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This Town--
That World

WISHING WELLS...
It will achieve nothing, my wishing it. But it will hurt nothing and so I wish that television was so perfect that its programs were not limited by distance and physical barriers. And while I am about it, I also wish I could write and have produced a program for the citizens of these United States to see as well as hear.

This would be a Christmas program, not long, a simple little thing. No special effects, no hired artists, no artificial scenery. It would be as natural as it is for men to be born, to walk and live and die.

The program would consist of two songs, perhaps the reading of a few verses from the Bible wherein is told the story of man's greatest hope.

Four or five American fighting men at the front would form the cast. It would not matter if they were untrained; the undesired depths of feeling and sincerity would be there in their faces and voices for us to see and hear and that would be enough. They would not be in dress uniform; they would be as dirty and disheveled and tired as men get on the front. In fact, they would stop whatever they were doing, out to sing; all other action would go on.

The scene would be some stinking South Sea jungle. I would have the folks see these boys, then one in the black jungle mud, have all the sounds of unfriendly nature and all the man-made sounds of war as an overture.

I would have the folks back home see these muddy, dirty, tired men stop, lift their grimy faces upward where planes of friend and foe roar—and sing.

The two songs would be "Silent Night" for its measured melody, beauty and its cheerful story—a message of hope; and the nostalgic "White Christmas," the nearest approach of modern popular music to hymnal beauty—sending a message of wishing.

I wouldn't want their singing to be as smooth, as letter-perfect, as your radio stars. Yet I would want the sincerity of the singers' voices to tell the ancient story of Mother and Child, on the homeliness in their faces, from their throats, a message of longing for a beautiful thing out of the past.

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IN STUDENTS'
'WHO'S WHO'

Drift Girl, a Student
At Baldwin-Wallace,
In Select Group

Miss Helen Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Reed, of Drift, who will receive her A.B. degree from Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, O., in February, is among those students who will be listed in the 1944-45 issue of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

This publication is published through the co-operation of over 800 American universities and colleges, and is the only means of national recognition for graduates which is devoid of politics, fees, and dues. Several students from outstanding colleges are selected each year by an unprejudiced committee for their biographies to appear in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." These books are placed in the hands of hundreds of companies and others who annually recruit outstanding students for employment.

The purpose of "Who's Who" is to serve as an incentive for students to get the most out of college, and as a means of compensation to students for what they have already done, as a recommendation to the business world, and as a standard of measurement for students. Miss Reed is president of Phi Mu sorority at Baldwin-Wallace, is president of the Panhellenic Council, and on the Women's Athletic Cabinet, and has been in the Dean's List for the last three terms. She was graduated from McDowell high school in the class of '39.

Court House
Happenings

SUITS FILED
Rue Ward vs. Bill Ward; Clark Pratt, atty.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
James Lee Johnson, 21, and Martha Lou Pugh, 18, both of Wheelwright, married at W. B. Bates, Dec. 18 by the Rev. Claude Sexton. Charles Elliott and Lulu B. Colegrove, George E. May and Thelma Sheldahl.

VOLUME XVI

THURSDAY

RAIL STRIKE
THREATENS
COUNTRY

More Than Million
Workers Set Dec. 30
As Date To Strike

The New Year may start off with a paralyzing nationwide railway strike.

Leaders of 15 non-operating railroads, numbering 1,100,000 workers have set Dec. 30 at 6 a.m. for the nationwide strike.

The operating brotherhoods, representing 560,000 men, already had called a strike for the same date, and Monday night they rejected a plan put forward by President Roosevelt for settlement of the wage dispute.

The 15 non-operating union chiefs said 88 per cent of their membership would vote in favor of striking to enforce their wage demands.

The heads of non-operating unions (clerks, shopmen, etc.) issue the ultimatum, saying that one month ago 88 per cent of the non-operating railroad employees represented by the 15 operating railway unions voted in favor of striking. For more than 15 months these employees have patiently sought to secure reasonable and long overdue increases in wages but have been unable to effect an adjustment. The heads of these unions have granted permission to the employees to carry out their decision to strike at 6 a.m. Dec. 30, 1943.

Meanwhile the five operating brotherhoods (engineers, firemen, etc.) turned down the Roosevelt settlement.

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A. C. CARTER,
NEW MEMBER

Of Draft Board 44;
Succeeds Spradlin;
Green Yet Inactive

Arthur C. Carter, former Prestonsburg mayor, Tuesday evening attended the first meeting of Selective Service Board 44 here as a member.

Mr. Carter was appointed a member of the draft board Dec. 9, to succeed Alex H. Spradlin, whose resignation was announced two weeks ago; was sworn into office Dec. 20.

Draft Board 44 this week still was unsettled as to its third member. James Green, West Prestonsburg, has been appointed and sworn in but has not officially taken part in the work of the board. Green was named to succeed Harry Campbell, of Wheelwright.

Parker Woods Dies
Here Friday at 84;
Rites Held Sunday

Parker Woods died at his home here Friday afternoon, a victim at the age of 84 of illnesses attendant upon advanced age. He had been in ill health for several years.

Mr. Woods was well known in this county, having resided here for the last 30 years. He was a native of Knox county. A member of the Holiness Church, he was a good citizen and had many friends.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ida Woods, two sons and two daughters: W. M. Woods, of Little Paint; Henry Woods, of Prestonsburg; Mrs. Pearl Brook, of Ohio; and Mrs. Mary Stephens, of West Virginia.

Funeral rites were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Assembly of God Church, West Prestonsburg, the Rev. C. R. Pannin and Mrs. Core Pannin officiating, and burial under direction of the Arnold Funeral Home was made in the Weddington cemetery here.

Prestonsburg Soldier
Leaves Prison Camp
In Italian Conquest

Six months a prisoner of the Italians, Pvt. Bill Smith, Jr., arrived here this week to visit his father after having gained his release from prison camp as a result of the Italian surrender to American-British forces.

Pvt. Smith was taken prisoner during the battle for Tunisia. An interview with him failed to evoke any details of his experiences during the African fighting or after he was taken prisoner.

