Christmas. It's also time for each of us to take stock of the year just closing and to make our plans for the coming year.

Looking back over the past twelve months we find that we have fallen far short of what may have been expected of us and now, at this Christmastime we pledge to you that we will make every effort to do a better job in the future.

When we express our Christmas Greetings to you, we want you to know that we are fully aware of your problems and it is our hope that you may derive some amount of happiness in this expression, knowing that it comes from one who is your friend.



The Foundation of The American Way Of Life

In times such as these Christmas brings home to us the realization that "Peace on Earth, good will toward men" is more than an empty phrase. It is the foundation of the American way of life, the goal which each of us look forward to so that the greatest happiness may be achieved.

The Yuletide brings with it pleasant thoughts of tried, proven and cherished associations, bound together more firmly by the experiences of past months.

To you, our friends, may we extend the Season's Greetings and a sincere wish for genuine happiness at this Christmastime.

Hecht's Bakery Inc.

THE MATCHLESS BEAUTY OF CHRISTMAS

In a world torn asunder with strife and unhappiness the one outstanding event of the year which remains unchanged is Christmas. On this notable occasion most of us can gain refuge from the burdens of the day.

The beauty of Christmas is matchless! Home, loved ones, gay festivities, loyal friendships, the thrill of remembering our friends, the anticipa-

tion of being remembered and the host of other beautiful things that are enthroned in the true spirit of Christmas. On no other occasion is there such a feeling of contentment and happiness. It is priceless!

Let us enjoy it to the fullest extent. May the spirit of the event remain with you throughout the 365 days of the coming year.



Mathieson Alkali Works

Saltville,

Saltville Operations

Virginia

Saltville Kiwanis Backs Civic Movements

By George Comer

The Club started the year with 47 members under the capable leadership of the officers who were installed by Past President Clyde Crafts. J. Leonard Mauck was installed as President, with J. D. Kerr as First Vice-President, R. L. Warren as Second Vice-President, O. M. Porterfield as Secretary, J. Archie Buchanan as Treasurer, and with Immediate Past President J. A. Soyars acting as adviser.

Throughout the year the Club strove to attain all the goals of Kiwanis by securing good speakers to enlighten the members on current affairs and problems; by supporting all local committees on War Work; by supporting and lending aid to such worthy organizations as the Boy Scouts, Parent Teachers Association and Future Farmers Club; and by striving to maintain a high standard of citizenship.

Among the interesting speakers of the year were such outstanding men as J. P. Allen, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Bristol who spoke on the 30 year history of Kiwanis; Dr. Frank Smith and Fred Buck of Abingdon who talked on Socialized Medicine and The Small Town Banker respectively; Attorney Bruce Jones of Bristol on "Wills"; Lt. A. E. Jensen of Emory and Henry College V-12 Unit on Preventing Future Wars; Dr. J. C. Swanson of Allentown, Pennsylvania on Problems of Returning Veterans; E. T. Hosteter of the Norfolk and Western Railway on Wartime Operation of Railroads; Rev. D. M. Nease of Glac Spring on Juvenile Delinquency; Dr. J. C. Hawk on China and World Affairs; and R. L. Anderson of Marion on Ancestors at War.

Among the outstanding programs of the year were those at which the club reorganized Civic Organizations. The Kiwanians attended the First Meeting of the Civic League at which Dr. Bennett of the State Health Department was guest speaker. Other meetings were in honor of the Farmers Club of Rich Valley, the Saltville Boy Scouts, the leaders of the Senior Classes of Saltville and Rich Valley High Schools. At the beginning of the school year all the teachers of the Saltville Schools were

entertained at a dinner.

In order to better relations with our neighbors 20 Kiwanians traveled to Marion to meet with other Kiwanis Clubs in honoring Capital District Governor "Marty" Wiegand. In June the Saltville Club played host to a large Inter-Club meeting and dinner at the Saltville Golf Club. 144 Kiwanians and their ladies were present from Bland, Marion, Abingdon, Bluefield and Saltville.

The Saltville Kiwanians are particularly proud of the Boys and Girls work done by the club. A Summer Playground is sponsored by the club each summer and a full time director is in charge who is paid by the club. A Boy Scout Troop is sponsored and all of this work is designed to build healthy young citizens. The Underprivileged Child Committee cooperated with the Civic League in paying for 19 tonsil operations for underprivileged children.

The club has sponsored to a successful conclusion all the war bond drives, an old clothing drive, a war fund drive. At the present time the club is sponsoring a drive to raise \$1800.00 to purchase uniforms for the high school band, and the goal is in sight.

During the year we encountered some gains and some losses in membership. It was with regret that we lost R. C. Kennedy who moved to Niagara Falls, and Mr. H. D. Decker who resigned due to pressing business. M. L. Smith and Alex P. Levicki were welcomed as new members.

Saltville Civic League Has Record Membership

By Ruby Shreeves

The Saltville Civic League was reorganized for the session of 1944-45 after having been disbanded for a year due to the gasoline shortage. An all-out campaign produced 224 members, which was the largest number to belong to this organization in its history. The following officers were elected and did an excellent job of guiding the destinies of the League:

President, Ruby Shreeves; vice-president, Charles Wiley Jr.

Secretary, Mrs. Ford McKee; Treasurer, J. Baker Sanders.

The following programs were presented:

The problem of school attendance formed the theme of the first program after the organization and a discussion was led by members of the Senior Class of Saltville high school. The next program was built around a study of the Denny Commission report. Mr. Raymond M. Buchanan was the principal speaker. The next meeting was a social affair and refreshments were served. The health program of the school formed the basis of another meeting and Dr. Bennett, who is leading a study of school health in Virginia, gave a very interesting talk on what is being done to improve conditions. The last meeting was held in connection with the annual May Day and stressed the Five Point Health Program of the school.

The members were active all during the year through their committees, producing the following results:

1. A librarian was obtained and paid to keep the school library open two nights a week for the use of adults.

2. Members of a committee contacted the parents of every child in the fourth grade and secured information which was necessary in preparation for a physical examination of each pupil by a doctor.

3. A tonsil clinic was arranged for and paid for by the Civic League in co-operation with the Kiwanis Club. A total of 19 indigent pupils had their tonsils taken out at this clinic.

4. A committee assumed full responsibility for planning and carrying out the Pre-School Clinic. At this clinic 55 children who were to enter school the following year had a complete physical examination by a doctor and were vaccinated and inoculated.

A fine spirit of co-operation was shown by both parents and teachers and it was felt that the organization had experienced one of its best years.

New Contract Negotiated By Saltville M E A

by C. D. Shannon

During 1945 the Saltville Mathieson Employees Association maintained its position as bargaining agent of all the non-supervisory employees of the Mathieson Alkali Works at Saltville, Virginia and has ne-

Christmas Joy!

And all good wishes to each of you for this Christmas and many Christmases to come.

EMPIRE STORE Saltville, Virginia

gottiated a new contract effective January 1, 1946. This new contract provides for a ten percent wage increase for all employees in Production and Maintenance. It also provides that employees of three years' service are entitled to two weeks' vacation with pay. The duration of the contract is one year with automatic provision for renewal for one additional year if neither party requests changes.

In the new contract, the bargaining unit is limited to Production and Maintenance employees, but an affiliated unit is being formed to bargain for departments not included in the main unit.

The Association has continued the publication of the Mathieson-Employees News and

this magazine has been distributed free to all members and sent to all Mathieson men in service. The practice of holding annual picnic at Hungry Mother Park was resumed, and about 500 journeyed to the park on August 11 for an enjoyable outing.

The officers of the Association are C. D. Shannon, president; B. J. Henderson, vice-president; Lloyd Snead, secretary; and Frank Leonard, assistant secretary. The Plant Council is the governing body of the Association, and is composed of the following men: Harry K. Elmore, Ralph York, Hugh Heath, Gyp Church, Frank Allison, E. L. Tucker, Clarence Maiden, George Moore, W. P.

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TO ALL who live beneath the shining light of freedom, we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas. We sincerely and affectionately dedicate our efforts in the coming year toward a better service to our fellow man.

May Peace and Freedom bless the earth and all its peoples

T. F. Harper Confectionery

Saltville, Virginia

ONCE again, as the Christmas season is ushered in, we wish to take advantage of the opportunity to express our sincere good wishes to those whom we have been associated in a personal and in a business way during the past twelve months. Serving you has been a happy privilege, from which we have received a tremendous amount of satisfaction and it is our sincere wish that we may continue to be of service to you in the future.

Without your friendships and your goodwill we would have been dissatisfied but because of your understanding of our problems and because we tried desperately to understand yours, we have enjoyed a continuation of your patronage. It is our expressed desire to improve our facilities of service and we assure you that as conditions return to normalcy you can depend on our institution making every effort to fulfill your requirements.

THANKS A LOT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Merry Christmas

The

First National Bank of Saltville

Saltville, Virginia

THE AMERICAN EAGLE



WATCHES OVER AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

Without the watchfulness and protection afforded by America, Christmas would fall far short this year. But because Americans everywhere have fought so courageously, Christmas in America will continue to be traditional.

D. R. Henderson Piggly - Wiggly

Saltville,

Virginia



For An

American CHRISTMAS

A word of greeting to you, our friends. May this be truly a happy American Christmas for you and yours and may you derive much pleasure from the thought that

soon indeed we will return to our normal way of life free of strife and in a world at Peace

A Merry Yuletide to you, one and all

Victory Theater

Saltville, Virginia

WE'RE THANKFUL AT CHRISTMAS

As we look about at this glad season of the year, we find many things for which to be thankful.

First, we are glad that we are Americans, free to enjoy life, and live in a land where freedom is the heritage of everyone. We are grateful for this privilege.

Thankful are we that we have friends whose associations we treasure immeasurably. It is comforting to know these are lasting friendships, cemented by the experiences we have had together, in times that are good and in times when it is difficult to express one's feelings in order that we might share the disappointments and sorrows of our friends.

It is gratifying to be a part of this community, to participate in its progress and to watch its forward development.

We are thankful for the patronage you have given us, ever mindful of your consideration and your understanding of our efforts to serve you, even though conditions sometimes make it difficult for us to maintain the high standard that has always been our policy.

We are glad it's Christmas and trust yours will be one of happiness and rejoicing.



