

Bedford Tobacco Market Sales Are High

Marshall Islands Blasted By U. S. Carrier Bombers

Fifth Army Pushes Germans From Strategic Garigliano Valley

United States carrier task force planes, sweeping boldly into the heavily defended Japanese-manned Marshall Islands, have sunk two Japanese light cruisers and four other ships, damaged four vessels and destroyed far more than 72 enemy planes, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday.

Seventy-two enemy planes were shot down, numerous others were destroyed around and Japanese installations on two Marshall Islands atoll groups were damaged or destroyed in a pre-Pearl Harbor Day vengeance raid which may prove one of the most successful of the war.

Carrier-based torpedo bomber and dive bombers blasted the four bases in less than 10 minutes, sinking or damaging a ship a minute, while strong naval forces fought off furious Japanese retaliation.

For all the damage done, the United States forces suffered only minor damage to one ship and light aircraft losses.

The attack was made Saturday on the long-fortified Maffell, immediately north of the newly conquered Gilberts chain. Nimitz had announced the bare fact of the attack but the necessity for a complete radio blackout by the attacking fleet had delayed details until, and only today were the amazing results of the American foray known.

In addition to sinking the two light cruisers, the carrier planes sank one oiler and three cargo transports. One troop transport and three cargo transports were damaged.

"Vigorous and prolonged" enemy aerial attacks by bombers and torpedo planes were fought off by the American fleet.

Six out of seven torpedo planes in one formation were sent hurtling into the sea.

American and British troops of the Fifth Army in Italy slashed down the western slopes of Mt. Magliore and Mt. Camino into the strategic valley of the upper Fagiolino river today after resting the summits of those peaks from the Germans and capturing the strongly fortified villages of Camino, Acquapendola and Cocuzzo south-west of Mignano.

Nazis Still Resist

Though the steady, savage thrusts of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's fighters had cleared the Nazis from the last important heights in this sector of their powerful winter line, the enemy still was resisting fiercely from many scattered strong-points.

Latest reports placed British advance units in this sector within a mile and a half of the Garigliano after their seizure of Acquapendola about seven miles south of the key German stronghold of Cassino guarding the broad highway to Rome.

From dominating positions on both Mt. Magliore and Mt. Camino General Clark's guns now command the southern part of the all-important valley between Mignano and Cassino.

As the Fifth Army's gruelling offensive against the core of the German line apparently neared full success after a week's bitter fighting, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's veteran Eighth army reported limited advances in the area of the Moro river, where the stream empties into the Adriatic.

Hard, stubborn fighting continued to rage inland around Orsogna, some 10 miles inland, and the German radio reported that Montgomery had launched a strong new assault against enemy positions on the eastern slopes of the towering Maffell mountains west of Cassino, approximately 15 miles from the Adriatic. The Maffell range rises to a height of nearly 8,500 feet only 10 miles from Cassino.

Pantry Shower Given For Training School

A pantry shower was held at Bedford Training school, which serves the colored children of the entire county, recently. All manner of food and equipment for the kitchen where hot lunches are served were given by the patrons of this school and friends throughout the county.

Names of those who made donations were furnished by Mrs. Susan Gibson, school supervisor, but space does not permit the publication of all these names.

Private Jack Dooley Prisoner of Germans

Mrs. W. R. Dooley has received a message from the War Department stating that word has been received through the International Red Cross, that her son, Pvt. Jack Dooley is now a prisoner of the Germans. Pvt. Dooley has been in the service about eighteen months. He was attached to the 30th division of the 5th Army Infantry. He was reported missing in action on September 19.

Lions Give Banquet For Ladies Tuesday

The Lions Club entertained at a Ladies Night on Tuesday at the Woodman's Hall. A banquet program was given, each guest upon entering the hall and a continuous round of fun was provided throughout the evening. Following a turkey dinner, an informal dance was held.

Rosary Club Wants Pictures for Display

The Rosary Club will appreciate pictures of ones serving our country to be on a patriotic display, December 21-31 at Dr. Pogue's drug store. Please bring or send pictures to Mrs. Hazel Otey, 317 South Bridge street, Miss Mary Piqua, 555 South street. Care will be given and each picture returned.

Sponsored by Rosary Club.

Silver Star Medal Given Captain Kidd

Awarded for Gallantry In Action During the Invasion of Italy

Capt. Reuben P. Kidd, 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Kidd, of Bedford route 2, has been awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action during the invasion of Italy. The citation, issued from headquarters of the Fifth Army Anti-aircraft Artillery Command reads as follows:

"Reuben P. Kidd, Capt. * * * Battalion for gallantry in action. On September * * *, Captain Kidd, in command of battery * * *, landed, with one 40-mm gun and crew, on * * * Beach, in the vicinity of * * * Italy. Heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, prevailing during the approach, became so intense as to devastate the beach. Finding no available transportation at hand, Captain Kidd directed his crew in 'manhandling' the gun off the landing craft onto the beach and into position. Obvious of heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, he assisted in digging the gun into place and in filling sand bags for the abutment. Captain Kidd then directed the fire of this 40-mm gun and succeeded in 'wiping out' a nest of enemy machine guns which had been inflicting numerous casualties on friendly troops. Later, while directing the emplacement of a machine gun, he was the first to observe a strong formation of enemy ME 109's approaching. Not waiting for the regular gunner to take over, Captain Kidd promptly manned and fired the gun, inflicting a high morale without which the defense of the beach would have been impossible. Placing mission above personal safety, Captain Kidd inspired all troops present, as well as his entire command. Such gallantry above and beyond the call of duty is a fine reflection on the service and deserves the highest praise."

Captain Kidd is a graduate of Bedford high school and of V. P. I. Following his graduation, he served as commanding officer of the Hot Springs CCG Camp before entering the army in the spring of 1942. His brother, Raymond C. Kidd, also has been serving with the armed forces for the last two years, and is stationed at an undisclosed base.

Roanoke Man Killed When Truck Overtakes On Thaxton Road

Edward K. Gockley, 33, who lived at the Milner Hotel, Roanoke, was killed Friday afternoon when the panel truck he was driving, overturned on route 460 a short distance east of Boocock Crossing.

Gockley, driver for the Parsell Pie Shop, sustained a crushed chest and both arms were broken. He was about 60 years of age and had been employed by the firm for some time. He died in a short time after he was found.

The truck which was loaded with pies and other bakery products, was going east but was headed west and overturned on its top when found. The vehicle was practically demolished.

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Big Three Draft Plans for Victory

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Cairo, Dec. 6.—President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Premier Marshal Josef Stalin and a handful of the highest political and military officials of the three great Allied Powers drafted a dramatic blueprint for victory against Nazi Germany in a four-day conference at Tehran, Iran (Persia), an official announcement revealed today.

The statement disclosing the most historic meeting of the century which brought together the leaders of the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union revealed that the Big Three had arrived at a decision to bring Hitler to his knees with the opening of a full-fledged second front. The conferences confined their talks in the four-day meeting which lasted from Sunday, November 28, through Wednesday, December 1, strictly to the war in Europe.

Second Front

Stalin got a black and white guarantee that a second front, plus an activated third front in the Mediterranean, presumably would be forthcoming.

The pledge was given in solemn language and at the conclusion of the conference the official communiqué said:

"We have concerted plans for the destruction of German forces and reached complete agreement on the scope and timing of operations which will be undertaken from the east, west and south."

Implying a shortened world war through a "relentless, increasing attack," the triumvirate laid the groundwork for a post-war family of operating under a guarantee to secure peace. The three pledged the elimination of tyrannies which would ban the "source and terror of war for many generations."

Text of Agreement

London, Dec. 6.—Following is the text of the declaration of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin at the conclusion of their Tehran conference:

"We, the President of the United States of America, the Prime Minister of Great Britain and the Premier of the Soviet Union, have met to discuss the war against Germany and Japan, and have reached complete agreement on the scope and timing of operations which will be undertaken from the East, West and South."

"As to the war, our military staffs have joined in our roundtable discussions, and we have concerted our plans for the destruction of the German forces. We have reached complete agreement as to the scope and timing of operations which will be undertaken from the East, West and South."

"The common understanding which we have here reached guarantees that victory will be ours."

"And as to the peace, we are sure that our concord will make it an enduring peace. We recognize fully the supreme responsibility resting upon us and all the united nations to make a peace which will command the good will of the overwhelming masses of the peoples of the world and banish the scourge and terror of war for many generations."

"With our diplomatic advisers we have surveyed the problems of the future. We shall seek the co-operation and active participation of all nations, large and small, whose peoples in heart and mind are dedicated, as are our own peoples, to the elimination of tyranny and slavery, oppression and intolerance. We will welcome them as they may choose to come into a world family of democratic nations."

"No power on earth can prevent our destroying the German armies by land, the U-boats by sea, and their war plants from the air. Our attacks will be relentless and increasing."

"From these friendly conferences we look with confidence to the day when all the peoples of the world will live free lives untroubled by tyranny, and according to their varying desires and their own conscience."

"We came here with hope and determination. We leave here friends in fact, in spirit and in purpose."

Signed at Tehran, December 1, 1943.

ROOSEVELT, STALIN, CHURCHILL

Dr. Earl S. Garver Makes Statement About Camp

The statement given below regarding conscientious objectors to war and the creation of public service camps is made by Dr. Earl S. Garver, director of camp No. 121 at Kello.

Conscientious objection to war is not a phenomenon of recent years. For nearly three centuries after the death of Christ the early Christians refused to participate in war, and because of this refusal often suffered martyrdom. However, along with the official "Christianization" of the Roman Empire, the Church authorities came to condone the use of military violence, and it was not until the Pietistic Movement of the 16th and 17th centuries and the separation of Church and State, which followed the Protestant Reformation, that Christians began to object to war.

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Object of Meeting to Have Bedford Tobacco Sold on Local Market

A meeting of the business men of Bedford was held in the mayor's office Tuesday night. The object of the meeting was to try to have Bedford tobacco sold on the local market. It was stated by Mr. Nance of the Alliance warehouse that probably one third of the tobacco which should normally be sold in Bedford goes to other markets, notwithstanding the fact that prices on the local market was on a level with the highest in the state. This being the case the business men of the town thought it necessary to take some steps to have Bedford county tobacco sold on the local market and keep Bedford county money at home.

The tobacco market in Bedford is worth a great deal to the business interests of the town and county and when the tobacco is sold on other markets it affects the entire business area.

John B. Oliver, city attorney, presided at the meeting and after an informal discussion of the problem by Mr. Tyree, of Saunders Warehouse, T. H. Nance of the Alliance warehouse, Mayor Gillespie and others, a committee of six business men was appointed composed of Robert Johnson, Mike Reynolds, W. W. Burks, W. R. Phelps, Guy Murphy and F. Ford, to formulate plans to promote the sale of the tobacco on the local market. The plan suggested was an advertising campaign, either by radio, newspaper or circulars, and to do this takes money. Slips of paper were distributed and each one present pledged on this paper the amount he was willing to give to assist in the campaign. Five hundred dollars was pledged at this meeting and additional funds will be raised by the committee, with Robert Johnson as the chairman. When you see Robert come go down to your jeans.

Other markets in this state have been advertising liberally for several years past, while the local markets has been somewhat neglected along this line—hence the loss of one-third of the local sales, as stated by a warehouse man.

Miss M. L. Richardson, of the Bulletin, stated that in the past Lynchburg had done much more advertising in Bedford than was done by the local warehouses, and the Democrat believes that this was a true statement.

Robert Johnson was made temporary treasurer and was given authority to conduct the campaign according to his own ideas. He can use the funds in radio, circulars or newspaper advertising. He can use his own judgment as to what method will bring the desired results.

One visiting tobaccoist (we did not learn his name) stated that Farmville, located in a county much smaller than Bedford sold more tobacco last year than did all the warehouses in the city of Lynchburg, and that they did it through advertising.

Let's keep Bedford county money in Bedford county. What helps the town helps the county, and what helps the county helps the town. We are all one big family.

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Dark Fired Tobacco Market Opened Monday

Steady Increases in Prices Each Day Since Sales Opened

The Bedford Dark Fired Tobacco Market opened here on Monday, the 6th with light offerings, due to the extended dry weather. The prices paid have been good and farmers who have been fortunate enough to have their tobacco ready for market have been well pleased with their sales.

There have been steady increases in the prices each day since the sales opened. Wednesday's sale average for the Bedford Market was \$24.39. Lower grades of tobacco have sold at high prices and this brings up the average to a substantial figure.

Some of the prices on the highest grades on Wednesday's sale are as follows: Clay Overstreet, \$35.00 per hundred pounds; W. R. Bays, Moneta, \$33.00; Pat Mitchell, \$31.00; Judson E. Overstreet, \$30.00; S. T. Scott, \$30.00; W. A. Gillespie, \$29.00; E. R. Tuck, \$25.00 on his highest grade and \$22.00 on his lowest grade; A. J. Tuck, \$25.00 highest and \$22.00 lowest.

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Mrs. Wallace reports that 288 kits, 35 navy kits, 25 navy turtle neck sweaters, 11 watch caps are ready for shipping. She also appeals for new and old toys to be brought to the Red Cross room in the court house for distribution at Christmas.

Schools Will Get Award for Bonds Sold in 3 Months

Thaxton elementary school of which Miss Lucy Falls is principal, has sold war bonds and stamps to the amount of \$6,781, between the dates of September 7 and December 7. The school will be awarded a certificate by the War Department.

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GONE FOREVER

There are four things that never come back—the spoken word, the deed done, the time past, and the lost opportunity.

BOMBING OF BERLIN APPALLING

The Bombing of Berlin is appalling if you think behind the news reports and realize the impossibility of dropping thousands of tons of highly explosives upon a densely populated place without killing women, children and other non-combatants.

Even dispatches from London indicate that the British people express sorrow over the suffering of helpless people in the enemy capital. The London folks know what a bombing does and they have seen and smelt the flesh of burned persons.

How then is it that free peoples throughout the world approve and applaud the hideous slaughter that visits German cities? Is it merely that they seek revenge for the horrors that were perpetrated upon the innocent victims of Nazi aggression earlier in the war?

We think not. The justification of the bombing offensive against the Germans is that it is necessary to win the war and to prevent the Germans from creating an arial machine to repeat the earlier campaign of terror that was inaugurated in-to modern warfare by the Axis militarists.

Either the German cities must be bombed unmercifully or we must set idly by and permit the Nazis leaders to plan new devilment against our Allied peoples. It is strictly a bomb first or get bombed later, and the British are proving to the world that they can dish it out as well as take it.

The United States, we should understand, is not absolved of the killing of non-combatant people when our planes drop their heavy bombs. It is a matter of regret but, also of necessity. The enemy asked for it, and they are getting it. It is up to them to say when they have enough.

SMACK THE JAP—WITH PULPWOOD

Two years ago this nation was fighting mad but still suffering from the shock of the Japs' sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

There is no question about it, Uncle Sam was knocked to the floor but, thank God, not knocked out. Our country, as a man, got up and fought back, until today the advantage is on our side. But we must fight with all we've got to hold that advantage and win a complete victory.

Here in this community we produce pulpwood which the Army and Navy need desperately as the war enters a crucial stage. Our fighting men rely on us, and us alone, to keep them supplied with hundreds of materials of war, made possible by pulpwood.

We can make the Japs sorry forever they ever heard of Pearl Harbor if each one of us does his part, today, and every day until victory is won. The best way we can help now is to:

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GOVERNMENT OWNS ONE-FIFTH OF UNITED STATES

One-fifth the land area of the United States is owned today by the government!

When Congress' Joint Committee on Reduction of Non-essential Federal Expenditures found that out the other day—with "apprehension"—there followed an immediate demand that liquidation of surplus government holdings be started immediately.

"Growing concern" exists in many states, the committee asserted, over the situation. It added that "excessive amounts of land" have been purchased by the government since 1938.

More than 600 Federal establishments are on a parity as to administrative control and responsibility, the committee declared, and no central agency keeps track of "how much land the government owns, where it is, or how much it costs."

The committee, headed by Senator Byrd (Dem. Va.), estimated the government land holdings equal in size to the combined areas of Maine, N. H., Vt., R. I., Mass., Conn., Pa., N. Y., N. J., Maryland, Va., Va., Del., North and South Carolina, Ga., Fla., Ohio, Ala., Ky., and Ind.

The Byrd committee said that in the last two and a half years alone the government has acquired real estate totaling 14,784,000 acres—approximately the area of seven Eastern states.

GERMANY'S LESSON

Three times, since Bismark founded the Second Reich, the German nation has started war and, until the present aerial offensive, none of the fighting took place on German soil.

Thanks to the R. A. F. and the U. S. Air Force, the Germans are feeling some of the worst of warfare. They face the dismal prospect of an ever-increasing cascade of explosives which will blast their cities and destroy their industries.

It is an experience that may assist the world in establishing permanent peace. The lesson is terrible but it will be taught, even if the full 50,000 tons of bombs, promised Berlin, have to fall upon the German capital.

The lady of the house was good and sore about something the other evening, one of the boys reported. Her lips were drawn in that thin, straight line, which always means trouble for someone or something. When pressed to tell what was "eating" her, she let loose, good and plenty: "Yes, I'm mad; good and mad," she said. "We just got a letter from one of the boys in the South Pacific, who really can't begin to tell how hard they are having it there as they wipe out the stubborn and persistent Japs—and here at home all you hear is Strike, Strike, Strike, with politicians dilly dallying with John L. Lewis and a gang of agitators who want a couple of bucks more per day, if it means shutting down every plant in the country. What do they care if the delay costs a few thousand good American lives?"—Fincastle Herald.

WHERE DOES OUR FOOD COME FROM?

A Guest Editorial

The American farmers live with their families on their farms, and their houses are also their business headquarters. Seven million farms have a population of about 33,000,000. The farm is the bread basket of the Nation. The big industrial and economic question of the farms is f-o-o-d. A Russian proverb says, "it is not the horse that draws the cart, but the oats," and by the same token of comparison it is not the man who steers the plane, but the food he eats.

It is no wonder that pages of the Congressional Record are devoted these days to questions of farm prices, income, subsidies, security, farm hands, and the general welfare of this great food industry that keeps all the wheels going round. The farmers don't want subsidies and that explains why Congress votes against subsidy measures.

Leaders of organized labor, on the other hand, have insisted all along on preferred treatment. Their wage increases have been continuous all through 1943.

The middlemen and the merchants are under wartime regulations, and their prices indicate that they are getting their share of the legitimate profits. It is also a matter of common knowledge that more people are making more money than they ever did before.

ROADS TO INFLATION

With all the complications in life in these strenuous and critical times doesn't it seem that there should be a path cleared to restore private management and ownership to the American industrial system as early as consistently possible? The big labor union leaders promised that there would be no strikes during the war. Still the War Labor Board, the War Stabilizer, the Secretary of the Interior, and even the President backed down in the coal miners' strike. Congress passed an anti-strike law, and right on top of that Administrator Vinson has insisted on sticking to the so-called Little Steel formula in the railway workers dispute. The threats and reports about possible strikes in the big automobile factories prove that the big labor leaders are dragging the workers along in their efforts to raise ceilings on all classes of work. The great masses of workers are willing to "hold the line," but if labor leaders succeed in their efforts the economic condition of the whole country will be upset. That spells i-n-f-l-a-t-i-o-n.

DADS AT BOTTOM OF DRAFT LISTS

The two branches of Congress finally agreed on a plan to place fathers at the bottom of the draft list. Single men and married men without children will be called on a national as well as State basis before fathers are called.

It has been pointed out time and again in this column that pre-Pearl Harbor fathers were not likely to be included in the drafts and this insistence on the part of this writer was based on the inconsistency of increasing hardships in these American families. Now Congress turns down the demands of Manpower Commissioner McNutt and the issue is put on the shelf. There are plenty of things that these fathers can keep right on doing to support and back up the country and the war in production and civilian activities.

ON POSTWAR PLANNING NOW

Victory is certain for us. Tragically too many of our boys are yet to die for it—but the only question now is the time of its coming.

We need not be forgetting their sacrifices today as we begin thinking intelligently of tomorrow. We shall not.

But, as responsible an informant as Raymond Clapper estimates that when Germany drops out, "American war production in total can be cut at least 50 per cent."

Industry's change over to civilian production must be well planned to be smooth and speedy, notes Clapper—"otherwise heavy unemployment will develop." He cites a single instance—a \$20,000,000 manufacturing plant which now has \$50,000,000 worth of government materials in it. What if Washington were to order that production stopped tomorrow? Civilian production could not be resumed until those enormous stocks could be removed to storage—where?

Hundreds of such instances exist, of necessity, as industry is all-out in war production. We at home would not be worthy of our fighting men's sacrifices were we to be caught as unprepared for peace as we were for war.

GERMAN THREATS ARE IDLE

German officials threaten to "pay England back" with interest and double interest and their boasts may ease the strain on Germans, who have suffered under the terrific aerial blows that have blasted the Reich.

It is interesting to speculate upon the methods that the Nazis can use to get the British. Rocket guns are mentioned with intimation that they will be set up in France for a long-range bombardment of the British Isles.

There is always the prospect that the Germans will resort to poison gas and the threat cannot be dismissed. The Nazi leaders are apt to become desperate and lose their reasoning under the impact of losing the war they thought they had won.

While poison gas can undoubtedly injure the British there is nothing in it for the Nazis because overwhelming aerial superiority will enable the United Nations to dump it on German soil faster than the Luftwaffe can deposit it anywhere else.

Like earlier stories of secret weapons there is probably little or nothing to the Nazi threats. If the Germans could get a new weapon they would use it, of course. They have not failed to employ every technique of terror in the past and they would not shrink now.

The fact that no such terrible weapon is being used by the Nazis is the best possible proof that no such weapon exists.

AMERICANS

It may be difficult to believe but there are Americans who are more interested in something to reduce taxes than something to shorten the war.

There are others who are strictly out for profits and whatever interferes with business, even a war, is out of place.

These types are joined, on an even footing, by other Americans who do not like to be inconvenienced. They denounce all regulations, even when required by war needs, and mouth loud complaints about everything and everybody.

Event and Comment

Organization explains much of our legislation.

The war goes on every month; so buy bonds every month.

Nobody knows what the law is until somebody says the last word.

The hardest job is the one that you put off until the last minute.

Few individuals dispute those who assert that they have unusual talent.

It is bad when politics gets into an army, both for the army and the nation.

The churches render service to all individuals who are willing to be served.

Who can remember the good old days when a man's word was his bond?

It's about time for people who have been owing money for years to make a beginning.

If you are disappointed because the weather hasn't been cold enough, just be patient.

Maybe Hitler ought to repeat his 1939 speeches; the German people might appreciate them.

A friend is one upon whom you can count, regardless of your misfortunes; how many have you?

If somebody would discover a way to sugar-coat education, the youngsters would learn faster.

So far as we are concerned, we do not favor any wholesale importation of foreigners after the war.

Business operates for profit, not social reform; any assumption to the contrary will make for confusion.

The conference of the Big Three in Cairo probably caused more concern in Tokyo than anywhere else.

One of these days everything will be known; then there will be no necessity for newspapers or books.

The political campaign, next year, will not affect the determination of this country to gain a complete victory.

There are fire-eating patriots who want every Japanese slain—provided somebody else will do the slaying.

The victimized countries have no modesty when considering what the rest of the world should do for their benefit.

Heavier taxes will not hurt the people of the country but they might damage the career of some officeholders.

The simplified income tax law is bearing down on some simple Americans this month; it will hit 'em again in March.

The business of Santa Claus will be limited this year solely by the volume of goods available; the people have the money.

Hitler is ready to fight as long as he can persuade the people of Germany to bear the burden of warfare, including bombing.

We have no objection to any subscriber paying his subscription three years in advance. We expect to be doing business that long.

When you run across a man who knows everything about the war, rush him to Washington; the government can use a man like that. We have some of them in Bedford.

No matter how well off an individual becomes he always has an eye out for a larger income; even the income tax doesn't matter, next year.

We have some citizens who are anxious to create discord between the United Nations; they are the same folks who cannot get along with their own relatives.

Hyperated-Americans ought to go back to the country that they love, people who become American citizens should be devoted to this nation unreservedly.

Another bulletin has been issued advising the housewives to save the glass jars in which they have canned fruits and vegetables. If cleaned, it says they can be used again next year. Marvelous information.

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Meats and Fats—(Including also butter, cheese, canned fish, edible oils and condensed and evaporated milk)—Brown stamps G, H, J and K in War Book 3 are now valid until December 4. Stamp M, becomes valid November 28. Stamps L and M and N in War Book 3 are now valid. Stamp P becomes valid on December 12, and Q on December 19. Stamps L, M, N, P and Q expire January 1.

Sugar—Stamp 29 in War Book 4 is now good for five pounds of sugar through next January 15. Shoes—Stamp 18 in Book 1 is good for one pair of shoes indefinitely. Airplane stamp No. 1 in Book 3, good for one pair. Families may pool the coupons of all members living in the same household. A loose shoe stamp is not valid except when used for mail order of shoes.

Stoves—Persons wishing to purchase rationed stoves must apply to the local board.

Fuel Oil—Period 1 coupons valued at 10 gallons per unit, now valid through next January 3. Period 2 coupons, same value, are also now valid until February 7.

Kerosene—The expiration date shown on the present outstanding Class 3 (kerosene) ration sheet should be disregarded by merchants and other oil dealers who dispense kerosene. Consumers may continue to use their present coupons until their supply is exhausted.

Gasoline—All A coupons are valued at 3 gallons. B and C unit coupons are now valued at 2 gallons. The eight A-8 coupons in the new A Book are now valid through next February 8.

