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Sport Events Planned For Recreation

Several Local Firms To Enter Basketball Teams In League

Bedford will have basketball. In addition to the high school games, a City League that will play double headers twice a week, composed of both boys' and girls' teams will begin in the near future. With six teams entering, the Bedford Recreation Association will have about sixty players rounded up to participate in the "Senior Class" basket ball league and will later organize a "junior" City League.

Three girls teams, sponsored by Virginia Rubatex, Green's Drug and Martin's Grocery, will compose the Senior Girls' City League. The boys teams are sponsored by Piedmont Label, Virginia Rubatex and Carlyle's Dairy. These teams are expected to play a double-header—one boys' and one girls' games on Monday and Thursday nights, twice a week. Each League will have an all-city team to play out-of-town teams as often as possible.

With a tentative line-up as follows, the names mentioned are now practicing.

Boys' League:

Virginia Rubatex, Glenn Norman, manager; Players, Frank Ritter, William Bush, Lynwood Roberts, Riley Saunders, Clyde Powers, Harold Jarvis, Beverly Burks, Andy Miller, George Biggs, Bill Pyatt.

Carlyle's Dairy, Sherrill Coleman, manager; players, Albert Ramsey, Paul Coleman, Lambert Martin, J. E. Rowell, W. B. Denton, Loyd Goode, Billy Mann and William Holdren.

Piedmont Label, John Turner, manager; players, Charles Lamphere, Norvel Boone, Pride Wingfield, Billy Yowell, Greer Robertson, Steve Stephenson, Claude Reynolds, Charles Green, Ralph Pentecost and Cyril Cousart.

Girls' League

Virginia Rubatex, Glenn Norman, manager; players, Helen Cundiff, Lillie Belle O'Donohoe, Faith Witt, Betty Trevy, Elizabeth Merritt, Doris Blankenship.

Martin's Grocery, Lambert Martin, manager; players, Mary Foster, Sylvia Roberts, Mildred Holland, Meanor Holdren, Alma Powell.

Green's Drug Store, Charles Green and Alva Foster, co-managers; players, Ruby Foster, Helen Roberts, Mildred Foster, Imelda Light, Estelle Rosazza, Deanie Bowyer, and Nellie Massie.

The sponsors will furnish colorful uniforms for the teams which they will sponsor. Sherrill Coleman, recreation director, stated today that this league will begin playing in the near future. A "junior" league of younger boys and girls will be organized this week.

Republicans To Have Mass Meet December 12

A mass meeting of the Republican voters of Bedford county will be held on Wednesday, December 12, at the court house according to a statement by S. P. Stewart, chairman of the Bedford County Republican Executive Committee.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates to the Sixth District Republican Convention in Roanoke on December 15 for the purpose of naming a party candidate for the congressional seat to be vacated by Rep. C. A. Woodrum of Roanoke.

Court House Clock Repair Is Planned

According to a statement from R. Q. Owen, chairman of the court house committee of the Board of Supervisors, estimates are being received in regards to repairing the clock on the court house.

The service of the clock has been unsatisfactory for sometime and the citizens express desires that it be repaired.

He added that an estimate had been received for repairing the electric clock and installing a bell in the tower which would strike hourly.

Officers To Buy Cars Through County Board

In a report published recently in this paper, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution to purchase new cars for the county officers.

This action was taken because the county can purchase through the state the cars for a smaller amount than the officers and they are bought this way. However, the officers buy the cars from the county at the same price thus no funds are spent by the county board.

Sportsmen Spend $607 For Licenses Here

Bedford sportsmen spent $607 for hunting and fishing licenses during the month of November. During the same period, last year, the sum of $456.50 was spent for hunting and fishing licenses.

During the fiscal year beginning July 1, hunting and fishing licenses issued from the office of the clerk of the court in Bedford, have amounted to the sum of $2,157.

Twenty-one Cases Are Tried By Mayor Here

Only 21 cases were tried by Mayor W. L. Lyle during the month of November and collection amounted to $247.60. Offenses were divided as follows; drunks, ten; disorderly conduct, seven; traffic violations, three, and contempt of court, one.

Business in this court has moved along a little more briskly during this month, with a case before the mayor almost every day.

B. A. Warriner Is Guest Speaker At Four-H Achievement Day Program At Court House Here Saturday

B. A. Warriner, district agent, of Blacksburg, was guest speaker Saturday morning at the county 4-H achievement day program in the county demonstration room in the court house.

Shirley Witt presided in the absence of the chairman of the county 4-H council. Group singing was let by S. S. Hylton, county agent, and Mrs. W. A. Holland was pianist.

Mayor W. L. Lyle gave the welcome address and Mr. Hylton the response. Six out of ten 4-H clubs in the county were represented at the program.

Mrs. Lela Calfee Atkinson, county home demonstration agent, and Frank L. Overstreet, assistant county agent, gave the county summaries and announced the awards.

Achievement Awards Presented

Shirley Witt and Winston Woodford, both of Huddleston, were presented the "I Dare You" award as the outstanding club members in the county. The awards were donated by William H. Danforth, of St. Louis, Mo. To these two and to Carolyn Turpin of Goode, for her record achievement, one year's subscription to "The National 4-H Club News" magazine were awarded each by Kenneth E. Crouch.

In the contest sponsored by Miss Mary Lee Richardson, for the best 4-H project record and essay on the project, the prizes were as follows: Ann Davey, of Thaxton, first prize in girl's class and Carolyn Turpin, of Goode, honorable mention; Rachel Trent, of Bedford, first prize in boys' class, and John Kirby of Huddleston, honorable mention.

Garden-Canning Contest

In the 4-H club victory garden-canning contest sponsored by Sears-Roebuck & Company in Lynchburg, awards to the value of $50.00 were presented by the manager of the Lynchburg store, to Bedford county 4-H club girls, on November 3. Girls winning prizes are as follows: 1st, Beulah Carter, $7.00; 2nd, Virginia Mae Staton, $5.00; Juanita Scott, $3.00; 4th, (5 of these); Colleen Robertson, Laura Robertson, Carrie Lee Hall, Annie Coleman and Elizabeth Overstreet, $1.00 each.

Canning—1st, Juanita Scott, $7.00; 2nd, Virginia Mae Staton, $5.00; 3rd, Carolyn Turpin, $3.00; 4th (5 of these), Ann Davey, Beulah Carter, Shirley Witt, Mildred Eubank and Annie Coleman, $1.00 each.

The county sweepstake prize of $10.00 in canning was won by Juanita Scott of Thaxton club, who had won 1st in canning, making a total of $20.00 won. The girl who won 2nd in the county was Virginia Mae Station of New London club. She won 2nd in garden and 2nd in canning, a total of $10.00. The third winner in the county was Beulah Carter of Thaxton who won 1st in garden and 4th in canning making

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29th Division Post To Receive Charter Sunday

The Parker-Hoback post of the 29th Division Association here will have the installation of officers Sunday afternoon, December 9, at two-thirty o'clock in the VFW hall on South Bridge street.

Recently organized, this post of World War I and II veterans of the Blue and Gray division, will be presented its charter at a meeting to be attended by state and national officers.

Samuel Barrow, national commander; Charles R. Bryan, department commander; J. C. Stone, department vice commander; Chester W. Tolley, department adjutant; and the national adjutant are to be at the installation service.

An invitation is extended to all 29th division men to attend the meeting and all members are urged to be present.

Dr. D. H. Robinson To Reopen Office Saturday

Dr. Dennis H. Robinson has returned to Bedford and will re-open his office in the Wilkinson building on North Bridge street, Saturday.

Dr. Robinson entered service in September, 1942, and served with the 79th Fighter Bomber Group of the Army Air Forces in Italy as a flight surgeon.

Placed on inactive duty on October 15 with the rank of captain, he holds the Presidential Unit Citation, and the European-Mediterranean-Middle East theater ribbon with three battle stars.

Since returning, he has taken a refresher course at Duke Hospital, in Durham, N. C.

Draft Board To Close For Holidays

The Local Selective Service Board office has announced that their office will be closed on December 24 and 25 and on December 31 and January 1.

However, the office will be open on Saturdays, December 29 and January 5. The office usually is closed on Saturday but it will be open these two Saturdays due to the Christmas holidays.

Indictments Made On Eleven By Grand Jury Here

Eleven indictments were made by the grand jury Monday, when the December term of circuit court held its opening session. Only ten persons were involved, one man being indicted on two counts.

Edward Brannan and Arnold Spence, charged with stealing clothes and other goods valued at $75 from the dwelling of E. T. Layne, near Perrowville, were indicted for house breaking and grand larceny. Their trial has been set for December 11. James Holdren, driver of a truck, charged with striking an automobile driven by Donald E. Vierling, was indicted on a charge of "hit and run." The case is set for December 11.

George White and Berkley White, are, each indicted on a charge of the malicious wounding of Odie Snead, November 3. James Stewart was indicted on two counts for the malicious wounding Cletis Saunders and Rodney Saunders, October 7.

Marvin Bowyer, Bedford, Route 5, Jesse L. Clark, Ray Elkins and Harry Elkins, of Roanoke, charged with stealing tools valued at $75 from Lewis Turner, was indicted for grand larceny.

The grand jury was composed of the following: C. H. White, T. M. Ferguson, B. W. Dinwiddie, T. S. Johnson, P. A. Fellers and R. J. Douglas.

H. P. Hillsman and Miss Muriel Rowlett has each qualified as notary public and T. J. Gray has been reappointed a member of the electoral board.

W. Barney Arthur, of Altavista, qualified to practice law in this court.

Legion Post To Purchase Woodmen Hall As Home

At a meeting of the Howard E. Board post 54 of the American Legion at the Woodmen Hall Friday night, G. W. Bond, commander, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider a proposal to purchase the hall for use as a legion home for this post. A committee composed of H. B. Jordan, W. L. Skinnell, and W. W. Berry, Jr., who had been appointed at a recent meeting to consider its purchase, reported favorably on the proposed purchase.

The building was priced at $4,500 and, without any opposition, it was voted to purchase the property. Cards were passed to members attending and a total of $1,200 was pledged.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held with about forty members present and refreshments were served to the group.

Liberty Academy To Have Christmas Party

Pupils at Liberty Academy will present a Christmas program, Thursday night, December 20, beginning at 8 o'clock. At least 200 pupils will take part in the program in which will be woven the Christmas story with music and pantomime. The public is invited to attend.

Andrew Padgett will fill the role of narrator, Betty Eubank will play the part of Mary, and others taking part in the cast are as follows; Joseph, Charles Perry; Shepherds, Bunny Key, Jerye Craft, David Karnes, Garland Miller, Peter Gross, Bobby Ayres, Sherrill Overstreet, Earl Creasy and Stanley Burley; Wise Men, Eddie Wilson, Harry Gray, Richard Eubank; Angels, Murieline Hodges, Helen Key, Helen Elliott, Elsie Wells, Mabel Burks, Nancy Witt, Lois Witt, Gladys Robertson, Eva Taylor, Barbara Smith, Kathleen Wheeler.

Music will form an important part of the program. There will be solos by Murieline Hodges, Phyllis Royalty and Billy Kennedy; a duet by Phyllis Royalty and Kenneth Turpin; a quartette composed of Audry Scott, Mary Ann Hale, Royall Arthur and Aubay Ruff; a quintet composed of Glenwood Hatcher, Jerry Bell Jeter, Mike Overstreet, Willie Overstreet and Noodson White.

Winners Announced In Southern States Contest

Berkeley Craghead of Bedford, won a blue ribbon and first prize of a bushel of hybrid corn for his exhibit of Southern States Open Formula Hybrid corn in the Hybrid Corn show sponsored by Southern States Bedford Service, Bedford, and Southern States Cooperative. Runners-up were W. H. Holdren and William Holdren of Bedford, who received red and white ribbons, respectively. Honorable mention was given the exhibits entered by W. M. Johnson of Bedford, H. E. Howell, Thaxton, and R. B. Ferrell, Montvale.

The prize-winning corn will remain on display at the store for several weeks.

Fair Property Sold At Auction Saturday

The property on Longwood avenue belonging to the Bedford County Fair Association was sold at public auction Saturday and the highest bid of $7,400 was placed by G. H. Burkholder of Shady Grove.

The association reserved the right to reject all bids or accept private bids and the directors will meet soon to vote on this bid or others.

Army Recruiting Officer Located In Bedford

Cpl. J. T. Peake, of the army recruiting office in Lynchburg, will be in the lobby of the Bedford post office building, each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

The U. S. Army is recruiting men between the ages of 17 and 34, inclusive.

Bond Auction Saturday In Armory Here

Veterans Groups To Sponsor Show; Items Donated By Citizens

Unique—if not absolutely necessary—the veterans of Bedford county are taking over the lagging Victory Bond drive and will sponsor an auction December 8 to aid Bedford county reach its $215,000 quota.

World War I and II veterans of both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are sponsoring this auction to be held at the court house armory, December 8 at 8:00 p. m. Hopkins Bros., Lynchburg, auctioneers, will conduct the bidding for prizes—scarce and useful items donated by the local merchants, veterans auxiliaries and private citizens. Topping this list of auction-able items are nylon hose, shot gun shells, cigars, and many other attractive prizes.

The to-be-auctioned prizes are on display at the Peoples Furniture Store Annex on Bridge street. This display window belonged to a former firm known as the Soda Shop. Conducting the canvass for the prizes and auction arrangements are Thomas P. English and Sherill Coleman co-chairmen with H. L. Terry, A. Ward Gillaspie, Frank Key, Claude Sutherland, H. B. Jordan and Moorman G. Bowyer committee members. These men belong to either of the two Veteran organizations of Bdford.

Using the slogan "Get the others home" the former soldiers will appeal to the citizens of Bedford county and town to buy "E" bonds. With a quota of $215,000, the county is far behind in "E" Bond purchases.

Among the prizes to be auctioned off that night (incomplete list) are: blankets, shot-gun shells, nylon hose, 22 rifle cartridges, cigarettes, cigars, pillow cases, rugs, canned goods, anti-freeze, aluminum pans, flour, motor oil, klee-nex, kitchenware, cosmetics, silver fruit stand, axe, home-made cakes, fruit cakes, glassware, flowers.

Navy Will Discharge Men Of 38 Or Over

The Navy has declared eligible for discharge all reserve enlisted men and women who are 38 years old and had at least one dependent before August 15. Wives will count as dependents.

Almond Assured Nomination At Democratic Meet

The selection of J. Lindsay Almond as the nominee of the Democratic party in the Sixth district for the congressional seat which will be made vacant by Represnetative C. A. Woodrum appears assured. The convention will be held in Lynchburg, December 15.

Units pledged to support the Roanoke jurist bring the number of instructed delegates up to 151 out of a total of 267. All units in the diestrict west of Bedford have been instructed for Judge Almond and it is believed that the delegates in the eastern section will fall in line when the convention is held and that the nomination will be made unanimous.

State Senator Leonard Muse offered a resolution at the Roanoke mass meeting setting out Judge Almond's qualifications which fit him for the congressional seat. The resolution which was unanimously adopted was in part as follows; "His character and integrity as an individual, his fine sense of patriotism as a citizen, his genial personality, his lofty sense of Christian ethics, his love for the fellowman, his knowledge of government and his keen interest in world affairs" undoubtedly will be reflected in faithful and useful service to his constituents, the Commonwealth and the Nation.

Byrd Will Support Anti-Strike Efforts

Senator Byrd (D-Va.) said today in a statement issued for publication that he will "support President Truman in the fullest measure in his efforts to stop existing strikes and to avert new ones."

"Continued strikes will do more than anything else to destroy prosperity and imperil the financial stability of our government. The only way the United States can finance our huge debt and meet our obligations is to maintain a high level of production," he said.

Trial Justice Court Has Several Convictions

There were 25 convictions among 53 criminal cases tried by Trial Justice J. Moorman Johnson during the month of November. Twelve cases were sent on to the grand jury and three were placed on probation.

In addition to the criminal cases tried there were 43 civil cases and five juvenile and domestic ralation cases.

One White Boy From County Enters Service

The Local Selective Service Board has issued the name of one Bedford county boy who passed through the Roanoke induction station for service, last Thursday.

The boy was Milton T. Harrison III, of Grove street, Bedford.

High Average Attained At Tobacco Sales

Forces And Buyers For Two Warehouses In Town Are Named

The Bedford tobacco market opened Monday with the highest average in the history of the market. The prices ranged from $25 to $35 per hundred, with the market average of $27.67. This average was achieved despite the sale of some primings and common grades of tobacco.

On Tuesday, the better grades of tobacco offered for sale on the market brought the average higher than Monday's record. Some tobacco sold for $35 per hundred, and a number of growers received from $30 to $32.50 per hundred for their entire loads. About 30,000 pounds was sold Tuesday.

The Alliance Warehouses force is composed of T. H. Nance, sales manager; Mort Carter, floor manager; G. R. Nance, bookkeeper; John Whorley, clerk; and A. S. Johnson, assistant manager and auctioneer.

At the Saunders Warehouse, the force is composed of Charles P. Harvey and W. P. Tyree, Jr., coowners; Guy H. Simpson, bookkeeper; Robert Lazenby, floor manager; and Walter Smith, assistant floor manager.

J. T. Clark is back on the market as buyer representing several large independent companies. A. E. Hudson is buying for the George W. Helm Company, which has several independent orders. The Imperial Company has a buyer on the market and T. A. Hubbard is again representing the Export Tobacco Company.

Weather Prevents Band Trip to Franklin

Members of the Bedford Firemen's Band were ready to start to Rocky Mount, Wednesday morning, when they were notified that the Victory Bond rally to be held there, had been postponed on account of the wintry weather. The hail and snow continued to fall making the day one of the worst of this winter.

The program for the rally in Rocky Mount provided for a parade headed by the Bedford musicians, and several prominent speakers. It is reported that the rally will be held just as planned at a later date. Judge A. H. Hopkins is chairman of the Victory Bond drive in Franklin county.

Bedford County Men And Women Returning Weekly

Edward M. Karnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Karnes, Jackson street, has received his honorable discharge from Army. He spent three years in service, 19 months overseas. He expects to make his home in Philadelphia, Pa.

Southwest Virginia men are being discharged from the army at the Fort George G. Meade, Md., separation center in increasing numbers daily, a report of the discharges granted four men from this area between November 19 and December 21 indicates.

The dischargeee's included T/5 Charles N. Overstreet, Jr., of Route 5, Bedford; T/5 Robert Ellis, of Route 1, Hardy; Pfc. William H. Casey, of Route 1, Hardy; and T/5 Otho B. Hawkins, of Route 1, Montvale.

Lt. Marcus K. Woodford, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Woodford, of Huddleston, has been honorably relieved from active duty after more than two years services with the air corps.

Twenty-six soldiers from Lynchburg and surrounding counties received discharges from Fort George G. Meade, Md., between December 18 and 20.

They included: Sgt. Arnold B. Watson of Otey street, Bedford; Pfc. Channing C. Zimmerman, of Route 1, Bedford; Sgt. James W. Davenport, of Route 4, Bedford; and T/5 Percy A. Otley, of Big Island.

James Burnette, Cox., U. S. Navy, is home on a 30 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Burnette, near town.

Corp. and Mrs. Roy L. Slusher are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parrish. Corp. Slusher has just returnfrom the European Area after 12 months of foreign service. He has received his discharge.

Eastwood Anderson, Q. M. 3/c., is visiting in Bedford and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Anderson at Valpariso, Fla. He was stationed on the USS Chicago and recently returned from service in the Pacific.

R. T. Synan, USNR, is spending a two weeks leave from Memphis, Tenn., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Synan, on Park street.

Among the Virginians receiving honorable discharges from the army at Fort George G. Meade, Md., between December 2 and 5 were 112 men from the Southwest Virginia section, seperation center official reported Wednesday.

The men included Pfc. Thomas H. Pitts, of Route 2, Huddleston; T/5 Carlton C. Burnette, of Route 3, Bedford; T/5 Robert S. Sumner, of Route 5, Bedford; Pfc. Willie T. Mitchell, of Bedford; and Pfc. James W. Turpin, of Route 5, Bedford.

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Corp. Bernard W. Saunders, "Bataan Death March" Hero, Is Home After Three And Half Years In Jap Prison

Corp Bernard W. Saunders, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Saunders of Wheatland, is spending a furlough at his home after three and one-half years in Japanese prison camps where he was held after surviving the infamous "death march of Bataan"—evidence of which is shown from brutal beating and kicking and a bayonet slash in his shoulder.

In 1941, before the war, he enlisted in the regular army and was assigned to the air forces as a gunner on a light bomber. In November—just 18 days before Pearl Harbor—his outfit sailed for Manila, in the Philippines.

"We heard rumors of trouble with Japan before we left San Francisco," he said. "During the crossing the ship was blacked out and wartime restrictions imposed on the passengers. We even had destroyers escorting the convoy. When we landed at Manila we were set to work erecting barricades at Nichols Field and preparing for war before anyone else even thought of Pearl Harbor."

Then came the day: on December 8, Jap high-altitude bombers hit

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Bedford Group Asks Route 297 As Henry Memorial

The Bedford Chamber of Commerce, acting on the suggestion of the State Chamber of Commerce and the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation has approved the renaming on the highway extending from Lynchburg to Roanoke by way of New London. The name proposed is the Patrick Henry Memorial Highway, to be a part of a highway connecting various points of historic interest in Virginia.

This route, 297 between Bedford and Lynchburg, and number 460 from Bedford to Roanoke, is known as the Lynchburg-Salem turnpike This is probably the oldest public road in Bedford county and played an important role in the lives of the early settlers. It passes through New London, the first county seat of Bedford county, where Patrick Henry made his famous "Beef" speech when John Hook, a wealthy Scotchman, sought damages for beef cattle taken from him for the use of the American Army.

The Bedford Chamber of Commerce, at the same meeting, Friday, passed a resolution directed to the State Highway Department urging that two bridges be erected on state route 297 as soon as possible. A similar resolution was passed by the Bedford county board of supervisors, recently.

Volunteer Help Asked By Highway Department

As winter approaches, the State Highway Department finds itself little better off than in the winter of 1944-45, when an appeal was made to farmers, dairymen, war-workers and others for help in clearing roads after snow storms, according to a spokesman for the department. The response last winter was exceedingly gratifying, it is said, and it is believed that the same people and others will aid in this work at critical times.

An appeal is made to all citizens throughout the state to volunteer their help so that the roads can be promptly cleared. It is requested that all who will be available for such work during the winter work, report the fact to G. P. Bozel, resident engineer.

Scout Fund Increase Announced Monday

A total of $665.35 has been paid in the 1945 Boy Scout Fund according to Bolling Lambeth, chairman of the local scout drive. Eight of the thirty workers have not yet made complete returns.

Mr. Lambeth stated the results of the drive were most satisfactory with an increase of $250.00 more than last year already noted. It is believed the total final figure will be over $700.00, or approximately seventy-five percent more than was raised in 1944.

Roanoke Taxi Driver Robbed Thursday Night

James Morgan, of Thaxton, taxi driver for the Yellow Cab Company, of Roanoke, was robbed by two men Thursday night after driving them from Roanoke to the outskirts of Bedford on the Forest road.

According to a statement by State Trooper Gordon Coleman, the driver was approached by two men on the corner of Luck avenue and Fourth street in Roanoke. One man sat in the back and one in the front.

After driving for some distance, the two men drew guns on Morgan and told him to keep driving. He drove through Bedford—by the railroad underpass and Bedford avenue—and made him stop in the drive to home of Mrs. N. W. Jarvis on Forest road, demanded his money—which was $25.00 in cash and three dollars in silver. They told him to turn around and go back to Roanoke without reporting the matter or they would kill him.

He came back into town and reported the matter to Policeman Frank Brown and he called Deputy Sheriff Shields and Trooper Coleman and searched for the men but could find no traces.

State Trooper Coleman said one man was wearing a gray suit, white shirt, was six feet tall weighing about 160 pounds, was about 23 years old, and had long black waivy hair. The other man was wearing a blue suit, about same size, 28 years old and was wearing a white shirt and no hat.

EDITORIAL

The facts as we see it—cheaper power and complete county coverage with this power—power for every householder who needs it and so far has not been able to afford it because of the cost—we heartily endorse this project. We are 100 per cent for it—though only a certain amount of the plan will effect Bedford county—and at this time urge Bedford to agitate for it. Unless the whole plan is adopted, we fear the part that affects Bedford county will again be dropped. For many years, Bedford county has tried every way to get the Smith Mountain sites dammed. We must not let this chance slip. Keep informed pro and con on the so-called Buggs Island project—and if you can be 100 per cent in support of it, support it.

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Lions' Revue Has Large Local Cast

Billed for December 7, the second annual Lion's Minstrel Show, with over 75 local men and women participating will be staged at the high school auditorium. Curtain time is slated for 8:00 o'clock.

The Bedford Lions' Club Victory Minstrel Revue's director is C. O. Lamphere; L. O. Goode is assistant director; committee heads are R. C. Hogan, general chairman; Greer Robertson, publicity chairman; C. A. Wright, program chairman; H. D. Scott, stage manager; Dr. J. G. Jantz, music; Charlie Bornstein, ticket chairman; and Mrs. Mildred Marsh, accompanist, with ten featured specialties as follows: Trudy Evans, song; Page Burnett, song; Homer Lee Chryssikos, song; chorus song, Aaron Bornstein, bones, Mrs. Carrie Gray, dance, Charles Lamphere, banjo, Virginia Lee Richardson, piano and Joanne Ayres, song; Charlie Green, song; Bedford Band, novelty; Glee Club, Victor Herbert Favorites; Tommie Saunders, song, Barber Shop; Bryant Rowlett, song, chorus, song; Aaron Bornstein, Lovelyn Scott, Joyce Williams, jive dancing; chorus song, ending with a Surprise Specialty.

Black-face Comedians are C. E. Green, J. H. Chesson, R. W. Jamerson, T. E. Reynolds, H. F. Turner, C. J. Overstreet, J. M. Turner, Lambert Martin.

Members of the Choruses are: Joanne Ayres, Robert A. Allen, Pat Baker, Diana Berkley, Bertie Bradfield, Anne Burks, E. L. Carlyle, Sarah Carter, Alice Chaplin, Aylene Clifton, Dorothy Ann Coleman, Dora Jean Coleman, Stella Craghead, Marie DeCicco, Gladys Dooley, Barbara Dooley, Earl Elliott, Janet Sue Gee, Edwin Hanks, Harry Harper, Ray Harris, Nancy Carroll Hopkins, Mary Ellen Hylton, Dr. J. G. Jantz, Cherie Jantz, Elizabeth Jamerson, Ray Kyle, Edith Karnes, Mahlon Kidd, Polly B. Lamphere, Kay Lapsley, Elizabeth Lapsley, Asbury Leftwich, Nancy Lee Luck, Florence Sue Marshall, Betty Anne McGhee, Jean Moore, Maggie Anne Newman, Dorothy Owen, Louise Parks, Helen Powell, Peggy Preston, Virginia Lee Richardson, C. L. Roberts, Joan Roberts, Dorothy Rose, Gene Rowell, Charlotte Rowlett, Bryant Rowlett, Dean Saunders, June M. Slaughter, Gwendolyn Jean Sussman, Jacquelyn Sutherland, Charlotte Vaughn, Charlie Waddell, Ruby Lee Wells, Helen Wilkerson, Lewis Wingfield, Betty Jean Wooldridge, Billy Yowell.

The Minstrel Band features Evelyn Aldridge, clarinet; Dorothy Arthur and Davis Ballard, trombones; Homer Chryssikos and Ada Eubank, cornets; Jack Harris, bass horn; Sonny Hicks, cornet; Eugie Owen, clarinet; R. Q. Owen, bass horn; Bob Pollard, clarinet; Laura Rosazza, alto horn; Estelle Rosazza, trombone; Grat Rosazza, bass drum; Lois Waddell, saxaphone, Aubrey Wright, snare drum.

Interlocutor—Rev. A. W. Potts.

Jokes and routine of the blackface comedians were assembled and are written for use by and under the direction of Lion E. H. Baker.

History—In the war year, 1944, the first Minstrel Show was staged by the LIONS CLUB, with the fullest cooperation of its members and outside assistance and talents.

The net profit of this first show was approximately $350.00, and was used by the blind and defective vision committee of the Bedford Lions Club.

The first annual minstrel show was staged on a basis of the United Nations and in appreciation of our men and women in the various branches of the services.

Roanoke Stock Market

Lambs, 14.10; veal calves, 17.90; fat hogs, 14.55; fat steers, 16.90; fat heifers, 12.50; fat cows, 12.10; stockers and feeders, 12-14; fresh cows, 70-90; old poor cows, 6-8.

So far as the records reveal no Chamber of Commerce has ever been satisfied with the census figures as to population.

We believe that the United States can get along with Soviet Russia but we are not willing to give Moscow everything.

To hear what some people say you would think that the future of civilization depended upon believing what they say.

Bedford For Army Flood Control Plan

Cheaper Power If Project Completed; County Will Benefit

South Hill, Va., Dec. 5.—Today Bedford put in its plug for cheaper electricity for Bedford town and county.

The hearing, presided over by Army Engineer Col. R. E. Cruse, was attended by opponents and proponents of the federal project for flood control, power development and improvement of navigation along the 220-mile length of the Roanoke river basin. Bedford was ready to put in its bid for the part of the project that affected Bedford and Bedford county—a method to get electricity to parts of the county lacking it, and to the rest of the county, cheaper.

Bolling Lambeth was sent by the directors of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce to read the resolution adopted by that body. Rocky Mount, in support and accord with the town's resolution, stood firmly behind Bedford's support of the project. Lambeth read a letter written by J. B. Almond, mayor of that town at this hearing.

The South Hill hearing was called by Col. Cruse after groups and individuals had flooded his office with inquiries for specific information on the multipurpose project proposed by the war department for the ultimate development of water resources of the Roanoke river basin. The reservoirs to be located at Leesville and Smith Mountain in Bedford county, a part of the program, was the projects referred to by Lambeth at this meeting.

Lambeth described is as "the greatest economic opportunity presented to Southside Virginia as far back as I can remember." He said the Bedford area was interested in power aspects of the project and cited Bedford's experience operating its own utilities which have won it the name of the "no tax town." He charged railroads and power companies with "spreading malicious and insidious rumors" about the Buggs Island plan. He declared the railroads were opposed to hydro-electric developments because much of their freight was coal and they feared hydro-electric plants would interfere with steam generators' consumption of coal. Mr. Lambeth drew a loud round of applause as he urged the people present to organize and fight for the benefits of his project.

The Resolution passed by the directors of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce—and read at the hearing appears below:

WHEREAS, a public hearing will be held at South Hill, Virginia, Wednesday, December 5, 1945, to hear all parties interested in the development of the water resources of the Roanoke River Basin, and particularly to consider the advisability of the Buggs Island reservoir project;

AND WHEREAS, the Bedford Chamber of Commerce has been invited to express an opinion concerning the development of the water resources of the Roanoke River Basin by the U. S. Army District Engineer;

AND WHEREAS, the larger portion of Bedford county is in the Roanoke River basin watershed, and the Roanoke River is contiguous to the southern portion of Bedford county;

AND WHEREAS, the United States Army engineers have proposed that reservoirs be located at Leesville and Smith Mountain in Bedford county;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the directors of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce that they favor and endorse the proposed flood control plan for the Roanoke River Basin, and especially endorse and favor the establishment of the Smith Mountain and Leesville reservoirs; and the directors further resolve that the secretary of the Chamber be instructed to forward copies of this resolution to all official parties concerned and otherwise let it be known that the Bedford Chamber of Commerce supports the development program.

Attest:
BOLLING LAMBETH,
Exec. Sec.

Victory Bond Premiere At Bridge Theater

In cooperation with the Victory Loan committee of Bedford county the Bridge Theatre will reopen on Thursday, December 13 at 8:00 p. m. with a Victory Bond Premiere. Admission to this gala reopening will be limited to those purchasing E Bonds through the Liberty Theatre. The attraction for this occasion will be a showing of Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corporation's newest hit "Fallen Angel" starring Alice Faye, Dana Andrews, and Linda Darnell. One ticket will be issued with each $25.00 bond, two with a $50.00 bond or a maximum of four tickets per bond buyer may be obtained by purchasing one of the larger bonds.

Ferguson Spent $35.65 In Legislature Race

E. T. Ferguson, Stewartsville businessman, who ran for the House of delegates on the Democratic ticket, Saturday, filed a statement with the secretary of the commonwealth listing $35.68 in campaign expenditures.

He was elected over S. P. Stewart, Independent-Republican, to the vacancy created by Frank W. Burks, Democrat, who did not run.

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TO SUCCEED

The men who [illegible] are those who take th[illegible] their own conviction, [illegible] shoes instead of the[illegible]

DOUBLE SERVICE

"E Pluribus Unum—out of many—one."

The priniciple of the strength of unity whic. has carried us through the war—must carry us through the hard-won peace. "United We Stand" is more than just a high-sounding phrase.

Many of our boys have returned. Many are due to return. Everyone wants to get back and enjoy the peace that has been won.

Getting home is wonderful—having them home is wonderful—but those who are now home, do realize and appreciate getting home more than you or I can really imagine. His appreciation of getting back into "civies"—so keen, so overwhelming—yet returned veterans have not forgotten those he left behind.. And he will not let you forget them!

Bedford county has been allotted $215,000 of "E" Bonds to sell. Bond sales are behind.

On December 8, the Bond Auction at the court house is being sponsored by the veterans. Both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are behind this drive. Soldiers of both wars have worked all week arranging the auction. They have rounded up prizes—have contacted local merchants —promoted the advertisements—and now are appealing to you.

Dischargees and civilians are united—to help get the others home. This is the last bond drive—and your last chance to help get your boy home. Come to the auction. If not, buy "E" Bonds and bring Bedford's lagging quota up and over the top.

SHOULD STAY HOME

A dispatch from London says that an American committee is expected in Great Britain for the purpose of protesting the English policy in Palestine.

Included among those listed on as the committee are three Congressmen who have no business whatever on the junket. Even other Americans, listed as private citizens, could contribute to international good will by permitting the government of the United States to handle the matter.

It is safe to say that if a committee of eminent British citizens to come to the United States for the purpose of protesting our policy in the Philippines, or elsewhere, that they would be given the proverbial Bronx cheer and told where to go.

MAKING MORE ATOMIC BOMBS

The revelation that our atomic factories are producing bombs, revealed by President Truman, may be taken as an indication that this country intends to keep ahead of the world in the production of these devastating agents.

Mr. Truman said that the bombs produced might be scrapped if agreement with other nations leads to a feeling of safety and security. In addition, he expressed confidance that this result is attainable and that the world will have permanent peace.

While the President expresses confidence in the future, his remarks should not be taken as an indication that the United States will trust itself exclusively to words of good will. Until some international police force is available to keep the peace of the world, it will be necessary for individual nations to arm themselves in proportion to their wealth and responsibility.

GOOD SUGGESTION

Representatives Frances Bolton, of Ohio, and Karl Mundt, of South Dakota, after a visit to thirty-two countries, suggest that relations between the Soviet Union and the United States be put on more of a give-and-take basis, with neither country receiving more than it gives the other.

The two Members of Congress believe that "we can have peace with Russia and we can work with that great country in the common interest of all humanity" if two conditions prevail:

(1) That neither nation adopts an expansionist policy not authorized by the other.

(2) That neither country treats the other in a manner which would prove unacceptable were the same policies reversed and applied to it.

While it may be difficult to establish these general principles in the solution of diplomatic difficulties, the basis of good will between the two countries is contained in the suggestions made.

WINGING OUR WAY

Miss Margaret Truman christened the American Airlines Flagship Washington on a Friday morning in late November, and with that splendid start the big ship took off into skies over Washington enroute to London, and return. It carried the first commercial round-trip flight between the two great countries on different sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

That was the beginning of a regular commercial service that will leave Washington every Friday at 11 a. m., and arrive in London 18 hours and 35 minutes later, and return to Washington on the same schedule.

This is just another beginning in establishing permanent commercial transportation through the air, throughout every part of the World.

BIBLE READING

Have you kept up with the World-Wide Bible Reading plan which started on Thanksgiving Day and runs through Christmas, with special emphasis on December ninth, termed Universal Bible Sunday?

The emphasis upon Bible reading is sponsored by the American Bible Society and has been approved by the government of thirty states. It will also be observed in a number of foreign countries.

There is much to be said for the systematic study of the Bible. It should not be necessary to stage a campaign to persuade people to read the Holy Book, but if a campaign will be the means of interesting some persons to begin the regular study of the Bible it will be a means of much good.

The universal appeal of the Bible is that it contains a spiritual message for every individual. Not everybody will agree in interpreting the words of the great book, but this is inevitable in an imperfect world. Even differences of opinion, if they are sincerely held, should be no occasion for argument. Neither light nor inspiration is on a per capital basis.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are glad to note that a Supreme Court Judge has ruled that the Chicago Board of Education's practice of releasing pupils from school to attend religious education classes is in direct conformity rather than in opposition to the Constitution Bill of Rights.

As we understand the scheme students are permitted to attend the churches of their choice for the purpose of receiving religious instructions. While it may be possible that the children could be given such instruction on Sundays there is no risk in permitting them to have the opportunity on week days.

The effort of some misguided liberals to divorce the government entirely from religious activity seems to be misplaced. The ban is on any tie-up between state and church, not the encouragement of religious living and beliefs. So long as a school board does not attempt to compel students to go to particular churches or to any at all, the idea of state religion is entirely absent.

WORTHY OF HIS HIRE

What constitutes a proper wage is being widely debated just now. Henry Ford has something to say on this subject, and we like this thought as he expressed it:

"No wage is too high that is earned. Fifty dollars a day, earned is not too much. But a dollar a day, unearned, is much too high.

We must have high wages to maintain buying power needed for high production. But if the worker, in turn for high wages, does not do more and better work, then the whole plan defeats itself. High wages are possible only when adequate return is given by the worker. This is why schemes to raise wages without increasing volume of production can only end in disappointment to all. We are told that "the laborer is worthy of his hire." But you will notice that it is written "laborer," not "loafer."—Grit.

ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH

The Army of investigators in Washington are still trying to pin the blame on somebody for failure of the United States Navy to go into action when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

Apparently the President of the United States, the Secretary of State and their representatives in Japan and elsewhere throughout the Pacific were positive that the Japs would do just what they did do. The testimony also seems to prove that the United States Navy and the Army forces in Hawaii expected the Japs to make the attack. Well, nobody stopped the Japs. When you sift the present testimony down to the bottom the conclusion is that a lot of people failed to use good judgment. And with a lot of people in that "state of mind" the whole situation seems to add up, about as follows: "Honest error is to be pitied, not to be ridiculed."

NO TIME FOR BLIND OPTIMISM

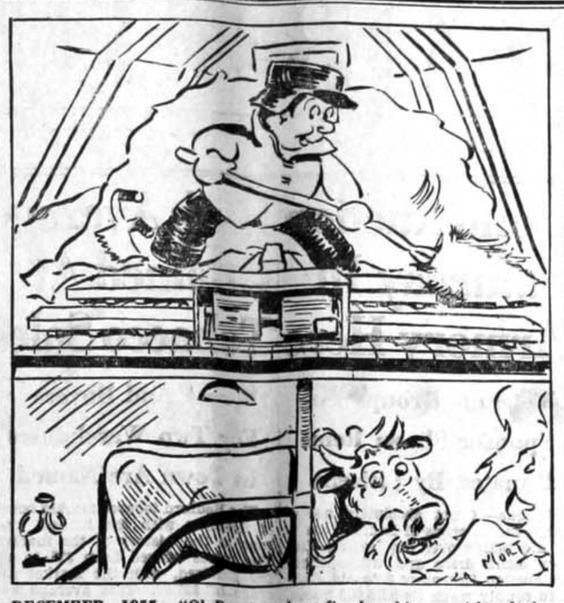
The much publicized management-labor conference in Washington, called at the invitation of the President, is working under dismaying handicaps. The participants do not meet on equal ground. The two gigantic labor unions have the power of unrestricted monopoly—they do not need to bow to any conference except for the sake of appearance. After all is said and done, when the meeting is over, or before, powerful labor leaders can call strikes that will paralyze every major industry, regardless of the public welfare. Hundreds of thousand of people can be thrown out of work by the decree of a single labor boss. The law is on his side —a different law than rules industry. Public officials who raise their voices in protest are crudely threatened with reprisal. Political activity, like everything else about national and international labor unions, is unrestricted and merciless. Millions of union members can be assessed to support measures and candidates, irrespective of their own personal convictions. If they refuse to submit, they lose their union membership card and the right to work.

It has even reached the point where companies whose employe relations have been amicable for years, suddenly find themselves subjected to mob attacks. Workers who have no desire to strike, along with members of management are threatened and driven away from a besieged plant. Property is destroyed and production interrupted as part of the overall strategy to win demands at all costs.

Let us hope that the labor management conference can make headway in the face of such fundamental obstacles which only Congress can correct.—Industrial News Review.

TRUISM OF THE WEEK

The old idea about saving for a rainy day has passed out with horse and buggy, social security, and the new-fangled laws and things we now have. The way things are going now, when a rainy day comes around, about all most people have a rheumatism. However, those who spend all they make, soon learn that they seldom make all they spend. For them the old formula about growing better and better must be changed as follows: Every day in every way I'm growing debtor and debtor.—The Bismark (North Dakota) Leader.



DECEMBER, 1955. "Oh Boy, have I got fine hay this year. A lot of other folks' hay got rained on, but I didn't have to worry about mine. Not since I got this hay drier with the proceeds of my Victory Bond investment."
U. S. Treasury Department

Wearers Of

The Local Selective Service Board has issued the names of forty additional Bedford county men who have received an honorable discharge from the armed forces.

The men are as follows:

Ralph J. Bonds, Cyrus M. Fulton, Sam F. Dudley, Channing C. Zimmerman, Ivy E. McCarty, John F. Pollard, Glenn W. Tharp, Astor K. Quesenberry, Ralph G. Pentacost, Charlie R. Key, Eugene F. Knott, Raymond W. Smallwood, Albert L. Johnson, Thomas E. Johnson, Samuel W. Hale, Leonard D. Johnson, John A. Brown, Alvin Jordan, Earl G. Williams, Boyd R. Ayres, Harold B. Huddle, Dillard M. Markham, Eugene L. Knight, Ambrose R. Woodroof, Lawrence B. Hawkins, Jeter C. Hicks, Henry E. Overstreet, Lawson E. Hughes, Walter T. Lazenby, Harold A. Plott, John D. Hillsman, Joseph Hale, Otha B. Eubank, Sidney D. Manley, Everette B. Wilson, Charles H. Leys, Aubrey B. English, Alphonso H. Wright, Fletcher B. Burks.

If any business firm desires to contact these registrants who have been discharged for jobs, please get in touch with the local Selective Service Board.

Items From Issue Of The Democrat Published In 1894

The following articles of interest appeared in "The Bedford Democrat" on July 12, 1894:

Dr. Price Treasurer

Judge Brown appointed Dr. S. H. Price, of Montvale, county treasurer, yesterday. It is said on good authority that he will accept. The office had been vacant since the resignation of J. W. Ballard. Dr. Price is a good business man and will no doubt make an efficient and popular officer.

Teachers Elected

Following are the instructors elected for the next school year at Bedford high school: Principal, Prof. N. C. Starke, of Va.; assistants, Miss A. Dean Johns, Roanoke; Miss Edmonia Sale, Bedford City; music teacher, Miss Rosalie Smith, Bedford City.

At New London Academy: Principal, Prof. D. W. Read, Bedford; assistants, Miss M. B. Grant, Lynchburg; Hammond Phelps, Bedford; music and art teacher, Mrs. D. W. Read.

Dr. O'Hara paid a flying visit to Roanoke, yesterday.

E. F. Hall is visiting his parents, on Bedford avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fitzpatrick are at Virginia Beach.

Well, I'll Be...!



With headline blurbs inking-up newspapers large enough to announce a big time event, the daily and county newssheets in the 6th district of Virginia proclaimed "Mass-meeting, Mass-meeting, Democratic-Mass meeting," and were followed by foot-length stories encouraging members of the Democratic party to come select delegates to the convention to be held in Lynchburg on December 15. The purpose to nominate a party candidate to run for Congress, as Woodrum was to resign.

Lynchburg had 43 votes allotted, to send to the convention. Forty-two people (by actual count) showed up. Forty-three delegates were to be nominated and voted on to attend the convention. The box-score for Bedford was little better, and Roanoke showed a slight improvement. So far, nowhere in the 6th District did the proportion of delegates to be chosen and those attending the so-called "Mass meetings," come within a nth degree to the ink-splattered space alloted by newspapers drumming-up "importance" to the meeting. Public-mass meetings, seemed according to the faithful newspapers, a super-event.

This column is called "Well, I'll Be . . . .!" and I wish the . . .. I could taper it off as it should be in print, and add a few choice GI superlatives.

Those who attended the so called "public-mass-meetings" were probably the "Who's Who" of the Democratic-party-machine thru-out the sixth district. Assurdely, more than this number of "faithful workers," belong to the party who can be depended on to work around election day. They were not even there. A representative "public" was not to be found.

Cash sales put the "sing" in advertising.

Miss Annie Shepherd, of Suffolk, is at Mrs. G. W. Claytor's.

Miss Lon Anderson, of Petersburg, is at W. G. Claytor's.

Miss Sallie Walker, of Joppa, is visiting Mrs. W. B. Preas.

R. M. Curtis, of Danville, was in town during the pa tsweek.

The pay car paid a pleasant visit to the N. & W. employes, Tuesday.

Items From Issue Of The Democrat Published In 1904

The following articles of interest appeared in "The Bedford Democrat" on July 14, 1904:

Rev. W. Brooke Carter will preach at Quaker church next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Miss Alice Burroughs of Davis Mill is visiting Mrs. Ewell Morgan in this city.

Camping out on Apple Orchard

A large party of summer campers, composed of merry-makers from several states betook themselves to the woods of the Apple Orchard mountain Saturday, July 9th, for a two weeks outing. A house owned by Mr. Henry Patterson will be occupied by the ladies while the gentlemen will stretch a large tent near by.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mosby chaperons the party, which is composed of Miss Amye Walpole, Oak Ridge, Va.; Misses May Binkley and Lucy Russell, Washington, D. C.; Miss Kittie Wrenn, Richmond, Va.; Miss Effie Beale Phelan, Atlanta, Georgia; Miss Martha Wilson, Lynchburg; Misses Virginia and Eliza Mosby, Sadie Tucker, Josephine Moore, and Annie Lowry, of Bedford City; and Messrs. Jack Russell, Washington, D. C.; Hal Russell, Wheeling, W. Va.; Robert Mosby, R. H. Withers, Selman Scott, Thurman Clark, J. D. Keeler, Jr., Ormund Humphreys, Henry I. Guy, E. C. Burks, J. Stewart Early, A. Boyd Claytor, Robert and Landon Lowry, of Bedford City.

The party went fully prepared to make the outing one of unalloyed enjoyment, and are envied by us cityites less fortunate.

Sidney Phelan who has spent the winter and spring at the home of his sister, Mrs. Clark, has returned to his home in Atlanta, Ga.

Harry and John Tate, who attended the funeral of their mother, near Thaxton, stopped in the city on their way to Lynchburg, Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Belle Smith, who has been principal of the Graded School at New Point, Va., has resigned her position there to accept one in W. Va.

Miss Lottie Witt, of Orrix, is visiting friends here this week and also taking the examination for teaching in the public school of the county.

The time may come when the people of the United States will be divided into two classes; those who are paid not to work and those who work to pay them.

BEDFORD LIONS' CLUB

Victory Minstrel Revue

Friday, December 7, 1945 at 8:00 P. M.

Bedford High School Auditorium

Adults 75c Children 35c

All proceeds to be used by the Defective Vision Committee for medical care and the purchase of glasses for the needy.

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War Doubles Per Capita U. S. Income

Department of Commerce Gives Result of Survey.

WASHINGTON.—Per capita income in the United States virtually doubled during the war.

The commerce department said so in a survey of income payments to individuals during the years 1940 through 1944.

The survey showed per capita income for individuals jumped from $575 in 1940 to $1,117 in 1944, or an increase of 94.3 per cent. The figures were reached by dividing total income by the civilian population.

"A striking war-period development," the department noted, "was the partial reduction of the broad geographical differentials in per capita income."

What happened was that, because of war activities and population shifts, per capita income gains spurted more sensationally in so-called low-income states than in high-income states.

"The net effect," said the department, "was that from 1940 to 1944 the over-all per capita income of the 32 low-income states advanced from approximately one-half to three-fifths of the comparable average for the high-income states."

The trend was for income and the Southeast, Southwest and West to come closer to the income levels of the East and Midwest.

Lessons of War on Fire Fighting Help in Peace

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Fire fighting techniques developed by the navy during the war may revolutionize postwar civilian fire fighting organizations. Naval methods were credited with saving uncounted lives and millions of dollars' worth of property, including such vessels as the aircraft carrier Franklin, Bunker Hill, Saratoga and Ticonderoga.

The navy said recently that the practical results of its techniques promise to save billions of dollars for property owners in years to come. All applicable details of its equipment and methods, the navy said, will be given freely to civil fire departments, industrial firms, fire protection and insurance organizations. Already a large percentage of the members of the Boston fire department has been trained in navy methods.

In addition to fog nozzles and foam, navy developments include a portable oxyacetylene cutting outfit, permitting quick cutting through of steel decks and bunkheads and an oxygen rescue breathing apparatus which generates its own oxygen and removes impurities from exhaled air.

Open Second Hand Market For Civilians in Berlin

BERLIN, GERMANY. — An Allied approved second hand mart for civilians opened on Brunnenstrasse recently and more than 3,000 Berliners jammed it with every conceivable kind of used article for barter or sale.

The mart was opened by the Berlin city administration to help curb the black market. An admission fee of one mark, or 10 cents at the military exchange rate, is charged.

On one bicycle was a sign: "In exchange for camera, automobile rug or cloth for suit."

Gray haired women with dresses reaching their ankles offered opera glasses.

Three teen age girls put up several of their party dresses for barter for walking shoes. Other items included door hinges, water color paints, shoes, handkerchiefs, grandfather clocks, handbags, a carpenter's saw, woolen yarn, cigaret cases, draftsmen's tools, phonographs and a radio amplifier.

War Cost Army 737,714 Tons of Cargo at Sea

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The war department reported that 737,714 ship tons of army cargo were lost at sea during the war as the result of the sinking or damaging of 148 vessels outbound from the United States.

The total included 200,058 tons from the sinking of 31 vessels and the damaging of two others in the Pacific and 537,656 tons through the sinking of 105 vessels and damaging of 10 others in the war against Germany.

These figures, the army emphasized, cover only losses on vessels of American and foreign registry sailing from this country. The army calculated the losses amounted to 62 tons out of each 10,000 tons shipped from this country from December, 1941, to August 1, 1945.

Red Army Stops Mixing Of Men With Officers

MOSCOW.—The Red army, which has permitted every one from privates to generals to mix in army clubs, will hoist "officers only" signs in the future.

The army newspaper Red Star, announcing the change in policy, said:

"Under present conditions of cultural enlightenment work it is necessary to have sharp differentiation and separation."

PAYS HER COLLEGE BILLS

Rushville, Mo.—Electrical wiring is paying the college expenses of Betty Jean Canovan. The seventeen-year-old girl, who liked to watch her father work, ended up the summer by wiring 15 farm homes and a schoolhouse, singlehanded. She has contracts to wire 20 more farms this fall and winter and also does most of the electrical repair work in Rushville.

BIG ISLAND

Basketball Teams Lose

The M. E. Marouse high school boys and girls basketball teams played against the Madison Heights high school, Friday evening in the Marcuse auditorium. The score for the girls was 72 to 12 in favor of the Marcuse team. The score for the boys was 29 to 15 in favor of the Marcuse team.

Large crowds from both teams attended the games.

The "Week of Prayer" in which all the organizations of the Baptist church participated, met Monday evening at the church.

Mrs. W. C. Rice spent several days in Washington, last week.

Mrs. Rennie Manley, of Norfolk, is spending a few days here with relatives.

Charlie Baker, of Stuart, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. C. J. Baker.

Mrs. Gail Abernathy, of Richmond, spent the week-end here with her husband at Riverside Inn.

Mrs. John Maston was the guest of friends in Lynchburg last week.

Mrs. H. J. Noell, of Covington, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. William Putney recently visited friends in Richmond.

Miss Eleanor Rue, of Lynchburg, spent several days here last week.

Miss Charlotte Vaughn, of Bedford, spent the week-end here with her family.

Mrs. A. J. Trevey had as guests, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Faucet, of Leroy and Max Trevey, of Roanoke.

Miss Bary Wilson, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Meade Griggs of Newport News, spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Griggs.

FAIRVIEW

The recent cold spell makes us realize that winter is at last right with us. The farmers are busy getting ready for it. Butchering, cutting feed and sawing wood keeps them hustling.

Flu has been in many homes the past few weeks, E. L. Wells, J. B. Zimmerman's, Lawrence Overstreet's, Glen Fizer's and Mrs. G. H. Fizer, all are out except Mrs. Fizer, who is still confined to her bed.

R. B. Nance and family have moved to the farm recently vacated by the Deans who have moved to the property they bought in town. We were sorry to lose such good neighbors but welcome the Nance family to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Readman, of Roanoke, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Huddleston, Saturday.

Sam McDaniel, who is spending some time in Florida, writes he is having lots of fun fishing in the Southern waters.

When the National Tuberculosis association was organized in 1904, there were less than 10,000 hospital beds for tuberculosis patients in the United State. Today there are 100,000.

Who was it that said that the Japs would sacrifice ten million men before surrendering?

Deeds Recorded In Bedford County

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court here:

R. B. and Kathryn M. Nance to Joseph L. and Ruby F. Frazier, 24.02 acres in Central district, $2000.00.

Bernard G. and Irene T. Holland to Virginia Hogan Zimmerman, 1.74 acres in Central district on U. S. highway 460, $10.00 etc.

Lula E. J. Parker to Claude J. Overstreet, lots on Blue Ridge avenue in Bedford, $5.00 etc.

Dan Randolph and Reva M. Burks to E. H. Watson, 185.83 acres in Staunton district, $1100.00.

William Scott Knight and Nina Faulkner Knight to Frank C. Baldwin, 12.30 acres near Reusens on C. & O. Railway, $10.00 etc.

J. L. and Minnie L. Brooks to R. A. Sarah Ellen Quarles, five acres on Boreauger road, $650.00.

Stephen S. Sprouse to Ernest Sprouse, 30 acres, $5.00 etc.

W. J. Bennett to Florence Rex Phelps, lots in Forest district in Meriwether Park, $10.00 etc.

Alice I. and J. C. Spencer to S. D. and Dorothy H. Berry, 7.40 acres near Montvale, $6500.00.

Lula E. J. Parker to R. L. Johnson, lot on Jeter Hill in Bedford, $5.00 etc.

Woodrow and Ella Mae Noell and Bee Noell to Bettie P. Noell, 157½ acres in Lisbon district, $5.00 etc.

Cecile Hazelwood Slusser and G. Winston Slusser etc to Gertrude Hazelwood Bass, interest in lots at Montvale, $1500.00.

Gertrude H. and Thomas E. Bass to William C. Spencer, lots at Montvale, $5.00 etc.

William C. and Mildred S. Spencer to Thomas E. and Gertrude H. Bass, lots at Montvale, $5.00 etc.

Marion and Nannie Susan Goode to L. L. Jones, interest in 134.21 acres in Staunton district, $5.00 etc.