The Mathieson General Stores

Saltville, Virginia

Present Census Of SW State Hospital Is 1305

by J R Blalock

The Southwestern State Hospital receives the white mentally ill from that section of Virginia west of Roanoke County and the white criminal insane from the whole state. The present census is 1305. In the past year there were 332 admissions, 310 paroles, 274 discharges and 106 deaths.

Throughout the past year at the Southwestern State Hospital there has been continued an active effort to properly select and train its personnel and to improve facilities having to do more directly with care and treatment of patients. The difficulties experienced during

this war time period in providing even minimum care and ward coverage have at times seemed almost insurmountable. Many of our employees have left on military leave to enter military service and the higher salaries prevailing generally, particularly in the defense industries, resulted in the loss of employees both male and female. The Camp Operations Division of Selective Service approved the establishment of a Civilian Public Unit, No 109, for conscientious objectors at the hospital and by utilizing this unit and using patients and employing anyone that was at all passable we have managed to get along and present a very creditable record.

The training course for ward attendants has been continued almost without interruption

since July 1, 1940 and is conducted by Miss Blanch Martin, Superintendent of Nurses, assisted by the staff. So far as possible the policy of the careful selection of attendants on the basis of personal qualification, interview, education, physical examination and a probationary period has been followed. Although the personnel turnover has been high, it is felt that through this training course, even a very poorly equipped, there is a definite contribution through instruction of this group in the various topics included in the course such as mental and physical hygiene and nursing procedures.

Hydrotherapy has been continued as actively as possible, particularly on the male side. Sedative wet sheet packs, continuous tubs, stimulative show-

ers, colonic irrigations and heliotherapy are used in appropriate cases.

Electric-shock therapy has largely supplanted metrazol and since September 1941 a total of 264 patients have been treated. We feel most encouraged with our results, particularly in the depressive psychoses. A separate ward is maintained for these patients and we have been carrying out a program wherein they receive more individual attention, occupational therapy and a recreational program.

Other special treatments have consisted of the use of malaria and the arsenicals in neurosyphilis, theelin and Diethylstilbestrol in involuntarily melanochonia, nicotinic acid in pellagra, dantoin in epilepsy and Kaelon in Parkinson's Disease.

New patients receive intensive study following admission, both as regards their physical and mental condition. Routine laboratory studies are done consisting of blood count, urinalysis, sedimentation rate and blood Wassermann. There is routine inoculation against typhoid and vaccination against smallpox (unless aged weak or not needed).

The Occupational Therapy Department under Miss Thelma Miron, O.T., was very successful. Since her departure the work is being carried on by Mr E A Cooper. We are happy in an arrangement whereby the recently established school of Occupational Therapy, Richmond Professional Institute, College of William & Mary, sent occupational therapy students to this hospital for their field training in psychiatry. These students remained here from two to three months receiving psychiatric instruction, attended staff meetings and obtained valuable supervised experience in the field of psychiatric occupational therapy and recreational activities.

Recreational activities include such features as motion pictures, square dances, Christmas and New Year's and other holiday parties. Another successful Field Day was held on Labor Day and there was an Outdoor Circus both participated in by patients and witnessed by several hundred others. Group singing on the wards, shuffle board and other games were quite popular. During the year the employee's baseball team participated in a six team league

winning the majority of their games.

The patient's library consists of over 2000 volumes and many periodicals and has filled a very important need. The program provides for weekly visits of the Librarian to the wards with a collection of books in the "Little Red Wagon" where patients have an opportunity of signing out and returning books in approved library fashion. The library is used a great deal by employees and by patients individually and in groups. We are indeed grateful to the Girl Scouts of Marion for their enthusiastic assistance in the collection of magazines in the town for our library, making these collections every few months; also to the numerous nurses who have contributed; for example Mr Frank Brown contributed pictures, a dictionary, a globe and books.

The Mental Hygiene Clinics located in Marion, Lebanon, Norton, Pulaski Tazewell, Bristol and Wytheville were conducted during a greater part of the year by the superintendent. In addition to visits from paroled hospital patients there were 101 referrals from various agencies, of these social agencies referred 54, physicians 18, schools 16, courts 7, health agencies 3 and other sources 3. Of these 29 were adults and 72 were children.

The Social Service Department has in addition to the but patient duties been most active in securing social histories, interviewing relatives, making investigations as regard to home and work preparatory to the recovered patient's departure from the hospital, subsequent home visits, and psychometric determinations in the hospital and in the clinics.

Following the establishment of a Commissioner's Office and the appointment of the late Dr H C Henry as Commissioner a long term program was entered upon with the hope of improving the standards in Virginia State Hospitals to those recommended by the American Psychiatric Association. Following this there has been a rather steady increase in per capita allowance for maintenance of patients and approval by the legislature of capital outlay for improvement of the physical plants. The outbreak of World War II made it necessary to temporarily discontinue construction. Among appropriations already allowed and ear-

marked are appropriations for a recreation building; for modernizing and replacement of the electrical distributing system; for completion of the basement of the recreation building; for purchase of laundry equipment; for purchase of kitchen and cafeteria equipment, a pasteurizing plant and refrigeration facilities; for purchase of special equipment and the building of a piggery. Requests made in the coming budget ask for additional patient buildings and residences, a laundry building, a medical center, additional funds for remodeling and modernizing of the food service, also additional funds for remodeling and bringing up to date the older buildings, etc. The amount of \$184,500.00 was appropriated by the 1944 legislature and \$273,650 was reappropriated in 1944 from the previous biennium.

The hospital wishes to express its appreciation for the opportunity of again reporting the year's activities. Standards for the care of the mentally ill in the State of Virginia, although still lagging, are showing a decided advance, due largely to the awakening of public interest. Further progress will depend on the con-

tinued demand on the part of the public for adequate appropriations for the achieving of higher standards.

Our little message of Christmas Greetings seems trivial when we pause to ponder of the value that we place upon your goodwill and friendship. Were it possible, we'd see each personally to express these sentiments with the genuine feeling that we have, for you, our friends. We salute you at Christmas! May the occasion be one of unbounded happiness.

A SALUTE TO YOU AT CHRISTMAS

Curtiss Beauty & Barber Shop

Walter Vernon Mrs. Coy Anderson
Coy Anderson Mrs. Mabel Casteel
Carmen Parker Mrs. Hiram Prater
Claude Helton Miss Maxie Heldreth

To express CHRISTMAS Cheer properly one should have an appropriate setting A CHRISTMAS TREE is always in order so here's one that we've made for you. On this tree we shall hang a lot of Good Wishes, Good Cheer and a sincere hope for your Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

The year just closing has been kind to us and we're indebted to you and to all who have contributed even remotely, to our success. We have tried very hard to be helpful to each and every one of our policyholders, and look forward eagerly to the coming of another year which will afford us further opportunity to serve. We feel that no business is a success unless it benefits everybody with whom it comes in contact and it is on such a platform that we have tried to build our friendships. Our most sincere wish to you and yours in this joyful season is a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

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Gills & Miles Insurance Agency

35 years Insurance service MARION VIRGINIA

GREETINGS



To all our FRIENDS

All Around the World --
All Around the Town --

to the men and women of our community who have served democracy so well in assuming their wartime responsibilities to the point of sacrifice! This Christmas brings as its most treasured gift the return of our men and women in service—and each day of the New Year will find us closer to the return of all peacetime pleasers. To each of our friends here at home, we extend the very best wishes of the Yuletide season—plus the hope that 1946 will bring your fondest wishes into being for yourself and your loved ones.

Dr. Pepper Bottling Co.



The Finest GIFT OF THEM ALL

Greater liberty than we could enjoy elsewhere in the world, is the gift every American enjoys this Christmas. It is yours . . . it is ours . . . given to ourselves because we chose to work and live in freedom.

We should appreciate this gift of liberty more this year than ever if our history. Do you ask why?

It is because the gift of liberty this Christmas has been given us by thousands upon thousands of the youth of our land who have gone to the distant points of the globe to fight for freedom-loving Americans.

In the midst of our Christmas celebration, our every thought should be, and must be, centered around the men who have made it possible for us to continue to enjoy the occasion.

The gift of liberty is priceless. It has not been made without cost. So, as we extend our greetings to you, we want it understood that we are also thinking of those brave lads who have unselfishly presented the gift of liberty to America.

INTER - MOUNTAIN TELEPHONE COMPANY

Reconversion No Problem At Harwood Mfg Corp

By H L Green

During the year of 1945, The Harwood, as most other indus-

trial organizations, went through the transitional period of converting from war to peace time production. Prior to V-J Day, the major portion of our output was devoted to war work. Since the end of the war, however, the Harwood has shifted over entirely to

civilian production. The reconversion process was accomplished without any transitional unemployment. In fact, since V-J Day, there has been a significant increase in the number of employees working in our plant.

Now that the reconversion period is completed, the volume of our civilian production should steadily increase. The only obstacle to full scale production at present is the shortage of cotton textile materials needed for the manufacture of shorts and pajamas. The shortage of these raw materials, however, is only a temporary one, and it is expected that the tight supply will have eased by the early part of 1946.

In recent months, we have welcomed back to our organization several of our former employees who were with the Armed Services. The Harwood has jobs available for all of its own returning war veterans and has made provisions to re-employ these men just as soon as they are ready to return to the job.

The Harwood has co-operated with the Treasury Department in encouraging its employees to invest part of their earnings in War Savings Bonds under the Pay Roll Allotment Plan. The employees of the plant have maintained a good record in this respect and purchased an impressive number of bonds during the past year. From time to time, committees were organized within the Harwood to solicit contributions to various other drives — such as the Red Cross and the USO. In these campaigns as in the treasury drives, the Harwood employees responded generously.

Our Labor Relations Committee is continuing to function successfully. Its main purpose is to foster good relationship between employer and employee, to recommend improvements in the operations of the plant, and to organize social activities. The committee has been responsible for initiating many improvements in the operating policies of the plant and have thereby brought about better understanding and better working conditions within the plant.

The plant newspaper, now in its second year, is serving the very useful and important function of keeping the employees informed about the activities and problems of both management and labor. The editorial staff have done an outstanding job in writing these issues and have been complemented for their fine work by many of our customers who are regular subscribers to the paper. The plant newspaper is also sent regularly to our former employees now with the Armed Services. These boys have told us how much they appreciate receiving copies of our monthly and how much they enjoy being kept informed of the events and activities of their friends in the plant.