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-SPEAKING OF AND FOR FLOYD COUNTY

PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY

NUMBER 35

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Special Yale Services
Announced This Week

Special services at the Methodist Church here will mark the Yale season, it was announced this week by the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Garriott. Sunday night at 7:30, a special music program will be offered by the church choir, which will sing a cantata. Christmas carols and songs will also be rendered in solo, duet and group.

RAIDERS LAY
'CAWN' LOW

Supply of 'Squeezin's'
Reduced Last Week
By Floyd Raids

The supply of 'cawn squeezin's' for the holiday season in this county was appreciably diminished last week as federal alcohol tax unit agents raided the Middle Creek and Salt Lake sections.

Forty gallons of whiskey were reported found in the home of Cost Messer, three miles from Boonville, Wednesday night. Messer did not get arrested.

On Middle Creek the same day, Federal Agent Winch Trimble, Tony Salisbury and Constable Henry Keathley, of Harold, confiscated one complete still, 13 barrels of whiskey and 200 gallons of whisky. On Open Fork of Middle Creek five barrels of mash were poured out and three shapards, Jr., and Manis Paul were arrested. On Beech Fork a still was found near the home of Adley Bailey, eight barrels of mash were poured out and six shapards were found in his home. Bailey was at work in the mines at the time and was not arrested.

Ricard Shepherd, Jr., executed \$500 bond before the U. S. Commissioner at Pikeville, but Manis Bailey had not executed bond in the same amount Friday.

TRAINING SHOP
EARNS AWARD

Along with Other
Vocational Schools;
Cited for War Aid

Fred A. Martin, local co-ordinator of the Vocational War Training Shop here, said this week that the vocational schools of the country, including the school here and the Mayo Vocational School, Paintsville, were awarded a citation last week in Chicago by both the army and the navy for the part the schools have played in the war effort through the training of more than 9,000,000 men and women for war production work.

The schools were cited during the annual conference of the American Vocational School Association in Chicago, which Mr. Martin attended.

Interest is growing in the training courses offered at the shop here, Mr. Martin said, adding that not one person who has completed a course here has failed to gain immediate employment. Classes in machine shop work and welding are now being conducted, with the addition of a third class possible soon.

200 Expected To Take
Eighth Grade Exams
For High School

Eighth grade examinations for rural students will be held during the last week of December, it was announced this week at the County Superintendent's office.

It was estimated that 200 eighth graders are eligible for the tests. Only bonafide eighth grade students who have completed the grade this year are eligible. Those who pass the tests will be eligible for high school entrance.

Dates and places for the tests follow, the examinations to begin at 10 a. m. in each instance:

Tuesday, Dec. 28, at McDowell high school; Dec. 29, Maytown high school; Dec. 30, Betsy Layne high school; Jan. 1, Prestonsburg.

Mrs. Charles Chumley spent a few days this week in Louisville on business.

\$3,000 LOSS
ESTIMATED

As Gas Is Blamed
In Blaze Here
December 18

Estimated property damage of \$3,000 resulted Sunday morning when fire broke out in the W. H. Jones residential property on First avenue occupied by Mike Piaros and family.

The blaze, starting from a bedroom gas heater, was blamed on fluctuating pressure of the Prestonsburg gas supply.

Precisely all the belongings of Mr. Piaros were burned or ruined by smoke and water. Interior of the residence, portions of the walls and roof were burned. The building is the former home of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Maynard. The adjacent Valley Inn escaped damage, but paint on the W. H. Brown building on the opposite side of the burning structure was scorched.

Mrs. Merritt, Victim
In Her 76th Year
At Home of Son

Mrs. Elizabeth Derossett Merritt, 75 years old, widow of Taylor Merritt, died Saturday at the home in West Prestonsburg of her son, Homer Merritt, a victim of senility.

Mrs. Merritt was a daughter of the late Thomas Burgess, who moved from this county to the state of Washington years ago. She had resided at Gallipolis, O., for the last eight years with her son, Milton Merritt, and following the inception of her last illness had requested that she be brought to this county to live.

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ESTILL WOMAN, BELIEVED OLDEST RESIDENT
OF THIS COUNTY, DIES WEDNESDAY AT 104

Believed to have been Floyd County's oldest resident, Mrs. Lou Martin, widow of "Big" Joe Martin, Civil War veteran, died at the age of 104 Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock, at her home at Estill, a victim of senility.

Miss Martin died in the surroundings which, when she came to this county from Perry county, formed merely a part of the Eastern Kentucky wilderness. She lived to see the little Eight Beaver Creek section of Floyd county developed into one of Eastern Kentucky's richest mining areas, to see the land she and her husband once owned become the sites of mining towns worth millions of dollars.

A native of Perry county, Mrs. Martin was said to have left home at the age of 15. Her family records were destroyed by fire during the smallpox epidemic which began on Eight Beaver Creek under the return of Jack Neal, wealthy merchant, from Cincinnati, where he had become infected. The epidemic claimed the lives of exactly half of all those stricken with the malady and for a time the living were unable to bury the dead.

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Funeral rites for Mrs. Martin will be conducted Friday afternoon from the home, the Rev. Kelly Patton officiating. Burial will be made in the family cemetery under direction of the Ryan Funeral Home.

This Luce Gal Might Get Tough
If May, Others on Committee
Fight Her Labor-Draft Bill

Through Frank I. Weller's Associated Press feature story from Washington, Tuesday night was served on Congressmen A. J. May, Prestonsburg, chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, and the other 21 male members of the committee, that any "ganging up" on her plan to draft war-workers might cause Clare Luce, Republican Congresswoman from Vermont, to unleash her tongue and the full array of all the adjectives in her rich vocabulary on them.

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PULPWOOD
BUYER HERE

Interest in Production
Increases in County;
Peeling Unnecessary

Interest in pulpwood production in this county was given added impetus last week with the visit of a paper company representative here to advise farmers on this vital war work.

Pulpwood specifications have been relaxed, the representative, L. E. Lutz, of Louisville, said, to the extent that wood no longer must be peeled. Those interested in cutting pulpwood in the between-crop season and thus turning the winter months into a money-producing period on the farm should contact County Agent S. L. Isbell.