Lillie B. Hannabass ets, to R. L. Hannabass, 80 acres in Staunton district, $900.00.

John L., Jr., and Madeline H. Hurt to J. B. Bernard and J. B. Bernard, Jr., lots on Main street in Bedford, $10.00 etc.

Lillie B. Hannabass etc to W. A. and Jerusha H. Meador, 35 acres in Staunton district near Diamond Hill church, $1000.00.

John B. Oliver, special commissioner, to Jennings B. and Eva L. Craghead, 330 acres in Staunton district, $4700.00.

John B. Oliver, commissioner, and Stella E. Miller to Town of Bedford, lot on Cook street in Bedford, $249.60.

Wyatt H. and Cora A. Walton to Sam Foxx, 65¼ acres near Mentow church in Otter district, $5.00 etc.

William R. and Kate S. Latimer and Harold H. and Lois H. Latimer and Kenneth J. and Sarah V. Latimer to William Wesley and Mary Childress, lot in Bedford, $5.00 etc.

NOT SO FAST

Chicago.—When Lieut. George Goebel, of the Army Air Force, stationed in Frederick, Okla., learned that his wife had given birth to a son in a hospital here, he flew to the Chicago airport in 2 hours and 50 minutes in an A-26 bomber. It took him 2 hours and 15 minutes, however, to reach the hospital, via streetcars, a bus and afoot.

MONTVALE

The flu epidemic and hog killing have been all the rage with our little village the past week.

J. D. Bowyer is slowly, but surely improving and hope to, again soon, be in circulation.

Mrs. Berta Obenchain is a little better at this time.

We are grieved to learn of the serious accident of Miss Iva Forgie, who fell in Lynchburg, painfully injuring her knee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Caldwell, Jr., in Washington, D. C., a daughter.

Harry Crouch is shut in with flu.

J. B. Boyle is in bed with flu.

Miss Nancy Louise Forgie, of Memorial hospital, Lynchburg, spent Sunday with homefolks.

Mrs. Nannie Luck is ill at this time.

Mrs. M. H. Rose and son spent Sunday with homefolks.

Again we extend cordial welcome to all the newcomers.

R. G. Garrett is seriously ill in Lewis-Gale hospital, Roanoke.

Mrs. Schroeder, of Roanoke, was a recent visitor with her uncle, J. D. Bowyer, who is slowly improving.

Judy King is recovering from flu.

Mrs. James Ayres and friend, are visiting homefolks.

We are glad to see Mrs. J. F. Brugh out again.

Our soldier lads are returning; those arriving home recently, were Albert Bowyer, from Pacific and Horace McDearmon, Allen and Hildrey Pollard, European Theatre of War.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward and family, of Southwest Virginia, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sneed and daughters, of Bedford, were recent visitors here.

Services at Presbyterian church, last Sunday were very well attended. Remember we are expecting you at Methodist church for services at eleven o'clock.

Shall also expect to see you at young people's meeting at Presbyterian church next Sunday at 7:00 p. m., when Bedford young people, under leadership of Mrs. S. M. Query, will present the program.

The social event of the week was the amateur program, sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service of Methodist church, when it seems everyone: Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptist and all the rest joined hands to make this a financial, as well as a social success. Why can't we local churches organize some recreational program such as Bedford has? What it would mean to our community is left to your imagination.

We recall the lamented famine of plenty, when nobody had money, and now everybody has money and little to buy.

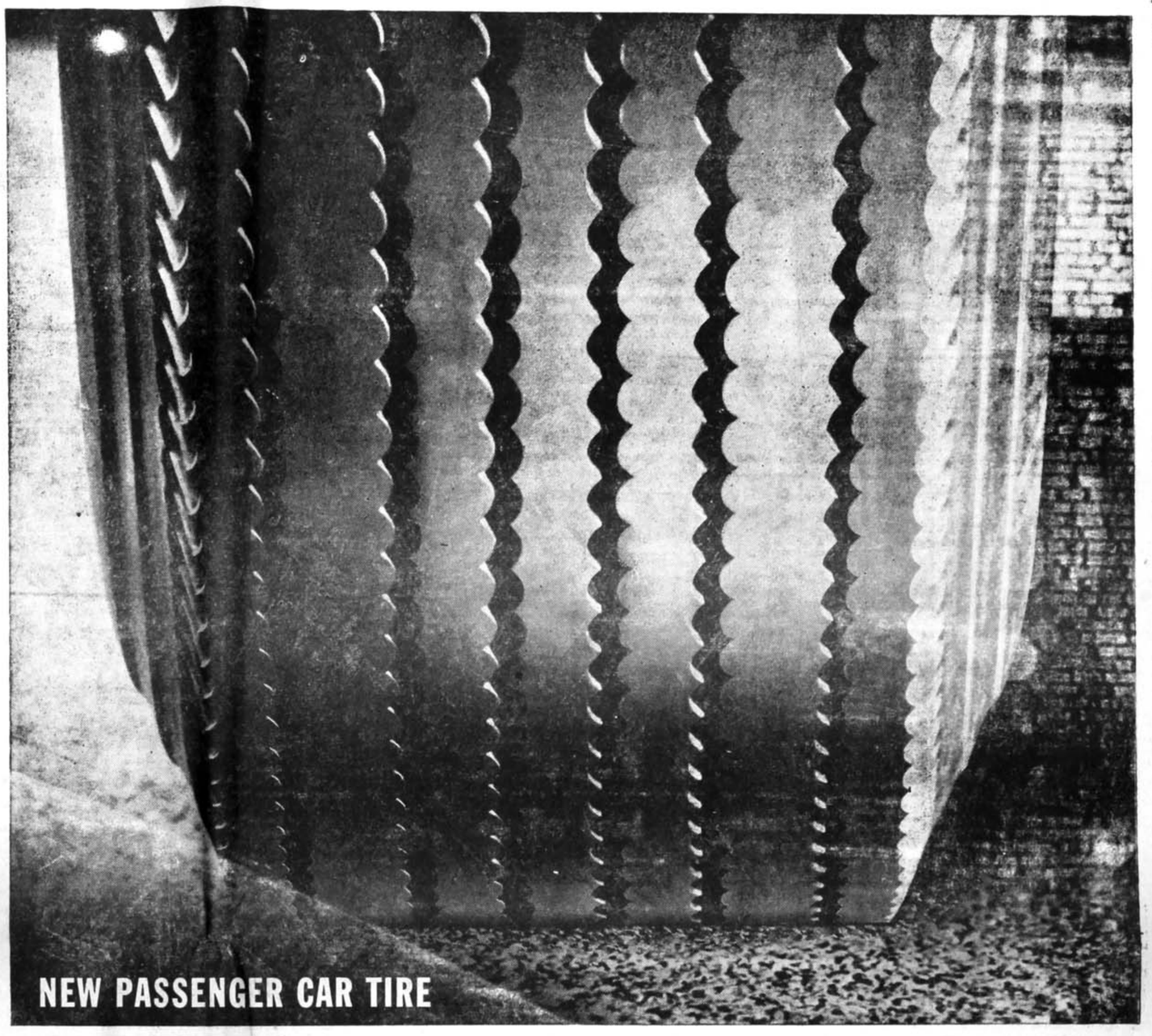
MONETA, Route 1

Mrs. W. Price Martin, of Bedford, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Mae Meador and family, of Moneta.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Richardson and son, Tommie, her brother, Claude Meador, his daughter Dora Mae Meador, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wolfe, all of Martinsville, visited Mrs. Mae Meador and family recently.

Miss Dorothy Fielder, of Moneta, spent the week-end in Roanoke, visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burroughs, of Roanoke, has been visiting her mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ayres, of Moneta, recently.



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In a few weeks these new tires will begin to be produced in large volume, but supplies may be limited for quite a while. We have placed our order, and hope to have our shipment shortly. Watch for our announcement. And in the meantime, take good care of the tires you have—make them last until you can replace them with these new, better B. F. Goodrich Silvertowns.

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JANUARY 31, 1946

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Mrs. S. D. Gills Hostess to Blue Ridge Garden Club

The November meeting of the Blue Ridge Garden club was held in the home of Mrs. S. D. Gills.

Following the usual business session Miss Eolian Coppedge gave an interesting report of the meeting of the Southwest District of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs which was held in Pulaski, and to which she was a delegate from the club. Miss Coppedge gave the highlights of an address made by Mrs. Ryland Knight who was the principal speaker of the day. Mrs. Knight used as her topic: "Inner Lessons from Out-of-Doors," making many beautiful comparisons.

The club voted to recommend to the town librarian the purchase of three books on horticulture. "A Thousand and One Questions and Answers," "Plant Doctor" and "Plowman's Folly."

There will be no meeting of the club in December but a committee will go to the county home to decorate for Christmas. This has been done by the club for the past two years, bringing much joy to the inmates.

Miss Eolian Coppedge was the speaker of the afternoon, using as her topic, "Gifts of the Americas to the World and to Our Thanksgiving Dinner." She spoke of the many fruits and vegetables that were contributed to the Old World and to Americas Thanksgiving dinner by the New World. She reminded us of the expecial credit due the Indians, the earliest native American agriculturist for their accomplishments in developing corn, pumpkins, squash, kidney, lima and many other types of beans as well as many other vegetables. She stated that post war agricultural planning has an important phase of todays post war planning.

Ribbons were awarded for large arrangement: 1st, Mrs. Frank Frothingham; medium arrangement, 1st, Mrs. G. W. Parker; small arrangement, 1st, Mrs. G. W. Parker; miniature arrangement, 1st, Miss Eolian Coppedge; dining table arrangement, 1st, Mrs. Frank Frothingham; specimen, 1st, Mrs. Frank Frothingham.

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The Union Garden Club Meets With Mrs. O. P. Hamilton

The regular meeting of the Union Garden club was held at "Pine Rest," the home of Mrs. O. P. Hamilton on November 15, with ten members and four visitors present. In absence of the president, Mrs. W. L. McManaway, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Bill Truslow.

Mrs. N. W. Jarvis who was present gave a talk and told of some of the needs for the boys at Camp Pickett and the club donated $1.50 to send a Christmas box to Pickett.

There were two contests which were won by Mrs. J. D. Clingempeel. Names were drawn for gifts at the Christmas party to be held by the Garden club and Ladies Aid Society on December 13.

Flowers were judged by Mrs. N. W. Jarvis and Mrs. O. P. Hamilton won 1st on tall arangemernt and Mrs. Bill Truslow 1st on low arrangement.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Pvt. Iva Ruth Wood, a visitor from Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Bill Truslow. Mrs. Ould, of Roanoke, and Miss Mabel Holdren were also visitors at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned to meet on December 13 at "Bonnie Oaks," the home of Mrs. J. D. Clingempeel for their annual Christmas party.

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Johnson-Allen

Miss Irene Virginia Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Allen, of Thaxton, became the bride of T-Sgt. Arthur D. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Johnson of Salem, Ohio, at a double-ring ceremony performed Tuesday, November 27, in the chapel of the AAF Regional and Convalescent hospital at Coral Gables, Florida, Chaplain Ernest W. Albrecht officiating.

Mrs. Johnson was formerly a civilian employee of the AAF hospital and S-Sgt. Johnson was a patient, having been wounded over Kiel, Germany on his ninth mission. He will receive a medical discharge shortly.

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Cooper-Woodford

Miss Verdie Gaynelle Woodford and Dalton William Cooper were united in marriage on December 1, by Dr. J. H. Grey at his home here.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woodford, of Goode and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cooper, of Cooper, Ala.

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Mrs. Lela Calfee Atkinson, S. S. Hylton, W. W. Turner and Frank L. Overstreet will attend the annual conference for extension workers at VPI, Blacksburg, next week.

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Misses Norvie and Gertrude Saunders have returned from Princeton, W. Va., where they spent ten days at the homes of their sister, Mrs. A. D. Anderson, and brother, R. A. Saunders.

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Misses Kathryn and Mary White of Hyattsville, Md., spent the holiday with their mother, Mrs. W. A. White on Grove street.

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Miss Kathleen Teass is visiting friends in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. M. S. Masters Speaker At Bedford P.-T. A. Meeting

Dr. M. S. Masters, professor of fine arts at Roanoke College, was the guest speaker November 27 at a meeting of the Bedford Parent-Teachers Association in the high school auditorium.

Dr. Masters was introduced by Mrs. G. W. Bond, program chairman. He spoke on "Visual Education in Schools," the advantages and benefits the children get by showing pictures as a lesson is studied. Most of the schools will soon have the advantages of Visual Education. While explaining the use of Visual Education, Dr. Masters showed two pictures on work being done in the elementary school.

In the absence of Mr. Allen the chairman, Mrs. C. R. Titus, vice-chairman, called the meeting to order.

The Rev. A. G. Carter directed the devotions.

The various committee chairmen made their reports and routine business of the organization was taken care of.

A report on the Amateur Night held by the P. T. A. was made by the treasurer, at which time $107.51 was realized to be used on the different health projects carried on by the association.

The association voted to purchase a $10.00 bond for TB seals.

A count by rooms of the patrons present gave the banner and rize to the first grade, Mrs. Annie Markham, teacher.

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Joyce-Bays

The marriage of Miss Grace Elizabeth Bays, daughter of Mrs. A. W. Zimmerman and the late James L. Bays, of Bedford, to Charles William Joyce, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Joyce, Newport News, was solemnized Saturday afterpoon, November 24 at 3:00 p. m. at the Congressional Christian church in Newport News. The Rev. Jesse H. Dollar was the officiating minister.

The bride wore a brown gabardine suit with matching accessories and a mustard colored top coat with Canadian length furs. Her flowers were a shoulder corsage of Talisman roses.

The bride is a graduate of the Riverside Training School of Nursing in Newport News. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Apprentice School at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company and is now affiliated with the shipyard there.

After the ceremony the couple left for a short wedding trip and will be at home after December 1 at Newport News. Only a few close friends attended the ceremony.

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Barker-Gray

Mrs. Emma Janie Gray and Horace Barker were united in marriage on Friday, November 30, by Dr. J. H. Grey at his home here.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Karnes of Bedford county and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Barker, of Atlanta, Ga.

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Dr. and Mrs. Harry G. Burks, Jr., of Elizabeth, N. J., accompanied by their three sons, Harry III, Bill and Bob, spent the holidays with Dr. Burks parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Burks on Peak street.

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Miss Dorothy Scheid has returned to Portsmouth, Ohio, after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Danner.

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Mrs. William E. Cadbury, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., spent several days recently with her mother, Mrs. W. B. May, on Grove street.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Ward Gillaspie and son have returned from a visit with relatives in North Carolina.

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Kyle B. Catron and family have moved to their new home near Sign Rock from Newport News, where he has been employed in the ship yard for three and a half years.

Miss Hicks Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lewis Hicks of Holly Woods Farm, Evington, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rosalie Kerr, to Lt. Ernest Thomas Eldridge, Naval Air Corps, son of Mrs. John Richards of Great Falls, Mont., and the late S. R. Eldridge.

Miss Hicks is a graduate of New London Academy and Randolph-Macon Woman's College, where she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta, social sorority. Until recently she was employed as a hostess for Penn-Central Airlines.

Lt. Eldridge attended the University of Oregon and before volunteering for the Navy in 1941 was employed with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in Portland, Ore.

He is now serving in the Asiatic theater, and the wedding will take place upon his return to this country.

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Announce Engagement of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. William Grover Miller, of Greensboro, N. C., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elaine, to S/Sgt. Harold Wesley Odenwald, U. S. Army, of Stacey, Minn.

Miss Miller attended the State Teachers College in Farmville, where she was a member of Phi Zeta Sigma sorority. She was graduated from the College of William and Mary and has been a case worker with the Greensboro Red Cross since that time.

Sgt. Odenwald who has been overseas for 17 months, is expected to return soon. He attended school in St. Paul, Minn., before going into the army three years ago.

Mrs. Miller, mother of the bride-elect, is the former Miss Violet Marshall, of Bedford county.

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B. P. W. C. Meets November 20 With Mrs. John Garnoc

Mrs. Rebecca Garnoc was hostess to the Business and Professional Women's Club Tuesday evening, November 20, at her home on Grove street. Miss Virginia Ruff was welcomed as a new member. Miss Ida Patterson, public officers chairman, urged the purchase of Victory Bonds. Miss Katharine Claytor and Miss Reva Turner recently attended the West Central District meeting in Martinsville. Miss Beatrice Marshall presided over the meeting.

The program, "Health in Virginia and our county" was a discussion led by Mrs. Minnie Bower. The need of a county health unit was stressed.

Delightful refreshments were served by the hostess.

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Engagement Announced

Mrs. Charles Leighton Oliver, of Holcomb Rock, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Pauline Doris, to Andrew Pickard Lane, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lane, of Neshville, Tenn.

Miss Oliver attended Lynchburg College and is a graduate of Phillips Secretarial College. Mr. Lane attended the University of Tennessee and Peabody College.

The marriage will take place in First Baptist church December 21 at 4 p. m.

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Bridal Shower Held For Miss Katherine Bandy

A bridal shower was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bandy, November 24 in honor of their daughter Katherine Bandy, whose marriage to Paul Staffl, will take place at the Bedford Baptist church December 15.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beahm, Mrs. Frank McKinney, and Miss Helen Bandy, all of Roanoke; and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Goode, of Lynchburg.

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A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Aronld L. Coffey, of Weber City, November 22.

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Miss Hannah Frances Listoe has acepted a position at the Elks national home here.

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A check list, or planning chart, which farmers say is of great help to them in increasing the efficiency of their farms, is one of the features of a 64-page booklet entitled "Sinclair Farm Time-Savers", now being offered without cost by Sinclair Refining Company.

The booklet includes a variety of practical and proved ideas for making the farm more profitable, more modern and easier of operation. The purpose of the booklet, according to the introduction, is to help make the most of new methods and materials that will make any farm, large or small, a better place to work and live.

The booklet gives a lot of basic information, such as the best way to mix cement, how to make electrical connections, how to protect and care for farm machines, how to build simple pieces of farm equipment, and improvements in the farm home.

In addition, it covers such subjects as better care of animals, first aid for animals, useful ideas for poultry raisers, insect control, household conveniences, painting of farm buildings, sewerage and water disposal, special jobs for tractors, water systems, weather forecasts, and countless modern "tips" to save time and money around the farm.

DEATHS

FRANK H. HUGHES

Frank Henderson Hughes, 51, of Mentow community, died at the John Russell hospital on December 2, after several weeks illness. The husband of Hattie Creasy Hughes, he was born in Bedford county on August 2, 1894 and was the son of the late John R. and Elija J. Roach Hughes. He had been employed by the State Highway Department for many years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by the following children: Mrs. James Clyde of Hazelton, Md.; and Mrs. W. M. White, Mrs. Keith Martin, Misses Fay and Peggy Hughes, Lawson and John Hughes, of Huddleston; and the following sisters: Mrs. Ollie Angel and Mrs. Jack Roberts, of Bedford county; Mrs. Clyde Martin of West Union, West Va.; and Mrs. Eddie Miller, of Roanoke.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Robert P. Parker and the Rev. E. P. Roberson Monday afternoon at Mentow Baptist church with burial in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Earl Johnson, Burks Nichols, G. E. Woodford, Orville Howell, Ben Cundiff and W. H. Walton.

Honorary pallbearers were flower bearers: Terry Wood, Roy Salyer, J. H. Fink, Edison Updike, Sam Updike, Eldridge Coxe, W. G. Woodford, Sam Mitchell, S. R. Woodford, Jr., Lewis Woodford, Willie Roach, V. C. Williams, Nick Kirby, Landon Johnson, Sidney Mitchell.

Alvin Nichols, Duval Johnson, Hugh Camper, Warren Burnette, Buster Lacy, Elon Roach, I. C. Goode, Garnett Whorley, Johnny Johnson, Bruce White, Curtis Hale, Warren Crouch, Luther Nichols, A. L. Hepinstall, L. P. Coffey, Roy Arrington, G. P. Bozel, W. B. Cheek, C. L. Burch, Frank Witt, Payton Witt, S. E. Howell and Andrew Hughes.

R. J. TANNER

Ryland Judson Tanner, 75, died Thursday, at his home near Big Island.

He is survived by two sisters, Miss Ossie Tanner and Mrs. Mattie Tooley, of Big Island, and two brothers, McLeod Tanner, of Coleman Falls and William S. Tanner, of Big Island.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. E. S. Vaughan from Hunting Creek Baptist church Saturday with burial in the Hunting Creek cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Gordon Tanner, Wade Tanner, Elbert Tanner, Charlie Tooley, Astor Tomlinson, and Wilbur Turner.

Honorary pallbearers were Thornton Gillaspie, W. G. Smith, Dr. E. L. Johnson, Robert Gatewood, Cecil Camden, Sam Camden, Clare Milam, Vernon Tomlinson, Escar Brown and Lee Hensley.

Flower bearers were Mrs. Charlie Tooley, Mrs. Wade Tanner, Mrs. J. J. Yoder, Mrs. A. J. Tomlinson, Miss Grady Mauley, Mrs. Robert Gatewood, Mrs. Cecil Camden, Miss Sadie Gillaspie, Mrs. Jasper Wilson, Mrs. Amy Rice and Miss Eleanor Brown.

Mrs. H. A. Wilson Hostess To Club

"Can we buy friendships" was the subject of a paper read by Mrs. William R. Phelps at the recent meeting of the Thursday club. The club met at the home of Mrs. H. A. Wilson, on Bedford avenue, where there were several guests in addition to club members. Winter bouquets decorated the rooms where the guests were seated.

Refreshments were served following the program and Mrs. A. H. Stephenson and Miss Marion Bruce Jeffries assisted the hostess in serving.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuqua who have been visiting relatives in and around Bedford, are now spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Fuqua in West Virginia, and from there they will return to their home in Casa Grande, Arizona. They were accompanied by Miss Mabel Fuqua who will spend the winter with them.

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Mrs. Florence Miller Raub, of Richmond, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. McCauley, at Goode. Miss Mary Miller returned to Richmond with her sister, Mrs. Raub, for a visit.

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Dan and Lee Bower, of Newport News, were guests at the home of their brother-in-law, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Garland E. Johnson, during the week-end.

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Mrs. J. S. Saunders has returned to Lynchburg, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Updike, near Body Camp.

H. V. SIMPKINS

Hamilton Vernon Simpkins, 55, died at his home near Peaksville, Sunday afternoon, following an illness. Born and reared in Montgomery county, Mr. Simpkins had made his home in Bedford county for the past 26 years.

Survivors are his second wife, Mrs. Beatrice Arrington Simpkins, and the following children: Robert G. Simpkins, Bedford; Vernon Simpkins and Troy Simpkins, Radford; Newton Simpkins, Washington, D. C.; Sgt. Cleo Simpkins, Fort Bragg, N. C.; Curtis Simpkins, Merchant Marines; Douglas Simpkins and Mrs. S. H. Edwards, Roanoke; Cpl. Hugh Simpkins, U. S. Army, New York; and Orvie Simpkins, Peaksville. Three brothers survive also, as follows; Hugh Simpkins, Norfolk; Newton and Bentley Simpkins, Christiansburg.

Funeral services will be held at the residence near Peaksville, Tuesday, at 3 p. m., with burial in Oakwood cemetery.

Funeral services were conducted from Salem church Tuesday by the Rev. W. D. Sheets, Dr. J. H. Grey and the Rev. F. A. Brumfield with burial in Oakwood.

Active pallbearers were W. W. Childress, E. B. Wood, Franklin Dickerson, G. M. Bays, L. D. Wood and M. D. Wilkinson.

Honorary pallbearers were Jake Croft, John Hawkins, Clarence John Meador, John James, John Croft, William Toms, Reid Wood, Dewey Toms, John Dinkle, and J. C. Logwood.

Flower bearers were members of the missionary circle of Salem church.

J. D. TEASS

John Dee Teass, 75, died in the John Russell hospital Saturday after a short illness.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter: Helen Teass of Bedford county; Leo W. Teass, of Roanoke; and Paul Teass; two sisters and four brothers: Mrs. Ned Teass, Mrs. Julia Skinnell, Frank Teass and Charles Teass, of Bedford county; Richard Teass, of Petersburg and W. H. Teass, of Lynchburg.

Funeral services were conducted Monday in Carder Funeral Home Chapel by Rev. W. C. Marshall and Dr. J. H. Grey. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Active pallbearers were John F. Teass, Grady Parker, C. G. Musgrove, George Luck, J. J. Cooper and A. J. Cauthorn.

MRS. HENRY J. MITCHELL

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Anne Mitchell were conducted November 27 by the Rev. John Thurman at Carder's funeral home chapel with burial in the Grange cemetery at Norwood.

Pallbearers were Melvin Wood, Curtis Hensley, Clayton Inge, Harry Turpin, Letcher Newcomb and Earl Newcomb.

Flower bearers were Mrs. J. A. Padgett, Mrs. C. K. Arthur, Miss Lucy Newcombe, Mrs. Elva Newcomb, Mrs. T. A. Garraghty, Mrs. Mrs. Macon Buford and Miss Virginia Williams.

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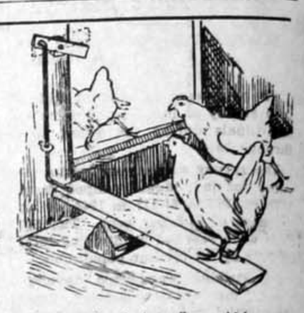
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a total of $8.00.

Girls from Thaxton club won $32.00 and those from New London club won $13.00. Other clubs winning prizes were: Big Island Jr., Forest, Huddleston and Calvary.

Neuhoff's Baby Beef Show

In the Baby Beef Show sponsored by Neuhoff and Co., at Salem, Morris Beckner had the reserve champion in the Herford class and Ray Turner won a fourth place award in this class.

Bedford 4-H Dairy Show

In the first Bedford County 4-H Dairy Show held in August and sponsored by the Bedford Chamber of Commerce, two blue, nine red and eight white ribbons were awarded. James Trent won one blue ribbon in the guernsey class and Phyllis Royalty won two blue in the ayrshire class. Rachel Trent won fist prize for fitting in this show and James Trent won second prize for fitting. James Trent won fist prize for showmanship and John Kirby second for showmanship. James Trent won first prize in the champion guernsey; John Kirby won reserve championship in guernseys; and Phyllis Royalty won championship and reserve championship in the ayrshire class. James Trent won the loving cup donated by Green's Drug Store for the most outstanding showing at the show.

Lynchburg Ten-County 4-H Dairy Show

At the Lynchburg ten-county 4-H Dairy Show on August 31, the same group of boys and girls won two blue, ten red and eight white ribbons. Rachel Trent and James Trent were each awarded a model of a perfect guernsey cow by the American Guernsey Cattle Club of Peterboro, N. H., for showmanship. Rachel also won $60 in merchandise from Millner's, for the highest score made by a girl; $10 for showmanship; $8 for second place in fitting; and $6 for a white ribbon calf. Phyllis Royalty won second prize in fitting, $8; third prize of $25 for special prizes for girls; and two red ribbon ayrshires, $16.

Cow-Hog-Hen Project

In the cow-hog-hen project sponsored by Sears-Roebuck and Co., George Crowder and Russell Markham were awarded registered Guernsey calves; Bobby Stallard and Buford Hogan were awarded 100 baby chickens each; and Odell Biggs and J. K. Whorley were given 50 baby chicks each.

Food-for-Fighters Contest

The Food-for-Fighters contest sponsored by Colonial Stores, Inc., of Norfolk, announced during the week-end that Ray Turner and Carolyn Turpin were each awarded a $25 dollar bond. Only four such awards were made in Southwest Virginia.

Judging Team Goes To Show

Frank L. Overstreet, assistant county agent, took three boys, James Trent, J. B. Bays and Bobby Bays, to Orange, April 14 as a judging team to attend the Virginia Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association show.

Council Meeting Held

The Bedford 4-H Council held a meeting immediately after the achievement day program. Goals were discussed for the year and new officers elected. The officrs are as follows: Rachel Trent, president; Carolyn Turpin, vice-president; Joyce Bolling, secretary-reporter; and Josephine Sanderson, treasurer.

The goals adopted were: more completion of records, paying of dues to County 4-H Council, entering more 4-H club contests, club development of recreational activities, club representatives at achievement day programs, send delegates to state 4-H events and have club name committees to help in keeping and completing records.

NEWS OF BEDFORD MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

A group of Virginia state soldiers are currently taking advantage of the Army's education program to attend Biarritz university at Barritz, France, where they are being tutored by many of America's outstanding educators.

The second eight-week term here began recently and atracted more than 4,000 soldirs from all over the European Theater. Here they receive peacetime educational bnefits without charge.

Many American educational institutions have loaned educators for their current term.

Qualified officers and enlisted men, many of them combat men, are also on the faculty. The teaching corps consists of nearly 150 civilians and an equal number of military personnel.

Virginia soldiers atending Biarritz university includes: Cpl. Irwin Bornstein, Blue Ridge avenue, Bedford.

William S. Milam, Seaman, second class, Big Island, is continuing to serve with Air Transport Squadron 12 at the Naval Air Transport Service, whose huge four-engined planes are carrying passengers, mail and top priority cargo over a 20,000-mile Pacific ocean network.

The squadron handles administration and aircraft maintenance of the entire Pacific wing of the service in its operations covering more than 3,500,000 miles mothly, from Oakland, Calif., to Tokyo and Shanghai, Guadalcanal and the Philippines.

The service is carrying monthly 20,000 passengers, 125,000,000 pieces of mail and hundreds of tons of vital cargo in the Pacific.

The first shipload of veterans from the China Theater is scheduled to arrive in New York on December 5, shortly before the fourth anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, on board the Navy transport, U. S. S. General A. W. Greely.

The Greely, which will be completing a 28-day trip from Calcutta via the Suez Canal, will be the last troopship from the Orient to arrive on the East Coast in time for the men to reach their homes before Christmas.

Included aboard the ship is one Bedford county man—Staff Sgt. William J. Lynch of Route 4, Bedford.

Thirteen men, including one from Bedford county, have arrived from overseas aboard ships previously unreported, according to an AP release.

The SS General Ernst which docked in Seattle, Wash., carried the following: Pfc. Henry T. Adams, Bedford.

Hugh Hughes, G. M. 1/, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hughes of Waugh, recently received his discharge at Mare Island, California. He entered the service on August 11, 1942 and spent 15 month's in the Atlantic and 11 months in the Pacific and took part in battles on Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Leyte and Luzon. Being wounded in the China Sea, he was in a hospital on Saipan about 28 days and in Mare Island, California hospital eight weeks. He wears several ribbons, stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

Lt. Halsey A. Dean, USNR, has reported back to the states after serving as communications officer in Guinan, Samar, Philippine Islands. Lt. Dean has served in the Navy for three and one-half years. He will receive his honorable discharge from Washington, D. C., and will join Mrs. Dean at their apartment in Norfolk, shortly thereafter.

Lt. Alan B. Clingempeel is now at "Bonnie Oaks," the home of his mother, awaiting his discharge. Overseas with the 38th Division, since December, 1943, Lt. Clingempeel is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with three campaign stars and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star. He also wears the Purple Heart for wounds received in the battle of Zig-Zag Pass.

Fifty more men from the Southwest Virginia area are included on the list of dischargees from the army at the Fort George G. Meade, Md., separation center during the period November 28 and 30.

Included in the group was T/5 Calvin S. Smith of Route 5, Bedford.

Pvt. M. T. Harrison III, of Bedford, is presently located at Fort George G. Meade, Md. He entered service on November 29.

Sgt. Cleo G. Simpkins has returned to Fort Bragg, N. C., after a visit at his home near Peaksville. Serving with the 515th Parachute Infantry, he returned recently from overseas service.

According to a report in "The Washington (D. C.) Post" on December 4, Pfc. George Winston Overstreet of Route 4, Bedford, arrived Tuesday in New York aboard the S. S. Sea Cat from Europe.

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BOONSBORO

First meeting of the Community League will be held at the high school December 11 at 7:30 p. m., with Mrs. John Epling of Holcomb Rock road, the new president in charge.

J. T. Webber, patient at Memorial Hospital for the last four weeks, is reported doing well after a major operation.

Miss Emily Meriwether has been confined to her home on Holcomb road for ten days with flu.

Mrs. C. D. Wester, of Panama City, Fla., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stoner Oglesby on Cabell street.

Mrs. Emily Rucker Oglesby of Bedford, is visiting her brother, Will Rucker, at Boonsboro.

Mrs. Eugene Wright, wife of the Methodist pastor, is out after being ill for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oglesby had her sister-in-law, Mrs. Hugh Stoner and Bobby Young of Natural Bridge as dinner guests Wednesday.

Little John Epling of Holcomb Rock road, is back at school after being ill with flu. He celebrated his seventh birthday November 19.

It won't be long now before there will be a vociferous demand to reduce the Army and Navy below safety levels in order to save money. The campaign will be supported by business men who want taxes reduced and by sapheads who have no idea what they want.

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U. S. Inventors Still Hold Lead

Yankee Genius Proves in War It is the Greatest Force in World.

WASHINGTON.—American inventive genius still is as great a force in the world as ever. In fact, an even greater force. Scientific men are pointing out that this was convincingly demonstrated by the war just brought to a victorious end, says the Chicago Herald American.

The tradition of American fertility in devising machines to make work easier and to produce more and better goods goes back to the very roots of the nation.

Since the days of Benjamin Franklin down through the years, one Yankee inventor after another has given mankind a mechanical boon it never had before. Eli Whitney, Samuel F. B. Morse, Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas A. Edison, the Wright brothers are only a few of the names that rang around the globe.

This nation of inventors brought forth new instruments of both war and peace. The first submarine was a Yankee product, so was the first ironclad warship with a revolving gun turret—the Monitor of Civil war fame—and numerous other weapons originating here blazed new paths in warfare.

Germany Outstripped.

Then came World War II, and for a time it looked as if the palm for inventiveness had passed into German hands. But skilled as the Nazis were in contriving means for speedily crushing their neighbors, the tremendous events leading to American triumph on two fronts proved conclusively that Yankee mechanical genius had by no means diminished.

Not only did the ideas for outstanding inventions that resulted in victory originate in American laboratories and workshops, but indications clearly point to American leadership in the current race to reconvert war weapons and industries to the uses of peace.

Dramatically at the head of the list of new war inventions is, of course, the atomic bomb.

For years, scientists sought to release the vast energy known to be locked in the atom's nucleus. It remained for an American, Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, 30-year-old physicist at the University of California, to show how to release that force.

Though the atomic bomb sealed the fate of Japan, the Nips were already groggy from American blows, the greatest single mechanical factor in overwhelming both the Nazis and the Japs is, by general consent, radar—radio detection and ranging.

Radar and DDT.

Credit for radar belongs strictly to America and goes back to 1922, when Dr. Albert Hoyt Taylor, chief consultant and co-ordinator for electronics at the naval research laboratory, Washington, D. C., and Leo C. Young, an associate, made some experiments with the use of short waves for communication with airplanes.

They discovered that ships in the Potomac river distorted their radio signals. They were keen enough to recognize that they had come upon an epoch-making discovery — that here was a means by which the U. S. navy could detect enemy warships at considerable distance.

The rest is history. Other nations, following our lead, likewise developed radar instruments, but no country brought the equipment to the peak of perfection arrived at in this country.

Another marvel — the peerless bombsight, named for its inventor, Carl L. Norden—convinced all our enemies they had a good deal to learn in the way of war-making from this democracy.

The Norden bombsight is so precise that U. S. bombardiers found it possible to spare churches, hospitals and non-military buildings while pulverizing everything else in their immediate neighborhood.

That extraordinarily effective insecticide, DDT, which saved millions of American servicemen from malaria, typhus and other insect-borne diseases, already has been applied to civilian needs.

5,000,000 Lost Tons of Ships Cost War, Says Japs

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN. — Japan lost more than 5 million tons of shipping during the war and this "decisive defeat" in sea borne supply warfare was a major factor in her total defeat, the Nippon Times reported recently. Japan's present shipping tonnage totals 285,000 tons, comprising 747 vessels over 100 tons and including all vessels under repair or stranded at sea.

Britain Had Midget Fleet Ready for Japs

LONDON.—The British army had a fleet of 2,000 "midget ships" ready to start for the Pacific when the Japs quit.

Ranging from small tankers and armored landing craft to launches equipped as water ambulances, they were to have formed the backbone of the army's water transport system.

WHAT, THREE BULLETS!

Albuquerque, N. M.—Jack Hicks came home from a hunting trip bringing a 275 pound buck and a 450 pound bear. He complained about using three bullets as the bear was so tough he had to use two to kill him.

Yokohama.—American authorities are studying the question of allowing wives of service men to join their husbands in Japan. So far, Mrs. Douglas MacArthur is the only American officer's wife whose arrival has been reported in Japan.

225,000 Germans Are Listed as Criminals

PRAGUE —Dr. Bohumil Ecer, Czechoslovakia's representative on the International War Crimes commission, said that the names of 225,000 Germans were on the provisional war crimes list.

In addition to Nazi leaders, he said, the list includes German financiers and industrialists who helped promote the war.

Wronged Husband, 17, Shoots Rival

Killed Man Who Won Wife 'Under My Nose.'

LOS ANGELES. — An outraged 17-year-old husband told police he shot and killed Harold Timothy Young, 30-year-old father of three children who wooed and won his wife away from him "under my very nose."

Leon Benon, 17, a warehouseman, was held on suspicion of murder. Deputy sheriff said he freely admitted shooting Young when he "found him making love to my wife."

Benon and his pretty 16-year-old wife, Lois Jean, celebrated their first wedding anniversary three days ago. Both are from Alpine, Texas, as is Young.

Officers summoned to the Benon home by Francis Elgin Smith, 33-year-old baker, found Young's body on the living room floor, his head and body riddled with rifle slugs. Benon and his wife were arrested at the home of his mother-in-law.

"This fellow has been playing around with my wife for a couple of months," Deputy Gordon Bowers quoted Benon as saying. "I finally said, 'To hell with it' and went for my gun."

The gun was found dismantled and tucked into a bedroom drawer at the Benon home, Bowers said.

Smith told the most complete story of the tragic affair. He said he and Young and the Benons had returned from a ride in Los Angeles and started talking in the living room.

"Young said suddenly, 'I'm in love with Lois. I want her to go to Texas with me.' " Smith related, according to police.

"Lois said she'd like to. Benon turned to her and said, 'Do you love him?' She said, 'I think I do, I don't know.' "

"That got Benon. He jumped up, grabbed his gun and blazed away."

Science Sweetens Future Sponges in Your Candy

WASHINGTON. — Maybe your postwar candy bar will sound different. It may contain "starch sponges"—which are very crispy and crunchy.

Don't worry though—a starch sponge isn't any relation to the porous swab you use to wash your car.

It's something stewed up in a test tube at the department of agriculture's northern regional research laboratory at Peoria, Ill., by a lady scientist named Majel M. McMasters. It's made of corn and department officials are pretty enthusiastic about its possibility as a food project.

T. Swann Harding, editor of the department's house organ, "Usda," gave the world its first notice that science is beating field corn into candy bars for the snack trade.

"In its dry state," he reported, "the ground or shredded sponge, because of its crispiness, imparts crunchiness to confections or crackle-like wafers.

"Shredded dry sponge also has properties similar to shredded coconut or chopped nut meats. When finely ground, the material shows promise as a stabilizer in chocolate coatings and icings."

Making it involves a lot of processes. The result is an extremely porous material with "very high calorific value," Harding says, and you know—crunchy.

Commercial candymakers are definitely interested.

Massachusetts Town Remembers First Banana

WELLFLEET, MASS.—This Cape Cod village is celebrating this year the 75th birthday of the banana.

It was in 1870 that Capt. Lorenzo Dow Baker of the Wellfleet succeeded in bringing a cargo of bananas to the United States from Jamaica, B. W. I.

Previously all attempts to import the fruit had failed because the bananas spoiled during the long voyage from tropical climes. In that year, however, Baker made the trip from Jamaica to Massachusetts so quickly—11 days—that the bananas arrived intact.

Faithful Camel Loses Out to Modern Motor Car

LONDON.—At long last the faithful camel is going the way of the horse as a beast of burden, according to Col. W. F. Stirling, British officer in the Middle East and one-time chief of staff to Lawrence of Arabia.

Back on his first leave in five years, Stirling said the automobile is taking the camel's place on the desert.

"The bottom has dropped out of the camel market and they are being sold for meat now," he said.

MEAT SHORTAGES

Jerseyville, Ill.—A local grocer has finally discovered the thief who has been stealing his potatoes for a long while. He recently saw a large bird dog take one of his potatoes out of an open sack and bury it in a newly plowed garden near the store.

SHOOTS AT RABBIT

Riverstown, Pa.—Although Pvt. George Braun, D. S. C. has lost his left leg and also suffered a paralyzing spinal injury he still goes hunting in a wheel chair.

FSA News Items

By Norval A. Boone, County FSA Supervisor

Jobs For The Winter Months

In working out farm plans for another year the Farm Security Administration families are doing a good job. In planning, consideration is given to the amount of crops and livestock necessary to maintain family living and farm operating expenses; necessary repairs and debt repayment when involved.

In the crop planning, crops are usually figured in a three-year rotation. During this three-year rotation liming, fertilizer and manuring have proved to a large number of families to be absolutely necessary to obtain maximum production. Some families have already begun their winter fallowing because they have found it to be a job that pays dividends. Winter fallowing gives the soil a chance to pulverize and absorb moisture necessary for quick germination of the seeds planted in the spring. Manuring the fallowed land during the winter months; largely when the ground is frozen is becoming a practice of many families as this gets one more job done before the spring rush of land preparation and seeding takes place.

Another thing that is very noticeable among the farm families connected with the Farm Security Administration is that they are repairing their farm machinery during the winter months when the weather is too rough for farm work which saves them trouble and considerable time during the busy season of the year. There are many other farm jobs that are considered in planning the years program of work on the farm that Farm Security families have found practical to get done during the winter months.

In connection with livestock management, considerable improvements are being done such as better housing; feeding more high quality feed; delousing their animals if necessary; and supplying free access to salt.

During the last thirty days, there has been two appraisals made of farms to be purchased through the farm ownership program under the Farm Security Administration; the W. M. Hackworth farm in Otter district and M. A. Ayres farm in Staunton district; there has also been two applications received from World War II veterans for the purchase of farms through the Farm Security Administration. Since Congress has appropriated and ear-marked $25,000,000 for the purchase of family type farms for World War II veterans, it is anticipated that two or three such loans will be made in Bedford county during the next year. Applications can be taken at any time for this type of loan as well as for the purchase of livestock and equipment necessary to operate farms.

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Need Lewis Okay Of POW's Said

Washington, Nov. 29—Senator Byrd (D., Va.), said today a high army officer told him approval of John L. Lewis was necessary to assure continued use of war prisoners on Virginia farms.

Brig. Gen. B. M. Bryan, acting provost marshal general, made the statement at a conference with a group of Virginians seeking to retain the services of German war prisoners who were cutting pulpwood and working on farms in the state, Byrd told a reporter.

General Bryan told the group, accompanied by Byrd, that he had received many complaints from organized labor that prisoners are taking the places of American citizens looking for jobs, the senator related.

Another member of the delegation Byrd said, told the general Virginia labor leaders would not object to retention of prisoners in jobs after December 1, the date on which the army planned to withdraw them.

"General Bryan said it wouldn't do to get the approval of Virginia labor leaders—that it would be necessary to go to higher levels," Byrd declared. "He said 'You've got to get the approval of John L. Lewis.'"

Lewis is president of the United Mine Workers, and Bryd said he did not understand what his interest in the issue would be.

"I told him (General Bryan) I didn't see how any Virginian would so belittle or humiliate himself as to appeal to John L. Lewis to obtain permission for prisoners to do essential work," the senator said.

General Bryan confirmed that he said the war department could not act upon approval by state labor leaders.

"I told senator Byrd that he had to get approval on a national level," Bryan told a reporter, denying he had asked for a specific okay by Lewis.

GRANDMOTHER ELECTED

Portsmouth, N. H.—An attractive fifty-one year old grandmother, Mrs. Mary C. Donders, was re-elected mayor by the largest plurality in the history of the city elections. Mrs. Donders has been widowed for a year and has five grandchildren. She believes that the city's business should be an open book and invites the citizens to drop in and talk over their troubles with her.

Duluth.—John C. Riedle, who checks missions for the Minnesota Light and Power company, is having trouble with eagles. Reidd flys a cub airplane but the eagles build their nests on the top of the power poles and resent his coming close enough to take a look at the lines.

Do you make it a point to read the messages that the President sends to Congress, or do you just get a general idea of the contents by the headlines?

Russia is getting out of Manchuria and the United States plans to get out of China; this will leave the field open to the Communists and the Chungking troops.

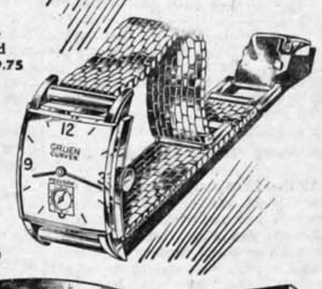
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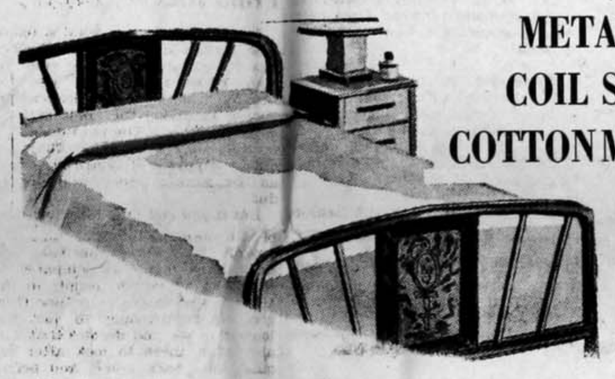
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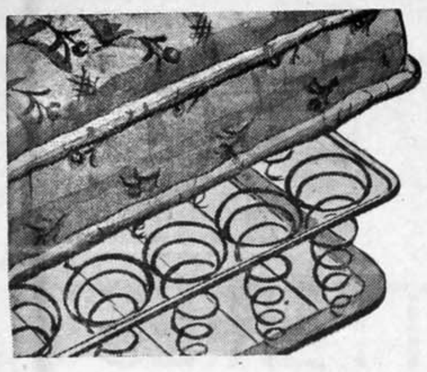


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Republican Mass Meeting

A Mass Meeting of Republicans of Bedford county will be held at the Court House in Bedford, on Wednesday, December 12, 1945, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of naming delegates to the Sixth District Republican Convention to be held in Roanoke, at Hotel Roanoke, on December 15, 1945.

All persons who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, are urged to attend this mass meeting.

By order of Bedford County Republican Ex. Committee

S. P. STEWART, Chairman
W. H. MEADOR, Secretary

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Fred Holdren, Moneta, 1236 Lbs., $376.98. Average, $30.50.

J. A. Coffey, Bedford, Route 1, 910 Lbs., $273.50. Average, $30.05.

W. A. Shepherd, Moneta, 750 Lbs., $234.68. Average, $31.29.

Carrol Robertson, Moneta, 578 Lbs., $174.80. Average, $30.24.

T. C. Nance and John Jordan, Moneta, 1064 Lbs., $322.22. Average, $30.28.

Charlie Harris, Goodview, 456 Lbs., $139.58. Average, $30.60.

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Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Carter Entertain for Officers

Rev. A. G. Carter, pastor of the Bedford Baptist church, and Mrs. Carter entertained at dinner Wednesday night when their guests were new members of the board of deacons and retiring members, the newly elected superintendnt of the Sunday school and the retiring superintendent.

The list included V. W. Nichols, superintendent of the Sunday school for 18 years; J. D. S. Morgan, new elected superintendent; G. A. Miller, Dr. J. A. Rucker, W. L. Martin, W. A. Parker and O. A. Nichols, retiring deacons, and the following recently elected deacons; C. S. Jackson, R. W. Jamerson, C. M. Buck, Jr., Frank Griffin and A. J. Maupin.

G. A. Miller served as deacon for 40 years.

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Margot Hutcheson Has Birthday Celebration

Margot Hutcheson, daughter of Col. and Mrs. A. L. Hutcheson, celebrated her seventh birthday at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gillaspie, on Avenel avenue. A group of classmates were invited to join in celebration. Following games, refreshments were served in the dining room.

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Lisbon Garden Club Plans Christmas Party December 11

The Lisbon Garden club will have a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 11, at two o'clock at "Ivy Pillars," the home of Mrs. W. O. McCabe at Thaxton. Mrs. B. M. Eppes will be joint hostess at the meeting.

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Mrs. Leonard Breeman has returned from Lynchburg where she has been for several weeks following an automobile accident in that city.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Lester, III, left Monday for Verona, Wisconsin, to visit Mrs. Lester's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Zarndt.

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Nchols-Kerrigan

Mrs. Michael Kerrigan, of Hartford, Conn., announces the marriage of her daughter, Rosalie Marie, to Samuel Kent Nichols, son of Mrs. J. R. Nichols, Sr., and the late Mr. Nichols, of Bedford, which took place in Hartford, December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols will make their home in Bedford.

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Mrs. A. D. Mann who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. L. R. Fisher, left by plane Saturday from Washington, D. C., to join her husband, Capt. A. D. Mann at Hill Field, Ogden, Utah.

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Mrs. J. L. Burks has returned from Greensboro, N. C., where she spent three weeks with her niece, Mrs. Lynn Forbis.

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Miss Grace Listoe who spent several days of last week in Bedford, has returned to Washington, D. C.

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Mrs. J. R. Nichols has returned from Hartford, Conn., where she attended the wedding of Miss Rosalie Marie Kerrigan and her son, Samuel Kent Nichols.

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Mrs. Fred Witt spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. D. C. Ayres, at Bonsack.

Bedford Women Attend BPWC Meeting In Lynchburg

Miss Kathleen Marshall, Miss Beatrice Marshall, Mrs. Cosie Updike Davey and Mrs. Ivylyn Schenk attended the annual international relations meeting in Lynchburg Friday evening in the Virginian Hotel.

Miss Josephine Shain, of New York, international relations chairman of the National Federation of Business and Professional Womens Clubs, was guest speaker on the subject "World Peace." Miss Shain, in her capacity with the clubs, has attached many of the international conferences on world affairs in recent years.

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Mrs. G. G. Ballard had charge of the Thanksgiving program held at the meeting of the Liberty chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

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Dr. James T. May, Jr., and wife, Dr. Madge D. May, of Norfolk, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Terrell May, on Mountain View Drive, this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Costinett have moved to Washington, D. C., to make their home. Mrs. Costinett's mother, Mrs. Alexander Listoe, is spending the winter in Washington.

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Mrs. Nelson Perry and daughter, Jean, who were guests of Mrs. Perry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell May, on Mountain View Drive, left Sunday, to join Mr. Perry in Memphis, Tenn.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Truxell announce the birth of a son, Thomas Andrew, December 4, in Suitland, Md. Mr. Truxell is still in the naval service.

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The Garden Club of Bedford will meet at the home of Mrs. H. P. Rhett, December 12, at 3:30 p. m.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bowyer, of West Point, are visiting Mrs. Bowyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Updike, near Body Camp. Mrs. E. A. Hubbard has returned to her home in Front Royal, after a visit with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Updike.

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Mrs. J. Mott Lindsay has returned from Raleigh, N. C., where she was called because of the death of a nephew.

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Miss Hattie Grant has accepted a position as book keeper at the Peoples National Bank.

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Col. A. L. Hutcheson, army air corps, who has returned from overseas, is spending a while in Tampa, Florida.

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Beverley L. R. Rhett, who served with the rank of lieutenant commander in the navy, has returned after four years in the Pacific, and has resumed his duties as assistant head master at St. Paul's School, Baltimore.

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J. T. Davidson is in the Bedford General Hospital for treatment.

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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bowyer at their home on Haynes street, December 5.

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R. W. Jamerson made a business trip to Richmond, last week.

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Glenn L. Norman who formerly held a position with the Virginia Rubatex, has returned from Beacon, N. Y. and he and Mrs. Norman are making their home in an apartment in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spradlin, on Longwood avenue. Mr. Norman has resumed his place as chemist in the Bedford plant.

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Grady Farley, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Farley, of the Huddleston community, is in the Bedford General Hospital for treatment for severe burns.

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Mrs. John E. Wells and Mrs. R. W. Catlin, of Farmville, spent a portion of last week in Bedford.

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Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Lester and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Lester, III, spent the week-end with relatives in Blacksburg.

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Religion is a way of life, not a word of mouth.

Service Guild Has Christmas Meeting

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Main Street Methodist church held its Christmas meeting, in the Sunday school room, Tuesday night. The program was made up of social features and Miss Doris Burks, president, and other officers were hostesses.

DIAMOND RUSH

Cape Town, South Africa—Men from the U. S. fleet have been buying diamonds like peanuts in Cape Town since two battleships and six destroyers came into the harbor. The highest price paid was $3,200 for a pure white diamond of 4½ carats.

FOUR MILLION FOR RELIGION

London—The church of England Assembly has approved the expenditure of 4 million dollars during the next five years to revive interest in religion. The program will use motion pictures, radio, theater, press and information centers in carrying out its campaign.

WHAT NEXT?

THREE MOTHERS
By Edgar A. Guest

I saw three mothers standing by,
Each one had sent a boy to sea,
In freedom's holy cause to die,
And proud they seemed to be.

Upon their cheeks still ran the tears,
And in their eyes was something sad,
But still, for all the future years,
One precious memory they had.

MYSTERIOUS EPIDEMIC

Waterville, Me.—A mysterious epidemic from which four children have died and numbers have been taken ill, has caused the schools of this city to be closed and children banned from all public places. The epidemic has not been identified, but has been described as "diptheria and something else."

GOT THE HABIT

Tokyo—Americans are astonished at the number of Japanese they meet on the street wearing surgical masks.

The Japanese are very susceptible to colds and tuberculosis and have been wearing masks in cold weather ever since the influenza epidemic of the last World War.

Girl's Jumper



Pattern 9376 comes in girl's sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14. Size 10, jumper, 1¾ yds. 39-in.; hat, ¼ yd. contrast; blouse, 1 yard 35-inch.

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The Low Down From Hickory Grove

I just been reading what a fellow who runs a little chemical factory has to say about keeping goin', or goin' broke and having jobs for nothing. It is labor "leadership" that is upsetting the apple cart, he says, not labor. The ones doing the bossing, they don't work—they circulate around and smoke big cigars as the workers work—and dig up dues.

But if you add up all the members of all organized labor outfits—around 6 million members—you don't have many as compared to the 50 or so million people in the U. S. A. who work. It is time Congress quits listening to just the loudest noises and decides that it is also down there to look after the quiet folks back home, and before a noisy few puts business on the skids versus letting it go to town and make cars, and washing machines, etc., by the million.

In Russia, the chemical fellow says, 5 per cent of the population tells the other 95 where to get off—or on. Anybody having a congressman on their hands who is not too alert, drop him a line—wise him up. Also tell him you are all registered and can hardly wait till next November.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

SKUNK IS GRATEFUL

Norton, Mass.—Mrs. Howard Woodward, president of the Animal Rescue League of Taunton, spent fifteen minutes taking a jar off the head of a skunk—with no after effects.

HOUSING SITUATION BAD

Los Angeles.—David Misrahi, a Marine Corps veteran, has been looking for an apartment since last March. In desperation, he finally pitched his pup tent in a park but city authorities ordered him to leave by midnight. He, with his wife and tyo-year-old son had been living with relatives.