War Price and Rationing Board No. 48-104-1 in Bedford is located on the second floor of the county court house. Office hours are: Monday through Friday: 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.; Saturday: 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Tires Rationed by Bedford Board

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M. C. Kilpatrick, route 2, Forest; James Williams, route 1, Thaxton; H. B. Robertson, route 1, Vinton; W. H. Saunders, Moneta; Jessie J. Hensley, route 6, Bedford; J. J. Saunders, route 2, Bedford; Lawrence Otey, Big Island; Odell Hurl, Moneta; George B. May, route 1, Bedford; Mrs. E. Y. King, route 4, Lynchburg; Markham Brothers, route 1, Goodview; S. T. Krantz, route 1, Lynch Station; B. A. Williams, Villamont; R. L. Forgie, Montvale; H. G. Dooley, Villamont; J. Horace Wrigginton, Bedford; Frank L. Overstreet, Box 145, Bedford; E. M. Richardson, Moneta; Dan R. Burks, Big Island; P. H. Hogan, route 4, Bedford; H. L. Hiner, route 1, Blue Ridge; Carl M. Brown; J. M. Johnson, Harry C. Perdue, J. L. Martin, H. E. Blakenship, P. L. Johnson.

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Bill—the bus driver

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Commissioner's Sale Of Desirable And Valuable Building Lots

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Pursuant to the terms of certain decrees entered by the Circuit Court of Bedford County, Virginia, on October 20 and December 1, 1943, a certain Chancery Cause therein pending, short-titled "Beulah Dooley, et als., vs. Bettie Marie Dooley, et als.," the undersigned Special Commissioner, will on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1943,

at 11 o'clock, A. M., offer for sale on the premises on Vine Street, in the Town of Bedford, Virginia, to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Seven lots, as shown by a plat and survey made by S. S. Lynn, which said plat will be available for inspection on the day of the sale or sooner at the offices of Oliver and Padgett.

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JOHN B. OLIVER,
Special Commissioner



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Club Meetings Next Week

Hickory Grove-Peaks H. D. Club on Tuesday, December 14, at 8:00. Fairview H. D. Club on Wednesday, December 15, at 2:00. Longview H. D. Club on Thursday, December 16, at 2:00.

Forest H. D. Club on Friday, December 17, at 2:00. Stewartville 4-H Club on Monday, December 13, at 10:50. Huddleston Sr. 4-H Club on Tuesday, December 14, at 10:40.

Huddleston Jr. 4-H Club on Tuesday, December 14, at 11:40. Bedford H. D. Club on Wednesday, December 15 at 2:00.

Emmaus H. D. Club

The Emmaus H. D. Club met on November 26 at the home of Mrs. Lillie Loyd. After the business meeting and the devotional was conducted, officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Eona Shrewsbury; vice-president, Mrs. Inez Loyd; secretary-treasurer and reporter, Mrs. Charles Robertson; leaders, Mrs. Margaret Robertson; Mrs. Frank Foster; substitute leader, Mrs. Hattie Ashworth.

Names were drawn for Christmas gifts and a fruit basket was sent to one of our sick members. The month's demonstration was given by Mrs. Margaret Overstreet. A contest was held in which Mrs. Charles Robertson was the winner and refreshments were served.

MRS. CHARLES ROBERTSON, Reporter.

New London 4-H Club

The New London 4-H Club held its regular meeting on December 1, with both Mrs. Atkinson and Mr. Overstreet, club agents, present. Our president, Jean Ingham, presided over the meeting and announced that no special program had been planned so the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Atkinson who had several matters to bring before the club. Among these were presenting Vivian May and Iola Duval with certificates of recognition to the 4-H Honor Club being organized in December. Several other girls were eligible but were not present. Among the boys eligible were John Tyler, Raphael Whitten, and Elbyrne Watson. After a food quiz by Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Overstreet discussed points of importance about feeding dairy cattle with the boys and

Club Meetings Next Week

Mrs. Atkinson talked to girls about planning programs for future meetings. We adjourned to meet again on the first Wednesday of next month. ELBYRNE WATSON, Reporter.

Big Island Senior 4-H Club

The Big Island Sr. 4-H Club met on December 3, in the high school auditorium with a large attendance of 13 members. A discussion of club dues was held and members were left to decide this and report at the next meeting. A Christmas program was presented by Mary Wilson and Henry Padgett, with May Dawson, Bobby Parks, Josephine Sanderson, Minnie Sligh, and Isabell Corbitt participating. Certificates of recognition of the 4-H Honor Club were awarded to Mary Wilson, Marion Tardy, May Dawson, June Tardy, Josephine Sanderson, Lucy Anne Hudson, Thomas Bulls and Bobby Parks. These members, with others of Bedford county, are to meet at the home of Mrs. Lela Atkinson some time in December.

HENRY ARTHUR PADGETT, Reporter.

GOODVIEW

I, your reporter, read with interest the account of the sword once belonging to Colonel Tom Kasey being presented to the U. D. C. chapter of Bedford. To me Colonel Tom was a very real personage as my grandfather was overseer for him prior to the War Between the States. At that time my grandfather was a lad.

Many an interesting story has been handed down especially those told by an old slave, Sandy Kasey, now deceased. He could almost make you visualize "Crum" Marston Tommy's favorite riding horse. Another how the Colonel would twirl his cane. In my childish imagination I could hear the "zum, zum" as it twirled around and around.

The comment made to my grandfather each year after crop inspection was this: "Well Davey, I notice where the land is good the crops are good."

The old Kasey homestead is now my home and the old Colonel along with other members of his family are resting in their burial plot just outside of our yard. Many times, when a child I walked the fence that enclosed those graves and played among the lilies that covered them.

At that time the farm belonged to a daughter, Miss Virginia Kasey, and was tended by my father and others.

Mrs. Jimmie Wingfield, another daughter, would ride horseback from her home near Hendrick's Store to visit us and her nephew, of this community once or twice each year. When she and her husband, William Wingfield, would come in view over across the little valley, we children were filled with glee and felt that royalty was really on its way.

Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. J. S. Saunders in the death of her son, Lawrence Saunders, of Roanoke. He was a great-grandson of Colonel Kasey, of whom the above article is written.

Miss Thelma Saunders, a bride-to-be, of this month and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Saunders, was honored with a crystal and silver shower in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dickerson, Saturday night. Sixty guests were invited and many beautiful gifts were presented, attesting to the popularity of both Miss Saunders and the groom-to-be.

The family of Lawrence Saunders and Mrs. Elta Gibbs were guests of Mrs. J. S. Saunders, mother of Mr. Saunders, Sunday.

Sgt. Wilford Meador, his wife and his mother, Mrs. Eva Meador, have been the guests of Mrs. Joe E. Saunders.

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Lesson for December 12

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CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT

LESSON TEXT—Mark 12:28-34; John 13:34, 35; 15:10-14.
GOLDEN TEXT—A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.—John 13:34.

The "new commandment" of love which Christ gave was not new in the sense of then first being known, but new in its application (John 13:34). Only since Christ had come did men know how to love in truth. This commandment of love was also first in time, being given before the Ten Commandments (see Lev. 19:18). Then, too, it declared the fundamental of all spiritual life, the first thing man needed to know, that God is love.

It also must take first place in man's thinking, for even as the Decalogue (Ten Commandments) is the heart of all moral law, so love for God and our fellow man is that which makes the Decalogue effective in our lives. Love and obedience go together (John 15:10).

Our lesson teaches us four things—

I. Love God (Mark 12:28-30).

Because "God is love" (I John 4:8) He desires man's perfect love toward Him. Because the essence of His being is love, He loves us, and enables us to love Him.

There is more here than a commandment or the performing of a duty. There is the recognition of a controlling principle of all life. In a day of multiplication of powerful machines and organizations, when man is "power conscious" in an unusual way, it is well to recall that the greatest power in all the world is the power of love.

Then let us not forget that all true love should rest upon fellowship with God. It has no real foundation if it does not.

II. Love Your Neighbor (Mark 12:31-34).

Everything about our relationship to Christ and to God expresses itself in our living. No spiritual truth is simply to be admired, or kept on a shelf as a cherished possession. It is to be put to work in the affairs of life.

Love for God means love for our neighbor. If we do not love our neighbor (and that means our fellow man—Luke 10:25-42) how then does the love of God abide in our hearts?

It is worthy of note that the recognition and appreciation of this truth of the love of God brought him near to the kingdom of God, but not into it. He was "not far from," but he was not in it. It is terrifying to think how close men may come to entering without doing so. Reader, have you entered into eternal life through Jesus Christ?

III. Love Your Brethren (John 13:34, 35).

Here we come within the circle of believers and see that the distinctive thing about their fellowship should be love for one another.

The old commandment of love becomes a new one because Christ shows that the measure of that love is to be His great love for us. How did Christ love us? With a perfect, unselfish and thoughtful devotion, which so deeply desired the very most and best for us that He was willing to lay down His holy life as our Saviour from sin.

The thing which marked the early church with glorious distinction was that in a world that hated, they loved one another, and in a world that killed and destroyed, they were even willing to die for their brethren. Tertullian of Carthage (Tunis) said, in the second century, that the enemies of Christianity said of the Christians, "See how they love one another."

IV. Love is Obedient, Joyful and Sacrificial (John 15:10-14).

Love is not an impulsive, erratic movement of man's nature which tries to make up for neglect and unkindness by occasional displays of generosity and thoughtfulness. No indeed. Love walks the straight and steady way of obedience to God's commandments.

Keeping God's law is not accomplished by reading it, or talking about it, or even learning it by heart, but by definitely practicing its precepts.

This brings joy into our lives—the real and perfect joy of Christ. How little we appreciate what this means. Our fellowship with the Lord calls for obedience and sacrifice, but that is not a burdensome, dull, distressing experience. It is a joyful one. Who counts it a trial to do that which pleases a loved one? Do we really love God? Then we will rejoice in our response to His will, yes, in any possible act of devotion. Love draws no limiting line beyond which it will not go. Love says: "I count not my life dear, in giving it I may bring deliverance to my friends."

We shall not question His guidance nor blush to own His name, even though the testimony may mean our death. This we shall do for Christ's sake, and for the sake of a suffering humanity.

Announcement!

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EACH COURT DAY

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UNION

"If we can keep the wonder of a child; And faith, that is the freedom from a fear; And love, that giveth without gain beguiled."

Then have we cherished Christmas all the year?"

—Rosamond Livingstone McNaught
Everything goes on about as usual in our community; no sickness to report and all the housewives busy as usual at this time of year—"just before Christmas."

Recent visitors in our community who have now returned to their respective homes were Duval Cooper of Washington, D. C., who spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Wood and two children, of Charleston, W. Va., who visited Mrs. W. L. McManaway and other relatives and friends here.

Miss Elsie Stiff spent a few days with her mother.

Mrs. Blanche Ferrell, of Beckley, W. Va., and Mrs. Charles Taylor, of Clifton Forge, visited Mrs. Phoebe Creasy and other relatives.

Mrs. R. A. Trice and daughter, Susan, of Charlottesville; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ward, of Charleston, W. Va.; Miss Ruth Wood, of Johnson City, Tenn., were guests of Mrs. J. D. Clingempeel for several days.

Miss Joanne Wood, of Johnson City, Tenn., was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Stiff and visited other relatives and friends here.

Jean Masson, of the Merchant Marines, is spending a while with his wife and daughter, Mrs. R. A. Trice and Mr. Trice, in Danville, last week.

Our Sunday school will have a

Furs Wanted!

Will buy all your raw furs at market price for cash. See me or let me know what you have.

B. W. Dinwiddie
Moneta, Va.

Christmas program and Christmas tree at Union, Sunday night, December 19th, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. We hope you can be with us.

The Ladies Aid Society and Union Garden Club will hold their annual all-day meeting and Christmas party, at "Bonnie Oaks on Thursday, December 16, and we hope to have a full attendance of all members.

We enjoyed the splendid sermon delivered by our pastor Rev. B. T. Price, last Sunday afternoon. His next service will be on the 19th at 11:00 o'clock a. m. Come out and enjoy a good sermon.

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Mrs. H. S. Hatcher who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hatcher

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Now they're mighty thankful, because State Farm Mutual will pay the heavy damages. Be wise... inquire about State Farm's More-Auto-Insurance-for Your-Money Plan... today!

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Bedford, Va.

STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES
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The World's Largest Auto Insurance Co.

has returned to her home in Andrews, S. C.

Miss Lucy Falls visited her mother, Mrs. J. B. Falls, Saturday, in Roanoke.

Mrs. E. S. Elliott and daughter spent several days last week with Mrs. Elliott's sister, Mrs. Harry Goggin.

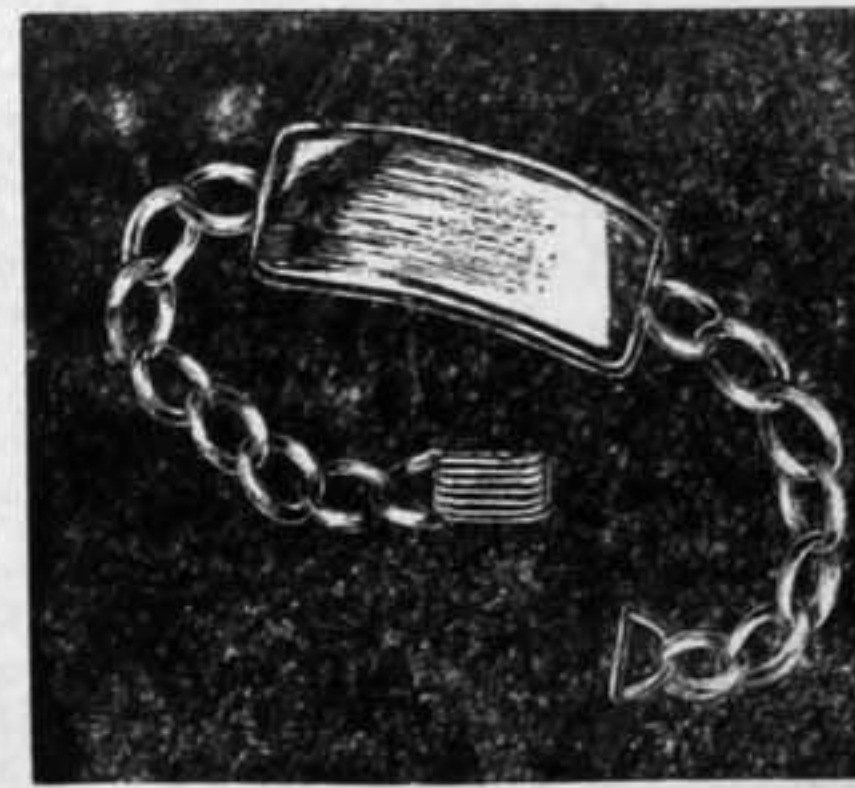
Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Newman, of Moseley Bridge and E. S. Elliott, of Altavista, were visiting in the home of Mrs. J. S. Elliott, Sunday.

Ray Cottrell has moved his family to Norfolk.

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Wednesday, Dec. 8 \$25.67
Prices running from \$22.00 to \$35.00

I think it will pay you to bring your tobacco to Lynchburg and let Old M. D. sell it for you.

Martin's Warehouse

Lynchburg, Va.

M. D. TURNER

DEATHS

FUNERAL OF MRS. OWEN

Funeral services for Mrs. Clifton H. Owen were conducted Friday afternoon, December 3, at North Bedford Baptist church by Rev. J. B. Thurmond, Rev. W. L. Mays and Rev. L. H. Youell. Hunter Thacker sang a solo. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Flower bearers were Mesdames Roy Owen, Willis Williams, F. O. Guthrie, Percy Fritter, Clifford Owen, Willie Crank, Osborne Langford, Emory McConville, Sam McConville, Rush Burnette, Leonard Nash, Mott Rogers, Marion Cressy, C. W. Austin, Otis Woodall, Balton Hubbard, Marshall Phillips, Herndon Hogan, Herman Keese, Clyde Campbell, Agnes Gardner, Jasper Abbot and C. W. Ramsey and Misses June Owen, Joyce Terrell and Ila Owen.

Honorary pallbearers were Osborne Langford, Dr. Thomas K. Terrell, Tom Webster, Clarence White, J. T. Lansdowne, Charles Terrell, Jack Hubbard, J. O. Whitten, Lewis Lindsay, B. D. Clay, W. M. Owen, Jasper Abbot and Emory McConville.

Active pallbearers were Woodrow Owen, Willie Crank, Rufus Owen, Clifford Owen, John Owen and Percy Chaffin.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR BENJAMIN DAVIS WITT
Funeral services for Benjamin Davis Witt, 52, who died on November 30, were held on December 2, at 2 p. m., at Leftwich church near Huddleston. Rev. V. B. Anthony and Rev. E. P. Robertson conducted the services.

Active pallbearers were W. A. Martin, S. R. Uddike, W. L. Martin, S. K. Bates, H. O. Dowdy and E. O. Barbour.

Flower bearers were Edward Witt, Mrs. Edward Witt, Mrs. John Barnard, Virginia Witt, Lewis Witt, Thurman Witt, Alex. Witt, Howard Witt, Lois Witt, Margaret Witt, Melvin Witt, Roy Witt, Harris Witt and Mrs. Harris Witt.

Honorary pallbearers were J. G. Barbour, H. W. Hogan, W. O. Mitchell, Junior Blankenship, J. W. Cressy, M. L. Ashwell, Ray Martin, A. L. Carter, Bruce White, Lewis Woodford and O. J. Cressy.

MISS LEUSETTY PAGGANS
Funeral services for Miss Leusetty Paggans, 84, of Franklin county, who died at the home of M. N. Newman, near Lowry, were held Thursday afternoon, by Elder Foy Plyburn.

Interment was in the Oyer family cemetery near Halesford.

Active pallbearers were J. C. Fisher, D. S. Fisher, H. P. Saunders, H. W. Morgan, H. C. Thurman and G. W. Powers. Flower bearers were Mrs. Everett Paggans, Mrs. Douglas Bowyer, Mrs. Gladys Powers, Mrs. Sarah Ellis, Miss Morene Hale, Miss Lena Morgan and Miss Sadie Ellis.

JUBE EARLY TURNER
Jube Early Turner, 53, died Monday morning at his home near Stewartville.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Leslie Pearl Turner, and three children. The funeral was conducted at Jeter's chapel yesterday morning by the Rev. L. R. Higgins and the Rev. Layman, pastor of the Barnhardt Baptist church. Burial was at the church cemetery.

MRS. F. L. SLUSHER
Mrs. Susan Victoria Slusher, wife of Francis L. Slusher, died November 28, in Roanoke. Born in Floyd county, January 8, 1881, she was the daughter of Daniel R. and Mary Jane Conner. She was a member of the Church of the Brethren at Troutville, where she had made her home for a number of years. She was a good Christian woman in her home or wherever she went. She was always ready to lend a helping hand; was loved by all who knew her. All that loving husband and skilled physicians and nurses could do was done to save her, but the Lord saw best to take her home to rest.

Mrs. Slusher is survived by her husband and the following children: Everett C. Slusher, Mrs. Walter Parrish, Mrs. Herman Goodman and Miss Janette Slusher, of Bedford; M. K. Slusher and Roy Slusher, of the U. S. army; Curtis Slusher, of Roanoke, and Mrs. Marvin Spradlin, of Fincastle; her mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Conner and sister, Miss Betty Ruth Conner, of Meadows, Va.; two brothers, E. M. Conner, of Roanoke, and James D. Conner, of Troutville. She is also survived by four grand children, Kathryn and Clarence Slusher, Julia Brown Parrish and Kenneth Slusher, all of Bedford.

Funeral services were conducted from the Church of the Brethren, at Troutville, on Wednesday, December 1, at 11 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Kale of the Church of the Brethren and Rev. Mr. Barber of the Baptist church. Interment was in the cemetery at Troutville.

Active pallbearers were Elmo Conner, Ellie Parrish, Lawrence Snead, Ernest Snead, C. E. Moore and Mr. Baldwin. —Contributed.

CLAYTON MEREDITH
Funeral services were held in Fredericksburg, Wednesday, December 1, for Clayton Meredith, whose death was the result of accident, and another service was conducted Saturday afternoon in New London Academy Presbyterian Church, Rev. Bernard E. Bain officiating.

Flower bearers were Billie Austin, Frankie Crockett, Misses Flora and Elizabeth Lockridge, Anna Lee, Salie Adams, Lucille Eagle, Mrs. Hammer Bass, Jr., and Mrs. Louise Caldwell.

Pallbearers were H. D. Edwards, H. R. and E. T. Landon, J. E. and H. E. Bass and H. E. Bass, Jr.

MRS. W. H. MITCHELL
Mrs. Idella Padgett Mitchell, 93, widow of William Henry Mitchell, died December 4, after an illness of four days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Seay, near Lynchburg on route 1. Funeral services were conducted in Whitten Funeral Home Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Burial was in the family cemetery at Coleman Falls.

Born in Bedford county September 7, 1850, she was the daughter of Beverly Harrison Padgett and Mrs. Elizabeth Ogden Padgett. She was a member of West Lynchburg Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Wil-

liam M. Mitchell, of Richmond, James H. Mitchell, of Lynchburg, and Sidney P. Mitchell, of Greensboro, N. C.; two daughters, Mrs. J. D. Seay, of near Lynchburg and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Holley, of Washington; 44 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

R. T. CARTER
Robert T. Carter, brother-in-law of Mrs. Addie Cuthbert, of Bedford, died unexpectedly in New York, November 28.

Survivors are a daughter, Miss Jean Carter, of Rapidan, and three sons, Robert T. Carter, Jr., of Roanoke; G. Landon Carter, of Newport News, and Lt. Arthur Downey Carter, Army Air Forces.

The late Mrs. Carter was Miss Lottie Overstreet, of Bedford. Funeral services were conducted from Pauley's chapel, in Roanoke, November 29, by Rev. George W. Amos, and interment was in Longwood cemetery, in Bedford.

JOHN CALVIN NOEL
John Calvin Noel, 73, died December 3, at his home in Lynchburg, after a week's illness. Funeral services were held at the home Monday with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Born in Bedford, January 1, 1870, he was the son of Thomas B. Noel and Mrs. Ella Noel. He was a member of West Lynchburg Baptist church and was a millwright by trade.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Maude Crawford Noel; two sons, R. B. Noel and W. H. Noel, both of Lynchburg; two daughters, Miss Mary Catherine Powell, of Vinton; and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Dicks, of Baltimore and Mrs. Rose Gunter, of Durham, N. C.

MISS NONIE D. MOOMAW
The funeral of Miss Nonie D. Moomaw, who died on December 5, was conducted from the residence in Falling Spring Valley, Monday afternoon. Miss Moomaw was a cousin of Dr. William C. Moomaw, of Bedford.

A. RUSSELL ANDERSON
Dr. Alexander Russell Anderson, age 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Anderson, of Princeton, W. Va., died Thursday morning at 3 o'clock, December 2, 1943, in a hospital in Knoxville, Tenn.

Dr. Anderson graduated from Princeton High School in 1935 when he was valedictorian of his class. He had three years in Concord State Teachers College, Athens, W. Va., where he completed his course in chemistry, and graduated as a pharmacist from the University of West Virginia, Morgantown. After receiving his pharmaceutical degree he accepted a position with S. E. Massengill Co., Bristol, Tenn. He had not been there long before he was selected as pharmacist in the station hospital, Huntsville, Ala.

His death was unexpected and when the news came it was a great shock to his relatives and many friends. He was ill for only a few hours, and his parents were grief-stricken that he passed away before they arrived at his bedside. He visited his grandfather, R. C. Saunders often and the entire family were so devoted to him, and are greatly grieved by his death.

He was an unusually fine type young man, with a sterling character and attractive personality that every one admired. He made many friends and was greatly beloved by all who knew him. All his young friends are in service, and could not be here to attend his funeral. Although not in the regular service, he was serving his country in the medical department of the U. S. Civil Service Commission and he was always at his post of duty. He was a very valuable young man and his passing away was a great loss.

The remains were brought to the home of his grandfather, R. C.

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Sidney Patterson Is Found Dead Near Nicopolis Church

After not having been seen since early Friday night, Sidney Patterson, 68, was found dead in the Nicopolis church community, Sunday morning. His charred body was discovered on the roadside by a young man of the community, as he was en route to church.

Patterson, who made his home with his nephew, Kyle Patterson, is said to have gone opossum hunting Friday night, and it is believed that his death occurred some time during that night. It is not known how his clothes became ignited. His clothing was almost entirely consumed but his body was not burned beyond recognition. Two rolls of bills, partly burned, and some silver were found. An ax, lantern and other articles used in night hunting were found near the body.

Survivors are a sister in Lynchburg, and two brothers, H. E. Patterson, of the Nicopolis community and one brother living in Princeton, W. Va.

The funeral services were held by Rev. Robert P. Parker, Sunday afternoon and burial was in the family cemetery.

Club Members Wrap Gifts for Children

Toys for the children at the Presbyterian Orphanage in Lynchburg, were wrapped at the meeting of the Garden club of Bedford, held at the home of Mrs. R. E. White, Wednesday afternoon. Awards were made for the most attractive packages as follows: Mrs. H. A. Gills, first; Mrs. James McIntyre, second; Mrs. H. A. Wilson, third.

Awards for flowers exhibited were made as follows: specimen, Poinsettia, Mrs. R. E. Saunders, first; small arrangement, Mrs. G. L. Burton, first, and Miss Martha Watts, second. Judges were Mrs. W. L. Lyle, Mrs. W. R. Phelps and Mrs. James McIntyre.

The singing of Christmas carols formed a part of the program, and refreshments were served by Mrs. White assisted by her daughter, Miss Isabel White.

Saunders, in Bedford, Friday afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Main Street Methodist church, by Rev. O. E. Mercer and Rev. L. D. Yost, of Princeton, W. Va., assisted by Dr. G. H. Spenser and Rev. A. W. Potts, of Bedford. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Marvin Marshall, Alvin Saunders, P. O. Miller, E. L. Robertson, Walter White, and Lt. Charles Rich.