The business prospect of the Harwood for the year of 1946 is needed bright. The advertising campaign launched by the company during the past few years is already bearing fruit. Should the tight supply of raw materials ease by the first of the year, the Harwood can confidently look forward to 1946 as a year of full employment.

Masonry." As one scans the records of the Masonic bodies of Marion and notes what they have accomplished, he realizes that this was an apt phrase, a very appropriate characterization indeed. For a number of years, Marion has been in the front ranks of Masonic activities in Virginia, and the year that is now closing has been one of the best in the long and honorable history of the craft in this section.

In the past year, there have been many additions to the membership of all the bodies. It means something to be admitted to the Masonic fraternity anywhere, and there is no place where those who seek to pass through the mystic portals of Masonry are more closely scrutinized than in Marion. This is one reason for the outstanding position of leadership the local bodies hold in the ranks of Virginia Masonry.

Two of the three district Masonic offices have been held this year by Marion men. Right Worshipful Arthur J. Slear is District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A F and A M of Virginia, and Right Excellent Morris Wechsler is District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia. In addition to these, Eminent Sir Ralph R. Repass is one of the line officers in the Grand Commandery of Virginia, and will in due time be advanced to the position of Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Virginia, thus adding another to the distinguished group of Marion men who have held the highest offices in the gift of Virginia's Masons.

Marion Chapter, Royal Arch Masons has been honored this year by a visit from Most Excellent O M Miles, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, and Lynn Commandery of Knights Templar has been privileged to entertain Right Eminent Sir William T. Buckner, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Virginia. The visits of these and other distinguished members of the craft have meant much to the local bodies. On the evening of December 15th, Eminent District Commander R. pass, of Bristol, paid an official visit to Lynn Commandery, at which time the annual inspection of the Commandery was held. Eminent Sir Repass complimented the Templars highly on the excellent appearance they made in line and on their proficiency in the work. The Commandery has also held the Wooding Trophy the past year, this being the second year in succession it has won this trophy that is awarded annually to the best all-around Commandery in the state.

Some one has said "hats off to the past, coats off to the future." That is the attitude of Marion Masons today. The past is glorious, but they are not resting on laurels already won. They are pressing forward every day and reaching out for new laurels and going on to greater achievements.

Intermediate School Reports Good Progress

By Mrs B H Griffiths

Marion Intermediate school has progressed nicely during the past year. The present enrollment is 244. There are two fifth grades with Mrs Clyde Burton, teaching the combination fifth and sixth grades and Miss Margaret Buchanan the other fifth grade. The other sixth grade teachers are Miss Derrick, Mrs Grant Lindsey, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Griffiths. Our Bible teacher is Miss Emma Perkins.

We have a well-equipped first

aid cabinet ready for any accidents and a room in which any child who may be ill may be isolated from the other children.

Our school has taken very active parts in both the Victory Loan drive and the Junior Red Cross. We sold over \$18,000 in bonds and each child is a member of Junior Red Cross.

We are especially proud of our lunch room and the appetizing, nutritious lunches that are served there. The lunch room is under the supervision of Mrs Carl C. rowe, Miss Myra Richardson and Mrs Foster. We are practically 100 per cent on hot lunches in our school.

Our present project is making a library and reading room from the office room. We have bought a number of very helpful books and have had donations of books from a writer with whom our school has come in personal contact. A large new dictionary on a stand has been ordered for us.

A Christmas pageant was presented for the December P-T A-meeting by a number of the pupils from each room. Mrs Jake Andrews supervised the pageant with the help of some of the other teachers.

We have had a number of interesting speakers for the school this year. Rev Troy of the Methodist church gave us our "pep" talk for the bond drive. We had a writer speak to us and presented art work of one of our present day artists. Miss Garnette Buckner, home economist for the Appalachian Electric Power Company, gave each room a most interesting study on nutrition. Miss Laura Lou Lincoln, a Red Cross worker, who spent a great deal of time in India, gave each class a most interesting talk on India using a

lovely display of different articles that she brought back home.

Miss Dorothy Dix of the weaving room along with her class of adult weavers have been very helpful and co-operative in our work. She made a most interesting talk on methods of weaving in one of our history classes.

We would not forget to mention games, such as, bingo, checkers, Chinese checkers, map puzzles, and quiz games that were brought by the school for the entertainment of the children, particularly the bus children, who come early and leave late. These have proven to be a great deal of pleasure.

We are looking forward to 1946 and hoping it will be one of our best years.

Employment Office To Close Saturday Hillman Announces

The local office of the United States Employment Service will begin operating on a five-day week after Jan 5, thus eliminating the half day Saturday operation, John W Hillman, office manager, announced today.

The new schedule of service to employers and workers of the area will be instituted in conformity with the national policy of operating federal establishments on a 40-hour week basis. Office hours will continue as at present with opening at 8:30 a m and closing at 5 p m Monday through Friday, Mr Hillman said.

At the same time, Mr Hillman announced that the office will be closed Dec 24 and on

MEDWIN TO COACH AT NORTH CAROLINA

Christmas Day, Dec 25, and again on Dec 31 and Jan 1, 1946. All employees of the office will be given holidays on these dates.

All cooperating agencies, local and federal, will be notified individually of this change in USES office operating schedule he said.

Jule Medwin, former North Carolina university boxing champ, whose family live at Rural Retreat, has been appointed boxing coach of his school for the 1946 season.

JOY
... YULETIDE
MAY IT BE YOURS EVERY DAY
OF THE COMING YEAR
Chilhowie Restaurant
Chilhowie, Virginia

We have a host of friends in this area whom we would like to see personally in order to extend a personal Christmas Greeting.
We may not get around to everybody so we ask that you consider this as being a genuine expression of good wishes to each of you and a hearty thank you for past courtesies.
Yuletide Greetings
Esso Servicenter
Mr. and Mrs. Lanson Estep
Marion, Virginia

THE KEYNOTE OF CHRISTMAS
HAPPINESS
This Christmas, as always, happiness is the keynote. It determines the blessings which are ours to enjoy and we anticipate the occasion more and more each passing year.
May joy and happiness prevail throughout the land and may the greatest of all occasions be one which you will long remember.
MICK OR MACK
CASH TALKS
FANCY MEATS, VEGETABLES & GROCERIES
R. E. Tomlinson, Owner
MARION VIRGINIA

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Roses' 5, 10, & 25c Store
Marion, Virginia

May the Yule Logs Burn Brightly
The glowing cheerfulness of the Yule log is symbolic of Christmas. The warmth of good friendships is reflected throughout the nation and the season of good will is in evidence everywhere.
Would that this atmosphere of happiness prevail every day of the coming year so that each of us might enjoy the associations of our fellowman more fully
East End Service Station
T. L. Sturgill
Marion, Virginia

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON
And all good wishes for a Merry American Christmas
Grace's Beauty Shoppe
Chilhowie, Virginia

GREETING YOU AT THE GREATEST DAY OF THEM ALL
Maiden's Variety Store
Chilhowie, Virginia
TO ENJOY MANY MERRY CHRISTMASSES AND HAPPY NEW YEARS
J. W. Berry
Chilhowie, Virginia

A Joyful Yuletide
To all our friends and fellow workers and especially to those who are still temporarily absent in the services, we extend our heartiest best wishes for a joyous Yuletide and a New Year bright with the bounties of peace.
Royal Oak Hosiery Mills, Incorporated
Marion, Virginia
Town House Hosiery Mills, Incorporated
Chilhowie, Virginia
Group Members Of
BURLINGTON MILLS CORPORATION

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With this Greeting we wish to include our sincere thanks for the splendid cooperation we have had from our customers the past months. It has been difficult, at times, for us to maintain our usual standard of service, yet you have been most understanding and liberal with your patronage.

It has been a privilege to have these associations and we will strive with our every effort to merit a continuation of your patronage.

Chilhowie Furniture Co., Inc.

Chilhowie, Virginia

SO IT'S CHRISTMAS AGAIN

We've been waiting a whole year for this occasion—it's a time of the year when for a day or so we can make some attempt to return to normalcy. It gives us a splendid opportunity to renew acquaintances, to express our gratitude for all past favors and to pledge anew our ideals of service.

We wish you the best of everything and trust that from the spirit of Christmas you will receive the courage and strength to meet new problems of the coming year.

Burke & Berry Inc.

Chilhowie C of C Raises Impressive Sums In 1945

by J B Bonham

The Chilhowie Chamber of Commerce has been very active during the year 1945. This organization sponsored the following drives during the year:

March of Dimes, \$434.22; Red Cross, \$2137.12; Clothes for European Relief, (estimated) \$300.; Kellogg Foundation Fund, \$50.00; 7th War Bond Drive, E Bonds \$52,816.25, other bonds, \$65,000.00, total \$117,816.25; Johnston Memorial Hospital Building Fund, \$7,000.00 incomplete; Iron Lung, \$1,409.71; Community Building Project for Serving Lunches, \$1,000.00 incomplete; Victory Bond Drive to-date, E Bonds, \$46,902.50, other Bonds, \$35,100.00, total \$82,002.50.

(This was carried on by the school children but was aided by a committee from the Chamber of Commerce.)

Other activities in which the Chamber of Commerce actively participated are as follows: P-T A Health program, O P A in regard to preventing inflation, Boy Scout Work, new laws relative to highway accidents and regulations of the town.

In fact this organization participated in almost every movement that was for the betterment of our community.

The people of the Chilhowie community should be proud of the record they have made in supporting the various organizations. The members of the Chamber of Commerce are really grateful for the loyal support they have given.

Chilhowie Vets Have Sixty In V F W Post

by Mack Rupard

The William Campbell Post No 4468, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Chilhowie, Virginia was organized October 15, 1945, in the Town Hall. The following officers were elected and installed:

Commander, Harry A Wilmore; Senior Vice Commander, Charles Ratcliffe; Chaplain Jack Wheeler; Adjutant Quartermaster, Lloyd Hale; Officer of the Day, Garnett Mullins; and Historian, Smith Tucker.

Meetings were scheduled to be held on the first and third Mondays of each month.

The membership quota for the post was set to be one hundred. At the present, the post has sixty members and more are being obligated at each meeting.

The post hasn't carried on many activities as yet, but plans are being made to hold monthly dances and other activities at the beginning of the New Year.