Two Floyd farmers were said last week to have planned beginning the cutting of pulpwood immediately.

Any of the following timber species are wanted for this purpose: poplar, basswood, cucumber, buckeye, butternut, willow, ash, beech, birch, cherry, elm, gum, hickory, locust, maple, oak, sycamore, Virginia scrub pine, pitch pine, yellow pine, and white pine. Softwood products are a vital war material because of the paper shortage as huge quantities of ammunition, food and other supplies are shipped in cardboard boxes to the armed forces.

HERE ON FURLOUGH

Cpl. Thomas Burgess, Jr., of the cavalry, stationed at Shreveport, La., was here this week while spending his furlough with Montie Gibbs and family.

SHOPPERS FROM MINNIE

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Stumbo, of Minnie, were here Saturday, shopping and visiting friends.

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Floyd-Co. Negress,
Born in Slavery,
Dies at Wayland

Belle Williams, who was born in slavery and was at one time, along with her parents and other members of her family, chateaux of the Martin family at and in the vicinity of Wayland, died Saturday at her home on Steele's Creek, a victim of the ravages of advanced age. She was 90 years old.

Her husband died several years ago. Funeral rites were conducted Sunday and burial under direction of the Ryan Funeral Home was made on Steele's Creek.

HALL SEEKS
AID FOR FUND

Blood Plasma Help
Asked of Schools;
Two Give Reports

County Superintendent Town Hall has called on every Floyd county school to make a contribution to the blood plasma fund being raised by John Graham Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Hall's recent letter to pupils, teachers and principals pointed to the importance of plasma to the country's fighting men, and pointed out that the county has a quota of \$5,000 for each man in service.

The schools were asked to mail their contributions either to the Superintendent's office or to Mrs. Winnie P. Johns, chairman of the D. A. R. blood plasma committee here.

Mr. Hall said some schools are planning special basketball games, plays or movies as a means of raising funds for this cause. Wayland consolidated school netted \$51.68 for the blood plasma fund through a basketball game. Mrs. Winifred Leasure, Wayland, teacher of the one-room Buckeye school, had already raised by subscription \$6.46 this week.

Our schools have never failed to support the war effort," Sup. Hall wrote in his appeal for the fund. "I implore you to think seriously and act accordingly. Our wounded men at the front silently call out across oceans of blood plasma! We can't afford to turn them down!"

BUSINESS MEN
ARE WARNED

By Floyd Ration Board
That Hasty Transfers
May Bring Headaches

"Transfer of mercantile and restaurant businesses should not be attempted, the Floyd County War Price and Rationing Board warned business men of the county this week, stating that rationing board is constituted as the proper procedure to be followed.

The board pointed to the predicament of Martin, restaurateur, as an example of the trouble resulting from such ownership changes without thought of rationing and the OPA set-up of food supply and price control. "This man," a member of the rationing board said, "bought a restaurant at Martin, took over the ration bank account of his predecessor's business and began checking on it without consulting the rationing board. He overrode his ration bank account, approximately 5,000 points and now we doubt that we can do anything to extricate him from an embarrassing position."

"We have a war rationing board serving notice to restaurateurs that all their menus must contain the following statement:

"All prices listed are at or below our current prices which, by OPA regulations, are the highest prices charged during the seven-day period April 4 to April 10, 1942. These prices are available for your inspection."

Establishments which did not use menus in April and are not now using menus, it was pointed out, must post a list of their prices so that they may be easily seen and read by the customer at any time. The purchase and this list must also include the preceding statement.

RESIGNS STATE POSITION

Tracy B. Sturgill this week announced his resignation, effective Jan. 1, as field worker in this county with the Department of Public Assistance, and will do clerical work in the office here of her husband, Sheriff Sturgill.

61 ACCEPTED
FROM FLOYD
FOR SERVICE

Only 28 from Board 44
Pass Tests This Week;
33 of Board 45 Pass

Of the approximately 165 Eastern Kentuckians supplied around Selective Service and accepted for service in the various branches of the armed forces within the last week, 61 were Floyd countians.

With no fathers drafted in the 60 men it sent last week to Huntington for pre-induction examination, Draft Board No. 45 of this county had 33 accepted for service.

With 37 fathers among the 104 it sent to Huntington Monday, Draft Board No. 44 had received on the following day reports of only 28 accepted.

Floyd county army industries from Board 45 were: Mess H. Roark, William O. Smith, Felday Lawson, Harmon Butler, Jr., Vernon Hall, Hiram Eversole, Charles J. Hall, Lonnie C. Adkins, Jr., Ivory A. Wicker, John H. Stewart, Earl Adkins, Claude Cardell, Carl T. Patrick, Hiram Isaac James Paul Corbett (aviation cadet), Corbett Taylor, William Castle Hall, William Turner, Callahan.

Sworn into the navy from the same Board were Jack Justice, Freeman Osborne, Clarence E. Allen, David Strickland, Thomas M. Gibson, John M. Anderson, Ralph Reel, Virgil Combs, Charles E. Wilson, Ernest C. Collins, Davis Caudill, Hubert R. Hicks, Beyer Johnson and Scott Meade. Oita Boyd and Lester Thomas of Floyd county entered the marine corps.

Dr. David Steinmetz, of the Beaver Valley hospital staff, was one of those accepted from Board 45. Dr. Steinmetz, of Beaver Creek, father of 10, was a rejectee from the other draft board.

Joe W. Cooley, former clerk of Draft Board 45, and later a garage operator here, was inducted into the army recently from P. K. county, where he was employed at the time of his registration.

Draft Board 44 selectees sworn into the army were Chester Patton, James E. Ray, Irvin Goss, James M. Blevins, Hurschel H. Strahan, Edward Hall, Tommie Carr, Farris Leedy, Oscar B. Turner, Fred C. Darnell, Richard Elkins, Ira Adkins, Harry R. Howell, Harold C. Barnett, Arley Boyd and Ira Brannan.

Navy inductees from the same Board were Henry M. Conley, Vance Eldkin, Dennis B. Johnson, Emmert B. Golden, James E. Goble, George W. Lemaster, Leland K. Wells and Herbert Whisler.