Honorary pallbearers were W. L. Skinnell, W. H. Ayres, J. A. Smith, Jessie Morgan, J. M. Bower, Mike Reynolds, G. G. Ballard, G. C. Luck, T. W. North, G. W. Deacon and Malcolm Deacon.

Flower bearers were the members of the Friendship Bible Class. Those attending the funeral from out-of-town were: O. P. Dawson, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. R. A. Coburn, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter White, Mrs. Harry Richard, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. White, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bushae, Marvin Marshall and Mrs. Emma Lankford, all of Princeton, W. Va.; P. T. Saunders, Alvin Saunders, Harry Saunders, Jr., Miss Marcelle Saunders, Mrs. J. D. Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Miller, all of Bluefield, W. Va.; Mrs. Etta Bond, Mrs. Ratcliffe, Radford; Miss Earline Anderson and Miss Lelia Lane Watson, of Richmond; Lt. Charles Rich and Mrs. Rich, of Boston, Mass.; Capt. Ralph Crump and Mrs. Crump of Chambersburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lichford, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stiff, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harvey, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Groselose and Mrs. Elizabeth Groselose and Mrs. J. W. Marshall, Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh White, Chicago, Ill.

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Women Are Solution To Manpower Problem

"If the manpower problem in Virginia is to be solved, the women must furnish most of the solution," was the conclusion reached by Frank A. Cavedo, State Director of the War Manpower Commission, after studying figures prepared in the office of George Shelbourne, Chief of Reports and Analysis, of trends in employment in the 144 larger war and essential civilian establishments in the State, it was announced today by Mr. Ralph M. Turner, manager of the Lynchburg U. S. Employment Service.

Any woman who wants to know where she could best fit should visit the United States Employment Service office, located in the city hall annex, in Lynchburg, as soon as possible.

IN MEMORIAM
In sad but loving memory of our son, Melville G. Danner, who died 3 years ago today, December 10, 1940:

The month of December is here again. The saddest of all the year. Although three years have passed away. We miss you more and more each day.

Peaceful be your rest dear Melville. But when we think of how you suffered. Then we know that God did best. —Mother and Father. 12-9-43-pd

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us, and we wish to also express our appreciation for the use of cars in the passing of our beloved son and grandson, Alexander Russell Anderson. —Parents: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Anderson; Grandfather: R. C. Saunders and Family. 12-9-43-9-11-43

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Social Events

Dr. Fred G. Repass, formerly of Bedford and now located in Roanoke, has been elected president of the Roanoke Dental Society.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Gregory spent several days in Richmond, last week. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Oliver who visited L. Col. and Mrs. H. B. Jordan, and Mrs. J. L. Burks, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Davis while there.

Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Repass, of John Scott, on November 29.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Main Street Methodist church, will meet at the church, December 13, at 3:15 p. m.

Miss Berta Mayhew and Miss Mitylene Williamson, of Bedford, spent the week-end with relatives on the Southside.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Montague, of Dublin, are visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell Montague, at Goode.

Dr. and Mrs. Thurman E. Vass have returned to Bluefield, W. Va., after spending the week-end with Mrs. Vass' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Obenchain.

Miss Sadie Swisher, of Santa Barbara, Calif., has been visiting Mrs. J. J. Cooper, here and relatives in Lynchburg. Miss Swisher was formerly a student at the Cooperative School, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wood, of Bedford county, spent the week-end with their son, Key Wood, in Washington, D. C.

Miss Lillian Wells, who was in the rehabilitation office here, for some time, has returned to Richmond.

The Liberty garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. E. H. Baker, on Oakwood street, December 15.

Miss Elizabeth Mitchell has returned to Arlington after spending several days here and in Roanoke.

Mrs. J. A. Hogan and Mrs. Ray Kyle have returned from Bluefield, W. Va., where they went to attend the wedding of Miss Clarice Fizer and Edwin C. Hash, staff sergeant, U. S. army.

C. C. Keith is confined to his home by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Scott and Misses Mary and Anna Cooper, of Roanoke, were guests of relatives in Bedford, Sunday.

Miss Christine A. Key returned to her duties in Washington, D. C., after spending 10 days with her parents.

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County Agent Advises Early Fertilizer Purchase

There will be an ample supply of fertilizer for the 1944 crops provided farmers will start buying now, and not wait until spring to get it. According to S. S. Hyton, county agent, fertilizer manufacturers are very short on labor, and if farmers will buy early, this will keep the full force working over a long period of time, and will insure a more uniform supply of fertilizers. If farmers wait until they need the fertilizer to buy it, the demand will be so great that the manufacturers with their short supply of labor cannot possibly manufacture it fast enough.

A large number of farmers are advised to secure their fertilizers and store it in a dry place, preferably on a platform, where the air can circulate under and around it, and in stacks of not over four or five bags. A layer of straw should be put between each bag. If these precautions are exercised there will be no danger of the fertilizer hardening. Farmers who cannot properly store their fertilizer should not buy it too far in advance, says Mr. Hyton.

As one means of increasing the supply of wheat for food and feed purposes farmers are urged to top dress their wheat in February or very early in March with 100 to 150 pounds per acre of nitrate of soda. This would be a very profitable practice with the present price of wheat. However, wheat that has been top dressed with manure should not receive this top dressing.

Orchardists are advised also to buy their fertilizer as quickly as possible or to place their order for it.

Farmers would do well to use 300 to 400 pounds of 4-12-4 fertilizer under their corn. A good fertilization coupled with early planting and the use of well adapted Hybrid seed should greatly increase corn yields.

Hard seed corn may be hard to get when planting time comes. Therefore farmers should place their orders for this seed as quickly as possible. Due to the tremendous root system produced by Hybrid corn it is less susceptible to drought than ordinary corn, and it will not blow over in a storm. This is standing when harvesting time comes will greatly conserve the short labor supply. It may be possible for farmers to secure the use of corn harvesters this coming year, and Hybrid corn is easily harvested since it is standing up straight.

It is hoped that a large acreage of oats will be seeded in February or March, and it would be a wise thing to buy seed oats well in advance of seeding date, Mr. Hyton stated.

E. L. Smith, Jr., spent the week-end with his family here. He returned on Tuesday to Blackstone, where he holds a position.

Mrs. Robert Key and daughter, Miss Bernice Key, spent one day last week in Lynchburg. Miss Key has entered a business school in that city.

T. A. Hubbard, buyer for the Export Tobacco Company, is in Bedford for the tobacco marketing season.

Miss Virginia Anspach, who has been ill in a Lynchburg hospital, is improving and is now at the home of her sister, Mrs. John M. Smith, on Peak street.

Edward Agee who has been ill with pneumonia for some time at the John Russell hospital, is improving.

Mrs. S. R. Chafin and son have returned to the home of Mrs. Chafin's mother, Mrs. Bennett, from the Virginia Baptist hospital in Lynchburg. Mrs. W. B. Chafin, of Lynchburg, accompanied her daughter-in-law home and will be a guest in the Bennett home for some time.

Mrs. A. E. Raettig, of Dacatur, Georgia, is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jamison.

Mrs. T. H. Aldridge is spending several weeks in Bedford at the home of Mrs. J. R. Thomas and other friends and relatives here. She expects to leave for Newport News shortly.

Charles H. Rucker is improving after a recent operation at the John Russell hospital.

Mrs. N. M. Bradford spent the week-end with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Brewbaker, in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. C. M. Mapp of the Eastern Shore, Virginia, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Cummings, recently.

The Friendship Bible Class of the Methodist church will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, December 14, at the church at 7:45.

Members of the Philathea class will hold their regular class meeting in the Sunday school room to night, (Thursday). Supper will be served at 6:30. After this there will be a sale of miscellaneous articles. Come to supper and bring something to sell.

St. Hilda's Guild Holds Pre-Christmas Meeting

St. Hilda's Guild, of St. John's church met at the home of June Scott, November 29.

On a prettily lighted tree the members hung small red bags, containing their Christmas offering, which made a very pretty effect and from which was realized a nice sum. Four Christmas boxes were sent to the camp Pickett hospital, and money given to the war fund. A colored family with seven children will be given food, toys and clothing at Christmas and an aged couple will be remembered.

After the business was attended to dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Members then exchanged gifts and all felt the spirit of Christmas had begun.

Girl Scout Group Gives Party for Youngsters

The girls who have been studying for their child care badge in the Girl Scout Troop gave a party on Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church, for children from two to six years of age. Games were played under the leadership of the girls and refreshments were served.

The children who were entertained were as follows: Glenda Ramsey, Martha Johnson, Tommy Tucker, Oliver, Barbara Landis, Ann Wallace Kendall, Herbert Nichols, Davis Dowdy, James Chesson, Norma Hickson, Joyce Tate, Mary Frances Lovelace, Isabel Benn, Tommy Musgrove, and Pat and Frances Powell.

The girls who are studying for their badge are: Mary Jean Chesson, Joan Agee, Frances Mitchell, Gwendolyn Sussman, Mildred Parker, Catherine Moore, Nancy Lee Luck, Patricia Baker, Ann Query, Beck White, Jacqueline Sutherland, Courtney Partlow and Jenny Wren Luck.



Mrs. Harold M. Rosazza who before her marriage on November 21, was Miss Edna Jean Mayhew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mayhew.

Parent-Teacher Assn. Asks Certain Changes; Some Are Granted

Two committees from the Bedford parent-teacher association were present at the meeting of the Municipal school board, Thursday night, to ask that certain improvements be made at the school and discussed with the board certain changes which they believed would make for better education.

The committee headed by Mrs. W. G. Cowbeck reported that parents of children in the combination grades in the lowest grade room taught by Mrs. F. G. Hays were not satisfied with that arrangement, believing that the children could not get the proper instruction in the combination grade, and asked that something be done to relieve the situation.

The board, in executive session, went into a thorough discussion of this matter and by unanimous vote of the board members, decided that since the teacher load in the elementary school is less than 30 pupils next to the lowest grade room teachers have ever had, since there did not seem to be a majority of the patrons represented by pupils in the room who were making complaint, since the board felt that there was no great disadvantage in having two grades in one room, and since the report of the teacher indicated that the pupils were making satisfactory progress, that the situation did not justify the employment of another teacher.

The committee of which Mrs. R. F. Harris was chairman, asked that towels, soap, etc., be provided and that certain improvements be made in the toilets. The principal stated that towels are always available. The board agreed to install soap dispensers and to make improvements requested by the committee.

Ruff-Agee

Miss Mary Annie Agee, Bedford, route 2, and Alfred Roosevelt Ruff, Bedford, route 5, were united in marriage December 6, Dr. J. H. Grey, of the Presbyterian church, officiating. The ceremony took place at the manse on Westview avenue.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Agee and the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hezlie Ruff.

Thursday Club Meets With Mrs. H. A. Wilson

The first meeting of the Thursday club, this season, was held at the home of Mrs. H. A. Wilson, on Bedford avenue, Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. B. W. Partlow was the speaker.

"Post war plans for world peace" was the subject of the program. Red berries and greens were used in decorations and Miss Isabel White assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

Eastern Star Holds Christmas Meeting

Line officers of the Liberty chapter of the Order of Eastern Star were guests of the Past Matrons and Past Pastors club of that organization at a dinner meeting, Friday night. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John L. Calhoun, organizing president, and Mrs. C. M. Buck, who is now club president, was co-hostess. The program and decorations were in keeping with the Christmas season and Santa Claus presented each one present with a gift. Mrs. Buck, president, received a gift of crystal from the club.

Line officers who were guests included Mrs. Garland E. Johnson, worthy matron; Mrs. M. L. Overstreet, associate matron; Mrs. C. H. Burnette, conductress; and Mrs. Robert E. Johnson, associate conductress.

Falls-Allen

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Allen, of Thaxton, announce the marriage of their daughter, Lola Virginia, to Joseph Pleasant Falls, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Falls, of Blue Ridge. The ceremony was performed in Bristol, Tenn., on November 29.

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Paper Salvage Is Planned for January 9

The central salvage committee of Bedford county announces that paper will be collected by the town truck Thursday, January 9, 1944. The announcement is made early so people will plan to save paper and boxes that accumulate during the Christmas season.

Everyone is urged to arrange his accumulation in neat bundles that are tied securely. This helps in speeding up collection and use. Boxes should be flattened, arranged in bundles and tied; brown wrapping paper should be smoothed out, folded, arranged in bundles and tied; brown paper bags should be flattened and tied in bundles with the brown wrapping paper; newspapers should be flattened, stacked, tied securely and magazines should be tied in bundles. These bundles are to be placed on curb the morning of January 9th with the exception of people living on Longwood avenue starting with intersection of Peak street, Peak Park, Oakwood, Oak, Baltimore, Locust, Hampton Roads, Locust are requested to place paper on curb Wednesday evening providing the weather is clear, or by 7 a. m. Thursday as truck will leave Longwood and Peak at 7:00 a. m.

Rebekah Lodge No. 32 Has Meeting

The Peaks of Otter Rebekah Lodge No. 32, held its regular meeting Tuesday night with 22 members present. Mrs. Roy Mayhew, noble grand, presided. Business was conducted in the usual manner.

The degree team will practice Friday night, December 10 at 7:30 p. m. We urge everyone who has part in this to be present. There will be a surprise afterwards.

The penny drill prize was won by Mrs. John Parrish and the attendance prize was won by Mrs. Moorman Murgrove.

Mrs. Claude Witt was reported ill. Mr. Mike Eckart served a basket of red apples, which everyone enjoyed.

THAXTON

Miss Edna Marshall, of Roanoke, was the week-end guest of Mrs. O. H. Hogan.

Miss Margaret Rusher, of Suffolk, attended the meeting in Roanoke, Sunday, of the Professional and Business Women's Club.

Mrs. Guy Roper and Ed Goodwin, of Newport News, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. W. B. Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rusher and Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Kidd spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Garland Kidd at Madison.

Prayer meeting at Epworth Methodist church Thursday night, December 9 at 7:30 p. m. Rev. B. T. Price is conducting a series of services. Please, everyone come. About thirty-five attended last Thursday night. After the prayer services there was a fellowship hour which everyone took part in.

Slaughter Limits Are Removed for Hogs

Virginia farmers may now slaughter as many of their own hogs as they wish and sell the pork without slaughter permits.

The War Food Administration says that the new ruling which went into effect November 17 will be good for 90 days. It applies only to hogs and farmers may sell only the amount of beef, veal, mutton or lamb that his permits allow them to. Ration points, of course, must still be collected in accordance with previous OPA rulings, except that the point values on pork have been lowered.

The change has been made to help relieve the overtaxed slaughtering facilities of the nation.

Tom Sidonia Paints Christmas Posters

The attractive Christmas posters, picturing the carollers and the madonna and child, which are a part of the decoration in Jones Drug Store, were painted by Tom Sidonia of the Elks National Home. Mr. Sidonia formerly practiced as a tattoo artist with the Barnum and Bailey circus.

Strauderman-Stanley

The marriage of Elizabeth Marie Stanley, of Bedford, and Arthur Andrew Strauderman, of Baltimore, was solemnized on December 3, at the manse by Dr. J. H. Grey.

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Mrs. Snead Has Birthday Dinner

The nieces and nephews of Mrs. Susie Snead gathered at her home on Sunday, November 21 to help celebrate her 73rd birthday. It came as a surprise to Mrs. Snead when they all arrived with boxes and baskets all filled with good things to eat. The dinner was served picnic style from a well laden table in the yard, the day being an ideal one for the occasion.

After dinner Mrs. Snead was presented with a shower of birthday cards. Upon opening the cards, she found a present of money in each one.

Those present for the occasion were: Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Grey, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Snead, and son, Lawrence Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Snead and children, Clarence and Shirley, Mrs. Charlie Vaughan and daughter, Dorothy and Kathryn, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Pugh and daughter, Thelma, Mrs. Everett Slusher and children, Kathryn and Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Gross and Mr. Reynolds, Jake and Gilmore Watson, Howard and Willie Smith, A. L. Snead, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Vaughn, and Mrs. G. W. Kidd all of Bedford; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Follen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hogan and son Kenneth, of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Okie Foutz and children, Nancy, Lottie, Reba and Mickle, and Miss Smith, of Hixsville.

All left at a late hour, wishing Mrs. Snead many happy returns of the day.—One Who Was Present.

New Type of Gas Coupons Are Coming

A new type of numbered gasoline ration coupon resembling a strip of movie tickets is to be issued to holders of "B" and "C" and "D" cards in a move against black markets.

The OPA said today that the new "B" coupons would be issued for commercial vehicles and taxis beginning January 1. The others are expected to be issued about April 1.

The OPA changed the "B" and "C" coupons December 1 when the new B-2 and C-2 coupons were put in use. These coupons are valued at 5 gallons each and they replaced the old type B and C and B-1 and C-1 coupons which were worth 2 gallons each. However, the old type coupons are still valid at gasoline stations but are no longer issued by the rationing boards. They will not be invalidated in the near future, although no date has been set by OPA.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Keese of Sycamore, recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Blanche, of Lynchburg, to Elmer James Cooke, of Gretna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles P. Cooke, of that place.

The date for the wedding has not been set.

The mother of the bride-elect is Mrs. Jack Saunders sister.

R. B. Landis Speaks About World Travels

Experiences and observations during a trip around the world provided material for an address made by Robert B. Landis at the meeting of the Rotary club of Bedford, Thursday night. Mr. Landis, who spent some years in the Orient, has just returned from abroad.

Amateur Program at Montvale Postponed

Due to conditions beyond our control the amateur program advertised for this Saturday night, is indefinitely postponed.

THAXTON FACULTY

Dr. Earl S. Garver Makes Statement Concerning Camp

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an increased tendency on the part of Selective Service to authorize C. P. S. units for tasks quite dissimilar to former C. C. C. project work. Many of the more recently authorized C. P. S. units have been designated for service in mental hospitals, in public health projects, or on dairy farms. There have also been a number of "guinea pig" experiment units comprised of C. P. S. men. One such experiment, which was carried on under the supervision of the Rockefeller Foundation, consisted of having three successive groups of thirty-two men each go for three weeks without changing lice-infested underwear so that doctors conducting the experiment could study methods of checking typhus epidemics. Other experiments have involved the drinking of varying quantities of salt water to provide information as to how the lives of sailors, who have to spend many days in open boats, can be prolonged and saved, or what kind of diet will render active for the feeding of starving population of beligerent countries after the war.

On September 15, 1943, there were 6,637 conscientious objectors in the Civilian Public Service program. Of this number, 4,676 were in work camps, 1,011 were employed on a detached service basis by mental hospitals, 470 were serving as "guinea pigs" in various scientific experiments involving human welfare or in some other detached service capacity, 455 were working on dairy farms, and 120 were employed in various government projects.

Miss Fizer Makes Excellent Record at William and Mary

Miss Lucile Fizer, daughter of Mrs. Odell Fizer and the late Mr. Fizer, student at the College of William and Mary has just been initiated into the Kappa Delta Phi fraternity. This is a national honorary fraternity based on scholarship.

Miss Fizer who is on the dean's list for the first semester of this, her senior session, has made an enviable record. She is a member of the students music club, president of the Chi Delta Phi, national honorary literary fraternity, member of the judicial council, president of Barrett Hall, member of the library science club and member of Chi Omega social sorority. She is expected home, next week for the Christmas holidays.

Lisbon Club Will Have Christmas Party

The Lisbon garden club will have its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. R. H. Harper, December 20. Hostesses will be members of the losing team in a flower exhibit contest held during the past year.

Following luncheon, gifts will be exchanged and a portion of the afternoon will be spent in making scrap books for the USO. Members of the club are asked to bring old magazines to be clipped for the scrap books.

Terrace View Church To Present Program

The young people of Terrace View church will give a Christmas program at Terrace View church on the night of December 26. The program is under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Whitten and Mrs. Frank Stanley. The topic of the program is "Bethlehem."

The small children will also have recitation.

LIBERTY THEATRE

Matinee 3:30; Night 7:15 and 9:00
Saturday Continuous 11 to 11
Sunday at 1:45-3:45 and 8:45

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**Real Estate Transfers
Are Recorded**

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the clerk of the court in Bedford: Ella S. and George Guyton, etc., to Mary S. Lacy 140.28 acres in Otter district on Pisgah road.

Alice Fore 120 acres in Chamblissburg district, \$1,000.

W. J. Knight to Belle Knight, one-half undivided interest in 64 acres 1 mile from James River, \$5.00 etc.

William H. and Regula C. Guerant to J. Edward Minter 21 acres adjoining Barton, etc., \$10.00 etc. Thomas H. and Bettie J. Arrington

to town of Bedford 358 square feet on north side of Railroad Avenue, in Bedford, \$1.00 etc.

J. Key and Grace Parker Phelps to Charles Curtis Johnson about 34 acres in Otter district, \$5.00 etc.

Wilton B. and Katherine Parks Long to H. C. and Mary L. Thomlinson about 64 acres in Charlemont district, \$10.00 etc.

Hubert Hurt to Robert W. Burks about 33 acres in Staunton district on Goose Creek, \$250.00.

Samuel A. and Sarah B. Cravotta to Ray W. and Elsie J. Cottrell, lot on Extension of Ashland avenue, in Bedford, \$10.00 etc.

RUNAWAY TRACTOR KILLS 2
Simcoe, Ont.—As his tractor ap-

proached the automobile in which Albert Demay, his wife, his mother and father were riding, Charles Mudford, 30, was seen to fall forward off the tractor to the highway, the large rear wheel passing over his body. Out of control, the tractor swerved into the Demay car, ripped out most of the rear portion of the side, then turned completely around

and upside down on the highway. Demay's mother was also fatally injured, dying later in a hospital.

IRVING

Walter Bowyer who has resided in Craig county for the past two years, has returned to his home here. Harold Landrus, of Norfolk, spent

Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Landrus.

Mrs. J. G. Overstreet who has been ill for sometime remains about the same.

R. M. Gelbner who recently purchased the Stone place has improved the place by painting and landscaping. Arthur Kasehagen, of Chicago,

who purchased the C. K. Bartley farm, is making extensive repair to the residence.

Kinkle Bartley who is attending Roanoke College, spent the week-end at home.

D. F. L. M. Steffey and sister, Miss Lena Steffey attended services at Glade Creek Lutheran church, Sunday.

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Plain rayon knit panties... fancy rayon knit cloth, lace and tailored trims. Brief and band bottom styles.

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Robes and Negligees

A gift that's certain to please—warm, pretty chenille robes. Printed French crepe negligees, bunny suedees, quilted taffetas and solid colored and printed robes. All styles, colors and sizes.

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Floral print crepe gowns with square and V-necks. Many patterns and colors.

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Here's your opportunity to purchase your winter coat at substantial savings. Choose from a large selection of plaids, tweeds, fleeces, twills, Shetlands and novelty fabrics... all in the newest styles. Sizes 11 to 52.

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Coat Styles

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR BOYS

Boys' Jackets

All-over plaid and plaid and solid combinations. Warm, durable.

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Slipover or coat styles. Plain or combination colors. Sizes 28 to 38.

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Ready-tied or four-in-hand. Colorful patterns. Full shaped.

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Boys' Shirts

Valdyed prints in new stripes and figures. Sizes 8 to 14½.

98c

Boys' Pajamas

Warm woven striped flannelette pajamas. Full standard sizes. 8 to 18.

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Mackinaws

Just received—a new shipment of warm wool and rayon plaid mackinaws. Plaid lined. Brown, blue, wine. Sizes 8 to 18.

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A Gift With a Future!

COTTON HOUSE FROCKS

The pick of the Christmas cottons, tops for gifts—for you too! See this prize collection of printed, percale, striped chambray and spun rayon dresses. Button fronts, wraparound, pleated and ruffled styles. Prints, stripes, checks, dots. Sizes 12 to 20; 22 to 24.

\$1.98

Others to \$2.98

HOUSECOATS

Printed percale housecoats in a holiday spirit. Grand for gift giving. Wraparound and other styles.

\$2.98

MEN'S SHIRTS

Choose a shirt that is sure to please him from our brand new shipment of fast color prints in colorful dyed grounds. Non-will collar. Sizes 14 to 17.

1.49

Others from \$1.35

MEN'S TIES

"Beautifair" and "Elastigra" in a beautiful assortment of reps, jacquards, poplins, satins and wools. Good ties that lend a sparkling note to any man's outfit... and we've a grand selection.

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New Improved Rayon Hose

First on her Santa list—enduring sheer rayon hose that wears everywhere, wears well. The plus-perfect gift. Newest shades. Sizes 8½ to 10½. Buy one priced at

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Ladies' Gloves

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Part wool slipover sweaters, long sleeves, loose bottom. Sloppy Joe and other styles in newest pastel shades.

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BLOUSES

Printed crepe and spun rayon blouses. Long and short sleeves. Newest styles. Size 32 to 38.

\$1.49

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JACKETS

Colorful plaids, fleeces, flannels and corduroys. Newest styles.

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Part wool plaid and solid color flannel skirts. Pleated. New bright shades.

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Warm fleece lined cape leather in black, brown, or tan. Sizes 8½ to 10½.

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New stripes in valdyed fabrics. Made according to government regulations. Sizes A to D.

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Men's fancy banner wrap hose. Lisle and rayon. Bright patterns, full length and socks. Assorted colors. Sizes 10 to 12.

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Wools, wool and rayon mixtures and wools in newest plaids, stripes and solid colors including khaki for the Army and Navy white.

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MEN'S HATS

100% wool felts in this season's smartest styles and colors. Our "Sir R" quality. Colorful linings. Genuine leather sweatbands.

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Melton Jackets

Melton jackets in a heavy wool and cotton mixture. Navy blue only. Sizes 36 to 46.

\$3.98

Men's Robes

Warm "Beacon" blanket robes. Full cut, well tailored. New jacquard patterns. Small, medium and large sizes.