JAPANESE BLACK MARKET

Tokyo.—A black market operation said to involve at least $500,000 worth of stolen Army rations and clothing has been smashed with the arrest of four American soldiers, two Italian middlemen and three Japanese distributors. The investigation which led to the arrests began when Army goods began to appear in large quantities in Japanese stores.

MAY BRING HIS GIRAFFE

San Francisco.—The War Shipping Administration has ruled that veterans returning home on USA ships may not bring home monkeys, honey bears or birds of the parrot family.

However, they may bring with them their dog, giraffe, camel, ox, antelope, horse, deer, goat or sheep.

ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR

Lincoln, Ill.—The four Altman boys came home from the war on four successive days. Archie, of the Seabees came first; Frank, Jr., of Army Air Forces came next; he was followed by Darnell of the Navy and William of the Marines. They had all received honorable discharges.

DOG DISCHARGED

Dallas, Tex.—Sandy Tex, a member of the K-9 Corps, has received his honorable discharge and is home again. His master, Pfc. Roy K. Reynolds, let Sandy enlist just three months before he entered himself on his 17th birthday. Roy was killed on Iwo Jima last February.

BUYS SHIRTS FROM CUSTOMERS

Fairmont, W. Va.—A Fairmont department store is trying to solve the short shortage by buying un-used shirts from their customers. They have the quaint idea that there may be many shirts of the wrong size or color that have been packed away, unworn.

The 50th anniversary of the discovery of the X-ray is being observed this year. The X-ray was discovered by Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen, November 8, 1895. It is now universally used in the diagnosis of tuberculosis.

Discovered 50 years ago, the X-ray came into general use in the diagnosis of tuberculosis following World War I. Chest X-rays were part of the regular physical pre-induction examination of men called to service in World War II.

Tuberculosis was the cause of the rejection of some 150,000 men and women for military service in World War II. The fact they had the disease in one form or another was revealed in pre-induction X-ray examinations.

Life is like this: The man who always advised his friends that everything would come out all right blew out his brains.

The success of the capitalistic system should be measured by the standard of living that it makes possible for average people.

Life springs its surprise upon unsuspecting victims, thus upsetting their ideas that they have the world by the tail on a downhill pull.

Americanism: The quaint idea that a man in the U. S. uniform is invariably a Sir Galahad in foreign countries, regardless of what he was in his tome town.

The loudest lamentations of the century will rise from business and industry when the government gets out of business, cutting out subsidities, legislative favors and regulations protecting monopolies.

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—FOR SALE—Hay. See J. B. Fulton at Fulton's Place, at the Forks, one mile east of Bedford, or call 6171. 12-6-4t-pd

—FOR SALE—Three-piece pre-war living room suit with new slip covers. Mrs. Homer Lee, 712 Longwood Avenue. 12-6-1t-pd

—FOR SALE—One heatrola, good condition. Phone 3191. 12-6-1t-pd

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FOR RENT

—FOR RENT—One bed room, stoker heat. Dial 3266. 12-6-1t-ch

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—LOST—Bunch of six or seven keys, on a small chain ring. Finder will please get in touch with R. J. Abbott, Park street. Phone 6981. 12-6-1t-pd

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—WANTED—Young lady for general office work. Knowledge of typing and stenography necessary. Previous experience not required. For personal interview apply Belding Heminway Company, Bedford, or telephone 5341 for appointment. 12-6-tf

—WANTED—Reliable girl clerk in jewelry store—now until Christmas and possibly longer. Arthur's Jewelry Store, phone 4071. 12-6-1t-pd

—WANTED—Man for orchard work, family that has boy 15 or older. Could use two men. Could give women work at certain seasons of the year. Man should be healthy, honest and work regular. Looking for type man that wants long time job. Good reference wanted. New five-room house, well located, with lights, nine miles north of Roanoke on Lee Highway, No. 11. C. J. Kinzie, Troutville, Va. 12-6-2t-pd

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Liberty Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. M. will hold a Stated Communication in the Masonic Temple in Bedford, Virginia, at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, December 10, 1945. We will hold the annual election of officers at this communication. All Masons are invited to attend.

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IN MEMORY

In memory of our brother, David Mayhew, who died December 6, 1944:

Dearest David you have left us,
With all your sorrows and troubles
in your breast,
Sleep on dearest brother,
Take your rest, sweet rest.

Dearest brother you have left us,
Never will you come home any more,
But when I knock at Heaven's gate,
I hope you will be the one to open
the door.

—Your Sister, Mrs. Lee Martin. 12-6-1t-pd

IN MEMORY

In memory of our dear son, Dr. Alexander Russell Anderson, who departed this life two years ago, December 2, 1943:

Today we are thinking of someone,
Who was so kind and true,
Whose smiles brought sunshine and
happiness,
Dear Russell, that someone was you.

Somewhere back of the sunset,
Where loneliness never dies,
He lives in the land of glory,
Mid the blue and the gold of the
skies.

And we who have known and loved
him,
Whose passing brought heartache
and pain,
We'll cherish his memory always,
Until we meet again.

—By Mother and Dad, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Anderson. 12-6-1t-ch

—CARD OF THANKS—We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their kindness during our recent bereavement. For the many beautiful flowers and use of cars. May God bless each one.—The Meador Children. 12-6-1t-pd

—POULTRY RAISERS—As local representatives of Dr. Salsbury's Nation-Wide Poultry Service we can help you plan more poultry profits in 1945. Stop in and talk it over when you get your chicks.
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1945 A YEAR FOR MANY ODD ACCIDENTS
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December 15, 1945

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3 farm horses; 2 colts, coming 2 years old; 6 milch cows; 1 DeLaval cream seperator and cans; 1 Hereford bull; McCormick binder, 3 years old; Superior grain drill, 4 years old; Massie-Harris horse mower, 4 years old; Oliver 12-fork hay rake; 7 spools 4 point barbed wire; 1 10-disc harrow; 1 spring-tooth harrow; 1 spiked-tooth harrow; 4 turning plows; 1 disc plow; 1 corn planter; 5 double-shovel plows; 2 3-tooth cultivator plows; 1 laying-off plow; 1 old lime spreader; pitchforks and shovels; 1 corn sheller; 2 farm wagons; 1 cider mill; 2 feed cutting machines; 1 Johnson grain cradle; pair scales (10 ton capacity); 50 gallon boiler; 1 grindstone; lot blacksmith tools and blower; several sets of wagon and plow harness; other tools too numerous to mention; 1 farm bell; household and kitchen furniture (lot antique); bailed hay; 20 barrels old corn; bailed straw; pile odd locust posts (about 200); several stacks of loose hay.

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Who Knows?

1. Has any Big Five nation a single defense department?
2. What is "Brains Trust" in England?
3. Did any country provide us with more "lend-lease" than it received?
4. Who has been called the Father of the United Nations?"
5. Who is President of the Fourth French Republic?
6. Which is the northernmost country of South America?
7. What is "Indian Summer?"
8. Which has the larger membership, the AFL, or the CIO?
9. Who was Francisco Goya?
10. Who wrote "October sets the gypsy blood astir?"

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The Answers

1. Yes; Russia and China.
2. Something like the "Information Please" radio program.
3. Yes; Belgium.
4. Cordell Hull, former Secretary of State.
5. While approved at the polls, the new regime will not begin until a constitution can be drawn up.
6. Columbia.
7. A period of mild weather, usually experienced, in late autumn or early winter.
8. The AFL, with 6,807,000 members; CIO, 5,935,000.
9. A famous painter, 1746-1828.
10. Bliss Carman, in "A Vagabond Song."

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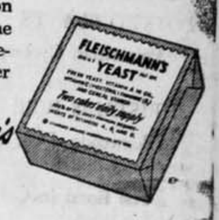
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Lesson for December 9

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THE CHRISTIAN'S PLACE IN THE LIFE OF HIS NATION
(Temperance Lesson)

LESSON TEXT: Matt. 5:13-16, 43-48; I Peter 2:13-17.
GOLDEN TEXT: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.—Psalm 33:12.

Men make up nations. Human beings in a land like ours determine by their interests and attitudes the direction in which the entire social order moves. That in turn determines what kind of government we have.

If the totalitarian philosophies have colored our thinking and caused us to forget the importance of the individual in the life of our nation, let us turn at once to the right view.

Particularly important is the bearing which individual Christians can and should have on our national life. We have tended to draw back and fail to use the power and position which we have by God's grace.

Nowhere does that show more than in our failure (perhaps one should say shameful failure!) to bring Christian principles to bear upon the appalling liquor problem. This is temperance Sunday. Do not fail to stress that phase of Christian citizenship today.

How should Christians make their influence felt in the nation? By being what they ought to be and contributing to its life. Note these things in our lesson—the Christian gives:

I. Salt (Matt. 5:13).

We are the salt of the earth, and the pungent savor of Christ is to be evident in us as we touch life round about us—in the church, in the home, and in the nation.

True salt is antiseptic and purifying. It fights corruption wherever it is found. How effective the spiritually salty Christian and church should be against the corrupt political system, the liquor industry, vice and sin of all kinds. Have we lost our savor (v. 13)?

II. Light (Matt. 5:14-16).

A light is intended to give illumination to all round about it. It always does unless someone hides it under a cover, and then it becomes not only useless but dangerous.

A life lighted by faith in Christ will shine to the very ends of the earth and, as a missionary once said, "The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home."

We are the light of the world, but if we cover our light we deny the very essence of our natures. Here is no thought of proud or selfish display. Light does not shout about itself, it just shines.

Who will deny that there is need of some real spiritual light in some of the dark corners of our national life? Who is to shine in such places but you and me, fellow-believer?

Then, too, let us not forget that God has sent us out to light other lights. We can best serve our nation, and best meet the challenge of liquor by turning men to Christ.

That doesn't mean that we should neglect other "good works," but it is well to keep "first things first."

III. Love (Matt. 5:43-48).

"Love your enemies" (v. 44); that is the standard which Christ has established for His followers. While the love one has for the brethren is without doubt a more intimate relationship than the love one may have for an enemy, we must not seek to minimize the real love we should have even for those who curse and revile us.

It is to move us so deeply that we not only treat them kindly, but also pray for them. Humanly speaking such a thing is impossible, but in Christ it is not only possible, it has actually been demonstrated in life.

It is so easy for Christians to speak with derision that borders on hatred about "the devil's gang," and to lose all love for the crowd that hangs around the tavern and the gambling house. Let us hate their sin, but may God help us to show that we really love them.

Love will do more to reach the world for Christ, and more to direct our national life into right channels than any other influence we can bring to bear. Let us do all we can, but let us do it all in love.

IV. Loyalty (I Pet. 2:13-17).

The loyalty of the Christian to right authority should be glad and free, not by necessity or by coercion.

The believer will see in all men the image of God and will honor them even though he may not be able to respect or approve their way of life. The dignity and position of the individual is always recognized by Christianity.

The brotherhood of true believers should call forth a peculiar love. We need to renew that brotherly affection between believers.

Fear of God, that is, the desire to do His blessed will, shows itself in the best kind of citizenship. Government would serve itself well if it encouraged every effort to win its citizens to Christ.

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Events - Comments

The Japanese made only a single mistake; they bit off much more than they could chew.

We fear that one result of the termination of hostilities will be an outbreak of amateur poetry.

There is no reason why you must spend savings immediately; wait awhile and get more for your coin.

Almost any prescription will cure a patient who believes in it.

An organizer is one able to get other people to do the work.

One measure of an honest man is how he pays out-of-date debts.

Then there is the man who insists upon showing you his card tricks.

People who dislike lawyers should stay out of disputes and thus save fees.

Controls are being abolished so fast that some business men are a week behind.

Who won the war? The answer is: Everybody who fought and many who did not.

If you get too exuberant about victory just think back to the days when we were apprehensive lest the Japs seize Alaska and bomb the United States.

The atomic bomb may be a miracle to some people but to scientists who unravelled the secrets of nature it represents the reward that always accompanies perseverance and intelligence skilfully used.

Now that Generals Wainwright and MacArthur have received Congressional Medals of Honor, we wonder what is the matter with Gen. Eisenhower.

The slow occupation of Japan is explained in part, by the presence of millions of armed men in Japan; any spark could set off a conflagration.

Christmas Seals were first sold in this country in 1907.

Tuberculosis has no outward symptoms at first. Only an X-ray will reveal it in its early, most easily curable stage.

A Tuberculosis Control Division was established in the U. S. Public Health Service in 1944 to further the prevention and control of the disease.

Patients trained for new occupations while recovering from tuberculosis frequently, on leaving the hospital, obtain better positions than those they held before their illness.

It is estimated that 500,000 people in this country have tuberculosis—nearly half of whom do not know they have the disease. They are ndangring thir own lives and the health of others with whom they come in contact.

Tuberculosis is the fourth cause of death among Negroes.

The tuberculosis death rate among Negroes is three and a half times as high as among white people.

Seven times as many unskilled workers die of tuberculosis as professional people. The disease kills three times as many unskilled laborers as skilled workmen.

About 2,500 children under 15 years of age die of tuberculosis each year in this country. Christmas Seals support health education programs in high schools, which include tuberculin testing to detect tuberculosis in its early stages.

TWENTY DOLLAR JOKE

Australia.—William Thompson found a kangaroo caught in his wire fence and, to amuse his children, he slipped his waistcoat on the animal. The kangaroo ran off to the hills and Thompson suddenly remembered that he had a five-pound note in his waistcoat pocket.

A Danish postal clerk, Elinor Holboell, first thought of selling Christmas Seals to promote a health program. Postmen play an important part in the Seal Sale in this country, for the Seals are annually distributed by mail.

TOO MANY FOXES SPOIL HUNT

Jackson, Miss. — Sportsmen are about to abandon the fox hunt in this section of the country. Why? Because the foxes are too numerous. Why, again? Because there are so many foxes, each hound in a pack is likely to wind up chasing his own private fox.

NOT-SO-WISE OWL

Freeport, Ill.—When a large owl, with a 3-foot, 6 inch wingspread, flew against a 34,000-volt high tension transformer and broke a switch, electric service hereabouts was shut off for some time. The old owl didn't give a hoot, though, he fell to the ground dead.

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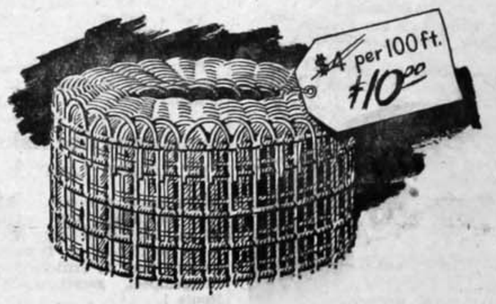
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Neighbors in the valley below came to the scene in time to save outbuildings that had caught.

It is believed that sparks from the chimney during a high wind started the blaze. Estimate of the loss was not available, but it is understood insurance was carried.

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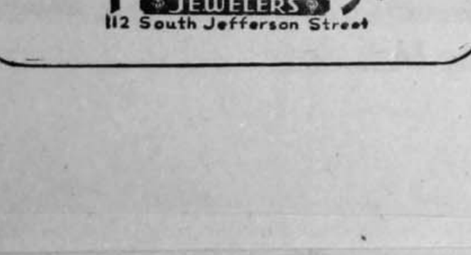
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Rev. W. D. Sheets, Pastor.

Services for Sunday, December 9:

Salem, 9:45 a. m. preaching.

Otterville, 11:00 a. m., Holy Communion.

Center Point, 3:00 p. m., preaching.

Quarterly conference at Salem on Saturday, December 8, at 11:00 a. m.

MIDDLE BEDFORD METHODIST CHARGE

Robert P. Parker, Pastor.

Services for Sunday, December 9:

11 a. m.—Mt. Olivet.

3:30 p. m.—Nicopolis.

7:30 p. m.—Ephesus.

The first quarterly conference will be held at Nicopolis church, Wednesday, December 13, at 11 a. m.

QUAKER BAPTIST CHURCH

L. C. Coffman, Pastor.

Services for Sunday, December 9:

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m., O. E. Williamson, superintendent. Worship services at 11:00 a. m. and 8 p. m., led by pastor.

Baptist training union at 7:00 p. m., Kenneth E. Crouch, director.

MONETA METHODIST CHARGE

Joseph Curry, Pastor

Services for Sunday, December 9:

Bethlehem—Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11:00 p. m.

Diamond Hill—Sunday school at 2:00 p. m.; preaching at 3:00 p. m.

A special message on evangelism will be brought at these services. Do your best to be present.

HICKORY GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Robert P. Parker, Pastor

Services for Sunday, December 9:

Youth Fellowship at 7:30 p. m., Richard Walker will direct the program.

Play practice will be Friday night, December 7 at 7:30 p. m. at the church.

Donations Are Asked For Union Church

Donations are being asked for the repairing and redecorating Union Methodist church, several miles southwest of Thaxton. Donations may be sent to Mrs. J. D. Clingempeel, secretary, Thaxton, Route 1.

"If you search through your mind you will remember me. I have stood for many years upon a foundation built and standing solidly due to the faithful and loyal members of my community. I have been there to ease your worries, and I have stood as a pure white symbol of what your sons and daughters have fought for and preserved. D you remember me? I am your church. If you have passed through my community you have seen me there, perhaps you have stopped and entered my doors and have knelt to pray and have received comfort. Perhaps I am dim in your memory, a fleeting glimpse of a small church standing proudly in its corner square. But you will remember me, tho' I am small. It's true I have no large organ or chandeliers to impress you but I have more than material things. I have built into the walls the loyalty and love of a small community. I have been your servant for more than a quarter of a century and I intend to serve you as long as there are those faithful ones who love their Lord. I have remembered you and now will you remember me? Will you who once were members or who saw me and sought comfort within my shelter, or who think of a small church as one of true Godliness. Will you remember me? Because before you needed me, my comfort, my understanding and now I need you. Will you help me, you who remember, by giving a little to keep my walls strong for your children and the future generations. Will you Remember Me?"

The Month of December

Hanover Herald Progress

And now comes December, month of the Holly and the Turquoise, thirty one days of rationed sunshine and frequent frosts, shopping and giving and balancing the books for the coming end of the year. There will be Christmas seals and Victory bonds to buy, crowded streets and busy stores, holiday home comings, a lighted cedar in the window, holly on the mantel, mistletoe over the doorway, poinsettias from the florist, the last Chrysanthemum from the garden replaced with the strow flowers from the attic. There'll be little from the vegetable garden except a bit of cress and kale and few frost bitten parnips. But the winter turkey will be in full bloom and ripe cranberries will blossom in the grocery stores.

Soon comes Pearl Harbor day before any one knows the answer to "Why Pearl Harbor;" Christmas follows all too soon, then New Year's eve; and before you know it, we'll be looking 1946 in the face and wondering what happened to 1945.

The longest darkest day of the year will come to pass on December 21 and winter which has already left a few calling cards will be with us for an all too protracted visit.

Winter, according to tradition is the least loved season of the year. All the poets sing of spring and most of them have something nice to say about fall; there are even apologists for the blistering days of summer.

But except for a few old timers who wrote admiringly of "Snow, Snow, Beautiful Snow," praised the wrapped pleasure of the one horse open sleigh and indicted the "Skaters' Waltz," practically no one in his right mind has anything pleasant to say about winter.

Bedford TB Quota Announced $2,978.55

Bedford county must raise $2,978.55 through the sale of Christmas Seals in order to carry on the work of the Bedford County Tuberculosis Association in 1946, Mrs. A. H. Stephenson, treasurer of the association, stated today.

"Every service performed by the association this year was essential to the welfare of this community," she said. "These services could not have been performed except for the generosity of the people of the community in the purchase of Christmas Seals and in giving their time to promote our health program."

Few of us realize how much work is entailed in getting the Seals in the mail so that they will reach everyone at the same time. The tubrculosis association has always counted on the help of volunteers to check its mailing list, to fold thousands of sheets of Seals and to insert them in envelopes. This may seem monotonous work, but it is necessary to the success of the drive. With the assistance of the following volunteers it was possible to conduct the Seal Sale at a nominal cost, without dissipating the funds so badly needed for the association's health program: Mrs. R. Bolling Lambeth, Mrs. Hugh Geering, Mrs. A. M. Doyle, Mrs. Harry Maupin, Mrs. Harold Jarvis, Mrs. Hagerman Brown, Mrs. Gardner Bond, Mrs. Frank Scott, Mrs. John Bibb, Miss Jane Smith, Miss Grace Nichols, Miss Virginia Hatcher, Mrs. Betty Trevey, Boy Scouts, Miss Geraldine Burkholder, Mrs. Gilbert Johnson, Mrs. Ray Mitchell, Mrs. E. G. Saunders, Miss Virginia Foster, Mrs. W. H. Brydges, Miss Mallie Laughon, Mrs. W. H. Walton, Mrs. Robert Overstreet, Mrs. Walter T. Murray, Mrs. W. O. McCabe, Mrs. B. M. Epps, Mrs. E. W. Hamm, Mrs. C. H. White, Mrs. John D. Capron, Mrs. Chas. A. H. Leys, Mrs. H. E. Nance, Mrs. J. L. Saunders.

Mrs. Basil D. Murray, executive secretary, stated the quota for the various districts would be; Central District, $1,172.46, Belevue District, $94.63, Otter District, $182.37, Forest District, 383.90, Charlemont District $199.34, Chamblissburg District $142.45, Lisbon District $270.83, Staunton District $93.51 and the Negro Auxiliary $439.06.

The immediate response of so many residents to our appeal indicates that there is a general awareness of the importance of controlling tuberculosis. A prompt response from those others who received Christmas Seals in their mail last week will be extremely helpful in planning next year's work and the postal employees will also be grateful for a prompt response before the Christmas rush begins.

Red Cross First Aid Textbook Published

Publication of a new First Aid Textbook by the American Red Cross, based largely upon wartime experience and advances in medical science, was announced today by Dr. D. D. Lester, first aid committee chairman of the Bedford Red Cross Chapter. It will be used throughout the country in connection with first aid courses conducted by the Red Cross, without charge, for adults and children of 12 years or over.

Prepared by members of the Committee on Surgery, Division of Medical Sciences, National Research Council, in collaboration with other doctors as well as members of the Red Cross staff, the new text is a complete revision of the previous edition which in 1942 topped the nation's "best seller" list with a distribution of 6,000,000 copies.

Most important of the many changes in the text, Dr. Lester said, are those dealing with first aid care in cases of shock, burns, wounds, and fractures.

Contrary to the previous edition, which advised heat, stimulants and proper position for those in danger from shock, the new edition warns against the "over-zealous application of heat" as likely to defeat "a body protective mechanism which retains blood especially in that part of the circulation supplying vital organs," and advises "warmth in accordance with environmental conditions." Stimulents, it is stated, are of no value to the victims of shock.

With publication of the new textbook, Dr. Lester said, time requirement of the Standard First Aid Course has been cut from 20 to 18 hours, while the Advanced Course has been lengthened from 10 to 12 hours to include the teaching of skills no longer taught in the Standard Course. A new instructor's manuel, based upon the textbook, has been prepared by Dr. Carl J. Potthoff, recently appointed director of the First Aid Service and associate medical director of the Red Cross.

As in the past, first aid courses will stress prevention of accidents as well as the knowledge and skill essential to emergency care of the injured, Dr. Lester said.



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FARM AND HOME NEWS



Capt. W. W. Turner To Return In January

Capt. Woodrow W. Turner, former assistant county farm agent in Bedford county, will return to his position on January 1 according to an announcement by S. S. Hylton, county farm agent.

Capt. Turner was called into military service in January, 1942, and has just recently been placed on inactive duty. During his period of service, he saw overseas service in the Hawaiian Islands.

A native of Bridgewater, Capt. Turner, wife and two children will make their home near Thaxton.

Frank L. Overstreet of Huddleston, was assistant county agent during the absence of Mr. Turner.

Washington—Pencillin mouthwash is claimed by two Army doctors to be a very effective treatment for trenchmouth. It is non iritating to the gums and even helps damaged tissue.

Attention Tobacco Growers!

Saunders Warehouse

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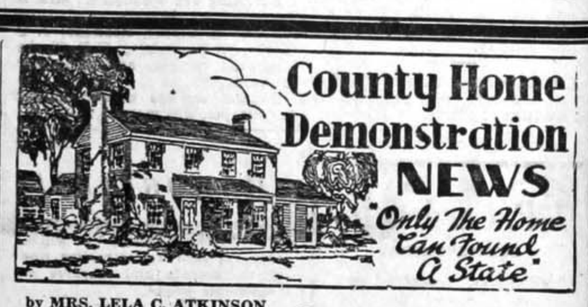
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County H. D. Agent

Club Meetings Next Week

The Mountain View H. D. club will hold its regular December meeting and Chrismast party combined on December 12, beginning at 2:00 p. m. in the county home demonstration room in the court house.

The New London H. D. club will observe their annual Christmas supper at New London Academy on Saturday, December 15.

December 10: Stewartsville 4-H club, 10:40 a. m.

December 11: Huddleston Sr., 10:40; Junior club, 11:40 a. m.

December 12: Forest 4-H club, 9:00 a. m.

December 14: Calvary 4-H club; Thaxton 4-H club, 9:00 a. m.

Club Meetings Held
Bedford H. D. Club

Mrs. S. M. Krantz presided at the meeting of the Bedford H. D. club, held on November 28, at the home of Mrs. Onnie Carter. The cheer committee reported that a tray of fruit had been sent to an ill member and cards to other sick ones. The following officers were elected for 1946: chairman, Mrs. R. W. Jamerson; vice-chairman, Mrs. S. M. Krantz; secretary, Mrs. Clyde Eaton; treasurer, Mrs. Onnie Carter; leaders, Mrs. S. L. Bandy and Mrs. W. P. Hicks; garden chairman, Mrs. G. R. Nance. Mrs. Atkinson spoke on "The Room." A piano has been bought by county 4-H clubs for the demonstration room. The Achievement day dinner netted $120.00; H. D. and 4-H clubs donated $370.92, balance in the treasury for the room to date, $357.99. Clubs plans to buy an electric range and refrigerator as soon as they are available. 500 jars of fruit have been collected for the county food bank. Mrs. Hicks demonstrated an "appetizer" made from beet, carrot and tomato juices. "The Apron" yielded $7.20 to the club. It was voted to have the Christmas party at night and invite families of club members. The hostess served delicious sandwiches and coffee, assisted by Mrs. W. E. Turner and Mrs. Leslie Johnson.

MRS. M. L. OVERSTREET,
Reporter.

Mt. Olivet H. D. Club

After being called to order by the chairman, the Mt. Olivet H. D. club contniued with its regular business schedule, on the afternoon of November 20, when the club met with Mrs. Jasper Inge. Ten members and one visitor were present. Reports were given from the various committees. This being the month of reorganization, a nominating committee was appointed however only one change was made in the official membership—that of leaders, and this was conditional. The chairman made a few changes in appointing chairmen and members of various committees which will be reported at a later date. Tentative plans were made for the annual Christmas party which will be held on December 28, at night. Mrs. Walker, one of the leaders, gave a demonstration on "New Dishes from Common Foods" which proved a lot of interest. The combinations of our common food stuffs to form attractive dishes is amazing. The January meeting will be at the Phelps home.

Mrs. Judson Overstreet, Reporter

Leaders Training Meeting

Miss Janet Cameron, state food and nutrition specialist, V. P. I., conducted a training meeting for club leaders on "Raw Vegetable Salads" and "Table Decorations with Christmas Greenery" on November 29, in the county demonstration room. Assisted by Mrs. Lela Atkinson, the home agent, Miss Cameron exhibited lovely wreaths, table center decorations, attractive candles and innumerable arrangements of assorted decorative greenery and red berries made during the demonstration. During the morning, they made delicious salads from raw vegetables available at this time of the year. During the noon hour those present were seated around an attractively decorated table, and ate a lunch which included generous servings of various salads made for the demonstration. The entire meeting was full of interest, and each one present went home in the afternoon with many new and attractive ideas, both for Christmas decorations and menu.

Gold Beach, Ore.—Help came too late to 78 year old Earl Stilson who lay pinned under his overturned automobile for fourteen days before he was discovered. On a note by his side the dead man had written that he fell asleep before his car went over the cliff. He was unable to get enough water to drink although it had rained a great part of the time he lay there. Searching parties had been looking for him for days but had stopped about a mile and a half south of the place where he was.

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By Sneed T. Adams
Assisting Conservationist

O. L. Johnson of the Dundee community has begun the construction of terraces on his field to be planted to corn next spring. He is using his flat bottom plow and the Martin ditcher to do this which he expects to complete this week. Jeter Howell, whose farm joins Mr. Johnson, has also requested the use of the ditcher, which is owned by the Blue Ridge District, to construct terraces on a five-acre field that will be plowed for new crops next spring.

The local soil technician has staked out terrace lines on a fourteen-acre field for S. R. Woodford, Jr., near Huddleston. Mr. Woodford expects to begin construction on his terrace shortly.

The Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of Interior delivered fish to N. A. Boone this week for stocking his farm pond. When Mr. Boone's pond is completely filled with water it will cover approximately one acre. The pond will be stocked with 100 fingerlin black bass and 1,000 blue bream. The service believes this is the best combination of fish to place in a farm pond and that 100 bass and 1,000 bream is the most profitable numbers per acre of water surface.

The local technician descussed the construction of a farm pond with Clyde Saunders, near Huddleston, last week. Mr. Saunders has a fine site for a pond and wants to construct the dam during the winter months. He will be assisted on the pond layout and when it is completed the Fish and Wildlife Service will furnish the fish for stocking.

Work was begun last week in preparation for complete soil and water conservation plans on the farms of Gordon White, du Val Radford and C. G. Burton all of the Forest community. The soils scientist has made soils maps for these farm from which basic information will be used in setting up the rotation and fertilization programs.

Have you spread all the lime and phosphate which you have laying around the farm? Now that "old man winter" is just around the corner and the wheat is seeded it is a good time to get the lime and phosphate on the ground so that you can earn your full allowance under the AAA program which ends December 31.

I see a farmer occassionally who thinks that a miracle should happen when he applies lime and phosphate to a pasture or hay field. You aren't going to get pasture or hay unless there is a good sod or some seeds are sown.

County Agent Reports

by S. S. Hylton,
County Farm Agent

Buy Your Fertilizer Early And Store It Properly

Buying your fertilizer now and storing it on your farm until next spring will insure you of a supply at planting time, states S. S. Hylton, county agent in Bedford county.

Mr. Hylton says that while fertilizer raw materials are estimated to be in slightly larger quantities now than in the 1944-45 season, tie-ups in production and delivery are quite likely and may become acute if farmers wait until the last minute to order. Mr. Hylton points out that you may not get your fertilizer on time if you wait too late to order. That happened to some farmers last season.

Farmers stored fertilizer during the winter as a war-time measure, but it is so practical and convenient that many will buy early again this year. Mr. Hylton urges every farmer who can provide suitable storage to place his order soon. He has the following suggestions to offer:

Store your fertilizer in a dry building where the floor is well above the ground. Do not place it on a dirt floor or on concrete that rests on the ground.

Stack the bags close together. The less surface exposed to air, the less the absorption of moisture. Don't break the bags because the loose fertilizer will damage other bags.

Stack mixed fertilizer, superphosphate, ammonium nitrate, or other types separately. This division makes it easier to clean up and keep the fertilizers separate if any is accidentally spilled.

Keep your farm animals away from the stored sodium or ammonium nitrate. If your animals eat either, they may die of poisoning.

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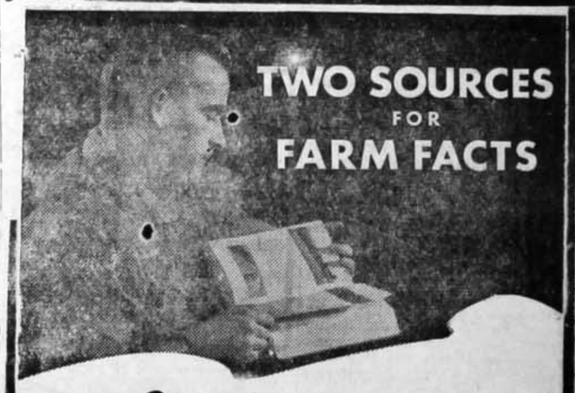
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Corp. Bernard W. Saunders Tells Of Experiences

(Continued from page one)

Nichols Field and the radio tower at Ft. McKinley. For sixteen harrowing days afterward, dive-bombers continually pounded Manila and Nichols Field.

Although assigned to the air forces, Saunders' unit had not received their planes, so he operated a 50-caliber machine gun as an anti-aircraft weapon. It wasn't very effective, but "I think I got one of 'em," he said. On December 24, troops in Manila began the evacuation to Bataan. Saunders drove a truck and assisted in the evacuation of troops and supplies.

After the evacuation, his unit was organized into an infantry battalion and attached to the 31st Infantry regiment. They went to the front near the town of Orion in January, 1942.

On April 9, the order to surrender came from American headquarters; the American ceased firing, but the Japs didn't.

Saunders and nine of his friends decided to sneak through the Jap lines and attempt to join guerrilla forces known to be operating in the hills.

After ten such nights, they were surrounded and captured by the Japs.

Saunders and his friends were then taken to the little town of Balanga, where captured Americans were concentrated. When they arrived, the "death march" had already begun, so they joined the straggling column and headed for 3 1-2 years of torture and imprisonment.

"Newspaper accounts of that march have been true," he said. "It was horrible."

After eight days marching, those who survived reached Camp O'Donnell, at Tarlac. Saunders and one other man were the only ones left from the group of ten who tried to join the guerrillas.

At O'Donnell, conditions were deplorable; little food, unsanitary conditions and sleeping in the open without blankets took a toll of thousands of Americans.

After one month at this camp he was shipped to the Cabanatuan consentration camp where the same conditions prevailed. Upon arriving Saunders became very ill from malaria and he spent the following eleven months lying on the bare filthy wooden floor of a shack called "the hospital."

Just outside of this camp, the Japs opened a 400-acre farm for the prisoners to take care of.

When Saunders recovered sufficiently, he was put to work on this farm.

On Christmas, 1942, he received his first food parcel from the American Red Cross. He was given seven parcels during the long captivity. In 1942 he also received his first mail from home, 39 letters—all about a year old, but welcome. He received only one more after that.

He remained in the Philippines until August, 1944, when he was sent to Billbid prison in Manila. There he was given a few clothes, a half-hearted medical examination and loaded in the hold of a Japan-bound ship along with 1,500 other Americans.

After landing on the Jap home island of Honshu, Saunders and his fellow prisoners were sent to a camp near Osaki. Here he remained until the end of the war.

Describing the effect of the first atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Saunders said, "It was nearly dark and we were in our marracks. All of a sudden I heard a low rumble and the earth started shifting just like it did during the earthquakes in the Philippines—in fact, I thought it was an earthquake. Even though we were many miles from where the bomb hit, the blast tore the walls off our barracks."

Then, on August 15, his guards received notice of the Japanese surrender. Describing this, Saunders said: "We were at work in the field, when the guards suddenly took us back to camp and locked us in barracks. We didn't know what was going on but we thought maybe there might be some negotiations under way. We were held in the barracks for three days, without working, and finally the commandant of the camp came in to make us a speech. He said that the Emperor had made a speech and that Jauan had surrendered. He also added: 'War over —Americans and Japanese shake hands.' He apologized for the treatment we had received and hoped that he could make the rest of our stay here more comfortable."

There were no demonstrations after the speech. The former prisoners turned and silently walked back to their barracks to try to grasp the significance of that announcement. A few days later, American planes dropped food, medicine and clothing, including women's underwear, with an attached note: "Sorry boys—that's the best we can do right now."

Saunders was evacuated to Yokohama on September 10 and went aboard the hospital ship, USS Trion, where he received medical care, new clothes, a partial payment and his first real American meal. He came to the States via Manila and landed at San Francisco. When he was liberated, he weighed 100 pounds; upon landing in America, he found that he had already gained 40. He remained in a hospital in San Francisco for a few days and then was sent to Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, for treatment.

He is home on sick leave now and hopes to be discharged from both the hospital and the army soon.

BEAUTIFUL SOUP

Dallas, Tex.—Sid Nabors, was appointed camp butcher for his Japanese guards while he did a 37 month hitch in a prison camp. They gave him the bones and Nabors says that he left enough meat on them to save a lot of lives as well as his own.

WISH WE HAD SOME

Seattle.—Ornulf Poulser has come to Seattle to buy salmon. Mr. Poulsen who is from Oslo, Norway, says that his reason for buying the fish for home consumption is that the Oslo salmon is too valuable and brings too high price in world markets for his people to use.

Events - Comments

Our Own Advice: If you must typewrite, learn to spell.

Famous men are made by publicity; great men need no publicity.

The good old days will be back when salesmen try to sell you things.

People who eat heavy meals at night should not expect to sleep soundly.

Times change; three years ago the defeat of the Axis was not definitely assured.

Fools rush in where angels fear to tread—this applies to people who speak in public.

Philosophers are inclined to believe that time is only the artificial invention of man.

Money is the great commodity; it takes cash to get justice, even in civilized countries.

Who can remember the old days when a country picnic was the big event of the season?

One of the best ways to welcome war heroes is to make certain that they find employment.

The first Christmas Seals were sold in Denmark in 1904.

Maybe what the country needs is a moratorium on editorials, after dinner speeches and radio "messages."

Have you bought any War Bonds—just to show that you appreciate the victory that came to the nation?

The fundamental importance of the average individual is often overexaggerated by the average individual.

We have about lost all hope of stopping speed maniacs from killing themselves, and others, on the highways,

Occasionally a business may be a self-starter but somewhere along the line somebody has got to keep it going.

A system is a plan to make other people do the things that you will have to do yourself unless they do them.

The mystery of the universe can be solved if somebody will discover everything about a star or a leaf on a tree.

The time to take care of your health is before it disappears.

The farmers are watching the outcome of labor's effort to get higher wages; they have something in mind for the farmers.

Bedford can do a lot for its people if the people are willing to cooperate in the doing of a lot of things for themselves.

It won't be long now before candidates for election next year will begin to show signs of interest in the welfare of the people.

The human race, according to the archaeologists, has been functioning for at least 8,000 years; it has learned a little, but very little.

The greatest danger to world peace is the number of people who expect to have peace without being ready to do anything to get it.

The life of a nation, suddenly attacked by overwhelming force, depends upon the number of men ready trained for military service.

The spread of religion is often handicapped by the ignorance of those who think they have it in excessive quantities.

No drug has yet been found which will cure tuberculosis, but scientists are continuously searching for one. Medical research is financed by the National Tuberculosis Association from Christmas Seal funds.

Rest, complete bed rest under medical supervision, is the only cure known for tuberculosis. There are 100,000 beds for tuberculous patients in this country.

A racketeer is a man who cashes in on the ignorance, prejudice or superstition of others.

P. H. CLARKE

P. H. Clarke, 84, formerly of Bedford, died Tuesday in a hospital in Norfolk. Mr. Clarke was engaged in the manufacture of buggies, wagons, etc., in Bedford. He was a member of the firm of Clarke and Gallahan.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. A. F. Schafhirt, Norfolk; and three sons: O. H. Clarke, Roanoke; J. C. Clarke, Fredericksburg; T. R. Clarke, Hopewell; a sister and a brother, of Culpeper.

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Auction Sale For 'E' Bond Drive Is Successful Here

$45,000 Invested In Bonds At Auction Sponsored By Veterans

Bedford county took another step toward reaching its quota in the purchase of E Bonds, Saturday night, when an auction sale was held at the armory. The sum of $45,000 was invested at this sale which was sponsored by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The auction held Saturday night was one of the fastest sales of bonds held in this county during the entire period of bond campagins. The fast-moving Hopkins Brothers of Lynchburg, were the auctioneers.

Bedford has reached its quota in all other types of Victory Bonds. The Bond premier which will be held at the Bridge Theater, to-night, December 13, is expected to up the sale. Bedford's quota of E Bonds is $215,000 and according to the report from the Federal Reserve Bank, Tuesday, sales so far, have amounted to only $113,740.

The War Finance Committee for Virginia is appealing to the thousands of Virginians who will receive Christmas Savings Club checks about December 1 to invest just as heavy a portion of this income as possible in Victory Bonds.

Dr. Francis P. Gaines, of Lexington, State WFC chairman, noting lagging E Bond sales in many Virginia communities, said he was greatly impressed by the report of Herbert F. Rawl, founder and president of the Christmas Club, a New York corporation, that Virgininans have saved an estimated $0,00,000 this year through these clubs. According to Mr. Rawl's estimates, Virginia is the fifth state in the nation in the total amount of money saved through Chirstmas Clubs this year.

Virginia tobacco growers were urged today by Dr. John R. Hutcheson, president, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, to invest some of their income from this season's crop in Victory Bonds and to defer expenditures for repairs, equipment, buildings and home furnishings until later on when these things can be purchased more economically.

"During the past two years, thousands of tobacco growers have invested a part of their increased income which they have been receiving for tobacco in War Bonds," Dr. Hutcheson stated. "The owners of these Bonds did much to assist their sons on the battlefronts and to help keep the flag of freedom flying throughout the world.

Fred W. Vinson, secretary of the treasury, says "Your E. Bond is a certificate of deposit in the safest depository in the world—the treasury of the United States.

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A. G. Cummings, Bedford county chairman of the Victory Loan Committee, makes the following appeal, "Buy all the E Bonds you possibly can and help put Bedford county's quota over the top."

New Transcontinental Air Speed Record Made

An experimental bomber, the Douglas XB-42, winged across the continent in five hours, 17 minutes, 34 seconds, Sunday, cutting 46 minutes off the previous West-East record.

The two-engined plane with pusher propellors averaged 432 miles per hour on the 2,295 mile flight from Long Beach, Calif., to Bolling Field, an army airbase in southeast Washington.

The XB-42, with its dual rotation propellors in the tail took off from Long Beach at 1.22 p. m., E. S. T., and roared across the Bolling Field control tower at 6:39:34 p m., E. S. T.

It carried only two army pilots, Lt. Col. H. E. Warden, chief of the bombardment branch of the air technical service command at Wright Field O., and Capt. Glenn W. Edwards of the bomber test section at Wright Field. The plane had a gross weight of more than 34,000 pounds with approximately 1,400 gallons of fuel.

Lynchburg People Ask Home Owners for Room

An appeal has been made to home owners in Lynchburg to give up one, two or more rooms in their homes to relieve the acute housing situation. The appeal was made by members of the Lynchburg Real Estate Board.

The American Legion, recently appointed a committee to confer with the realty board over the plight of returning veterans, many of whom have been unable to find living quarters for wives and families.

Home From POW Camp



Bernard W. Saunders

Bernard W. Saunders, recently freed from three and one-half years in a Jap "hell-hole" prison of war camp, whose experiences were revealed last week in this paper consented to poise for this recent photograph. He is now on a rest and recuperation furlough at his home at Wheatland.

State Departments Being Studied By Commission

Commissions appointed for the study of special state departments are making their reports and when the General Assembly convenes in January, it will have findings which will give advice on more than 35 subjects, ranging from matters of apparent little importance to laws governing taxation and voting.

Abolition of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and substitution of a commission to administer the State's liquor monopoly system was recommended in a report released by the House of Delegates' ABC Study Commission.

The five-man legislature group, headed by Delegate Paul Crockett, of York, proposed 14 changes in the present ABC setup. In addition to replacement of what it called the "three-man trium-virate," the commission's recommendations included:

Terminate the use of ration books as speedily as possible.

Provide for facilities, financed by State ABC monies, to cure and rehabilitate chronic alcoholics.

Lay more stress on promotion of temperance—"the spirit behind the adoption of the law"—and less on profits from ABC sales.

Permit the sale of distilled spirits in half-pint containers.

Locate ABC stores on side streets, in low-rent areas, and curb ABC Board activities in real estate matters.

Crack down on "clubs which are ostensibly incorporated for the enjoyment of the members, but which all too frequently are devices to evade the purpose and intent of the Alcohol Beverage Control Law."

Stress enforcement phases of the ABC law "with a view to terminating or curbing the disorder which has become a feature attendant upon the operation of many retail beer and wine stores."

Although admitting that ABC Board affairs "have on the whole been handled in an efficient and well-regulated manner," the commission deplored what it described as the board's giving "paramount consideration" to the profit motive.

The commission form of administration, which the report would substitute for the board, would be headed by a commissioner of alcoholic beverages appointed by the Governor for a four-year term at a salary of $7,500 a year. Four associate members would round out the commission, serving at a per diem of $10 and expenses.

In support of the commission administrative form, the report cited its success in other State agencies. It added: "In the interest of economy, efficient administration, reflection of the will of the people and more direct responsibility for action taken, a single head for the agency with associate commissioners . . . would be preferable" to the present board.

Training Union Officers Elected By Baptists

At a recent business meeting at the Bedford Baptist church, the ofthe Bedford Baptist church, the Training Union department elected officers for the new year.

The officers are as follows: C. M. Buck, Jr., president; Mrs. W. S. Arthur, associate president; G. C. Luck, secretary; Mrs. A. G. Carter, Young People's leader; Mrs. W. S. Arthur, intermediate leader; Mrs. Eula Johnson and Raymond Meador, Junior leaders; and Mrs. Raymond Meador and Mrs. C. M. Buck, Story Hour leaders.

The man who says his work is really play will reach the day when it will be work.

Bedford School Pupils Plan Christmas Program

The pupils of the first, second and combined third and fourth grades taught by Mrs. Annie Markham, Mrs. Frank Hays and Miss Helen Luck will present a Christmas play entitled, "Farewell to Typhoid," on Friday morning, December 31, at 11:15 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The colorful scene depicts Santa Clause played by Allen Bornstein choosing toys to fill the request of many children.

The leading parts will be played by Dallas Pinion, Jacqueline Harper, Betsy Hopkins, Lewis Chryssikos and David Wright.

The public is cordially invited to the entertainment.

Bedford County Men And Women Returning Weekly

S. Sgt. Wyatt H. Walton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walton, of Route 2, Huddleston, was awarded his Honorable Discharge, December 7 at Greensboro, N. C., at impressive ceremonies officially separating him from the Army Air Forces.

This post, one of a network conducted by the A. A. F. Personnel Distribution Command, is designed to expedite a speedy return to civilian life for the veteran.

While at this post Sgt. Walton was invited to enjoy the many recreational facilities available for his entertainment during the short period of his stay prior to receiving his Honorable Discharge.

Sgt. Walton is a veteran of six months with the 15th Air Force and holds the Air Medal with cluster.

Elmer H. Kirby, G. M. 3/c., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kirby of Route 4, Bedford, received his discharge last week at Norfolk after serving in the Pacific theater of operations aboard the USS Picking.

Lieut. Howard A. Logwood has been placed on inactive duty at Boca Raton, Fla., and accepted a position in Washington, D. C.

A brother, Robert E. Logwood, S. 1/c., has graduated from the gunnery school at Pensacola, Fla.

They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Logwood of Route 5, Bedford.

Following are names of Army personnel from Lynchburg vicinity discharged recently at Fort George G. Meade:

From Bedford: Pfc. George W. Overstreet; Cpl. Clarence G. Stanley; Cpl. Allen M. Newman; T-5 Merriman C. Witt; Pfc. Lester C. Strawn.

From Lowry: T-5 James S. Arthur, Route 1.

From Moneta: Cpl. John W. McManaway.

From Huddleston: Pfc. Henry M. Mattox.

From Big Island: Cpl. Hugh J. Tooley; Pvt. Lloyd A. Whorley.

Pfc. Morris R. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnson has been discharged and returned to his home on Blue Ridge avenue. He served two years and eight months with the U. S. Marine Corps, twenty months on Tinian Island, as a switchboard operator.

Staff Sgt. Jason R. Johnson has been discharged after four years with U. S. Army Air Force. He received the Pacific Campaign Medal with three bronze service stars; Philippine Liberation ribbons; good conduct medal; Victory medal and the American service medal. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnson.

S/Sgt. Dillard Markham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmor Markham, of Goode, was discharged from service Wednesday, November 21, at Maxwell Field, Ala., after serving four years in the Air Corps. He has now joined his wife and little son at Ray City, Ga.

Pfc. L. Rucker Robertson, of Roanoke and Bedford, arrived Tuesday aboard the SS John Ericcson at New York from the European theater of operations. He called his wife the former Miss Lucille Overstreet from Camp Kilmer, N. J., Tuesday

Dark-Fired Tobacco Is Selling High

103,406 Pounds Sold To Date; Highest Is $37 Per Hundred

Bedford stands out among other dark-fired markets of the state, this week, on account of the excellent prices received by the growers who have sold their crop here.

A total of 103,406 pounds has been sold bringing the farmers the sum of about $31,519. The market has averaged about $30.45 per hundred weight.

Tobacco has been brought in from various sections of Bedford county and from points outside the county. One grower received $37 per hundred for some of his offerings and the highest individual average was a little more than $34 per hundred.

The quality of the tobacco this week, has improved over that sold last week. Warehouse managers are urging farmers to use care in the grading of their tobacco, to prevent any of the common grades from getting into the better grades, thus bringing down the price.

Delegates Named To Convention By Republicans

At a mass meeting of Republican voters at the court house Wednesday afternoon, twenty-two delegates with one-half vote each were elected to the Sixth District Republican Convention in Roanoke Saturday for the purpose of nominating a Republican candidate for the congressional seat to be vacated by Rep. C. A. Woodrum.

S. P. Stewart, chairman of the Bedford County Executive Committee, presided and W. H. Meador, of Moneta acted as secretary.

The following were elected as delegates to the convention: B. W. Dinwiddie, W. H. Baldock, Mrs. Spottswood Foster, Mrs. Stewart Camden, W. H. Baldock, Jr., J. C. Richardson, Dr. Jennings Wilson, S. P. Stewart, R. R. Harris, W. D. Thompson, C. W. Bays, W. L. Simmons, Frank E. Wood, T. J. Gray, W. H. Brydges, A. T. Taylor, Mrs. Gordon Stewart, W. H. Meador, M. L. Denison, C. M. Aldridge, Garland W. Woodford, and S. W. Woodford. Mrs. E. C. Turpin and W. B. Gray were named alternates.

A resolution was adopted that the delegation vote as a unit and uninstructed.

Attendance Records For Schools Issued

A. G. Cummings, division superintendent of schools, has issued the attendance percentage records for the schools in Bedford county in November.

The attendance in white schools are as follows:

Forest school, 92.4; Bedford high school, 91.7; Boonsboro high school, 91.6; Moneta high school, 91.5; Brookhill, 91; Huddleston high school, 91; Thaxton, 91; Montvale high school, 87.5; Patmos, 87; Coleman Falls, 86; Marcuse high school, 85.7; Stewartsville high school, 85.7; Liberty Academy, 84.9; Cool Spring, 84.

The attendance in the colored schools appears below:

Montvale, 97.4; Olive Branch, 97; Mt. Valley, 96; Oakmulgee, 95; Providence-Hensley, 95; Western Light, 95; Hutter, 94; Sharon, 94; Poplar Springs, 93; Reid, 93; Moseley, 92; Piney Grove, 92; Everette, 91; Antioch (CF), 90; Counter Ridge, 90; Creasy, 90; Longwood, 90; Munford, 90; Whitten Road, 90; Oak Mountain, 89; Emmaus, 88; Bedford Training School, 87.5; Goode, 87; Green Spring, 87; Powell, 86; Gibson-Turner, 84; Meriwether, 84; Antioch (Pksv.), 79; Johnson Mountain, 79; Promise Land, 77; Bunker Hill, 68.



LOCAL NAVY MAN RETURNS ON BENNINGTON

The USS BENNINGTON, which docked in San Francisco last month, is shown speeding through the Pacific with her planes lashed to the flight dock. The aircraft carrier participated in the first air strike against Japan, with Task Force 58.

Grady E. Sumner, Seaman, first class, Route 1, Bedford, served on the USS BENNINGTON, which arrived in San Francisco November 7. As a member of Task Group 58, the "Busy B" participated in the first carrier strike against Japan.

Despite damage inflicted by the terrific typhoon of June 4-5, 1945, the BENNINGTON later returned to Japan and launched an attack against Kyushu airfields.

Her planes also took part in strikes against Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Keramo Retto, and other Japanese home islands.

Town Turns Down Offer Of Cemetery

Town Asked To Grade New Street; $100 Is Donated For Party

The proposal made by the trustees of the Longwood and Oakwood cemeteries that the town purchase the fair grounds and donate the land to the town for use as a cemetery provided the town assume the perpetual care and upkeep of all the cemetery property was given thorough consideration at a meeting of the council called for the purpose, December 6.

The matter was discussed from every angle and while it was recognized that the care of the cemetery is largely an obligation of the town since an unsightly cemetery reflects on the town more than on the individual lot owners, the council realizes that some permanent arrangement should be made for care and upkeep of the cemeteries.

Since practically all of the burial space in these cemeteries has been sold the town's only revenue would be from the sales of lots in the fair grounds area, and survey shows there is space for seven thousand graves available.

The general opinion of the council was that the proportion of the trustees of the cemeteries was good, but that the town would be going into the cemetery business, and with the state restrictions and regulations of cemeteries within municipal corporations as well as operating procedure they felt it was a large and long obligation to pass on to future councils, so the proposal was rejected.

F. O. Thomas and H. A. Scott appeared before the council at its regular meeting, Tuesday night, to ask that a proposed street extending approximately 300 feet west of Westview avenue be graded and that water and sewer lines be laid along this extension. It was stated that several new residences will probably be built on this extension. The matter was left with the street committee.

The council voted to donate the sum of $100 towards the expenses of the Christmas party which is sponsored by the local American Legion post. The legion was represented in its request by B. D. Murray and W. L. Skinnell. The party will be held on the night of December 21.

The committee on the use of the "crazy basement for club meetings was continued and J. N. Parker was added to the committee. This committee will make its report at a special meeting to be held i na few days.

Bills were allowed to the amount of $4,126.94.

Rebekah Lodge Plans Christmas Program

Peaks of Otter Rebekah lodge No. 32, I. O. O. F., will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday night, December 18. After the meeting there will be a Christmas party. All members are invited to attend and bring a gift. Names will be drawn and gifts presented at the party.

Nine Boys Volunteer For Armed Forces

The Local Service Board has issued the names of nine Bedford county boys who have volunteered for the armed forces.

Those volunteering for the Army were Lewis Mefford Lawhorn, Marvin Jacob Miller, Mack Edward Wood, and Waverly Rufner Mitchell.

Those volunteering for the Navy were Harold A. Sumner, John Willie Carter, James Arthur Witt, Ralph Carl Boggess and Herman L. Dean.

Roanoke Stock Market

Veal calves, 17.10; fat hogs, 14.55; fat steers, 16.50; fat heifers, 13.50; fat cows, 11.50; fat bulls, 11.60; stockers and feeders, 12-15; fresh cows, 70-90; old poor cows, 5-8.

"Horse-Laugh"

Bedford can set back today and give Lynchburg, Roanoke and other Virginia hamlets the good old "horse-laugh." As these towns simmer in the political stew—aroused when some wide awake citizen brought the Soldier's Voting Act to the attention of election officials in Roanoke—and the Roanoke World News brought it to the attention of its readers—where other Virginia newspapers took note— and as Virginia public officials perked-up—even the Governor himself is after legal advice—over the coming election. These towns are interested in how this will affect their primary elections in March. A prospective candidate to enter the primary in March should have filed his declaration one week ago yesterday. It seems that none of these Virginia cities have had candidates to do this. Now they must do, if the law is not repealed, as Bedford has been doing for many years —having what is known as a Non-Partisan election. This election headache, does not affect Bedford's coming election for city officials.

Welfare Office Issues Report On Monthly Work

The Bedford County Welfare Department during the month of November, assisted 314 persons. Of this number 264 were given financial assistance while 50 were rendered some other form of service.