We members wish to express our gratitude for the full cooperation given to us by the citizens of Smyth County and the Press. Without this the post would have been a complete failure.

Chilhowie F F A Has 124 Projects Underway

by A B Farmer

The Chilhowie Chapter of Future Farmers of America, with a membership of forty individuals, has under way a total of 124 enterprises for 1945-46 as follows: Crops, 59 acres; poultry, 500 head; livestock, 62 head. The total farming assets of the chapter members amount to approximately \$7,896.75. Individuals in the chapter own a total of \$6,610.00 worth of War Bonds and Stamps, and the chapter, during the Victory Bond Drive, purchased a \$100.00 bond with money raised by various cooperative activities such as collecting popular seed pods for the Tennessee Valley, Agricultural Shop, etc.

Early in the school year the chapter adopted a program of work which includes a total of sixty one objectives centered around supervised farming, cooperative activity, community service, leadership activities, recreation and earning and savings.

Approximately one third of the above objectives have been reached to date.

Chapter officers for the year include:

President, Roy Tucker; Vice President, Junior Sheets; Secretary, Preston Heath; Treasurer, Bethel Hall; Reporter, iFelds Blevins; Ass't. Reporter, Bradley Greer; Sentinel, H B Robinson.

Bethel Hall represented the chapter at the State F F A convention held at V P I on September 27th and 28th, and brought back to the chapter an excellent report on the meeting.

Hospital Music New Chief Aim Of Music Club

By Mrs J M Graybeal, President

The Monday Afternoon Music Club of Marion has had as its chief interest most of the past year War Service. With the coming of victory our War Service department has been combined with that of Music in hospitals which now claims our first interest.

Even before the coming of victory, we had sent records, sheet music, and one phonograph to our army hospitals. Now we are attempting to place as many musical instruments in veteran's hospitals as we possibly can. All funds secured from Tag Day go for this purpose, and we hope through this work to bring some degree of cheer to our disabled veterans.

A series of recitals given by artists of the community or nearby communities formed the basis of our programs. Among those whom we have heard are Mrs Robert Cochrane of Roanoke, Miss Margaret Humphrey of Rural Retreat, Miss Anna Marie Gustafson and Mrs Ronald Muench of Marion College, and Miss Emma Perkins of Marion. We also had as guest speaker Mrs Carl Warrop of Bristol, President of Virginia Federation of Music Clubs.

At Easter the Community chorus presented "Olivet to Calvary" by Stainer. This 80 voice community chorus is the Monday Afternoon Music Club's choral group grown into a community project of which we are very proud, and we look forward to their annual presentation of the Messiah, at the Christmas season, as the high light of the year.

We were proud to have a member of our student group, Miss Jean Campbell, of Marion College, win first place in the state and district contests. She is now attending Augustana College, continuing her work in music.

We have participated in the Civic Entertainment Program and through that organization have sponsored some very worth while music programs.

Woman's Club Met Objectives During 1945

By Marie M Blalock

The Woman's Club of Marion elected new officers in May of 1945. Those serving the first half of the year were: Mrs Ralph Killinger, president; Mrs Crockett Gwyn, vice-president; Mrs D C Boatwright, secretary; and Mrs G P Anderson, treasurer.

The new officers who will serve for the next two years are: Mrs Joseph R Blalock, president; Mrs Ralph Killinger, vice-president; Mrs A B Graybeal, secretary; Mrs E H Copenhaver, corresponding secretary, and Mrs W A Wolfe, treasurer.

The club has two objectives first, to conform with the State and National Federation of Women's Clubs in their plans for the year. Secondly, to cooperate as far as possible with the community in their projects.

We have been represented at both the Institute in Hillsville in the spring and the District meeting in Pulaski this fall.

As State Women's Club projects we have collected playing cards for men in the service in hospitals and contributed to the Latin-American fund.

In Community Work, contributions have been made to the Civic Entertainment Group; Junior Women's Club fund for gifts for boys leaving for the service, and the Nursery School project.

The members have taken an active part in the 7th War Loan Drive and Victory Bond Drive besides helping with the Infantile Paralysis Drive and canvassing for the U S O Drive.

It was a happy occasion to welcome into the club for the first time members joining from the Junior Women's Club and 10 other new members this fall.

During the year several outstanding persons of Marion have helped to make the programs extremely interesting, namely: Miss Anna Marie Gustafson, Rev Edgar Ferrell, Rev Henry Horn and Dr Herman Horne.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Town House Holds Annual Christmas Party

by W J Bowman

The fifth annual Christmas party for the employees and their children of the Town House Hosiery Mills was held Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 3:30 o'clock in the Chilhowie High School Auditorium. The attendance of approximately 250 people was considered good in view of the very inclement weather that was prevailing.

Plant employees and local management were responsible for the planning and execution of the program. The party started promptly with Cyril Carver conducting a selected choir group and the audience in the singing of Christmas carols, after which Eugene Goodman rendered the invocation. Appropriate remarks and special recognition of returned service men and those still in the Service were made by J H Paschal, plant superintendent. As in the past, a Pollyanna for adults was conducted around a beautifully decorated yuletide tree. As the group was singing Jingle Bells, O' Santa appeared on the scene with a jovial Merry Christmas to all and distributed toys, nuts, and candy to the employees' children ten years of age or under.

Simultaneously with the serving of fruit cake, coffee and or hot chocolate to all present, the children were entertained by appropriate short movies in the senior class room. The program ended with the singing of Silent Night by the choir and the audience.

Nelson McAbee, master of ceremonies, recognized the various committees that worked very diligently and efficiently in making the program successful. Also, special recognition was given to the ladies of the Methodist Church who prepared and served the refreshments, the Lincoln Theatre responsible for the children's movies, Mrs W J Bowman, pianist, and Elmer Umbarger who furnished and operated the public address system and the Christmas carol recordings that were interspersed throughout the entire program.

Christmas holidays for em-

ployees of Town House will begin Saturday morning, December 22, with the ending of the third shift, and work will resume Thursday morning, December 27.

THIS Holiday SEASON

This Holiday season—may it be filled with high hopes and a spirit of confidence. The future looks brighter.

Justice, freedom and unity prevail and from this will come a happier world. We are indeed grateful.

We extend heartfelt greetings and good wishes to all our friends in this area. And, come what may, we renew our pledge to continue to serve you to the best of our ability in the months to come.

Best wishes to you and yours.

Chilhowie Milling Co.

Chilhowie, Virginia

Christmas

ONE OF THE FREE THINGS FOR WHICH MEN FIGHT



May we be humble in our thoughts at Christmastime, fully aware of the sacrifices which have made it possible for us to enjoy another free American Christmas.

May our Christmas greeting be extended not only to our friends at home but those in distant lands who have fought so valiantly for the things in which Americans believe.

Chilhowie Motor Co.

Chilhowie, Virginia

Christmas SPELLS

"HAPPINESS"

As we look about us at this season of the year, we find our friends enjoying the Christmastime with all the happy enthusiasm with which this occasion should be experienced. This is as it should be! Christmas is a time to be happy and to give thoughts to those we love.

It is good to know that Americans are enjoying Christmas—even though many of our loved ones are in distant parts of the world and cannot be with us. They would not have us forget Christmas; nor would they have us do other than enjoy the Yuletide to its fullest. This we should

do as our obligation to them.

Neither will we forget those whose efforts have made it possible for us to enjoy Christmas. It is part of the American way of life for which our youth has fought on distant lands and we will not forget.

And so, as we extend our Christmas message to you, we want you to know that our greetings are meant for those far away. We are thinking of them too, and hoping for the day when our Christmas season may be one of full happiness with all of our loved ones and friends together again.

The Vance Company

Chilhowie,

Virginia

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We believe in observing Christmas. Come what may, Christmas is the one occasion of the year when a feeling of good fellowship predominates the thinking of everyone. That's why we like Christmas.

It gives us an opportunity of a better understanding with those whom we serve. What joy and happiness would be manifest if each of us would carry this feeling of goodwill and cheerfulness throughout the year.

Let us be proud that we may enjoy the greatness of America—the freedom which is our heritage. Let us be proud of the achievements of those who have made it possible for us to continue enjoying this freedom. Without their efforts and sacrifices it would be an unhappy Christmas, indeed.

But because of them, America continues to celebrate Christmas. We are truly grateful.

GREETINGS

The National Bank Of Chilhowie,

Chilhowie,

Virginia

To You and Yours

A YULETIDE OF MUCH MERRINESS

A NEW YEAR OF GREAT HAPPINESS

May old Santa remember you well this Christmas—our wish for you and yours.

Bonham Bros.

Mathieson Plant Contributed To Atomic Bomb

by E B Worthy, Manager
The Saltville Plant of the Mathieson Alkali Works entered the year of 1945 under heavy obligations to the war effort. A sizable group of employees were continuing to enter the armed forces and the demand of the armed forces for heavy chemicals continued to increase. Despite the loss of valuable men the production demands were largely met, and at least one of the departments shipped large tonnages to Oak Ridge and thereby contributed to the manufacture of the Atomic Bomb.

The end of the war brought forth a deep feeling of thanksgiving in the community, and

we are gladly welcoming the returning service men.

The Mathieson Company is now planning a modernization and expansion project of the Saltville Plant. When completed, the Plant will continue in a greater degree to distribute wages and purchase materials. Saltville is fortunate in having a group of sturdy, resourceful citizens and an abundance of raw materials that are used in the manufacture of sodium products. Saltville may well view the future with pride and optimism.

Saltville Masons Have Active Year During 1945

By John R Mantz
William King Lodge 227 of

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons had an active year during 1945. Three new members were taken into the lodge during the year and one former member was reinstated.

Three brethren — Dr J L Early, J F Watson, and C I Neighbors — died in 1945.

The officers for 1945 were: D R Henderson, Worshipful Master; Vernon Hackler, senior Warden; C W HAYNES, Junior Warden; W B Kent, Treasurer; C D Shannon, secretary; C T Moore, Senior Deacon; W G Parslow, Junior Deacon; J Q Peoples, Chaplain; C W Johnson, Assistant Chaplain; J R Gillenwater, Tyler.

A Thanksgiving service was held at the regular meeting on November 20, and Brother E R Gentry, of the First Christian Church, made the Thanksgiving address.