\$3.98

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For Christmas

Ladies' Novelty And Sport Oxfords

Dress-up shoes for your holiday costume to wear now and through spring. Sport oxfords constructed to meet the needs of your everyday routine of living, with an eye to the worth of your ration stamp.

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A grand way to say Merry Christmas—one of our gift-wise handbags. Exciting drawings! Draped chalmers, tailored bags scores of know-no-season smart fabrics to wear with everything in smart fabrics and leathers. They're beautiful—perfect for you, for gift.

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—FOR SALE—Range, coal or wood, good condition. Mrs. J. D. Witt, Oakwood street. 12-2-21-pd

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—WANTED TO BUY—Saw mill. Must be in good condition. Address, Bedford Democrat, Bedford, Va. 12-2-21-ch

—WANTED—Bicycle, old or new, for cash. Reply to Bedford Democrat Office. 12-2-21-pd

—WANTED TO BUY—From owner, modern, comparatively new, well-built house of six rooms on north side of town. Must be walking distance of schools, churches, stores, and reasonable price. Write, "House," care Bedford Democrat, Bedford, Va. 12-9-11-ch

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NOTICE

Regular meeting of Liberty Chapter No. 109, O. E. S. will be held Thursday, December 9, at 8 p. m. in Masonic Temple. By order of the Worthy Matron. ELEANOR M. DENNIS, Sec.

REMEMBER

Bread too, is a weapon



BANKS ARE MORE THAN "ANKLE DEEP" IN THIS WAR

Banks are in the thick of the fight to defeat the Axis. They are selling War Bonds without commission. They are buying government securities to the limit. Banks are cooperating with the government in Consumer Credit Control. They are financing production; they are aiding the "Food for Freedom" program.

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Bedford Boys in the U. S. Armed Services

Pvt. Charles A. Yowell, who is taking an engineering course at Clarkson College, Potsdam, N. Y., is spending a week's leave with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Yowell.

Pvt. J. D. (Smitty) Smith is stationed at present at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He is attached to the communications division of the Field Artillery.

Lt. Joel L. Borden has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Borden, that he has been out on several bombing missions from his base in China.

AC Hunter A. Smith has completed his primary training course at the A. A. F. 68th Training Detachment at Jackson, Tenn., and will go on to a basic training school as the next step in his training, as a pilot in the Army Air Forces. Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Smith have just returned from a visit with their son in Jackson.

Pvt. Woodrow Lynch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Lynch, of route 1, Moneta, made his fifth and qualifying jump in his training at the parachute school at Fort Benning, Ga. This tactical night jump completed his parachute training that lasted four weeks. He thus earns the right to wear the wings and boots of an army paratrooper.

R. T. Synan, U. S. navy, stationed at Duke University, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Synan, recently.

Pvt. Carlton Thomas, who is stationed at Camp Pickett, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Synan, recently.

Cpl. Lewis B. Falls, of the U. S. army, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Falls, of Roanoke, and grandson of Mrs. J. B. Falls, of Reba, has landed safely in England.

Lt. W. E. Wright, U. S. army, son of Mrs. Earl Wright, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, who has been in the South Pacific since the spring of 1942, has returned to the United States for training in the air corps. Lt. Wright is a nephew of Miss Beatrice Marshall.

Howard R. Kirby writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kirby, Bedford, route 4, from Australia, saying that he is fine.

Chief Petty Officer Abe Witt, of Bedford, and his sister, Miss Mary Witt with the American Red Cross in England, met and spent two days together in London. Neither knew of the other's whereabouts until they met. Officer Witt has been in the service 18 years and his sister for 18 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamner Ward, of Thaxton, have been notified that their son, Clifford, who has been training at Bainbridge, Md., received serious injuries in an accident.

Pvt. J. D. Smith, Jr., U. S. army, of Fort George Meade, Md., spent a recent week-end at his home here.

R. A. Scott, Jr., U. S. marines, in training at Duke University, spent several days recently, at his home in Bedford.

Pvt. H. H. Pollard, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pollard, of Montvale, graduated from the armament school at Lowry Field, Col., November 15. Inducted into the service in May of this year, Pvt. Pollard took his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla. He graduated at Montvale high school in 1942.

Staff Sgt. Lawton Ralph Saunders, U. S. army, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Saunders, of Napier Field, Dothan, Ala., left Thursday of last week, after a 15 day furlough at his home.

Airplane machinist mate first class G. W. Boogess spent a short leave with his family here on his return to Norfolk from a three weeks training course at Speery Service School, in Brooklyn, New York.

Bobby Carroll, of an army training camp has been spending a furlough at his home near Goodview.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. H. B. Jordan, who are making their home in Richmond, for the present, spent several days this week, with Mrs. R. L. Elliott.

Lt. Marcus Beller who is stationed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas with the 77th Tank Battalion of the Armored Command, is spending a ten day leave with his family here. There are two other soldiers from Bedford also stationed at Camp Chaffee, Jimmie Guy Hopkins and Pvt. Julian K. Jeter.

Chief Quarter Master Reed S. Burks, U. S. N., is home on leave.

Church Services in Bedford

MONETA METHODIST CHURCH

Joseph Curry, Pastor.
Services for Sunday, December 12: Bethlehem—Sunday school at 10:30 a. m.; preaching at 11:30 a. m. At this time the Honor Roll of our boys and girls in the service will be dedicated.
Diamond Hill—Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.; preaching at 3:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Norman E. Allen, Minister.
9:45 a. m.—Bible school, Norman E. Allen, superintendent; H. D. Scott, junior superintendent.
11:00 a. m.—Woman's Day. The Missionary Society will be in charge of the worship program. Sermon by the pastor.
7:45 p. m.—Evening worship. Sermon, "He Came to Bring Peace."
Saturday, 6:30 p. m.—Joint meeting of Loyal Daughters class and friendship class in special Christmas program.
Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.—Choir rehearsal.
Go to church regularly. Keep faith with Him who has faith in you.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

J. H. Grey, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9:45.
Morning worship, 11:00.
Pioneer Young People, 5:30.
Senior Young People, 6:30.

MIDDLE BEDFORD CHURCH

Robert P. Parker, Pastor.
Services for Sunday, December 12: 11 a. m.—Mt. Olivet.
3:30 p. m.—Nicollet.
7:30 p. m.—Robbie, gave a Holy communion will be administered at all of these services.

BEDFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Harry P. Clause, Minister.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. V. W. Nichols, superintendent.

Wesleyan Guild Meets For Christmas Program

The Wesleyan Guild met at the Methodist church at 7:30 on Monday night. After a short business meeting, Mrs. Odell Wright took charge of the program. Mrs. Jack Truxell, violinist, accompanied by number of musical selections, and the group sang Christmas carols. Mrs. Woodford Arthur told a Christmas story, followed by the presentations of gifts to each member of the society. Refreshments were served.

Dr. Grey To Conduct Services at Elks Home

Dr. J. H. Grey, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by members of his choir, will conduct the nonsectarian church services at the Elks National home next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, to which the general public are most cordially invited to attend.

AMENDED STATEMENT

Of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., required by the Acts of Congress of August 24, 1912, and March 3, 1933, of the Bedford Democrat, published weekly at Bedford, Virginia for year ending October 1, 1943.
Editor, owner and publisher—M. T. Harrison.
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Bondholders, None.
(Signed) Claude Harrison, business manager, this 9th day of December, 1943.
J. N. PARKER, N. P.
My commission expires March 15, 1947.

NOTICE

Due to the metal shortage, we were unable to get metal desk calendars this year, but we do have the fillers for your holders if you will call or notify us.

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War Department

To Return Money To Treasury

By The Associated Press
Washington, Nov. 19.—The Army's disclosure that it has more money than it needs touched off today a series of developments and comments that gave an entirely new complexion to the nation's war production effort to date, and what's needed in the future.

Out of the announcement that the War Department is turning back \$13,000,000,000 to the budget bureau, came these significant turns:

The army was pictured as considering the mighty production effort at its expansion peak. Some drastic cutbacks, notably in small arms ammunition, already have been made because enough material is on hand or because battle experience has dictated shifts.

Mr. Herbert C. Overstreet went to Georgia for the exercises, where his son received his commission. She was accompanied home by her son and daughter-in-law.

Pvt. Floyd Gross has informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Gross, of his safe arrival in North Africa. He was formerly stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., and Fort Meade, Md.

Naval Aviation Cadet F. Meade Griggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Griggs, of Big Island, completed the three-month course at the Navy Pre-Flight School at the University of North Carolina and has been promoted to primary flight training at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base at Fern, Ind.

It was disclosed that preliminary steps already are under consideration for government and industry to work out tentative plans to reconvert war factories to peacetime production. Some officials said this would have been done before but that the war was won and thus engendering a letdown.

Announcement of the giant refund was made by Chairman Snyder (D-Pa.) of an appropriations subcommittee that handles army army finances. It immediately brought demands on Capitol Hill for lower taxes, closer scrutiny of Federal expenditures and a stop to the federal deficit.

While the Pennsylvania observed that the "welcome news to all of us" was a relief, it was not without immediate bearing upon the need to raise additional revenue. Senator Downey (D-Calif.) declared that increased taxation might be partially avoided by the army curtailment.

Chairman May (R-Ky.) of the House Military Committee, construed the Snyder disclosure as "additional evidence that there no longer is a need for drafting pre-war fathers."

The original army appropriation for this year was based on estimates of total manpower of 8,200,000, May said in an interview. "The admission that a reduction in funds is now in order because of downward revisions in manpower needs indicates to me that we don't need pre-war fathers."

May said he intended to call before his committee probably next week Major General Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, to detail plans for administering new father-deferment legislation passed yesterday by the House and Senate action next Monday. The legislation put the fathers at the bottom of the draft list and permits their induction only after the nationwide pool of available non-fathers has been exhausted.

Describing Snyder's statement as "amazing," Rep. Knutsen (R-Minn.), ranking minority member of the Ways and Means Committee, said "it would be interesting to know how much Congress has over-appropriated for the navy, the Maritime Commission and other spending agencies."

The Snyder announcement, coupled with a recent series of ordnance plant shutdowns, suggested that even more extensive reductions in war production are in prospect.

Doctors to Request Medical Examiners

Advocating the replacement of the coroner system in Virginia by the medical examiner system which has been adopted with success by some other states, Lynchburg Academy of Medicine in December meeting Monday night at Lynchburg General Hospital passed resolutions requesting the Virginia State Legislature to adopt statutes in accord with the suggestions made by the special committee of the Medical Society of Virginia with such substitution in view.

Offered by Dr. Ernest G. Scott, the resolutions were passed unanimously in the Academy's business session.

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217 acres rough land. About 80 acres in cultivation and pasture, balance wooded. A lot of pulpwood, some saw timber. Large frame dwelling, barn and other outbuildings. Entrance road rough. Owner willing to reduce price for immediate sale.

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About 3 miles of Bedford on good road. Price \$550.00.

Eight room frame dwelling near business section. Good lot, desirable neighborhood. Two complete bath rooms, steam heat with stoker, good condition. Owner could rent a complete apartment. Sales price \$6,000.

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High Prices Paid on Local Tobacco Market

Packages Are Sent to Camp Pickett

Three Members of Local Red Cross Attend Camp Meeting

Wary but content, three members of the local Red Cross chapter took their careful way last Thursday to Blackstone to be present at the quarterly meeting of the Camp and Hospital Council; weary, because the two ladies of the group had been on extra duty checking and making ready the supplies they were to carry down; contented, because the quota of Christmas packages from Bedford people for Camp Pickett was full and nearly fifty per cent running over; careful, for a sudden stop or swerve of the automobile would mean a shifting of cargo, a crashing of ashtrays and empty medicine bottles, with possible burial of the back-seat passenger under an avalanche of rattle and rattling bundles.

Arrival at the camp entrance the party duly expected, but sufficiently doubtful in appearance to require the protection of an official pass. The hospital area was reached without great difficulty, but the driver promptly lost himself in its maze of dead-end streets and had to call on a passer-by for help in locating the recreation center. Pleasantly received, assisted in the unloading, and directed to a near-by PX where a beautiful and very palatable lunch could be had, cafeteria style, the trio waited in and around the reading room for the meeting to begin. There was a delay, not explained. The reason may have been military, if not secret; for Colonel Lammons, Post Commander, and Colonel H. H. Smith, Hospital Commander, were both to be present. Naturally, in view of difficulties of travel, many of the people from distant chapters were late in arriving. They trooped in some in civilian clothes, some resplendent in Red Cross uniforms, all in uniform, having passed the age of adolescence. As a group they seemed eager, confident, intent on what they were undertaking.

The commanding officers in brief addresses spoke in the highest terms of the work of the council. As a very special feature, there was introduced a Red Cross official just returned from the Grapsholm confinement by the Japanese. A man of wide travel experience and knowledge of people, he told in somewhat harrowing detail of life in Japanese custody, concluding, however, with the considered opinion that, in view of the standard of life and diet in Japan as a nation, the Japanese had done a pretty good job in providing for the Americans interned. Of the trip home after transfer from the Japanese prison he spoke in glowing terms, praising the crew of the Swedish vessel, the Red Cross personnel, and the treatment received when the passengers, many of them with insufficient funds, reached this country.

The total number of Christmas packages furnished in response to the call for 2000 was not announced. A few reported that their quotas would be filled in a couple of days. Some reported quotas far exceeded. Very evidently there will be more than needed for the Christmas season, originally conceived, and its extension to include another group of incapacitated soldiers within the camp is planned. Outlook for many times was brightened by the announcement from Colonel Markey.

In the request list presented to the Council for the period ahead, consisting largely of second-hand articles needed, a number of items were set forth for action by the Junior Red Cross. It was asked that the chairman of the Junior Red Cross from each participating chaplain be urged to call upon the members of the Council hereafter. The next is set for Thursday, April 6th.

Now that this first period in the work of the Camp and Hospital Service Committee for Bedford county has been brought to a successful conclusion, it is time to give thanks where thanks are due. As titular head of the Committee, the undersigned writer of this report wishes to voice the gratitude of the whole Red Cross chapter to the entire community for its generous response to the appeals made; to express his own high appreciation of the compulsive leadership of Miss Pickett, of Mrs. Wallace, and of Mrs. Clay, and their unswerving effort and willingness to lend a hand wherever there was need; to thank the Bedford Democrat and the Bedford Bulletin for the use of their columns in giving publicity to the campaign. It is not possible here to make all the individuals who have helped, as many of them contributed merely as members of organized groups. The Committee thanks them all for their interest and their assistance and wishes to mention especially the following organization:

Waves Of Bombers Rain Destruction Upon Japanese

Russians Begin Winter Offensive In Drive Toward Baltic Sea

The heaviest bomb tonnage dropped in the southwest Pacific war theater was loosed Tuesday on the Arabe area and adjacent islands in western New Britain which were plastered with 356 tons of explosives and 174,000 rounds of ammunition in a continuation of the aerial blasting that day after day has rocked first one, then another section of the island.

The raid exceeded by six tons the record amount of bombs dropped on the major enemy New Britain base of Rabaul last October 12.

Apparently seeking the elimination of Japanese defenses guarding the land and sea approaches to the bastions of Rabaul and Truk, Gen. Douglas MacArthur deployed his airman well over 150 sorties throughout Tuesday against Japanese installations and coastal defenses at Amalut plantation on Camp Merkus and nearby islands.

Heavy Liberator bombers, medium Mitchells, and attack bombers, operating under fighter escort, battered the Arabe area, 82 miles west of Gasmata, hour-after-hour. The heavy, concentrated attack devastated the region, as well as Amalut plantation and the nearby islands of Pilelo and Kumbun.

Many fires and explosions were observed in villages and the escorting fighters interspersed the work of the bombers with strafing attacks. All of our planes returned. Pilots said there was no enemy interception.

Gasmata Founded

The record blitz followed Monday's heavy pounding of Gasmata, 200 air miles southwest of Rabaul and 180 east of Allied positions in New Guinea, and heightened expectations that an early assault on Rabaul may be undertaken.

Waves of bombers first knocked out Japanese machine gun and anti-aircraft posts, installations, communications, camp areas and trails at Amalut plantation, which extends from a point two and a half miles east of Cape Kermus, along the coast to approximately 1,000 yards past the cape.

Thereafter, Liberators, Mitchells and attack bombers came in at intervals of a few minutes, hitting Pilelo island, just offshore where three native villages were occupied by the Japs; Kumbun island, two miles west of Cape Merkus and Arabe itself.

The daily communique further disclosed that a heavy night reconnaissance bomber scored two hits with 1000-pound bombs on the stern of a heavy enemy cruiser near Kavieng, New Ireland.

The Russians have joined their Cherkasy and Kremenchug bridge-

No Points Required For Gifts

Rationed Foods and Shoes May Be Given Without Stamps

The ban on gifts of rationed foods has been lifted, in time to let families and charitable groups make their traditional Christmas presents of hams, jellies, cheese, preserves and other foods, according to B. C. Goodwin, district director of the Office of Price Administration at Roanoke.

Gifts of shoes from one customer to another also may be made.

OPA also has eased its shoe import regulations, so that consumers can get shoes made outside this country ration-free, either as gifts from civilians and soldiers abroad or as personal imports. The collector of customs will release such shoes ration-free, although not more than two pairs may be released to the same person in the same transaction.

The point-free rule applies only to gifts of foods from consumers to other consumers or organizations. Organized charities and similar groups which each year distribute food to the needy may apply to their local war price and rationing boards for points to buy whatever foods they need, and in distributing these foods, must collect ration stamps. However, they may receive rationed foods which individuals have brought with their own stamps and distribute these without collecting ration stamps.

The ban still holds for retailers.

Points For Salvaged Fats

The housewife will receive one brown ration point for each one-half pound of salvage kitchen fats she takes to her retailer, starting today (December 13) it has been announced by the OPA.

In addition to ration points, she will continue to receive the ceiling price of four cents a pound for her used kitchen fats.

Retailers can't give points for less than half a pound, but housewives need not wait to pile up more than half a pound before turning fats in for brown points which then may be used for the purchase of fats, meats, cheese and other foods customarily bought with those stamps.

Gift Packages of Jams and Jellies

Gift packages of jams, jellies, fruit butters, preserves and non-citrus marmalade, which were packed for sale as Christmas gifts before October 23, may be bought point-free during the holiday season, according to an announcement by the district director of the Office of Price Administration. Such point-free sales may be made between December 8 and January 8, inclusive.

Retailers, wholesalers and processors must obtain permission from the OPA district office to sell or transfer gift preserves point-free if the total ration value of jams, jellies, etc., exceeds 400 points, and will be required to certify that Christmas packages were bought up before October 23, giving the point values of these packages.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders Receive Message From Their Son

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Saunders received three form cards, last week from the Japanese Imperial Army, bearing the signature of their son, Bernard W. Saunders, who is a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippine Military Prison Camp No. 1.

The cards, having no date, state that he is well, and unharmed. His remarks to the family, were:

"Hope to see you all soon."
"May God bless you all."
"Please write."
He served on Bataan under General Douglas MacArthur.

Flu Cases at Epidemic Stage In Virginia

Influenza, reaching epidemic proportions in Virginia as well as in some other sections of the nation, showed an increase of more than 100 per cent in cases reported for last week as compared to the previous week, state health officials said in a statement made on Tuesday.

Figures compiled revealed 1,649 reports of the disease last week, or more than twice the 651 for the week preceding, and more than six times the number two weeks ago.

Many additional cases are not reported, officials said, since physicians are not called in numerous instances and hence no reports are made to the state department.

Dr. H. H. Henderson, acting director of the communicable diseases division of the state department, said he had learned unofficially that minor absenteeism had occurred as a result of the epidemic and that many of the state's war industrial plants had been affected to some degree. A school in Franklin county, he said, had been closed because of the epidemic, extremely mild, but Dr. Millard C. Hanson, Richmond health commissioner, said that conversations with physicians indicated that the disease was increasing slightly in severity.

Health authorities urge persons with colds and the "flu" to go to bed until the infection passes.

Measles also showed a considerable increase in Virginia last week, as compared to the previous week, climbing from 388 to 350.

Various Diseases Hit School Attendance

Cases of measles and whooping cough and some scarlet fever among school children have lowered attendance records for the month of November.

The following is a record of percentage of attendance for this month. The correct record for November in October was 93.4 per cent, instead of figure given.

WHITE

Bedford, 95; Moneta, 94; Thaxton, 93; Boonsboro, 92.8; Brookhill, 92.8; Liberty, 92; Stewartsville, 91.8; Huddleston, 91.3; New London, 91.5; M. E. Marcus, 90.8; Montvale, 90.5; Falls, 89.9; Patmos, 89.5; Forest, 89.7; Cool Springs, 79.5.

NEGRO

Mt. Valley, 99; Antioch (P) 98; Montvale, 96.5; Powell, 95; Bedford Training, 95; Oak Mt., 95; Western Light, 94.5; Piney Grove, 94; Meriwether, 94; Everett, 93.5; Emaus, 93.5; Creasy, 93; Whitten Road, 93; Oakmudge, 92.5; Promised Land, 91.5; Providence, 91; Moseley, 91; Reid, 90.5; Goodies, 89.5; Green Spring, 89.5; Hutter, 89; Longwood, 89; Sharon, 87; Body Camp, 87; Counter Ridge, 85; Poplar Springs, 84; Gibson-Turner, 81; Johnson Mt., 71.

Red Cross Sponsors Annual Benefit Show

The annual benefit movie sponsored by the Red Cross will be held at the Liberty theater Friday, December 17.

Admittance for the occasion will be either food or toys.

Those wishing to contribute to the Red Cross Christmas baskets are asked to leave their gifts at the Red Cross office not later than four o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, December 22.

Pupils to Give Christmas Play

A Christmas play entitled "One Christmas Eve" will be given by the pupils of the primary department of Bedford elementary school on Friday morning, December 17, at 11:30 o'clock. All patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited to see the play. It is being directed by Mrs. Perrow, Mrs. Hayes, Miss Luck, and Miss Hannah Saunders.

Lynchburg Business Club Hears Emurian

The Lynchburg Business and Professional Women's Club heard Tuesday evening at The Lantern for a supper meeting, Rev. Ernest K. Emurian, pastor of Madison Heights Methodist church, address the club. His subject was "Winning the War and the Peace."

Christmas Seals Show Spirited Sales

Tuberculosis Takes Appalling Toll of Life Every Year

When Virginians buy Christmas Seals today they do so with the full knowledge that their money is invested to save the lives of tuberculosis patients, declared Miss Ellen H. Smith, president of the Virginia Tuberculosis Association.

As conditions exist now, Miss Smith emphasized, tuberculosis takes an appalling toll of life in Virginia and throughout the country every year, yet, she added, the work made possible through Christmas Seals has steadily brought about a decline in mortality from tuberculosis.

For example, she pointed out, tuberculosis today takes one American life every nine minutes. When the Christmas Seal campaign was introduced 37 years ago, the white plague killed at the rate of one person every three and one-half minutes.

When the Christmas Seal movement started, 12 of every 100 deaths in the United States were caused by tuberculosis, according to Miss Smith. Today that figure has been reduced to four out of every 100 deaths.

The other day the War and Navy Departments disclosed that nearly two years of war had cost the American armed forces 130,741 casualties, including 28,573 dead.

Distressing as the war fatalities are, Miss Smith pointed out that in a single year tuberculosis causes about 60,000 deaths in the United States, about 1,500 of which are in Virginia. That figure, she said, is more than double the number of men killed in battle since Pearl Harbor.

Central district has passed the \$600 mark in sales of TB seals. The quota for this district is \$800. Included in the amount of sales is \$95.80 from sales purchased by the employees at the Virginia Rubatex plant in Bedford.

Mrs. W. A. Fitzpatrick is chairman of the central district committee and Mrs. A. M. Doyle, member of the committee, has charge of sales in the factories. The total quota in the county is \$2,100.

Records Show Averages Higher

Next Assembly May Cut Automobile Tax

The January session of the General Assembly is assured some lively debate with the announcement this week of Delegate I. Newton Coleman of a three-pronged legislative program which includes a flat \$5 automobile license tag fee; a "drastic house-cleaning in educational affairs" with better pay for teachers, and a complete revision of the State's game laws.

Coleman represents Dinwiddie county in the General Assembly and is the third oldest member of the House in point of service. Reduction of the State on tag fee is based upon a fact that the State will have a surplus of \$17,000,000 in its high-way funds by the end of the current fiscal year, he concluded.

Council Donates \$50 for Aid of Tobacco Market

The regular meeting of the Council of the town of Bedford was held on December 14th at 7:30 p. m. Councilman F. C. Ford stated that the committee representing the Tobacco Market of Bedford requested an appropriation to help defray the cost of a campaign to further the sales of tobacco on the Bedford Market. Upon motion which was seconded and carried by all members present voting in the affirmative, the sum of \$50.00 was appropriated for the committee.

G. R. Richardson, representing the American Legion, appeared before the Council and requested a contribution for the community Christmas tree.

Since the Council has heretofore contributed to this cause, \$75.00 was appropriated for the purpose. The tree will be held at the Court House on December 21.

Bills amounting to \$573.65 were allowed.

Those present were Mayor J. W. Gillespie and councilmen J. L. Davidson, P. C. Ford, S. D. Gills, E. D. English, A. J. Maupin, G. L. Sydnor, and J. A. Ayres. One member was absent.

Special Five-Man Committee to Study Postwar Plans

The appointment of a special five-man committee to stand the feasibility of organizing a "planning institute," to provide forum for discussing problems in postwar development, was announced yesterday by Raymond V. Long, director of the Planning Board.

The committee will meet with Mr. Long for study and consideration of the various Planning Commission at the third of the special meetings which has been called for early in the spring. Mr. Long has emphasized that should such an "institute" be formed it would be an independent body—on its own—for the discussion of problems and post-war development of the localities, with the State Planning Board called on only for professional and technical advice.