Hubert Purkin, Earl Parsons, John Rice, Jr. and Robert G. Cooley, all of Floyd, entered the marine corps Monday from Board 44.

MINER DIES
OF INJURIES

Music Fatally Hurt
By Fall of Slate
At Wheelwright

Cecil Music, 38-year-old miner, was fatally injured by a slabfall in the mine of the Broad-Sold Company at Wheelwright Saturday, dying two hours after having been brought through a heavy slab of slate.

A resident of Wheelwright for the past few years, Mr. Music was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Music, of Johnston county, and a native of the Buffalo Creek section. Surviving besides his parents, are four sons, three brothers, Amos, Charles, Robert and Ruth, all of Wheelwright; three brothers, Amos, Covert and Willie Music, all of Mollie, Ky.; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Coxen, Roseville, O., and Mrs. Stella Abraham, New Lexington, O.

The body was taken to Fishtrap, Pike county, home of Mrs. Music's widow, where funeral rites and burial were held Tuesday under direction of the Call Funeral Home.

No Paper Next Week

THE TIMES, in accordance with a custom of years, will not be published next week, the following Christmas. Publication will be resumed the following week.

Legislative Council Is Asked To Budget Funds Needed For Two Sanitoriums

A revised health department budget request adding \$500,000 to the original fund asked, was presented to the Legislative Council at Frankfort Friday with an announced aim of constructing tuberculosis sanitoriums in Eastern and Western Kentucky.

Originally asked by the health department was \$149,000 annually, an increase of \$450,000 from \$700,100 a year appropriated for the closing biennium.

A Kentucky Medical Association committee headed by Dr. C. O. Howard, Glasgow, appealed to the council to honor the request for the additional \$500,000 in the interest of combating the menace in what was called the "holed" sections of Kentucky.

Dr. Howard, chief spokesman for a group of about 15 men, declared the fund was asked as a starter in a concerted drive against tuberculosis in the state. He said approximately 14,000 cases of the disease existed in Kentucky and that each represented a potential six additional cases.

Dr. Clark Bailey, Harlan, asserted the eventual aim would be two large tuberculosis centers in Kentucky, one "for incurables to die in comfort and one for curables to place back into society."

Dr. O. F. Hume, Richmond, a member of the State Senate and Kentucky's Republican national committee, urged the council to gain itself credit for taking the first forward step in the drive against tuberculosis.

Dr. Carl Worrest, Somerset, said a tuberculosis patient was a liability seven times greater than a lunatic, a criminal or a crippled child, since he could give his disease to six other persons.

Also speaking in interest of the

proposal was Health Commissioner P. E. Backlund, Louisville, Dr. L. Simpson, Greenville; Dr. E. S. Dunham, Metairie county; and C. K. Johnson, Lexington.

W. C. Burrow, commissioner of Industrial relations, proposed before the council that funds be set up to enlarge the state's program for promoting establishment of industry in Kentucky.

He suggested formation of a nine-man board representing employer, employee and government to work with the Governor and divide groups and said the plan would require the addition of \$20,000 to the department's \$9,000 budget.

Burrow also asked \$10,142 to promote the state's wage, hour, child labor and industrial safety program. He said a present \$35,000 fund was insufficient to enable the inspection of 12,000 Kentucky business establishments as often as necessary.

However, Burrow's request went into appropriations for the closing biennium. The Kentucky State Employment Service, ordinarily a \$60,000 yearly item, was regarded as unlikely to be re-established during the biennium. The agency has been replaced by the United States Employment Service, a wartime organization.

The commissioner declared child labor had become a "real problem" in Kentucky as a result of increased industrial activity. G. Moss Patterson, head of the Department of Mines and Minerals, placed a request for a budget of \$92,718, which he said was needed to curtail coal mine accidents. He said the chief need was a larger staff of inspectors.

State Geologist D. F. Jones appealed for \$55,000 a year, an increase from \$14,000, to re-establish the Department of Geological Survey in the state. He said the state would profit through a broader program to uncover mineral wealth.

Frank L. McCarthy, of the Railroad Commission, told the council that Kentucky is better off than the rest of the South with regard to rail rates and fares; but said it got that by "playing pauper." He said the commission would need an extra \$4,000 above the annual \$20,000 appropriation as a result of increasing interstate rate controversies.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

The biggest field gun in the Army. That's the 240-mm. howitzer. It's twenty-feet of barrel and must be pulled into position by tractors. After it is rolled into place, its own wheels are removed and the Big Bertha is set upon its emplacement ready to fire at its target some twenty miles away.

The cost of these huge guns runs into thousands of dollars but we can assure the Army of obtaining them by our purchases of War Bonds. Ten percent or more of your income is necessary. The easiest way is to join the Payroll Savings Plan at your office or factory. Let's "Top that ten percent."

U. S. Treasury Department



THE TWITCHERS ON CANNED GOODS, ETC.

He—How did you finish with the grocer in today's shopping?

She—I had him by five points in that first period but then I got a terrible break. After I had made a 50-yard run for 12 cans of asparagus nine cans were ruled illegal on the ground my backfield was in motion.

He—I know a woman who ran up 23 points over her grocer in the first ten minutes of play and had to give everything but a jar of marmalade for unnecessary roughness. What are we having for lunch, dear?

She—You're getting about 11 points.

He—Eleven points of what? She—I don't know. I've got twenty minutes yet to hear from OPA.

He—That was a nice breakfast we had. The red coupon one, wasn't it?

She—Yes, that was my red coupon special breakfast combination with buttered toast a la Prentiss Brown.

He—In other words no better. The Jinks are coming to dinner. I hope we will have something nice for them.

She—Oh, yes, I've taken care of that. We're having some coffee I've been saving since November 8, 1942.

He—Immediately after saying grace I'll read the penalty for that. I think it's ten to ten years and \$10,000.

She—What lovely penalties they're putting out with the groceries this year.

He—Yes, indeed, much better than last season. By the way, dear, there's something I want to speak to you about. I don't want to be an old crab but really.

She—Don't fumble so. What is it?

He—Well, er, it's all right to want food, course, and er, that is to say, I suppose every woman had a lot of last minute shopping but, er.