At the annual meeting held December 18, 1945, the Lodge unveiled a portrait of Rt Worshipful W B Kent, and this portrait will hang permanently on the walls of the Lodge. Brother Kent is the treasurer and custodian of the ritual in William King and his portrait was placed in the Lodge in appreciation of his interest and invaluable assistance in the work of William King during the past 25 years.

and other kinds of entertainment for the community.

4 Have an F F A fox hunt with all members attending inviting guests, etc.

Awards Received

During the Year 1945-46 The executive committee of the F F A selected the Shorthorn Chapter along with another Chapter to represent Virginia in the National Contest at Kansas City. The cash award was \$40.

The Shorthorn Chapter was awarded the judging contest. The team consisted of Billy Frank Pratt, Rush Gwyn, and John DeBusk. Billy Frank Pratt won the highest score in the state.

Ross M Orr was elected to the state vice presidency of the Future Farmer Organization and was elected to the State Farmer's Degree along with C T Barns Jr, Rush Gwyn, John Lee Buchanan, John DeBusk, and Champ Clark.

The Chapter also won the Smyth-Wythe basketball tournament, winning the prize trophy.

Ross Orr Jr won the second place in the Progressive Farmer's Editorial Contest, and another award of third place in the Swift Essay Contest.

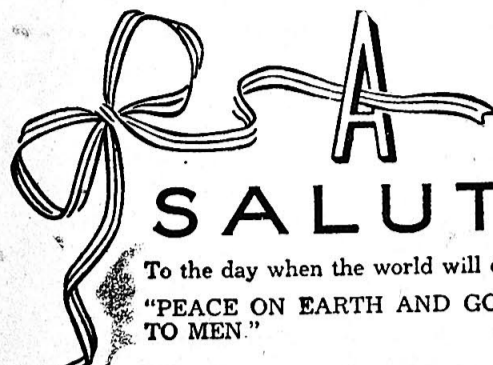
CHARLES K SNIDER DISCHARGED IN TEXAS

Aviation Student Charles K Snider, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth K Snider of Marion, and husband of Mrs Florence C Snider, has been discharged from the service at Randolph Field, Texas, the Army announces. He has been in since October, 1942.

New Contract

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Moore, C W Jones, Fred Surber, Matt Moore, J D Thompson, Clarence Prater, Clyde Mullins, Albert Clapp, J A Bryant, Frank Leonard, C J McAllister, J H Call, C D Shannon, C L Smith, Frank Taylor, M J Porter, J D Poston, Blair Gillenwater, A H Coulthard, Claude Smith, and Sylvester Crabtree.



SALUTE!
To the day when the world will enjoy again
"PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TO MEN"

Hill Top Restaurant
Marion, Virginia

THE PERFECT PICTURE

Peace at
Christmastime

MAY IT BE FOREVER



R. T. Greer & Co.

MARION

VIRGINIA



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Marion Drug Building
Dial 5571

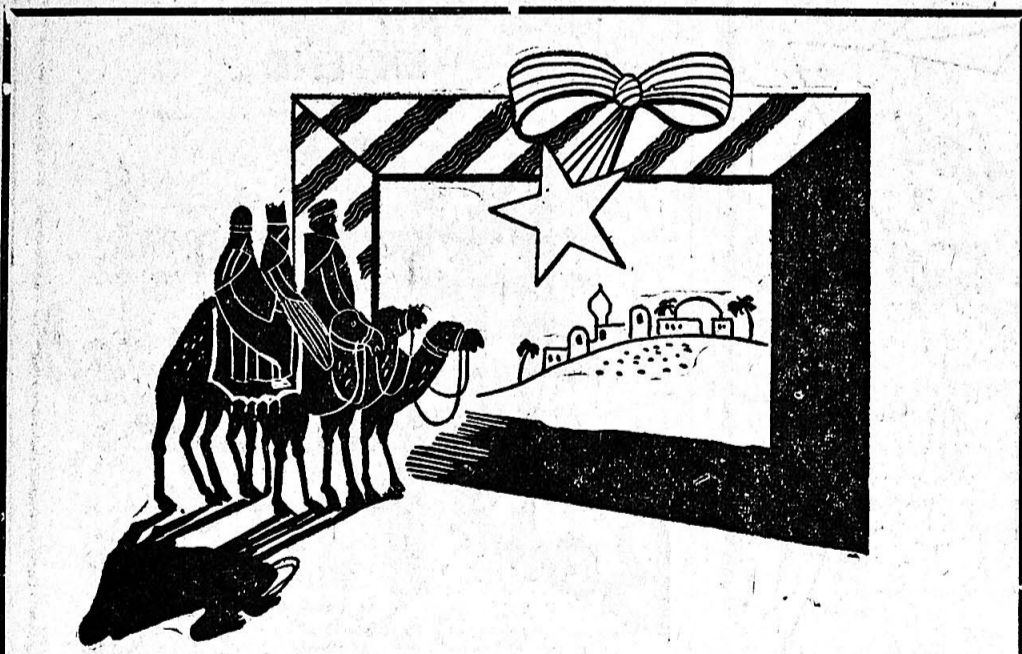
MARION VIRGINIA
Nathan M. Brisco, Mgr.



CHRISTMAS CHEER

To all our good friends whom we have been privileged to serve—
our hearty good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families.

Marion Furniture Co.
Marion Va.



A Yuletide Greeting to One and All

The Star of Bethlehem, to the faithful, became the shining light which must for all time symbolize peace and good will. Those who first saw it 1945 years ago today have their counterparts in each of us—who look ahead with full faith in the enjoyment of happiness and security for all people of all lands. The Babe born in the manger grew to speak words rich in wisdom which can still guide us in living the good life. Let us rededicate ourselves this Christmas to keeping the spirit of the day alive — for all time . . .

with the season's happiest felicitations
Seaver & Son

Rich Valley F F A Ranks In Twelve High Nationally

by M M Lewis

A W Tenney, National Executive Secretary of the Future Farmers of America, at the Kansas City National Convention on October 10 awarded to the Shorthorn Chapter of the Rich Valley High School a Bronze Plaque for the second time in the past three years. This award was given for successful accomplishments set up under the National Constitution and by laws.

Below is a summary of the work under which the Shorthorn Chapter is operating at this time:

Supervised Farming

1 Each member carefully plan at the beginning of the year his farming program with at least five supplementary farm jobs.

2 At least five boys conduct a forestry project.

3 Each member have at least two improved projects, etc.

Cooperative Activities including such items as:

1 Combine a farm sale with the Rich Valley Farmers Club.

2 Chapter makes and sells at least 20 toys to boys and girls in community for Christmas.

3 Sponsor a horse show.

Community Service

1 Have at least 6 culling demonstrations.

2 Vaccinate 75 head of cattle for blackleg, and other projects.

Recreation

1 Hold father and son banquet.

2 Provide games for Chapter room.

3 Sponsor square dances

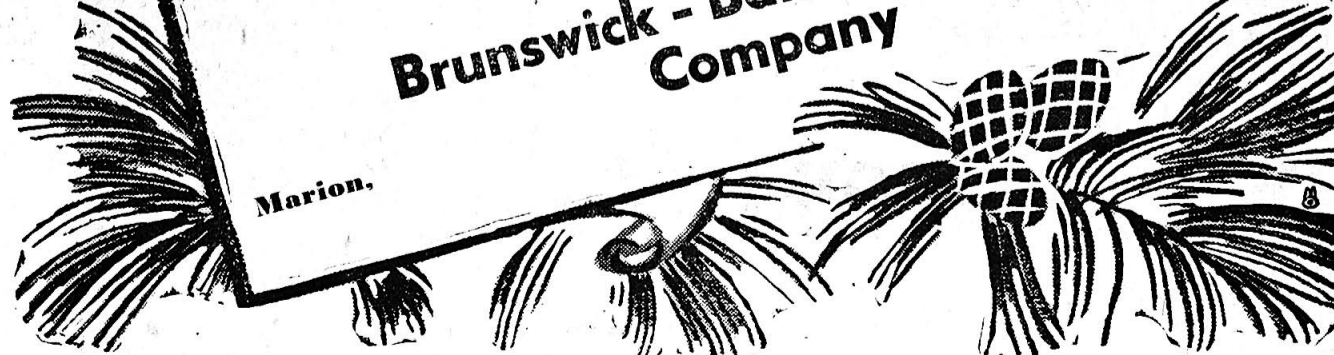
MERRY CHRISTMAS
Everybody



SANTA'S presence is felt everywhere! Red and green ornaments dangling from the branches of green pinetrees, and exciting window decorations bring alive poignant memories. The hushed expectancy of the children, and their unstifled curiosity about packages in hiding, are more than a hint that "it won't be long now"! So this is the time for us to join Santa in saying to one and all. MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Brunswick - Balke - Collender Company

Virginia

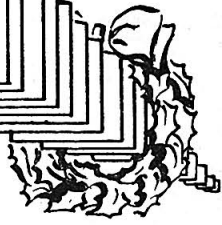


Marion.

Lions Roar In Christmas Season With Annual Party

The Christmas season sounded off with a Lion roar Monday night when the Marion Lions Club held its annual ladies' night banquet at Marion high school and fun, and frolic was had by some 130 members and guests.

ONE FRIEND
TO ANOTHER



We'd like to see each of you personally, of course, to wish you all the good things we can think of for you and yours.

May this message convey to you our sincere admiration and appreciation of those whom it is our privilege to serve.

Your friendship is valued most highly and because of these fine associations, we welcome the chance to say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

Wolfe - Davis Grocery

Marion,

Virginia

IT'S TIME FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



W. Ray Rouse

Your

Mutual Life Representative

The big, vigorous club—most youthful of Marion's civic organizations—decided to put on a real party and a complete with an orchestra which played for dancing in the gymnasium after dinner.

Chief guest and speaker at the dinner was Lion District Governor George Large of Appalachia, who pointed out that national and international affiliations help a local club to remain active, and who closed his remarks by asking the Marion club to make it a point to attend church in a body once each month, rotating the visits among all the churches.

Chief fun of the night was a contest staged by Bill Wilson in which Dr. Newell Hutchinson defeated Raymond Robinson and Dr. Elliott of Lebanon in a contest which required each man to dress a female clothing dummy from the skin out with the proper garments in the proper order.

Lebanon was well represented by a group of visiting Lions, headed by Zone Chairman (Dr.) R. F. Gillespie, who also made a little talk.