At the meeting held in Richmond last week representatives heard reports from key planning officials throughout the state, including the report from H. T. Giesse, director of the State Planning Board, that a total of \$139,000,000 of postwar construction is now being planned, \$34,500,000 of which is already to go into construction with plans and specifications complete. Of the total work planned so far \$56,000,000 is for highway construction; hospitals for the insane, State college buildings and sanatorium total \$34,000,000; postwar construction in ten cities totals \$40,000,000 and some \$6,000,000 of construction work is planned in twenty counties for public schools.

Problems of postwar re-adjustment were discussed with emphasis laid on the importance of local planning now in order to be able to cope with inevitable postwar unemployment.

American Legion Auxiliary Has Meeting

The American Legion auxiliary met Friday evening at the court house. The meeting was unusually well attended and Christmas plans were made.

Each member brought a number of stamped Christmas cards to be sent to the inmates of the Veterans' Facility at Salem, to be mailed to their families and friends.

The auxiliary also made plans to help two families of deceased veterans and to take orders for rugs, baskets, and trays which are made by disabled veterans.

A social hour followed the business meeting.

Business Women's Club Holds Dinner Meeting

The Business and Professional Women's Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening at the high school. A Christmas dinner was served by the club, and the home economics class under the direction of Miss Mary Fred Claytor. Following the dinner Rev. Norman E. Allen addressed the club on the subject of men's right to enjoy the peace and blessedness of the Christmas season.

Gifts were exchanged by the members of the club and there were gifts for the many visitors present as well. The Christmas committee reported ten gift packages sent to Camp Pickett for the soldiers in the hospital.

Miss Katherine Claytor, president of the club, and Miss Beatrice Marshall attended the State Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in Roanoke on December 15. At this meeting a resolution was adopted by the Virginia delegation in congress to vote for a petition to have the Equal Rights amendment to the Constitution discharged from committee and brought to the floor of the house for a vote, was adopted.

This action was taken after the board had heard Dorothy Ashley Moncure, of the Interstate Commerce Commission legal staff, discuss the status of women from the time of the Revolution to the present, and explain that the equal rights amendment, although favorably reported by the senate judiciary committee, has never come up for actual consideration on the floor, and can be brought out only if there is a move to discharge the committee.

Other resolutions adopted by the board called upon congressmen to work for a foreign policy at least as strong as the pronouncements of the Moscow conference, and to support a bill for federal aid to education to be administered through the departments of education of the various states.

Presbyterians Hold Get-Together Meeting

The church and Sunday school members of the Presbyterian church held a get-together meeting in the Sunday school rooms. Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Children's Party Plans Completed By Legion Post

The children of the town and county of Bedford will gather at the court house, Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, December 22, for their annual Christmas party which is sponsored by the American Legion.

There will be no change in this year's program. There will be the usual Christmas parade led by Santa Claus and music rendered by the Bedford band. After the parade a gift will be given each child. Santa Claus is not very badly affected by the rationing.

Plans for this party were completed last Friday evening at the meeting of the Howard E. Board Post, American Legion. Dr. D. D. Lester, newly elected commander, presided.

Anna Latimer Class Has Christmas Meeting

The Anna Latimer Bible class of the Presbyterian church held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. C. E. Bass, Tuesday evening. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and a Christmas color scheme was carried out.

The meeting was opened by the president, Miss Ruby Lawless, who read the Christmas story. After the business meeting election of officers followed. They are as follows: Mrs. Stafford Quire, president; Mrs. E. A. Overstreet, junior vice-president; Mrs. Josephine Young, secretary and Mrs. Frank Massie, treasurer.

At the conclusion of the business meeting gifts were exchanged and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

School to Present Christmas Cantata

The Bedford Training School will present its mixed chorus in a Christmas cantata, "The Music of Bethlehem," on Sunday, December 19, at 5:30 p. m., at the Washington Street Baptist church. This is the fourth annual Christmas Vespers rendered by the B. T. S. choral group. All friends are cordially invited to attend.

C. H. Spradlin Is Re-appointed Supt. Of County Farm

Serving for several years as superintendent of the Bedford county farm, C. H. Spradlin has been re-appointed for another term of four years by the circuit court.

Cabier Berger, colored, indicted on a charge of stealing from H. F. Burnette, parts of a wagon valued at \$50, pleaded guilty to petit larceny, in Bedford circuit court, a sentence of 12 months in jail was suspended and he was placed on parole for that period. His son, Joe Berger, pleaded guilty to a similar charge and was given a sentence of six months in jail.

Fred Sanderson, charged with driving while under the influence of ardent spirits, was fined \$100. The case was appealed from the court of the trial justice. Lawson Campbell, charged with operating a truck while under the influence of ardent spirits in May, was fined \$100. This case was appealed from the court of the trial justice, also.

John W. Inge, of Montvale, pleaded guilty to the charge of exceeding the speed limit on route 460, in June, and was fined \$10. James K. Davis, of Roanoke, pleaded guilty to driving at the rate of 54 miles per hour, in August, and was fined \$15.

Boy Scout Meeting Is Held Friday Night

The Bedford Boy Scouts held their regular meeting at the Scout Hall, Friday night at 7 o'clock. Among the features of entertainment was a boxing match held among members of the club. Candidates for Den Chiefs were appointed, those were: Nick Smith, Bobby Overstreet and Edward Gregory. The senior patrol leader, Harry Clause, and three patrol leaders, Robert Lazenby, Gene Maddera and Billy Witt, were selected to go to the Scout conference, which was held at the Virginia Episcopal school, Lynchburg, last Saturday and Sunday.

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Will buy all your raw furs at market price for cash. See me or let me know what you have.

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Improved SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
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Lesson for December 19

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CHRIST THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW

LESSON TEXT—Hebrews 1:1-3; Romans 10:4-10.
GOLDEN TEXT—God... hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son—Hebrews 1:1, 2.

The center of all Christian thinking is the fact that God has revealed Himself to man. This revelation is found in the Bible, for it is the Word of God. That is why the commandments which we have studied in recent weeks speak to us with such authority. They are not the expression of human opinion or how we should live. They are God's command which we are to obey.

The great and final revelation of God and His love was not the written Word—the Bible—but the Living Word—His Son. The coming of Christ is our lesson for next week, on Christmas Sunday. But this week we want to learn a little more of what His coming into the world meant. He was—

I. God's Last Word (Heb. 1:1-3). Through the ages God had been speaking through the prophets, constantly revealing Himself as a God of power, justice, holiness, truth and mercy.

In different ways and at various times (v. 1) He spoke through them, but always there was a pointing forward to the One who should come. Abraham was called out to found the nation (Gen. 12), and Jacob the family or tribe (Gen. 49), in which He should come. He was to be a prophet like Moses (Deut. 18) and of the kingly house of David (II Sam. 7). All the offerings of Leviticus spoke of His priestly service. Isaiah saw Him as both the reigning and the suffering Messiah (Isa. 53).

All this was incomplete until He came; and when He did, He revealed all the glory of God. He made perfect and final sacrifice for sin, and sat down (His work was finished) at God's right hand (the place of power).

Let us be clear about this: In Christ God's revelation is perfect and complete. We need look for nothing more. The claims of those who appear with a "new light" or some mysterious hidden power are so obviously untrue that we ought not be at all interested.

But not only is Christ God's final Word, He is—
II. God's Best Word (Heb. 1:4-9). The prophets and their messages thrill our souls and move us to more earnest living. But the Christ is our very life as well as our Redeemer.

The angels are God's messengers—mighty and magnificent beings, superior in their way to man (Ps. 8:5). The early church made too much of angels (as do some groups today), but Protestantism of our day has made too little of them. They are great and powerful beings who minister on our behalf and who are honored in the loyal service they do for God.

But when they stand beside the Son of God, it becomes evident that He holds a place of incomparable glory and majesty. He is the highest revelation of God, the best Word that God could have spoken to needy and sinful humanity.
We do well to think of who Christ is and what He has done. Just in this passage from Hebrews we find that He is the express image of all of God's glory; He is the upholder of all creation; He has the place of honor and power at God's right hand; He is the only begotten of the Father; His throne has been established forever, and so on.

How well high unbelievable that this glorious One is also our Saviour. This is stated in verse 3, but is developed in our next point.
III. God's Saving Word (Rom. 10: 4-10).

If sinful man were only permitted to look on His glory it would be a great privilege, but it would not help him in his desire for holiness and eternal joy. There was a "great gulf fixed" between sinful man and a holy God until the Son of God became the God-man, when the eternal Word became "flesh and dwelt among us" (Luke 2:14).

Christ as our Saviour is the "end of the law" to the believer (v. 4), not in the sense that He terminates the law by setting it aside, but by completing or fulfilling all of its requirements.

Just so the Christian is set free from the law, not in order that he may disobey it, but that he may keep it in the power and grace which Christ gives him. The Ten Commandments are the law of life for the Christian because he loves the Lord Jesus Christ and wants to obey Him. We do the things which the Decalogue require not to be saved thereby, but because we thereby honor the name of our Saviour.

The unbeliever, struggling under the burden of sin, says, "How can I come to know Him?" and we find the answer in verses 8-10. It is "by faith."

Announcement!

DR. HARRY MARTIN

Will Be Here
EACH COURT DAY
AT PALACE HOTEL

County Home Demonstration NEWS

"Only The Home Can Found A State"

Club Meetings Next Week
Mt. Olivet H. D. Club on Tuesday, December 21, at 2:00.
Emmanuel H. D. Club on Thursday, December 23, at 2:00.
Cifax H. D. Club on Friday, December 24, at 2:00.

Good Housekeeping H. D. Club
The Good Housekeeping H. D. Club met at the home of Miss Verna Thaxton on December 3rd. The attendance at the November meeting was small, making it necessary to postpone election of officers until December. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Fred Saunders; vice president, Mrs. M. C. Johnson; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. R. G. Johnson; leaders, Miss George Snow and Mrs. M. C. Johnson; citizenship chairman and garden director, Mrs. W. L. Thompson; and director of poultry, Mrs. R. H. Dudley. A committee composed of Miss Verna Thaxton, Mrs. Elmer Ramsey and Mrs. Hawkins were appointed to solicit new members. The home agent assisted the leaders in planning the Christmas menu. Recipes for wartime fruit cake and several other dishes were distributed. The meeting schedule was made out for the winter months. The next meeting will be held on January 5, at "Snowden," the home of Misses Snow.

MRS. R. G. JOHNSON, Rep.
Forest H. D. Club
The Forest H. D. club met on November 19, at the home of Mrs. C. H. White. After the business session and devotional, Mrs. Atkinson was appointed chairman to conduct the annual election of officers. Mrs. C. H. White proposed amending the law forbidding re-election of officers in the books of our club since, due to wartime condition, the field of candidates is limited. It was passed unanimously. A rising vote of thanks was given the outgoing secretary for her faithful services. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Mrs. T. H. Campbell, president; Mrs. L. Coffey, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Pavlick, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. C. B. Woodhead and Mrs. C. H. White, leaders. A garden chairman was appointed and hostesses for the coming year were selected. Mrs. Kilpatrick gave an interesting Thanksgiving menu of home-grown foods and Mrs. Woodhead talked on care of poultry. The next meeting will be a Christmas party at Mrs. Duval's, on December 17.

KATHERINE PAVLICK, Reporter.
Big Island Jr. 4-H Club
The Big Island Jr. 4-H club met on December 3 at the M. E. Marcuse high school with a large attendance of 32 members. A short program was given by the president, Jean Snead. Songs were sung and a poem by Cinderella Cox was given.

Processed Foods—(Most canned vegetables, soups, fruits, and fruit juices, jams, jellies, preserves and fruit spreads—except citrus marmalade and except fruit spreads when packed in containers of 5½ oz., or less—dried beans, frozen vegetables and fruits, prunes, raisins, and currants)—Green stamps A, B, C, D, E, and F in War Book 4 are valid now. Stamps A, B, and C are good through December 20 and D, E, and F through January 20.

Meats and Fats—(Including also butter, cheese, canned fish, edible oils and condensed and evaporated milk)—Brown stamps L, M, N and P in War Book 3 are valid now. Stamp Q becomes valid on December 19. L, M, N, P and Q are good through January 1.

Sugar—Stamp 29 in War Book 4 is now good for five pounds of sugar through next January 15. Shoes—Stamp 18 in Book 1 and the Airplane Stamp 1 in Book 3 are good for one pair of shoes. There is at present no expiration date for either stamp.

Old Ration Books—All stamps in War Ration Book 2 have expired and the covers may now be discarded. If you have used Stamp 18 in

War Book 1, the shoe stamp, you may discard that book, too, as any other stamps in it are now invalid. Fuel Oil—Period 1 and Period 2 coupons for the 1943-44 heating season may now be used. Both are good for 10 gallons per unit. Period 1 coupons expire on January 3 and Period 2 on February 7.

Gasoline—All A coupons are valued at 3 gallons. Coupon 8 in the new A Book is valid through February 8. The new B-2 and C-2 mileage ration coupons, valued at 5 gallons, are now being issued. This does not mean an increase ration. B, C, B-1 and C-1 coupons remain valued at 2 gallons. TT coupons are valued at 5 gallons.

Tires—Motorists holding basic (A) rations only are not eligible for either new or used tires. Those with total rationed mileage of more than 120 miles per month, and less than 601 miles, are eligible to apply for used tires. The tire situation is more critical now than at any time during the war and motorists are urged to take even greater care of their tires. Have your tires inspected at regular intervals and repaired and recapped whenever necessary. All recapping services have been released from rationing.

War Price and Rationing Board
No. 48-104-1 in Bedford is located on the second floor of the county court house. Office hours are: Monday through Friday: 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.; Saturday: 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Point Rationing In Bedford County

Washington, Nov. 4—A Pointsette county (Ark.) father of seven children is totting a gun in the Army today.

If he wonders why, he should get someone to read the letter his wife wrote to his draft board. It said: "Dear United States Army: My husband asked me to write a recommendation that he supports his family. He cannot read, so don't tell him. Just take him. He ain't no good to me. He ain't done nothing but raise hell and drink lemon essence since I married him eight years ago, and I got to feed seven kids of his. Maybe you can get him to carry a gun. He's good on squirrels and eating. Take him and welcome. I need the grub and his bed for the kids. Don't tell him this, but just take him and send him as far as you can."

The Army took him after he tried to prove a bona fide family relationship by presenting the letter to his draft board.

ROPELESS TUGGERS SCARE SHERIFF

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.—Suddenly coming up on two lines of children holding a tug-of-war rope which stretch across a dark street, Sheriff Harry Haner jammed on the brakes of his car and leaped out. The children scattered, laughing—there wasn't any rope.

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Men's Store First Floor College Shop Second Floor Boys' Store Third Floor

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On Real Estate in Bedford County. Low interest rate.

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THIS INFLATION FIGHT



When you "blow in" your money for things you do not need, you are simply blowing up the balloon of higher prices for everything you do need.

Fight inflation now. Buy sensibly. Buy essential things. Buy more War Bonds. Bank more of your extra earnings.

That will win the fight for a safe, down-to-earth future for America and for you.

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Bedford, Virginia

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Over \$7,500.00 in Cash Awards!

That's right, fellows! Here's one big EXTRA MONEY opportunity you won't want to miss! It's your chance to share in \$7,500.00 in extra-cash awards in Sears 15th National Fur Show. There are 942 awards in all, including 918 daily awards. A big \$1,000.00 First Major Award. That's sure worth shooting for! Other big major awards—and all of them in addition to the TOP market prices Sears-Roebuck get you for your furs. Remember—all awards are for careful pelt handling—kind or value of fur doesn't count.



It's easy to share in these extra dollars! Every pelt you ship to Sears-Roebuck during the Fur Show period is automatically entered. As soon as your furs are ready, ship them to Sears, Roebuck and Co., Raw Fur Marketing Service, Philadelphia.



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WHAT D'YA MEAN—MY SIGN'S HELPIN' HITLE

CERTAINLY you wish to do everything in your power to defeat the Axis. As for us, we have spent years proving to the business men in this community that light brings trade and increases revenue. It must seem strange to our customers for us to ask them to use less electricity, but we too want to defeat the Axis just as soon as possible.

The Government points to the critical shortages that exist in fuels, manpower and materials. It urges seven industries—coal, petroleum, water, gas, electric, communications and transportation—to ask the public to avoid unnecessary use of critical resources. For example, when signs and window lights burn in daylight, that is not an essential use by a people at war.

Certainly there is no shortage of electric power, but electricity is made from fuel and the new bulbs to replace those in your sign contain precious tungsten needed for Radar. When business men realize this, they will voluntarily limit their use of electricity to necessary purposes.

CONSERVATION SUGGESTIONS

It should be made clear to customers that the desired savings in lighting should be obtained primarily by the turning off of lights which are not necessary and by replacement at renewal time when lamps are burned out, with lower wattage lamps.

Indoor and Outdoor Advertising, Promotional and Display Sign Lighting

(a) Daytime: Eliminate completely.
(b) Nighttime: Reduce burning hours so far as practicable but in no case burn for an interval exceeding two hours and only during the period from dusk until 10 p.m., in terms of local time.
(c) Electric signs necessary for direction or identification of places of public service, such as public restaurants, public lodging establishments, transportation terminals, etc., may be operated during nighttime but only while the establishment is open for business.
(d) Reduce lamp wattage of all signs by the maximum practicable amount.

Decorative and Ornamental Lighting including Decorative Flood Lighting

(a) Exterior lighting: Eliminate completely at all times.
(b) Interior lighting: Eliminate all non-essential lighting; reduce the balance by the maximum practicable amount.

Show Window Lighting which does not provide essential interior illumination

(a) Daytime: Eliminate completely.
(b) Nighttime: Reduce burning hours so far as practicable but in no case burn for an interval exceeding two hours and only during the period from dusk until 10 p.m., in terms of local time.
(c) Reduce wattage by maximum practicable amount.

Lighting of Marquees (other than advertising signs) and Building Entrances

(a) Daytime: Eliminate completely.
(b) Nighttime: Reduce in intensity by maximum practicable amount consistent with public safety consideration.
(c) Eliminate completely when establishment is not open for business except for amount necessary for protection.

Lighting of Outdoor Business Establishments

(a) Eliminate completely.
(b) Nighttime: Reduce in intensity by maximum practicable amount.
(c) Eliminate completely when establishment is not open for business except for amount necessary for protection.

General Interior Illumination and Show Case Lighting

(a) Eliminate all non-essential lighting.
(b) Reduce remainder by the maximum practicable amount consistent with public safety consideration and eyesight conservation.

General Conservation by Commercial Customers

(a) Turn off lights and appliances when not actually needed.
(b) Eliminate unnecessary uses.

Air Conditioning

Adopt more moderate margins of reduction in temperature and relative humidity. "Nighttime" as used above is the period between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise.

APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC POWER CO.

Commissioner's Sale Of Desirable And Valuable Building Lots

In The Town of Bedford, Virginia

Pursuant to the terms of certain decrees entered by the Circuit Court of Bedford County, Virginia, on October 20 and December 1, 1943, in a certain Chancery Cause therein pending, short-styled "Beulah Dooley, et al., vs. Bettie Marie Dooley, et al.," the undersigned Special Commissioner, will on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1943,
at 11 o'clock, A. M., offer for sale on the premises on Vine Street, in the Town of Bedford, Virginia, to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Seven lots, as shown by a plat and survey made by S. S. Lynn, which said plat will be available for inspection on the day of the sale or sooner at the offices of Oliver and Padgett.

Two of these lots front 125 feet on Vine Street and five lots front 70 feet on Vine Street, all of the lots having a depth of 300 feet or more.

The above lots are situated in one of the best residential sections of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, and each of the lots is a very desirable building site.

This sale offers an unusual opportunity for any one to purchase a lot upon which to build in the future or to hold as an investment.

TERMS:—One-third cash, remainder 1 and 2 years after date, evidenced by six per cent interest bearing notes of the purchaser, payable to the Commissioner, title to be retained until all of the purchase money is paid, or at the option of the purchaser, all of the purchase money may be paid in cash. 1943 taxes are to be paid by the Commissioner.

JOHN B. OLIVER,
Special Commissioner

Draft of Women Now Possibility

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson revealing that enrollment in the WACs has boomed down so badly the corps is 60 per cent shy of its 150,000 goal for 1943, today raised the possibility he eventually may have to recommend that women be drafted for non-combatant army service.

He told a press conference that present enrollment is 60,000-50,000 less than it was in July. The net loss represents the difference between the 14,500 officers and auxiliaries who did not reenlist when the corps was made a part of the army this fall and additions to the corps resulting from the recent WAC recruiting drive.

Voluntary enlistments have fallen far short of expectation. Stimson, pleading anew to qualified women to join up, said:

"I hope that they will soon come to appreciate the fact that each of them is needed in total war."

His hint that drafting may be necessary came when he renewed his appeal for a national compulsory service law. He said that while he did not mean to advocate the drafting of women for the army, this did not preclude such a recommendation.

The type of general service law he had in mind was something along the lines of the Austin-Wadsworth bill, which he endorsed last spring and which would authorize the President to use compulsory measures to force workers into war industries. Selection for such jobs would be handled through local draft boards. The measures, since piloted in 1918, provide for registration of women 18 through 49 and men 18 through 64 for war industry or agriculture service. It would not provide for drafting women into the armed service.

The poor rate of WAC enlistments has been reflected in the continued high rate of induction of men into the armed forces and the drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. The

army position has been that there are thousands of jobs women can perform as well as men, and the army can now its manpower calls to reflect the number of WAC volunteers. But, it was said, whether the national interest would be served better by drafting women to ease the call on remaining men is a question for the war manpower commission to decide.

Col. Ovetta Culp Hobby, WAC director, has favored registration of women as a means of determining where needed skills could be found.

Voluntary Transfers Of Farm Real Estate Suggest Record Year

United States farm real estate values rose 3 percent in the four months ending November 1, and if the present level of voluntary transfers of property is maintained through the coming winter, sales volume for the real estate year, 1943-44, will exceed that of any year of record, including the early year, 1919-20, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture.

In regions of greatest activity, non-farmer buyers are continuing or increasing importance, although a substantial amount of land was going into active-farmer ownership.

Average values in the four months ending November 1, rose in all geographic divisions except the West, where values were down 1 percent. The highest rate of increase on record outside the boom year, 1919-20, was 15 percent. Nine states showed the highest rate of increase on record outside the boom year, 1919-20.

Although most aspects of farm purchase finance are on a conservative basis, several developments are similar to the unsound trends of 1919-20, according to the Bureau. "Significantly," said the BAE, "heavier mortgages are being placed against many farms as a result of sale," and "short term mortgages are numerous."

"The general rise of farm land values," declared the Bureau, "is likely to continue at not less than the rate of the last 12 months. Potentially explosive elements present in many areas could bring about a much more rapid rise in 1944, with the danger that seriously inflated value levels would be reached."

Roanoke Stock Market

Veal calves, 15.90; fat hogs, 15.55; fat steers, 14.05; fat heifers, 12.50; fat cows, 10.50; fat bulls, 10.30; stockers and feeders, 10.00-12.80; fresh cows, 50.00-90.00; old poor cows, 5.00-7.00.

DEATHS

MRS. MARY L. LYNCH

Mrs. Mary L. Lynch, 63, wife of the late C. H. Lynch, died at her home in Bedford county, Friday, December 10.

Born in Bedford county, she was the daughter of the late P. G. Maxey and Alice Mae Martin Maxey.

Surviving Mrs. Lynch are the following children: Mrs. Ray Dillion, of Martinsville; Mrs. Hayward Spradlin, Huddleston; Mrs. Lewis Smith, Goodview; Mrs. Paul Miller, Lynchburg; Houston Lynch, U. S. A., Gainesville, Fla.; and Grady Lynch, of Calloway. Also the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Bessie Patton, Martinsville; Mrs. Lennie Williamson, Cooper, W. Va.; Mrs. Pearl Martin, Roanoke; Mrs. Sexton Lynch, Goodview; G. W. Maxey, Martinsville; John Maxey, Patrick county and Jessa Maxey, of West Virginia.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Radford Baptist church by the Rev. H. L. Cooper, assisted by the Rev. E. P. Roberson. Interment followed at Bethlehem cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: L. J. Ayres, P. B. Scruggs, L. K. Ayres, N. J. Ayres, Harvey Whitworth and Harry Mayhew.

Flower bearers were: Mesdames Harvey Whitworth, L. J. Ayres, P. B. Scruggs, Clay Fielder, Myrtle Mayhew, Nancy Ayres, Claude Mayhew, Daisy Mitchell, Nellie Pagans and Miss Bessie Ayres.

MRS. BESSIE MITCHELL

Mrs. Bessie Mitchell, 66, widow of J. R. Mitchell, died Wednesday morning, December 8, at her home in Roanoke.

Surviving are a son, Earl C. Mitchell, and three daughters: Mrs. J. S. Winters, Mrs. G. L. Herring, Edgewood, and Mrs. L. L. Padgett, Roanoke; two sisters and a brother: Mrs. W. H. Gills, Bedford; Mrs. E. J. Lankford, Roanoke, and W. E. Mitchell, Bedford, and nine grand-children.

Funeral services were conducted at Tabernacle Baptist church at 4 p. m. on December 10. Interment was in Sherwood cemetery.

Pall bearers were nephews: Carl Mitchell, Rucker Mitchell, Emmett Mitchell, Walter Mitchell, John Mitchell and Clyde Gill.

MRS. MARY D. WOOLRIDGE

Mrs. Mary Doss Woolridge died suddenly at her home at Forest, December 10, at 6 o'clock.