In the financial group, 196 persons received $2326 through Old Age Assistance, making the average grant $11.87. In the 31 families which received Aid to Dependent Children there were 72 children receiving a total of $645.00 or an average of approximately $9.00 per child.

Nine blind persons received a total of $121.00 or an average of $13.44 each. There were 23 persons who received a total of $226.00 through General Relief and in five cases the Department paid for the care of boys and girls in boarding homes.

During the month 22 new applications were handled. Of this number nine were for financial assistance and the others included assistance in domestic relations cases, juvenile behavior problems and selective service.

Nelson Bond Featured In New Humorous Book

Nelson Bond, playwright, of Roanoke is featured in the best seller collection of anecdotes and humorous stories by Bennett Cerf entitled "Try And Stop Me."

Bond, who has written numerous radio scripts and recent winner of the Dr. Christian Award from Jean Hersholt for 1944, owns the "Three Otters" estate near Bedford.

Cerf is a New York publisher, editor, columnist, book reviewer and radio commentator and head of the Random House publishers. This work is a collection of humorous stories from well known personalities in various fields of achievement.

Electric Co-op Is Observing Ninth Anniversary

Electric service will be extended to many additional farms in the area covered by the Southside Electric Cooperative during the next year, Charles S. Hooper, Jr., manager, announced as the Cooperative this week entered its ninth year of operations.

Relaxation of wartime regulations since the end of the war in Europe has made it possible for the Cooperative to proceed with its delayed construction projects, according to Manager Hooper. About 500 consumers have received service on lines completed since V-E Day, he said, and approved projects for which REA loan funds have already been allotted will be rushed to completion as rapidly as materials and labor can be obtained.

"In addition to construction now underway or approved," Mr. Hooper continued, "we are making surveys for projects which, upon completion, would put almost every rural family in our area within easy reach of our lines. We expect, within the next three years, to extend service to approximately 7,500 consumers who are not now served, if the required funds can be obtained."

The Cooperative put its first 60 miles of power lines into operation in Nottaway, Brunswick, Amelia, and Dinwiddie County on December 10, 1937. The first lines served only 90 consumers. In eight years, the power system has grown to 1400 miles of distribution lines serving 3850 consumers.

"Since our first lines were energized, vast strides have been made in the application of electric power to farming operations," Mr. Hooper said.

"During the war years, farmers along our lines have put electricity to work at a great variety of farm tasks, reducing labor requirements and adding to farm profits. Electric water pumps to provide water for livestock and poultry as well as for household uses; milking machines, chick brooders and numerous other appliances have definitely proved their worth on many of the farms our Co-op serves. This has been especially true on the great majority of the 300 farms connected to our lines between 1942 and V-E day, under special War Production Board regulations allowing us to extend service toi farms able to use electrical equipment to save labor or increase production."

W. H. Walton of Huddleston is president of the Cooperative.

House Seat Race Hot Contest For Party Nominees

Almond and McWane Probable Candidates For Nominations

Assured Democratic Nomination



J. Lindsay Almond, Jr.

Probable Republican Candidate



Fred W. McWane

With an off-season political scrap in the wind, Virginia's Sixth District will have contenders for Clifton A. Woodrum's Congress seat picked Saturday, December 15. The Democrats will flock to Lynchburg as the Republicans convene to Roanoke. Woodrum has held the Sixth District laurels for about 23 years, and the contenders will tussel for his unexpired term in Congress.

Virginia's Sixth District may be without a congressman from December 31, when Representative Clifton A. Woodrum's resignation takes effect, until 90 days after the governor calls a special election and that a further delay will result in the successful candidate qualifying before the House—is the opinion of John M. Hart, Roanoke commissioner of revenue and former judge of the Hustings court—to whose attention the Soldier Voters Act was taken.

As yet, State officials have not figured what this law does mean to this coming race—but it seems that a ninety-day delay is necessary so that the soldiers stationed overseas may have a chance to vote. If election officials decide that this is so, aspects of this coming election may be changed.

Roanoke's Husting Court's Judge Lindsay Almond is sure to don the Democratic Party's political boxing gloves against the GOP's selection. Fred McWane of Lynchburg, if nominated, will probably accept the challenge. McWane, who has given Woodrum many a 15-pound bout, and has taken on every Democrat candidate around these parts for the fray, can furnish Almond more than a political sparring partner for the election in January. The last time he ran for office, he was declared "winnah" in many solid-Democratic sections, his home town Lynchburg for one.

The Democratic Convention at Lynchburg will probably be cut and dry compared to the Republican's meeting in Roanoke. Fred McWane will probably not be the only Republican nominated. Many feel that State Senator Ted Dalton, of Radford and Bentley Hite of Christiansburg, will receive bids to run. Most feel that Fred McWane, Sr., will eventually be nominated. Lt. Fred McWane, Jr., has been mentioned as a possible candidate. He is McWane's son, and probably will put his hat in the ring if his father refuses to accept the nomination.

Judge Almond may have competion at the Lynchburg convention as many delegates are going uninstructed. State Senator Robert A. Russell of Rustburg has been mentioned as a possibility. duVal Radford of Bedford had once been suggested as a candidate when Lynchburg and Roanoke's newspapers wrangled over the "part" of the Sixth District a Democratic nominee should be from. Radford, it is understood, will not run.

The Democrats are sending 50 delegates, each with one-half vote from Bedford county to take part in the convention at Lynchburg, Saturday. With eleven votes, the Republicans will send twenty-two delegates to Roanoke.

Governor Opposes Military Merger At Conference

Speaking at the recent conference of southern governors, Governor Darden, of Virginia viewed the army-sponsored merger of the armed forces as the creation of a "gigantic political power * * * under one man, laying the foundation for political and military difficulties far greater than any savings."

The president of the National Guard association—Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh of Minneapolis—attacked the Guerney-May bill, now before congress to provide a year's compulsory military training, as the first step toward creation of a national militia which might supplant the state-controlled national guards.

Walsh said, however, his organization endorsees compulsory military training in principle.

Nimitz' Deputy

The armed forces merger also was attacked by Rear Admiral Forrest Sherman. Admiral Nimitz' wartime deputy chief of staff. He voiced a navy proposal to continue joint control of separately-organized armed forces through "councils and conferences" like World War II's joint chiefs of staff.

Sportsmen Urged To Save Brood Stocks

An appeal to the sportsmen to save the quail where brood stocks are low was made by the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries at its meting today. This was the alternative to closing the season the season by regulation in sections where birds are known to be scarce.

It was the opinion of members of the Commission that it would be putting too much hunting pressure on areas where the shooting is reasonably good if nearby areas were closed and that best results could be obtained for the remaining weeks of the regular season by appealing directly to the sportsmen to refrain from shooting coveys down too low.

Episcopalians Elect Vestrymen For Year

At the Annual Congregational meeting of St. Johns Episcopal church on December 10, the following were elected as Vestrymen to serve for the ensuing year:

C. M. Abbot, H. W. Benn, A. J. Cauthorn, A. B. Claytor, E. D. Gregory, R. L. Harris, J. W. Hayes, T. S. Johnson, H. B. Jordan, Harry Maupin, J. E. Mitchell, Jr., and W. T. Walker.

VPI President Urges Advance In Agriculture Field

"If rural Virginia is to retain a reasonable proportion of its best young people, life in the country must offer better opportunities" declared the commission headed by Dr. J. R. Hutcheson, president of V. P. I., which called for a broad program for expanded agricultural research and education, modernization of marketing facilities, and the further development of rural resources. In a form of legislative proposals, the commission appointed by Governor Darden eight months ago to study and recommend a long-time development of agriculture in Virginia, made this detailed report this week at Richmond.

Among highlights of the numerous legislative recommendations are: expansion immediately of the research work of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station and the Virginia Truck Experiment Station; extension and improvement of local health department service; arrangement for farmers to obtain loans for any or all agricultural purposes by a single credit instrument, and greater protection for the State's forest resources against losses by fire.

Aggressive Action Needed

"A comparison of rural Virginia's rank with other States in churches, schools, health facilities, housing, electric lights and power, running water, telephones, radio and modern household equipment shows necessity for aggressive action to establish equal opportunity and thereby to place a higher level of living within reach of all our people," the investigation said.

"An intensive educational program should be initiated at once," the commission said, "to inform all

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A MEDITATION FOR TODAY

Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of giving out of one's self, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another.—Thomas Hughes.

HOUSING SHORTAGE, POST-WAR PROBLEM NO. 1

A month ago, this paper made a housing shortage survey of Bedford. At that time, it looked really bad. Since then, we have heard that it is getting even more acute.

At this time, we feel that a few questions should be asked, and somehow, believe a few of these questions should be answered! What group is going to be the first to take steps to alleviate the increasingly serious shortage? What form of action will that take? How soon will a large scale building program be underway here? It seems to us that among the first post-war problems to be solved in Bedford, the housing shortage must lead the list. The solution of this will indicate the success of solving others. We will have to tackle tougher problems in the future. Right now, the housing problem is getting embarrassingly acute, with vague assurance of any immediate solution.

There are literally hundreds of people with the necessary capital and the urgent desire to build. There are building lots within and close without the town limits. There are contractors to build, and plenty of them. These facts seem apparent. Where, then, is the bottleneck? It can't be that the labor shortage is growing steadily as, for daily, ex-servicemen are returning, and increasingly so. They all haven't been absorbed so far in other industries that the building industry is lacking its pre-war employees and not attracting new recruits to that trade. Lack of labor cannot be much of a problem.

Chester Bowles, OPA Boss, charged, recently, that the clothing industry was deliberately holding back on clothing shipments till after January 1, to take advantage of the repeal of the excess-profits tax. We understand, that only cheap building materials, and a scarcity of these are part of the future building outlook. Could it be that, building material for homes, are being held back until then or are they being diverted for use on projects that will bring a more profitable return to the manufacturers of these materials. If these materials are being held back until after the first of the year, let's see that Bedford gets its share. If the materials are being diverted to the building of higher-priced items—and so-little avilable to the construction of private homes—let's see what can be done about that. For a community to grow, a parallel growth must be timed with other expansion. Bedford is ready to expand—but first it must have additional private homes—for people to live in comfort. Whatever the solution, agitation for it can not do harm. If we cannot solve the bottleneck of the civic housing shortage, how will Bedford expect to attract new industries, and keep them manned. Let some action be taken, some plan formulated so that we can get over the hurdle of having this acute shortage exist. It stands to reason, unless something is done, it will grow worse.

THE GIFT CUSTOM

Peninsula Enterprise

In the past years it has been remarked that some people make a burden of their Christmas gifts, by spending more money on them than they can afford. And that many people make the occasion one of strain and fatigue, by the great amount of work they devote to selecting and sending their greetings, messages, and gifts.

Perhaps there are some who thus overdo this joyous occasion. Probably some are so full of generosity that they neglect their own real needs and families, but this is not true of the great majority.

The custom of making generous gifts is one of the most beautiful of popular habits. It indicates that for a few weeks people have set aside their customary striving for their own benefit, and have devoted plenty of time and thought and money to the demonstration of affection, and to an effort to give happiness to their friends.

Thus an example of unselfishness is set, and it develops the habit in people of thinking in a generous way, and giving attention to the needs of their friends, and to the wants of those who suffer from poverty or misfortune. Thus people tend to become more conscious of the human life about them, and are less disposed to concentrate their attention on their own desires.

The Bible told a grand truth when it said that it is more blessed to give than to receive. It may be true of the majority of people, that they take a keener pleasure at Christmas in making gifts that will give their friends happiness, than they do in receiving the gifts that are made to them. In so far as they share this feeling, they rise to a greater height than ordinary human nature is capable of attaining as a usual thing. They are drawn closer to the friends to whom they make these gifts.

The new theory with the labor unions is that the less you work the more you should earn. Even the Russians are not that crazy.

Every young man should learn to cook a few things. He may get married some day and want breakfast before he goes to work.

LEST WE FORGET . . . .

Until a useful, living memorial dedicated to the Bedford County Men and Women who served in the Armed Forces . . . . is erected, this paper will continue to remind you of their unselfish service . . . . . until this tribute is erected as a constant reminder, of services rendered. We feel that the price paid is too dear . . . . for us to forget so soon. Three months ago we talked, and wrote letters, and adopted resolutions . . . . today, no memorial, and little talk of a memorial. Have we forgotten . . . . so soon? Lest we forget . . . . actions speak louder than words, and words are better than no interest at all.

SHOP EARLY IS SOUND ADVICE

Not many years ago the "Shop Early" slogan began to appear about this time in an effort to persuade people to make their Christmas purchases early, in order to avoid a last minute rush which was inconvenient to shoppers and sales people.

This year it is more advisable than ever before for the people both of the town and county of Bedford to do their Christmas shopping early, not so much to avoid inconveniencing the sales people, but of the shortage of available goods. In fact, those who expect to choose their Christmas gifts with discretion will have to act fast or they will not only lose the right of choice but probably the opportunity to purchose as well.

By reference to the advertising columns of the Bedford Democrat you will find that the leading merchants of Bedford are plentifully supplied with Christmas goods and gadgets of almost unimaginable extent. By next December, some of the marvels promised for the post-war era should be on sale. The thought may temper the disappointment of those unable to buy what they want in 1945.

THE PUBLIC INTEREST

An angry business man, some years ago, when he had lost an argument, and was reminded that the public interest must be considered, blurted out, "the public be damned." That is about what happens to the public when labor and industry fight. The public, waiting for new cars and products made of steel has a vital interest in the relations of auto and steel mill workers and management. When coal miners strike babies freeze and the public faces discomfort. Must the public continue to be the innocent bystander who always gets hurt?

Compulsory arbitration has proved effective in Australia, and the time is coming when Mr. John Q. Public will demand that his side be considered here.

Neither labor or industry can refuse to arbitrate and maintain the public's good will.—Pincastle Herald.

GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

"It's an ill wind that blows no man good," said a young man in a discussion of the scarcity of shirts, socks, etc., for men. He continued that perhaps women would get the habit of buying something else for their menfolks for Christmas.

The articles named above have long been stand-bys for gifts. Some men have depended on the Christmas supply to last them through the coming year.

Many men have been pleased with the selections made by family and friends, but there is another class or age whose members have worn their gifts with pain, if they have been worn at all. Many boys and young men have relegated their gifts to the draw of the un-usables or have passed them on to those who were not so particular about their areas. Thousands of ties, socks, etc., given as Christmas gifts are a total waste as they are never used.

A gift should be a pleasure to the recipient and perhaps the men will have more joy in their gifts, this Christmas.

TEN YEARS OR MORE

The occupation of Germany will probably last ten years or more, according to General Joseph G. McNarney, now commanding American forces in Europe.

General McNarney thinks that there is the probability that the occupation will be much longer in order to give the Germans time to establish themselves along democratic lines and to perfect a self-supporting economic program.

He also favors a plan to permit families to join those in the forces of occupation as soon as possible but he frankly admits that this can hardly be done during the present winter.

In the meantime, he continues the denazification policy set up by General Eisenhower, emphasizing that "the German people must realize that they are responsible and that their debt has not been paid.

EXERCISE

Exercise is something people think will atone for eating too much. A century ago when most men got a living with an axe, rifle, and hoe they did not worry about expanding waistlines. Suspenders and belts served a utilitarian purpose instead of an ornamental one. Naturally a society that's smart enough to invent atomic bombs and lawn mowers that operate by their own power has been able to develop many forms of exercise. A man can whack a little white ball and then chase it into ravines and woods. That stirs up his feelings as well as his muscles. He can work himself into a lather over the political situation. He can raise vegetables that won't cost much more than he could buy them for. He can sit on the porch steps and sprinkle the lawn; that's good for the arms and wrists. Many men have discovered that reading the paper is excellent exercise. After all, mind is superior to matter, and mental exercise, if taken in a rocking chair on the porch, is comfortable and pleasant.—Wall Street Journal.

PARENTS MUST SHARE BLAME

Everybody is familiar with the accidents that occur during the hunting season and the toll taken of hunters who become the victims of over-anxious comrades or of "unloaded guns."

In connection with these fatalities, which result from the careless use of firearms, we should not overlook the recurring instances where boys and girls of tender age are accidentally killed by firearms in the hands of juvenile playmates.

This brings a serious charge against parents who should know, by this time, that guns, rifles and pistols are not proper toys for children.

The Right Spirit

Black



Wearers Of

The Local Selective Service Board has issued the names of 100 additional Bedford county men who have received an honorable discharge from the armed forces.

The men are as follows: Lewis E. Calloway, Lewis T. Thurman, Morris D. Wills, James W. Davenport, Roy L. Slusher, Edward E. Arthur, Richard J. Preston, William G. Scott, Harry B. Wright, Gordon W. Padgett, Ira M. Parrish, Albert A. Bowyer, Jessie D. Hopson, Henry Callaway, Morris C. Bowles, John P. Lapghlin, William R. Dyke, Leslie E. StClair.

James W. Davis, Pat M. Witt, Robert H. Chandler, John E. Hardy, Albert A Bosta, Sam Jordan, William E. Martin, Roscoe M. Cox, Carl R. Austin, James R. Blake, Gordon W. Christansen, Frank J. Woodford, Thomas A. Mitchell, Richard A. Rucker, Richard H. Price, Hubert J. Gray, George Board, Richard K. Gregory, John W. Watson, Frank M. Griggs, Lawton R. Saunders, John S. Markham, Walter L. Webber.

Leon F. Dooley, Bernard O. Waldron, Macon E. Burford, Irvin D. Cundiff, William D. Nichols, George L. Murphy, Edward B. Anderson, William H. Byrd, James L. Lancaster, Edd Schaeffer, Rutherford R. H. Robinson, Allen G. Overstreet, Lemual Crawford, Billy E. Parker, Robert E. Drumheller, Loyd R. Williams, Howard R. Kirby, John E. Saunders, Harold S. Wright, Harry G. Moore, Jr., Samuel N. Burroughs, Emory H. Johnson, Willie F. Parker, Lloyd B. Carter, Carlton H. Motley, Fred C. Overstreet, Thurman G. Pendleton, Charles N. Overstreet, Jr., Richard T. Watts, III, Frank L. May, Frank E. Noell, Robert L. T. Bowling, Herbert Brewer; Raymond L. Creasy, Allen T. Pollard.

Ray C. Powers, Thomas R. Cobb, Jr., Ernest E. Carter, James H. Drewery, Elmer H. Kirby, Haywood A. Padgett, David O. Everette, William C. Loyd, William Barlowe, Cavitt K. Bartley, James O. Stinnette, Glenn M. Knighton, James W. Turpin, Clarence Callahan, Jr., Clyde E. Dobyns, Larney W. Tomlin, Herman R. Whittaker, Ray J. Bush, Elmer N. Branch, Robert L. Metz, Jr., Calvin S. Smith, Reginald W. Powers, and Ernest E. Spradlin.

The board also listed eleven officers who had been placed on inactive satus. These men are Howard O. Logwood, O. Watts Gills, R. Bernard Overstreet, Dennis H. Robinson, Willard Cofer, Aubrey Rice, Theodore Bergman, John C. Leys, Frank G. Baldwin, Jr., Harold Jarvis, and A. J. Cauthorn, Jr.

If any business firm desires to contact these registrants who have been discharged for jobs, please get in touch with the local Selective Service Board.

Virginia Pupils Being Asked To Plant Trees

E. J. Hallman, education director of the Southern States Forest Fire Commission, Inc., who has been speaking to school pupils in lower Virginia near timber growing areas stated that all school pupils of Virginia would be asked to start planting trees and native evergreens including red berry holly before Christmas and continue until early March.

A total of 425 senior and junior high school students in Galax heard Hallman tell of how each old worn out acre of land can be turned into money-making by replanting with slash pine, poplar, or by planting walnuts. He advocated purchase of slash seedlings from the state nursery, for the reason these grow much faster than the native seedling, he said.

Hallman paid high compliment to the system of conservation laws for fire prevention as enacted by the legislature.

"This is so much more fair than down in Alabama and Mississippi where the lumbermen and furniture manufacturers carry all the costs of conservation by what is known as a severance tax," Hallman stated.

Draft Board To Close For Holidays

The Local Selective Service Board office has announced that their office will be closed on December 24 and 25 and on December 31 and January 1.

However, the office will be open on Saturdays, December 29 and January 5. The office usually is closed on Saturday but it will be open these two Saturdays due to the Christmas holidays.

People who dislike lawyers should stay out of disputes and thus save fees.

Controls are being abolished so fast that some business men are a week behind.

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• Know what character is? Cleaning the corners nobody sees! And say, cleaning's extra tough now, with soap so short. You can help by turning in USED FATS to help make it. Keep saving, wontcha?

Social Workers Needed Throughout Virginia

Social workers with or without experience, superintendents of county welfare departments, and state supervisors are constantly needed throughout the State.

These positions are filled on an open competitive basis through the examination program of the Virginia Merit System Council. An examination has been set for January 19, 1946, and those who wish to compete should file application not later than January 9. Application forms and information about qualification requirements may be obtained from the office of the local department of public welfare or from the Merit System Council office in Richmond.

These are permanent positions offering an opportunity for a professional career in the public service. Veterans who meet the qualification requirements are given preferential treatment in the examination program.

The atomic bomb may be a miracle to some people but to scientists who unravelled the secrets of nature it represents the reward that always accompanies perseverance and intelligence skilfully used.

Now that Generals Wainwright and MacArthur have received Congressional Medals of Honor, we wonder what is the matter with Gen. Eisenhower.

The slow occupation of Japan is explained in part, by the presence of millions of armed men in Japan; any spark could set off a conflagration.

Christmas Seals were first sold in this country in 1907.

Tuberculosis has no outward symptoms at first. Only an X-ray will reveal it in its early, most easily curable stage.

A Tuberculosis Control Division was established in the U. S. Public Health Service in 1944 to further the prevention and control of the disease.

Patients trained for new occupations while recovering from tuberculosis frequently, on leaving the hospital, obtain better positions than those they held before their illness.

If you get too exuberant about victory just think back to the days when we were apprehensive lest the Japs seize Alaska and bomb the United States.

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Items From Issue Of The Democrat Published In 1904

The following articles of interest appeared in "The Bedford Democrat" on July 7, 1904:

Welford Overstreet of Roanoke, was circulating among his friends here last Tuesday.

Mrs. C. J. Hurt, Miss Minnie Daniel and Miss Lena Hurt left this morning for Niagara.

The Bower residence on East Main street, occupied by the family of C. R. Carder, was discovered to be on fire last Saturday night, about 11 o'clock. The loss to the building will be about $75, no insurance.

While riding on a freight car from this place to Roanoke last Monday, Herbert Gray, the sixteen year old son of George Gray, met with a serious accident, and one which will maim him for life. In some way he fell from the car and had his foot crushed in a terrible manner. The accident happened on the yards just as the train was running into Roanoke, and the boy was taken up at once and sent to the hospital, where his right foot was taken off. His father was sent for and was with him when the operation was performed. These sort of accidents are of frequent occurrance, yet the boys will ride freight trains.

The Fourth in Bedford

Bedford City presented a Sunday, like appearance on the Fourth. The postoffice, bank and all business houses were closed, and a large number went out of town, some to Joppa, some to Ebenezer, where a church dinner was given, and still others to Hotel Mons, where the day was spent most delightfully. About 100 took dinner at Mons and possibly 150 were on the grounds at different times during the day. The very best order prevailed and everybody seemed at peace with the world and the balance of mankind. Mrs. Thompson is second to none as an entertainer, and she seemed at her zenith on Monday. The Bedford Orchestra furnished the music, which was the subject of most favorable comment. They were assisted by Profs. Ottiano, Berger, and Parmer, of Lynchburg. Everybody left regretting that the 4th of July did not last a week this year.

World War II "Firsts"

Below are listed a few "first" in personalities who distinguish d themselves in the European theater of operations in World War II:

Lieut. Franklin M. Koons, of Swea City, Iowa, was the first American to fire a shot in World War II on the European continent (at Dieppe).

Capt. Frank L. Lillyman of 2 Jordan street, Skaneateles, New York, was the first American to land in the June 6, 1944, invasion (airborne) of France.

Lieut. Alfred H. Kotzebue of 3800 Chevy Chase Drive, Houston, Texas, was the first American to contact advance Russian forces in Austria.

War Correspondent Edward Kennedy of 118 East 40th Street, New York City, was the first to release the story of the German surrender at Reims, France.

Pfc. Harvey Natchees of the Ute Indian Reservation, Fort Duchesne, Utah, was the first American to enter Berlin, Germany, with occupation forces.

Pfc. Dominic Mozzetta of 156 Prudence Street, Providence, Rhode Island, fired the last shot in the European theater.

A first-class argument can arise over a second-class subject debated by third-class people.

The 1945 World Series left little to be desired in the way of excitement.

SHOPPING SUGGESTIONS

See the Ladies Handkerchiefs in colorful new prints just received.

Ladies Scarfs in white; also beautiful floral designs, just unpacked.

Genuine leather Handbags for ladies by Meeker—will make a lasting gift.

Chatham Blankets, extra size, all wool and wool mixed—beautiful colors, $5.95 up.

Cameo Billfolds—a style and price to suit everyone—dozens to select from.

See the new Pullover Sweaters, for men, just in.

Neckwear for men by Wembly, Manhattan and other good manufacturers—all attractively boxed for gifts—hundreds to select from.

Genuine leather Fitted Travel Cases by Camco Tommy Traveler and others, just received.

Costume Jewelry, specially boxed for gifts.

We still sell Fortune Shoes, for $4.85.

See the new line of men's scarfs, boxed for gifts.

Overnight cases for ladies, just in.

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In sad but loving memory of our darling son, Pfc. Richard B. Walker, who was killed in Belgium on December 17, 1944:

Just one year ago today,
You so bravely passed away.
I prayed to God to keep you safe,
And bring you safely home.

The blue star that once draped my window,
Has now been turned to gold,
But God gently took you,
To heaven's golden shore.

Somewhere in Belgium you are sleeping,
Where once the guns did roar,
Surrounded by your buddies,
Who will never fight again.

My darling no one knows how we miss you,
There are no words to tell,
A place in our home is empty,
That never can be filled.

Rest in peace my darling,
For God knows best,
We will meet you some day,
In a land of rest.

A happy home we planned together,
How sweet the memory still,
My heart still aches with sadness,
For your place can never be filled.

They say that time heals broken hearts,
But this is so untrue,
Twelve long months have slowly passed,
And our hearts still long for you.

Fondly remembered by his mother, father, brothers and sisters.

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Huddleston High School

Physical Education Program

The physical education programs are going along nicely and basketball teams have been organized and several games played.

The girls team is as follows: Faye Hughes, Katherine Nichols, Jane Franklin, Mary Martin, Shirley Witt, Alta Fariss, Zena Overstreet, Mildred Smallwood, Arlene Smallwood, Joyce Mitchell, Betty Mae Stevens, Margaret Ann Dowdy, Emily Ann Woodford, Edith Ann Hackworth, Claudine Kendrick and Betty Jo Woodford.

The boys are as follows: Melvin Witt, George Crowder, Ray Cromer, Wallace Cundiff, Jessie Brown, Claude Leftwich, Bobby Cutshaw, Winston Woodford and Bobby Ashwell.

Cheer leaders are Odessa Stevens and Marie Karnes and the helpers are Josephine Howell, Estelle Stevens, Edgar Paul Roberson, John Kirby, Marvin Heptinstall, Janet Leftwich, Ruby Hensley, Betty Lee Bennette and Lillie Leftwich.

Fire Fighting Crew

A "Keep Virginia Green" program, a part of the forest service program, has been organized by J. W. Ballard, chief fire warden, at the school.

The fire fighting crew is made up of six members with Ray Cromer as crew leader and Winston Woodford as the assistant leader. The other members are Bobby Ashwell, Buford Hogan, Emerson Martin and Welford Howell.

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Items From Issue Of The Democrat Published In 1894

The following articles of interest appeared in "The Bedford Democrat" on July 5, 1894:

Mrs. O. P. Bell who is visiting in New Jersey has been quite ill during the past week.

Jas. Taylor, who lives on W. A. Bandy's farm a few miles east of town, killed six skunks at one shot one day last week.

C. C. Wells of Chattanooga, Tenn., an old Bedford boy, is in the county on a visit to his friends.

Lightning struck the dwelling house on Longwood avenue occupied by Rice Donald, during Sundays storm. A corner of the house was knocked out and the chimney damaged.

It is among the probabilities that the populists and prohibition parties may fuse in the Sixth district in the Congressional race. We have heard it suggested that if the fusion takes place, O. C. Rucker of this city, will be before the convention.

The Summer School of Methods continues to draw the teachers from points both near and distant. Up to date 380 have registered and are in daily attendance.

Tennis Tournament

The tennis tournament held under the auspices of the Bedford Tennis Club began yesterday and continues to-day. The playing yesterday was very good and was witnessed by quite a number of lovers of the game from this and other places. The first doubles were won yesterday by Messrs. Parrish and Reed of Portsmouth. The second prize was carried off after a hotly contested match by Messrs. Fuqua and Reed, of Bristol. There were fourteen entries from Portsmouth, Norfolk, Petersburg, Roanoke, Pulaski, Bristol, Lynchburg, Winston, N. C. and Bedford City.

The playing for singles will be the program for to-day. Players from the above cities—substituting Abingdon for Lynchburg—will participate.

Wyndam R. White, of Abingdon, who holds the championship of Southwest Virginia is expected to play the winner in singles.

TOO MANY FOXES SPOIL HUNT

Jackson, Miss. — Sportsmen are about to abandon the fox hunt in this section of the country. Why? Because the foxes are too numerous. Why, again? Because there are so many foxes, each hound in a pack is likely to wind up chasing his own private fox.

The U. S. may be slow to get into war but it is fast on getting out.

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PEAKSVILLE

The first quarterly conference meeting was held at Salem, Saturday, December 8. The presiding elder preached at the 11:00 o'clock services. Dinner was served on the lawn, prepared by the ladies; business meeting in afternoon.

Erston Arrington, of Portsmouth, is spending a few days here with his mother and family, Mrs. Jimmie W. Arrington.

Mrs. Thomas Arrington of Bedford, is spending this week with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James McClarey.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Buford Gross, nee Miss Maupin, who were married November 21.

Nancy Miller Overstreet was the guest of her aunts, Misses Rosa and Blanche Arrington, recently.

Ozzie DeWitt is spending the winter months with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Toms.

Bobbie Hurt, of Charlottesville, spent several days this past week with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Toms.

Mrs. Jimmie Arrington had a message a few days ago of the safe arrival of her son, Roy Edward Arrington, who has made a trip to Italy and is now in New York. He is expected home any time on a furlough.

Mrs. Royal Gross had a cablegram last Saturday of the safe arrival of her husband in France. He sailed November 21.

Mrs. R. C. Beard and son Harold Beard, of Lynchburg, spent last Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. E. W. Wood.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Croft, who have been sick with mumps are well again.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arrington, nee Miss Helen Dooley.

Miss Ollie Gross spent the weekend in Bedford, guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Royal Gross.

Schools To Observe Double-Bar Cross Day

According to Mrs. Harold Jarvis, chairman of the Bangle committee, Double-Barred Cross Day will be observed in all the schools on Friday and throughout the town on Saturday. The small red crosses, modeled on the Cross of Lorraine, are the emblem of the Crusade for Health conducted by the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliates.

Funds received from the sale will be included in money raised through the Christmas Seal sale to finance the program of the local tuberculosis association. This year the association was able to buy a study project for all the school teachers, which is called "Together We Build" which is used in grade schools and "Rehabilitation," is for use in the high schools. The sale of Bangles, also helped to defray the expenses of the school clinic which was conducted in October.

The Seal Sale will continue, according to Mrs. Basil D. Murray, executive secretary, until Christmas, by which time it is hoped that the quota of $2,978.55 will be raised.

TWENTY DOLLAR JOKE

Australia. — William Thompson found a kangaroo caught in his wire fence and, to amuse his children, he slipped his waistcoat on the animal. The kangaroo ran off to the hills and Thompson suddenly remembered that he had a five-pound note in his waistcoat pocket.

A Danish postal clerk, Elinor Holboell, first thought of selling Christmas Seals to promote a health program. Postmen play an important part in the Seal Sale in this country, for the Seals are annually distributed by mail.

Seven times as many unskilled workers die of tuberculosis as professional people. The disease kills three times as many unskilled laborers as skilled workmen.

Gen. George S. Patton Injured In Auto Wreck

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., known as "Blood and Guts," who led his conquering troops from Africa to the center of Germany without being scratched, suffered a serious spinal injury Sunday when a Army truck crashed into his automobile near Mannheim-on-the-Rhine.

Patton said "my neck hurts," and complained of lack of feeling in his lower extremities as he was lifted from his Cadillac and taken to a hospital at the famed university city of Heidelberg.

The back seat where Patton was sitting in his big limousine was covered with blood. He was hurled violently forward by the impact, suffering head cuts.

He was en route from his 15th army headquarters at Bad Nauheim to hunt pheasants at Mannheim, 60 miles to the south.

The general was interim commander of U. S. forces in the European theater between the time of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's departure to the states to become chief of staff and the appointment of Gen. Joseph T. McNarney as his successor.

Tall, white-haired and austere, Patton was born in San Gabriel, Calif., on Nov. 11, 1885, of a fox-hunting, Patrician family of Virginia.

He makes his home at Green Meadows Farm at South Hamilton, Mass., near Boston.

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Berkeley, Calif.—The body of an eight-pound baby girl encased in an overseas mailing container and wrapped in white tissue paper tied with green ribbon, was found yesterday in the women's restroom of a department store. The infant had been dead for several days.

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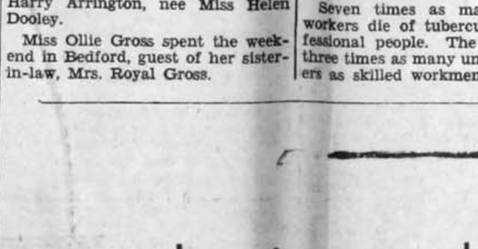
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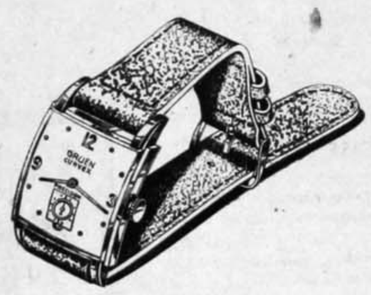
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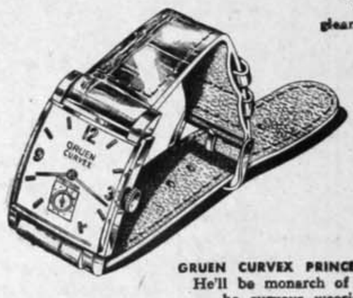
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Engineer Says Formula Uses Mercury and Steel To Supply Energy.

BELLEVILLE, N. J. — A New York Central railroad locomotive will roll up on a siding here soon and work will begin to convert it to atomic power-drive, says the Associated Press.

Ralph Lucas, chief engineer for the United States Industries and Development company, Elmira, N. Y., said the locomotive would be fitted with a mercury turbine employing a formula for disintegration of mercury and steel atoms.

He said "One teacupful of the mercury atoms, exploded, would run a locomotive, pulling 120 freight cars, for 45 round trips between New York and San Francisco."

Formula Patented.

Lucas said the locomotive would be run onto a siding of the Belleville plant of the concern and that he would build his workshop around it.

He obtained a patent on the formula in 1939, he said, to manufacture electronic power by fusing steel and mercury through intense heat created by electronic disintegration of the mercury and steel atoms. Lucas said the formula produced a controllable disintegration of the atom.

The turbine, Lucas said, works this way:

"It has a 300 horsepower gasoline driven engine, generating 220 volts alternating current, which is increased to 1,440 volts direct current by transformer coils. This, in turn, creates an electron discharge between two electrodes in an eight inch thick steel casting which will withstand 500,000 pounds of pressure per square inch, although it will use only 350,000 pounds.

Generates Great Power.

"The horsepower generated from that atomic pressure will be 350 times greater than that created in the ordinary locomotive."

Lucas estimated that a 300 horsepower engine, working with a heavy freight load, would use up an average of five gallons of gasoline per hour.

Lucas said he believed the turbine would be ready for installation in about four months and that experiments with the locomotive would last for six months to a year.

Lucas, now a resident of Newark, is native of Elmira. He was graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic institute, Troy, N. Y., has worked as research and engineering specialist with the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car company, the Watervliet, N. Y., arsenal, and the Curtiss-Wright corporation at Buffalo, N. Y.

Army Setting Up Plan To Breed Dogs for War

WASHINGTON.—The army is setting up a peacetime program to breed war dogs as it does horses.

The war department announced the plan, at the same time canceling its request for donations of dogs.

Under the new program, the army will place breeding dogs with civilian breeders and select the puppies best suited for military needs. The dogs will be used as sentries in occupation armies and for experiments in developing new uses for dogs in war.

The army now contemplates using six breeds, German shepherd dog, boxer, airedale terrier, dobermann pinscher, rottweiler, and giant schnauzer.

The original stock will be selected from the best available in this country, England, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

Reveals Japs Made Peace Bids to China in 1944

CHUNGKING, CHINA — Information Minister K. C. Wu said recently that Japan had made many peace overtures to China through various channels in the latter part of 1944, but each was quickly rejected. He said this fact demonstrated that past criticism that China had no will to fight and might go out of the war had been unfair and unjust.

A Tennessean Gives U. S. $50 to Help Pay Debt

WASHINGTON.—The treasury received a $50 check from a man in Knoxville, Tenn., with this note: "I choose to celebrate victory in this way in lieu of throwing a big party and getting drunk." He explained it was a "free will donation" for use "in meeting the expense of operation of the government, or payment on the national debt."

Seabees Hail Marine 'Conquerors' of Rota

ROTA, MARIANAS ISLANDS.—The marines landed on this island 32 miles north of Guam and found a large sign reading:

"The 48th Seabees welcome the marines to Rota."

The Seabees had gone ashore on this surrendered Japanese base three days earlier to examine the airstrip.

Relief Agency Reciprocates

Chicago.—Edward Bogan of Aurora was recently presented with a new bicycle, which will carry 1,000 pounds, by a relief agency. Edward had worn out one bicycle and many pairs of shoes bringing in 30,000 pounds of clothing for Russian War Relief.

Never believe what your admiring, and designing friends say about you but pay close attention to the remarks of your enemies. There's profit in it.

History Of The Bedford Presbyterian Church, 1844-1944

Compiled By MRS. F. O. THOMAS, Auxiliary Historian

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Rev. T. W. Hooper, D. D.	1863-65
Rev. A. W. Pitzer, D. D.	1865-67
Rev. J. P. Smith, D. D.	1868-69
Rev. J. G. Shepperson, D. D.	1870-78
Rev. W. M. McPheeters	1879-80
Rev. J. G. Railey	1880-83
Rev. E. D. Washburn	1883-93
Rev. James Murray, D. D.	1893-95
Rev. R. B. Eggleston	1895-97
Rev. H. H. Hawes, D. D.	1898-1900
Rev. E. E. Lane, D. D.	1901-06
Rev. J. H. Grey, D. D.	1907-44
Rev. S. B. Lapsley	1944

The Church has given five sons to the Ministry—Rev. W. L. Coppedge, Rev. James B. Ficklen, Rev. John H. Grey, Jr., Ph.D., Rev. John N. Thomas, Ph.D., D. D., Rev. Ira B. Watson, Jr.

The earliest record that can be found of a Presbyterian church in Bedford, formerly Liberty, Virginia, opens thus: "May 15, 1843 Sessional records of the Peaks Presbyterian Church, in Bedford county Virginia, continued from volume——," which shows that there had been an earlier volume.

It is known, however, that before that date there was a congregation in Liberty which worshipped in the old Masonic Hall and in the Court House. In 1843 this Liberty congregation was grouped with Peaks, Pisgah, Olivet and Salem, the two latter being Union churches. Thorough search has been made in all these congregations for that missing volume, but to no avail.

This union of four churches continued for some years after Liberty church was organized. There was one pastor, and one bench of elders, each congregation being represented, and the session was called in the records "Session of Peaks Church."

The first Session was composed of the following:

Jacob D. Mitchell, Pastor.

Thomas L. Leftwich,	Rufus Thomas,
Robert M. Claytor,	James M. Leftwich,
John Witten,	Henry W. Moseley, M. D.,
George C. Moseley,	Moses Fuqua,
Jesse Leftwich,	George Steptoe.

At the quarterly communion season it was the custom for as many of the scattered members who could do so to meet in the community in which the communion was to be celebrated. This necessitated long journeys over bad roads. For several days before the Sabbath, services were held in preparation; and so the communion feast was made a beautiful and impressive occasion.

Strange as it may seem, there is no record in the session book of the erection or dedication of the Liberty church. In 1843 a committee was appointed "to secure the title to the lot on which the church is to be built," and, though not recorded, we are told authoritatively by a daughter of Dr. Jacob D. Mitchell, the pastor at the time, that the church was built in 1844 and dedicated by Rev. Robert Styles, D. D. It was a big day in Liberty, people coming from far and near for the event. West Hanover Presbytery, to which the church then belonged, met here in the fall of 1944.

The church stands on a grassy lawn near the intersection of Main and Bridge streets. It is a simple Colonial structure of brick, with white trimmings, an in-set vestibule supported by tall columns, a single spire surmounting the belfry whence the sweet-toned bell rings its Sabbath call to worship.

The story is told that the tall spire was built on the ground, and the builder, a Mr. Waldron, was much annoyed by the gibes of the "whittlers and tiplers", who said it could not be raised to the belfry. But one fine morning there it was, all in its proper place. Mr. Waldron had done his work by the light of the moon and so outwitted his tormenters. Just recently Mr. Stanhope Johnson, an architect of Lynchburg, a member of the Historical American Building Survey, gave this opinion regarding the building:

"I consider this church an outstanding example of colonial architecture, and I know of but one other historical church of this type in Virginia that is better, and that is old Grace Church in Yorktown." (This refers only to the original building and not to the Sunday School rooms added later.)

It was largely due to the zeal and energy of Mrs. Thomas L. Leftwich that the small congregation undertook to build a church. She was a woman of strong character—and a sense of humor—and many interesting anecdotes are told of her in connection with the church. As a beginning of the work she undertook to get four men to give $100. each, as she said, "for the four corners of the church," her husband, Elder Leftwich, being one of them. She went to the country to see her nephew, Mr. J. C. Hopkins, a member of Peaks church, to solicit a "corner" from him. He insisted that he could not give so much, but Mrs. Leftwich told him she was going to stay until the Lord led him to see his way clear to do so. He finally consented, promising to pay when he could. In less than a month a man came riding to his door and paid him an old debt that he had long since given up as lost. It was the exact amount of his obligation!

The stone steps at the entrance to the church were Mrs. Leftwich's personal gift, the money raised by the loving labor of her hands.

The church property included quite a tract of land on the west side of Bridge street reaching from Main street on the south, to the railway property, together with a small tract on the east side of Bridge street. There are records of lots being sold from time to time for what now seems absurdly low prices. This created a trust fund which was used for various purposes as the need arose.

There were a number of Negro members in the church; but on the advice of the pastor they united with Washington Street Baptist church when it was built.

Pisgah church withdrew from the Peaks group in 1852, and the interest of the Presbyterians in the Salem and Olivet Union churches was sold to the other denominations. The date of the withdrawal of Peaks church is not known.

The first report of Liberty church after the separation lists 65 members and a total contribution of $1,259.71, disbursed as follows:

Domestic Missions $10., Foreign Missions $5., Sustention $20.71, Education $10., Publications $4., Commissioner's fee $10., Congregational expenses $1,200.

The year 1879 was an eventful one for the little church. For some years the Ladies' Aid Society had been struggling to secure money to buy a pipe organ to replace the small reed organ they were using. This was a big undertaking for a church of seventy members. Mrs. William Graves, a gifted musician, was the promotor of the movement and it was her zeal and enthusiasm that inspired them to carry on until their hopes were realized. Not long before the goal was reached the pastor suggested that the money be given to Foreign Missions in response to an urgent appeal. Some of the ladies consented, but Mrs. Graves, realizing what a good organ would mean to the church, said they could not have the part she had been instrumental in raising. As that was a large part, the tide was turned, and so was saved to the church the beautiful organ which has led our service of song through all these years. When the organ was placed, the builder gave a recital and the church was filled with friends who came to rejoice with the Presbyterians and to hear the first pipe organ in the town. It was on this occasion that the wag of the town said "The Presbyterians have a $1,000 organ, a $500 preacher and a 5-cent congregation." Witty, but not quite accurate!

For some years previous to this Miss Betty Fitzwilson, a blind lady had been organist. She was followed by Mr. Frederick von Roy for two years. These were the first of a succession of unusually fine organists whose services the church has enjoyed. In 1879 Miss Hettie D. Graves was appointed to the position, which she held until 1903, giving unsparingly of her time and talent. Associated with her for many years was a quartette choir which deserves special mention: Mrs. J. F. Curtis, soprano, had a bird-like voice of great sweetness, Mrs. William Graves, a rich, full alto, Mr. J. R. Guy, a high clear tenor, and Mr. W. S. Graves, a deep bass.

In this same year of 1879 the old parsonage on Bridge Street was sold and the property on North street was purchased for $1,600. The house was enlarged and improved and named "The Manse."

In 1890, under the pastorate of Rev. E. D. Washburn, the church undertook to establish a boarding and day school for girls and young women, and Belmont Seminary was built on the site of the present high school building. Mr. J. R. Guy was the Principal. The school prospered for a time, but the collapse of the boom in 1891 was a blow from which it never recovered, and after a few years it was sold. The balance of the trust fund was lost therein.

In 1893 Miss Augusta T. Graves, a beloved daughter of the church, was sent as a missionary to China. On her last Sunday at home a farewell service was held for her. Resolutions expressing appreciation of her work in the home church, and bidding her godspeed to her new work, were adopted by the congregation. She later married Rev. H. W. White.

Various improvements have been made in the church from time to time. Electricity was installed in 1904. In 1907 the large windows were improved by dividing the lower sash, and the doors leading to the gallery were moved from the vestibule to the interior of the church. In 1908 a water motor was attached to the organ; and later a furnace replaced the old stoves.

In 1912 the Washburn Mission Band, under the leadership of Miss Junia A. Graves, undertook to build a cottage on Taylor's mountain about ten miles west of Bedford, to be used as a home for teachers and mission workers. Montgomery Presbyterial and other friends contributed to the work and the attractive Cool Springs Cottage was built. This work—which is still going on—was the beginning of Mountain School Missions in Montgomery Presbytery. There is now a Presbyterian church and a flourishing Sunday School there.

Again in 1915 quite extensive improvements were made to the church building. New circular pews replaced the old, rather uncomfortable ones; new pulpit furniture and a communion table were given by Mrs. G. F. Nicolassen, Miss Junia A. Graves, Mrs. Hugh White and Mrs. F. O. Thomas in memory of their parents, Col. and Mrs. William Graves. A brass organ rail was presented by Mr. W. H. Dortch in memory of his grandmother, Mrs. W. P. Hume; Mr. C. J. Dooley gave new chairs for the choir, and Mrs. G. M. Wigington furnished the choir room.

Montgomery Presbytery met in the church that year and the committee on resolutions commended the church for the improvements, "which, while adding to the comfort and convenience of the church, have also added to, rather than detracted from, the original beauty and symmetry of design."

Mrs. S. H. Burt was organist from 1904 to 1921 and served most faithfully. She was followed by Miss Junia E. Graves, who presided with skill and dignity until 1934. Mrs. Malcolm Marsh, who succeeded her is also a musician of unusual ability. Mrs. F. O. Thomas, the present director, has been associated with the choir since 1897.

In 1924 the need for a Sunday School room having become acute, it was decided to build a new one and at the same time enlarge the church. This, too, was a big undertaking for the church, which then numbered 236 members. The rear wall was taken down, the church lengthened 14 feet and a large Sunday School building was added at the rear. This addition is a three story brick building with assembly room, class rooms, play room, and kitchen. The original Sunday School room, which was under the church, was remodeled into modern primary and beginners departments. A new heating plant was installed and an electric motor replaced the water motor for the organ. The total cost was approximately $35,000. The church was filled to overflowing at the dedication service in the Fall conducted by Rev. J. H. Grey, the pastor.

In 1928 it was deemed best to change the name of the church from Liberty to Bedford, for better identifica-

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Governor-Elect Asks For Simple Ceremony

On January 16, one week after the General Assembly convenes, Governor-elect William M. Tuck will be inaugurated as chief executive of Virginia in a simple, inexpensive inaugural ceremony if his plans are carried out.

The incoming governor said the country still was too close to the war for pomp, and that personally he hoped the event would be "just as simple and inexpensive as possible."

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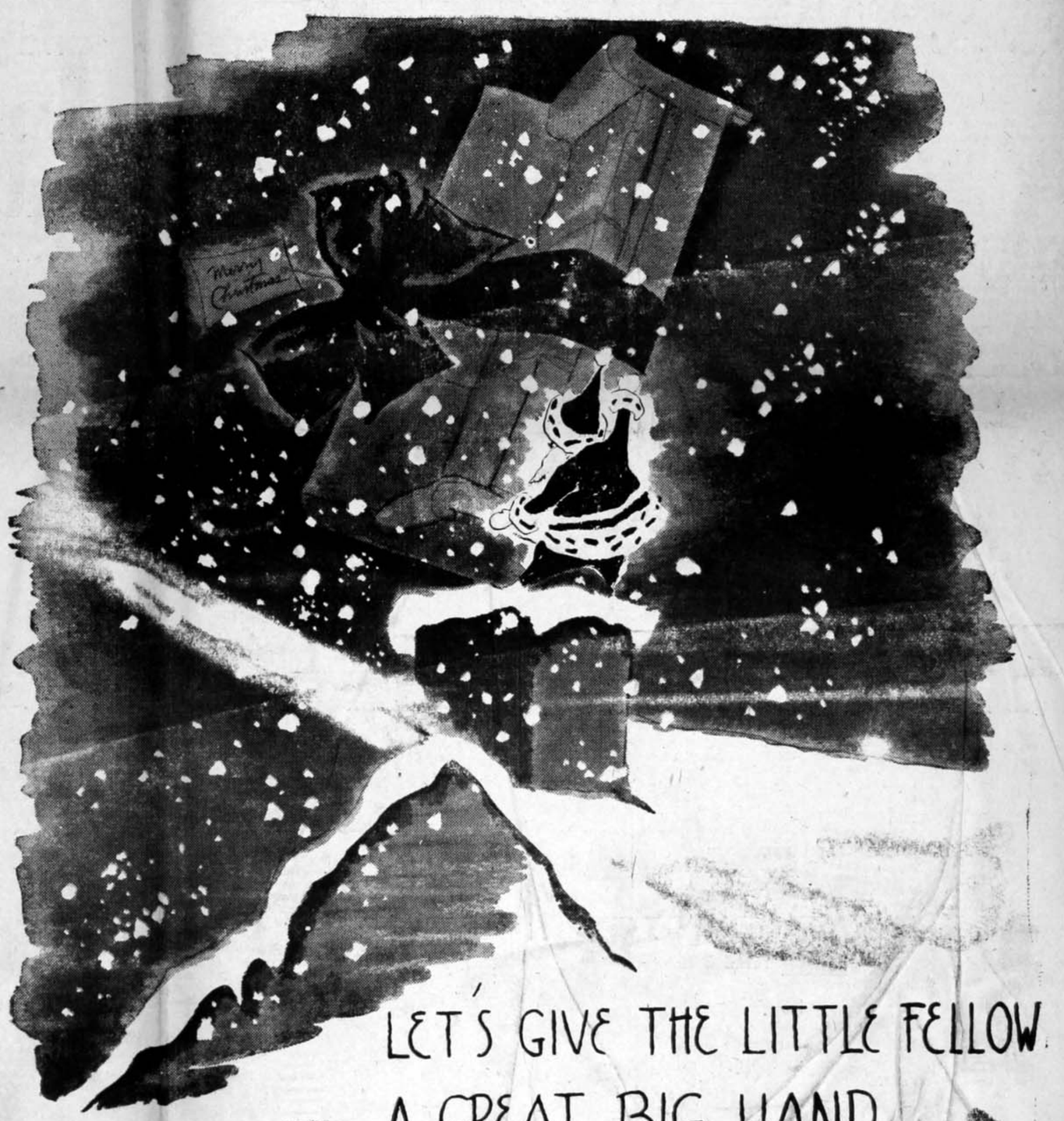
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MONTVALE

Our folks are all in a jitter getting ready for Christmas, at the high school and at each of the churches, which causes your reporter to ask: Why? We could all unite and have a joint Christmas program either at school or in one of the churches, thus saving material, fuel and everything else, in having one operation serve all three organizations.

The Methodist practice for their program Wednesday at the high school after school hours.

Most of those on our sick list are improving.

One day just before Christmas,
As I wondered down the street,
I met a little urchin,
No shoes were on his feet.

He had on a ragged sweater,
His cap down over his eyes,
And when I called to him,
He looked up, in surprise.

"Merry Christmas" I called to him,
His eyes lighted up with glee,
"Say, Mister," his voice wandered,
"Were you a spekin' to me?"

"I sure was my little lad,
For this is the time of year,
To wish to each and everyone,
Much happiness and good cheer."

"Much happiness and good cheer?"
Says he, "spoke up the little lad,
"Such thing for me no more exist,
Last week, I lost my dad."

Next week is Christmas, so you say,
The happiest of all the year,
His voice broke, he shook wth gref,
His eyes were filled with tears.

"Come now, my little man," I said,
And gently took his hand,
He reeled and fell upon the walk,
He'd gone to a better land.

In his pocket in a rumpled mess,
A paper folded neat,
And signed by mother who was ill,
"Please send a bite to eat."

The address, so very dingy,
But carefully I then read,
And hastening to the grocer,
We quickly sent them bread.

A little lass, she met me,
With terror on her face,
"Come quickly, Mister," she lamented,
Ma, is still, there in that place."

I gave one look then turned away,
To the lassie quickly said:
"Come lassie you must go with me,
Your mother, too, is dead."

This story now I tell you,
For words I'm at a loss,
For it was you and you my friend,
Who passed up the Red Cross.

So go to your nearest chapter,
Say, Sure I'll do my part,
To help relieve the suffering,
I'll give with all my heart.

NOT-SO-WISE OWL

Freeport, Ill.—When a large owl, with a 3-foot, 6 inch wingspread, flew against a 34,000-volt high tension transformer and broke a switch, electric service hereabouts was shut off for some time. The old owl didn't give a hoot, though, he fell to the ground dead.

People rarely dislike an individual who asks them for nothing.

CHURCH

BEDFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
W. D. Sheets, Pastor.
Services for Sunday, December 16:
Bis Island—Holy communion, at 11:00 a. m.; preaching at 7:30 p. m.
Ebenezer—Preaching at 3:00 p. m.

MONETA METHODIST CHARGE
Joseph Curry, Pastor.
Services for Sunday, December 16:
Stewartsville—Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.; preaching at 11:00 p. m.
Parish Chapel—Sunday school at 2:00 p. m.; preaching at 3:00 p. m.
Emmaus—Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.; preaching at 7:30 p. m.

BELLEVUE METHODIST CHARGE
C. L. Stillwell, Pastor.
Next Sunday, December 16, the pastor will preach his "Harvey" sermon at Oakland at 11 a. m.
Other preaching services for next Sunday: Nazareth, 3 p. m.; Bethany, 7:30 p. m.
The public is cordially invited to all these services.