She—Oh, out with it! What's bothering you?

He—Well, after all, I can't take a bath when the tub is full of canned tuna fish!

She—I had to put it somewhere.

He—And my clothes closet . . . when I opened the door to get fresh bull a hundred cans of meat loaf fell on me. Pretty trying, you know.

She—Dear, it was careless of me.

He—Oh, I can overlook all that. Food is food and we've got to live. But I draw the line on my medicine cabinet. Don't look innocent. You know all about it. I got up in the night in the dark for my cough medicine and drank half a can of condensed vegetable juices. But that isn't the worst of it. Look at my head.

She—Why, my dear, you're all blood!

He—Not quite. I reached for my hair tonic and what do you think I found? CATSUP!

ALL DONE BY BANKS
The German armies are engaged in a fierce struggle against a world peril inspired by the banking houses of London and New York. —Hitler! Backward my Nazi forces reel! Quite helpless are my superb tanks Against the weather and, of course, Those London and those New York banks!

This winter has been bad again—The snow has been an awful curse—But, still, I must admit the banks Of London and New York are worse.

My men have done their very best. Hard pressed at every turn and fork By ice and snow and mud and truck—And banks in London and New York!

Big blizzards smote my weary men, And when they'd turn in bleak despair They'd find a bank attacking here—And find a bank attacking there.

I never saw so many banks In any Russian winter yet; The way the banks cleared Stalin—And was something I cannot forget.

SONG OF THE POINT VALUE CARD
The maid is in the kitchen Studying the table; The cook is in the pantry Quoting points to Mabel; Mother's in the parlor Standing on her "beam"—Oh, that tick of finding What the point-charts mean!

"What are you getting to a can of soup these days anyhow?" asked a husband the other day. "About five plates," said the wife. "You've got to get a leaner mixture," snapped hubby.

Elmer daries sent a can of spinach to have it recooked.

"Are you the Leathernick type?" was asked a girl friend about to join the Lady Maitres.

"No," she replied. "That's just where my throat got chapped."

County Agent Urges Improvement Of Timberland, Aiding War Effort

By S. L. ISRELL
Floyd County Agricultural Agent

Does your woodland furnish you a source of income? Woodland, like farmland, can be made to pay good dividends.

Raising timber is the same as farming except you can't harvest a crop of trees off the same land every year. You can speed up the growth and you can encourage good species that are always good sale. Good species will grow just as fast as some of the poorer species that have no sale except in case of an emergency such as the present war.

It costs just as much in taxes to raise a fully stocked stand of black gum, hickory, beech, basswood, Virginia pine and sourwood as it would to raise a stand of white oak, chestnut oak, red oak, poplar, basswood, black walnut, cucumber, shortleaf pine and hemlock.

Timberland improvement consists of removing mature, over-mature, defective trees and trees of poorer species. Thinnings are just what the name implies with the selection of the crop trees from the better and more desirable species as conditions will permit.

The navy needs white oak for shipbuilding. White oak is the timber best suited for this need. None of the poorer species will answer the purpose. The army too would like to have oak to take care of its many needs, but has had to buy inferior species to fill their requirements. Black walnut is needed for gunstocks. Poplar is needed in the construction of planes. Pine and

hemlock are in great demand for construction with the armed forces.

Naturally the trees most in demand command the better prices. It takes a war or a great emergency to bring about a market for the poorer species. The prices paid for the products are no comparison to the prices paid for the products from the good, desirable species. Then, too, we are looking forward to a long period of peace after the war. What will we do for a market for our poorer species? The answer, of course, is, let us do something to encourage a stand of good species with a ready sale.

If you are interested in knowing what you can do watch this paper for the answer to part of this problem next issue as time and space do not permit getting in all the information required in this issue. If you can't wait, see or write your County Agent or Project Forester at Prestonsburg.

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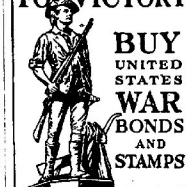
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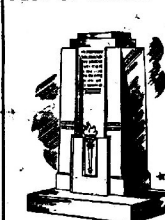
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NEWS FROM FLOYD COMMUNITIES

ESTILL

(Last week's correspondence)
Mr. and Mrs. Miles Stone are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibson, of Dismal, Ky.

Ivory Caudill will leave Thursday for his examination for army service.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jefferson announce the arrival of a fine son.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Howard and daughter were in Hazard over the week-end on business.

Mrs. Lottie Huffman was in Pikeville Tuesday, Christmas shopping.

Norman Howard suffered the loss of a finger in the Wayland mines recently.

The son of Mrs. James Allen has been ill, but is now recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Howard entertained at their home Saturday night. Refreshments were served to Mrs. James Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Stone, of Estill, Miss Little Mae Gibson, Mrs. Ralph Bunting, of Moulton.



Any Excuse You Can Find For Not Upping Your Bond Buying Will Please Hitler

MARTIN

Chas. Dingus has returned home from Kansas City, Mo., where he received special treatment. He is much improved in health.

Mrs. Mary Johns and daughter, of Eastern, were last Wednesday afternoon guests of Mrs. Sydney Dingus.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunter and Mrs. C. E. Hunter went as far as Ashland Saturday afternoon with C. E. Hunter, who was returning to camp in Colorado.

Mrs. Willard Akers gave a quilting and birthday dinner at her home last Monday. The day was spent in quilting and pleasant conversation. At noon dinner was served to Mrs. T. J. Allen, Mrs. H. O. Wilson, Mrs. James Crisp, Mrs. Val Hatton and Jane Carol Vincent.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Osborne were business visitors in Prestonsburg last week.

Clyman Hunter, of Cincinnati, is visiting homefolks here.

O. A. Collins, of the army, is home on furlough.

Mrs. S. S. Sweet has been doing Christmas shopping in Ashland.

Miss Allene Bentley is spending the holidays with her parents at McVeigh, Ky.

BONDS BUY BOMBS, BUDDY!

BETSY LAYNE

Sgt. Ted Shumbo, a graduate of Betsy Layne high school visited the school last Friday. Sgt. Shumbo is stationed in Florida and has already received his "Wings" as a radio man in the air corps.