Born in Appomattox county April 24, 1871, she was the daughter of William D. Doss and Mrs. Mary Williamson Doss. She was a member of Forest Methodist church.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Labron Woolridge, and the following children: Floyd O. Woolridge, of Norfolk; Richard A. Woolridge, of Roanoke; Lyle A. Woolridge, of Farmville; Earl Woolridge, of Forest; Mrs. J. H. Gordon, of Vinton, and Mrs. H. B. Campbell and Miss Susie E. Woolridge, both of Forest. She is also survived by five brothers, Russell W. Doss, of Madison Heights; William Edgar Doss, of Appomattox; T. E. Doss, of Staunton; John Albert Doss, of Concord; James Oscar Doss, of Forest; two sisters, Mrs. T. M. Ferguson, of Appomattox, and Mrs. John Riley, of route 2, Lynchburg, and 18 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

H. N. PADGETT

Funeral services for the late H. N. Padgett were conducted at Timber Ridge church, Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m.

Mr. Padgett was 82 years old and is survived by 32 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

The following children survive: E. F. Padgett, F. L. Padgett and Mrs. J. E. Teague, of Roanoke; J. A. Padgett, A. N. Padgett, W. M. Padgett, A. H. Padgett, Mrs. A. H. Sands, Mrs. F. Lacy, Mrs. S. Wilson, Mrs. M. Hawkins, of Lowry; and Pvt. L. S. Padgett, of Fort Meade, Md.

Active pall bearers were: Ezra Burford, Willard Lacy, Lloyd Padgett, Donald Sands, Clarence Hawkins and Paul McFarland.

Flower bearers were: Mrs. Edna Sain, Mrs. Dorothy Blankenship, Miss Hallie Sands, Mrs. Nedie Hawkins, Mrs. Lucille McKinney, Mrs. Pearl Watson, Mrs. Myrtle Little, Mrs. Lloyd Padgett, Mrs. Paul McFarland and Mrs. Frances Jeter.

JOSEPH WEDDLE

Joseph Weddle died at his home near Willis, Va., at 5:30 a. m., December 6th. He was born in Floyd county, May 13, 1871, son of Samuel and Mary Bowman Weddle. He was a member of the Brethren Church and the Mason Lodge, at Willis.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Flora Hylton Weddle and the following children: Lemon W. Roy W. and Lonnie V. Weddle, Mrs. Roy Queenberry and Mrs. Lela C. Sutphin, all of Willis; Mrs. Thomas Wilford, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Joseph P. Weddle, of Aberdeen, Md.; Mrs. John W. Pugh and Mrs. Royal W. Karnes, of Bedford; and John W. Weddle of the U. S. army. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. E. W. Dickerson, of Willis; 34 grand children and 5 great grand children.

Funeral services were conducted at Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren at Willis, Wednesday, December 8, at 11 o'clock, by Rev. A. N. Hylton and Rev. Hampton Marshall, Rev. R. W. Childress of the Presbyterian church, assisted. Burial was in the family cemetery, near the home and grave side services were conducted by the Masonic Lodge.

Flower bearers were Blanche and Anita Tate, Wanda Lou and Iris Weddle, Paulita Sutphin, Mrs. Gentry and Mrs. Sanford Bonds.

Active pall bearers were: Roy Queenberry, John W. Pugh, Tazewell Caldwell, Andy Hylton and Sanford and Gentry Bonds.

16-YEAR-OLD BIGAMIST

West Memphis, Ark.—A charge of bigamy was recently made against Gloria Stevenson, 16-year-old girl of Memphis, who is said to have married two soldiers at Marion, Arkansas, within three months, without obtaining a divorce.

Bedfor Man Listed As Wounded in Action

The war department has listed a Bedford man and a Rocky Mount man as wounded in action. They are: Pvt. Herman M. Farley, son of the late Mrs. Berta J. Farley, Rt. 2, Bedford, and Pvt. Harry P. Firth, son of Phillip M. Firth, 302 South Catherine street, Rocky Mount. Firth was listed among the Southwest Pacific casualties and Farley was on the Mediterranean list.

Dr. Stauffer Says Welfare Aid Decreased

According to Dr. W. H. Stauffer, state commissioner of welfare, applications for all types of welfare assistance decreased 42 per cent last year. Dr. Stauffer stated that at present "all employable persons could get a job if they wanted one."

Old age assistance cases decreased considerably and aid to the blind dropped 25 per cent while aid to dependent children fell off 33 per cent. This means that a number of jobs are being taken by people who are 65 years of age or over who are helping in the war effort. The report warned, however, that at the close of the war and wartime activities there could be expected a sharp increase in all categories of the public welfare program.

Germans Identify Our Planes by Number

A joke currently making the rounds among German soldiers, according to a report from overseas reaching the Office of War Information recently, runs as follows: "It is very easy to recognize Allied planes. If you see more than three planes at a time, you know that they are Allied planes."

Grain Shipped Russia; Pork to Great Britain

Grain is the main food the U. S. is sending to Russia, according to the War Food Administration, while meat, primarily pork, will be the largest item among foods to be shipped to Great Britain in the next 10 months. In Great Britain, supplies from the U. S. will be shared by civilians and the armed forces; in Russia, nearly all will go direct to the army.

Scripture From Skies Settles to the Earth

Scripture from the skies settled down to earth last week when a big green-headed Mallard drake, too slow for the hunters aim, came to rest on the banks of the James, just twenty-five miles below Richmond, bearing the inscription on a metal band around his leg "Let us consider one another"—Hebrews 10th chapter, 24th verse.

Banded by Jack Miner, in Kingsville, Ontario in the Fall of 1941, this wily bird had flown this scriptural message from Canada to the far South and back but no one knew of the message he bore though it is an old, old story to the Indians and the Eskimos of the far North. In August, 1909, Mr. Miner, 75-year-old pioneer bird bander on the continent, began the tagging of ducks and Canada geese at his bird sanctuary in Kingsland for the purpose of studying their migration route, how far they travel and how long they live. Deeply religious, he decided that one way of spreading the gospel among the Indians and Eskimos would be to put a quotation of scripture on each band. His idea brought forth wonderful results for the superstitious natives, believing they had received a message straight from heaven, took the bird which they had shot to the nearest missionary or priest to have the message explained. All the natives everywhere around gathered to hear the interpretation of this message from the skies. The result has been that Jack Miner today is credited with doing more real home missionary work than any other Canadian.

Talbot E. Clarke, director of the Game and Inland Fisheries Commission said today that it is a rare thing for one of Mr. Miner's ducks to find its way into Virginia.

The one which fell to the lot of a Virginia huntsman, the first one reported in Virginia so far this year, brought him too a message from the skies—"Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."

REAL GEMS IN FIVE-AND-TEN

Decatur, Ga.—While in a five-and-ten-cents store with her mother, little Juanita Griffin, 8, found a purse which contained jewelry valued at \$4,000. The purse belonged to Mrs. P. C. Brockman, of Decatur, who gave Juanita \$20 reward for returning the purse.

LINT HILL

There has been quite a lot of sickness in and near Flint Hill recently. Mrs. Sherwood Huddleston who has been confined to her room for two weeks, was carried to the Jefferson hospital, in Roanoke, yesterday for an operation.

Miss Emma Thomas was taken suddenly very ill several weeks ago, and is slowly improving now. She has many friends in and around Bedford. She is staying with Mrs. Lewis Huddleston.

We are sorry to learn about Miss Emma Minor, near Union church falling and breaking her hip. It was several hours before she was found by a neighbor and carried to the John Russell hospital.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nance on last Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thaxton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Williams, from Joppa, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hayden and daughter Doris, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayden of Vinton, visited Mrs. Mary Huddleston, on the first Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carner and children, John and Anne, spent the first Sunday at Tom Huddleston's.

SAYS STRIKES MORE FATAL THAN THE WAR

Washington, Nov. 25.—Representative Poage (D-Va.) told the house yesterday that strikes in coal mines since December 7, 1941, probably have resulted in loss of more American lives in battle through lessened supplies than were lost in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Criticizing the government's dealing with John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers, Poage said: "Apprehension, which many of us had supposed died with 3,000 American boys at Pearl Harbor, marches on as the official policy of the government of the United States today."

"We are properly fighting Japan to the death, but we are rewarding John L. Lewis with a wage increase which the War Labor Board held just ten days ago to be unreasonable and inflationary."

Tobacco Market Closes Tuesday for Holidays

The Bedford tobacco market will close for the Christmas holidays after sales December 23. The market will open for sales again, January 3.

PPolish Underground Damages Engines

Nine hundred damaged railway engines recently passed through Warsaw en route to a German repair shop. Large numbers of these were damaged as a result of action by Polish underground bands which are severely hampering the transport of supplies to the Russian front.

Brazilian Cadets Train in U. S. A.

Brazilian cadets are receiving intensive instruction at 11 U. S. Army Air Force training schools and air fields. They receive the same training as U. S. cadets, study the same courses, and receive the same privileges. Most of the Brazilian cadets will return to their country upon graduation, to serve as second lieutenants in their nation's air force. Others will remain in the U. S. to take advanced training.

"OUTSTANDING WOMEN" IN U. S.

New York.—"The 'outstanding' women of America, chosen by a special jury, the leading woman in the movies was Rosalind Russell; in radio, Kate Smith; business, Mrs. Horstense Odum; literature, Pearl Buck; industry, Vivian Kellman; music, Marian Anderson; science, Katherine Blodgett; journalism, Dorothy Thompson; aviation, Nancy Love Harkness; labor, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg. Composing the jury were: Alan Maxwell, Fannie Hurst, Faith Baldwin, Judith Evelyn, Ruth Bryan Owen Rhode, Mrs. Oliver Harrington, Margaret Sangster and Mrs. Sara B. deForrest.

N. C. NEGRO WINS BEST-BOOK AWARD

Raleigh, N. C.—The North Carolina Mayflower Society presented its annual award for the "best book of the year written by a resident North Carolinian" to J. Saunders Redding, a negro professor of English at Hampton, Va., for his book, "No Day of Triumph," which describes the Negro's social and economic problems. There were 31 volumes in the list eligible for the award.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Hazel Margaret Clingempeel, February 22, 1908-December 16, 1928.

Gone from our sight, but living in our memory.—Mother, Sisters and Brothers.



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Social Events

H. D. Carter, of Moneta, route 1, is moving to Union Hall, in Franklin county.

Mrs. W. E. Mitchell, who has been seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Hurt, is much improved, and is now able to see her friends.

Those visiting at the home of O. N. Williamson, Saturday night, were Mrs. and Mr. Harry Mayhew and children and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Cressy and daughter.

Mrs. E. M. Higginbotham, Mrs. C. W. Higginbotham and daughter, Ann, were guests of Mrs. Lula White, of Amherst, last week.

Miss Rebecca Lazenby who is employed in Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lazenby, at their home on South street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dennis, of North Lima, Ohio, are visiting relatives in Bedford.

Mrs. F. B. Collins and son, F. B. III, who have been living at Pembroke, are with Mrs. Collins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hurt for the duration. Mr. Collins has entered the naval service.

Liberty Garden Club Meets With Mrs. Baker

The Liberty Garden club met December 15, at the home of Mrs. E. H. Baker, with Mrs. S. M. Painter as assistant hostess. There were seventeen members present and a number reported to have bought bonds during the month.

The club voted to share the expenses with the other clubs of the town in erecting a memorial to the late George Laage. It is to be placed in Floral park.

Judges for the arrangements brought were Mesdames Glen Ram-

sey, W. L. Skinnell and Joe Smith. Prizes were awarded the following: Christmas spray, 1st prize, Mrs. S. M. Painter; 2nd, Mrs. Glen Ramsey; 3rd, Mrs. Guy Murray. For Christmas wreaths, 1st went to Mrs. S. M. Painter; 2nd to Mrs. Guy Murray and 3rd to Mrs. J. A. Hogan. For an arrangement not listed, 1st went to Mrs. Glen Ramsey; 2nd to Mrs. S. M. Painter and 3rd to Mrs. E. H. Baker. For the best specimen of geranium Mrs. J. W. Gillaspie won the prize. For double hibiscus, Mrs. J. A. Hogan, best poinsettia, Mrs. J. W. Gillaspie, and the award for potato pumpkin went to Mrs. Glen Ramsey.

Sam Morris, voice of temperance, will make a nation-wide speech, January 16, at 1:45 o'clock over CBS.

Mrs. E. C. Burks expects to leave today to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Charles R. Rhett, and son, Harry Burks, in Pulaski.

Mrs. Bertha Fizer, who is employed at Salem Baptist Orphanage, spent Wednesday, in Bedford.

The Rt. Rev. Lloyd R. Craighill, Bishop of China, the province of Nanking, talked informally to the members of St. John's Auxiliary at their regular Christmas meeting held at the rectory on Saturday. Bishop Craighill, who has recently been repatriated on the international exchange ship Gripsholm, told a little of the work which the church is still carrying on in China.

Bishop and Mrs. Craighill have been guests of Rev. and Mrs. William C. Marshall.

NOTICE—Part of shells signed for have arrived. Will distribute equally what we have. Burks Hardware Company. 12-16-11-pd

Arrest Charles Seay On Forgery Charge

Charles Seay, 49, of 447 Rivermont avenue, was arrested by Lynchburg detectives on a forgery charge, Sunday afternoon after warrants charging him with four separate offenses had been sworn out by W. P. Smith.

The four checks were alleged to have been cashed between April, 1943, to August, 1943 and totaled \$56.

Three of the checks were for \$15, and the remaining one for \$11, of officers said.

St. John's Church Holds Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the congregation of St. John's church, held at the Parish House on December 6th, the following men were elected to the vestry for the coming year: A. J. Cuthbert, A. B. Clayton, J. E. Mitchell, Jr., E. D. Gregory, C. M. Abbot, T. S. Johnson, R. L. Harris, J. W. Hayes, H. W. Benn, Harry Maunahan, J. B. Oliver, and W. T. Mitchell.

WILL SAVED DOG'S LIFE. St. Louis—Relatives had planned to have "Babe," the 13-year-old Cocker spaniel which has belonged to the late Mrs. Rose Steininger, put to death, when they discovered that her will provided a substantial sum for the care of "any dog I may have at the time of my death."

Two Rabid Dogs Killed In Thaxton Community. Harry A. Parks, county game warden, warns all dog owners within a radius of ten miles of Thaxton, to keep their dogs up for a period of forty days as two dogs have been killed and found to have positive signs of rabies.

It has not been determined whether any other dogs have been bitten by the two killed and owners are asked to watch for any signs of listlessness or nervousness that usually appear as early symptoms. Parks strongly recommends inoculation for all dogs in this area.

Entertain At Bridge. Mrs. Pete Candler and Mrs. Frank Perrow entertained five tables of guests at a dessert bridge at the home of Mrs. Roy Hogan on Saturday afternoon. Score prizes were won by Mrs. C. O. Updike, high, Mrs. J. W. Gillaspie, second, and Mrs. E. H. Baker, low score. Mrs. J. L. Borden won the Bingo prize. The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations and in the refreshments.

Flu Hits Washington 90,000 Cases Reported. Washington, Dec. 11—Influenza, declared mild in form but of sufficient virulence to disable an estimated ten per cent of the Capital's 900,000 residents, continued yesterday to hamper work of Government departments and cut sharply into school attendance.

The Health Department estimated that 90,000 Washingtonians had been attacked since the epidemic started shortly after Thanksgiving and added that neither the peak nor the termination of the outbreak could be forecast.

TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS OF RURAL ROUTE NO. 2, BEDFORD, VA. In appreciation of your courtesies in the past, I wish to take this means of wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas. It is my sincere hope that the near future will see all of your boys back home, and that I may be there to serve you again.

MARVIN A. MARSH, S 2-C Barracks 58—W. A. T. T. C. Norman, Oklahoma.

Willing Workers Meets With Mrs. Ayres

The Willing Workers Sunday school class of Main Street Methodist church met with their teacher, Mrs. C. L. Ayres, at her home on Avenel Ave., Friday evening, December 10.

The meeting opened with a devotional after which the story of the Nativity was read by Gwendolyn Sussman, class president. Following the program numerous games and contests were enjoyed.

Later in the evening refreshments were served in the form of a "pot luck" supper. Gifts were exchanged and Mrs. Ayres was presented a lovely gift of crystal by the class.

About twenty members attended.

Miss Minor Breaks Leg in Fall at Home

Miss Emma Minor, 87, fell at her home near Irving, Saturday night, and sustained a broken leg just below the hip. She is being treated at John Russell hospital.

Miss Minor, who lives alone, fell in her room about 10 o'clock, Saturday night, and lay on the floor until 11 o'clock, Sunday morning, when she was found by Miss Frances McManaway, who lives in the neighborhood.

Some neighbor goes every day to Miss Minor's home, to give her any aid possible, and when Miss McManaway knocked on the door Sunday morning, there was no response and she put her nephew John Allen Riley through the window to open the door. The unfortunate woman had suffered acutely from the cold of the night. A physician and ambulance were summoned and she was taken at once to the hospital.

Dooley-Carter

The marriage of Miss Ollie May Carter and Wilbert Harris Dooley, both of Bedford, route 2, was solemnized in Bedford, December 11.

MAIN STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Alpheus W. Potts, Pastor. Services for Sunday, December 19: 9:45, church school, J. L. Borden, superintendent.

11:00, Christmas services. Special music will be rendered by the choir. The Anthems and "Sing O Heavens" by Simpler and "O Zion That Bringest Good Tidings" by Morrison.

The pastor, the Rev. Mr. Potts, will bring the third sermon in a series of Christmas messages on "The Songs of the Savior's Birth." This message will be "Gloria In Excelsis." A service of carols and candles will be held Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. There will be special music by the choir. The adult choir will sing "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning," an arrangement by Dudley Buck. The junior choir will sing "Away In A Manger," by Luther. Mrs. J. D. Smith will sing as a solo, "No Room for the Christ."

Bridal Shower Is Given For Mrs. Joseph Ayres

Mrs. Joseph Ayres was given a surprise bridal shower at her home on Ashland avenue last Thursday night, by members of the Draft Board staff of which she is pleasantly employed.

During the evening games were played. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Samuel Warlick, assisted by Miss Alice Sutherland, Mrs. Louis Turpin and Mrs. F. B. Parks. The guest list numbered twenty-two.

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Bedford Boys in the U. S. Armed Services

Completing a five months course in aircraft maintenance and repair, Pfc. Francis A. Smith has been graduated as an aircraft mechanic from the technical school of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, at Seymour Johnson Field, N. C.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smith, route 4, Bedford, he was sworn into the army, Richmond. After graduating from high school, Pfc. Smith was employed at the Piedmont Label Plant in Bedford.

Pvt. Raymond W. Farley, who was reported wounded, recently, has returned from active duty overseas, and is a patient at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas.

Mrs. B. B. Dinkle has returned to Altavista after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Spradlin.

Miss Junia E. Graves, superintendent of the department of public welfare, in Albemarle county, spent the week-end in Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Pannill Rucker, of Martinsville, were guests, last week of Mrs. Ruckers sister, Mrs. Charles W. Byrd, at her home, Lockwood Hall.

Mrs. Jack Spradlin has returned to her home in Bedford, after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Joe Cundiff, near Moneta.

Will Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mitchell, of Valley Mills, sustained a broken leg while operating his saw mill, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Baker, of Sweetwater, Tenn., are visiting her parents, Mayor and Mrs. J. W. Gillaspie.

Pfc. Elmer W. Spradlin, of Camp Phillips, Kansas, has been transferred to a camp in Arizona.

James J. Spradlin, U. S. N., seaman second class, has arrived safely overseas according to word received by his wife and parents.

Lt. Jack Tatem, of the anti-aircraft division of the coast artillery, has returned from overseas, and is now located at Camp Stewart, Ga.

Seaman second class Louis P. Turpin, spent a three-day leave here this week.

Pvt. Haywood H. Padgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Padgett, Goode, has been assigned to the Technical School, Army Air Forces Training Command, Sioux Falls, S. D., for training as a radio operator-mechanic.

Mrs. S. M. Query has just received word that her husband, Chaplain S. M. Query, 1st Lt. U. S. army, has arrived safely in England. Lt. Query was sent over ahead of his unit acting as transport chaplain, joining his unit later. Chaplain Query is attached to a station hospital unit set up for field duty to operate behind the front lines.

Lieutenant (jg) James Nelms Kincannon, of Roanoke, has recently completed specialized training at the anti-submarine warfare training center here, where he learned the latest methods of combating underwater raiders.

The son of Mrs. Charles T. Kincannon, of Roanoke, Lieutenant (jg) Kincannon entered the service August, 1942. Prior to his appointment in the U. S. naval reserve he practiced law in Roanoke.

Charles James Andrews, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Andrews, of Norfolk, was reported killed in action in Italy, according to word received here.

Andrews, who joined the American Field Service on January 13, 1943 after securing a leave of absence from the Norfolk division of William and Mary where he was an instructor, had been serving with the British 8th army overseas.

He was a first cousin of Frank H. Mitchell, of Bedford.

Pfc. J. B. Kelly, of Fort Dix, N. J., and Mrs. Kelly, of Decatur, Ga., visited friends in Bedford, last week.

1st Lt. John R. Boatwright has been transferred from an army camp in Arizona, to Ft. George, Meade, Md.

WAS HIS FACE RED? Rome, N. Y.—While he went deer-hunting, Samuel Corallo advised his wife to sit in the car and rest. After an hour's hunt, he returned, empty-handed, only to find his wife examining a four-point buck which she had bagged as it ran by the car.

Friendship Class Meets At Church

The regular monthly meeting of the Friendship Bible Class of Main Street Methodist church was held at the church at 7:45, Tuesday evening.

The meeting was in the form of a Christmas party and the decorations were carried out in a Christmas motif.

After the devotional a short business session was held then followed the program. Mrs. Guy Murray and Mrs. Jack Hopkins sang "There's A Song In The Air," and the group joined in by singing many Christmas carols.

Mrs. Ballard, teacher of the class, was presented with a gift of crystal by the class. Under the beautifully lighted tree was a gift for each member of the class from Santa. Delicious refreshments consisting of punch and cookies were served during the social hour.

Bible Class Elects Officers for New Year

At the regular meeting of the Friendship Bible Class of the Bedford Christian church the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Melvin Wood; vice-president, John Wood; secretary, E. Minor Edwards; assistant-secretary, Ellie Parrish; treasurer, Horace Woodbridge. Rev. Norman E. Allen, is the class teacher.

Euzelean Class Gives Pot Luck Supper Tuesday Night

The Euzelean Class of the Baptist church gave its annual Christmas pot luck supper at the church on Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. Members brought their husbands as guests and enjoyed a program of games and contests after the supper.

Amusing gifts for the members were distributed from the Christmas tree. Mrs. C. E. Harris, teacher of the class, and Mrs. George Whitehurst, president, were presented with gifts from the class. Mrs. Lloyd Goode was chairman of the program committee.

Book Forum Meets With Mrs. G. F. McKeever

The Book Forum held the regular December meeting at the home of Mrs. G. F. McKeever, with Mrs. John B. Oliver and Miss Frances Brent as assisting hostesses. After a short business session, the members held a spelling match. Words were chosen from the Bible and pertained to the idea of Christmas.

Mrs. Charles Green won the match and Mrs. duVal Radford was runner-up.

Mrs. W. G. Hardy was welcomed as a new member.

Christmas party refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Theater Announces Annual Food Matinee

The Liberty Theater has announced that its annual food and toy matinee will be held on Friday, December 17, at 3:30 p. m. Any child bringing an article of food or a toy will be admitted free. All food and toys collected at this matinee will be turned over to the Red Cross for their Christmas Baskets.

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See the colorful new Handkerchiefs for ladies just in.

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Miss Clarice Fizer Weds Sgt. E. C. Hash

The College Avenue Baptist church, Bluefield, W. Va., was the scene of a wedding at 7 o'clock, on Saturday, December 4, when Miss Clarice Fizer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Fizer, became the bride of Staff Sgt. Edwin C. Hash, U. S. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hash, of Grant.

The church was decorated with white chrysanthemums and greens, and lighted with cathedral candles. The bride's pastor, the Rev. Byron Wilkinson, performed the double ring ceremony.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. E. M. White, organist, played "Angel's Serenade" by Braga, "Liebestraum" by Liszt; Miss Marion Smith sang "I Love You Truly" and "Oh Perfect Love." "To a Wild Rose" was played softly during the ceremony. Traditional wedding marches were used.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown of duchess ivory satin fashioned with sweetheart neckline trimmed with seed pearls. The skirt fell the length of the floor ending in a court train. A seeded pearl coronet adorned her head from which fell her bridal veil. She carried an arm bouquet of white pompon chrysanthemums and maiden hair fern.

Miss Adelaide Bailey, maid of honor, and only attendant, wore Sienna blue taffeta gown designed with sweetheart neckline, fitted bodice and full skirt. She wore a ribbon headpiece attached to which was a shower of yellow and bronze chrysanthemums.

Jack Page served as best man to the groom, and ushers were Ivan Repass, Jr., Allen Preston, cousins of the bride, Bernard Wilkinson and Harold Moyer of Welch.

A reception was held at the home of the bride following the ceremony. Mrs. Hash wore as her going away outfit pebble clear sky blue crepe with cerise accessories. Her shoulder corsage was cerise roses.

Mrs. Fizer, the bride's mother, was attired in a black alpaca crepe dress with a shoulder corsage of American Beauty roses. Mrs. Hash, mother of the bride-groom, wore a dress of blue crepe with a shoulder corsage of yellow roses.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Hash left for a wedding trip in the south after which they will return to make their home at Camp Young, Indio, Calif., where Staff Sgt. Hash is stationed.

Mrs. Hash attended McLean's Business college and Bluefield college. Staff Sgt. Hash attended the Oak Hill Baptist Academy and West Virginia Business college.

Out-of-town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Fizer and daughter, of Orlinda; Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Repass and niece, Peggy, of Keystone; Mr. J. R. Repass, of Chapmansville; Mrs. J. A. Hogan, and Mrs. Raoul Kyle of Bedford.