BIG ISLAND

Legion Post Organized

The American Legion has organized a post at Big Island, a temporary charter having been issued. The following officers have been elected: commander, Harry Downey; first vice commander, Eric Rice; chaplain, Oscar C. Brown; financier and adjuster, Harry Wright; sergeant-at-arms, Ray Trevey.

Ensign Harry L. Downey, Jr., who has just graduated from Parnell University, is spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Downey, before proceeding to San Diego, Calif., where he will be given duty in the Pacific.

R. C. Harlow is a patient at Virginia Baptist hospital.

Cortland Wilson, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Griggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ayres, of Big Island, spent the week-end with Mrs. C. J. Baker.

Mrs. S. T. Putt has returned from Covington where she spent a few days.

Rev. P. A. Anthony, of Bedford, is spending sometime with his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scott have returned to Richmond after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hensley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Plasters, of Lynchburg, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Furr.

Mrs. H. C. Gatewood, of Richmond, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. B. Trevey.

Miss Annie Horton is spending sometime in Lynchburg with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sorrow have returned to North Carolina, after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hensley.

About 2,500 children under 15 years of age die of tuberculosis each year in this country. Christmas Seals support health education programs in high schools, which include tuberculin testing to detect tuberculosis in its early stages.

A month is that long interval between pay days.

LEESVILLE

Those around here who are numbered among the influenza patients, are Mrs. Hugh Arthur, Mrs. E. G. Owen, Miss Bettie Dowdy, H. M. Carter, Wandar and Rodney Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Arthur and little daughter, of Ashboro, N. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carter were guests of relatives in Lynchburg, Sunday.

Guests of Mrs. E. G. Owen during her illness were E. Gordon Owen, of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McCartney and little daughter, Susan, of Raleigh, N. C.; Miss Billie Owen and friend Lieut. Winger, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Reynolds and daughter, Mrs. John Janney, of Chatham; Lieut. C. B. Mattox, of Gretna and Miss Nancy McCartney, of Altavista; Mr. and Mrs. O. K. McCartney, of Gretna.

L. C. Carter is spending the week with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Welford Garner in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. L. B. Wood, Mrs. Claude A. English and Miss Rita English were Christmas shopping in Lynchburg, Saturday.

Mrs. S. B. Kinzer, Johnnie and B. Kinzer were guests, Friday, of Captain and Mrs. Larry Kinzer, of Chatham.

Guy E. Burnette, of U. S. Navy, is at home on a sixty day leave.

Fred Kinzer is visiting friends in Navada, Mo.

Miss Nina Lucas has returned home from a month's visit with relatives in Roanoke, and Bluefield, W. Va.

S. B. Kinzer, Jr., is visiting friends in Charlotte, N. C.

The sympathy of this village is extended to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. English, of Forest, in the sad news of the passing of their son, Pfc. Carlton English, who has recently been reported killed in action in Germany. Carlton was born and lived here through childhood days and was a lovable child who brought sunshine everywhere he went, always thinking of others. He was a grand son of C. T. English, a nephew of C. L. Carter and Mrs. H. M. Carter, of Leesville. Written by one who loved him, Nina Lucas, his first Sunday school teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Updike were shopping in Lynchburg, Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Snow left Friday for Washington, D. C., to spend the winter.

REBA

There have been several cases of flu in the community, but all are better.

Harry Hatcher has returned to his home in Arigona.

Calvin Hatcher who is stationed in Richmond, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hatcher.

W. M. McKinney who has been in the Navy for some time, arrived home Friday.

Col. and Mrs. J. R. Boatwright returned home Tuesday, from a visit in some of the southern states.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Phillips who spent last week with their sister, Mrs. Ola Johnson returned to their home in Roanoke, Saturday.

DEATHS

JAMES L. LANSDOWN

James L. Lansdown, 75, died December 5 in the Bedford General hospital. Born in Bedford county, he was the son of the late Lucian and Mary Mayhew Lansdown.

Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Nannie Lansdown.

Funeral services were conducted from Wilson's Methodist church by the Rev. Robert P. Parker with burial in the family cemetry.

Active pallbearers were Lorenzo Lansdown, Wilson Martin, Oren Overstreet, Fred Overstreet, Ned Overstreet and Bill Overstreet.

Flower bearers were Misses Pernelle Lansdown, Beatrice Franklin, Etta Lee Martin, Elizabeth Bowman, Marion Bowman, Christine Vaughan, Clarise Inez Walker, Lucy Overstreet, Effie Overstreet, Mrs. Elbert Overstreet, Mrs. Bill Overstreet, Mrs. Georgie Simmons, and Mrs. W. A. Gillaspie.

Honorary pallbearers were Howard Holdren, Judson Overstreet, Jim Overstreet, Clay Overstreet, George Overstreet, Ward Overstreet, Grover Overstreet, Key Phelps, W. M. Hubbard, John Watson, Freddie Holdren, Carl Moses, Harry Cheek and Julian Franklin.

MISS ALICE HOLCOMBE

Miss Alice Watts Holcombe, descendent of early Lynchburg and Bedford county residents, daughter of the late James T. Holcombe who founded Bellevue School For Boys in Bedford county, died Sunday morning at her apartment in Washington.

Miss Holcombe spent her early years at Bellevue, later conducted by the Abbot family who still live there, and went with her family to Washington after spending some time in Lynchburg. Her mother was the former Anne Selden Watts, of Roanoke, and the family is widely connected in this section of Virginia.

Surviving her are one brother, Cary Holcombe of Seattle, Wash., and two nieces, Mrs. Churchill Chamberlayne, of Richmond, and Mrs. Bolling Lambeth of Williamsburg.

Funeral rites were held at the Presbyterian cemetery in Lynchburg Monday afternoon.

MRS. J. G. OVERSTREET

Mrs. Ida Belle Overstreet, 76, died December 3, at her residence near Irving. Born in Bedford county, she was the daughter of the late W. W. and Katherine Eubank Meador. She is survived by her husband and several children.

Funeral services were conducted Friday from the residence by the Rev. B. T. Price and Rev. John Bolick with burial in the family cemetry.

Active pallbearers were H. C. Williamson, R. E. Grant, R. E. Marshall, H. H. Biggs, George Mitchell and Mr. Lancaster.

Honorary pallbearers were A. E. Dooley, D. F. Steffey, L. M. Steffey, R. G. Waldron, J. A. Holdren, Boyd Jones and Mr. Hooper.

Flower bearers were Mrs. H. C. Williamson, Miss Alice Mitchell, Mrs. B. M. Epps, Mrs. C. D. Fisher, Miss Mavis Dooley and Miss Janie Thaxton.

S. A. MILTON

Samuel Admire Milton, 66, died December 6, at the home of his daughter in Salisbury, N. C. Born in Bedford county, he was the son of the late Nelson and Sarah Jane Arthur Milton.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. C. C. Cook and Mrs. W. M. Chambers, of Salisbury, N. C.; Mrs. Frank Ridge, of Greensboro, N. C.; Elbert Mitchell, of Lynchburg; and two brothers: A. W. Milton of Roanoke and Oscar Milton, of Pulaski.

Funeral services were conducted from Patmos Methodist church by the Rev. R. J. Brooks with burial in the church cemetry.

MISS LAURA F. INGE

Laura Frances Inge, 10, died at 10 p. m. Monday at her home on Route 1, Big Island. Born September 4, 1935, she was the daughter of Mrs. Virginia Ada Inge.

She is survived by her mother, a brother, Robert Lee Inge; two sisters, Mary Elizabeth Inge and Myrtle Evelyn Inge, and a grandfather, R. C. Inge, all of Big Island.

Funeral services were conducted at the grave in Big Island cemetery, Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

J. B. BASKERVILLE

J. B. Baskerville, 75, retired general claim agent for the Norfolk and Western Railway and prominent Roanoke citizen, died Tuesday morning at his home in South Roanoke.

A native of Newbern, he maintained a summer home near Villamont.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Lucy Lyons, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and two foster sons, Major Charles Downs, of Roanoke, and Captain John Downs, England.

Funeral services were conducted in St. John's Episcopal church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock by Dr. Alfred R. Berkeley. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery in Pulaski.

CHARLES W. KIDD

Charles Wesley Kidd, 85, died December 9 at his home near Moneta. Born in Bedford county, he was the son of the late Henry and Mary Agnew Kidd.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. R. O. Hudson, Altavista; Mrs. B. A. Byrd of Lynch Station; Mrs. W. O. Nichols, of Hurt; William H. Kidd, of Kahaka, Mo.; Mrs. Myrtle Gremert of Ree Heights, S. D.; and Miss Ruth Kidd, Lawrence Kidd and Paul Kidd, of Moneta; and two sisters: Mrs. Mack Basham, of Moneta; and Mrs. Mary Lucy Burnett, of Bedford.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Joseph Curry, Monday at the residence with burial in the family cemetry.

Active pallbearers were E. T. Mayhew, Russell Mayhew, B. A. Byrd, O. W. Nichols, Howard Kidd and Carlton Kidd.

Flower bearers were Junior Hudson, Dewey Byrd, Wylie Byrd, Margaret Nichols and Bettie Jean Nichols.

MRS. MARY DOOLEY

Mrs. Mary Willie Johnson Dooley, 48, died at her home here Sunday morning. She leaves three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday from Glade Creek church by Dr. J. H. Grey with burial in the church cemetry.

LEUMEL Q. AYRES

Lemuel Quarles Ayres, 68, of the Radford church community, died at a hospital in Roanoke, about noon Tuesday, after an illness of two weeks. A son of Benjamin F. and Lucy Starkey Ayres, Mr. Ayres was born in Franklin county, but moved with his parents to this county when a small child.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Cora A. Ayres, and the following children: Everett Ayres, Homer Ayres and Mrs. E. G. Thurman, of Roanoke, and Mrs. F. C. Wilson, of Stewartsville. Surviving also is one sister, Mrs. Clem Martin, of Moneta.

Funeral services will be held at Radford Baptist church of which he was a member, today at p. m., by the Rev. H. L. Cooper, the Rev. C. S. Trammell and the Rev. E. P. Robertson. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

MRS. MAGGIE GROSS MILLS

Mrs. Maggie Gross Mills, 74, widow of Walter Lee Mills, died at her home in Montvale Sunday morning. The funeral was held at the residence at 2 p. m., Tuesday with burial in the family cemetery.

STEPHEN D. HERR

Stephen D. Herr, 75, died at the Elks national home on December 6. A member of the Chicago, Ill., lodge 4, he arrived at the home on September 14, 1944.

Burial was in Chicago, Ill.

CHARLES R. HOOPER

Charles Robinson Hooper, 83, died December 10 at the Elks national home. A member of the Wilkinsburg, Pa., lodge 577 and arrived at the home on January 26, 1945.

Burial was in Titusville, Penn.

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lenders and borrowers of the danger of overextension of agricultural credit. Banks and other lending agencies have the capacity to make all the agricultural loans now needed in Virginia."

With reference to marketing and purchasing, the commission said more efficient marketing is needed so that prices may be lowered to consumers and raised to producers and that this would encourage increased consumption of farm products and improve the economic condition of farmers.

Freight Rates Cited

Commenting on national agricultural policies, the commission stated that the government should check the action of powerful groups that would restrict economic opportunity and design public policies which permit maximum initiative and resourcefulness." It also recommended removal of "discriminatory freight rates, trade barriers and other artificial restraints"; steps to discourage a land boom and prevent injustices from foreclosures during periods of severe price declines and administration by "local people" of soil conservation and agricultural adjustment programs.

Some of the commission's recommendations on education and health paralleled suggestions from other current study commissions for expansion of rural educational facilities and increasing the number of rural medical practitioners. The group further recommended the enrichment of flour under legislative requirements and establishments and establishment of regional preventoriums in connection with rural hospitals where farm people may avail themselves of periodic physical examinations at nominal fees.

Wider use of official grades; modernization of municipal market facilities; expansion of farm-to-market road systems, regulation of livestock and produce markets with respect to sanitation, weighing and selling practices; the prohibition of "unfair trade practices by labor unions," and encouragement of co-operative effort among farmers were among marketing recommendations.

Considering matters of rural water supply, the commission pointed to the need for control of streams in the State and suggested that "some State agency, probably the Department of Conservation," should be assigned to stabilize and maintain the waterways. It urged positive antipollution measures by the State "to assure every riparian owner an undiminished supply of pure water" and recommended studies be undertaken to provide controls of ground water.

Fire Control Fund

Under another proposal, the State Conservation Commission would be authorized to build up and maintain from unused surpluses an emergency forest fire control fund of $50,000 for use during unusually hazardous fire years, with expenditures made with the consent of the Governor.

It also was proposed that the General Assembly appropriate more funds to the State Department of Agriculture "to enable it to expand and improve its regulatory, standardization, inspection, and market news services" and for the advertising of Virginia farm products.

Members of the commission in addition to Dr. Hutcheson were Dr. H. N. Young, agricultural economist of VPI, secretary; Mrs. E. J. Clifton, Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs; A. W. Buhrman, Virginia Beef Cattle Association; Chesley A. Haden, State Horticultural Society; T. B. Hall, Tobacco Growers' Association; Porter Hardy, Vegetable Growers Association; G. F. Holsinger, Farm Bureau Federation; Powell Hurt, Virginia State Grange; C. Purcell McCue, State Horticultural Society; J. M. Peck, State Dairymen's Association; Charles W. Wampler, State Board of Agriculture; S. Ward, Virginia Crop Improvement Association, and W. G. Wysor, Southern States Co-operative.

Virginia Press To Hold Meeting In January

Plans are now well under way for the 29th Mid-Winter meeting of the Virginia Press Association, to be held at the Hotel John Marshall, Richmond, on January 17, 18 and 19, it was announced in November.

The highlight of the convention, as in previous years, will be the banquet set for Friday evening, January 18, at which Virginia's publishers will have as their guests members of the 1946 Virginia General Assembly.

Comdr. Raymond B. Bottom, publisher of the Newport News Daily Press and Times-Herald, is chairman of the convention committee and details have already been well under way. A plan is now under way and nearly completed with the object of making it feasible for as many publishers as possible to attend the banquet, and to have the pleasure of entertaining as many of the legislative friends as possible, with an all-inclusive registration and banquet price. Announcement of final arrangement will be forwarded by individual letters to every VPA publisher in the near future.

Guests of honor at the banquet are expected to include Senator Harry Flood Byrd; the incoming Governor, William M. Tuck; Governor Colgate W. Darden, Jr., the incoming Lieutenant-Governor, L. Preston Collins, and other distinguished leaders in the governmental and public life of the State.

The mid-winter meeting will start Thursday evening, January 17, when an Associated Press Dutch Treat dinner will be held, to be followed by the AP meeting. Among the prominent speakers to appear before the general session on Friday morning will be George T. Bertsch, circulation manager of the Baltimore Sun, and Donavan A. Eastin, advertising manager of Miller & Rhodes of Richmond, who will speak on the subject of "Advertising and Merchandising for 1946."

A special luncheon will be held on Friday at which a prominent speaker is to be aranged. Daily and weekly round-table conferences will be held Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles W. Byrd, of "Lochwood Hall," near Goode, is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond V. Long, in Richmond.

Thursday Club Meets With Mrs. H. A. Gills

The Thursday club held its regular meeting with Mrs. H. A. Gills on College street with only members present. Mrs. A. G. Cummings read a paper on Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Mrs. F. H. Mitchell assisted the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Charles E. Green, Jr.

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I. O. O. F. To Elect Officers At December 20 Meeting

The Liberty lodge 288 of the I. O. O. F. will hold its regular meeting at the lodge hall on December 20, at which time new officers will be elected for 1946.

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W. A. Markham, of Lowry, who is in Florida, expects to return before Christmas. Mr. Markham and family expect to leave early in the year to spend the rest of the winter in the south.

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Miss Elizabeth Mitchell has returned to Arkington after a visit at her home here, and with relatives in Roanoke.

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Frederick Talcott has returned from a visit with his son in Arlington.

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E. B. Stone is recovering from a recent illness at his home on College street.

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Earl Burks, who has been very ill at his home in High Point, N. C., is improving. He is a brother-in-law of Mrs. C. B. Gray, of the county.

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Mrs. J. M. Smith has returned from a visit with Miss Junia E. Graves, in Charlottesville.

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Ann Cauthorn, Yoeman, WAVE, of Washington, D. C., spent a recent week-end at her home here.

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M. P. SCOTT,	Bedford, Route 3	912	29 to 35	32.35
R. C. HOLDREN,	Bedford, Route 3	722	25 to 35	32.10
GARLAND WOODFORD,	Moneta	880	29 to 33	31.10
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L. L. BOWYER,	Moneta	918	28 to 34	31.00
A. L. HANNABASS & BILL SWAIN,	Moneta	570	28 to 34	31.42
JOE OVERSTREET,	Bedford	492	28 to 33	32.00
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J. G. PAGANS,	Hardy	1414	29 to 33	31.03

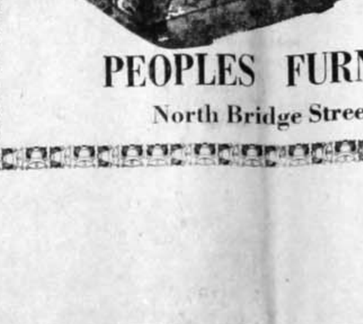
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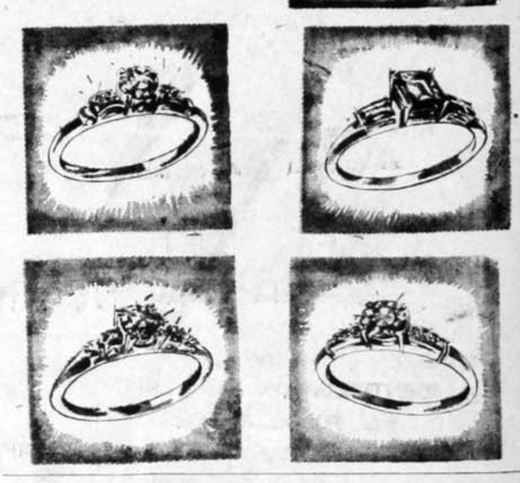
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• SOCIAL AND CLUB NEWS •

Business and Professional Women Have Christmas Party

Candles and green accented the Christmas theme at the dinner party of the Business and Professional Women's club held in the Methodist Sunday school room, Tuesday evening, December 11. Miss Beatrice Marshall, presiding, gave the Christmas message from Mrs. Margaret A. Hickey, national federation president. Mrs. Hickey said, "The beauty, the joy, and the radiance of the ancient Christmas manger inspires us to hope that the world will find an abiding security, peace and freedom. This is the prayer of every business woman.

On December 1, Misses Beatrice Marshall, and Kathleen Marshall, Mesdames Cosie Davey and Ivylyn Schenk visited the Lynchburg club, at which Miss Josephine Schain, of New York, chairman of the International Relations committee of the National Federation, was the speaker.

Rev. Robert P. Parker brought the Christmas message. Mr. Parker stressed that "This is a season of surprises; that the surprise and unusual comes into our hearts to gladen and delight us. Life has a way to surprise us in many ways and with many things. The surprise of God to brighten the life of every one of us was the Messiah who came to the world as a baby and not as a king. As this Christmas of peace comes to us let us not forget God's great surprise for us—the baby in a manger in the obscure town of Bethlehem."

Each guest and member was presented a gift from under the Christmas tree to add to their surprise of the season.

"Ivy Pillars" Scene Of Christmas Party

A profusion of evergreens amid burning red candles and miniature Christmas trees decorated the home of Mrs. W. O. McCabe, "Ivy Pillars," Thaxton, Tuesday afternoon when she and Mrs. B. M. Epps were hostesses to members and guests of the Lisbon Garden club. Caroling and roll call responses of Christmas legends and customs throughout the world opened the meeting at which Mrs. H. L. Patterson presided.

The program included a demonstration of making large tavern and floating candles given by Mrs. Meade D. Wilkinson and Mrs. W. Miller Overstreet. Mrs. Wilkinson also showed hard sauce dainties and dolls which she had made in Christmas colors to be used on plum pudding.

Mrs. McCabe was presented with a flower container as first winner in the year's contest for flower exhibits and Mrs. Charles H. Jennings received a like award as winner of second place. Presentation was made by Mrs. B. M. Epps, custodian of awards.

Following the program Mrs. Arthur Kasehagen acted as Santa Claus and distributed gifts which members exchanged.

Guests at the meeting included Mrs. W. H. Saunders, Mrs. G. R. Nance, Mrs. Sammie Driscoll, Miss Alice Moseley, Mrs. H. Ruff and Mrs. J. D. Clingempeel. Mrs. Hamilton A. West, member of the club now residing in Lynchburg, also attended.

Mrs. W. Miller Overstreet will entertain the club at its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 8.

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Easley-Sublett

The wedding of Miss Mata Mae Sublette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sublette, of Bedford county and Dexter W. Easley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Easley, of Big Canyon, Oklahoma, was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herndon, Jr., cousin of the groom, Oklahoma City, Friday evening November 3, by the Rev. Max Stanfield, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist church who used the ring ceremony.

Evergreens and arrangements of white chrysanthemums, with lighted candles decorated the living room.

The bride wore a street length powder blue wool suit, with black accessories. Her corsage was of gardenias.

The ceremony was attended by a few close relatives and friends and a reception was given at the Herndon home afterwards.

Miss Sublette atended Phillips Secretarial College in Lynchburg, and has been employed in the office of Noland Co., in Newport News, for the past three years.

Mr. Easley has recently been discharged from the Air Corps with forty months of service. He is now employed with the Oklahoma Air Lines.

They will make their home at 115 N. Ellison Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Zimmerman-Yopp

Miss Anna Mae Yopp, daughter of Mrs. Minnie Yopp, of Washington, D. C., formerly of Bedford county, and Everett Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Zimmerman, of Bedford, were united in marriage on October 23, the ceremony being performed at Second Baptist church in Washington, D. C., by Dr. J. Raymond Garrett.

The bride wore a suit of brown virgin wool with brown and white accessories, and her corsage was of roses.

Miss Hedy Green, of Washington, D. C., who was her maid of honor, wore navy blue and her flowers were a corsage of gardenias. The groom was attended by Jack Prowd, also of Washington, as best man.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman left far a Southern trip after which they will make their home in Washington.

Mr. Zimmerman recently returned from overseas duty, having served in Iceland, Germany, France and England.

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Announce Engagement of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker Lewis announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Leone, to Lieut. Richard Knight Helmold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Helmond, of Portland, Me., and Willimatic, Conn.

The wedding will take place at St. John's Episcopal church, here, December 29.

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Ellis Graham is constructing a home for his mother, Mrs. Arch Graham, near Moseley's bridge.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Goldman have moved to Passaic, New Jersey, from Bedford and Mrs. Aaron Bornstein is visiting with her daughter and son-in-law there.

Brookhill Community League Has Regular Meeting

The Brookhill Community League held its regular monthly meeting at the school with very good attendance and a very interesting meeting.

Various reports were given by the following persons: Mrs. H. I. Elliott on the store; Mrs. White on the auditorium; Mrs. Chaffin on kitchen equipment; Mrs. Chaffin, who is the principal at Brookhill also announced the parting gift which would be given to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hubbard. It should be stated here that Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard will be greatly missed by the entire community in which they have resided and served the public so faithfully, as well as their splendid help at Brookhill school.

Miss Morcelle Coffey and Mrs. White were appointed to secure a piano for the school. Donations were taken by Mrs. White. The following committees were also reappointed: Mrs. J. Lewis White, finance; Mrs. W. I. Murray, secretary and treasurer, and Miss Jo Burkholder, reporter.

The Brookhill Community League has many interesting programs and activities in store for this year, so we urge the attendance of each patron and parent. Visitors are also welcome.

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Mrs. Lela Atkinson, Frank Overstreet and Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hylton are attending the state meeting for home and farm agents at Blacksburg, this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rucker are ill at their home on East Main street.

Lancester-Dawson

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dawson of Big Island, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Juanita Louise, to Harvey Melvin Lancaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lancaster, of Altavista.

The ceremony took place December 8 at 10:35 a. m., at the home of the officiating minister, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, pastor of Rivermont Avenue Baptist church.

The bride wore a powder blue wool dress with black accessories. Her only attendant was her sister, Miss May Dawson of Big Island.

After a short trip the couple will live in Lynchburg.

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Needle Workers Make Two Complete Layettes

Mrs. E. A. Deschamps, chairman of the Peaks of Otter Junior Garden Club Chapter of the Needle Workers Guild of America, has turned over to the Red Cross chapter two complete layettes made by members of the chapter. There are 26 articles in each layette. Some of the members made donations of money.

The membership of the chapter is made of high school girls and this is the first chapter to be organized in Bedford.

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American Legion Meeting Cancelled This Month

The regular meeting of the Howard E. Board post 54 of the American Legion scheduled for Friday night, December 14, will not be held.

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The Friendship Bible class of the Bedford Methodist Sunday school will meet at the church, Tuesday night, December 18, at 7 o'clock.

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Mrs. Baxter Lee expects to leave Friday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Hawkins, in Birmingham, Ala.

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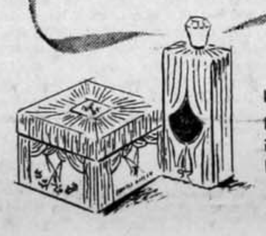
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Dana Ellis, Hardy, Va., 984 Lbs., $316.34; average $32.15.

Judson Barlow, Huddleston, Va., Route 2, 1096 Lbs., $365.16; average $32.40.

Carroll Hutchens, Montvale, Va., 682 Lbs. $221.76; average $32.52.

F. I. Crowder, Bedford, Va., Route 4, 822 Lbs., $268.74; average $32.69.

Haimer Barlow, Moneta, Va., 720 Lbs., $235.10; average $32.27.

Jas. E. Overstreet, Bedford, Va., Route 4, 382 Lbs., $123.44; average $32.31.

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Hubert Nichols, of Route 3, Bedford, was admitted for treatment on December 8.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stevens, of Route 1, Bedford, on December 8.

Miss Mary Parrish, of Quarles street, Bedford, was admitted on December 8.

Wm. Ray Patterson, of Montvale, was admitted for treatment on December 9.

Mrs. Charles H. Rhett, of Pulaski, was admitted on December 9.

E. L. Roop, of Route 1, Montvale, was admitted for treatment on December 9.

J. V. Harris of North street, Bedford, had an operation on December 10.

Mrs. J. F. Dean, of Route 3, Bedford, was admitted for treatment on December 12.

Montvale High School

Montvale F. F. A. Activities

The F. F. A. chapter had three judges at the Amherst judging contest on Saturday, November 3. The judges were as follows: E. L. McGurei, E. C. Bobbitt and David W. Huddleston.

There were about 48 chapters represented and we judged several classes of Aberdeen Angus cattle.

The Montvale F. F. A. chapter held the initiations of the Green Hands on November 16. There were 19 members initiated.

The F. F. A. chapters held a basketball tournament for the Roanoke-Botetourt-Bedford Federation December 10, at 7:30 p. m. Three games were played at this time. The other games of the tournament will be played at a later date. The pupils will be invited to atend.t

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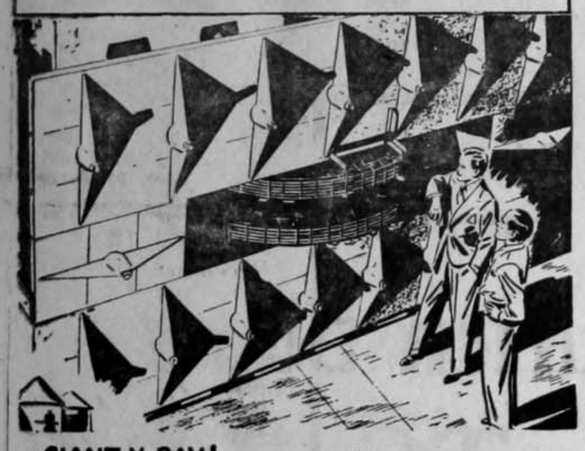
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NEWS OF BEDFORD MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

Corp. Ewell C. Brown, formerly stationed in Manila, has enlisted in the Regular Army under the provisions of the Army Re-enlistment program. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Drewery Brown, Route 1, Thaxton.

Corp. Brown, who arrived overseas in September, 1944, formerly served with the 111th Signal Service Company in New Guinea and Letye. He is authorized to wear the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater ribbon, Philippine Liberation ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon with three campaign stars.

He attended Thaxton school, Thaxton. Before entering the service, he was a farmer, helping his father.

On the USS Marshall—Jack O. Clark, Fireman, first class, of Montvale, served on this destroyer when she was part of Task Force 58.

The "Mighty Marshall," now on inactive status, took part in the invasions of Hollandia, Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Rota, Pelileu, Anguar, Leyte and Okinawa and in the Battle for Leyte Gulf.

She also took part in strikes against Tokyo, Kyushu, Formosa and other Jap-held islands.

On the USS Kendall C. Campbell (Delayed)—Eddie J. StClair, ship's serviceman (laudry) third class, of Bedford, is aboard this destroyer escort en route to the United States for "Stateside leave and liberty."

The Campbell did anti-submarine patrol duty during the occupation of Tokyo and later assisted in escorting 54 LST's from Manila to Tokyo. She also participated in the pre-invasion and landing operations at Luzon, the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and strikes against Honshu.

Although the Campbell has traveled 105,000 miles the past year, she has never taken a hit or suffered a casualty. She boasts the rescue of 20 fliers from the sea, and has destroyed 23 enemy mines.

Pfc. Herman Foutz, 34, son of Mrs. Rhoda Foutz, of Route 1, Blue Ridge, was honorably discharged, December 7, from the Army Air Forces, under the Army's point system, at the Army Seperation Center in Richmond.

Pfc. Foutz entered the service on October 26, 1942, and served overseas for 19 months with the Air Transport Command in Iceland. He wears the European and American Theater Ribbons and the Victory Ribbon.

Prior to discharge, Foutz was stationed with the 1378th AAF Base Unit of the North Atlantic Wing, ATC, at La Guardia Field, New York.

William H. Adams, S. 1/c, of Bedford is one of 300 high-point Navy veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the States aboard the U. S. S. Gallatin.

The U. S. C. Gallatin—one of more than 250 carriers, battleships, the Navy's famed "Magic Carpet" cruisers, and attack transports in the Navy's famed "Magic Carpet" fleet—left Pearl Harbor, T. H., Saturday, November 24, and was scheduled to arrive in San Diego, Calif., about Friday, November 30.

Passengers will go directly to the Separation Centers nearest their homes to complete the formalities of obtaining their discharges before returning to civilian life.

On the USS Stevens, Lewis E. Wilkes, Seaman, first class, USNR, of Grove street, Bedford, served on this destroyer during the final combat operation of the war at Balikpapan, East Borneo. The ship engaged in close fire support during operations preceding and during the invasion.

The Stevens also took part in strikes on and invasions of Marcus, Tarawa, Kwajalein, New Ireland, New Guinea, the Marianas, Morotai, Leyte, Mindoro, Lingayen Gulf, Panay, and North Borneo.

Robert Overstreet, S. 2/c, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Overstreet, of Thaxton, that he spent his nineteenth birthday in Tokyo and had dinner with the Red Cross.

Forty-three servicemen from this area were due to arrive from overseas last week, or landed within the week, according to an AP release.

Aboard the Texarkana Victory which landed in New York was Capt. Hubert Nance, of Bedford.

The Joseph Gale docked in Newport News Tuesday with the following: T/5 Earl Parker, (colored) Bedford, and Pvt. Nelson Jones, Bedford county.

Pvt. John M. Arthur has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Arthur of Bedford, that he has landed in LeHavre, France, and had stopped at Camp San Francisco near Chateau-Thiery en route to Germany.

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tion, as the name of the town had been similarly changed some years previously.

On the twenty-fifth anniversary of Doctor Grey's pastorate, in 1932, the congregation held a special service in honor of him and Mrs. Grey. It was in charge of the other pastors in the town, and after an opening program of music, each of them spoke for his church in appreciation of the services both Doctor Grey and Mrs. Grey had rendered, not only to the church but to the community. They were presented a purse of silver by the congregation in token of their love and esteem.

On this occasion two young sons of the church, who had recently entered the ministry were present: Rev. J. H. Grey, Jr., and Rev. J. N. Thomas.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Superintendents

Mr. Baldwin Farnham, resigned in 1873;
Mr. J. R. Guy, elected in 1873;
Mr. W. S. Graves, elected in 1877;
Mr. J. R. Guy, elected in 1883;
Mr. J. W. Gish, elected in 1890;
Mr. F. H. Richardson, elected in 1891;
Mr. R. H. Thomas, elected in 1894;
Mr. J. R. Guy, elected in 1898;
Mr. F. O. Thomas, elected in 1922.

ORGANIZATIONS

A separate history has been written of the Auxiliary and recorded in the Secretary's Book; so here are listed only the names of the organizations in order of their birth:

1. The Ladies' Aid Society; date unknown.
2. 1877—The Liberty Presbyterian Sunday School Mission Band.
3. 1879—The Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society.
4. 1880—The Willing Workers; changed to
5. 1882—The Young Ladies' Mission Band, changed to Washburn Missionary Society.
6. 1890—The Coral Workers.
7. 1901—The Covenanters.
8. 1898—The Ladies' Home Missionary Society.
9. 1904—Earnest Workers; United with the Ladies' Aid to form
10. 1914—The Auxiliary; united with the Women's Missionary Society and the Washburn Missionary Society to form
11. The Washburn Auxiliary; changed to
12. 1922—The Women's Auxiliary.
13. 1921—The Christian Endeavor.

A church history is not complete without a word about some of her pastors. Among these the name of Dr. J. G. Shepperson stands out preeminently. Forty years of his life were spent in Bedford county—eight of them in Liberty—and that at a time when the church was small and, owing to many conditions of life, the work was arduous. The writer, too young to remember him as a preacher, has a vivid memory of his unique appearance and personality. He was a man of small stature, retiring in manner, with a shock of white hair surmounting a very much wrinkled countenance, in which the eagle nose was prominent. He was wont to say that his skin was intended for a much larger man. Twinkling blue eyes gave evidence of keen wit and humor, for which he was famed. Peculiarities of voice and gesture gave him an almost ludicrous presence, his whole demeanor betokening a man of small calibre. But the looks belied the man! He was deeply spiritual, a profound theologian, a man of force. Presbyterianism in Bedford county owes much to his labors and influence.

Others who served the church for longer or shorter periods, before Dr. Shepperson, were better known from their longer labors in other fields, and the writer has no recollection of them.

Rev. W. M. McPheeters, here as a supply for one year, was for many years a teacher in Columbia Theological Seminary. Rev. J. P. Smith wielded a wide influence as Editor of the Central Presbyterian. Dr. T. W. Hooper had a long pastorate in Christiansburg, Va. Rev. Edward D. Washburn, pastor beloved for ten years, was a man of culture and high ideals, a preacher of ability. His intense interest in Foreign Missions was a great inspiration to the church.

Rev. R. B. Eggleston was a very active worker in the two years he was pastor, his labors resulting in a large increase in membership.

Dr. H. H. Hawes came to us in his old age, rich in experience and afire with zeal for Home Missions, in which work he had been long engaged.

Rev. E. E. Lane, a young man with a winning personality, particularly attractive to young people, was a fine preacher, a born leader, an ardent worker, and the church developed under his ministry.

Dr. J. H. Grey, the present pastor, staunch and true, is a fearless preacher of righteousness. For more than a quarter of a century he has lived among us, shepherding us; widely known, greatly loved, walking in the foot-steps of his Master, who "went about doing good."

A few notes since the foregoing paper was written in 1935 are as follows:

The General Assembly of the church, having adopted the Ministers Annuity Fund plan, this church immediately embraced it and voted to assume her full quota.

In 1942 the Manse property was sold; the money was put into Government Bonds, to be used toward the building of a new manse when needed.

In contrast with the first annual report of the collection of $1,259.71 from 65 members the collection for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943 amounted to $9,040, contributed by a membership of 296.

In 1942, through the efforts of the Evening Circle of the Auxiliary and the Anna Latimer Bible Class, a beautiful gray stone oven was erected on the lawn at the rear of the church. This addition has proven to be a real asset to the young people's work.

Our service roll for World War II bears the names of 54 men and women.

On June 11-12, 1944, the hundredth anniversary of the church was celebrated with the following program:

JUNE 11, ELEVEN A. M.

MORNING WORSHIP
Organ Prelude — O Rest In The Lord — Mendlessohn
Doxology
Invocation
Anthem ..... O God The Rock of Ages — Jones
Hymn No. 345 ..... The Church's One Foundation
Scripture Reading And
Prayer ..... Mr. Ira B. Watson, Jr.
Offertory ..... Aria — Gounod
Anthem ..... Seek Ye The Lord — Roberts
Announcements
Hymn No. 67 ..... Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
Apostles' Creed
Sermon, We See Jesus Crowned—Dr. John H. Grey, Jr.
Prayer For Those in our Armed Forces
Hymn No. 115 ..... Crown Him With Many Crowns
Benediction

JUNE 11, EIGHT P. M.

EVENING WORSHIP
Organ Prelude ..... Pilgrim's Chorus — Wagner
Doxology
Invocation
Anthem ..... Praise Ye The Father — Gounod
Hymn No. 1 ..... Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Offertory ..... Night Song — Stults
Anthem ..... Art Thou Weary? — Lepphard
Announcements
Hymn No. 221 ..... God Moves in a Mysterious Way
Apostles' Creed
Sermon ..... A Faith for Tomorrow — Dr. J. N. Thomas
Prayer
Hymn No. 248 ..... O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

JUNE 12, EIGHT P. M.

Organ Prelude.....O Thou Sublime, Sweet Evening Star
Doxology
Invocation
Hymn No. 463 ..... Day Is Dying In The West
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Anthem ..... Holy Art Thou — Handel
Greetings from Peaks Presbyterian Church
Rev. J. W. Bolick
Greetings from Bedford Ministerial Association
Rev. Alpheus W. Potts
Greetings from Montgomery Presbytery
Dr. R. A. Lapsley, Jr.
An Appreciation ..... F. O. Thomas
Reading of Church History ..... O. A. Thomas
Hymn No. 3 ..... Come, Thou Almighty King
Address ..... Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
Dr. R. A. Lapsley, Jr.
Hymn No. 373 ..... Blest Be The Tie That Binds

In July, Dr. Grey tendered his resignation as pastor as he did not feel equal to continue the full work. This was accepted with regret by the congregation, and so were severed the pleasant ties of thirty-seven years.

In September a call was extended to Rev. S. B. Lapsley of Abingdon, Va. The call was accepted and Mr. Lapsley began his ministry Nov. 5, 1944.

On the last Sunday of Dr. Grey's pastorate, November 12, 1944, a special service was held in the evening

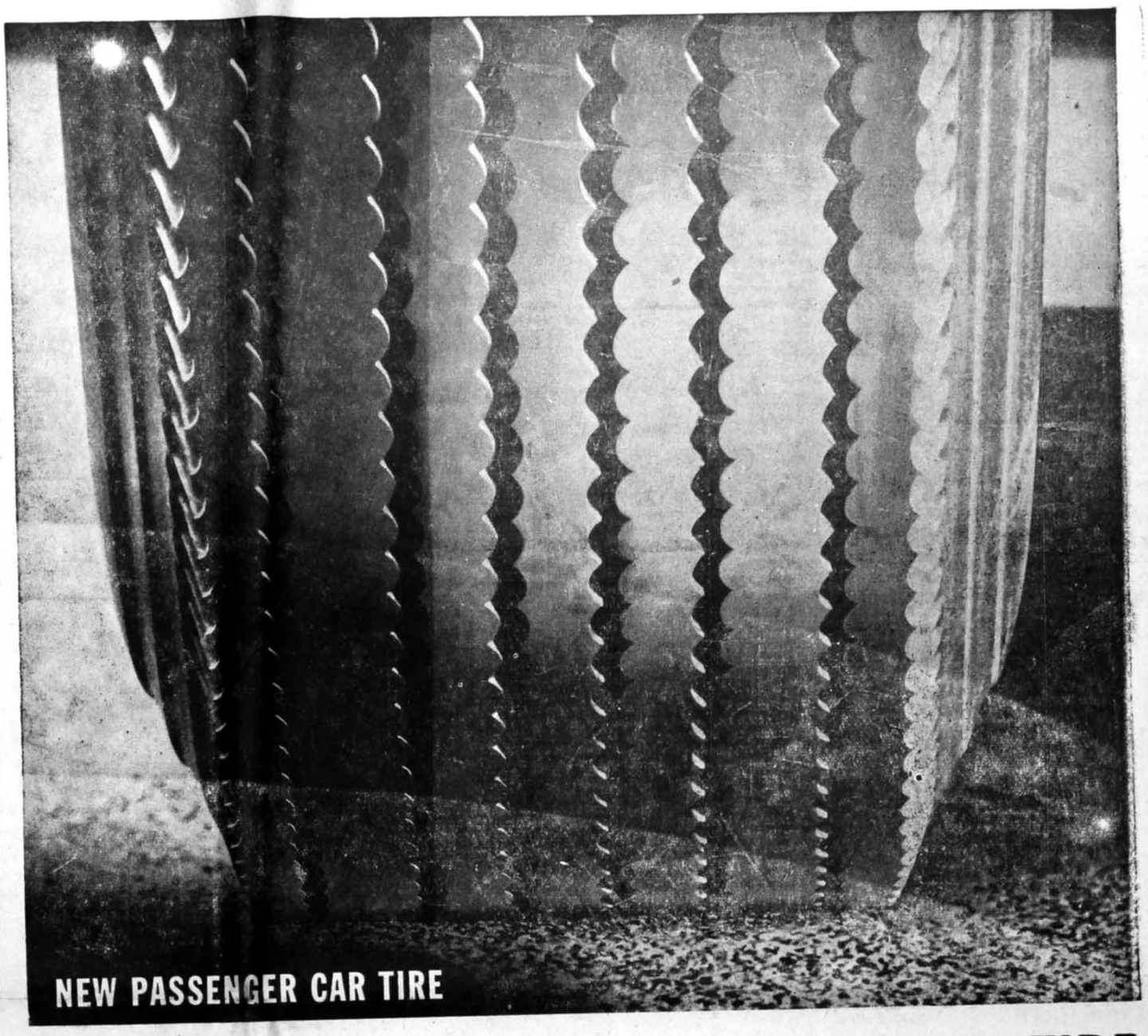
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Lesson for December 16

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REALIZING CHRIST IN THE LIFE OF THE NATION

LESSON TEXT: Isaiah 9:2, 3, 6, 7; Luke 1:26-33.

GOLDEN TEXT: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. —Isaiah 9:6.

Christmas is coming! It should be a blessed and delightful time this year. But do not fail to ask yourself, What is its true meaning? Why did Christ come? So that we could feast and celebrate? Surely not. He came first of all to be a Saviour; but do not forget that the Saviour is also the King of kings.

When Jesus came, His people Israel were practically without a government. They were a subject people under the rule of Rome. Their national life was in ruins; darkness had settled over their land, and there was both national and spiritual darkness. Christ came as their King, as well as the Light of the world. Then, they rejected Him, and His kingdom is now in abeyance until He comes again to reign. One of these days He will come!

I. Darkness—but the Light Is Coming! (Isa. 9:2, 3).

When Jesus came there was deep darkness in Israel; there was no king. National honor and glory were at low ebb. Religious leaders had lost their spiritual vision and zeal. They were going through the form of godliness but denying its power. Read the book of Malachi for a picture of their desolation.

Then Jesus came, and the greatest Light of all time shone forth in the darkness. He was and is "the light of the world" (John 8:12). They that followed Him did not stumble in darkness (John 9:5; 11:9). How sad that they received Him not (John 1:11)! The reason? They loved darkness rather than light (John 3:17-21).

There is much darkness in our world today. We need the light of Jesus in national life, as well as in individual life. When will the nations of the earth recognize Him as the only One who can truly lead them through the darkness?

Military leaders, educators, and scientists are saying in our day that there must be a spiritual rebirth of the peoples of the earth if we are not to have another war which will destroy everything. No mere revival of "religion" will do it. We must have Jesus, the Saviour and the Light!

II. Chaos—but a King Is Coming (Isa. 9:6, 7).

We have already suggested that Isaiah's prophecy came at a time of chaos in the affairs of the nation. Would they ever have the order and dignity of a nation again? Who was to be their king? What kind of leader would He be? Our verses give the answer.

Seven hundred years before Christ came, the prophet presented a glorious, detailed picture of the coming One. He was to be born as a Babe —a Son—but the "government shall be upon his shoulder."

What kind of King is He? His names reveal Him.

"Wonderful"—that word has been so misused that it means comparatively little to us. It really fulfills its true meaning in Christ. He is unique, remarkable, yes, truly wonderful. "Counsellor"—in every detail of life, great or small, an infallible Guide. "Mighty God"—not just like God, or representing God; Christ is God. "Everlasting Father"—the tender and loving, unfailing One to whom time brings no change, for He is the "Father of eternity." "Prince of Peace"—He is not yet the Ruler of the nations of the world, hence we hear not only of wars but of rumors of wars. Mark it well that there will be no enduring peace until He comes to reign whose right it is to reign, the divine Prince of Peace.

III. Jesus Christ—the Light and the King (Luke 1:26-33).

If Christ is to be honored in the life of any nation, yes, of our nation, He must first be recognized as the Son of God, the Lord of glory, the everlasting King of kings.

We need to emphasize that fact now when both military and political leaders are talking about the need of spiritual revival to save the world. Let us be sure that they mean more than just to pay formal recognition to a great man and a distinguished moral teacher. He is the Saviour, and there is none other (Acts 4:12).

Note the marvelous fulfillment of prophecy which actually took place in the coming of Jesus. Isaiah (7:14) said He was to be born of a virgin. He was (v. 27)! He was to be the Son of God (Ps. 2:7). He was (v. 32)! And so on through all the detailed prophecies of His birth.

We celebrate the fulfillment of these prophecies at Christmas time. Let us be reminded that there are hundreds of prophecies that He is to come again. Let us believe them, and look for Him. He is the hope of this poor world!

Announcement!

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honoring Dr. and Mrs. Grey, in which all the churches of the town united.

A member of the Ministerial Association, a layman of another denomination, and an officer of this church spoke in appreciation of the service they have rendered the church and community, and the high regard in which they are held. A framed copy of the following citation and a purse were presented them:

CITATION

"Because of his magnificent service to this community as pastor and friend, without regard to color or creed; because of the portrayal in his work of the Christian philosophy of the brotherhood of man; because of his use of every opportunity to present Christ to all with whom he came in contact; and because of the fact that he constantly "Went about doing good", we, the citizens of Bedford County, on the occasion of his retirement as Pastor of the Bedford Presbyterian church, do present this statement of appreciation and this folder to Doctor John H. Grey as visible evidence of our love and esteem."

Another beautiful and unusual tribute was given Dr. Grey from the Negroes. A committee from their number came to the church on Christmas Eve at the close of the Sunday School hour and in a few well chosen words, told what he had meant to them through the years; and they, too, gave him a purse.

So ends our history to date. Looking back, we acknowledge with grateful hearts God's gracious goodness to us in the past, and pray that his blessing may still rest upon us in the years to come.

BURNS ON ANNIVERSARY

Cleveland.—Fire caused by defective wiring destroyed the suburban Mayfield Methodist church just an hour before the congregation assembled for the final service of a three weeks' celebration of the 110th anniversary of its founding.

HEADLESS COCK GAINS WEIGHT

Fruita, Col.—Mike, five-months-old white Wyandotte cockerel, has gained a pound since his head was cut off 49 days ago. Scientists say that this happened because the basal portion of the brain remained connected with the spinal cord and the throat and windpipe were left intact.

THOSE WAR BRIDES WITH TOO MANY HUSBANDS

Suppose you were sure your soldier-husband was dead and you took another spouse, only to have the first one turn up alive? What would you do? How some double-brides handled the situation is told in an illuminating article in the December 23rd issue of

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PLEADS GUILTY

Shakopee, Minn.—Wilfred Shack, 27, plead guilty to killing Sally Ricker of Minneapolis on a country road, Oct. 15. Shack said he had carried the gun for two months, awaiting an opportunity to shoot the girl, who refused to marry him.

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One man recently took ERB-HELP three days and said afterward that he never would have believed his body contained so much filthy substance. He says his stomach, intestines, bowels and whole system were so thoroughly cleansed that his constant headaches came to an end, several pimply skin eruptions on his face dried up overnight, and even the rheumatic pains in his knee disappeared. At present he is an altogether different man, feeling fine in every way.

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FARM AND HOME NEWS

Tibbs Brothers Buy Herd Sire In Texas

W. R. Tibbs, and brother of Forest, have recently purchased and received Hereford bull from Texas that is a full brother to the splendid herd bull purchased last year by the Ivy Hill Farm of Forest. This bull is CW Carlos Domino 145th registration No. 3996781, calved September 17, 1943. He is from the stock farm of Combs and Worley, Pampa, Texas, and was bought from E. B. Myer, Amarillo, Texas.

The Tibbs brothers recently purchased a group of bred heifers at the annual Hereford Sale at Staunton. These heifers, together with several Herefords already on the Otter Hill Farm, gives the Tibbs Bros. a nice size registered herd to be headed by the excellent Carlos Domino bull. This should be one of the nicest Hereford breeding farms in the county within a short time.

AAA FARM NEWS

By W. B. Denton, Secretary
Bedford County AAA Committee

Local Farmers Get More Authority In AAA

Farmers will have more leeway under the 1946 agricultural conservation program in choosing the practices they want to carry out on their farms, William R. Walker, chairman of the AAA County Committee, said today.

This year, program funds will be allocated to counties as well as to States, and it will be up to farmers and local AAA committeemen to get all the conservation they can for the money they have available.

Mr. Walker pointed out that several important changes have been made in the 1946 program. One change is that no farm allowances will be established this year on basis of cropland and pasture. Another one is that, to earn payments, practices to be completed under the program must have the prior approval of the county committee.

AAA community committeemen will help each farmer plan the program for his farm. From a list of practices approved for Bedford county, the farmer may choose those practices which his farm needs. In approving plans, county committees will give consideration to the needs of all farms in the county, in line with the amount of conservation money allocated to the county.

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SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By Sneed T. Adams
Assisting Conservationist

District Program

Because of the misconception and lack of understanding that the general public has with regard to the State Soil Conservation Act of 1938, John H. Daniel, chairman, State Soil Conservation committee, in a letter recently to all agricultural agencies operating in organized soil conservation districts explains the meaning of some of the terms used in the act. In order to clear up some of this misunderstanding we are listing below several of the terms which are most often improperly used:

1. Soil Conservation Districts: Not Soil Conservation Service Districts or demonstration areas. The Soil Conservation District is a political sub-division of the state, organized under Virginia law (Senate Bill No. 38, dated July 1938) to conserve soil and soil resources and prevent erosion.

2. Soil Conservation District Supervisors: Not Soil Conservation Committee or Board of Directors. The Soil Conservation District supervisors are five local persons who serve by appointment or election to administer the affairs of the district.

3. State Soil Conservation Committee: Not State Soil Conservation Service or State Board of Directors. The State Soil Conservation Committee is an agency created in the Soil Conservation Districts Act charged with the responsibility of organizing and advising with the districts in the state.

4. District Conservationist: This is a member of the Soil Conservation Service personnel, and not a district supervisor.

Mr. Daniel urged that we create a better understanding of the district as a locally governed organization of land owners dealing with the problems of the land.

Soil Conservation Districts, although young, are growing rapidly. Landowners in 82 Virginia counties have organized 22 districts in seven years, covering nearly 85 percent of the state.

Contour Cultivation on the Increase

The expansion of contour cultivation has been rapid during the war years. Assitance for contour practices was given by AAA last year on a record total of over 29 million acres, including contouring, row crops, contouring drilled crops, contouring subsoiling and contour strip cropping.

This method of farming "around the slope" instead of up and down the hill cuts down erosion by preventing water from carrying off the soil, its increase acre yield of crops, maintains their quality by holding the fertile top soil in place, and increases the moisture content in the land.

Some startling increase in acre yield have been reported in specific areas as a direct result of the conservation of moisture, soil and plant nutrients through contouring. An increase of 23 bushels more corn an acre in Iowa, 6.2 bushels of soybeans in Illinois, 44 more bushels of potatoes per acre in New York, four more bushels of wheat in the Great Plains and 29 pounds of cotton per acre in Texas.

Point Rationing In Bedford County

Office Hours: The Local War Price and Rationing Board will be closed on Monday, December 24; Tuesday (Christmas Day), December 25; Monday, December 31; and Tuesday, (New Year's Day), January 1.

However, the board will be open on Saturday, December 29; and on Saturday, January 5.

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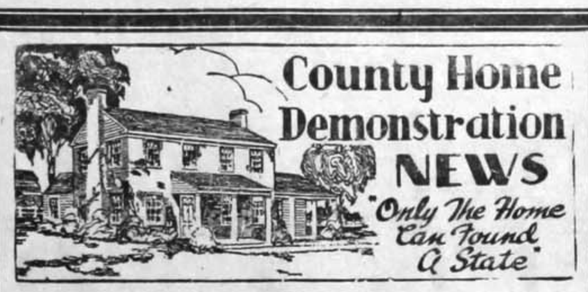
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by MRS. LELA C. ATKINSON
County H. D. Agent

Club Meetings Next Week

December 17—Hickory Grove H. D. Club.

December 19—Perrowville H. D. club; Bedford H. D. club.

December 20—Longview H. D. club.

Emmaus H. D. Club Meets

The Emmaus H. D. Club met on November 29 at the home of Mrs. Hattie Ashworth with 12 members present. The members voted to keep the same officers for 1946. Plans were made for the Christmas party, and names were drawn for gifts. Mrs. Hattie Ashworth gave an interesting demonstration of preparation and conservation of foods. Hostesses were named for meetings until July. A delightful social hour was spent. Mrs. L. S. Thomas won a prize in a quizzing contest. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The Christmas party will be at the home of Mrs. Eona Shrewsbury.

Mrs. Chas. Robertson, Reporter

Perrowville H. D. Club

Mrs. Perry Miller gave a demonstration on a one-dish meal at the meeting of the Perrowville H. D. club which met at the home of Mrs. Frank Hatcher on November 21. Plans were made for the Christmas party which will be held at the home of Mrs. C. R. Cole.

Miss Sallie Mitchell, Reporter

Make Your Christmas Gifts

Make some of your Christmas gifts, this year, suggests Mrs. Lela C. Atkinson, home agent in Bedford county. A simple present that you make yourself often means more to the receiver than an inexpensive ready-made gift. And more important, you can save money by making your gifts at home. If you've been a careful shopper right along, there should be pieces of good fabrics, in your scrap bag that can be easily transformed into lovely useful gifts. You'll probably come across scraps of trimming, like lace, buttons, braid, and sequins, that add so much to the festivity of Christmas gifts. Let the people on your gift list guide your sewing, Mrs. Atkinson advises. Ladies of every age, from five to seventy-five, can always use a pair of scuffs. Make them to match or cotrast with her housecoat or negligee. More than welcome for a baby is a sacque, made of rayon flannel or crepe, trimmed with feather-stitching, applique or tucks. Everyone has a different older person to give a present to. One solution is a bed jacket—plain, or quilted—for extra warmth. Finish and trimming have a lot to do with the success of your completed sewing. If you want to make a wonderful impression with your thoughtfulness, try monogramming such things as lingerie and table sets. It isn't necessary to be an expert needle woman to make attractive Christmas presents. There are easy-to-follow patterns which help you cut, and guide you through every step of the way so that your finished handiwork will have quite a professional look. And there are other things that are so simple that you really don't need a pattern for them. You will find the Christmas gifts you decide to make receiving a heartfelt welcome that repays you many time over for every stitch you put into them.