The Homemakers held their Christmas party at the school building Monday, Dec. 13. The room, for the occasion, was festively decorated with evergreens, a Christmas tree and other appropriate hangings.

A short business session was conducted by the president, Kola Gearheart, and a brief discussion of plans for the January lesson was held by Frances Amburgey, home demonstration agent. Appropriate games were conducted by Mrs. D. W. Howard and Mrs. Walter Penny, after which the group retired to the Home Economics room where refreshments were served by the committee.

The club sends a special Christmas greeting at this time to Mrs. Amburgey, who has already given us some very fine lessons in canning of meats, storing of vegetables and making button-holes.

The first eight grades presented a Christmas program Dec. 15 in the school auditorium. The program consisted of readings and appropriate numbers from the first four grades, a short play by the fifth and sixth grades and a tableau of the "Nativity Story" by the seventh and eighth grades. Miss Sylvia served as pianist for the various musical numbers.

The Bob Cats were defeated by the Paintsville high school team Dec. 18.

The school dismissed for the Christmas holidays Friday, with home-room programs and parties in the afternoon. School will be resumed Dec. 27 after a week's vacation.

Rebecca Burchett, formerly of this community and now a member of the WAC, recently visited friends and relatives here while on furlough.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Len Roberts. The devotional program was led by Mrs. Naula Walters. During the business session the members voted to contribute \$10 to the "Buddy Bag" fund for service men, and \$10 to the Methodist orphanage. After the devotional and business sessions, refreshments were served by the hostesses. Visitors were Mrs. Keene Robinson, of Harold, and Miss Elaine Roberts.

Roy Denny and Clive Akers were visitors in Betsy Layne last Sunday.

The Betsy Layne Woman's Club held its Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Eliza Blackburn with Miss Kathryn Chandler as co-hostess and leader. The house was beautifully decorated with holly and evergreens. A Christmas tree was the central attraction of the room. Mrs. Walter Roberts read the story "Why We Observe Christmas." Miss Kola Gearheart gave the story of "The First Christmas Tree." Mrs. Delmon Howard read the traditional poem, "The Night Before Christmas." Games were enjoyed and Christmas carols sung. Miss Billie Jean Blackburn sang the "Star of the East." Every gift was handed each guest and refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. Glenn Blackburn, Mrs. Kathryn Chandler, Mrs. Walter Roberts, Mrs. Alex Davis, Mrs. Len Roberts, Mrs. Harrison Elliott, Mrs. Eliza Blackburn, Mrs. A. K. Robinson, Mrs. Kella Gearheart, Mrs. James George, Mrs. Myrtle Hovess, Mrs. Clifford Aders, Mrs. Delmon Howard and two visitors, Misses Billie Jean Blackburn and Edna Mae Akers.

HIPPO

Mrs. Bethel Prater Hicks underwent a Caesarian operation Saturday. Both mother and babe are doing fine.

Mrs. Eva Frazer was visiting her sister at Martin General hospital Friday.

A large crowd attended the show on Brush Creek Sunday.

Rudy Davis, of the armed forces, is home on furlough.

Sgt. Leonard Hicks, who has been stationed in Panama for the past four years, has been home on furlough. He has returned now for a new assignment.

Brush Creek school is now planning a program for Christmas, using the money collected at the pie social some time ago, to buy presents for the children.

ALLEN

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Webb spent Friday in Huntington.

Mrs. Arthur Hughes was shopping in Prestonsburg Saturday.

Miss Helen Austin has arrived from Detroit, Mich., where she is employed in war work to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooley, Mrs. Garrett Stone and Mrs. Warren Cooley were shopping in Huntington Tuesday.

Rev. J. B. Hahn of Langley, and Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Mayo were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Den D. Fairchild were business visitors in Ashland Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, of Estill, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Flanery Sunday.

Creed Martin, of Eastern, was a business visitor here Friday.

Mrs. James Dammron and Mrs. Curtis George, of Betsy Layne, were visiting here Sunday.

Mrs. Raymond Cooley and Mrs. E. E. Martin were shopping in Prestonsburg Tuesday.

Pvt. Dennis F. Francis was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Den D. Fairchild. Also present were his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Francis and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams and children, of Big Branch, Ky. Pvt. Francis returned Tuesday to Camp White, Oregon, after a 15-day furlough here.

HUEYSVILLE

The people of Hueysville and vicinity have been busy this week in spite of the cold weather; some killing hogs, others shopping for Christmas.

Tobie Castle has been visiting home from the army with homefolks and friends for the past week. He has just recently returned to his camp in North Carolina.

Bill Sexton, over on Salt Lick, near here, is enlarging his storehouse; also Bob Scott, of the same place, is enlarging his dwelling.

A letter from S. Sgt. Clark Jones has just been received by his mother from somewhere in the Pacific, saying he is well and hearty.

Pvt. Raymond Sexton, son of John Sexton, according to a letter received by Mr. Sexton, is now somewhere in China.

S. Sgt. Edgar W. Coburn, now in Italy, writes: "I get the Floyd County Times regularly and think it the best paper printed. Tell the boys and girls of good, old Floyd County to keep writing to it all the good news they can think about - we boys overseas like to hear just any kind of news from home." S. Sgt. Leonard D. Conley has just paid me a visit at my headquarters here. We have been only four miles apart for some time and didn't know it."

Pref. Lawrence Price, high school teacher at Wayland, was visiting relatives at Hueysville Sunday, and attended Bible school here.

Mrs. Louise Howard, of Northern, visited Mrs. John Castle Sunday.

Pvt. Joe Gearheart, machine gun operator somewhere in the Pacific, has just written a letter to Clinton Craft. His letter in part: "You are sure lucky not to be in these fox-holes out here, fighting the Japs. Tell the boys and all girls who like to write me often, Boy. It gives me courage to get a letter from anywhere in the U. S. A. Every letter means two or three Japs."

Mrs. Bertha Gearheart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gearheart, has been home from Columbus, Ohio, where she has been working.

Pvt. Charley Jones, Jr., who has been stationed in California, was recently transferred to Bowie, Texas.