Tom Sain, vice-president, presided in the absence of President Paul Sundheimer, who was ill. The Rev. Olin T. Troy asked the blessing. There was some grand Christmas singing by both men and women and the Lion tailtwisters stayed very busy all through the night.

AAUW YEAR Was Filled With Activity

By Cornelia Lane Anderson
Looking back upon the year of 1945, the members of the Smyth County Branch of the Association of American University Women find that this year has proved one of value.

Among the civic interests of the group were contributions to the Community Council for the Civic Entertainment group and for the Child Care Center, a remarkable success in the care of children of mothers engaged in war work. The A. A. U. W. also endorsed the six weeks Summer Recreational Program.

Of wider scope was the sale of war bonds and stamps and a contribution to the Fellowship Fund of the National A. A. U. W. This fund is used in colleges for loans to students or for fellowship and for international study grants, which are beginning to bring students from liberated countries to study in the United States.

There were three study groups: one studied International Relations; the Arts group studied Renaissance, Painting and later Appreciation of Music; the Drama group heard reviews of current plays.

The programs of the general monthly meetings were made interesting by civic lead-

ers who addressed the club. Dr. John French of the Harwood gave a scholarly exposition of Progressive Education; President Henry Horn of Marion College made clear the necessity of our understanding the German mind and its philosophy; Dr. Stuart Staley told of the amusing experiences he had during his work as a surgeon over seas; and the Reverend Mr. Ferrell instructively reviewed the life of an educator, Isabelle Thoburn.

Mrs. A. I. Bowman, for the International Relations group, gave an able review of Edgar Snow's "People on Our Side."

At the May meeting of the A. A. U. W. attended the Convention, without travel, and heard on records the speeches which would have been given at the national convention had travel made one possible. The chief speaker was Freda Kirchoveg, editor of the Nation, whose subject was "Democracy Indivisible."

The customary social meetings of the year were held—a picnic to open the Fall session and a December dinner.

Rural Retreat School Cannery Very Popular

By J. L. Reynolds
The Cabbage F. F. A. Chapter of Rural Retreat has a membership of 23 this year—11 old members and 12 new. The officers of the Chapter are: President, James Huffard; Vice-President, Ray Wyatt; Secretary, Edward Wright; Treasurer, Henry Hubble; Reporter, Frank Blessing.

Since the beginning of school the members have cut the corn and dug the potatoes in the Chapter garden which is adjacent to the school grounds. This season the Chapter has realized money from the sale of cabbage, rutabagas, beans sweet corn, and soy beans.

Some of the additional duties of the Chapter's program are: to schedule one regular meeting each month, to repair and recondition farm machinery, to sponsor a Father and Son Banquet, to encourage members to follow a regular systematic plan of savings and to demonstrate parliamentary procedure.

The Chapter was host to the Smyth-Wythe Federation on October 18, at which time the year's objectives of the Federation were discussed.

The school community cannery has proved to be a very busy place. To date, 9,499 cans of fruits, vegetables and meats have been filled. Some of the specialties that have been canned are: candy, honey, cake and rabbit. The fall canning includes mostly meats.

The Chapter offers the farmers of the community a new type of service in connection with cannery. They have installed butchering equipment whereby farmers can do the work themselves and pay for the use of the equipment, or the Chapter will do the work which will cost more per hog. The equipment installed includes a scalding vat which contains live steam coils. The correct scalding temperature is maintained at all times by the use of a thermometer. A track equipment with a chain hoist on rollers eliminates the lifting of the hogs. At present 65 hogs have been slaughtered.

CLAY CHURCH GETS ARMY RELEASE

Clay F. Church, who has been serving as an army private at a Florida air base, has been released to inactive duty, the Army announces.

Mr. Church is returning to Marion to resume his job as president of the Tip Corporation of America and head of the local Dr. Pepper Plant. He has been in the Army since last spring.

The JOYOUS SEASON IS HERE

AND HERE IS OUR EXPRESSION OF GOOD WILL TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Marion Drug Co.

Real Christmas News For 15 Smyth County Inductees

Real Christmas news went to 15 Smyth county men this week when letters were sent them by the Selective Service Board carrying the welcome word that their induction into the service, originally scheduled for Dec. 21, had been postponed to Jan. 3.

The postponement, it is stated by Mrs. Lizzie O. Allen, clerk of the local board, was at the direction of the state board. In the meantime, they'll have a full Christmas holiday at home.

Mrs. Allen also announced that the board office in the court house will be closed Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25 and again on Dec. 30-31 and Jan. 1. However, it will be open extra days on Saturday, Jan. 8, and Saturday, Jan. 15.

Men effected by the induction postponement are:

Marion: J. D. Trail, Mack Howard Sturgill, Frank Tremaine Lemmon Jr., Josiah David Shupe Jr., Alexander Nimrod Taylor, Lawrence H. Shenker.

Saltville: Eddie Glen Hayton.

Chatham Hill: Robert Lee Patrick, Bruce Burton Moore, Robert Franklin Coulthard.

Sugar Grove: Earnest O'Neal Sexton.

Nebo: Garnett Holmes Hubble.

Chilhowie: Paul Edward Jones.

Atkins: Albert Graybeal Leonard, Ronald Blair Testerman.

Hugh Backlog Of Orders Faces B-B-C Company

by W. N. Harris, Works Manager

Here's a

Christmas Wish

Right from the Heart

May you be happy and contented and may the New Year be one of true happiness.



Florence Richardson FLORIST

HOTEL

LINCOLN



In keeping with the gay spirit of the holiday when greetings pass from friend to friend, we hope that your Christmas will be a merry one and that the New Year will bring you true happiness.

◆ **RASH** ◆

Furniture & Hardware Co.

204-6 East Main Street,

Marion, Virginia

of the "choice of champions" equipment they make. In our plans for the future we are depending on your skills and knowledge to help maintain our position of undisputed leadership in the production of quality recreation equipment.

GREETINGS



JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

There is no finer occasion in all the year than Christmas—it's the season toward which each of us look with eager anticipation. The goodwill of our friends, the cheerfulness of friendly associations, the spirit of giving and receiving, the expressions of love and good wishes, all combine to make life worthwhile.

We hope you will have a joyful Christmas and we wish to add our expression of appreciation to our loyal friends and customers. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

J. K. Fisher Jewelry Co.

Marion, Virginia

There Will Always Be

Christmas



No matter what turn of events, no matter what may befall us, somehow, somehow, Christmas is sure to come. It may be with scores of remembrances from those we know—it may only be a word of good cheer from one real friend, but from these expressions comes

the true appreciation of the Christmas season.

And for that reason, there will always be a Christmas. And as long as there is a Christmas we welcome the opportunity it affords to express our greetings to everyone.

Marion Clothing Co.

Marion, Virginia

THE MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL

of

The **BANK OF MARION**

"Since 1874"

EXTEND



REAL AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

We Wish You, One and All

CORDIAL GREETINGS

W. L. Porter Furniture & Supply Corp.

(The Silver Front Store Where East Main Turns North)

Marion,

Virginia

PEACE CONTENTMENT PROSPERITY

May you enjoy them all in the year to come
SINCEREST GREETINGS
TO EACH OF YOU
Marion Laundry Co.



The true meaning of Christmas is best manifest by the cheerful atmosphere and the friendly associations of those about us. It is the time of good fellowship and the thoughtful consideration of others.

May this happiness be yours to enjoy, not only at Christmas but during every day of the coming year.

PASTEURIZED PRODUCTS
Shanklin Dairies
DIAL MILK
AT YOUR GROCER OR 6164 ICE CREAM

"Holding Power" Of Smyth Schools Up Substantially

By Ray Buchanan, Superintendent
Smyth County Schools

The 1945 School Census shows 7,428 school pupils in Smyth County whereas the 1940 census showed 7,790, a decrease of 362. In spite of this decrease in school population the school enrollment shows an increase of 441 in September, 1945 over September 1944.

This would certainly indicate that the "holding power" of our schools is on the up grade, and it is high time the holding power should start on the up grade because last year only 194 pupils were graduated out of a class of 1946 beginning in the 1st grade 11 years before. That is to say that approximately 86% of a first grade failed to make normal progress over the eleven-year period to the senior class. This year there are 1376 high school pupils as compared with only 1179 in 1944, an increase of 197 or 17 per cent. All the high schools show increases as follows:

School	1944	1945	Increase
Marion	453	529	76
Rich Valley	182	222	40
Allison Gap	32	54	22
Saltville	168	188	20
Chilhowie	209	223	14
Sugar Grove	109	120	11
Carnegie	26	40	14

Total 1,179 1,376 197
The total increase is greater than the average size high school in Smyth County. Indications point to an increase of one complete average size Smyth County high school each year for the next three years. There is evidence enough for this statement in the fact that there are 651 pupils in our 7th grade this year and only 210 in our 11th grade. When this 651 moves along to the 11th grade, allowing for normal drop-outs and adding to this proposed extra 12th grade, there will be approximately 2,000 high school children who will want to go to school in 1949 in buildings with a normal capacity of 1,000 based on present grade arrangements.

Planning Board

At the request of the Smyth County School Board the State Department of Education has appointed a planning committee to make a study of Smyth County School problems. This committee is expected to begin work in January 1946. It was appointed by Dr Dabney S Lancaster, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

This committee will make a study and recommend plans on a long range basis for the instructional, transportation, building and financial programs.

During the session 1944-45 the Smyth County Schools entered into a long range program for the improvement of health instructions and the improvement of the physical condition of all Smyth County children through the correction of physical defects. A few achievements to date are:

- All teachers participated in an evaluation of their teaching procedures and materials of instruction in Health. This session 100 per cent are participating in study groups with the purpose of improving instruction.
- In cooperation with the Smyth County T B Association an X-ray clinic with held in which 854 pupils and teachers were examined.
- School lunchroom conditions and services have been im-

proved through an intensive campaign sponsored by teachers and managers.

4. 1510 physical defects were corrected during session 1944-1945.

5. The schools, the Health Department, local physicians, and the communities cooperated in the Pre-School Clinic Program. Every school had a clinic; 565 beginners of session 1945-46 were immunized and given a complete physical examination. 85 per cent of all beginners were examined in these clinics — in contrast to a previous high of 207.