The Earth Will Endure

Editor, The Roanoke Times:

I am right often asked about atomic energy, or the atomic bomb as it is usually called. Of course I know very little about it. We may think of an atom as a tiny solar system. It has a nucleus about which revolve electrons and protons, which may be likened to our planets revolving about our sun. But the atom is so tiny it is invisible to us. Millions of them are in a pin head. A way of "spliting" the atom has been discovered—a way of pulling out of place some of the elections and protons. Now suppose we could pull out of their orbits some of our planets. What would happen? The whole solar system would be thrown into confusion and intense heat would result, a heat so intense that we can not imagine it. The same thing happens when we "split the atom." Intense heat results. Think what the atomic bombs did to the cities of Japan. I am a Bible student and accept the Bible as a perfect revelation from God. It teaches us that the world was once destroyed by a flood and that it is now reserved for destruction by fire. We may well believe that the atom may be the agent of destruction. No one knows of course. But the world continued to exist after its destruction by a flood, and it will continue to exist after its destruction by fire. It will always exist and will always be inhabited. There is no such thing as "the end of the world," in the sense that the world is to be annihilated. The end of the age will come, but the earth will always be here and will always be inhabited.

GEORGE H. GILMER.
Draper, Va.

SONJA TO GET DIVORCE

Chicago.—Sonja Henie, ice skating champion and movie actress and Daniel Reed Topping, wealthy New York sportsman, have decided to separate after a marriage of a little over five years, their attorney, J. Arthur Friendlund, says.

Deeds Recorded In Bedford County

The followng real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court in Bedford:

Eugene B. and Rens Templeton, etc., to Mary Lee Templeton, interest in 100 acres on Trent's Ferry Road, $5.00 etc.

Clarence J. and Rosa B. Huddleston to C. E. Eareheart, 84 3-4 acres in Chamblissburg district, $1500.00.

Grat and Berta Lee Rosazza to J. W. Gillaspie, lot on Vine street in Bedford, $550.00.

Gilbert C. and Amanda P. Luck to J. W. Gillaspie, lot on Oakwood street in Bedford, $5.00 etc.

F. O. and B. G. Thomas to Cosie Updike Davey, lot on Westview avenue in Bedford, $10.00 etc.

N. R. and Thelma Phillips to Ruth F. Hicks, 44.54 acres in Lisbon district, $2000.00.

Davis H. and Ena U. Atkinson to R. H., Rufus F. and Eugene Overstreet, 1.06 acres on highway 460, $10.00 etc.

Joseph L., Jr., and Judith Garnett Gray to Thomas B. Hawes, lot in Forest district about five miles west of Lynchburg, $5.00 etc.

Ida B. Kirby and Cabell C. Bernard etc., to James Herndon, etc, lot at Montvale, $500.00.

Rosa Holley Blake and Harry Blake to J. W. Allen, 10 acres in Lisbon district, about two miles west of Thaxton, $1.00 etc.

Aubrey E. Strode, Jr., special commissioner, to J. W. Allen, 19 acres in Lisbon district about two miles west of Thaxton, $276.00.

Douglas Anderson, etc to J. L. Buford, lot at Montvale in Lisbon district, $5.00 etc.

The Lynchburg National Bank and Trust Co., trustee under the will of B. A. Rice, deceased, to J. L. Buford, 36¼ acres near Montvale, $500.00.

Thomas B. and Sarah R. Overstreet to Richard H. Overstreet, eight acres in Lisbon district, $5.00 etc.

Thomas B. and Sarah R. Overstreet etc., to Arthur David Overstreet, 15 acres in Lisbon district, $150.00.

Mrs. L. A. Bromena to Lymon G. and Frances M. Bohon, lot at Montvale in Lisbon district, $300.00.

Ida B. Kirby etc., to William Leslie Bohon, lots at Montvale, $500.00.

Trustees of the Religious Congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church South to Robert L. Johnson, lot on Crenshaw and Washington streets, $5800.00.

J. A. and Clara D. Scott to Davis H. Atkinson, 160 acres on Echols creek in Central district, $5.00 etc.

L. R. and Mary A. Freeman, etc to Carlton K. Moore, 46 1/5 acres in Lisbon district two miles north of Montvale, $2800.00.

Norman M. and Ada B. Carter to J. S. and Macy R. Hoback, 50 acres in Central district, $5.00 etc.

W. E. and Florence Blankenship to J. S. and Macy R. Hoback, 7.80 acres in Central district, $10.00 etc.

Boyd and Dorothy Drew to John Burdette, one acre known as Horeb school lot, $60.00.

Eula Jane Williams to James E. Williams, 51 acres near old Stewartsville, $10.00 etc.

Bettie M. Overstreet etc to Elmer H. Lawhorn and Oswald M. Hicks, 103.21 acres in Chamblissburg district on Stony Fork creek, $2,000.00.

Jesse H. and Virginia Turner to George A. and Viola McAndrew, lot on Lindsay Farm (seven acres), $5.00 etc.

113 Appalachian Electric Power Company rights of way easements.

McHenry Nance, etc to J. A. Kylie Morris Ayres, lot on Washington and Crenshaw streets in Bedford, $10.00 etc.

Fat Salvage Needed For Soap Shortage

Point rationing is ended, but fat salvage must continue. Secretary of Agriculture Anderson said, "Even though rationing is ended, there still remains the need for preventing waste of any fats and for salvaging of used fats needed for the manufacture of soap and for other industrial uses."

Fat salvage represents twelve percent of total U. S. tallow and grease production. Fat salvage furnishes about ten percent of all the fats which go to manufacture soap. Any major decline in fat salvage collections may result in further reduction of the present permitted rate of soap manufacture, and consequently, in even greater soap shortages than are now plaguing the American housewife.

With the end of point rationing, we no longer have the "gimmick" of the four-point bonus. Retailers, however, will continue to accept used fats and to pay four cents per pound. If women don't want soaps to become even scarcer than they are now, they must continue to save and turn in all their used fats.

TERRACE VIEW

Realizing that something should be done about improving our church and Sunday school, a meeting was held recently and a finance committee was appointed to make the necessary plans to finance this program, after prayful consideration, we have decided to set apart Sunday, December 16, at 11 a. m. to have special services, both pastor, Rev. T. E. Weringo, and Rev. Arthur L. Warner. We personally appeal to every member to be present at this special meeting.

This is your church and we want every member to have a part in making this improvement.

The finance committee of Terrace View church:

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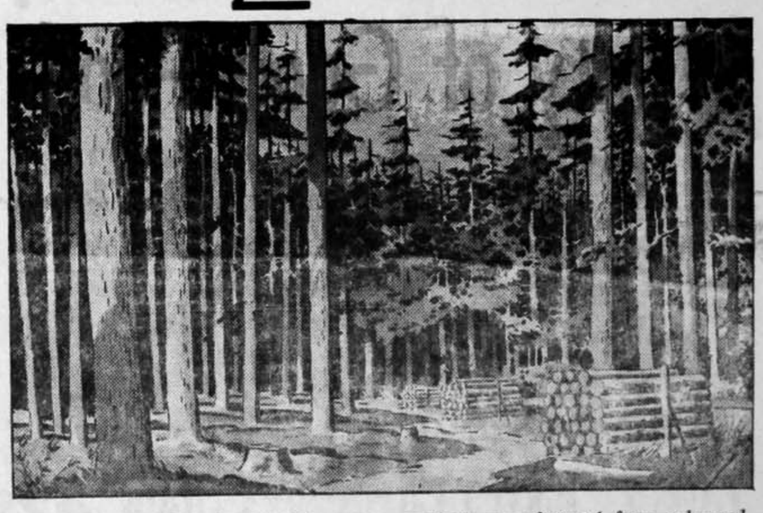
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BUDGET STATEMENT

FOR THREE MONTHS ENDING NOV. 30, 1945

REVENUE	Estimated Totals For Year	Collected To Date	Estimated Bal. to be Collected
Electric Department	155,000.00	44,326.14	110,673.86
Water Department	30,000.00	8,328.41	21,671.59
Town Licenses	7,000.00	207.50	6,792.50
Fines & Costs (Mayor's Court)	2,500.00	1,404.33	1,095.67
40% of State Tax on Banks	3,000.00		3,000.00
Municipal Schools	51,360.00	4,755.02	46,604.98
District and State Street Fund	8,730.00	2,182.50	6,547.50
ABC Board Profits	7,500.00	10,843.53	-(3,343.53)
Material and Labor Sold	1,500.00	704.14	795.86
Service Deposits	500.00	135.00	365.00
Rent from Poles	1,365.28	1,287.00	78.28
Interest on U. S. Bonds	262.50	262.50	
From County for Library Books	150.00	150.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	268,867.78	74,586.07	194,281.71
Balance September 1, 1945	77,079.68	77,079.68	
Balance November 30, 1945			53,542.66
GRAND TOTALS	345,947.46	151,665.75	247,824.37

EXPENDITURES	Budget Appropriation	Expended To Date	Balance Required For Year
Administration	17,090.00	3,888.11	13,201.89
Electric Department:			
Maintenance & Impt.	34,068.00	10,485.62	23,582.38
Emergency Fund	4,000.00	4.61	3,995.39
Water Department:			
Maintenance & Impt.	5,420.00	1,790.92	3,629.08
Emergency Fund	4,000.00		4,000.00
Streets Department	30,900.00	16,776.61	14,123.39
Sewers Department	3,000.00	129.62	2,870.38
Police Department	10,010.00	2,519.82	7,490.18
Fire Department	2,580.00	179.09	2,400.91
Municipal Schools	67,594.25	11,503.96	56,090.29
Insurance	2,717.22	1,344.55	1,372.67
Library	3,150.00	961.41	2,188.59
Public Welfare	725.00		725.00
Motor Vehicles	5,400.00	1,339.47	4,060.53
Interest on Bonded Indebtedness	6,350.00	2,263.75	4,086.25
Bonds Maturing During Year	12,000.00		12,000.00
Appalachian Electric Power Co.	5,000.00	1,249.98	3,750.02
Excess Elec. Current Purchased	40,000.00		40,000.00
For Purchase of Real Estate	3,300.00	3,154.72	145.28
Service Refund	400.00	155.00	245.00
Rent Paid on Poles	375.00	375.00	
Repairing Buildings	1,000.00	.85	999.15
U. S. Bonds (from contingent fund)	40,000.00	40,000.00	
Total Expenditures	299,079.47	98,123.09	200,956.38
Balance November 30, 1945		53,542.66	
Contingent Fund ($86,867.99-$40,000.00)	46,867.99		46,867.99
GRAND TOTALS	345,947.46	151,665.75	247,824.37

Ross Rosazza Guest In College Choir

J. Ross Rosazza, Sp. (W) 2/c., USNR, of Washington, D. C., and formerly of Bedford, was guest artist at the Christmas concert of the Mary Washington College choir in the George Washington auditorium in Fredericksburg Tuesday night.

A native of Bedford, he had several years of private musical study, and was later awarded a scholarship to the Westminster Choir College at Princeton, N. J. Here, in his freshman year, he was appointed a member of the Westminister Choir—a rare distinction for a freshman.

With this group, he sang with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, the NBC Symphony Orchestra and in recitals throughout the esatern states.

He has served for four years as a Navy chaplain's assistant and is present assistant to Rear Admiral W. N. Thomas, Naval chief of chaplains.

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some men get is trying to dope out the weekly football scores.

We fear that one result of the termination of hostilities will be an outbreak of amateur poetry.

There is no reason why you must spend savings immediately; wait awhile and get more for your coin.

Almost any prescription will cure a patient who believes in it.

Then there is the man who insists upon showing you his card tricks.

Who won the war? The answer is: Everybody who fought and many who did not.

It is estimated that 500,000 people in this country have tuberculosis—nearly half of whom do not know they have the disease. They are ndangring thir own lives and the health of others with whom they come in contact.

Tuberculosis is the fourth cause of death among Negroes.

The tuberculosis death rate among Negroes is three and a half times as high as among white people.

The world is plagued with people who can alwas tell you why you ought to do what they want you to do.

Hung Jury In One Circuit Court Case

The case of James Stewart, charged with malicious wounding, ended with a hung jury, in Bedford circuit court, Wednesday.

James Holdren was found guilty on a hit and run charged and fined $25. Holdren, driver of a truck, is charged with striking an automobile driven by Donald E. Vierling.

Arnold Spence and Edward Brannan pleaded guilty to the charge of housebreaking and larceny and were sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. They were charged with breaking into the residence of E. T. Layne, near Perrowville, and stealing goods valued at $75.

Montvale High School

Montvale F. F. A. Activities

The F. F. A. chapter had three judges at the Amherst judging contest on Saturday, November 3. The judges were as follows: E. L. McGurei, E. C. Bobbitt and David W. Huddleston.

There were about 48 chapters represented and we judged several classes of Aberdeen Angus cattle.

The Montvale F. F. A. chapter held the initiations of the Green Hands on November 16. There were 19 members initiated.

The F. F. A. chapters held a basketball tournament for the Roanoke-Botetourt-Bedford Federation December 10, at 7:30 p. m. Three games were played at this time. The other games of the tournament will be played at a later date. The pupils will be invited to atend.t

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Capt. and Mrs. A. J. Cauthorn, Jr., who visited his parents, have gone to Florida for a visit.

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Lt. Col. and Mrs. George L. Newton have arrived to spend the holidays with Mrs. Newton's mother, Mrs. C. E. McClintock on Grove street. They reside at Manchester, New Hampshire.

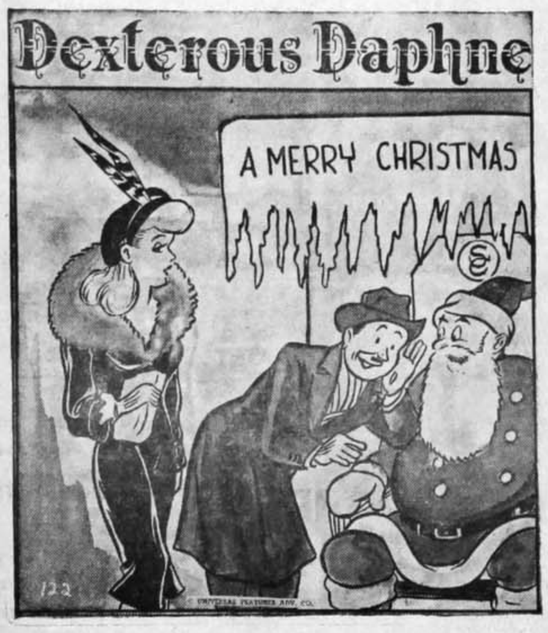
Who remembers when, and why gasoline was rationed?

One measure of an honest man is how he pays out-of-date debts.

When you hear a man talking about his honesty watch out.

A bad habit is something that other people insist upon doing.

—FOR SALE—One 1934 Ford, in good condition. Apply Edward Powell, Greenwood street, Bedford, Va. 12-13-1t-pd



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WALNUTS . . . . Lb. 43c

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WILL THERE BE A STEEL STRIKE?

Not if the CIO abides by its pledged word, given only last spring.

Question: What would be the general effect on the country of a steel strike?

Answer: *Over 40 percent of all the factory workers in the country earn their living by making steel into useful products for American life. Shut-down of the steel industry would be a disastrous blow to reconversion and would cause a serious loss in both wages and industrial products at a time when they were most needed.*

Question: Is it true that the Steelworkers Union has pledged itself not to strike?

Answer: *Yes. Every contract which the Union has signed this year with the various steel companies has a clause wherein the Union agrees not to strike during the life of the contract.*

Question: Are those contracts still in effect?

Answer: *Yes. They were signed in the spring of* 1945 *to run until October,* 1946.

Question: Who signed for the Union?

Answer: *Its international officials—Philip Murray, Van Bittner, Clinton Golden and others—and the local Union heads at the various plants.*

Question: Is there no "escape clause" by which either side could end the agreements?

Answer: *No. The Union demanded a fixed, long-term contract and got it.*

Question: Why did they want a long-term contract?

Answer: *In the Union's own words before the War Labor Board, "The Union's request for a termination date of October,* 1946, *is not made capriciously or pressed here for bargaining purposes. It represents the considered view of the Union that only such a term will adequately serve the needs of stability."*

Question: Did the recent strike vote violate the contracts?

Answer: *No. Only an actual strike would violate them.*

Question: Haven't there been strikes already during the life of the contracts?

Answer: *Yes. There were* 938 *strikes in steel plants during the past year alone. They were mostly local strikes which the Union characterizes as "wildcat," but meant a big loss in production.*

Question: Does the end of the war justify changing contracts?

Answer: *No. The bond was sealed on both sides and should be kept whether times be good or bad. The steel companies are continuing to live up to these agreements. If a strike is called, it will be in clear violation of the existing contracts.*

A strike in the face of existing contracts would shatter any confidence in the validity of union agreements in the steel industry.

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Community Xmas Market Dec. 22

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Buy Christmas Trees At Dec. 22. Market

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High Prices Continue On Market Here

Bedford's Averages Thought Highest In Dark-Fired Belt

Bedford, it is believed, took the lead for high averages in the dark-fired belt, this week, when Leighton T. Langford, of Forest, sold a load of 962 pounds of tobacco at an average of $37.37 per hundred. The best pile in this load of tobacco brought $40 per hundred to the grower.

While prices have been good from the opening of the market, with even lugs and common grades bringing highly satisfactory prices, good leaf sold this week, has pushed prices on up and the market floor average for the week reached $31.74 per hundred.

The total weight of the crops sold here, during the first three days of this week, reached around 90,000 pounds.

Names of growers receiving especially high averages for the tobacco sold this week are given by the managers of the Saunders and Cooperative warehouses in advertisements appearing elsewhere in this paper.

Dr. W. G. Hardy Is Released From Navy Will Practice Here

Lt. W. G. Hardy, USNR (MC) has been placed on inactive duty and will return to the practice of medicine here on January 2. Prior to entering the service he was engaged in practice with Dr. M. P. Rucker.

Dr. Hardy volunteered for the Navy in June, 1942 and began active duty at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, in July, 1942.

In November, 1942, while serving with the First Beach Battalion, Naval Amphibious Force, he participated in the North African landings. Later he served in the invasion of Sicily and Salerno, Italy. During the latter engagement he was injured and evacuated to a hospital in North Africa.

He was awarded three bronze stars for combat duty, together with the European Theater ribbon and the American theater ribbon.

During the past six months Dr. Hardy has been serving in the Dermatological Department of the Naval hospital, Portsmouth. He will occupy the office on East Main street with Dr. M. P. Rucker.

VFW Auxiliary Post Has Active Program

The Ladies Auxiliary to the V. F. W. holds its regular meetings in the V. F. W. hall on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The auxiliary membership is steadily growing and the meetings are well attended.

The national president, Frances Anderson, made her official visit to Virginia, November 14, at Staunton. Department Junior Vice-President, Mrs. H. L. Terry, and Department Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Guy D. StClair, attended the meetings and the banquet given in Mrs. Anderson's honor. The theme of her after dinner address was "Women's Place in the Post War World." A ball followed the banquet.

The local auxiliary has made plans to have a Chirstmas party for a ward of at least 50 men at the Veteran's Facility in Roanoke. Members of the auxiliary met at the hall to wrap the packages and complete the arrangements on the 17. The party is to be at 7 p. m., Thursday, December 20. The entertainment for the patients is to include string music, and group singing at the piano. Fruit will be served and there will be Christmas boxes of home-made cookies, candy, nuts, a gay colored handkerchief, socks and cigarettes for each veteran. Mrs. Ruth Creasy is chairman of the arrangements.

The members voted to have their next regular meeting the 10 of January due to the fact that the Christmas dance being sponsored by the VFW post will be given at the Woodmen Hall on our regular meeting night, Thursday, December 27.

Mrs. Terry, Mrs. StClair and Mrs. Lillie Holdren were in Vinton to witness the institution of the new Vinton V. F. W. Post, Friday, December 14. The Department president, Mrs. Winn, and her district deputy chief of staff completed the necessary proceedings for the application of a charter for an Auxiliary to that Post, to be organized after the first of January.

The local auxiliary will take part in the collection of clothing to be known as "The Victory Clothing Collection." The American people are being asked to contribute 100,000,000 garments, with additional shoes and bedding. It is hoped that the Bedford people will contribute freely of the garments that can be passed on to a needy person. Clothing for both adults and children is needed. Warm clothing, such as children's sweaters, snow suits, and bath robes, etc. The contributor is invited to include a "Good-Will" note to the recipient overseas who is unknown.

Deer Subject Of County Controversy



WHAT A POISE! "WHAT A STEAK!"—State Trooper Gordon Coleman and Deputy Sheriff Claude Ruff puff in pride and W. P. Hurt, with mouth watering, examines a "steak cut"—for a few moments! Each "interest" these Bedford county gentlemen have in the deer pictured above faded soon. The pride of Coleman and Ruff and the appetite of Hurt all hit "rock bottom" several moments after this was taken two weeks ago.

The deer, shot in Bedford county, had been wounded and chased out of Campbell county by a group of hunters. The dispute of who owned the deer was settled by T. E. Clarke of Richmond, executive director of the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, who ruled that the deer was Campbell county "steak" and would go to the hunters who claimed to have wounded it in that county.

Coleman's and Ruff's proud chests soon sagged and "steak-hungry" Hurt pulled his belt several notches tighter. All three witnessed philosophically, the departure of the 175 pound deer for Campbell county. (staff photographer).

Bedford County Service Personnel Write Of Last War-Time Christmas

Published below are letters from Bedford county servicemen and women who have been asked by this paper to write accounts of how they spent Christmas Day, 1944. An effort has been made to secure letters from all sections of the county and the various branches of the service to let the people see how our victorious service personnel spent the last "war" Christmas.—Editors Note.

"On Christmas Day, 1944, I celebrated the day by serving a turkey dinner. Our menu consisted of: Roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, giblet gravey, cranberry sauce, creamed peas, halved beets, tomato and 'ettuce salad, celery, pumpkin pie, coffee, oranges, nuts and candy. We served dinner from 4 to 6 p. m., and was enjoyed by everyone.

After dinner was served a few of us cooks celebrated by going down town, Casablanca. We enjoyed a good movie at the Vox Theater, sponsored by the Red Cross. Now as the job is well done, I hope to enjoy a more merrier Christmas this year."—**Sgt. T. Arvid Mitchell, ATC, 1252nd AAF Base Unit at Caza air base, Casablanca, Morocco, North Africa. (Leesville).**

"In Hilo, Hawaii, Christmas Day, 1944 was a dismal rainy day, very cold for the Hawaiian area. The 5th. Marine Division was preparing to embark on a squadron of transports at that period; six other men and I were in charge of the loading procedure for the ship that was to carry our battalion. Very few men in the division knew at that time that our destination was Iwo Jima. It may be of interest to know that of the seven of us engaged in loading the ship that Christmas of 1944, only two survived the operation, and those two were wounded. Christmas Day and all that night and the entire week following were spent in loading supplies and equipment and men aboard many more ships than the small harbor and dock facilities at Hilo could readily accomodate; hence it took over a week to embark the division. We sailed on January 2nd. Christmas Day itself was pretty grim for all concerned with getting the equipment and troops aboard; it could have been much grimmer had we known where we were going, but even at that things could have been worse. There was no time for turkey and egg-nog and caroling, but the troops were in fine spirits and that was the most important thing. Starting Christmas Day we worked for over 48 hours without a let-up, getting ready to sail a week later, but I believe that Christmas, 1945, will make up for all that was missed a year ago and several years previous.—**"Lieut. John T. Clark, Jr., USMC, with 5th Marine Division in Hawaii (Bedford).**

"On Christmas day last year, I

(see story 3 on page 10)

Roanoke Stock Market

Salem.—(Furnished by Neuhoff, Inc.)—Hogs: 160 to 400, 14.65. Sows, 13.80. Unfinished hogs discounted from above quotations.

Steers: Choice 14.50 to 15.00; good 13.50 to 14.50; medium 11.00 to 12.00; plain, 9.00-10.00; common, 1.00 to 8.00.

Heifers: 50c under steer quotations.

Cows: good 9.00 to 10.00; medium, 8.00 to 9.00; plain, 7.00; common, 7.00 down.

Calves: Good and choice 14.50 to 16.00; medium, 11.00 to 14.50; common, 9.50 down.

Lambs: Good and choice 12.00 to 13.00; plain and common 10.00 down; good sheep, 4.00 to 5.00; old sheep, 3.00 down. Bucks 50c.

Loan Association Declares Dividend

The Directors of the Bedford Federal Savings & Loan Association, in their monthly meeting for December, declared the regular 1½% dividend out of earnings for the past six months, keeping current the annual rate of 3%. Checks will be mailed fulled paid accounts and optional accounts will be credited as of December 31, according to G. W. Bond, secretary-treasurer.

Mountain Parkway Plans Completion Of Entire Section

The regional office of the National Park Service at Richmond, has announced the return of Stanley W. Abbott from military service to his former duties as resident landscape architect planning all construction, development, and maintenance activities of the Blue Ridge parkway. Prior to going into the Army in January, 1944, Abbott had been designated to act as superintendent-in-charge of administration of the Blue Ridge areas in addition to his technical duties.

The growing public use of completed sections of the Parkway now requires a full administrative and operating organization. Sam P. Weams, who has been assistant superintendent since 1938, has been promoted to be superintendent in charge of the parkway, and of the park headquarters at Roanoke. Mr. Abbott will continue to head the growing volume of technical and professional planning work required to complete the project at as early a date as Congressional authorizations will permit. Construction suspended for the duration of the war is to be resumed at once.

The Blue Ridge parkway extends from the south boundary of Shenandoah national park in Virginia to the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains national park in North Carolina. It follows generally the crest of the Blue Ridge mountains and opens to visitors a panorama of eastern mountain scenery and typical mountain life. Two-thirds of the almost 500-mile parkway length have been graded. Other sections were left in various stages of completion when construction was suspended in 1942. One hundred and forty miles are open to public travel. Some camp grounds are ready for use. During the next three years completion of further sections will proceed under part of a ten million dollar annual authorization by Congress in the Federal Highways Act of 1944.

When completed, the Blue Ridge parkway is expected to attract millions of tourists to the mountainous section of Virginia and North Carolina. Thousands are already taking advantage of it since V-J Day.

A section of this parkway comes along the Blue Ridge mountains in Bedford county—being suitable for travel from near Montvale down by the Peaks of Otter to Big Island. Although only graveled at present, this road offers an excellent view of Bedford county and the scenic views along the mountains and the James river.

Christmas Party Will Be Friday Night

Santa Claus To Be At Annual Event Sponsored By Legion

Jingle bells will ring and the children's eyes will swell when Santa Claus arrives in Bedford on Friday night, December 21 for the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Howard E. Board post of the American Legion.

This annual event sponsored by the Legion post will begin at 7:15 at the Bedford court house or if the weather is too bad, the events will be held in the armory in the basement of the court house.

Packages of candy will be presented to the children and old Saint Nick will be here in person to greet the youngsters and even those "youngsters" who say life begins at forty or more.

The Bedford Firemen's Band will furnish music and the Bedford High School Glee club will sing. Both are under the direction of Charles H. Lamphere.

The Legion post is indebted to the Mayor and the City Council for helping in this program with a generous appropriation which will help take care of the cost of the party.

With the array of Christmas lights and the "White Christmas" arriving, it seems Bedford's first peacetime Christmas party will carry with it the entire spirit of yuletide excitement.

No Democrat To Be Issued Next Week

To give the faithful and efficient employees of the Democrat a much needed vacation, the paper will not be published next week. In an effort to compensate for the omission of the weekly news, ten extra pages are being mailed from the democrat office, this week.

Correction

A mistake was made in the report of the town council, last week. A proposal was made by the trustees of the two cemeteries here that the cemetery associations purchase the fair grounds and donate the land to the town, provided the town assume perpetual care. No proposal was made that the town make the purchase, as we inadvertently stated in the Democrat.

School Orchestra Presents Concert On December 15

The newly formed High School Orchestra under the direction of Charles H. Lamphere, made its first appearance before the entire student body on Thursday, December 13, at 10:30 a. m. The orchestra played four numbers "Our School March," "The Glider Waltz," "Ting O Ling, O-Ling" and "Jiniriska," a Chinese dance. The orchestra also accompanied the entire student body in singing the Christmas carols. Mr. Lamphere states that the orchestra is the finest beginners group he has ever had. The program also ushered in the newly formed Elementary Sacred Choir of thirty voices singing three numbers pertaining to the spirit of Christmas. "The Holly and the Ivy," and English melody, "Joy to the World," by Handel and "Ding Dong Join a Merry Chime," a French Melody. The Elementary Tonette group played "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" and "Jingle Bells."

The High School Glee club climaxed the program by singing "The Praise Carol" by Marryott," Jesus, a Son is Born" A Bohemian Carol, "Deck the Halls," an old Welsh carol.

The music department is working hard toward the State Festival program to be held in February and March at Bedford high school. Bedford is to be host to schools from several counties at this time and bands, orchestras, and choruses will participate from the various schools. It is expected to draw about 1500 boys and girls to the contest which will last two days. The schools entering the district competive festival and securing superior ratings will take part in a state-wide festival at a later date and Mr. Lamphere expects Bedford to be represented in the state contests.

The following students are members of the school orchestra:

Violin, Mildred Parker, Barbara Jean Moore, Phillis Royalty, Joe Davidson, Alyene Padgett, Nancy Jamerson, Florence Marshall, Barbara Dooley, Nancy Hopkins, Ward Gillaspie, Nancy Lee Luck, Hariet Hylton; violas, Barbara Scott, Bobby Ayres; cellos, Kay Lapsley, Ann Harris; bass vial, Mary Ellen Hylton; clarinets, Mary Jean Carlyle, David Bornstein, Aaron Bornstein, Mary Rose, Lois Foster, Snapper Hartwell; trombones, Davis Ballard, Graham Powell; also horn, Laura Rosazza; saxaphine, Armetta Kirby; cornets, Frank Saunders, Homer Chryssikos, Bobby Nash, John Bower, Malcolm Marsh, Jr., Hugh Bond, Earl May, Allen Snead, Gwendolyn Sussman; percussion, Grat Rosazza, Ned Marshall; piano, Joanne Ayres.



ND lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, His Mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Gospel according to St. Matthew

Drastic Change Is Proposed In Election Laws

The repeal of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting, the establishment of a partisan State board of elections to direct the State's election machinery and develop a system of bipartisan county and city electoral boards divorced from court patronage, annual registration of voters and a special court of three judges to hear election contests were the highlights of the report of the of the Suffrage Commission presented to Governor Darden on Saturday.

The Commission, headed by Stuart B. Campbell of Wytheville, advocated the retention of absentee voting but recommends that all applications for these ballots be transmitted to the local electoral board, "that the ballots be sent out and returned to that board and that it be charged with responsibility for delivering the ballots to the several precincts on the day of election." In regard to the printing of ballots the Commission recommends that only ten per cent more ballots be printed than there are registered voters, and all unused and defaced ballots returned to the clerk's office, providing a definite check as to the number of official ballots cast.

As a safeguard to the poll books the Commission recommends that "judges of elections be furnished with proper containers for these records which will be sealed and returned by one of the judges to the clerk's office thus fixing personal responsibility for their custody."

The changes proposed in existing suffrage laws have two general objectives, as explained by the Commission: First, to extend the suffrage franchise to all who demonstrate sufficient intelligence and sufficient interest in the government to indicate that they are entitled to participate in determining its affairs, Second, to provide sufficient safeguards so that opportunities and fraud in elections may be reduced to a minimum."

With the elemination of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting, which the Commission recommends "be eliminated" they point out that

(See story No. 1 on page 3)

Farmers - Buyers Community Mart Opens In Bedford

Exhorting Virginians to buy Christmas evergreens that are State grown instead of paying several prices for those which are shipped from the North, State Forester George W. Dean has issued timely advice—writes the Richmond Times Dispatch, editorially—and of which the local Chamber of Commerce is encouraging Bedford people to do. Sponsoring a Community market so that farmers can bring surplus red cedar, hemlock, holly, magnolia, mistletoe and running cedar—to a place where he can sell—to consumers who will gladly use these evergreens for Christmas decorations, the towns' Chamber of Commerce committee headed by Garland Johnson and Edwin Hanks has secured Saunders Warehouse for this on December 22.

To be used as a Community market, this project will encourage farmers to bring, in addition to evergreens, such items as hams, jellies, canned products, poultry, freshly butchered pork, eggs and other products—the committeemen stated—and the towns people will have a ready market to buy from.

The community market opens early Saturday, December 22.

Send The Democrat As A Christmas Gift

Do as many others are doing, solve your Christmas gift problems by sending the Bedford Democrat to friends and relatives. We have gift cards to announce the Christmas present. Just put $2.00 in an envelope and mail to us, we will send the card and the news of the Democrat will give pleasure every week of the year.—Editor.

Baptist Church Plans To Present Cantata Sunday

"The Christ Child" by Hawley will be presented by the Bedford Baptist church choir under the direction of Chas. H. Lamphere, Sunday, December 23 at the 11 o'clock service. This cantata is one of the outstanding of the Christmas Cantatas. The choir is composed of the regular personal of the choir. The Cantata will take the place of the regular morning sermon. The prelude and offertory will be a violin solo with organ accompaning, by C. H. Lamphere, violinist, and Miss Grace Nichols at the organ. Miss Grace Nichols will also accompany the Cantata.

PROGRAM—PART I

Violin and piano prelude.

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," tenor solor—Dr. J. G. Jantz.

Baritone Recit.—Homer Chryssikos.

"Arise, Shine"—Chorus.

"Behold a King Shall Reign in Righteousness"—Homer Chryssikos.

"He Shall Feed His Flock"—Girl Trio, Alyene Clifton, Mary Ellen Hylton and Shirley Musgrove.

"The Angel Gabriel was Sent from God," Alto Recit.—Mrs. C. H. Lamphere.

"Hail, Hail, tenor solo—Dr. J. G. Jantz.

"How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," quartette and chorus.

"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord," soprano solo—Janet Sue Gee.

"Sing, O Heavens" soprano obligato—Sarah Carter, chorus.

"O Come All Ye Faithful," choir and congregation.

Offertory, violin and organ.

Part II

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" soprano solo—Josephine Burkholder.

"Lo! The Angel of the Lord," alto Recit.—Mrs. C. H. Lamphere.

"Fear Not For Behold," baritone solo—Homer Chryssikos.

"And Suddenly There Was" soprano solo—Sarah V. Carter.

"Glory to God in the Highest," chorus.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," baratone solo—Homer Chryssikos.

"Peace on Earth" girls quartette—Janet Gee, Alyene Clifton, Laura Rosazza, Mary Ellen Hylton.

"Still Through the Cloven Skies," soprano solo—Josephine Burkholder.

"And Ye Beneath Lifes Crushing Load," tenor solo—Dr. J. G. Jantz.

"For, Lo! The Days Are Hastening On," chorus.

"And It Came to Pass," alto Rect.—Mrs. C. H. Lamphere.

"Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem," male chorus.

"Holy Night, Peaceful Night," chorus—soloist—Sarah Carter and Janet Gee.

Members of Choir Taking Part

Gladys Dooley, Alyene Clifton, Estelle Rosazza, Laura Rosazza, Sarah V. Carter, Janet Gee, Mrs. Frank Hubbard, Mrs. Jack Denton, Josephine Burkholder, Dorothy Jean Burkholder, Odessa Tinsley, Catherine Moore, Shirley Musgrove, Mary Ellen Hylton, Mrs. C. H. Lamphere, Kathleen Marshall, Dr. J. G. Jantz, Grat Rosazza, Jr., Homer Chryssikos, Charles Rucker, S. S. Hylton, R. Q. Owen and Betty Ann McGhee.

Montvale Sailor Fatally Injured At Home Friday

William Edward Luck, 70, shot and killed his son, Lee Buford Luck, S. 2/c, 19 at the Luck home about 4 miles north of Montvale, in Goose Creek Valley, shortly after 12 o'clock, Friday morning, December 14, according to D. W. Shields, deputy sheriff.

The officer said that the father told him that his son came home about mid-night in a drunken and crazed condition and threatened to kill the whole family. He struck his father and mother in the face and brandished a long knife, hurling it into the door and furniture. Not being able to quiet the youth, the father said he went to the basement to get his gun, thinking that possibly that would 'quiet him down.' When he returned to the room, he said, the boy was holding his mother on the bed abusing her and threatening to beat her to death with the handle of the heavy knife.

The father said, "it was not my intention to kill him, but when he saw the gun, he grabbed for it and I knew if he got the gun he would kill me and his mother also, then I shot him."

Officer Shields accompanied by Claude Ruff, deputy sheriff, started to the Luck home at 12:30 after being summoned by a sister of the slain boy who called them from the house of a neighbor when he first began his rampage. He had been shot, however, before the officers reached the scene, they said. The sister told the officer, he said, that the brother had threatened on a

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Two Accidents Occur Here In Past Week

Harry P. Lucas is recovering from injuries received when struck by a skidding automobile on North Bridge street, last Thursday. The car driven by C. D. Walker, of Norfolk, skidded on the ice across the street and struck Mr. Lucas on the sidewalk. Mr. Lucas was taken to John Russell hospital for treatment.

Mr. Walker and his family were en route to Fort Worth, Texas. None of the occupants of the car were injured but the car was badly damaged.

On the same afternoon a tobacco truck from Henderson, N. C., turned over on a highway truck about two and a half miles east of Bedford on route 460, but no one was hurt.

The highway truck was engaged in sanding the ice covered road and the tobacco truck, not able to stop skidded and turned over. The tobacco truck was slightly damaged.

Snow Blankets County Is Deepest In Years

Snow which began to fall Tuesday about 2 p. m., measured six inches deep, yesterday morning, according to George Wolfe, official weather man. The temperature registered 25 degrees above zero.

There is a tradition here, Wolfe said, that if snow falls on November 23, there will be 23 snows during the winter. Snow fell this year on that date and this is the third snow of the season.

It was said at the office of the highway department that all primary roads in the county had been cleared by noon and work is now being done on the secondary roads. Several school busses were not able to make their routes yesterday.

This is the deepest snow to fall in Bedford for several years. The coldest weather experinced in this community this winter occurred on the night of December 12, when the thermometer went down to 13 degrees above zero, Mr. Wolfe said.

Parties Name Candidates For Congress

Judge J. L. Almond And George Revercomb Named At Conventions

The two major political parties in the Sixth Congressional district held conventions Saturday, December 15, to nominate candidates for congress. The seat in the House of Representatives will be made vacant by the resignation of Representative Clifton A. Woodrum, of Roanoke, which will become effectice December 31.

Judge J. Lindsay Almond, of the Roanoke city hustings court, was nominated by the Democrats in Lynchburg. George A. Revercomb, Jr. Covington attorney, was nominated by the Republicans, in their convention held in Roanoke.

Judge Almond, whose name was presented for nomination by Col. R. C. Stokes of Covington, was unopposed, every city and county in the district giving him their votes.

Seconded by Radford

duVal Radford of Forest seconded the nomination and spokesman for county and city delegations followed suit.

Impartial Represnetation

In accepting the nomination, Judge Almond declared that if elected to Congress he would represent the district impartially irrespective of geographic lines.

Judge Almond devoted a large portion of his acceptance speech to a discussion of economy in government and he said "I shall fight for economy in government wherever its effectuation will not do violence to the orderly and expeditious administration of necessary governmental functions."

"We cannot continue, without irreparable impairment of the nation's fiscal structure, the wild, and in many instances, senseless orgy of deficit spending." Judge Almond declared, adding that "the federal deficit now dangerously approximates the 300 billion dollar limit. The interest alone is a staggering and appalling figure."

Collective Bargaining

Giving some time to a discussion of business management and labor problems, Judge Almond said he has a "strong and abiding faith" in the democratic principle of collective bargaining. However, he added, "I draw a distinction between collective bargaining and collective demanding, regardless of the source from which it emandates."

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Continuing, Judge Almond declared himself a "staunch believer

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Veterans Groups Plan Dances During Holidays

The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations are sponsoring dances and a victory ball, respectively, here on Thursday night, December 27. This is the first such event in Bedford since 1941.

The VFW group is securing the six piece vocalists band of "Wanderers of the Wasteland" from Radio Station WSLS in Roanoke for their dance at the Woodmen Hall, beginning at eight o'clock. Prizes, refreshments and entertainment will be offered at this event with round and square dancing. The committee in charge of this part is composed of A. Ward Gillaspie (chairman), H. L. Terry, John Bell, Jr., E. E. Wardle, Glenn Tharpe, G. L. Moore and R. Bolling Lambeth.

The Legion group has secured the nine piece Marvin Scott orchestra with vocalist from Richmond for their program of round dancing. Their program is in the Bedford high school gymnasium and will begin at ten o'clock. Their committee is composed of Thomas F. English (chairman), Garland Johnson and B. D. Murray.

Admission will be charged at the Legion dance.

Surplus Paper To Be Collected Thursday

The next collection of waste paper will be made here, Thursday, December 27, instead of the usual Wednesday, according to Mrs. Ruth Leininger, chairman of the salvage committee.

The normal collection of paper, here, preceding V-J Day was about 5,000 pounds per month, according to Mrs. Leininger, since that date the collections have gone steadily down hill. Last month the collection reached an all-time low of 600 pounds.

The chairman said that all proceeds from the sale of the paper collected go to the local chapter of the Red Cross.

Prominent Orchardist And Chrchman Killed

Rev. E. C. Crumpacker, 70, of Roanoke county, prominent orchardist and churhman, was fatally injured in an automobile-truck crash on U. S. 460, just east of Roanoke, about 1:30 p. m. Saturday, which was followed by fire that destroyed the two vehicles.

He is the brother of Mrs. E. E. Riley, of Irving.

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CHRISTMAS 1945

For the first time in five years the people of Bedford, town and county will celebrate the joyous Christmas season without the existence of a devastating war but with many homes missing the absent service men who have not yet returned from the scene of battle.

It is indeed a happy Christmas for the nation, recently emerged victorious from the most threatening wars of its existence. The fact that the scourge of conflict did not scar the continental area of this country does not mean that the hand of war was not heavy upon the land.

In celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace, the people of the United States exhibited a broad tolerance that makes the occasion a festival for all people, regardless of faith. The good humor that prevails, the kindly sympathy for the unfortunate and the boundless effort to bring happiness to boys and girls makes the Christmas season's appeal universal.

The day will be marked, as usual by religious services, the giving of gifts, the exchange of salutations and greetings, the merriment of delighted children and the deep, if less exuberant joy of those of mature years. Although it will be a day of unusual happiness for millions of people, which is, after all, something worthwhile.

We know that the good people of Bedford, town and county, will exhibit their traditional concern for those who, because of a variety of reasons, might otherwise lack the essentials of a happy occasion. Food and other gifts, sent to unfortunate individuals typify the day that Christians celebrate and give expression to the principles they espouse.

In expressing our hope that the readers of The Bedford Democrat will experience abundant joy on the happy occasion we must take space to greet the absent men and women of the community who remain overseas, and those young men drafted in the army of occupation. It is hard for them to be away from home and loved ones now that the war is over, and it is just as tough on those loved ones at home.

The unfortunate, if unpreventable, situation will be remedied, we are sure, before another Christmas rolls around. At the same time the disappointment should be tempered by the realization that those overseas, and in camps at home, serve the cause we celebrate. Without their services, and those of others now happily present, the celebration of Christmas would not now assume such splendid proportions.

J. Elmer Morgan writing in the current issue of the National Education Journal says; "This is a unique Christmas. Unique because it is a great spiritual awakening. Our world cannot be saved materially if it is not redeemed spiritually. Mankind cannot go forward into an era of peace and goodwill unless individual people everywhere cultivate kindliness, courage, and goodwill in their own hearts."

As we sit in our warm, comfortable and more or less luxurious homes, preparing to enjoy the Christmas season, it behooves us, as professed followers of a great religion, to "do unto others."

In order that the Democrat family may share in the holiday festivities the Democrat will not be issued next week. Our next visit to your home will be January 3, 1946.

THE PRESIDENT'S FINANCES

President Truman, according to a magazine article by Jonathan Daniels, former White House Press Secretary, won't make any money being President of the United States; to the contrary he may likely end this term with a debt of $100,000.

The President of the United States receives $75,000 a year salary; but Federal and State taxes and White House expenses he must pay out of his own pocket will take $72,000 of that. On the remaining $3,000 he must maintain the prestige of the head of government of the wealthiest and greatest nation in the world. It can't be done, says Daniels.

Other Presidents haven't minded. Roosevelt, Hoover, Harding and Wilson all had private means; and Coolidge and Taft who managed to get by did so in times when income taxes didn't take so great a slice of the President's income. According to these reports, Mr. Truman could have done better in the haberdashery business.

Congress doesn't like to raise the pay of its own members and the other members of the government and a part of the public doesn't want to see them do so. On the other hand, due to the poor rewards of government service, business is taking the ablest of our Congressmen and even the President of the United States can't afford to hold the job.

If we want to maintain our Democracy we don't want to make it impossible for a poor man to hold office.—Hanover Herald-Progress.

HARD TO UNDERSTAND

A news story the other day, from another state, told of the arrest of a man, accused of the murder of his wife.

The thing has happened before in the United States but what puzzles us is the cause of such killings. It looks like any problem, despite tempers, could be solved by the departure of the man for points unknown.

What is it that makes human beings reach the stage where they kill other people, merely because they cannot get along together?

VETERANS WANT HOMES

It is now announced that the government will resume priority controls over building materials in an effort to channel them into the home-building field and it is noted that many homebuilding concerns which demanded abolition of controls some months ago are now clamoring for their return.

In view of the shortage of housing units and the expected demand of a million returning service men for houses it is time that the government took positive action in this field. The veterans should be given priority and whatever assurances the government can give that they will be able to build homes at reasonable cost.

While it is bad for the morale of anybody not to be able to construct a home for family use it is worse for a man to return to this country, after years of fighting for the nation, to discover that there is no way in which he can provide a home for his family.

ALMOST WORTH HAVING

Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, the army's expert on the atomic bomb, was recently asked whether there was a possibility of an atomic bomb explosion setting off a chain of chemical reaction that would destroy the earth.

The officer replied that he wasn't worried about it and that his best advisers did not think that this was a real peril. However, he added, "if it happens, it will be all over—and we won't have to explain that one."

This is a pleasant thought, if there must be wholesale destruction of the globe. There will be no Congressional investigation, with charges and countercharges, most of them nonsensical.

KITCHEN SLAVERY

While it is pleasant each year to look forward to eating the preserves and the "put up" canned fruits and vegetables prepared by the womenfolk, it is not nearly so pleasant to think of them slaving each fall over a red hot stove in an overheated kitchen, preparing these good things for our winter's pleasure.

The simple truth is that these same womenfolk have been very much overworked members of their households, and so it is gratifying to report that extensive scientific advances made during the war have almost certainly doomed kitchen slavery.

Already many business concerns are planning whole meals of frozen fresh foods, available at any time of the year. The development of individual home lockers for preserving deep frozen foods has reached a point where more than 6,000 community locker plants are now in operation, and plans are under way for a sizeable expansion in this business.

Frozen meats, in various cuts, are beginning to appear in stores, and deep freezers on the farms are becoming increasingly popular as a means of providing a constant, fresh meat supply.

It has been the research work in paper, paperboard and other pulpwood products that has made deep freezing practical, since only by developing a taint-proof, mouldproof, and temperature resistant package has it been possible to preserve a variety of different foods in the same deep freezing units.

The rapidly growing demand for deep freezer packages and other pulpwood products is indicated by the current recruitment program for woods and mill workers being jointly conducted here by the pulp and paper industry and the U. S. Employment Service. It is reflected in the urgent need by mills in this area for more top quality pulpwood NOW.

LABOR OF LOVE

A recent feature in Robert L. Ripley's "Believe It or Not" cartoon, syndicated by Features Syndicate, told the interesting story of Thomas Hartwell Horne, British Biblical scholar, who spent 17 years of intensified labor counting every verse, every word and every letter of the old and new tstamnt as a labor of love.

Here are some revelations made during the study:

The Bible contains 3,566,840 letters; 773,693 words; 31,102 verses; 1,189 chapters and 66 books.

The longest chapter is the 119th Psalm; the shortest and middle chapter the 117th Psalm.

The middle verse is the 8th of the 118th Psalm.

The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah.

The word "and" occurs 46,277 times. The 37th chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of the Second Book of Kings are alike.

The longest verse is the 9th of the 8th chapter of Esther; the shortest verse is the 35 of the 11th chapter of John.

In the 1st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra is the alphabet. The finest piece of reading is the 26th chapter of Acts.

The name of God is not mentioned in the Book of Esther. It contains knowledge, wisdom, holiness and love.—Carolina Progress.

GIVE THEM AN EDUCATION

Galax Post Herald

Nothing can make for better citizenship, or be of more benefit to the nation, than for parents to get behind this back-to-school movement. Young folks may rissent, remembering the easy money that has come their way in war years. But older and wiser heads must prevail.

Education is a "must" for young people today The world of tomorrow will not be kind to he uneducated. Competition will be far keener than in the war period just ended. Parents should counsel their children against the temptation to pick up some quick change at the expense of their education. Boys and girls must be taught to think f the future, not to be satisfied with what comes their way today.

Every young man and woman in this nation should have the equivalent of a high school education. In another year or two the job market will not be for the unschooled or the poorly trained. Far better it is to learn today, than earn to morrow.

Talking about suitable gifts for Christmas, what about year's subscription to the Bedford Democrat for some former resident now away from home?

It is about time for the readers of the Democrat to be thinking in the terms of projects for 1946. Send in suggestions and we will be glad to print them.

Let's start making some good resolutions for 1946; the making is profitable exercise even if the flesh becomes too weak to carry them out.



Wearers Of

The Local Selective Service Board has issued the names of 71 additional Bedford county servicemen who have received an honorable discharge from the armed forces.

The men are as follows: James S. Arthur, Charles W. Reid, Leo W. Fore, William F. Foster, Herman H. Foutz, Paul Webber, Raymond J. Dowdy, Joe W. Droke, William H. Baldock, III, Ernest E. Booth, Lawrence E. Hopson, Linwood E. Phillips, Rufus Tanner, Willie R. Grigsby, Hollis R. Wright, Gordon M. Arthur.

Odell P. Overstreet, Robert E. Hayden, Robert D. Sledd, Jack B. Haynes, Jack Burnette, Carlton B. Howard, Joseph B. Kelley, George N. Smith, Clyde M. Brown, John W. Thompson, Allen L. Wright, Robert C. Payne, Melvin E. Johnson, Henry C. Johnson, Jr., Daniel C. Moseley, Albert R. Kendrick, Edwin B. Woodford, Jake C. McGuire, Dewey J. Ashwell.

William G. Padgett, George C. Updike, Clarence G. Stanley, Lewis E. Wilkes, Frank W. Williams, Merriman C. Witt, Hugh J. Tolley, Allen M. Newman, James E. Trent, Curtus D. Shannon, Lucian Calloway, Arthur W. Bonds, George Calloway, Carey H. Foster, William P. Powers, George W. Overstreet, William P. Hylton, Jr., John E. Rucker, Archie E. Powers.

William H. Abbott, Robert A. Sumner, Woodrow Lynch, Lewis E. Farley, Howard H. Underwood, Albert A. Thomas, Robert C. Farris, William J. Noell, Willie McKinney, Robert H. Craig, John W. Lynch, Morris R. Johnson, Henry M. Mattox, Wyatt H. Walton, Jr., James E. Martin, John W. Inge, III, and Percy P. Davis.

If any business firm desires to contact these registrants who have been discharged for jobs, please get in touch with the local Selective Service Board.

NOTICE

For the benefit of our employees our dining room will be closed from Tuesday, December 25 to Monday, December 31. Palace Hotel, I. B. Watson, Proprietor. 12-20-2t-pd

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War Memorial

Your article in the Bedford Democrat of December 13, entitled "Lest We Forget" made me for one realize (as I feel certain it did many other readers) that perhaps we are forgetting the debt we owe to our boys who paid the supreme sacrifice that we might have again this year "Peace on Earth."

Somehow, when our hearts overflow with generosity at this time of year as at no other, quite so freely—and we are so happy to have those of our boys home who were spared, that the plan for a war memorial should be very close to our hearts.

In my opinion Dr. E. L. Johnson stressed the greatest need and the one that would be most far realizing in service to the greatest number, when he suggested as a war memorial—a community hospital. This would be a vital, living thing—a flame of perpetual service burning down through the years at the shrine of their memory.

Let me say that in favoring this project I have no political axes to grind and no personal ends to be served—neither do I wish to criticize anyone else rendering the same service. But it seems to me that one well constructed building of about 30 or 35 beds well staffed and equipped would serve Bedford and the county adequately.

As a resident and property holder of Bedford county, also an employee of John Russell hospital, I have had the opportunity of seeing many people greatly benefitted by the unselfish, generous skill of Dr. Jantz. The original conception of John Russell hospital was of the highest altruistic nature, and at the time the building was adequate—but it has outgrown itself and consequently some of its usefulness.

Surely this is the least service we can render our returning doctors whose practice it would make easier as well as those faithful few who have already served over many years and continued to serve us faithfully through the emergency.

If such a plan materializes why could not we have in this new building, a clinic or health center, or perhaps we might call it a family counselling bureau, that mothers (particularly from the rural areas) may learn about pre-natal and post natal care. About nutrition and food. And last but not least that both parents learn about the importance of planned families. This plan of course would be under the guidance of a reputable physician. Such help is needed by families who are unaccustomed to thinking wisely for themselves. In such a control lies the possibility of a happier family life—increased health and higher standards of economic security for those already born. If people are not taught the prevention of disease and how to care properly for themselves and their families, then we have the same old viscious cycle of tired, rundown, overworked, mothers and too many underprivileged sickly children, repeating itself from one generation to another.

Somehow, I get the impression that someone has suggested a museum as a war memorial. Now I ask you, which has the greatest appeal—a healthy gurgling baby or a German helmet or Japanese sword, collecting dust in a museum.

In closing, may I suggest that you publish weekly your little article "Lest We Forget" on the front page of The Bedford Democrat that it may serve as a constant prod to the committee who has the final word on the subject.

MRS. F. W. LEFTWICH, R. N.

COMES THROUGH POWER LINES

Centralia, Wash.—Light Supt. Paul Peyton was recently flabbergasted when he got a call during the Pacific Northwest gale, asking him to turn off the power so that a woman motorist could remove her car from some power lines in which it had become entangled. When asked how she had freed herself from the wires, which carry 2400 volts, she said she just pushed them aside with her purse.

Christmas gives everybody an opportunity to discover that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

PENSION FOR LIFE

Salt Lake City.—Capt. Hal W. Freeman gave up his commission and re-enlisted in the army as a master sergeant in order to qualify for a pension. Freeman has been in the Army for more than thirty years but was not entitled to retirement allowance. Under his new set-up he can be released and draw about $155 per month.

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it is obvious some other safeguard must be substituted as evidence that the voter continues to be a resident of his district and qualified to exercise the privilege of fgranchise. Periodic renewal seems the most logical means of furnishing the proof, as well as providing a currently correct list of voters, something heretofore non-existent. The inconvenience of yearly registration is somewhat simplified by the fact that the payment of taxes before penalty date is the equivalent of registration as is the act of voting in all elections for one year the equivalent to an application for renewal of registration in the succeeding year. If personal taxes are not paid before the penalty date and the individual did not vote in the preceeding year he or she may apply in person at the office of the local electoral board.