Mrs. Green Allen and Mrs. Jim Prater were shopping in Garrett, the first of the week.

An unusually light crop of luscious was harvested in Breckinridge county approximately half of the 1943 crop.

Eighteen 4-H club members of Adair county received \$3,093 for 28 best calves they exhibited and sold in Louisville in November.

IVEL

(Last week's correspondence)
Mrs. Mary Kelly, of Betsy Layne, visited her daughter, Mrs. Burns May, over the week-end.

Mrs. Katherine Rice is ill of flu.

Hazel D. George, Mary Lou and Katherine May were shopping in Pikeville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Goble were visiting relatives at Cow Creek Sunday.

Mrs. James Dammron and Mrs. Leonard Boyd were visiting relatives at Eastern Sunday.

Misses Helen and Sibyl Smith, who are employed at Ypsilanti, Mich., were visiting their mother last week, which they also spent with their brother, Pfc. Woodrow Smith, before his return to the army.

Hazel D. George and Dolly Mae Laine attended the show at Pikeville Sunday.

Mrs. Tracy Burchett has returned from the Pulaski hospital where she has been a patient.

Mrs. Glenn Burchett was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dick Burchett, Sunday.

BANNER

Green B. Newsome, of Pointe, Idaho, was with his mother, brother and sister last week at Taberny. He also visited Joe Hall and Bert Hall, Jr. at Banner.

John G. Hall returned from Detroit, Mich., very ill, but is improving. He is a son of Joe Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hamilton had the following guests Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hall, Jr., Mary Hall, Frances Hall and Willard Hall.

PYRAMID

Mrs. Frank Stephens was shopping in Prestonsburg Saturday.

Pvt. Joe Davis was visiting here Sunday.

Adam Prater and his granddaughter, Verna E. Vaughan, were visiting in Prestonsburg Saturday.

Misses Dolores Vaughan and Mabel Hicks visited at David Sunday.

Mrs. Adam Prater, Mrs. Dave Kilburn and Mrs. Marie Whitaker were visiting Mrs. Frank Stephens Sunday.

Pfc. Spears Receives Good Conduct Medal

"Key Field, Miss., Dec. 20 (Sp.)—Pfc. Lloyd Spears recently was awarded the Good Conduct medal by his commanding officer at this army post. Pfc. Spears received the medal for his excellent behavior and faithful performance of duty during one year's service since Pearl Harbor. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Spears, of German, Ky., Spears was furloughed with his father before entering the army at Ft. Thomas, March 18, 1943. He is a member of a guard squadron at Key Field.

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AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEEF



Seating on foot in English-Pic, Charles H. Evans was captured by 30 Italian infantrymen and marched to the rear. A bayonet at his back, Evans whirled, disarmed his guard, and escaped. Although wounded by rifle fire, he hid in a cotton patch till nightfall, slipped back to our forces with valuable information picked up as a prisoner. For this he wears the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. Celebrate Evans' escape with another War Bond.

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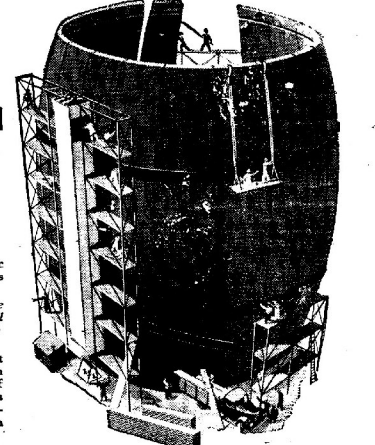
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HERE FROM DETROIT

Carl Comstock, who is employed at Detroit, Mich., by the Ford aircraft plant, was here Saturday and will spend the holidays at Dwaile with his family. Mr. Comstock, a former highway department employee, has been employed at Detroit for the past year.



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May the glad spirit that fills the air be yours throughout the happy holiday season and the coming years!

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One of Fraley Twins
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Harl and Bud Fraley, the twins who 10 or more years back as little boys staged boxing bouts to the amusement of fans at Drift baseball games, and who appeared on the card at Jenkins several years ago with the then heavyweight king, James J. Braddock, are not doing their fighting these days in the squared circle together, but Harl is in there quite often with other fellows.

Fact is, he's won four bouts in a row. He's in the army at Ft. Belvoir, Va., and The Belvoir Castle recently published an action shot wherein he was tagging an opponent on the chin. The accompanying story said: "Fraley hit hard and often, jumping up to sock Galt" (the latter towered inches above the Floyd countess).

But is in the navy. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fraley, of Drift.

MARTIN THEATRE

"WHERE THE CROWDS GO"

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24—
"Tarzan's Secret Treasure"
Johnny Weissmuller,
Maureen O'Sullivan.

SATURDAY—DOUBLE BILL—
"Silver Spurs"
Roy Rogers, Sons of the Pioneers.

"Death Valley Rangers"
Ken Maynard, Bob Steele.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY—
"Guadalcanal Diary"
Preston Foster, Lloyd Nolan.
(No advance in prices)

TUESDAY—
"Coastal Command"
Played by officers, non-commissioned officers.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY—
"Tornado"
Chester Morris, Nancy Kelly.
Attend our Saturday shows.

SGT. EUGENE HYDEN

(An appreciation by his former teachers at Auxier high school.)

The reality of the grimness of war was brought to the community of Auxier on Saturday, Nov. 20, 1942, when Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hyden were notified that their only son, Tech. Sgt. Eugene Hyden, age 22, was reported missing in action on Nov. 14, in the battle of Okinawa in the southwest Pacific.

The entire community was stunned by the message. This is the first casualty from this community at present no further information has been received from the War Department and it remains unknown whether he was killed in action or taken prisoner.

Young Hyden was graduated from Auxier high school in the class of 1940. While in school he was a member of the basketball team and took an active part in all school activities.

After graduating from high school, he attended Caney Junior College during the summer term of 1940 and on Sept. 16, 1940, he volunteered for the army air force. Soon after entering the army air force he was sent to Chanute Field at Rantoul, Ill. After being stationed there for a brief period, he was transferred to Scott Field, Ill. While at Scott Field he began the study of radio and he was an operator on a number at the time he was reported missing.