Miss Marietta McGehee To Wed Lt. (jg) Bower

Plans for the wedding of Miss Marietta Bagley McGehee and Lieutenant (jg) Joseph Shelton Bower, U. S. N. Medical Corps, include several parties in connection with the nuptials, which take place Saturday at 4:30 o'clock in Rivermont Avenue Baptist church, Lynchburg.

Miss McGehee spent the week-end at her home and will go to the University of Virginia, Monday, to attend the graduation ceremonies in which Lieutenant Bower received his medical degree. He will serve an internship in the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md., where they will live. Miss McGehee, member of the faculty of Liberty Academy at Bedford returned to her home Wednesday and her resignation became effective at that time.

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MEETS HIS MULES IN ARMY
Dunlap, Kan.—Just before Ralph Hayes, a farmer, entered the army last February, he sold his favorite team of mules. Imagine his surprise, recently, when, on Guadalcanal, he heard a familiar hee-haw, and investigating, found his mules, also doing their bit for Uncle Sam.

CAT ADOPTS BABY RAT
Sacramento, Calif.—When one of Pachita's seven baby kittens died, the mother cat found a baby rat, adopted it and now feeds, washes and cares for the rat like one of her own kittens. She also guards it from other cats, still good mousers.

1944 To See Tempo Of War Increased

Battlefield Results in 1943 Tip the Prophets to What Is Apt to Happen in 1944

By Hugo S. Sims
The course of the war, on the active fighting fronts, was not affected by the meetings at Cairo and Tehran and there is no reason to expect that the communiques will have more effect than fighting men, their equipment and munitions. We are not depreciating the political parleys or the military discussions. Both were advisable and important only because of what might follow upon points of contact with the enemy.

Germans Escapes Disaster In Russia
Let's take a look-see at the various war zones, with attention directed first of all to Russia. The Red army's offensive continues steadily but the Germans must be given credit for a masterful retreat. Strong German counteraction has put in appearance and it is evident that the Nazis have escaped serious dangers.

The Russians, however, continue to make progress, and it is always possible that they will spring a trap quickly enough to catch a large number of a German army. So far, nothing of the kind has happened. The Nazis have retreated under pressure, but when it was necessary to hold a position to permit orderly retreat, the Germans have done so.

What is happening in Italy is enough to inform us that the Anglo-

American force faces stiff opposition on terrain that favors the defense. While the number of soldiers engaged has not been revealed it is evident that only a limited number can be satisfactorily utilized in the mountainous campaign.

Certainly, both sides have reinforcements available for the Italian front but whether the campaign will assume major proportions depends, we suspect, upon physical geography and not upon any other factor. Additional seaborne landings, behind present Nazi lines, look logical but the Allies have been content with the present front below Rome.

Speculation arises as to the future plans of the United Nations. It is known that strong forces in the Mediterranean area are not involved in Italy. The guessers naturally try to figure out what is underway, with attacks in the Balkans and southern France discussed. The possibility exists that some of North African contingents have been transported elsewhere for other use.

Germans Adopting Defense War
The Germans, occupying their interior lines in Europe, plainly intend to defend their lot as long as possible. They have had some heavy blows in 1943 and they know that, sometime in 1944, a powerful Anglo-American force will deliver a major assault. More they realize that a real front in the Balkans is likely. The future cannot be foretold on the basis of reports, some of them enemy-inspired about conditions inside Germany. It ought to be logical, however, to base conclusions upon battlefield results. Consequently, the steady losses of the Germans in 1943 indicate disaster in 1944 when the full force and power of the United Nations is applied.

If the Nazis could not hold their lines in Russia this Summer and were compelled to leave Africa and Sicily to wage a delaying battle in Italy, it is hardly to be expected that they will successfully stand heavier blows in 1944. Upon this reasoning is based the optimistic view that Hitler's power will come to an end in 1944.

The collapse of the U-boat of-

fensive and the increased tonnage of explosives that damage German industry and facilities add emphasis to the lesson that seems to be plainly written in what has happened in Russia and Africa.

Japan's Aggression To Sink At Sea
In the Pacific, where we wage an entirely different type of warfare, our air-sea forces are beginning to press the Japanese, who despite their large army must meet their fate on the waters that lap the islands of the empire.

This conclusion does not underrate the soldiers of the United States and the other United Nations who are valiantly demonstrating their fighting skill upon hundreds of battle areas. It simply means that Japan, unlike Germany, has vital sea lanes to protect and maintain if order in Asia for the benefit of the Japanese.

The splendid success that attended the attack upon the Gilbert Islands means similar attack elsewhere, with the chances that they will be equally successful. At some point, not now apparent, the Japanese will throw their battle fleet into action in a desperate effort to avoid defeat. This will be where the decisive battle of the war with Japan will be fought.

The fighting in China, so far, has been on a small scale. If supplies could be landed in China, say at a southeast port, which can only become available after the defeat of the Japanese fleet, there is no reason why Chinese veterans should not do considerable damage to Japanese ambitions.

Generally, however, the ring of encirclement draws tighter around the Japanese. From India, through the Dutch East Indies, to the Gilbert Islands and on to Hawaii and the Aleutians the net draws closer and men and materials are assembled for attacks that the little brown men from the island empire will be unable to meet.

Pittsville and Gretna

We are indeed sorry to note the death of Mrs. Ann Reynolds, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tom Hancock and was laid to rest in the Pentecostal Holiness church cemetery, Sunday afternoon. The bereaved relatives have our sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Page Mills, of Roanoke, announce the birth of a son in a Roanoke hospital. Mrs. Mills is remembered before her marriage as Miss Marie Myers, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Myers, of Roanoke, but well known throughout this community. Mr. Mills is with the U. S. army and is stationed somewhere in Texas.

Charlie Hedrick who has been with the U. S. army for the last two years and lately stationed in Norfolk, has received a medical discharge, and is now with his wife, Mrs. Vergie Hedrick, in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shields. Mrs. Mattie Myers was called to rest in the bedside of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Kitty Mattox, who is seriously ill at her home near Leesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Myers and Mrs. J. H. Saunders were business visitors in Chatham, one day last week. The latter had dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana M. Howell spent Saturday with their daughter, Mrs. Joe E. Myers in Gretna.

Johnnie T. Shields returned last Sunday from a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Tuck and mother, Mrs. Betty Tuck in Alexandria. He reported that Mrs. Betty Tuck is feeling very badly and here's hopes from her many friends that she will soon be feeling fine. Gordon accompanied Mr. Shields home and spent the night at his old Pittsville home.

Mrs. Herbert Divers and children, are visiting her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Saunders at Reusens. Tec-Sgt. Guy A. Tuck, of New York, has been spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Lillie Tuck. Sergeant Tuck contracted a severe cold after arriving here, and was numbered with the sick for several days, but is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Myers and the latter's mother, Mrs. Betty Edwards, recently visited the latter's brother, John Mattox, and wife near Leesville, the latter being very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Tuck and family of Front Royal, were recent weekend guests of the former parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moorman Tuck and the latter's mother, Mrs. Alice Jennings.

Miss Ann Reece, of Roanoke, spent from Friday until Sunday with Mrs. B. D. Myers, at Pittsville.

Mrs. Mattie Myers recently spent a week in Lynchburg with her sister, Mrs. Druce Goggin.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Myers and Mrs. B. D. Myers spent Friday in Roanoke on business and visited the latter, Mrs. Myers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Key.

Will Saunders spent the weekend with his son, Moncie Saunders and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Myers visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Myers, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McBride are happy parents over the arrival of twins, son and daughter. Mrs. McBride is the former Miss Thelma M. Hines.

Virginia League Hits Middle Course in Teacher Pay Debate

The League of Virginia Counties hit a middle course on the question of increased pay for teachers last week by adopting a resolution calling for a state appropriation of \$960 per teacher unit next year.

The action, taken at a concluding session of the league's annual convention, followed presentation to delegates by Dr. Dabney Lancaster, state superintendent of public instruction, of his reasons for believing that the minimum next year should be \$1,200 per teacher unit. Governor Darden has said he will recommend to the 1943 general assembly that \$840 be allowed for the first year and \$960 for the second year of the biennium.

GAS
To be sure that the supply balances with "the ever-increasing demands from military services," the OPA has cut the value of gasoline coupons in the ten West Coast and Rocky Mountain States.

TWO-HEADED SNAKE

C. I. O. to Spend \$700,000 in 1944 Political Campaign

By Richard L. Strout
Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor
Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—Sidney Hillman told the Congress of Industrial Organizations' convention here today that \$700,000 has been pledged for next year's election campaign and that the drive to get out the vote of 14,000,000 trade unionists will be the greatest political movement ever put on by labor in the United States.

Mr. Hillman, head of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, is chairman of C. I. O.'s Political Action Committee, and has just returned from a preliminary 10,000-mile swing around the country laying the groundwork for a united labor drive to include American Federation of Labor and Railway Brotherhoods.

As a preliminary budget, Mr. Hillman announced, each of the C. I. O. "Big Four"—Amalgamated Clothing, Auto and Electric Workers' Union have pledged \$100,000 to the political fund, with another \$100,000 from the national C. I. O. treasury, and a supplementary \$200,000 by smaller member unions.

History-Making Intent
Here are the high lights of the most ambitious labor political drive in history:

Fourteen regional offices will be set up. Every effort will be made to obtain joint action of C. I. O., A. F. of L., Rail Brotherhoods, farmers and "liberal" elements.

Labor will endorse old party candidates, and specifically avoid a third party.

The major drive will be on the congressional and local level. Implicit in the campaign is the belief that Mr. Roosevelt will be renominated, and that labor's effort should be directed to reduce "obstructionists" in Congress.

C. I. O. lawyers have analyzed the political contribution feature of the Smith-Connally Act and conclude that it puts no major barrier in the way of direct trade-union political actions financial contributions.

It is believed that the preliminary \$700,000 will be several times multiplied by local labor contributions. Plans call for what appears to be a new permanent political party machinery with offices on a precinct basis in many states.

LOVE FOR STATE FATAL
El Paso, Texas.—Returning to Texas from California, Cary H. Gary, of Dublin, Texas, told his father, K. H. Gary, to stop the car so that he could "kiss some old

Texas sand." The father did, Cary stepped out and, just as he did, he was struck by a passing automobile and was fatally injured.

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Make a decision right now that next Christmas you are not going to squeeze your Gift Money out of your weekly income... that you are not going to deny yourself the pleasant things in life because you have to start saving for Christmastide... Decide now that you want to feel the satisfaction of paying cash for everything the Season demands... and still have your income intact for necessary expenditures.

Here is how to do it: Come in today and open a Christmas Savings Club account by depositing a small amount from your income. Arrange your payments weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly, as you may desire. You will soon get the habit of coming in automatically as your pay days come around, and never miss the small amount deposited... and then at Christmas you can buy your Gifts without feeling a dent in your annual budget.

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BUDGET STATEMENT

FOR 3 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1943

REVENUE	Estimated Totals For Year	Collected To Date	Estimated Bal. to be Collected
Electric Department	145,000.00	39,478.77	105,521.23
Water Department	30,500.00	9,144.34	21,355.66
Town License	5,500.00	28.00	5,472.00
Fines & Costs (Mayor's Court)	3,500.00	1,149.40	2,350.60
10% of State Tax on Banks	2,851.00	4,355.11	6,547.50
Municipal Schools	39,592.00	9,84	2,641.16
Municipal and State Street Fund	8,730.00	2,182.50	35,237.89
ABC Board Profits	4,000.00	8,048.77	(4,048.77)
Material and Labor Sold	2,000.00	658.99	1,341.01
Grant from Poles	450.00	125.00	325.00
Grant from Poles	1,217.19		1,217.19
TOTAL REVENUE	243,141.19	65,180.72	177,960.47
Balance September 1, 1943	41,047.40		41,047.40
Balance November 30, 1943			49,602.91
GRAND TOTALS	284,188.59	106,228.12	227,563.38
EXPENDITURES	Budget Appropriation	Expended To Date	Balance Required For Year
Administration	15,575.00	3,822.55	11,752.45
Electric Department	23,520.00	6,254.88	17,265.12
Maintenance & Imp.	4,000.00		4,000.00
Emergency Fund	4,560.00	1,423.83	3,136.17
Water Department	1,500.00		1,500.00
Maintenance & Imp.	16,900.00	4,005.65	12,894.35
Streets Department	3,000.00	180.61	2,819.39
Police Department	9,150.00	2,144.77	7,005.23
Fire Department	2,580.00	647.11	1,932.89
Municipal Schools	52,745.00	11,609.65	41,135.35
Insurance	1,837.63	1,011.08	826.55
Library	1,831.08	510.95	1,320.13
Public Welfare	425.00	5.00	420.00
Motor Vehicles	6,900.00	982.42	5,917.58
Interest on Bonded Indebtedness	7,900.00	3,567.50	4,332.50
Bonds Maturing During Year	21,000.00		21,000.00
Contract for Standby Current with Appalachian Electric Power Company	5,000.00	1,249.98	3,750.02
Excess Elec. Current Purchased	22,000.00		22,000.00
Service Refunds	450.00	100.00	350.00
Bedford National Defense	200.00	12.20	187.80
Grant Paid on Poles	375.00		375.00
Estimated Amount for Building	1,000.00	697.03	402.97
War Bond Fund (From Contingent Fund)	18,500.00		18,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	221,348.63	66,625.21	164,723.42
Balance November 30, 1943			49,602.91
(81,339.96-18,500.00)	62,839.96		62,839.96
GRAND TOTALS	284,188.59	106,228.12	227,563.38

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WANTED—Girls 28 inch bicycle, in good condition. Write "Bicycle" care Democrat. 12-9-21-pd

WANTED—Farm hands, white or colored, \$500 a year, paid monthly, house, garden, firewood, cow pasture, live stock farm, good show for tenant, with tobacco crop if desired. Can take care of man subject to draft. E. A. Hicks, Evington, Va., Highway 127. 12-16-11-pd

TENANT WANTED

I need a settled man and wife to farm my land; mostly truck crop. I will furnish team, tools, seed and fertilizer. Nice house with two bedrooms, living room, kitchen and dining room; bath, hot and cold water; electric lights. If you want to work and have a good home, see me. L. B. Old, route 1, Blue Ridge, Va., one-half mile north of Woodhaven Service Station, on route 697. 12-9-21-ch

MONTVALE

A large congregation was present last Sunday, to hear Brother Price, who brought us another fine sermon.

Prayer services continue to be interesting with good attendance. The young people are always welcome.

The Ladies Auxiliary met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. F. Brugh, while the Woman's Society of Christ Service met with Mrs. Walter Dooley.

Christmas programs have been planned at both churches and committees are busy training the children. The program at the Presbyterian church will be presented Tuesday, December 21, at 7:30.

Mrs. J. H. Billingsley has recovered from her recent operation, but continues to take treatment in Roanoke.

Pfc. Harold Obenchain, of U. S. Army Ordnance Corps, was at home a few hours last week and we were glad to see him in congregation at preaching.

It was in the paper of recent that Hildrey Pollard, another local boy, has completed his service at training center. Keep up good work, boys.

Older boys are all sending Christmas greetings to home folks. e you remembered them?

Robert Fralin has returned from hospital.

W. Caldwell of Washington, D. was a recent guest of his parents.

Ferry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers.

Christmas in Wartime—older in his dug out, s weary, sad, forlorn, s he did remember, norrow, was Christmas morn.

that of home and loved ones, y thousand miles away, y wondered if they miss him? this sad Christmas Day.

d as he sat and pondered, step, outside he heard, erry Christmas, in the comrad' d not another word.

that's of home forgotten, movements, as a fox, d reaching from his fox hole, pulled in a Christmas box.

PLANE DESTROYS HOUSE—An Agny pilot, ight Officer George Griswell, 22, Rondale, Ala., was killed when s plane crashed into an unoccuied house. The plane exploded, emolishing the house, damaging our other residences and spraying laming gasoline in the street. No villian was injured, however.

MEETS OWN DREAMS—Great Falls, Mont.—Lieutenant Godfrey Reed, of the Marines, eyed the drummer in an army show at a South Pacific base with particular interest. The drummer was using the set of drums Reed donated two years ago to a soldier band.

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News in the World

Of Religion

By W. W. Reid

Captain Sheldon O. Hall, former football star of Findlay, Ohio, writes from the South Pacific that he owes his life to the work of British Methodist missionaries who years ago converted the natives of some Solomon Island outposts from cannibalism to Christianity. Some weeks ago he was shot down while flying near a Japanese-held island, but managed to get into his rubber raft out in the Pacific. For 366 hours he drifted helplessly, and then was washed ashore on jungle Chotseul Island (in the Solomons). This island was once the home of cannibal hunters and cannibals. After some hours ashore, he was found by a group of natives, some of whom spoke English, and all of whom were Christians. They ministered to him for eleven days, and then led him to an American outpost and safety.

The United States Army needs more than 800 additional chaplains, according to a recent statement by Chief of Chaplains William R. Arnold. Of these, 350 are needed by the Air Force and 500 by ground forces and service forces. He lists the Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Catholic and Negro Methodist communions as especially lacking in furnishing the quotas assigned to them for filling chaplaincy vacancies. Since Pearl Harbor, General Arnold points out, 33 army chaplains have made the supreme sacrifice—indicating the fact that they are serving close to the active fighting forces.

Through Polish church circles in London comes word that the process of beatification, or declaration of sainthood, for Father Raphael Kalinowski, Polish patriot, is now taking place in Rome. Once a Russian army instructor, Father Kalinowski joined the Polish insurgents in 1863, and when it failed, he was arrested and sentenced to death by the Russians. However, they feared to execute him because of his popularity, and he was exiled to Siberia. There he continued and advanced his charitable works, forming cooperatives and religious organizations among exiled Poles. Upon his release ten years later, he became the tutor of the Polish hero, Prince August Czartoryski, whose beatification is also under way at the present time. Later he entered the Carmelite Order, and spent the rest of his days as a priest. Of him it is said: "Father Kalinowski was so virtuous and exemplary in life, and the graces received through his intercession were so numerous that even during his lifetime he was looked upon as a saint by all who knew him."

"These are times which demand the finest in churchmanship and call for the church's most adequate ministry," says Director James C. Flint, of the Congressional Committee of the Churches of Christ. "All the agencies of the church, those newly created to meet the peculiar needs of the day and the old ones carrying on programs of long standing—must unite their efforts to present the fullest possible Christian ministry to a world which awaits it. Service has always been Christianity's most effective instrument. In these days with service must be alert to its opportunities and responsibilities, and it must find especially trained people to meet the urgent needs which the day presents."

In more than one hundred cities across the United States, the "Christian Mission on World Order" have now been concluded. The program sponsored by most of the Protestant interdenominational and national agencies of the country, and under the immediate direction of Dr. Walter VanKirk and Dr. Paul G. Macy of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ. Now these leaders are planning a "follow-up" of the inspiration of the Mission, suggesting that participants be given a chance to express themselves on world order by writing their congressmen, discussing the matter in clubs, etc.; and that local communities be organized to study and keep fresh the need for a Christian point of view in settling world affairs.

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Norman E. Allen, Minister

9:45 a. m.—Bible school, Norman E. Allen, superintendent; H. D. Scott, junior superintendent.

11:00 a. m.—Christmas worship services. "The Story of Christmas" presented by the adult choir and junior chorus.

7:45 p. m.—Evening worship. Sermon "He Came to Bring Peace and Goodwill." Special music.

Monday, 8 p. m.—The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. E. L. Carlyle.

Wednesday, 8 p. m.—The choir will meet at the church to go carolling.

BEDFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Harr. P. Clause, Minister.

Services for December 19, Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., V. W. Nichols, superintendent.

Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Prelude, "Christmas Morning," by H. P. Hopkins.

Doxology.

Invocation.

Scripture.

Prayer.

Hymn, "Joy To The World, The Lord Has Come."

Announcement, by Godard.

Cantata, "Lord Of All," Fred B. Holton by the choir.

Benediction.

Postlude.

Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m., Mrs. C. C. Montgomery, director.

Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Prelude, "Nazareth" by Gounod.

Doxology.

Invocation.

Hymn, "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear."

Scripture.

Prayer.

Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Offertory, "Christmas Carol," by Lorenz.

Anthem, "The Song And The Star," by Marie M. Hine. Sermon, "The First Christmas Gift" by the pastor.

Hymn, "Silent Night, Holy Night." Benediction.

Postlude.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

H. Grey, Pastor.

Sunday school, 9:45.

Morning worship, 11:00.

Pioneer Young People, 5:30.

Senior Young People, 6:30.

Services at Laurel Grove at 3:30.

CHURCH NOTICE

On account of Father William J. Meredith, of the Holy Communion church, Lynchburg, not being able to be with us on next Sunday afternoon, and

by such employer. A referral card may be accepted by essential and non-essential employers alike, and no Statement of Availability or Certificate of Prior Employment is necessary as the Referral Card is the employer's authority to hire the worker and should be kept in the employer's files.

Example: Diesel Mechanic (critical occupation) desires employment, but can only be hired under WMC regulations upon referral by the USES. He goes to the Employment Office where determinations are made as to where the man's skill is needed most in the war effort and when an agreeable choice has been reached, the worker is referred to that employer.

A farmhand wishes to change to other than agricultural employment. WMC regulations require USES approval for such transfer. Therefore, he must go to the USES office and secure a referral card which he will take to his new employer and without which no employer can hire him.

A shipyard worker (essential) decides he would like to change jobs to a tobacco factory (non-essential), but before he can be hired in the non-essential plant, he must secure the permission of, and be referred by, the USES office serving the locality of the essential employer. Job changes from essential to non-essential employment will only be allowed in extreme cases.

A worker who has not lived in the locality during the preceding 30 days can only be hired upon referral by the USES. If the worker has a release from the USES in his former locality, he can be referred by the USES immediately to local employment. If he did not have a release, he would have to remain out of work until proper clearance has been obtained.

Mr. Turner pointed out that workers who move from one area to another for work and new entrants into the labor market going from one area to another, must get a release and inter-area clearance from the USES office serving the locality of last employment, or residence, if unemployed. This inter-area release must be taken to the USES office serving the locality of new employment where a referral card will be issued to the worker for delivery to the new employer.

Example: A high school graduate (new entrant into labor market) wants to leave his home in Virginia and go to work in Baltimore, or some distant locality. He or she must go to the USES office at home and arrange with them for an inter-area release to the locality where employment is to be secured. This release would be taken to the USES where employment is desired, and there referral will be arranged.

A carpenter who has been laid off and wants to go to work in a town 50 miles away will have to follow the same procedure as the high school student in arranging inter-area transfer.

Under the WMC regulations, it is the responsibility of the employer to see that a new employee has been referred by the USES, if he is to be hired in, or his application indicates that he possesses one of the WMC's 149 "Critical Occupations," or if he comes from another locality, or if his last employment was in agriculture, or if the worker is changing from essential to non-essential employment. Likewise, employer large and small, essential and non-essential, are required to maintain a file on all new hires with proper WMC hiring credentials for inspection at any time by War Manpower officials, Mr. Turner concluded.

FALL THROUGH ICE: 3 DROWN—Fairmont, Minn.—While out hunting muskrats, three hunters drowned when thin ice broke under their weight as they walked on North Silver Lake. They were Emil Christiansen, 28, of Ringsted, Iowa; Hillard Threesfield, 31, of Armstrong, Iowa, and M. B. Simmons, 52, of Hand's Park, Minn.

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Hires Requiring USES Referral

A referral card is a Statement issued by the U. S. Employment Service sending a worker with his consent to a specific job with a specific employer for consideration of hiring

the fact that outlocal ministers are now more or less engaged in preparing their Christmas and holiday services, no further non-sectarian church services will be held at the Elks National Home until the first Sunday in January, 1944. These services are greatly appreciated by the residents of the home and those of the general public who are fortunate enough to attend and we will look forward with pleasure to their resumption on the first Sunday of the coming year.

THAXTON BAPTIST FIELD

C. M. Robinson, Pastor.

Walnut Grove—10:30 a. m., Saturday, 18 church business meeting; 10:00, Sunday morning Sunday school; 11:00 (lock, preaching by Rev. Mr. Fox of Bedford.

Mt. Zion—3:00 a. m., Sunday school.

Thaxton—11:00 a. m., Sunday school; 6:30, I. T. U. meeting.

MONTVALE GROUP OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

John V. Bolick, Pastor.

Services for December 19: Villamont, 11:00 a. m. Montvale, 1:30 p. m.

Our Christmas programs will be as follows:

Montvale—December 21, at 7:30 p. m.

Villamont—December 22, at 7:30 p. m.

Cool Spring—December 23, at 2:00 p. m.

October—December 23, at 7:30 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to all services.

BEDFORD CIRCULAR METHODIST

W. M. Compton, Pastor.

Services at Ebenezer, Sunday, at 10:00.

Big Island, 11:15 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

MONETA METHODIST CHARGE

Joseph Curry, Pastor.

Services for Sunday, December 19: Stewartville—Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.; preaching at 11:00 a. m. Parish Chapel—Sunday school at 2:00 p. m.; preaching at 3:00 p. m. Emmaus—Sunday school at 11:00 a. m.; preaching at 7:30 p. m.

MIDDLE BEDFORD METHODIST CHARGE

Robert P. Parker, Pastor.

Services for Sunday, December 19: 11:00 a. m.—Bethesda.

12:30 p. m.—Wilson.

8 p. m.—Hickory Grove.

The pastor will preach on the Fourth Freedom—"Freedom From Fear." At the conclusion of these services brief church conferences will be held.

Employers Must Adhere to U. S. Employment Service Regulations

All employers are covered by the WMC Employment Stabilization Program in their hiring procedures. They must adhere to WMC regulations or be subject to the penalties prescribed for violations. It was pointed out today by Mr. Ralph M. Turner, U. S. Employment Service Manager, that the program is a result of information obtained in a recent survey of employers in this area, in which WMC representatives made a spot check of payrolls to determine if employers were abiding by WMC hiring provisions.