Some score or more constitutional changes and perhaps as many as 00 bills amending statute law will be necessary to carry out the sweeping revisions recommended by the Commission.

Ultimately the election system would be administered by a three-man State Electoral Board and 124 local electoral boards but this will require changing the Constitution and will require approval by two sessions of the General Assembly and a vote of the people. The Commission however recommends the immediate creation of the three-man State board to take over the electoral duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the State Board of Canvassers, and, until Constitutional changes are made, this Board will for the present function through the present county and city electoral boards and registrars.

The minority party will have representation on the State and local boards with each of the minor political parties nominating its representatives.

To replace the revenue of some $900,000 a year from poll tax payments the Commission suggests a capitation tax of no more than $3 which would not be a prerequisite to voting but which might be made a prerequisite to obtaining licenses or permits.

The mine-man Commission—three from the Senate, three from the House of Delegates and three appointd by the Governor were not unanimous in the recommendations made. Judge John Paul of Harrisonburg and W. R. Shaffer, of Shenandoah dissented on the majority's opinion concerning the absent voters law and Judge Paul also recommended heavier penalties for election law violations than those approved by the Commission. Vernon C. Smith of Grundy and J. Frank Wysor of Pulaski dissented from the recommendation concerning the repeal of the poll tax but stated that if it was to be repealed then they approved the proposal plan. Dr. Charles J. Smith, of Roanoke wrote a dissenting opinion in which he urged the poll tax should be abolished and W. L. Prieur, Jr., of Norfolk objected to the proposal that payment of taxes other than realty taxes be considered equivalent to annual registration to the voter and urged that tax payments be divorced completely from matters affecting the franchise. Other members of the Commission in addition to those mentioned were Senators R. C. Vaden of Gretna and W. D. Medley, of Arlington.

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Gone is the sound of marching feet
The ruthless conquerer;
Freedom and justice are complete
And now, "Excelsior."
Turn up your eyes, your mind, your heart,
It is the Christmastide;
Give thanks that having done our part,
The battle justified.
Beneath tomorrow's brilliant sun
All men everywhere
May live in unison, as one,
And God's blessings share.
"Merry Christmas" this year is true
As never heretofore,
Lift up your heart, it is your due,
For there is war no more.
—Author Unknown

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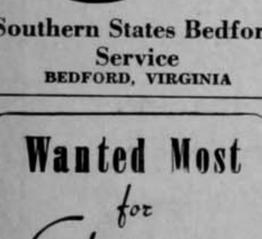
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Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Hamer expect to leave Saturday, to visit relatives near Annapolis, Md.

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J. H. T. Sutherland who has been in the University Hospital, is expected to return home this week.

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Morton E. Padgett, Jr., has purchased the Kemper Jeter farm, in the Blount community. Mr. Padgett expects to remodel the residence and will not move to the newly acquired property before early summer.

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Mrs. B. Jones and daughter, Miss Mary Winston, expect to leave December 23 to visit relatives in Williamsburg.

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Miss Gertrude Carter, of Huntington, W. Va., has been visiting Miss Mary B. Fizer, on Longwood avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gamon, of Richmond, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Murray.

'Tis always morning somewhere in the world.—R. H. Horne.

BUBBLES SEZ—



• Bundles from heaven, yes . . . but babies take twice their weight in wash! And it's awful hard to get the soap! Where there's fat, there's soap, remember. So keep saving USED FATS to help make it.



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Hear that horn! Hear that excitement in the air, that laughter! It's Christmas, neighbor, the most hopeful Christmas in years!

Imbued with this buoyant spirit of hope we express our wish for a genuine Merry Christmas to all our friends and patrons.

A. G. Jefferson

Bedford County Men And Women Returning Weekly

Capt. Wesley O. Bowyer, who is on terminal leave from the Army Air Corp., has purchased a business in Hillsboro, Illionis. Capt. Bowyer, a B-25 pilot instructor was separated from the service at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado, after four years, 10 months service. He entered active duty with Company "A" 116th Infantry, 29th Division on February 3, 1941 and served as company clerk for more than a year in that unit before being transferred to the Army War College, Washington, D. C. as chief clerk of supplies. He then attended Infantry Officers Candidate school at Fort Benning, Ga., where he received his commission as a second lieutenant. He then served as Intelligence Officer with th 100th Infantry Division at Fort Jackson for a year.

He then completed the Army Air Forces pilot training program and received his wings at Marfa, Texas. He then completed the pilot instructors school there, and was sent on to the AAF Communication School at Chanute Field, Ill., and Scott Field, Ill. Having completed that school Capt. Bowyer was then assigned to a Chinese Detachment at Douglas Army Air Field, Douglas Arizona, instructing Chinese cadets in radio communication.

Capt. Bowyer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bowyer, of Union.

Sergeant Ray Hardy, husband of Mrs. Katherine Hardy, of Roanoke, was recently promoted from corporal to sergeant, at the 21st Replacement Depot, near Manila.

Mrs. J. G. Hardy, mother of the sergeant, lives at Bedford. He has been in the Pacific Theatre since May, 1945, and holds the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre and Philippine Liberation ribbons.

He is the father of two children, Ann Leigh, 6; and Ray, Jr., 4½ years old.

Among the Virginians separated from the army between December 1 and 14 at Fort George G. Meade, Md., were three men from Bedford county, including one officer who reverted to inactive status and two enlisted men discharged.

The officer now on inactive status is Charles S. McNulty, Jr., of Hardy.

The two men discharged were Earl T. Parker, Route 1, Bedford, (colored) and John W. Hodges, of Route 4, Bedford.

Recent discharges from Fort George G. Meade include the following from the Lynchburg area: Forest—First Lt. Robert S. Watson, reverted to inactive status.

Bedford: Pfc. Thomas M. Overstreet, Route 3; Pvt. James M. Carter.

Among the men inducted into the army at the local armed forces induction station recently were sixteen from the Roanoke vicinity.

They included: Bedford county—William H. Thomasson.

William L. McLaughlin, of Thaxton, has been promoted to the grade of corporal while serving with the 332nd field artillery battalion, 86th division.

T/5 Oras Collins, son of Mrs. Fannie Collins, of Goodview, is on his way to the United States for discharge after 20 months overseas.

Graduates who hang framed diplomas on the wall evidently realize that they need evidence to sup-

Point Rationing In Bedford County

Sugar stamp No. 38 now valid, expires December 31, 1945. Sugar stamp No. 39, which will be validated January 1, will be good for the purchase of five pounds of sugar to last through April 30.

Ceiling on re-conditioned toys, purchasers of re-conditioned Christmas toys are reminded by the OPA that all toys and games are subject to price control if they are bought from a dealer. The public in this section of Virginia is warned that some business firms are offering re-conditioned trycicles, bicycles, and wheeled toys for sale at prices far in excess of their value. Purchasers are asked to report any suspected overcharge to their local Price Control Board.

Ceiling—Southern Pine

OPA's recent upward adjustment in the ceiling price of Southern Pine Lumber is the first step in a plan to secure general compliance with ceiling prices according to Bernard C. Goodwin, OPA District Director.

Prices for Southern Pine produced by mills generally are being increased 4.7 percent or an average of $1.25 per 1,000 board feet, he pointed out. For small mills that produce rough lumber only and do not operate planing mills, increases averaging $5.00 per 1,000 board feet is authorized.

It is explained that there will be no resulting increase in ceiling prices to builders, farmers, and citizens buying Southern Pine, because retail dealers are being required to absorb the price increases.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lewis, of Richmond, were guests this week, at the home of his sister, Mrs. George W. Schenk. Mr. Lewis has just been released after 19 months of army transportation service in Europe.

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Jiggs, the widely known and much loved dog owned by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cottrell has been much missed since its death about two weeks ago. The dog was 11 years old.

Draft Board Will Close For Holidays

The Local Selective Service Board office has announced that their office will be closed on December 24 and 25 and on December 31 and January 1.

However, the office will be open on Saturdays, December 29 and January 5. The office usually is closed on Saturday but it will be open these two Saturdays due to the Christmas holidays.

Bedford Boy Awarded Diploma In Service

Francis Holdren has been awarded a diploma from the Bedford high school, according to an announcement by J. L. Borden, principal. He completed the requirements for graduation by reason of his training in the service.

Slaves?

As to the 15-year-old and her friends, in their dungarees, dirty shoes and sawed-off socks, one can only feel that they are slaves to fashion, of a sort.—Detroit News.

Could Say

Our weather over a period of time averages up, all the experts say, but they could say the same thing about a roller coaster ride.—Boston Globe.

Pfc. Charles E. Dunham, Jr., of Greensboro, N. C., is spending a 30 day furlough at his home on Burks Hill.

ROOM WANTED

The general manager of the Re-Bo Mfg. Co. (purchasers of old Continental Can property) desires a room for occupancy, January 1, 1946. Applicant is married. Refined, highly desirable.

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Bedford Chamber of Commerce

Christmas Greetings

Thomas Hardware
Bedford, Va.

The office of Scott & Bond will be closed on December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holiday.

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Bedford Grocery Co.

ATTENTION FARMERS!

SAUNDERS WAREHOUSE
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Saunders sold Wednesday, 11,770 pounds, averaging $33.26. For week, 48,592 pounds, averaging $31.66. High pile, $40.00.

Sell your tobacco at SAUUNDERS WAREHOUSE and know that you will be a satisfied customer.

A few of our good sales are listed below:

P. G. Scott sold 746 pounds, at $30 to $36, averaging $34.06.

L. T. Langford sold 962 pounds, at $32 to $40, averaging $37.37.

Bailey and Maxey sold 844 pounds at $28 to $35, averaging, $32.27.

R. L. Stevens sold 920 pounds, at $30 to $38, averaging $35.57.

G. E. Layne sold 824 pounds, at $30 to $36, averaging $33.93.

C. H. White and Lawhorn sold 758 pounds at $30 to $36, averaging $34.38.

Taylor and Chafin sold 772 pounds at $31 to $36, averaging $35.00.

The high pile brought $40.

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FRUIT CAKE
MELLOWED IN SHERRY WINE
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CELERY ..... Stalk **29c**

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Hurt Have Christmas Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stouffer Wood, of Cleveland, Ohio, will arrive Saturday to spend Christmas week with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Hurt. They will be accompanied by their daughter, Mary Ann, freshman, at Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio and son, Seaman Walter D. Wood, USN, senior at Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurt will observe open house with their guests at their home on Peak road, Christmas night.

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Mrs. J. K. Walker has returned after a two weeks visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cunningham in Bluefield, W. Va.

Trevey-McKee

Big Island Baptist church was aglow with cathedral candles and the rostrum decorated with a graceful arrangement of white chrysanthemums against a background of woodwardia ferns and smilax for the wedding Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock of Martha Frances McKee, daughter of Mrs. William B. McKee and the late Mr. McKee, and Sanford Edward Trevey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Trevey. The celebrant was Rev. E. S. Vaughn, pastor of the church.

A program of nuptial music was rendered by Miss Frances Peters, pianist, and William Gresham.

The bride, escorted and given in marriage by her mother, was gowned in ivory satin, fashioned with a tight bodice highlighted by a sweetheart neckline and long sleeves each ending with a point over the hand, and a full skirt flaring in a rounded train. The fingertip veil of illusion cascaded from a tiara of orange blossoms. She wore pearls and carried a prayer book showered with orchids and steamers of white satin ribbon. The bride's mother was attired in a long blue net over taffeta dress with a corsage of pink roses at her shoulder.

Miss Rachel Harlow was maid of honor and Mrs. Thomas Brizendine, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor. The maid of honor wore a gown of a pink jersey bodice with a full net skirt of the same shade over the taffeta. The matron of honor wore a gown of blue net and jersey bodice of identical designing. Both carried bouquets of roses and gladioli and had harmonizing flowers in their hair.

The groom was attended by his father, Andrew Trevey, as best man. Another cousin of the bride, Bobby Ewarld of Buena Vista, was ring bearer. M. D. McKee and O. C. Brown, of Big Island were ushers.

Immediately after the wedding, Mrs. McKee gave a reception at home, which was decorated with candles and evergreens. The bridegroom and attendants formed a receiving line. Mrs. C. F. Williams of Clifton Forge presided at the punch bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. Trevey are graduates of M. E. Marcuse high school. Mrs. Trevey received her A. B. degree from Randolph-Macon Woman's College where she belonged to the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She has been a member of the Boonsboro faculty several years. Mr. Trevey recently received his discharge from the Navy after four years combat duty.

Stoffl-Bandy

Miss Elinor Katherine Bandy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Bandy, and Paul George Stoffl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Stoffl, of Arlington, were united in marriage Saturday, December 15, at the Bedford Baptist church. The Rev. A. G. Carter, pastor of the church performed the ceremony at high noon.

White chrysanthemums and gladioli were combined with candles in tall candelabra against a background of palms and ferns in church decorations.

Miss Grace Nichols, organist, played a program of wedding music preceding the ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a navy blue suit with matching accessories and her corsage was of white orchods.

The bride's matron of honor and only attendant was Mrs. A. C. Goode, of Lynchburg. She wore a gray suit with black accessories and a corsage of red roses.

The bridegroom was attended by A. C. Goode, of Lynchburg, as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Bandy, parents of the bride, entertained at a buffet luncheon at their home following the ceremony.

After a northern trip, Mr. and Mrs. Stoffl will make their home at 3036 Maning Street, Alexandria.

The bride who was graduated grom Bedford high school, attended Phillips Secretarial College, Lynchburg, has been employed by the Navy department in Arlington for the past two years.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Washington and Lee high school, Arlington, served three years overseas with the Army Air Corps. Discharged six months ago, he has a position as technician in a dental laboratory in Washington.

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Christmas Party At "Bonnie Oaks"

Forest evergreens and candles decorated the home of Mrs. J. D. Clingempeel on Thursday, December 13, when Mrs. Clingempeel was hostess to members of the Union Garden Club, Ladies Aid Society and guests. The beautiful snow which was falling throughout the day accented the Christmas spirit. Mrs. Clingempeel presiding, read a Christmas message entitled "Our King." Several other readings on Christmas and an informal response on Christmas customs were given by various ones. At 12:30 all were invited to the dining room where a buffet luncheon was served. After this the most interesting part came when Mrs. Leftwich and Mrs. Clingempeel acted as Santa Claus and distributed gifts from under the lighted Christmas tree to the members and guests and some one jokingly read a poem entitled "I'm Dreaming of a White 'elephant' Christmas."

Mrs. Phoebe Creasy who celebrated her 90th birthday on the 11 of December, was the first person to arrive at the party and seemed to enjoy the day immensely.

Among the guests were Mrs. R. R. Holdren, Mrs. H. L. William, Mrs. John A. Holdren, Mrs. Beulah Epps, and Mrs. W. O. McCabe, of Thaxton, Mrs. Hamilton West, of Lynchburg and Mrs. Frank Overstreet, of Bedford.

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Mrs. R. Bolling Lambeth has returned to her home from Duke University hospital where she was under treatment for facial injuries received in an auto accident near South Boston, recently.

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Mrs. J. T. Davidson is improving at Bedford General hospital.

Chauncey-Witt

The marriage of Miss Lois Frances Witt, daughter of Gilmore E. Witt, of Bedford, and Lee Shepherd Chauncey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paruin Chauncey, of Newport News, was solemnized December 11, at the home of the Rev. H. T. Stevens, pastor of the Orcutt Avenue Baptist church.

The bride wore a blue velvet dress, black accessories, and her only ornament was a strand of pearls.

She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Artie Anderson of the East End.

S. L. Goodrich served Mr. Chauncey as best man.

After a Southern wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey will make their home in Newport News.

The bride was formerly employed with the United States Army Air Forces at Langley Field.

Mr. Chauncey recently was discharged from the United States Naval Reserve and served two years on overseas duty.—"The Newport News Daily Press."

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Bellevue H. D. Club Plans Christmas Party

The Bellevue H. D. Club will have its Christmas party at Brook Hill school on December 22 at 7:30 p. m. A program has been arranged and the usual "Pollyanna" gifts will be a feature of entertainment.

An auction sale of miscellaneous articles will be held, each member bringing an article for sale, and the proceeds from same will be given to Brook Hill's piano fund.

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Christmas Party To Be Held By Brookhill League

Brook Hill Community League will hold a Christmas meeting on December 20. Mrs. Chaffin and Miss Coffey have arranged the program featuring the Christmas theme and all persons in the community are cordially invited to be present to enjoy the first of the Christmas programs to be presented in the community.

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Wedding Invitations Have Been Issued

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Virginia Sue Haward of Bedford and Charles J. Smith, Jr., of Danville, December 22, at 8 p. m., at Main Street Methodist church.

Immediately following the wedding ceremony the bride's mother will give a reception at her home on Blue Ridge avenue. Mrs. M. F. Gibbs will preside at the punch bowl and others assisting will be Mrs. S. M. Painter, Mrs. C. O. Updike, Miss Georgette Parker, Mrs. Goggiffn Turner and Mrs. R. W. Howard.

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Thaxton 4-H Club Has Auction Sale

The Thaxton 4-H Club had an Auction Sale, Friday, December 14, of home-made things for Christmas. Mrs. Ollie Hamm, fifth grade teacher, was the "Squire Auctioneer" and made a dandy! The sum of ten dollars was realized. This money will be used in sending representatives to Holiday Lake Camp in the summer.

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Lt. and Mrs. H. A. Dean Announce Birth of Son

Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Halsey A. Dean, announce the birth of a son, Halsey Albert, Jr., on December 3rd in the De Paul Hospital, Norfolk. Mrs. Dean is the former Miss Margaret Carter, of Route 5, Bedford.

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William H. Mosby, chief petty officer, USNR, who returned recently from the Pacific, is visiting his mother, Mrs. H. B. Mosby, on Avenel avenue.

Lynch-Vaughan

Mrs. C. H. Vaughan announces the marriage of her daughter, Claudine, to Harvey Lynch, son of Mrs. E. D. Lynch, and the late Mr. Lynch. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Robert P. Parker, of the Methodist church, at the parsonage on Reservoir Hill.

The bride wore a winter white wool dress with fur trimmed coat and brown accessories. Her corsage was of red roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynch will make their home in this county, Bedford, Route 4.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Buffington and three sons, Tom, Pete and Noel, of Shreveport, La., are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. N. W. Jarvis and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jarvis at their home on Forest road.

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Charles Reynolds, of the Merchant Marines, and Mrs. Reynolds, of Newport News, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reynolds, on Lake Drive.

Hatcher's To Have Guests For Holiday At "Cedar Glen"

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hatcher, of "Cedar Glen" will have as holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Underwood, of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ballagh of Mineral and Miss Gale Stone, of Mineral.

Mrs. L. C. Rhodes has returned to "Cedar Glen" after visiting with her daughters, Mrs. Underwood and Mrs. Ballagh.

Hatcher Overton of South Boston, is visiting with E. C. Hatcher, Jr., at the Hatcher home.

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Mr. and Mrs. duVal Radford To Hold Open House at "Woodbourne"

Mr. and Mrs. duVal Radford and Mrs. Radford's mother, Mrs. Laura Talbot Hyatt, of "Woodbourne," their home near Forest, have invited friends for the afternoon of December 29, to an open House, following a custom they established some years ago.

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Hensley-Bowyer

Mrs. Helen Gray Bowyer and Marshall Jackson were united in marriage on December 15, by Dr. J. H. Grey, at his home in Bedford.

The bride and groom are from Bedford county.

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A candle light carol service will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Christmas Eve., at 5:30 p. m. The public is invited to this service.

UDC Group To Meet On Monday, December 31

The William R. Terry chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet with Mrs. E. L. Johnson on Longwood avenue on December 31 at three o'clock.

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Mrs. L. R. Tull left Tuesday to spend the holidays with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Burriss, in Anderson, S. C.

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George M. Gee, student at V. P. I., Blacksburg, is spending the holidays at his home on Peak Road.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Arthur, of Rollette, N. D., who are spending the winter in Virginia, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Arthur, near Mentow, in Bedford county.

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Mrs. H. L. Terry, department junior vice president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW, and Mrs. Lillie Holdren attended the department council of administration meeting in Alexandria on December 16.

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Miss Isabel Bays, of Washington, D. C., is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. A. W. Zimmerman, on Burks Hill.

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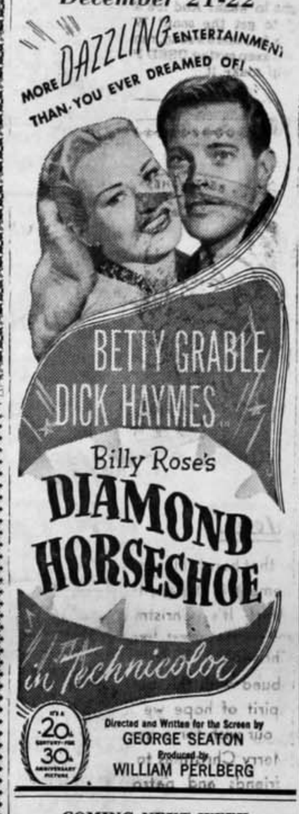
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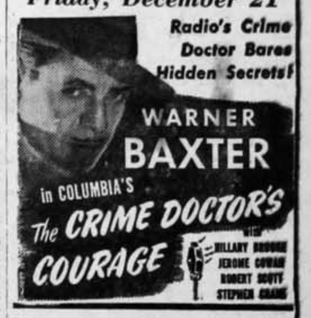
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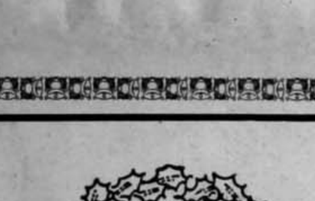
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in the American system of free enterprise, individual initiative and private ownership, and he said that "we must see to it that free enterprise and private initiative are nurtured, succorded and sustained, and not shackled and manacled by the tentacles of oppressive governmental interfefence."

"Except insofar as it is necessary to regulate and restrict monopolistic tendencies and predatory interests," Judge Almond said, "I advocate that this government get out of business and stay out."

Born On Farm

Judge Almond, who was born and reared on a farm, said he is totally interested in soil conservation and improvement and will whole-heartedly support any measure or movement which he conscientiously believes to be in promotion of the interests of the farmer.

He also touched on the country's place in world affairs saying that "The future economic stability and security of this nation will in a large measure depend upon foreign trade." He warned that the country must be careful to avoid any semblance of "economic warfare," adding that "economic independence and isolation are as impractical as they are unthinkable."

A letter from Representative Woodrum was read, thanking Sixth District Democrats for their "fine and loyal" support and congratulating them upon nominating Judge Almond as his successor.

Robert A. Fulwiler, Jr., of Radford, chairman of the nominating committee at the Republican convention, in submitting his report to the convention, declared that the opposition candidate will be a "man hand-picked by the Byrd machine."

Pledges Full Support

The convention pledged its full support to the nominee and promised even harder work than was put forth in the recent gubernatorial campaign when Roanoke city and county went into the Republican column.

Mr. Revercomb, who was a classmate of Judge J. L. Almond at the law school at the University of Virginia, in accepting the nomination, called for the support of the party and gave assurance that, in event of his election, he would put forth his best efforts to cope with the momentous problems facing the country.

"This will be a battle of party principles and the problems confronting the Congress," Mr. Revercomb declared, and he voiced disagreement with some of the policies of the present administration.

Hits Foreign Loans

"I am thoroughly opposed to the foreign policy of spending the American taxpayers' money to buy the friendship of foreign countries, and the taxpayers carrying most of the financial burden of the world today.

"We are suckers and everybody realizes except the taxpayers and they will realize it in the future, but how bitterly. If ever there was a time when the voter should interest himself in elections, it is now, not because, of course, I am a candidate.

"Right now," he continued "Mr. Truman and the New Deal party are advocating that this government make a gift of $4,400,000,000 to Great Britain. Why should we be taxed for Great Britain?"

Declaring that the country will not go forward to prosperity until taxes are reduced, the speaker asserted this cannot be achieved when this country is making such "gifts" to other nations.

He scored the authority given the President to lower tariffs as much as 50 per cent on imports, declaring that "it is important that we protect business in this country." He expressed the conviction that "there are too many people who have had things to do with our county who were not sincere."

Born in Covington, Mr. Revercomb is a son of the late State Senator George A. Revercomb. He was educated in the public schools of Alleghany county, attended Washington and Lee University for two years and was graduated from the University of Virginia Law School. He has practiced law in Covington since 1922.

Mr. Revercomb is a member of the Baptist church and the American Legion, having served in the last war.

He is a brother of U. S. Senator Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia.

Bedford County Men On Important Committees

At the Republican convention, three of the delegates from Bedford county served on three important committees. S. W. Woodford of Moneta, served on the nominating committee; S. P. Stewart of Bedford, on the resolutions committee and W. H. Meador, of Moneta, on the credentials committee.

Election Set For January 22

Governor Darden announced Tuesday afternoon he would call a special election in the Sixth district on January 22 to name the successor to Rep. Clifton A. Woodrum, who has resigned effective December 31.

The writ of election will not be issued until January 1, after the vacancy actually exists, but the governor said that he was setting the date in advance in view of the fact that both major parties already had selected their candidates. These are Judge James Lindsay Almond, Jr., of the Roanoke hustings court, the Democratic nominee, and George A. Revercomb, Jr., of Covington, the choice of the Republicans.

The election will be for Mr. Woodrum's unexpired term, and the choice for the regular term will be made in the general elections of 1946.

RECREATION NEWS

The Bedford Recreation Association's winter basketball program got under way with a bang Tuesday night, December 18, when Green's Drug girls nosed out Virginia Rubatex girls 22-17 and Carlyles Dairy boys nipped the Piedmont Label boys in an overtime period, 34-31.

The girl's game was a nip and tuck affair during the second half, with Green's fighting to victory in the last three minutes of play. The Rubatex team ran up a score of 9-0 before Green's girls could get started. Rubatex looked as if they would make short work of the game in the first quarter when Alma Powell, Helen Cundiff and Faith W'tt teamed together to rack up the nine point lead. In the second quarter, Ruby Foster and Evelyn Dinwiddie dropped in six points between them to bring the score up to 12-6 in favor of Rubatex. "Doc" Charlie Green (evidently delayed by the snow) arrived at this point. He must have brought along a pocketful of the right prescriptions as his girls came back in the last half to win the game.

At the start of the second half Ruby Foster and Evelyn Dinwiddie scored two field goals to bring Green's back into the game. As both teams began playing hard, fast, basketball the score stood at 17-17—midway of the last quarter. At this point Alma Foster sank a field goal and a foul shot to put Green's in front by a score of 20-17. Her sister Ruby added another field goal just as the game ended, to put Green's out in front to the tune of 22-17.

The spectators had hardly caught their breath before the Piedmont Label and Carlyle's boys hooked up in one of the tightest games to be played here in recent years. Carlyle's ran up a score of 6-2 in the first few minutes of play. John Turner began hitting the basket for Piedmont Label at this point, and the score stood at 8-8 when the first quarter ended. The second quarter was played with each team taking the lead before the half-time whistle ended play with Piedmont Label in front by a 16-14 margin.

Both teams came back fast as the second half began with Piedmont Label moving to a 20-17 lead. Ramsey and P. Coleman then dropped in field goals to give the Carlyle boys a short 21-20 lead. Big John Turner and Steve Stephenson then racked up field goals for Piedmont Label with Goode coming through with a foul shot for Carlyle's. With the score standing at 25-23 in favor of Piedmont Label the Carlyle boys staged a rally to take the lead at 27-25. From this point each team matched baskets for basket with Carlyle's leading 31-30 with less than a minute to play. In attempting to freeze the ball Carlyle's fouled John Turner in the last five seconds of the game. Turner made his foul shot good to knot the score at 31-31 as the game ended.

A three-minute overtime period saw the Carlyle team take home the victory when Albert Ramsey sank a long shot and Lambert Martin dropped in a foul goal to end the game at 34-31.

John Turner and Steve Stephenson led the Piedmont Label team with 17 and 8 points respectively, while Sherrill Coleman, "Buzzy" Goode, Lambert Martin and Albert Ramsey did the bulk of Carlyle's scoring.

BOX SCORES

Girl's Game

Green's Drug (22)	Va. Rubatex (17)
R. Foster, F (9)	Cundiff, F. (7)
A. Foster, F (17)	Witt, F. (4)
Dinwiddie, F. (6)	Powell, F. (6)
Grant, G.	O'Donohue, G
Hawkins, G.	Fulton, G
Bowyer, G.	Harrison, G.
J. Foster, G.	

Boy's Game

Pied'nt. Ltd. (31)	Carlyle's D'ry (34)
Stevens, F. (8)	Martin, F. (7)
Boone, F. (10)	P. Coleman, F. (4)
Turner, C. (17)	Goode, C. (6)
Cousart, G. (4)	Holdren, C. (2)
Johnson, G. (2)	S. Coleman, G. (9)
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	Mann, G. 0

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Items From Issue Of The Democrat Published In 1894

The following articles of interest appeared in "The Bedford Democrat" on June 28, 1894:

H. M. Galt of Baltimore, Md., a former student of R. M. A. was in the city last week.

Col. J. C. Cofer of Smyrna was in the city this week and paid the Democrat a pleasant and substantial visit.

Maj. P. J. Otey was in town Monday looking to his interests in the coming Congressional fight. He is sanguine of success.

G. M. Bozel caught his hand in a job press at the Index office last week and mashed one of his fingers very badly.

P. H. Casey of Lynchburg is staying with Dr. Baker for the coming month. He will relieve W. L. Lyle who spent the month of July recuperating.

H. I. Kern of Bunker Hill lost a valuable horse this week. The animal became entangled in a grape vine and was so badly injured that it died Tuesday morning.

A small colored boy apparently six or seven years old came in on the six o'clock train this morning with a tag about his neck which read: "W. F. Graves, Bedford City, Va., lives six miles south. Is where I want to go. I am from Artesia, Miss." The boy's name is Harden Barnes. He was sent here and bound out. The trip from Mississippi was made alone.

Dr. Carter will preach at the Academy Sunday morning and night services at M. E. church.

Hurrah for the American eagle, the proud bird of Bedford City, formerly Liberty. Watch him flap his wings next Wednesday.

FARM NEWS

By W. B. Denton, Secretary
Bedford County AAA Committee

Bedford County Receives Allocation For 1946 AAA Program

Bedford county has been allocated $83,450.00 to be used in the AAA soil conservation program in 1946. The sum is based on earnings by farmers under the 1944 program and in consideration of the farm allowance in the county in 1945. Mr. Walker, chairman of the county committee, stated that the funds will be allocated to communities and individual farmers so far as possible on the basis of conservation need. The goal in 1946 is to obtain maximum soil conservation to the extent of the allocation.

In past programs, the allowance for each farm was determined strictly on the basis of cropland and pasture acreage, with no consideration of particular needs on the farm. In 1946, community committeemen working with the farmers will plan the conservation program for each farm. All proposed practices must be listed on a farm plan and approved by the county committee prior to performance. Practices performed prior to April 1 may be approved afte the pactice is performed, but these practices must also be listed on the farm plan.

Mr. Walker stated that definite plans are being made for affecting every farmer an opportunity to file a farm plan for 1946, in order that he may be eligible for available conservation material or payment on practices performed at his own expense. When arrangements have been completed, all farmers will receive a notice by mail informing them of the time and place for filing the 1946 Farm Plans.

The next time you feel the urge to understand something make it a point to investigate proposed plans for a world federal union.

LAST MINUTE SHOPPING SUGGESTIONS

Check This List for Your Needs

Blouses at $2.95 to $4.95.

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Bed jackets, $3.00 to $4.95.

Quilted and satin house coats, $10.75 and $12.95.

Slips, pants, gowns, $1.95 to $5.95.

Stationery, all pastel shades and white, $1.00 to $1.50.

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SES Office Urges Employer Cooperation

The accelerated pace at which veterans are moving into civilian life and entering the labor market makes it more important today than ever before that employers place their job orders with the office of the United States Employment Service, William C. Page, manager of the office located in Lynchburg, announced today.

"The placement of veterans and other workers in jobs for which they are qualified and where they can make maximum use of their skills and abilities depends upon the number and diversity of the openings listed by employers with the local office," Mr. Page said. With veterans returning to this community in search of jobs in constantly increasing numbers, the local office will be in a far better position to give these men and women the maximum job opportunity to which they are entitled by law if the local office has the full cooperation of all employers in the community.

When these men and women leave the military separation centers they are instructed to go to the local employment office nearest their home if they are in search of new employment. Many of these veterans have acquired new skills during their military service which will be of value not only to them but to employers in this community. Large numbers of veterans and war workers have received valuable training during the war. Job applicants at the local office are anxious to make use of these newly acquired skills.

The greater the number and diversity of openings listed by employers with the USES offices the quicker unemployed workers can be absorbed in jobs. To this end it is necessary to have the wholehearted cooperation of industry and labor in developing job opportunities and in placing these job opportunities before unemployed workers."

A representative of the Employment Service is in Bedford each Wednesday and may be seen at the court house.

Virginia Is Second As Poultry Producer

A $75 million cash income from poultry is predicted for Virginia this year, topping the state's standby cash crop, tobacco, by approximately $15 million.

It is said Virginia now trails only Delaware as a broiler producing state.

Much poor conversation results from the conviction of some people that they have to say something.

An optimist is an individual who starts construction work, expecting to come out on the estimated cost.

We have never been able to understand why those who need no vacation always manage to get one.

Even if we never expect another war the nation might as well keep its defense forces ready for possibilities.

Items From Issue Of The Democrat Published In 1904

The following articles of interest appeared in "The Bedford Democrat" on June 30, 1904:

William Leftwich, of Roanoke, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. G. M. Wiggington.

On and after July 1st, the post office at Peaksvillle will be made a money order office.

Hon. John Goode who has been ill at the home of his daughter in Norfolk is very much improved and he expects to visit his friends in Bedford in a few weeks.

Liberty camp No. 11677 of the Modern Woodmen of America was organized here last week with the following officers: Hunter Miller, consul; E. A. Overstreet, advisor; Jno. K. Walker, clerk; H. P. Walker, sentry; F. L. Wright, guard; Hugh Miller, W. R. Dooley, and R. C. Overstreet, board of managers. The order starts off with 27 members. It is a fraternal insurance organization and has many good features.

Mrs. N. D. Hawkins and daughter, Miss Dew, have returned from Norfolk where they went to meet Miss Mamie Hawkins who has been teaching in eastern Virginia.

Mayor Rice of Bristol was in Bedford last week. He came to Bedford to visit relatives whom he had not seen in fifty years.

Prof. W. A. Parker is spending this week with his father in Franklin county.

Prof. J. E. Witt returned last week from Lexington, where he attended a reunion of all the students of V. M. I.

L. A. Gallaham having closed out his interest in the Bedford Carriage Works came up from Lynchburg this week and moved his family to the Hill City, much to the regret of his many friends here.

THE GENERAL'S COAT

Honolulu—1-Sgt. George Buta's most prized souvenir of the war is a bulky army overcoat which he has brought across two oceans. During the battle of the Belgian Bulge Buta stood shivering in the snow, his jacket ripped down the back after he had rescued seven wounded men under fire. A three star general came by and gave him the overcoat. Gen George Patton was the donor.

Anxious

Television sets will sell through curosity. So many people are anxious to find out what makes a studio audience applaud.—Greensboro (Ga.) Herald Journal.

Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. —Shakespeare

Records compiled without interviewing anybody prove conclusively that nobody's bank balance is ever more than expected.

EVINGTON, Route 2

Winter, it seems has set in ahead of schedule time with two snows in one week. Folks are busy winding up the year's work, such as butchering, getting in the winter's wood and marketing tobacco.

Quite a bit of flu and colds are keeping quite a number confined to their homes, although the Christmas Spirit is visibly seen and felt among the youngsters and the older ones are fast catching on. Since this is the peace-time Christmas in a number of years, the occasion looks promising of being a gala one.

Melvin Mitchell arrived home last week, after twenty-one months service in the Navy. He is now visiting home folks in Amherst and other places, awaiting the first of year, when he will resume work at his former position in Roanoke.

Miss Lois Jones, who has been confined to her home for several days with a cold and flu is now ablue to be up again.

Miss Frances Jones of Richmond, is now at her home for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T Chenault and family, of Roanoke, were Monday visitors in the home of Mrs. Chenault's mother, Mrs. J. W. Cochran and sister, Mrs. Melvin Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Phillips, who resides in West Virginia are at their home here for the holiday.

Miss Mary Hicks was shopping in Lynchburg, Saturday.

We were sorry to read of the illness of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rucker at their home East Main street, Bedford. It hasn't been but a few weeks since they were visiting friends and relatives around here and Mrs. Rucker's brother, E. A. Hicks near Evington. Both of them seemed well and happy. Here is hoping they will soon be well again.

Sam D. Hicks was a business visitor in Lynchburg, Wednesday.

With Happy Christmas greeting to the editor, managers, reporters and readers of our newsy and intersting Bedford Democrat, and may the New Year be filled with good cheer, happiness and Success.

Where?

The problem now facing the Allies in Germany isn't so much what to do with the ex-Nazis as where to find them.—Punch.

Pale death, with impartial step, knocks at the hut of the poor and the palaces of kings.—Horace.

Men Between 17 And 35 Recruited By Army

The Army is now offering good opportunities to men who enlist in the regular army. Men from 17 to 35 are being accepted.

Corp. Jesse T. Peak, of the Lynchburg Recruiting Office will be in the lobby of the post office building each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. See him for further information.



Joyous Christmas

★ The New Year is like a ship coming in, its hold crammed with a precious cargo from ports unknown.

It is our earnest hope that its arrival will mean for you much that was unexpected in both material and spiritual blessings.

Oakwood Service Station
And Tea Room
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Snead



JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

With this greeting we wish to include our cordial wish for abundant prosperity and contentment. It has been a privilege to serve you and we will strive with our every effort to merit a continuance of your patronage.

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The spirit of the modern Christmas is best conveyed by giving gifts that are useful, the gratitude of the recipient lasts when you make your gifts useful. We feature only nationally known merchandise that is dependable and worth buying — that will make as near the perfect gift as anything could possibly be.

Select your gifts early, use our lay-a-way plan if you wish. This year, more than ever before because of market conditions, it will be to your advantage to shop early.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our Thanks To Those Who Have Given Us The Most Precious Of Gifts — PEACE !

This is the merriest, gayest and most joyful
Christmas we've had in years. At last
There is world peace and once again homes are
Complete with sons. husbands, fathers, back
To add spirit and cheer to the season.

We, of the Johnson's Stores, feel that we have
More reason than most to celebrate this
Christmas with a deep spirit of Thankfulness,
For out of many who left our stores to
Serve their country in all corners of the
World, not one was lost; all either have returned
Or will return shortly to their former positions.
We welcome them back with hearts full of
Gratitude and joy.

Our store honor roll, of which we are deeply
Proud, contains following names: Bernard W. Saunders,
Alex Reynolds, J. R. Johnson, Ralph Saunders,
Durwood B. Mitchell, Nelson C. Johnson,
Norris R. Johnson, Baker Anderson, Jack Mitchell,
Garland E. Johnson, Alvin Bryant, and Jack B. Johnson.

For our other faithful employees and appreciated co-operation of all our customers during the trying war years, we wish, also, to extend thanks. We look forward to serving you in the Peacetime years to come.

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FARM AND HOME NEWS

Announcement!

DR. HARRY MARTIN

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EACH COURT DAY
ROOM NO. 4
OVER PHILLIP'S GROCERY

CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS

1945

As the Shadows

fall on the close of another year, we desire to express our deep appreciation of your good will and friendship, and to wish for you during the Christmas season of 1945 all the better things that life affords.

Piedmont Stores Inc.

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By Sneed T. Adams
Assisting Conservationist

The local technician recently assisted in preparing soil and water conservation plans on the farms of P. B. Mills at Langford's Mill and W. W. Wilson, near New London Academy. Assistance is also being given Gordon White, of Forest in revising his farm plan from a general farming operation to provide the feed and pasture requirements for a Grade A dairy herd.

The need for a definite conservation plan is significant o nthe farm of Mr. Wilson. This farm has been worked unusually hard and was idle until Mr. Wilson moved there a couple of years ago. The fields are quite rolling and thus a limited amount of cultivatable land. Mr. Wilson realizes the nedd for a soil and water conservation plan on his thin layer of top soil to enable the production of needed feed and feed crops while rebuilding his soil fertility. Mr. Wilson plans to establish a contour strip-crop rotation of corn, small grain and hay. By strip cropping he can prevent some of the erosion and hold the rainfall on the field for the crops being grown which would otherwise run off taking his soil and fertilizer with it. As Mr. Wilson increases his crop yields he plans to reduce his acreage of row crops and use some of his steeper fields to pasture.

Returned Veteran Calls on Soil Conservation Office

James A. Roberts, who recently received his release from the armed forces called at the Soil Conservation Office last week for help in mapping out a plan for his farm. James is taking advantage of the "GI Bill of Rights" to get established in farming and expressed the desire to take advantage of the research and experience of the agricultural agencies such as the Soil Conservation Service.

The assistance of the service is made available through the Blue Ridge Soil Conservation District to all farm people, including those who are interested in going into farming, free of charge.

—FOR SALE—Girls regular size bicycle, in good condition. Can be seen at Mr. R. Marsh's filling station. G. C. Luck. 12-20-1t-pd



by MRS. LELA C. ATKINSON
County H. D. Agent

Club Meetings Next Week

December 25—Huddleston H. D. Club.

December 27—Emmaus H. D. Club.

December 28—Mt. Olivet H. D. club and Cifax H. D. club Christmas parties.

Club Meetings Held:
Mt. View Christmas Party

A business meeting and Christmas party featured the highlights of the December meeting of the Mt. View H. D. Club held in the county demonstration room on December 12, at 2:00 p. m. Following the usual order of opening the meeting, Mrs. Jameson, club chairman, gave an interesting talk on "Woman's Interest in Politics." A report was given by Mrs. May, chairman of the cheer committee. A collection was taken for the cheer fund. Following this, the club leaders, Mrs. Miller Overstreet, and Mrs. Meade Wilkinson gave interesting and attractive demonstrations on "Raw Vegetable Salads" and Table Decorations from Christmas Greenery. Several good and practical recipes were read to the group. The business meeting was closed with the club creed.

The Christmas program consisted of readings and recitations by Billy Saunders Driscoll, Tommy Abbott, Kenneth Hurt, Ann Elizabeth Agee, Ann Green Morgan, and Ann Denton. "Silent Night" was played by Ann Denton on the flute following the rendering of the "Manger Story" by Mrs. H. F. Jameson. Christmas carols were sung and enjoyed by the entire group. Gifts were distributed and opened by adults and children, followed by delicious refreshments served by the hostesses, Mrs. H. F. Jameson, Mrs. John Gills, and Mrs. Sammie Driscoll. One new member was added to the roll, Mrs. Andrew Hodges. All members except one attended this meeting, that one being kept away by sickness. There were 34 present, including the children. All enjoyed the entire meeting. Tables and the room were decorated with arrangements and varied sorts of Christmas greenery. A lovely "Tree" centered the table, and candles lighted the room during the Christmas program.

Lady Nearly Choked While Lying In Bed— Due To Stomach Gas

One lady said a few days ago that she used to be afraid to go to bed at night. She was swollen with stomach gas, which always got worse when she went to bed, and the gas would rise up in her throat after she lay down and would nearly choke her. She couldn't lie flat. Had to prop herself up on pillows. Recently this lady got ERB-HELP and now says gas is gone, stomach feels fine, bowels are regular and she can go to bed and sleep soundly.

ERB-HELP contains 12 Great Herbs; they cleanse bowels, clear gas from stomach, act on sluggish liver and kidneys. Miserable people soon feel different all over. So don't go on suffering! Get ERB-HELP. Sold by all Drug Stores here in Bedford County.

DEATHS

RONALD NICHOLS

Ronald Faye Nichols, age 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henry Nichols, Route 4, Bedford, died December 16 at 10:30 a. m.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. A. G. Carter at the Carder funeral home chapel on Tuesday with burial in Oakwood cemetry.

A. B. ARRINGTON

Adolphus B. (Cager) Arrington, 66, died at the home of his brother, R. B. Arrington, near Kelso, Tuesday at 5:40 p. m., following an illness.

Born and reared on the Northside, Mr. Arrington was a son of the late John W. and Mary Agee Arrington. He was never married and surviving brothers and sisters are R. B. Arrington, E. L. Arrington, Mrs. R. C. Noell, Mrs. J. A. Toms and Mrs. W. B. Lockard, all of Bedford county.

The funeral service was held at Suck Spring Baptist church, Thursday, at 11 a. m., with burial in the church cemetery.

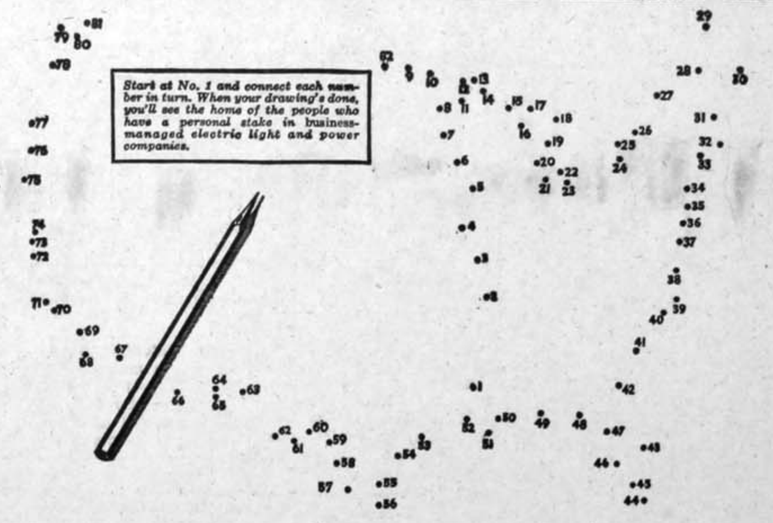
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CHILD'S TABLE AND CHAIR SET	$3.95
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ALL METAL ROCKER	$4.35
METAL WHEEL COASTER, Rubber Tires	$5.95
RUBBER BALLS	Each 10c
A and B RADIO BATTERIES	$3.95

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Tobacco Committee Bedford Chamber of Commerce



1945

TIDINGS of GREAT JOY

The prevailing spirit of good will embraces us all during this joyous season. We, too, want to extend to you personally our hearty good wishes for an exceptionally

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Arthur's Jewelry Store

BEDORD, VA.

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former occasion, while drunk, to kill her child.

Young Luck had been in the navy for about two years, was home on leave. He had been in combat duty overseas and members of the family believe, it is said, that the war experience had affected him mentally. He wore his naval uniform when killed. The officers said the load from the gun took effect in the right cheek and when they arrived at the Luck home, he lay on the floor with poker by one hand and tongs in the other. The mother, the officer was told, had used the poker in defense.

The mother told the officer that he was an affectionate son when sober but when drinking he always talked of killing. He was dead when the officers arrived.

Dr. E. L. Johnson, coroner, viewed the body and death resulted from a gunshot wound, according to his verdict.

The elder man reported to the office of the trial justice, Friday morning and was released on bond of $1,000. He will have a hearing January 8.

Funeral services for the slain man was held at the Carder chapel, here, Saturday, at 10 a. m. with burial in the family plot in Harrisonburg. The service was conducted by the Rev. B. T. Price, pastor of the Montvale Methodist church.

In addition to the father and mother, the former Miss Lucie Whitesell, are the following sister and brothers; Mrs. Lucie Calcango, who lives at the Luck home; William E. Luck, Jr., 32; Davis R. Luck, 29, lieutenant, U. S. Navy; and Robert W. Luck, 22, of Roanoke.

Mrs. Charles Green Jr. Is Hostess to Thursday Club

Mrs. Charles E. Green, Jr., was hostess to the Thursday club, last week when Mrs. J. W. Hopkins had charge of the program which dealt with the flags and insignia of the United States.

Mrs. Green used white pine and red berries in house decorations and Mrs. W. Y. Lovelace assisted her in serving refreshments. Only club members were present.

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Garden Club Has Christmas Meeting

The Garden club of Bedford held its Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. H. A. Gills, on College street. Gifts were assembled by the club members for the children at the Presbyterian Orphanage in Lynchburg and Mrs. James McIntyre was awarded the prize for the most attractively wrapped package. Mrs. F. H. Mitchell won second prize.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

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The Bedford county of supervisors met in monthly session, Monday, instead of on the fourth Monday, the regular date. The session was short and only routine business was transacted.

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was aboard the USS Picking at Manus Island in the Admiralty Islands. We had sailed from Bougainville enroute to what was later to be the Lingayean gulf invasion in the Philippines. We were on this island six days and were on duty all the time thus no party could be held."—**Elmer H. Kirby, G. M. 3/c., aboard the USS Picking in the Admiralty Islands (Route 4, Bedford).**

"Christmas a year ago seems so long in the past—so much has happened.

This time 1944, I was completely "up in the air"—Tommy was discharged from an Army hospital and was on his way to San Francisco with the promise that he would be there for Christmas. We were invited to a lunscious Christmts banquet at the home of some very dear friends but no Tommy. As usual during the holiday season—the trains were late—twenty-fours late to be exact. I spent most of Christmas day calling the station o check on train schedules but to no avail. I met the train at 2 a. m. and finally he rolled in on the second section of the second train at 6 a. m., December 26. I had begun to think that I was just meeting trains to no avail. We had our Christmas tree a day late but that didn't matter—it was Christmas as far as we were concerned."—**Mrs. LaGarde J. Thompson (Rosa-King Thompson), Y. 2/c, USNR (WR), at 12th Naval district in San Francisco, Calif. (Bedford).**

Between Two Christmases

"I am one continent and half of a very wide ocean away from Virginia Beach, where I spent last Christmas. There I was a radar teacher in a Fleet Service School, bunking with a St. Louis printer, an Arkansas mechanic and a Mississippi soybean worker in a $8-a-day room on the sheltered side of the Cavalier Hotel. We had the best chow I have ever enjoyed in the Navy, mountains of laundry done speedily for next to nothing, a beach on which to gambol and a considerate commissary steward who saw that every member of ship's company got a cake on his birthday. It was that kind of duty; the Stateside Navy.

Only other person in the school from near Bedford was Claude Taylor, an announcer for the Lynchburg radio, who was also a teacher in another division. I looked for them in every new class, but few men from Bedford went through that school in the eleven months I stayed there.

When this Christmas rolls around I shall be in the care of a unit of the fleet which is returning veterans to the States from the Pacific, called by the Navy the Magic Carpet.

In between, still without seeing anyone from Bedford except an officer whose name I've forgotten but who was from Bedford City and who may have been either a Lieutenant Watson or Watkins, who was in charge of placement at the Camp Catlin Radar Center on Oahu, I spent seven dolorous months aboard the second oldest destroyer of the US Fleet, the USS Chew, now happily decommissioned at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

I was an amused enlisted naval correspondent for a time, an unwilling radar student again (I had learned what I wanted to know of radar, and the outlandish double-talk of Navy schools no longer interested me), and finally was assigned to the ship directory service on Oahu known as Merco (for merchant ship operations) which, however, directed the travel of naval craft as well.

With an office in the Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor, within sight of the arena of the sneak attack, we lived four or five miles away at Red Hill, where a direct view of the sea was cut off by a mountain whose interior was one vast air-conditioned room filled with every sort of communications gear. It is named the Crater.

The view at Red Hill to the west took in Pearl Harbor itself, at night a canopy of ruby riding lights on ships tied up there, and a superb view of the mountains over which the raiding Japanese appeared. To the east was the fabled port of Honolulu with its myriad lights stretching high up beyond the city and almost to the perpetually cloud-capped hills. We preferred the view to the east because in that direction (course zero six eight degrees) lay home.

At the Merco office I have occasionally helped sort the mail, and in the mailroom there I have run across letters and newspapers addressed to a man named Noell from Big Island, whose rank and initials I have also forgotten.

When Christmas, 1945, rolls around I shall be delighted to be far, far from Oahu, whose 4200-foot mountains, although they resemble those of the Blue Ridge at Afton or the Peaks of Otter, lack the softness of contour that makes the hills of Bedford unforgettable."

William H. (Bill) Adams, S. 1/c., Naval ship directory service in Hawaii (Forest).

"Chrstmas day last year found me on duty in supply work handling airplane parts. The air force squadroh of which I was attached had about 275 men and we celebrated the day by bombing enemy installations with our entire force. We were located in southern Italy near the city of Foggia and celebrated the day with a dinner and little party that night when we opened our packages."—**Corp. Allen Pollard, USAAF, 15th Army Air Force in Italy (Montvale).**

"I spent last Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at the Waimona Home which is located upon a ridge overlooking Pearl Harbor. I was the guest of H. E. Bays, a former Bedford county man, who holds a position at this home. This is a home for several hundred orphan children from all places in the Pacific area. It was fine being at the Home and seeing those children enjoy Christmas but my happiness wasn't complete because of thinking about our second trip from Pearl Harbor out into the Pacific war area which did come soon, destination: the Philippines.

I'm hoping all overseas veterans a Merry Christmas. Wish it was going to be as grand for them as it is going to be for me because I am sure it will be the happiest Christmas of all. Aloha."—**Alfred W. Gillaspie, E. M. 1/c., USNR, Seabee unit, in Hawaii (Bedford).**

—FOR SALE—Will be in town with Collie Pups, Monday, December 24. J. C. Franklin. 12-20-1t-pd

—We have just received a shipment of Remington Electric Razors; OPA ceiling price, $17.50. Johnson Cash Store. 12-20-1t-ch

—FOR SALE—One Hendrix bird cage with stand, in good condition, $6.00; one 36 inch steel cabinet with two drawers for household use, $3.00; one 12 tube cabinet model Zenith radio in first class condition. Phone 4431. 12-20-1t-ch

Christmas, 1945 A. D.

Time—Christmas Eve.
Place—Home, Anywhere, U. S. A.
Principals—A soldier-father-husband, a mother, a son.

"Daddy!"
"John!"
"Here son—darling!"
"Daddy, you're back!"
"Yes, son—hon don't cry!"
"I'm not crying, I'm happy!"
"Daddy, I asked Santa to bring you back."
"He did, boy!"
"Oh, darling, he's been at the window all day!"
"Daddy, I saw you long ways off."
"Did you know who I was?"
"Yes, dad, mama told me."
"You glad, son?"
"Dad it's Christmas."
"It's good to be home."
"It's good to have you home."
"Daddy, why didn't you come last Christmas?"
"Couldn't."
"Last Christmas wasn't Christmas, daddy."
"Why, son, didn't you get that package I sent."
"Yes, but it wasn't Christmas."
"What's tomorrow?"
"Christmas!"
"Is tomorrow Christmas now?"
"Oh daddy, daddy, it's a real, real Christmas."
"Yes."
"You're back, daddy, I'm so happy."
"I'm happy too, boy."
"Oh daddy."
"Darling, he's missed you so."
"He's big isn't he?"
"He didn't laugh much last year."
"You weren't happy last Christmas, fellow."
"You weren't back daddy."
"I'm back now."
"I'm so happy dad, so's mamma."
"It's good to be back."
"Christmas has come."
"Yes."
"Tomorrow is Christmas, today is Christmas, everyday is Christmas, Gee whiz daddy, Christmas is here."
"Christmas."
"It's wonderful."
"Happy?"
"Oh, darling."
"Daddy, what you got in the package?"
"Here, son."
"What is it?—oh it's a, Oh daddy thanks."

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gleason, of Louisville, Ky., are visiting Mr. Gleason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gleason, near Forest.