Workshop

For two weeks, in August 1945, 41 elementary teachers participated in the first Smyth County Workshop. Four subjects were studied: Health Education, the Teaching of Reading, Provision for Exceptional Children, and Use of Audio-Visual Aids. Each teacher received one and one-half session hours credit from Radford College.

Instruction

It is difficult to present a written evaluation of improvement in instruction. However, the Superintendent of Schools expresses satisfaction in the degree to which most of the teachers are attaining the following objectives, which were selected and adopted by the teaching group for the session 1945-46:

- To improve teaching techniques and procedures.
- To provide a well balanced program for every child (the skills, the social studies, health, physical education, science, art, music, literature, and handwork.)
- To provide a thorough and functional health and physical education program (environment, health services, instruction, equipment.)
- To improve attendance (attractive school environment, challenging school program, personal interest in each child, provision for work on the level of each child.)
- To use instructional aids more effectively (manuals, state course of study, health outline, audio-visual aids, professional books and magazines, children's books from county library, free materials.)

Visiting Teacher Program

Smyth County was one of the first counties to follow out the recommendation of the Denny Commission concerning the employment of a visiting teacher. The State Board of Education at its January, 1944, meeting adopted a resolution encouraging local school boards in such action. The visiting teacher is a school social worker. Her function is to help remove obstacles which prevent a child from satisfactorily adjusting to school life. The addition of such a person to the teaching staff is another effort on the part of the school system to individualize its program, Smyth County's Visiting Teacher began work August 20. Before the opening of the school session she made a study of the census in order to discover those children who were not being served by the school program, and those who, by reason of physical defects, were in need of a special program of instruction. As a result of this study, nearly one hundred homes were reached by mail or visit and the names later checked by enrollment reports. While the Visiting Teacher is in no sense an attendance officer, the records would seem to justify the hope of the School Board that the increased state funds accorded to the county from increased average daily attendance this year will cover the added expense of one-third of the salary of the new position. (State pays two-thirds of salary.) The visiting teacher works on a schedule which takes her to each of the county's forty-two schools once a month. At these schools those students who, by reason of some problem, need more individualized study than can be given them by the classroom teacher, are referred by the principal or head teacher. The visiting teacher confers with these students and their teachers, makes home visits, and attempts to put the student in touch with such school agencies as are needed and available. To date 299 students have been referred and 228 home visits made.

Hot Lunch Program

The School Lunch Program in Smyth County has grown from a limited milk program costing \$5,273.33 in 1941-43 to a big business totaling \$79,338 paid out in 1944-45. In 1943-44 the Food Distribution Administration paid claims for Smyth County amounting to \$17,820.42. In 1944-45 the War Food Administration paid claims for Smyth County amounting to \$40,597.51 an increase of \$22,777.09 over the previous year. Claims paid by the Food Administration were paid on the basis of 9c for each Type A meal and 7c for each Type B meal served. The amount of reimbursement received by Smyth County for hot lunches in 1944-45 was surpassed by only two divisions in the State of Virginia.

A comparison of the first three months of 1944-45 and the first three months of 1945-46 shows that the Federal reimbursement for that period has increased \$4,721.55, an average of more than \$1,500 per month. Smyth County School cafeterias served a total of 51,977 more lunches during this period than were served last year during the same period; during the same time, 47,206 more lunches including one-half pint of milk were served to the children. During the present session, the Type B lunch has been entirely eliminated in favor of the Type A lunch. From September through November, 1944, Smyth County schools served to children a total of 140,639 half-pints of milk, while 184,727 were served during the same period of 1945, an increase of 44,088 half-pints.

Modern, sanitary equipment is being installed wherever possible. Marion High School, Marion Grammar School, Saltville High School, and Rich Valley High School have installed electric dishwashers. Marion Intermediate, Atkins, Sugar Grove, and Chilhowie Schools have installed special sinks with thermostatic heat control for effective sterilizing of dishes.

During the 1944-45 session, a total of 460,716 complete meals were served, or an average of 2,559 per day. Of this number,

359,943 were served milk with their lunches. In addition 119,956 extra half pints of milk were served to children in Smyth County Schools who bring their own lunches from home. This is approximately 29,875 gallons.

United States Department of Agriculture requirements are met by all schools in the matter of sanitation, amount, quality, and type foods served for each meal. Type A meal (which all cafeterias in Smyth County are now serving) provides 1-3 to 1-2 of the day's nutritive requirements and must contain at least two ounces of lean or processed meat or meat substitute, six ounces (3-4 cup) vegetables or fruit, one slice of bread or muffins, or other hot bread, and one pound of butter for each fifty children. Children pay from 5c to 10c for the above meal.

GREETINGS

FRIENDS AND PATRONS
Our Sincere Good Wishes
FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY
McCready's Variety Store
Marion, Virginia

Merry Christmas
A Joyous Yule,
Of greater cheer,
A Merrie Day
And Happy Year!
Riverside Roller Mills
W. E. Hughes, Prop.

Holiday Greetings
During the Christmas season we earnestly hope that everyone will enjoy the fullest of joy and happiness—that the desire of every heart will be fulfilled. To one and all—A Merry Christmas.
VIRGINIA SHOE SHOP
H. E. GOODSON

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

VIRGINIA LUNCH
Alex Fragakis
Marion, Virginia

ON THE TARGET

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Gifts away! We hope you'll be the target for scores and scores of nice things this Christmas. And we wish, too, that you may spend a most enjoyable and happy holiday. Greetings everyone!
TRIANGLE SERVICE STATION
GAS — OIL — ACCESSORIES
FIRESTONE HOME AND AUTO SUPPLIES

CHRISTMAS FRIENDS

and FRIENDS

The Yuletide season, without friends, would be empty indeed and we are grateful for our friends. We are thankful because these friendships make our Christmas complete each year.

You have been liberal with your patronage, and you have been considerate with your favors, and from these associations comes our sincere desire to strive for better service in the future.

To wish you a Merry Christmas is a mild way we have of expressing our appreciation for our friends but we want you to realize our genuine feeling for each of you. And, while we're at it, may we assure you again that it is our expressed desire to serve you in the most efficient manner we know of in the coming year.

Each one of our personnel joins in this Greeting. May the Season be one of full happiness.

MARION EASY PAY TIRE STORE
Dial 2331
ACROSS FROM COURT HOUSE

A NEW CHRISTMAS

Bringing You
NEW JOY
The Season's best to our friends and customers.
P. S. Rice
SERVICE STATION & GENERAL STORE
Seven Mile Ford, Virginia

Our Wish For AMERICANS EVERYWHERE
HEALTH HAPPINESS PROSPERITY
Merry Christmas
BRISCO'S

YOU'RE BUSY. WE KNOW

No doubt you've a lot of last minute things to do getting ready for Christmas. Who isn't excited on this great occasion. Just take a moment, please, to read our expression of good will. We want you to have all the good fortune which is so deservedly yours, and may the New Year see each of you happier than ever before.

Laurel Springs Dairy

Through prosperity and peace—through adversity and war, we have always enjoyed greeting our friends at Christmastime. And so again we send greetings with the hope that your future will always be bright with the light of liberty and broad in the freedoms as we know them so that you may enjoy all the fine things that freedom brings.

THOUGH THE EARTH ROCK, THESE THINGS MUST NEVER CHANGE—
LIBERTY—FREEDOM
the SPIRIT of CHRISTMAS
Sayers Florist
Marion, Virginia

Health Unit Carries On With Limited Personnel

By P M Chichester, M D

The Smyth County Health Department takes pleasure and pride in presenting a brief report with accomplishments during the calendar year 1945 up to October 31. During this period, due to the demands of the armed forces on health department personnel, the local department had the services of a health officer only up to May 10, after which time the nurse, sanitation officer and clerk, with such administrative assistance as could be rendered by the Assistant Director of Local Health Services and the Advisory Nurse for the Southwest District, located in Abingdon,

took over and the following is a brief report:

Vital Statistics: During the ten months covered by this report 641 live births and 282 deaths occurred in Smyth county. Of the deaths, 64 of them were institutional. There were 33 infant deaths and 13 still births. Eleven of the infant deaths were attributed to prematurity.

There are a great many of the department's activities which affect these statistics favorably under ordinary circumstances, but in times such as this country has just passed through all public activities have been seriously handicapped.

The absence of a health officer, the absence of sufficient practicing physicians and the stress and strain under which the civilian life has been placed have all combined to distort everything, especially vital statistics.

The most important activities of the health department directed towards favorably affecting vital statistics are the maternal and child health programs, including clinics; the venereal disease program, including clinics; and the general educational program.

Communicable Disease: One hundred eighty-five cases of scarlet fever, 8 cases of diphtheria, 2 cases of typhoid fever were reported to the health department by private physicians during the period covered by this report. This entailed 435 visits in this connection. These major communicable diseases are visited as soon as possible after being reported and an effort is made to make an epidemiological study of the disease, which means making an effort to locate its source, and to locate and instruct all individuals dangerously exposed. These visits include the giving of instructions in the homes affected directed towards protecting other members of the family and others outside.

In the instance of diphtheria and typhoid cases, the members of the department are constantly promoting inoculations directed towards the prevention of these diseases. It is unnecessary for anyone to have diphtheria and typhoid fever these days when all the information necessary for their prevention is available.

In the case of scarlet fever and diseases of that nature the success of health department activities can be measured in direct proportion to the cooperation and intelligence of the public and the faithfulness with which the physicians report and instruct the cases. The home visits in these cases are important in that the nurse has a storehouse of pertinent knowledge which she imparts to the household. The sanitation officer also has a storehouse of knowledge which is freely given during the visits made by this member of the personnel.

In the venereal disease program, 770 white and 171 colored visits were made by individuals to the clinic for treatment and diagnosis. Thirteen individuals were sent to the Hampton Roads Rapid Treatment Center at Norfolk for the treatment of syphilis and gonorrhea. The department dur-



Pvt J Clayton Lane, 19, son of Mrs Virginia Lane of Buchanan St, recently spent a ten day furlough at home. He entered the army March 22, 1945. He is stationed with the infantry at Camp Blanding, Fla.

ing this period has followed up all Selective Service cases infected with syphilis and gonorrhea, as well as the contacts of these diseases. Many of the venereal disease contacts were reported by military sources.