The check was not made for the purpose of prosecuting anyone, but rather to see how well the program requirements were understood and to educate those found to be in error in their hiring practices, Mr. Turner stated.

The survey revealed that many small employers, those hiring one to ten workers, and many non-essential establishments hiring mostly women, did not think they were included in the WMC program and for their information it was pointed out that the Stabilization Program included all employers, those hiring one or more. Women are a big part of our labor force and must be hired in accordance with WMC regulations as well as men. Also, new entrants into the labor market are included whether man, woman or youth.

Another point brought out was the lack of uniform understanding among employers with regard to the use of, and need for, Statements of Availability, Certificates of Prior Employment, Referral Cards, and Inter-Area Releases, the Manager added.

Statement of Availability

In order to clarify the misunderstanding, Mr. Turner explained that a Statement of Availability is a statement from the Employer or the U. S. Employment Service issued to a worker in an essential industry allowing him to transfer to other essential employment in the same locality. WMC restrictions prohibit an employer from hiring a worker who has been employed in an essential activity within the preceding 60 days, whether last employment or not, unless, the worker presents a Statement of Availability from the last essential employer or the USES.

Example: A worker wishes to quit one war plant for work in another war plant. His employer gives him a Statement of Availability and he can go immediately to his new employment and no time is lost from the war effort.

A worker in an essential plant wishes to change jobs to another essential establishment, but his employer will not release him. The worker goes to the USES and applies for transfer. The USES finding after consultation with the worker and the employer that the worker is entitled to a release under any of the provisions in the Stabilization Program, issues the worker a Statement of Availability. While the USES was making its determination, the worker remained on the job. The transfer was made without loss of man hours to the war effort. A worker who quits his job before securing a Statement of Availability will be required by the USES to return to his job before his request will be considered.

Mr. Turner pointed out that employers must take up Statements of Availability from new employees. Employees are entitled to Statements of Availability from their employer

Items From Issue Of The Democrat Published In 1916

The items below are taken from the Bedford Democrat, issued in July, 1916:

It is now unlawful to hunt in Virginia without first obtaining a license, the new game law having gone into effect July 1. Residents of the state must obtain either a county or a state license to hunt or fish.

The Womens Missionary Union of the Strawberry Association met here Tuesday at the Baptist church. Mrs. Charles R. Smith, of Lynchburg, presided and the address of welcome was delivered by Miss Blanche Tolley.

There was a family reunion at the home of Thomas Gibbs, Sunday. It was a happy meeting as they were together once more before their brother, R. M. Gibbs left for his distant home in Krum, Texas. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ninninger and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. George Gibbs and two sons; Mr. and Mrs. Will Gibbs and children; H. L. Gibbs and R. M. Gibbs, of Texas.

The Strawberry Association will meet July 25, with the Mount Hermon church, and will be in session three days. This church is on the north side of the county about 12 miles from Bedford. It is a strong and influential church and located in a prosperous community. The Strawberry Association is one of the largest district associations in the state, embracing as it does, 55 churches. Last year these churches paid out for home and foreign mission purposes, \$59,988.67, and 393 persons were added to the churches by baptism.

Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, the home of W. I. Puqua, at Mentow, was the scene of a pretty marriage, when his only daughter, Miss Ollie Ruth, was led to the altar by Mr. Richard N. Corbitt, a popular young telegraph operator at Huddleston. The attendants were Miss Annie May Corbitt, sister of the groom,

with Mr. J. M. Owen; Miss Callie Furva, sister of the bride, with Mr. Earl Reed. Miss Ollie May Reed presided at the organ. The ceremony was performed by the pastor of the young couple, Rev. Horace Wilkinson. Immediately after the ceremony, the young couple left for Victoria, to spend several days with the groom's parents.

Miss Julia Stone and Miss Irvine Guy left last Friday for Wellfleet, Mass., where they will continue their studies with Miss Hull, of Sweet Briar Institute.

The stockholders of the Bedford county bank held their annual meeting at Montvale, July 15. Out of the 240 shares, 200 were represented. The usual dividend of 10 per cent was declared. The same directors and officers were elected as follows: Dr. S. H. Price, president; J. B. Obenchain and J. E. Quarles, vice-president; R. A. Gilliam, cashier; W. M. Ferrell, assistant cashier; S. H. Price, J. B. Obenchain, J. F. W. Huddleston, J. E. Quarles, A. S. Stclair, H. M. Rieley and J. T. Pollard, directors. The bank is in a most flourishing condition.

T. Brady Saunders

Appointments Committee

T. Brady Saunders, president of the Miller Manufacturing company, and an official of the Virginia Manufacturers association, today named five Virginia industrialists to serve with an identical number of educators, previously named, on a commission whose objective will be to bring schools and industry in closer working harmony.

Mr. Saunders is widely connected in the county and is a cousin of Mrs. J. B. Bernard, of Bedford.

SEE THE OLD YEAR OUT AT HOME

Recipes for delicious end-of-the-year dishes and suggestions for entertaining when 1943 comes to an end. Don't miss this helpful feature in the December 26th issue of

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Oh, Jimmy, it's a beautiful blue door—or maybe it's green. I hope you like it. I hope I did the right thing.

I walked miles and miles through stores. And nothing was half nice enough for a new husband. And besides, I thought, Jimmy won't want to lug some silly gadget all over the Atlantic ocean.

Then just when I was about to tear my hair out—I knew what I

wanted to give you. It's more than a Christmas present, it's a coming home present.

I don't know if a \$25 War Bond will buy us a whole front door (you're the financial brains of this family). But it'll buy us the start of one, won't it?

So Merry Christmas, darling! I'm holding on to the War Bond 'cause it's too precious to go chasing around the world after you. But please, on Christmas Eve, open the door . . . and walk in . . . and dream awhile.

Love,

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Real Estate Transfers Are Recorded

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the clerk of the court in Bedford county: The Lynchburg National Bank and Trust Company of Lynchburg, executor of B. A. Rice,

deceased, to James Scales and Celo Hardy, lots near Montvale, \$100. M. D. Kent to A. T. Craghead 21.95 acres in Staunton district, \$250. John B. Oliver, special commissioner, to Essie C. Zimmerman lot on Crenshaw street, in Bedford, \$725. Martha J. Ross and Charlie Ross to G. W. Bond lot on Liberty Street

and lot on Federal street, in Bedford, \$10.00, etc. Hunter Miller to Sam and Hilda M. Stevens, lots of Calvin J. Harris property known as Bedford Heights, \$500.00. Frank and Sarah Goad to Warren and Lura S. Craghead, 100 acres in Staunton District, \$5.00, etc. C. G. and Annie E. Coleman to

Elbert Coleman and Merle Smith Creasy, 49 acres in Central District, \$700. H. B. and Goldie Johnson to Charles B. Johnson, lot on Franklin street, in Bedford, \$10.00, etc. W. E. and Lucy W. Luck to B. W. Jr. and Mary St. George T. Arnold, part of lot on Goose Creek in Lisbon Districts, \$10.

Clarkson and Minnie G. Cundiff to Mack and Amber Roena Cundiff, III acres in Chamblissburg District, \$737.18. H. M. and N. K. Mitchell and E. B. and Sagasta Mitchell to Charlie Mitchell, 160 acres between Moneta and Staunton River, \$1000. Elizabeth Walkup Graybill, Samuel Spencer Walkup and Arie Evelyn

Walkup, his wife, to Herbert N. Walkup, about 230 acres in Forest district, \$10.00, etc. J. A. Painter and Dora N. Painter, his wife, to S. R. Allen, lot in Central district on Lynchburg-Salem turnpike, \$950.

"ON YOUR HONOR" Knoxville, Tenn.—Unable to get

help, Parking Lot Manager Ed Wallace started a "Park-on-Your Honor" system. Motorists park their cars in the lot, put a dime and their car's number in a small envelope furnished for the purpose and drop it through a slot in the door. A sign reads, "Park and Lock—On Your Honor." Wallace says seventy per cent of the parkers leave the

money promptly, while a reminder to delinquents usually brings a payment. American automobile users during 1942 cut down their consumption of gasoline by 17 per cent, according to the Public Roads Administration of the Federal Works Agency.

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Large selection of newest holiday dresses in 1 and 2 pc. styles in jersey, alpaca and romaine, tailored flannels, gabardines, linens... 2 pc. butcher linen and print jersey combinations. Sizes 9 to 17; 12 to 20; 38 to 44; 46 to 52.

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• Gold • Rose
• Purple • Mint
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\$4.98

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Boy coats, reefers, fitted and dress coats in tweeds, plaids and fleeces... twills, shetland and other wanted fabrics... all reduced for clearance. Sizes 11 to 52. Styles for misses women and juniors.

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HOLIDAY HATS

Beautiful hats to go with every costume. Felts and fabrics in the newest styles and trims for misses, women and juniors.

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GIRLS' COATS

Casual, fitted and princess styles in camel and tweeds. All warmly interlined, finely detailed. Sizes 7 to 14.

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GIRLS' DRESSES

Large variety of dress favorites in spun rayon and printed percales for school and dress wear. Sizes 7 to 14.

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CHILDREN'S DRESSES

Cute, adorable styles in solid and printed cotton dresses. Sizes 1 to 6X.

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He'll be happy to get one of these boys' bobby suits in solid colors and combinations... some with corduroy pants.

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RAYLASS PRACTICAL GIFTS



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| for Mother
DRESSER SETS
pc. Lucite sets. Combination brush and mirror. Lined gift box. Others from \$1
\$4.98
CHENILLE ROBES
Wraparound style. Solid and contrasting colors. Sizes 14 to 20.
\$3.98
RAYON HOSE
First quality fine rayon hose. Also medium and heavy weights. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2.
97c
Smart Handbags
She'll be proud of these beautiful bags in the newest styles, fabrics and colors.
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Others from \$1.98
WOOL SWEATERS
Slipover style... long sleeves. Newest pastel shades.
\$2.98
Others to \$3.98
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Pumps and Oxford ties. Soft black kid uppers. Flexible leather soles. Widths AA to E.
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Satin & Crepe SLIPS
Well tailored, form fitting... won't sag or twist. Lace and embroidered trim. All styles. Sizes 32 to 44.
\$1.69
Others from 89c to \$1.98
COTTON FROCK
Button front and coat style. Attractive patterns. Sizes 9 to 17 and 14 to 44.
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Others at \$2.98
HOUSECOATS
Printed percale wrap-around housecoats. Attractive patterns. Sizes 14 to 44.
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SHAVING SETS
Lotion, razor, comb, etc.
\$1.19
Others from 59c
WALLETS
All genuine leather. Many hand laced. Gift boxed.
\$1
Others to \$1.98
Comb & Brush Sets
3 brushes, comb and clothes brush.
\$1
Others from 69c
TIE & H'DKF SET
Solid colors and distinctive patterns. Matching handkerchief. Gift boxed.
59c
Others \$1
BOXED BELTS
Genuine leather "Style King" belts. Plain or novelty leathers.
50c
Others \$1
GLOVES
Warm fleece lined cape leather gloves. Black, brown and tan. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2.
\$1.59
SOX & ANKLETS
Fancy rayon 100% lenox and black hose. Many patterns. Newest colors. Sizes 10 to 12.
20c
SHIRTS
Choose a shirt that's sure to please him from our brand new shipment of fast color prints.
\$1.55
BOXED TIES
"Raylloom" quality. Wool lined. Resilient construction. Gift boxed. Each
59c | for Sister
SLIPS
Ladies' fine quality slips. Elaborate lace trim. Self adjustable strap. Tea Rose. Assorted sizes.
\$1.98
SWEATERS
Slipover style... long sleeves. Newest pastel shades.
\$2.98
Others to \$3.98
TOILET SETS
3-pc. Including comb, brush and mirror.
59c
GLOVES
Lacy cottons and rich suede rayons. Buy for Christmas... for yourself, too!
\$1
Others to \$1.98
For Little Sister DOLLS! DOLLS!
Baby and sleeping dolls. Dolls with wigs and voices.
\$5.49
TEA SETS
16-pc. juvenile Gypsy glass tea set... service for 4.
59c
Others from 29c
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Easel blackboard with chalk and eraser.
\$1.29
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Stuffed dolls cutely dressed.
\$1.35
Others to \$5.49
Infants' Creepers
Cotton knit infants' creepers. Solid and stripes. Sizes 1 to 3.
\$1.19 | for Brother
KHAKI SWEATERS
A warm serviceable gift for the boy in service. Small, medium and large sizes.
\$1.98
ARMY TIES
Mohair with mohair lining. Resilient construction. In gift folders ready for mailing.
39c
Military Brush Set
Men's 3-pc. Military brush set—fanny back and medallion. Each in box.
69c
SHIRTS
Vat dyed fancy percale dress shirts. Neat patterns.
98c
JACKETS
Water repellent and wind resistant. Smartly styled. Sizes 4 to 10.
\$1.19
For Little Brother COWBOY SUITS
New models. Shirts, pants and accessories.
\$1.29
Others to \$3.50
Wooden Toy Gun
Makes noise like real gun. Well constructed.
\$1
SWEATERS
Novelty and pullover styles. Newest fall shades in all sizes.
\$1.98
SAILOR SUITS
Navy blue twill. Long pants. Draped front. Sizes 3 to 8.
\$1.69 |
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LIVE BONDS — THEN GIVE HER PERSONAL GIFTS

GIFT SLIPS

Large selection of crepe and satin slips. Trimly tailored or lavishly lacy... slim fitting, long lasting. Sizes 32 to 44.

\$1.69

Others from 89c to \$1.98

Rayon Panties

Plain rayon knit panties... fancy rayon knit cloth, lace and tailored trims. Brief and sand bottom styles.

59c

Others to 89c

SMART HANDBAGS

Felt Broadcloths Corduroys Follies Crepes Novelty Fabrics Simulated leather

\$1.98 to \$3.98

RAYON HOSE

Enduring sheer rayon hose that goes everywhere, and wears well. The plus-perfect gift. Newest shades. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2.

81c pr.

Cotton Frocks

Printed percales and striped chambrays in newest button fronts wraparound and puff sleeve styles. Prints, stripes, checks and dots. Sizes 12 to 44.

\$1.98

Others to \$2.98

Housecoats

Printed percale housecoats reflecting the holiday spirit. Grand gift for living. Wrap-around and other styles.

\$2.98

GIVE GLOVES

Choose from our selection of smart styles and colors in the newest fabrics and kid.

59c to \$1.98

FOR AMERICA'S COMFORT



SLIPPERS

Warm, soft, durable house slippers. The gift that's always welcome. No ration coupon required.

49c to \$1.98

Ladies' GOWNS

Floral print crepe gowns with square and V necks. Many patterns and colors.

\$2.98

ROBES

Warm pretty chenille robes. French crepe, buoy wadded, quilted taffeta and solid color and printed robes. All styles, colors and sizes.

\$3.98 to \$6.98

Slippers FOR COMFORT

Good looking and good feeling house slippers. Felt and simulated leathers with soft padded leather and synthetic soles. Black, brown and other colors.

1.29 PAIR

Others From 79c to \$1.98

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR BOYS



THE BEST GIFT OF ALL—WAR BONDS

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| BOYS' SHIRTS | 98c |
| POPLIN JACKETS | \$1.19 |
| TIES | 25c |
| SWEATERS | \$1.98 |
| MACKINAW | \$6.59 |
| SLACKS | \$3.98 |

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DEPARTMENT STORES

1005-1007 Main St., Lynchburg, Va.

Items From Old Files Of Bedford Star

The items below are taken from the Bedford Star, published in January, 1879.

A meeting of citizens of the town of Liberty was held Saturday night, January 17, 1880, for the purpose of organizing a stock company to purchase the building known as the "Modoc" and erect a substantial building on the site. The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That O. P. Bell, R. D. Buford, L. D. Haymond, John M. Wright, McLeod Kasey, P. B. Burks, W. S. Graves, W. S. Jones and C. A. Bower be requested to apply for a charter incorporating themselves and such others as may be appointed with them into a joint stock company, to be named as they may determine, for the purpose of erecting a brick building, which shall contain an opera house or town hall, on the corner of Main and Court streets; that the capital stock of that company be not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$30,000.

We return thanks to Judge M. Davis for a copy of the New Orleans Daily Times, which is edited by his son, Maj. Thos. E. Davis. The Times is one of the leading dailies of the Crescent City, and we are glad to know that so able a writer and true Virginian as Maj. Davis is at its helm.

Married—On the 14th of January by Rev. W. F. Bain, John G. Logwood and Miss Fannie L. Logwood, all of Bedford county.

On the 20th inst., by Rev. J. A. Davis, Mr. George W. Dearing to Miss Anna Preston, all of Bedford. At Price's Chapel, January 15, by Rev. T. G. Nevitt, James R. Marsh to Miss Lula Kyle, daughter of Rufus Kyle, all of Botetourt.

Pleasant View Sunday school was reorganized on Lord's day, the 11th inst., by the election of R. M. Chambers, superintendent; Thos. C. Vest, assistant superintendent; J. A. Traynor, secretary and librarian. A committee was appointed consisting of J. T. Taylor, Ro. C. Vest and Miss Sallie Vest, to visit every family in the community and urge them to attend the school.

Mr. John J. Lafferty, official stenographer to the Senate of Virginia, Methodist General Conference, etc., will give practical instructions in shorthand by letter, explaining difficulties, correcting the exercises, and advising as to study. Terms, \$5.00 for entire course of instruction.

Died at his home about eight miles south of Liberty, Saturday, Henry Key, aged about 95 years. Though a man of color, he was the most remarkable man I ever knew, strictly honest in the true sense that term is generally applied. The writer knew him well, has known him for the last 35 years, owned him a part of his life, say from the year 1846 up to the time of the close of our civil war, 1865, and can safely say I never knew a more honest man, white or black; I shall never behold his like again. He has been trusted with thousands of dollars. He was an old family servant, owned by my wife's father, Capt. Thomas Key, and was always held in high esteem by the whole family. Signed, Thos. J. Key.

Farm Intake Nineteen Billion

New York, Dec. 11.—The showing during the first nine months indicates that the farmers' cash income from marketings and government benefit payments for the full year of 1943 will amount to at least \$19,200,000,000, a new record, according to the Alexander Hamilton Institute. This will compare with the previous high record of \$16,177,000,000 in 1942 and with the depression's low of only \$4,743,000,000 in 1932.

The prospect is that the farmers' purchasing power this year will also be the largest on record since the prices of goods bought by the farmers have not risen sufficiently to offset more than a part of the increase in the farmers' income. The farmers' income from marketings during the first nine months rose to \$13,062,000,000 this year from \$10,141,000,000 last year due to an increase in the quantity of products sold as well as to the advance in the prices of such products. In addition to a larger income from marketings, the farmers have received larger benefit payments from the government. These benefit payments, amounting to \$553,000,000 this year as against \$511,000,000 last year, raised the farmers' total income for the first nine months to \$13,615,000,000 from \$10,652,000,000 a year ago. This increase in income more than offset the rise in the prices of goods which the farmers bought. Consequently, the farmers enjoyed a 16.2 per cent increase in purchasing power over last year's level.

Dieppe Raid Teaches New Use for Pulpwood

Disastrous as it was, the Dieppe raid taught the Allies many useful facts including this: In crossing the stormy Channel the uniforms of our invasion forces absorbed about five pounds of moisture, and slowed down movement. Now available is a raincoat made from pulpwood that can be discarded upon landing, eliminating another handicap.

PREPARING MEALS IN WARTIME APARTMENTS

Living in cramped quarters these days? You can still turn out excellent meals despite lack of full kitchen facilities. Learn how in the Housewife's Almanack, a special feature in the December 12th issue of

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SUNDAY WEEKLY

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Hill Top Cafe Burns; Smaller Fires Occur

The Hill Top Cafe on the corner of South Bridge and Franklin Streets, owned by George Parker, colored, was almost completely destroyed, Thursday morning. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss was partially covered by insurance. No one was in the building at the time it caught.

Two other alarms sounded Wednesday night and firemen answered the calls to the homes of Reid Turner on South Street and Sam Well, near Blount. In both incidences the damage was minor.

Rail Brotherhood Strike December 30

The operating railroad brotherhoods established December 30 as the date for a "progressive strike" which the national meditation board seeks to avert.

The board has invited railroad officials and leaders of 350,000 unionists to meet Monday and they have accepted. Presidents of the five brotherhoods declare this "a strike against inflation for the privileged few and deflation for many."

The five brotherhoods are: Trainmen, Firemen and Enginemen, Locomotive engineers, Railway conductors and the Switchmen. "The five presidents jointly stated that the railroad workers" "do not believe that swollen rail road earnings, larcenous profiteering and depressed real wages are necessities of the real war effort. We share the view with all other patriotic citizens that a strike is to be deplored, but we assert that the underlying causes that cause a strike is also to be deplored."

Report \$10,000 Spent For Liquor In One Day

Roanoke's three ABC stores did a \$10,000 business on Tuesday when the weekly shipment of whiskey, rum and other beverages was received, it was reported yesterday, but in spite of the heavy demand, sufficient whiskey is on hand to carry the stores until next Tuesday, although the whiskey brands are limited.

Few persons are taking advantage of the rum bonus, but there is a moderately heavy demand for the whiskey combination which entitles a customer to a bottle of wine with a fifth or quart of whiskey.

The lower Salem avenue store led the sales with \$3,881.65, with the upper Salem avenue establishment in second place with \$3,418.25 while the Jefferson street store reported sales of \$3,326.85.—Roanoke Times.

County Agents Office Holds Christmas Party

The office force of the AAA and their extension entertained at a Christmas dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Denton, Wednesday evening.

Christmas decorations were carried out throughout the home and during the evening games and contests were played.

WHO MAY SLAUGHTER WITHOUT PERMIT

A farmer or other producer of livestock may slaughter without a license or permit and consume meat without giving up ration points, if he qualifies under the following OPA regulations: (1) raised livestock from birth or (2) for 60 days before slaughter, or (3) the weight has increased 35 per cent between time acquired and time of slaughter. In addition, a person must have raised more than six months of each year on a farm he operates, or have visited the farm to give his personal supervision to the raising of livestock for at least a third of the time during the period (one of those listed in the foregoing) on which he bases his claim to the right to consume meat point-free. If a person has his livestock custom-slaughtered, he must meet these same conditions and give the slaughterer a certificate showing he is eligible to consume the meat point-free.

Darden Warns Doctors To Cut Medical Costs

Richmond, Dec. 8.—Governor Darden warned members of the Seaboard Medical Association meeting here last week that "Federalized Medicine will prevail unless you devise some plan whereby medical facilities will fall below the present costs."

The Governor further stated that he "would like to send to the next meeting of the State Legislature plans to set up a study group to make definite recommendations as to what can be done about increasing the present medical facilities." He also expressed his opinion that extension of medical aid was a job for the State and not Federal authorities.

Protestant Churches Sponsor Youth Week

In rural and urban areas of the United States and Canada the period of January 30 to February 6, 1944, will be observed as Youth Week by more than 2,000,000 Christian youth of Protestant churches, it was announced today by the Rev. Dr. Roy C. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education.

"One Faith, One Fellowship" will be the theme used by more than 50,000 youth groups across the two countries in the observance, which is sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement. Constituent agencies of the Movement include 42 Protestant denominations and interdenominational agencies such as the Boy Scouts of America, YMCA, YWCA, and the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

The Bright Side

The Red Cross Gray Lady in a civilian hospital was keeping vigil with an expectant father. All assurances seemed of no avail as he paced the floor, becoming momentarily more perturbed. At last, when word came he was a father, he flung his arms around the Gray Lady and said: "I never could have had this baby without you!"

Store Hours 8:30 to 6:00—Saturday, Dec. 18, 9 to 9

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Colorful Dresses

For the Holidays

12.95

Wear color this winter. Beautiful, rich, vibrant shades. Powder blue, melon, duty pink, gold, aqua, beige, brown, black. Dresses with a bright future under your dark winter coat.

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This Christmas Give Something Wearable

GIVE SMART SWEATERS

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We've sweaters for everyone. Boys pull-overs in maize blue, pink, cherry, eggshell, suntan. Cardigans in pink, pinleaf, blue, spice . . . All 100% wool . . . Sizes 34 to 38.



Surround Her With Comfort

Lingerie Leads for Christmas Giving

These beautiful things to wear are the sort of strictly feminine things that every woman loves . . . that make each proud possessor a queen of loveliness! Why? They're her best compliments!—enhancing her grace and her taste for beauty. Let our lovely lingerie solve your Christmas-gift shopping problem.

WONDERFUL WEARABLES

Rate High for Gift Giving

Anything to wear will get a big welcome as a thoughtful gift this Christmas. Choose your gifts at LEGGETT'S now.

She'll Love a CHESTERFIELD \$29.50

The favorite Chesterfield — a winner for winter. Smartly styled, superbly tailored. Shetland, serge, needlepoint — fabrics that radiate warmth as well as good looks. All black with velvet collar . . . Sizes 10 to 20.

NEW PURCHASE FOR CHRISTMAS!

100 % All Wool COATS \$19.95

Smart, warm coats — perfect for cold days. All wool herringbone tweed and houndstooth check. In blue and brown heathers. In brown and tan checks. Favorite boy coats and fitted styles. Grand values. Sizes 9 to 15 and 12 to 20.



PRETTY PASTEL

PLAID SKIRTS \$4.95 to \$5.95

Blue, green, maize, luggage, red, brown. Smart styles. Pleated all round . . . Sizes 24 to 30.



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Floral Print GOWNS

Lace-trimmed top or tailored . . . Tea-rose and white. Sizes 32 to 42 at

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Lovely Slips

Satin and crepe @ A mighty fine gift this year.

\$1.98



BEAUTIFUL

QUILTED ROBES \$9.95

Warm and welcome gifts. Quilted satins in floral patterns on white, rose or blue grounds. Solids in royal or wine. Sizes 12 to 20. Make it your gift!



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