NOTICE TO POLICYHOLDERS

An annual policyholders meeting of the Bedford County Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held January 8 at 11 a. m. in the court house at Bedford. All members are urged to attend.

MRS. IRENE K. DeWITT,
Secretary
12-20-2t-ch

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marsh have returned from Florida. Mr. Marsh who was on naval duty at Pensacola, has been released from the service.

Miss Myrtle Marshall who has been ill of pneumonia in Richmond, is improving. Miss Kathleen Marshall visited her sister in Richmond, this week.

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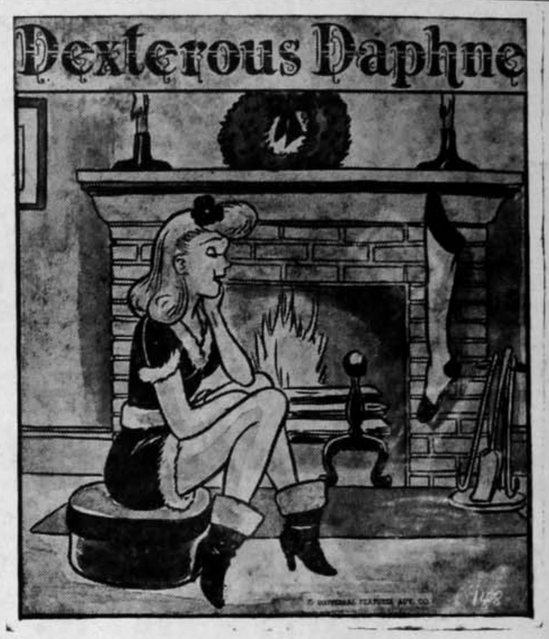
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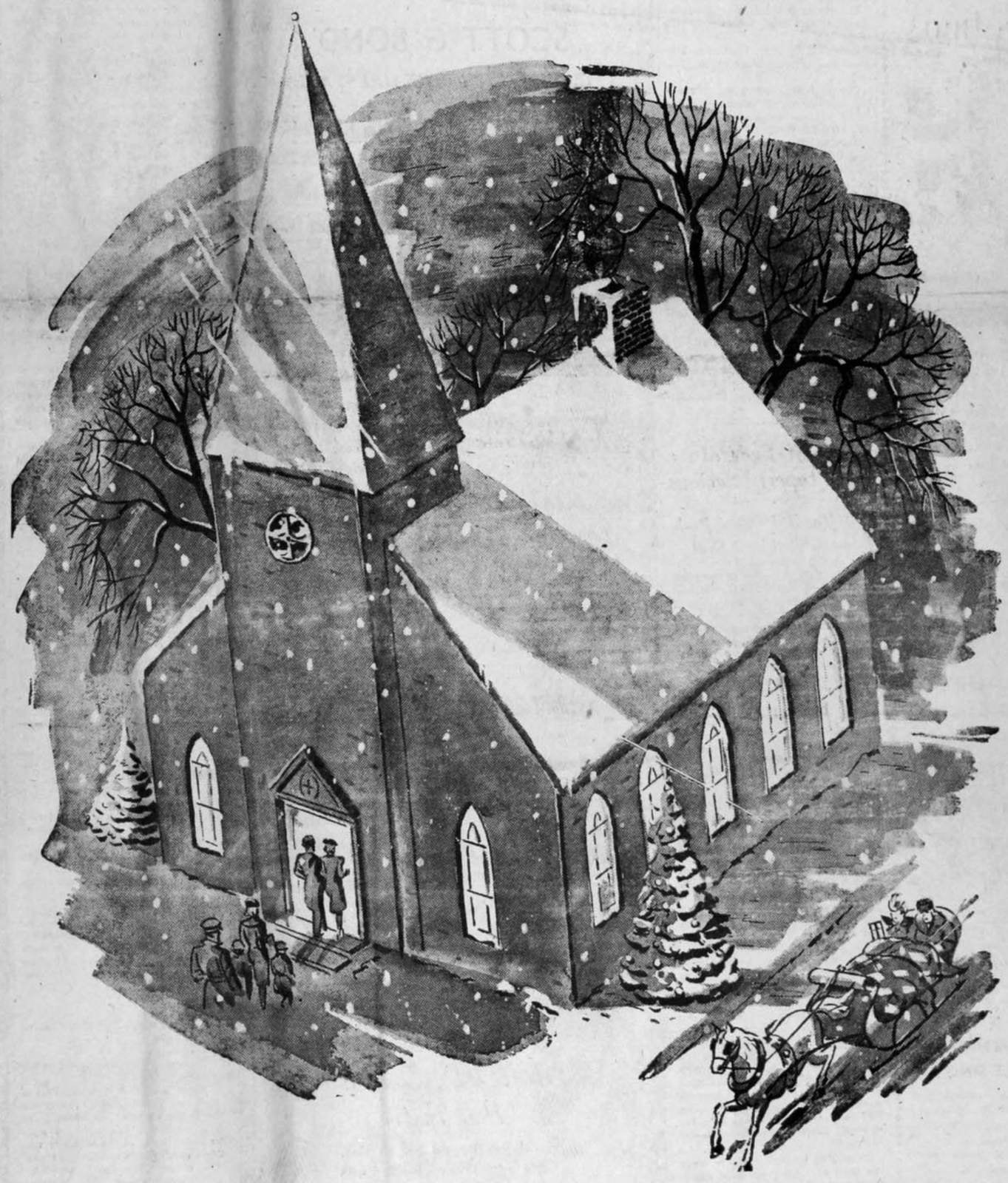
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Peace on earth good will to men



Christmas, 1945 . . . of all Christmases . . . looms as the most soul-stirring, the most meditative. A friendly day in which to dream as well as make merry . . . a day when "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" will assume a greater meaning . . . a hope so profound that it transcends utterance. Give thanks for this land where people are free to gather openly and pray. Give thanks for the birth of the Saviour who taught the world that love is more powerful than hate, good mightier than evil, life stronger than death. Express your thanks.

As we taper off 1945 and turn to the New Year, 1946 --- a year when education for peace takes the place of schooling for destruction, a bright and busy year of building back, a year when hatreds shall fade in the dawning hope of Brotherhood . . . . The Church will be the mainstay of our community, of all communities.

Let us make it the center of our community.

Go to Church !

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Christmas Joy 1945

• Measured by the span of years, it has been a long, long time since that first Christmas night, but it might have been but yesterday when we measure the spirit of kindness which Christmastime releases.

Christmas means happiness, and Christmas happiness is to be shared. We want to share our 1945 Christmas happiness with you.

Johnson-Latimer

119 S. Bridge St.



Christmas Good Cheer 1945

This is the season of good will, and, looking down the long list of names of those who have shown their good will towards us in 1945, we come to yours. We want to thank you for this good will on your part, and to send just the friendliest of wishes for your happiness and cheer at Christmastime.

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Merry Christmas



1945

Tidings of Joy

'HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING'

Once more we assemble in happy reunion to celebrate the age-old tradition of Christmas. Short though the days, long though the nights, the glowing background of Christmas makes all hearts light.

Recalling now the happy relationships of 1945 we wish you the choicest blessings this holy season can bestow.

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Morning worship, 11:00 o'clock.

Prelude—Special arrangement of Mendelssohn's "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Mrs. Malcolm Marsh, organist.

Processional Hymn—"Joy to the World."

Anthems—"The First Christmas Morn" by Newton; "O Holy Night of Memory" by Wilson.

Sermon—"Receiving the Gift" by Mr. Potts.

Hymn—"There's a Song in the Air."

Christmas vesper service, 5:30 o'clock.

By popular request the "Service of Carols and Candles" which was presented two years ago will be repeated. The choir will sing "The Coming of the King" by Stults. The children's choir will sing Martin Luther's "Away in a Manger." Mrs. Marsh will accompany the choirs and will render Christmas music on the organ.

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. S. B. Lapsley, Minister

Sunday, December 23:

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.

Christmas service, 5:00 p. m.

A Christmas service of story and song for the entire congregation will be held at the above hour, five o'clock. There will be no other evening service.

MIDDLE BEDFORD METHODIST CHARGE

Services for Sunday, December 23:

Ephesus—11 a. m.

Nicopolis—3 p. m.

Bethesda—6 p. m. Special Christmas program.

Hickory Grove—8 p. m. Christmas pageant: "The Adoration of the Kings and Shepherds," presented by the Youth Fellowship.

BEDFORD METHODIST CHURCH
W. D. Sheets, Pastor.

Services for Sunday, December 23:

Otterville, 9:45 a. m., Christmas program and brief message by the pastor.

Salem, 11:00 a. m., Christmas program and brief message by the pastor.

Center Point, 3:00 p. m., preaching; 8:00 p. m., Christmas program.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Monday, December 24—Christmas tree and carol service at 4 p. m.; Midnight service of Holy Communion at 11:30 p. m.

Christmas Day—Holy Communion at 11 o'clock.

St. Thomas' Church, Sedalia—The Christmas Communion will be at 3 p. m. on Sunday, December 23.

QUAKER BAPTIST CHURCH
L. C. Coffman, Pastor.

Services for Sunday, December 23:

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m., O. E. Williamson, superintendent.

Worship service at 11:00 a. m., led by pastor.

Special Christmas program at 7:00 p. m.; no Training Union services.

Theft of Federal Property Serious

FBI Handled Grave Problem With Usual Skill.

WASHINGTON —One of the gravest problems with which the FBI was confronted throughout World War II was the theft of government property. Millions of dollars in irreplaceable tools were lost, and it is to the credit of American industry that this tremendous drain was not allowed to impede our war effort.

During the fiscal year 1945, theft of government property convictions showed an increase of 182 per cent over the same 1943 period. In all, there were 1,815 convictions in this category in 1945, compared with 1,143 in 1944 and 643 in 1943—an alarming increase indeed.

Three civilians were sentenced at Boston for stealing emergency rations and equipment from lifeboats and rafts being outfitted for the United States navy. Their activity, had it not been detected, could have been the direct cause of starvation of shipwrecked men.

At Albany, N. Y., a captain in the quartermaster corps was sentenced for stealing government-owned trucks and tires for his own profit. An army sergeant and three civilians were convicted in the same case.

Approximately $7,800 in stolen government property was recovered with the arrest of a war worker in the East. In his home the FBI found enough screw drivers, flashlights and other small tools to stock a hardware store. In another instance a war plant employee took home a pocketful of nails each day. The FBI recovered 800 pounds of nails, in small paper sacks, hidden under his porch.

Other FBI investigations involved the theft of $15,000 worth of equipment from a Florida army air force training school and $20,000 worth of brass valves used for emergency repairs of warships in New York.

Severe penalties are provided for these offenses. Persons guilty of stealing property belonging to the government or being manufactured by private concerns under army and navy contracts face a maximum of five years' imprisonment and $5,000 fine. Those receiving stolen property are subject to the same penalties.

Emotion is not a substitute for intelligence and nothing that is built upon temporary stimulation of the senses can expect to be permanent.

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Tidings of great joy
1945
Merry Christmas

Christmas Is All of These

Christmas is the good will shared at the family hearth; the carol sung together; the candle in the window, the glowing faces gathered around the festive board. And it is much more —ever so much more!

We cannot begin to put into words all that Christmas is, nor begin to express how ardently we wish for you the complete enjoyment of Christmas. So, all we can say to you, kind friends, is Merry Christmas To You.

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Holiday Greetings 1945

To each of us the word Christmas summons many happy memories. To some it recalls a ride over the frozen countryside to grandma's, sleigh-bells tinkling all the while. To others it recalls happy reunions in mirth-filled living rooms, gay banquets and glowing Christmas trees. But to all it recalls days of charm and endearment, the happiest days of our lives. May we know this happiness in all its fullness once again, dear friends, this Christmas season of 1945.

MITCHELL'S GROCERY
WEST DEPOT STREET



Noel! Adeste Fideles! Holy Night!

Hark! The Herald Angels sing. Once again the air is filled with song and music . . . the music of the spheres. Once again it's Christmas with all that this sacred holiday implies.

We hope that this Christmas of 1945 will be a truly happy Christmas for you and yours.

Walker's Service Station
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A DRIZZLING rain seeped through Mike Duncan's threadbare coat and soaked him to the skin. Snow had preceded the rain that afternoon and the going was pretty tough. He wearily trudged along, endeavoring to keep out of the way of reckless herds of last-minute Christmas shoppers who thought of him only as a bar to their progress.

Ordinarily Duncan would not have thought of his wet skin, his tattered clothes, or even of his empty stomach. They were all part of life on the road—but this night was different. It was Christmas Eve.

It must have been the holiday season—why else would someone thrust a fifty-cent piece into his hand and



"Are you sure that's all you want?"

then vanish into the shadows? He could only murmur a grateful "Thank you, sir, and a merry Christmas to you" before the donor disappeared into the swirling crowd.

Duncan reached into his left pocket, pulled out two dimes and five pennies, laid them with the half-dollar in the palm of his other hand and stared at his entire fortune of seventy-five cents.

He smiled sardonically when it occurred to him presently that the building in front of which he stood was the United States Mint. He turned and, with a laugh that had a hysterical ring to it, jingled his handful of coins. His mirth attracted the cop who had been standing on the corner watching him. The officer said to him in a brogue so thick that it could have been cut with a knife, "Move on, blasht ye!" Mike wandered off down a deserted side street, clinking his money.

After about an hour of aimless roaming through endless alleys, he found himself directly opposite a brightly decorated restaurant. He crossed over and from sheer curiosity looked in the window.

There were only two patrons inside—an elderly man and woman seated at a front table who were avidly devouring with much relish a whole roast turkey with all the side dishes.

Duncan's mouth began to water—his stomach seemed hollow—he felt his legs go weak, and his ever-present hunger was getting the best of him. Suddenly he remembered the seventy-five cents. He thought quickly. A bed for the night at a flophouse would cost fifteen cents—that would leave him sixty. He decided to go in and order a roast turkey sandwich. He gave his hat a few deft pats and opened the door.

He hung his battered hat and coat where he could grab them in case of an emergency, and made himself comfortable at a table in a corner. Duncan knew that his appearance was none too prepossessing and that a waiter would not dash up to someone from whom he could not get a tip. After a while a vinegar-faced man deigned to come to him. "What'll you have?" he asked, stifling a yawn.

"A hot roast turkey sandwich," replied Duncan.

"On toast or rye bread?"

"Rye."

"Anything else?"

Duncan shook his head. "No, nothing else."

"Are you sure that's all you want?"

"Yes, that's all. Just a roast turkey sandwich."

The waiter returned with the order, placed it before him, shook his head wonderingly and withdrew. Duncan virtually devoured the sandwich in three bites. He delicately wiped his mouth with a napkin, then beckoned the waiter. "Check, please," he said.

"Check?"

"Yes, the check." Duncan raised his eyebrows.

"But there is no check."

"No check? What do you mean—no check?"

"There are none tonight. This is Christmas Eve. Didn't you see the sign in the window? Customers can order anything they want. It's on the house. You're the only guy who didn't order the whole darned menu. Well, merry Christmas," he added.

Duncan's jaw dropped. His gaze fell on the half-dollar, two dimes and five pennies still clutched in his hand. Slumped in his chair, his eyes followed the back of the retreating waiter.

NEW TREATMENT FOR ANEMIA

Cincinnati.—A new treatment for four types of anemia has been discovered. It is known as a synthetic folic acid and is a member of the B-Complex vitamin family. It stimulates the building of red corpusles and patients begin feeling better between the third and fifth day of the treatment.

Any speaker can solve any problem if nobody asks questions; that is the way most questions are solved.

A Merry Christmas



★ Stealing over the countryside is the blessed peacefulness of Christmastime. The very air seems charged with it. Even the birds—what few remain—appear to share in the general rejoicing that has come over the world.

We earnestly hope that this Christmas season of 1945 will bestow unusual blessings upon you and yours . . . that it will bring to your home the soft glow that even Christmas tree lights cannot bequeath—the full joy of Christmas seasons long past, but forever remembered. May such a Christmas be yours!

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A Joyous Christmas
1945

That best part of a good man's life—
His little, nameless unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love.
—WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

Christmas is the season of the open heart and the open door. Let none stand out in the cold or be unremembered.

In this community of good fellows, where each helps share the other's happiness and all do their part towards making the Christmas season enjoyable for each and everyone, it is a privilege to be in a position to serve you. We take great pleasure in wishing you a Merry Christmas.

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107 Campbell Ave. *Roanoke, Va.*

Most Thrilling Exploit of War Wins High Honor

Lone Yank Officer Repulses Tank Attack Led by 250 Germans.

WASHINGTON.—A young officer who manned a machine gun atop a blazing abandoned tank destroyer and beat back a tank led assault by 250 Germans has been awarded the nation's top decoration.

He is First Lt. Audie L. Murphy, 21, of Farmersville, Texas, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor near Holtzwihr, France, last January 26. He was still a second lieutenant and new to the command of his company in the third infantry division, says the Chicago Tribune.

The citation accompanying the medal, which was to be given to Murphy in Europe, credited him with killing or wounding 50 of the Germans with machine gun fire and with directing artillery fire earlier in the fighting which killed "many" more. Some of Murphy's buddies estimated that he accounted for 100 Nazis in the hour-long battle.

Swept From Woods.

Murphy was in front of his company when the two German infantry companies, paced by six heavy tanks, swept from a woods. He ordered his men to fall back to prepared positions while he stayed at his advance post to call for artillery fire to smash the Germans in the open. He was alone except for a tree and the tank destroyer about 10 yards to his right.

First Lt. Walter W. Weispfennig, an artillery officer of Fredonia, N. D., who witnessed the action, said later the artillery fire that Murphy directed "had a deadly effect."

"I saw Germans disappearing in clouds of dirt and snow," he related.

Then a German 88 mm. shell crashed into the tank destroyer and its crew bailed out, falling back to join the remainder of the company. Smoke and flames spurted from the destroyer. The German tank crews swung wide around it, fearing that its gasoline and ammunition would blow up.

With the German infantry only 100 yards away, Murphy dashed over to the destroyer, climbed into the turret, and began blasting the Nazis with its .50 caliber machine gun. Weispfennig called it the "bravest thing I've ever seen a man do in combat," adding:

Exposed to Foe's Fire.

"He was completely exposed to the enemy fire and there was a blaze under him that threatened to blow the destroyer to bits. Machine gun, machine pistol, and 88 shellfire was all around him.

"Twice the tank destroyer was hit by direct shellfire and Lieutenant Murphy was engulfed in smoke and flame. His clothing was riddled by flying fragments of shells and bits of rocks. I saw that his trouser leg was soaked with blood."

Twelve Germans tried to sneak up along a ditch and flank him but he swung the machine gun and killed all of them at a 50-yard range. The Nazi infantry was stalled. Without the infantry the enemy tanks couldn't advance and the whole attack collapsed.

Murphy dropped wearily off the destroyer, all his ammunition gone, and limped back to his company. Refusing treatment, he reorganized his company and led it in an attack that routed the Germans.

Murphy, a native of Farmersville, joined the army on his 18th birthday and fought throughout the African, Sicilian, Italian and French campaigns. He has been wounded three times and wears the Purple Heart with two clusters.

Hungry people cannot understand the fastidious taste of the well-fed.

Americanism: The idea that any politician can tell an expert how to do his work.

$1,920 Is Found in Home Laundry Chute

KANSAS CITY, — A laundry chute loosed a shower of $20, $50 and $100 bills along with the soiled clothes when Mrs. Cleota Atwood pulled open the chute outlet in her basement. The money —$1,920 of it—had disappeared from a strongbox belonging to a guest of the Atwoods. Now everyone is a lot happier.

Society Wakes Up; Wrong Is Righted

Debt to Cripple to Be Paid; Builds Him Home.

ST. LOUIS.—Theodore Harris, 43-year-old cripple who has been living in an abandoned double-decker bus, soon will move into a dream house of his own—complete with shrubbery and a vine-covered fence.

Harris' plight came to the public attention recently when he was charged with violating the zoning ordinance. Alderman Vernon G. Riehl, who served as provisional city judge in the cripple's case, dismissed the charge and said:

"Society owes you an apology for singling you out and bringing you into court on a charge when there is so much wrong in the world."

Society is going to add action to kind words.

Twenty sympathetic St. Louisans are banding together to help in the house-raising. They have bought a lot on which the home is to be built. It will be held in trust for Harris, and later it will be turned over to a charitable institution.

Doors, windows, roofing material and paint will be donated by firms dealing in such commodities.

The cripple, who makes a meager living repairing clocks and old-fashioned music boxes, said he had acquired a gift of 240 feet of wooden handrails from the old excursion steamer Capital, which is now being scrapped.

"I'm going to make a fence out of that," he said, "with vines."

There will be a special ramp into the house to facilitate Harris' entrance on his motor-propelled three-wheeled car.

The move in his behalf, he said, was started by three persons who appeared as character witnesses in his case.

"I've already got a name for my home," Harris said. "I'm going to call it 'The Little Ranch House on the Hill.'"

Physician's Trust Fund Helps 12,519 Students

MARSHALL, MO. — The quinine pills of Dr. John Sappington, pioneer Missouri physician, have helped 12,519 Saline county boys and girls get an education at a total cost of $211,803, the annual report of the Sappington school fund discloses.

The fund dates back to 1857 when Dr. Sappington, one of the state's first physicians, set up a $20,000 trust, the income from which was to be used in giving common school education to deserving, needy children. This was before public schools had been established.

The proud and whimsical "Old Doc" was the first to use quinine extensively for malaria and made a fortune selling the drug to malaria sufferers of the Missouri and Mississippi valleys.

With the advent of public school systems, proceeds of the fund were directed toward aiding boys and girls of high school and college ages, with a big share of the money going to the latter group. Beneficiaries of the fund are required to maintain good scholastic standing.

The original $20,000 has earned nearly $300,000. The fund has a current balance of $82,500.

The colorful Sappington family figured prominently in early Missouri history.

BIG ISLAND

Garden Club Meets

The Big Island Garden Club held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. P. E. Bryant. Mrs. E. S. Vaughn gave a talk on "The Spirit of Christmas."

Instead of the usual awards for flower arrangement prizes were given for Christmas boxes which were sent to the soldiers at Camp Pickett hospital. Mrs. P. E. Bryant won first prize; Mrs. R. H. Gibson, second prize; and Mrs. Thomas Brizendine, third prize.

Mrs. Thomas Brizendine won first prize for a Christmas wreath for the door.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Harold Ingall.

Baptist Young Woman's Auxiliary Has Christmas Party

The Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Baptist church held a Christmas party last week. The room was decorated with holly and a Christmas tree. Gifts were exchanged among the members and refreshments served by the refreshment committee.

Miss Ottye Milam has returned to Richmond after spending several days at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. B. McKee.

E. F. Jordan, of Richmond, spent Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. H. A. Jordan.

Hugh Tooley has returned from Washington where he spent a few days.

Mrs. J. B. Cox has returned to Roanoke, after spending sometime here.

Mrs. Graham Perrow, of Bedford, spent Friday here.

Mrs. A. M. Anderson, of Silver, N. C., and Mrs. Cecil Curry have returned from Washington, D. C.

Mrs. H. C. Gatewood has returned to Richmond, after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Trevey.

Miss Mary Ogden of Bridgewater College, is spending the Christmas holidays here.

R. C. Harlow is a patient at the Virginia Baptist hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Trevey have returned from New York where they spent a week.

Mrs. C. N. Ogden has returned home from the Memorial hospital.

Mrs. C. T. Williams and Miss Beulah Watts have returned to Clifton Forge after spending several days here.

Miss Annie Horton is visiting with relatives in Lynchburg.

Miss Zula Humphreys, of Philadelphia, Pa., is spending the Christmas holiday at her home here.

IMAGINE HIS SURPRISE

Camp Shanks, N. Y.—Tommy Neale is a private but when he came home on a troop-ship, it was met in the Hudson river by a tugboat filled with his relatives, friends and a brass band. His father had chartered the tug for the occasion.

New London Academy

The New London Academy Community Cannery will be closed for the season on Frday, December 21. This year more than 230 families have used the cannery, processing close to 60,000 cans of food. The cannery has been operated by Mrs. Lois L. Tibbs, under the supervision of the board of managers of the New London Academy.

It is expected that the cannery will reopen on or about June 1.

New London Academy, whch has served as collection center for food for the United Nations Relief program, has made shipment of the food collected to the UNRRA headquarters in New York. Through the co-operation of local organizations, a considerable amunt of food was donated for this cause.

The attendance at New London Academy for the last two weeks has reached an all time low due to the prevalence of flu and colds. For the past week an average from 25 to 50 per cent of the students per day have been out of school.

School will be closed on December 21, for the Chrstmas holidays and will reopen on January 2.

81 CLOCKS

Brimfield, Mass.—Roe S. Clark started his collection of clocks in 1941, when he purchased a grandfather's clock at an auction. He now has 81 antique timepieces and has set aside one room to hold them.

UNION

"Everyone knows just what Christmas is for!
Hushed voices whispering behind the doors!
Tinsel and holly and presents galore
That's Christmas."—Contributed.

And we wish for all of our readers everywhere a happy and joyful holiday season.

Union Sunday school will have a program and Christmas tree on Sunday night the 23, at 7:30. The young people of Epworth church will have charge of the musical program. Those in charge hope to see a lot of folks there to see the faces of the little ones (up to 75 years) light up when Santa Claus appears.

MONETA, ROUTE 1

Sgt. Frank E. Perdue has recently been dscharged from the Army.

Pvt Frank Martin who spent 26 months in Africa has now been discharged.

Herb Nchols is in the hospital.

Mrs. Oscar Cassidy is able to be back at home after four weeks in the hospital.

Pfc. Thomas L. Ayres is now n Japan. He writes his wife, that he is O. K.

Mrs. Roy Paggans and daughter, have been sick with flu; also Mrs. Earl Tuck and daughter Arline, Mrs. Edgar Tuck and Willie Bearmond.

Mrs. Annie Mayhew visited frends n Roanoke, recently.

Mrs. Tommie Perdue, of Union Hall vsited Mrs. W. E. Harris in Roanoke, recently.

Nearly anybody is of some importance to himself.

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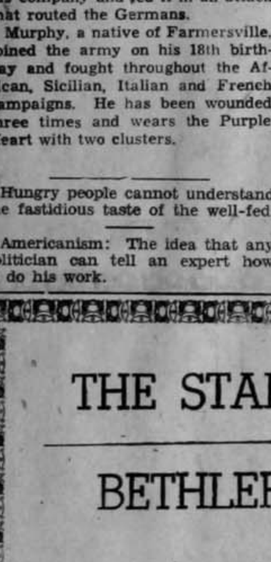
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THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM



It is good to know that the star of Bethleham shines brightly at Christmastime on those whom we love even though they may be scattered to far corners of the world. A comforting thought is the knowledge that the significance of Christmas is universal and that folks everywhere will pause in reverence for an added moment of happiness.

We are certain that the Christmas spirit will predominate everywhere not only for this coming season but for the years to come. It will result in genuine contentment for all the peoples of the world at a time when such happiness is essential to maintain perpetual peace.

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OUR SACRED OBLIGATIONS



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

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

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

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

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

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

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OPA Rationing to End During Year

Will Scrap Rent Control in 75 to 100 Cities.

WASHINGTON. — The OPA has told congressmen "most rationing will end this year" while rent control will be scrapped in 75 to 100 cities within four or five months.

The forecasts were made in a report sent to senators and representatives recently by Price Administrator Chester Bowles.

It outlined for the guidance of legislators this "present outlook" for the removal of price ceilings and ration rules: Both meats and shoes will be unrationed by the end of 1945; fats and oils may be rationed into 1946; at least, the shortage is likely to last that long; and sugar is "impossible to predict."

On tires, Bowles missed his guess. His report said truck tire rationing might end by August 31. That date has passed, and OPA men now think both truck and passenger tires may be rationed until the first of the year.

(John L. Collyer, president of the B. F. Goodrich company, said recently motorists should be able to buy tires ration-free before the end of the year.)

Rent controls "obviously will have to continue for some time." Some may linger until congress ends the federal program and turns the problem over to states or local communities to handle, Bowles said.

OPA meantime will remove rent ceilings "whenever and wherever it can be done without rent inflation," he went on, adding:

"Already eight areas have been decontrolled (rent ceilings lifted). The number decontrolled probably will increase by 75 or 100 during the next four or five months."

In a positive action for tighter protection of tenants, however, OPA increased from three to six months the waiting period during which a dwelling buyer may not evict a tenant in order to move in himself.

The rule will be effective in all 467 federal rental areas unless the area director decides that three months is adequate.

Navy Plans Use of Atom Bombs on Carrier Planes

PORTSMOUTH, VA.—Artemus L. Gates, navy undersecretary, disclosed the navy plans to adapt the atomic bomb for use by carrier-based planes.

"Effective as the atomic bomb is, it is still a bomb, and must be carried to the target," he said in a speech delivered during ceremonies commissioning the 45,000 ton carrier Midway, the largest, fastest, toughest flat top in the world.

The Midway, christened at Newport News last March 20, was named for the historic battle of June, 1942, which even Japanese officers now admit, Gates said, was the turning point of naval warfare in the Pacific. The undersecretary said the Midway, first of three super carriers, is "evidence of our will to maintain peace."

Wives of Servicemen Soon Will Sail Overseas

PARIS. — Wives of officers and enlisted men who may remain in the army of occupation for a long time may soon receive permission to sail abroad and join their husbands.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who made the announcement, admitted he was very sympathetic toward the idea and would like his own wife to come over in a hurry.

"I'm just as bad off as any G.I. today," complained the general. "I don't want to be here. I'm 54 years old and I lead a kind of lonely life.

"It's hard. Hell's fire, I know it's hard. That's why I keep my staff busy exploring shipping space for possible accommodations and the food situation. As soon as the problem of proper housing is licked all wives should be allowed to come over," he said.

Gets Sweet Revenge; Bass Hooks Angler

SPOKANE, WASH. — County Assessor Don H. Thompson was hooked by a fish.

Thompson related that he hooked a two-pound bass, and suddenly he found the situation reversed and the bass had him hooked. The fish bit his thumb, sinking the hook in so deeply that a doctor had to remove it.

Will Be Rewarded For Her Kindness

To Get Estate of Soldier She Befriended.

TUCSON, ARIZ.—A query from a Wisconsin newspaper brought to Mrs. Scott Marie Dyer the first word that a veteran of World War I she befriended 22 years ago at Chicago intended to remember her in his will.

Word was brought to Mrs. Dyer by reporters as she sat outside her small home about eight miles from Tucson. The soldier, Capt. Victor S. Byrne, started the search by a message to the Wisconsin police asking assistance in locating the Dyer family.

Chief of Police Harry Mueller of Fort Atkinson, Wis., said he had received a telegram from Captain Byrne of Los Angeles asking the whereabouts of Mrs. Dyer, a former resident of Fort Atkinson. The telegram said:

"I am very ill and may not live many months. I wish to leave Marie Dyer my entire estate for her kindness toward me when I was a poor discharged soldier in Chicago. Now, I am a very wealthy man."

Mueller said that he had wired the information to Byrne and had received a reply thanking him and saying that the sender of the message planned to communicate with Mrs. Dyer soon.

Mrs. Dyer, wife of an electrician, filled in those details:

The friendship started in Chicago in 1923 when Captain Byrne, unemployed, met Mrs. Dyer and lived with the family "quite a while."

"He always acted like one of us," she said.

"For several months after he left, he kept in touch with the family by mail, but when he moved to his present residence in California, the contact was broken.

"This is the first news we have had of him since that time."

The Dyers moved to Arizona in 1941.

Baby's Face of Future Is Fixed at Four Days

CHICAGO. — The facial outlines that a four-day-old baby will have when he grows up can be predicted, through X-ray studies of head growth at the University of Illinois college of dentistry.

The X-rays have shown that the main proportions of the skeletal framework of the human head and face present at birth remain virtually unchanged throughout life.

In fact, if growth rates could be predicted, it is possible that after an examination of such X-rays an artist could draw a fairly reliable sketch of the face of the future citizen at the age of 21.

These studies of the head bones are made under the direction of Dr. Allan Brodie, dean of the college of dentistry and professor of orthodontia.

If the length of a four-day-old baby's nose is 43 per cent of the distance from bridge of nose to tip of chin, that nose length will still be 43 per cent at age 65 or at any other time.

The size of bumps on a head at birth remain in the same proportion throughout the life, as do the many contours and positions of all of the features that are fixed by bones.

It's about time for the Gallup poll to find out what the Japanese think about the Asiatic Co-Prosperity Sphere.

DEATHS

MRS. J. E. McCLARY

Mrs. Mary M. McClary, 70, wife of James E. McClary died December 15 at her home near Peaksville. Born in Bedford county, she was the daughter of the late John D. and Mary Welch Vassar.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by the following: Mrs. Tom Arrington, of Bedford; Mrs. Walter Gross of Bedford county; Mrs. Thad Gross of Vinton and Mrs. Claude Gross of Botetourt county.

Funeral services were conducted at Suck Spring Baptist church, Monday, by Dr. J. H. Grey and the Rev. F. A. Brumfield. Burial was in the church cemetry.

Active pallbearers were Preston Gross, H. G. Gross, Dewey Toms, Henry Flippo, Littleton Flippo and John Gross.

Flower bearers were Mrs. T. A. Coffey, Mrs. G. C. Jacobs, Mrs. Robert Butler, Mrs. Roy Howell, Mrs. R. H. Hurt, Mrs. H. G. Gross, Mrs. Bee Strickland, Mrs. Ruth Flippo, Mrs. Pearl Flippo, Mrs. Agnes Lipes, Miss Janie Harrison and Miss Olga Gross.

L. Q. AYRES

Funeral services for Lemuel Q. Ayres were held from Radford Baptist church Thursday by the Rev. H. L. Cooper and the Rev. Percy Bailey with burial in the church cemetry.

Active pallbearers were Clay Fielder, June Byrd, Buck Mitchell, Claude Wright, Oatie Walker and Orie Lynch.

Flower bearers were Harvey Whitworth, Noah Ayres, Everett Simmons, John Hall, Alvin Fielder, Landon Mitchell, Jack Wright, Hubert Peters, Russell Bays, Howard DeLong, Harry Nichols, H. K. Thurman, Irvin Brown, Lige Ayres, Howard Whitworth, Herbert Sink, Harry McGhee, Lawrence Peters, P. B. Scruggs, Lonie Ayres, Brady Poindexter and Tom Whitworth.

MRS. BERTHA M. BRYANT

Mrs. Bertha May Bryant, 60 of Bonsack, died Saturday morning in a Roanoke hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Lucian Bryant, two sons and a daughter: W. J. Bryant, Roanoke; J. L. Bryant, Bonsack; and Mrs. Frances Drain, Portsmouth; four brothers: R. T. Gross, Vinton; Claude Gross, Botetourt county; Walter Gross and Ervin Gross, Bedford county.

Funeral services were conducted at Bonsack Baptist church at 2:30 p. m. Monday. Interment was in Mountain View, Vinton.

FOUR MILLION IN SILVER

Tokyo—The Japanese government bought 234 tons of Silver from the people in the last three months of 1944 to use for munitions. When the war ended they had only used 21 tons so now the remainder, which is valued at 4 million dollars, will be applied on Japanese reparation bill.

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The second little snow which we have had this winter fell here Thursday of this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Meade Wilkinson had a message a few days ago saying their mother, Mrs. R. B. Wilkinson was right sick at her home in Norfolk.

Sadness and gloom was cast over our community when it was learned that Mrs. Jim McClarey passed away Saturday morning. She had been in failing health for four years.

Mrs. H. V. Simpkins and little son who have been in for the past two weeks, are improving.

Irvin Gross received a message Friday, of the death of his sister, Mrs. Lucian Bryant, in Roanoke. Mr. and Mrs. Gross left at once for that place.

Mrs. Royal Gross, of Bedford, spent one day last week with Mr. Gross' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Gross.

Erston Arrington who spent last week with his mother, Mrs. Jimmie Arrington returned to his home at Portsmouth, Thursday.

Cleo Arrington who was detained at home for two weeks because of so much sickness, returned to her school, Monday.

Wishing all of the readers of the Democrat a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Christmas Seal Money Used In TB Study

A large percentage of the money invested in Christmas Seals this month will be used to further the broad case-finding program now being conducted by the Virginia Tuberculosis Association and its affiliates in cooperation with the State and local health departments, according to announcement made today at the association's headquarters.

Case-finding, which means the early discovery of unknown cases of tuberculosis, has always been an important part of the program to control and eradicate tuberculosis, it was explained by the executive secretary of the Virginia organization. Through X-raying groups of apparently healthy persons she said, early cases of the disease are found and treatment begun. At present in all too many instances, she emphasized, cases are not discovered until they are too far advanced for hope of cure, or until years of treatment are required to arrest the disease.

Revelation that Virginia remains near the top of States in high morality from tuberculosis, contained in a survey recently submitted to a special committee of the General Assembly, shows the importance of stepping up the statewide program looking toward the further control of the disease, Miss Foster said. "Our association can continue or extend its program to uncover tuberculosis only through the revenue derived from the sale of Christmas Seals," she declared. "It is more important today than ever that Virginians respond generously to the present appeal for funds."

WHAT A MAN!

Provo, Wash.—Stephen Bee, 89 years old sportsman went duck hunting but stepped in a hole and got drenched. He swam out and found a haystack in which he went to sleep. After a freezing night Mr. Bee was apparently none the worse for his experience but was disgusted at not getting any ducks.

This is the time of the year when nearly everybody tells you what to give somebody else for Christmas.

TIT FOR TAT

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—An apartment house owner evicted four families to raze the building to make way for a business enterprize. What was his surprise when one of his former tenants bought the house he was living in and evicted him.

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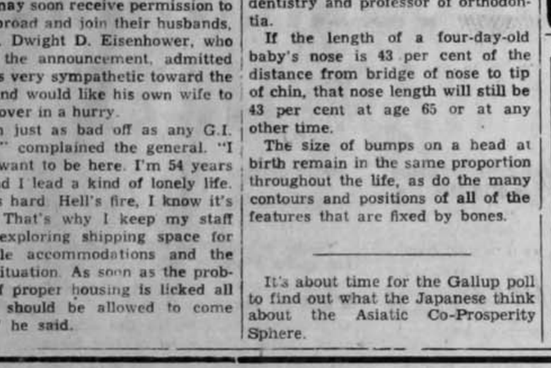

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PEOPLE on the snow - packed downtown streets were scurrying home. Wretchedly Private Kane hunched his shoulders deeper into his Army coat. It was Christmas Eve—and his last furlough. What should he do with himself? And he didn't even have a bed.

A sign on a door read "Bundles for America," and he went in. At a desk a woman was warning, "Miss Rigsby, don't shove the candy into these stockings too hard. The net tears."

"I'm sorry," Miss Rigsby's hands fluttered. "I—I guess I don't do much good." Private Kane figured she must be seventy.

The young woman urged, "You'd better go home now. It's dark. You've helped a lot, really." She informed Private Kane, "Homes Registry—244 Market Street—will get a room for you." Then added, "Merry Christmas."

At the door he stood looking out. Merry Christmas! That was a laugh. Christmas meant home and he'd never had one. Not that he hadn't appreciated the orphanage. But he was to be shipped soon and perhaps—perhaps he might never know what a home was like.

His Army buddies wore mittens knitted by mothers, sweaters by aunts. They whisked out family pictures, pictures of sweethearts. And he—he had nothing! His chest hurt him, and his cough was harsh.

"Liniment's good for that, soldier."

It was the little lady. Her black hat sat high on her head. He thought, her ears will be cold.

"Rub your chest and put flannel over it." Her hands made a darting gesture to push his collar close about his neck. She was the kind who mothered everybody. "You—you could sleep at my house," she said timidly. "You—maybe have an engagement first—"

What could he lose? But as he



"You could sleep at my house," she said.

helped her into a taxi he regretted his impulse to accept.

The driver stopped in front of a toy of a house. Snow peaked the fence posts and was like crushed diamonds on the walk. She opened a door into the kitchen, and Private Kane looked around at the fancy lamp with glass prisms, the elegant silver canister on the worn red and white checked tablecloth. "Where's everyone?" he asked.

"I live alone." Her blue eyes were apologetic. "I told you you'd better go on and have a jolly Christmas Eve—"

He lifted a stove lid on the range. A red glow flickered. He dumped in coal and opened the drafts with an authoritative flip. "It'll be cozy in no time. Better getcha some coal."

"You shouldn't have all this trouble," she protested.

"Trouble!" A wry grin twisted his lips. "Say, don't take off your coat. We're going to shop."

Private Kane and Miss Rigsby selected carefully. He stopped before a fir. "I'll buy it." Private Kane smiled a... et his purchases down at the door. "You wait here a minute." Of course, he reminded himself, this was only make-believe having a home. Just the crumbs.

He had bought her a fleecy blue scarf when he asked her to wait. Back at the house he set the table. The silverware was carved with cherubs. "Gosh, that's swell hardware."

After supper they trimmed the tree. "Tinsel's a little tarnished," she said. "Oh! The angel!" She held it tenderly. "Pa always fastened it on the very top."

His eyes lingered on the lamp, the tree, the silverware. Gosh, the quiet of it! Crumbs to remember. "You—could have a room of your own—" she stopped. Then, "If—if you wanted to come back here. After the war, I mean." She pushed a round fat object into his hand. "It was Pa's. I want you to have it."

Private Kane sat up. "Me?" he breathed. "Me." The watch was heavy and solid. He turned it over, observing the grand manner in which it was carved. "Thanks. Aw, gee—"

"Merry Chrisimas," she beamed. "Merry Christmas to you."

Once more his eyes swept the room. Home! Why—this wasn't crumbs. This was bread!



IN THE streetcar crowded with holiday shoppers Mrs. Weston couldn't see the couple behind her but their words added to her mounting despair and fury. Overhead, tinsel-wreathed placards exhorted to buy fur coats, diamonds, perfume. She shut her eyes to them but she could not shut her ears.

"That was one swell party last night," sighed the man. "Oh, boy!"

The girl squealed. Mrs. Weston cringed. The high laughter was like the whistle in Puppo, the rubber dog they'd given Harvey Jr. his third Christmas. Puppo had become more than a toy. He still lived in glory, a kind of household god enshrined in the whatnot in Harvey's room. "Love to Puppo," Harvey ended his letters. Puppo always topped the



"Lady, you have the wrong angle."

Christmas tree. There'd be no tree this year. It was worse than childish of Harv to want one. She wouldn't have it. A package had been sent to Harvey Jr. overseas in October, but there'd be no Christmasing at home.

Wicked, horrible, thought Mrs. Weston, that people are going through all the old motions of a Merry Christmas. No one has a right to be merry.

"You looked super last night," said the man. "You are super, honey. You're so beautiful." Mrs. Weston turned slightly and caught a glimpse of a flat pretty face surrounded by blond curls. "You rate orchids, honey," the man went on, "and you're goin' to have them.

The constant ache in Mrs. Weston's heart sharpened to a stab. For such fools her Harvey was risking his life. Another block of their chatter and Mrs. Weston would say, "The money squandered on orchids, young man, would buy a good many war stamps," or, "This is no occasion for whoopee."

"Jack thinks the Army is going to get him this time." It was the girl speaking. "And is he scared!"

The woman next her got off and another squeezed in. "Certainly going to be a big Christmas," observed the newcomer cheerfully. "Were you downtown Saturday? Worst jam I ever saw."

"I was not." Mrs. Weston felt compelled to explain. "I am going to town now only to select a wreath for my mother's grave."

Behind her the young people were still shrilling about Jack and the Army. "Tell him we'll give him a farewell party. Tell him if he gets shot he'll have a pretty nurse." The man was chortling. "Let's get off next corner, beautiful. You can buy me a drink."

Liquor, thought Mrs. Weston furiously. That explained their incessant giggling over nothing. She raised her voice. "I don't see how people can think about Christmas. How they can drink and laugh and waste money on silly things. Life is so terrible—" her voice broke. Heavens, people were staring! "My son—somewhere in the Pacific," she added hurriedly in a low voice. "I—I'm thinking of him."

She felt a hand on her shoulder. "Lady you have the wrong angle." The man behind her leaned forward. Her eyes met compassionate blue ones in a face curiously pale. "It don't help your boy any for you to have no Christmas. Be as merry as you can. Like as not he'll be back, fit as a fiddle—like me." He lurched to his feet.

Something caught in Mrs. Weston's throat. He was limping to the door. The car jolted to a stop and the girl thrust a steady little hand under his arm. Drunk, thought Mrs. Weston, drunk with the joy of being alive. She sprang to her feet, without apology pushed through the crowd. "Wait!" But they were getting off.

She was halted by the crowds on the sidewalk. Standing on tiptoe she saw the couple turn in at the dairy bar. A drink. They'd laugh and make love over an ice cream soda. "Merry Christmas, soldier," she whispered. "Be as merry as you can."

Misty-eyed, she walked to the corner rimmed with Christmas trees.

"A small tree," choked Mrs. Weston. She wiped her eyes and picked one up, testing its weight. "It must be strong," she told the vendor firmly. "Strong enough to hold up a good sized rubber dog, and—and our spirits."

'Jobs for All' Goal Seen In 150 Billion Income

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Vinson told congress that a national income of 150 billion dollars will be needed to provide jobs for all who are willing and able to work.

To assure employment for 60 million people, purchasing power must be increased enough to boost consumption 50 per cent and to expand construction and investment by 100 per cent over prewar levels, Vinson said in a statement for the senate banking committee.

Vinson endorsed the so-called "full employment" bill, which the committee is considering, but cautioned that "ultimate reliance for jobs must come from an expansion of private consumption and investments."



"THE trouble with having such an all-fired modern family and trying to keep up with them," Alice told herself as she looked around the hotel dining room on Christmas Day, "is that modernism and Christmas just don't go together."

Her face felt as stiff as a hardened jelly mold from holding the smile she was determined not to relax, and internally she was positively wound up from the effort to emulate the rest of the gay, noisy people who were here instead of being at home where Alice thought they should be on that day above all others that has made your own fireside the place you most like to be.

While they waited for the entree she and William were alone, sitting at opposite ends of the long table watching their children dance. Each one had been permitted a guest of his own age, but Alice's eyes were focused on her tall, dark-haired Bill and his slim, golden-haired girl, Rosemary. Bill would soon be eighteen, that was why he fixed her attention.

William came over and sat beside her. "Happy, Alice?" he said, and covered her hand with his.

She returned his smile. After all, this spree was costing enough to have bought three or four turkeys for home consumption. "You were right, dear," she said. "The youngsters love it."

"Rosemary told me this is the one orchestra of all on the air that she'd choose to see," he said proudly. "It's a holy wonder her folks would let her out of the house on Christmas Day."

"The Custers are pretty old-fashioned people," said Alice, feeling that she was complimenting the girl's family.

"We're good for the Custers," said William. "They need stirring up. It's a fine thing for Rosie to get out and see a bit of the world."

"They're having their Christmas dinner tonight," said Alice. "Mrs.



"Happy, Alice?" he asked.

Custer has invited Bill before the young people go to the dance."

"Come on, Alice, let's show these kids what for." In spite of the crowd, William cov... the ground as he had in college when she fell in love with him. She was glad that she had managed to have her hair done Saturday. The gardenias the children had given her to wear to church yesterday were still fresh. She'd let Sister wear them tonight if her date didn't crash through. Bill had bet Sis fifty cents he wouldn't.

The orchestra melted into "White Christmas," and young Bill tapped his father on the shoulder. "Mom's favorite, Dad. Let's change."

Alice said, "You dance almost as well as your Dad."

"Look at him, will you?" said Bill. "Quite the old boy."

Before long everyone was helping Bill and Sister dress for the dance. Bill lost his wager, and whistled over the red roses that were just right on the turquoise-blue of Sister's frock.

She said Bill looked simply gorgeous in his tuxedo and when his father saw him he said, "Too bad they don't wear 'em in the army, son."

They heard Bill call Rosemary's number on the phone downstairs and then he closed the door for privacy. "Wouldn't you think," said Sister, "he'd give the poor girl a chance to take a bath? I bet she gets good and sick of him."

Suddenly Alice remembered a call she had forgotten to make about the baskets the church distributed yesterday. She flew to the upstairs' extension, and when she heard Bill still talking in leisurely fashion, she opened her mouth to say, as she often did when necessary, "Hang up, you two, I need the phone."

But she didn't say those words or any others. She listened a few moments and her eyes filled with tears. The disappointment and hurt at the way her family had preferred to spend their Christmas vanished as her very best Christmas present of 1945 was received on the wire.

"Heck no," Bill was saying. "I can hardly wait for an old-fashioned Christmas dinner. That hotel business was all Dad's idea so Mom wouldn't have to cook and wash dishes all day. None of us liked it at all. Mom had a good time, though."

United States U-Boats Sank 1,256 Jap Ships

WASHINGTON. —U. S. submarines operating in far Eastern waters in the last three months of the war sank 69 enemy vessels, the navy announced recently, bringing to 1,256 the number of Japanese ships sunk by American underseas craft in the war.

None of the sinkings in the last three months had been announced previously. The figures were compiled from reports of submarines after their return from Pacific action.

The latest bag included 20 Japanese warships and 49 noncombatant ships.

The warships sunk were two Japanese submarines, one mine-layer, two minesweepers, two large subchasers, eight special sub-chasers, four coastal defense frigates, and one torpedo boat.

Martin Designs Plane To Lower Airline Fares

BALTIMORE, MD.—The Glenn L. Martin Aircraft company, for years almost exclusively a producer of larger type war planes, announced plans for mass production of a 30-passenger, twin-engine commercial ship which "promises passenger fares lower than first class rail rates."

A full scale "mock-up" of the plane was inspected by newsmen, who were told the mass production would begin immediately after the initial demonstration flight of the first completed plane, required by the civil aeronautics administration.

The plane, designed for operations on main domestic trunk lines, is a low wing monoplane with a cruising speed of nearly 300 miles an hour. It is expected to be especially good for ranges of 250 to 700 miles, where larger four-engine transports cannot be operated economically.

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Military training in time of peace corresponds to the training of firemen before a fire.

If the helicopter is to replace the auto after the war, the pedestrian should start learning to dodge in three directions.

Veterans Offered Jobs In Pulp Industry

Returned war veterans and ex-war workers are now being offered steady jobs at good pay in the pulp and paper industry, through an intensive recruitment campaign, now being conducted in Lynchburg and the surrounding counties under the sponsorship of the Pulp and Paper Industry and the United States Employment Service, William C. Page, manager of the USES office announced today.

The local campaign is part of a national recruitment program to help overcome manpower shortages in America's sixth largest industry, which is expanding its opertaions to meet vastly increased demands for pulp and paper products in the reconversion period. The program gives ex-servicemen and ex-war workers an immediate opportunity to accept one of the many jobs now available in the pulp and paper industry, upon which peacetime readjustments depend in large measure.

Numerous jobs as pulpwood cutters, loaders, haulers and pulp and paper mill workers are now available in this area and in many other parts of Virginia. The immediate referral of applicants to a job of his choosing anywhere in the state now may be made through the U. S. Employment Service office, Mr. Page said.

"The jobs offered are in a stable industry, which will witness its greatest expansion in the years just ahead, said Mr. Page: "It is reported to be the first industry to join forces with the U. S. Employment Service in an effort to rehire without delay those who went into the armed forces or took jobs in defense plants, shipyards or other war industries during the war period.

"These workers are now urgently needed in the pulp and paper industry and many more will be required as expansions are made to meet the increased demand for paper and paper products. Pulpwood, the raw material from which thousands of these products were made for war uses, was on the production urgency list until the defeat of Japan. The demand for pulpwood products did not relax with the end of war; rather it increased, for while military requirements are slightly less, civilian demands have skyrocketed and this is only the beginning.

"All applicants for jobs should come in to the U. S. E. S. Office, City Hall Annex, Lynchburg, as soon as possible."

EVERY OFFICE

In every office there is one who spends so much time explaining how much work he has before him that he gets very little of it behind him.

There will be an increase in the manufacture of kitchen gadgets, they say, and what could be more useful, during an egg shortage than a nice new egg-beater?

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Christmas Leave To Be Granted Navy Personnel

It was announced today by Chief Hundley, of Lynchburg, Navy Recruiting Station that an advancement of annual leave for Christmas to men who reenlist after thirty days from date of discharge is now authorized. This will be charged to man's annual leave since reenlistment must be completed within thirty days to qualify for reenlistment leave not chargeable to the man's annual leave.

All leaves must expire not later than January 5th, 1946. Chief Hundley pointed out that furlough travel allowance is not authorized in such cases. Already, he said, several men have taken advantage of this opportunity to enlist and still be home for the holidays. Since this ruling applies to enlistment in the regular Navy the men are on active duty status and draw the pay of their grade and all allowances for which qualified.

Chief Hundley said I am doubly happy about this new rule because it permits these men to be at their homes for Christmas and New Years and will help me make my quota of enlistments.

Chief Hundley also announced that his regular travel itinerary for the period December 24 through January 1 will be cancelled due to the holidays. He will resume travel on his regular itinerary beginning January 3.

Beginning January 7, Chief Hundley will travel in accordance with the following schedule every week until further notice:

Mondays: from 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m., at Bedford, in the court house.

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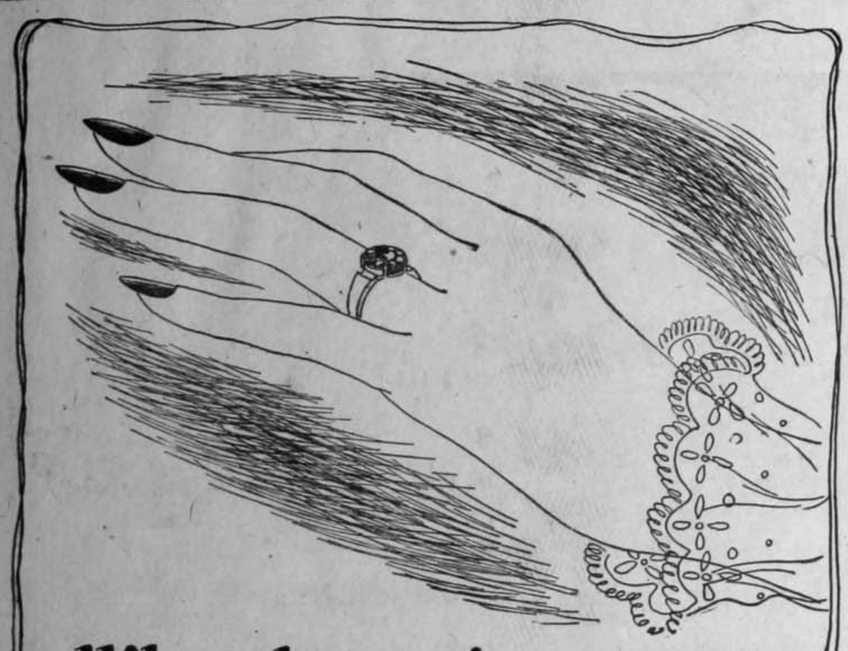
Christmas Joy

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EVERY holiday has its significance, but none can compare with Christmas. It is the one time of the year when self-seeking gives way to selflessness, and all are united in one common attitude of good will towards our fellowmen.

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It is a comforting thought and a blessing to know that regardless of the unhappiness and disappointments which have been the experiences of many the past few years, there remains the traditional feeling of good cheer at Christmastime. Let each of us be conscious of the things that are expected of us this present season. Let each of us spread cheer and happiness and good fellowship with all those whom we come in contact to perpetuate the glories of an American Christmas.



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CHRISTMAS *Greetings* 1945

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May God bless and protect you and your dear ones and bring happiness to your home this Christmas season.

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