The tuberculosis program is one of the major services of the health department. There were two x-ray clinics held with 263 selected individuals examined and x-rayed. This number included 186 contacts of tuberculosis cases. There were 22 new cases of tuberculosis found. The department was able to sponsor the admission of 9 cases to the state sanatoria out of 15 recommended through the clinic. The contacts of all tuberculosis cases are given first consideration in the chest clinic because it is in this group that the potential cases are found.

The Local Tuberculosis Association is to be congratulated because of the fact that it will pay for x-rays of those individuals who are unable to meet this expense and it is also to be congratulated on the fact that it assists financially in the sanatorium care when indicated in special cases.

Venereal disease and tuberculosis are communicable diseases but they are given special space in this report because of the vast amount of work that is put into the control of these diseases and because of the great importance of their control to the public. Here again the attitude of the public and the practicing physicians must be in harmony with the effects of the health department in order to have a reasonable degree of satisfactory results.

Maternity and Child Health: From the very nature of things this activity is most important when we realize that the children of today are our adults of tomorrow and their intelligence and health are of prime importance in building a substantial future. Clinics are conducted in the health department the first and third Thursday of each month. The instructions given by the nurse to the expectant mothers are of vast importance and these instructions include preparation for delivery, and demonstrations for the care of the new born and for feeding the infant, etc. The best opportunity to demonstrate the care of the baby, especially a premature baby, is in the home where the home environment can play its part in the demonstrations and instructions. The health department makes this service available when recommended by the family physician and it should be utilized freely.

In Smyth County premature deaths rank first in the cause of infant deaths under one year of age. The reason for this is hard to explain in the absence of a study of each case. The stress and strain of the war conditions may have some bearing. There is included in every maternal and infant program the effort to encourage composure and confidence in the expectant mother. One hundred sixteen visits were made to maternity cases and 174 to infants and preschool children.

In addition to the services mentioned above, the health department makes special effort to impress upon the parents the importance of promptly registering the birth of the infant. In the child health program, and this activity extends into the schools, the promotion of immunizations is emphasized and the importance of taking steps to immunize children against diphtheria as soon after the first six months of life as possible is stressed. As a result of this immunization activity there were 724 diphtheria toxoid immunizations given and 457 smallpox vaccinations. It is estimated that approximately 85 percent of all children entering school for the first time this school session had medical examinations and the necessary immuniza-

tions. This means a tremendous amount of work on the part of the local staff and it also means a wholesome relationship between the health department, the school authorities, and last but not least, the Parent-Teachers' Association in Smyth County. This happy relationship has existed through all the school health programs conducted in the county.

During the war the crippled children's program in the county has continued but no orthopedic surgeons have been available for local clinics. However, the district as a whole, in which Smyth County participated, has had the advantage of arrangements with orthopedic surgeons in Richmond, Roanoke and Bluefield, and the health department has kept supervision over and been able to accomplish excellent results with the 72 crippled children now on their records. A great deal of this service has been given with little or no cost to the individuals because of favorable contacts with local, state and federal funds — the local funds being those derived from the infantile paralysis contributions (The March of Dimes, etc.)

Two physical therapy clinics were held by special physiotherapists connected with the State Crippled Children's Bureau.

Sanitation: The field of sanitation deals with the individual home, the schools and towns or thickly settled communities and includes in its activities water supplies, excreta disposal, vermine and rodent control, garbage disposal, screening and general cleanliness. The sanitation connected with the health department stresses these items of sanitation in all of its contacts with the public. He endeavors to explain the necessity of having pure water and safe excreta disposal on every contact in the home, in the school and in the community. He also emphasizes the importance of vermine, rodent and fly control, garbage disposal screening and cleanliness and the dangers connected with neglect of these items.

There are 42 schools in the county and these are visited routinely and items of sanitation mentioned above checked and any defects found are reported to the authorities. The cooperation of the school authorities has been outstanding. As a result of this combination of effort all the county schools have approved type excreta disposal systems.

There is a definite effort made to secure approved water

supplies in all the schools. This, however, is a very expensive and difficult task and therefore has not progressed as far as the sewerage disposal systems. The lunch rooms in the schools are also visited and recommendations made for improving the service. In addition to the school lunch rooms, the food establishments over the entire county, 27 in number, are under the supervision of the sanitation division and 179 inspections were made in this connection, with 137 improvements secured.

There are two regular summer camps located in the county and the sanitation division makes inspections and enforces the state summer camp law.

This division also receives and responds to general complaints and engages in miscellaneous inspections, such as jails, carnival grounds, etc. Twenty-seven visits were made by the sanitation officer in connection with rabies control. Lack of personnel and scarcity of labor and materials have definitely handicapped the accomplishments of the sanitation division. It is felt that as conditions return towards normal that greater accomplishments will be forthcoming.

Records pertaining to all of this work are kept in available form by the clerk. Without the services of this individual in the department it would be impossible to convert the work of the personnel into instructive form for the public.

The work of the health department is of necessity, not dramatic, and the only way that the public in general can have an idea of what the members of the department are doing is through articles such as this. There are no sirens blowing, no bells ringing as they go about their tasks. There are no complaints made of having to struggle with slippery, narrow, mountain roads, or having to leave the automobile and walk sometimes for miles through snow and rain, cold and sunshine, to make that all important home visit where possibly one or more lives may be saved, or at least prolonged, or made more happy. Often times they are the objects of criticism and abuse after they arrive in the home.

Selective Service Sent 308 Men Into Service In 1945

by Lizzie O Allen, Clerk

The early part of the year was marked by heavy calls on

this Board for men to be sent into military service. Although the war has now ended, the rapid discharge of men from service appears to have made it necessary to continue calling the younger men, and the Board has had to continue its work of classification and examination, while spending a large part of its time in re-

ceiving the discharges of men coming out of service and in assisting them in re-entering civil life.

As of December 6, 1945, this Board sent 798 of its registrants for physical examination and 330 registrants for induction into service, while 752 men previously enlisted or inducted have presented their discharges at the Board office.

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS



Once again we welcome the Christmas season. This year, however, the occasion takes on added importance because of the trying times each of us have experienced since last Christmastime.

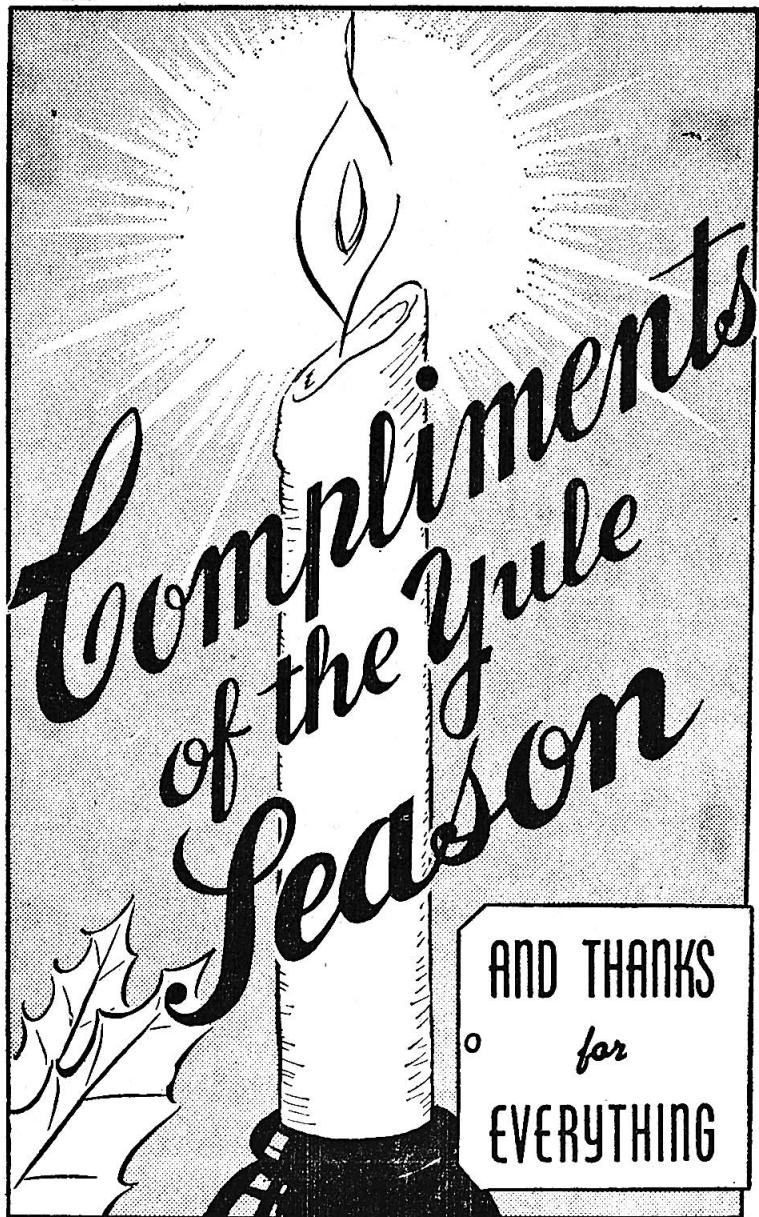
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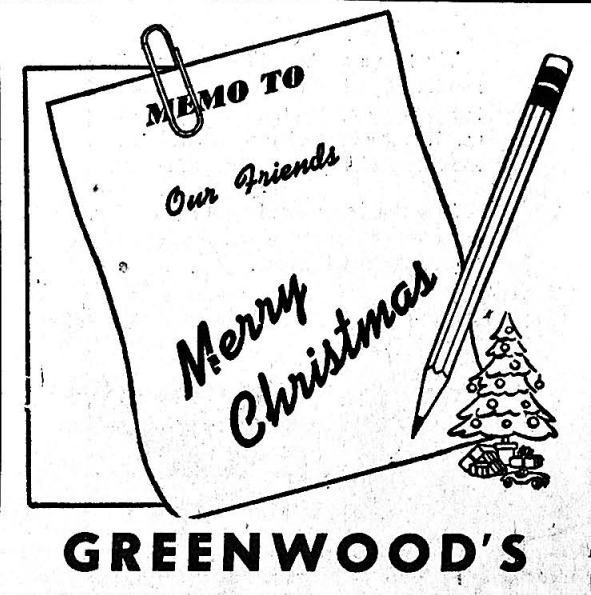
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Let us not forget what they have done. Our greeting this year is especially with the thought in mind that without the fine youth of this land America could not celebrate Christmas in the traditional spirit.

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