From Scott Field he was moved to Kelly Field, Texas for more extensive training in radio operation. While at Kelly Field he was a member of his squadron basketball team which won the Kelly Field championship. While stationed at Kelly Field he volunteered for radio service. Upon his departure from Kelly Field his mother received a letter which contained the following:

"I should also like to tell you that Eugene was highly thought of by all the members of the squadron. He has made many friends who will always remember him as one never to shirk a duty, and as a good Christian man. He has certainly been a credit to the radio section, and a person who was most deserving of his sergeant's stripes. It was with sorrow that I saw Eugene leave this squadron since I consider him as my own personal friend. I only wish that all of the men who work under me were his equal. He is one son that a mother can well be proud of and one American that a country is proud of. I feel confident in saying that wherever he goes he will give a good account of himself."

He was given his final training in the U. S. A. at Orlando, Florida and left for foreign service in Hawaii on Oct. 25, 1942. At the time he was reported missing he was on his 31st bombing mission. He had spent more than 300 hours in actual combat flying.

After he had been reported missing, news came that he had been awarded the Air Medal for heroic action.

Young Hyden fully realized the seriousness of warfare and was eager to get into active participation. He had remarked to acquaintances that he probably would not return but if such should be the outcome he would gladly give his all for the cause of liberty.

Gene, as he was familiarly known to his many friends, was a loyal American youth. His face always radiated a smile, yet in that deeper self he possessed the grim determination to go and die for his country.

The community joins with the family in the hope and prayer that by the Omnipotent Power he has escaped death.

ABIGAIL THEATRE

THURS.-FRI. DEC. 23-24—
"Five Graves to Cairo"
Franchot Tone, Anne Baxter,
Eric Von Stroheim.

SATURDAY—
11:02 a.m. to 1:12 p.m.,
6:28 p.m. to 8:12 p.m.—
"The Man from the Rio Grande"
Don (Red) Barry, Twinkle Watts.
Last chapter serial—
"MASKED MARVEL"

SATURDAY—
3:01 p.m. and 10:01 p.m.—
"False Faces"
S. Ridges, R. Williams.
"Children of Mary."
"Cavalcade of the Dance."
"Inki and the Mink Bird."

SUNDAY-MONDAY—
"Guadalcanal Diary"
Preston Foster, Wm. Bendix.
News.
"Sweetheart Serenade"

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY—
"The Man from Down Under"
Charles Laughton, Blinnie Barnes.
News.
"Three Bears in a Boat."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHITE TO CONTINUE AS RECRUITER

Editor, The Times: First of all, I want to thank you for your splendid co-operation during the WAC all-state campaign. Since the national drive did not produce the expected results, we are intensifying our efforts in recruiting and N. M. White, Jr., of your city, who so helplessly acted as chairman of the WAC drive, has been appointed by the Adjutant General's office as WAC recruiter for the duration of the war, or as long as the United States army deems necessary. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

PAT E. MASON
2nd Lt. and Capt. (WAC)
Liaison Officer, Frankfurt

THEY'RE NOT COMPLAINING

Editor, The Times: You know, Norman, human nature is a funny thing and the natural viewpoint toward it is from the psychological side.

I read, daily, the newspapers. I see so much about people complaining; if not about rationing, it's something else. If they were in my shoes, wonder what they would do?

My buddies and I (23 in all) are now waiting for a P-T boat. We have various rates—I as radio man. We know what is coming. But do you hear us complain? Hell, no! We face the facts and like it. How do you think we feel when a paper is received from home and we see stuff like that? Well—that's tearing down morale instead of building it. Don't you think so?

I sincerely believe that 50 per cent of the people are buying Bonds who are able to do so (personal opinion). I'd better stop before I utter some drastic words not suitable for publication.

A FLOYD COUNTY SAILOR

Editor, The Times:

A letter was recently received by Mrs. T. P. Carlton, of Bristol, Tenn., relating the heroic deeds of her son, Taubee McGuire, stationed somewhere in the South Pacific with our armed forces. Sgt. McGuire, on March, 1942, when American boys on the islands of Bataan and Corregidor were in dire need of food, medicine and ammunition, risked his own life by volunteering and manning the ship (the Thomas Jefferson). He took it through the enemy blockade of the Philippines to relieve our boys. His captain was killed and McGuire, taking his place, brought his company safely through the danger zone. He has been awarded a medal for bravery and heroism.

Sgt. McGuire volunteered in 1940 and was sent to Hawaii just after the attack on Pearl Harbor and has lately been sent to another foreign port. He has two brothers in service. S. J. Sgt. Richard McGuire, who volunteered in 1940 and who now is overseas service, and Howard E. McGuire, who volunteered in the signal corps and now stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo.

May God bless and take care of those boys and bring them safely back home.

—A FRIEND



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Christmas

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That Your Holiday
Season and the Year
To Come be Filled
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FOUR SOLDIERS

Editor, The Times:

I don't want to be a peddler of pessimism, neither do I wish to sound melodramatic. Columbus, he gave half world its greatest lesson: "On! Sail on! America will sail on and on—with your help. It's a dark and stormy sea and we must be good sailors for so small a craft. Are you hating your responsibilities today, that you may reap in the harvest tomorrow?"

The fire truck might have arrived at your house on time, but I bet the doctor came too late. Too late! Too late! Of all said words of tongue or pen, the saddest of all are these—"It might have been." It's your America as well as the soldier's, your sailor's, your marine's. This war is your war as well as his. It's your duty to buy War Bonds and Stamps. Buy until it hurts!

These soldiers of war are the pride of a family and part of a home. They are betting their lives—their highest hopes—any man can wager. Will you pawn your money if they pawn themselves? For bravery and blood will you furnish them bullets and bread? Will you loan your wealth while they risk their lives? If they win, you win; if they lose, the loss is theirs, not yours, for they have lost all. If their lives are lost there is a grieving mother, a saddened wife or a family of children, and a broken home to which they can never return. He is the flower of a nation's manhood, the glory of a noble race. He is the American Soldier. He is the boy on the battlefield—the boy in the trenches. He may be your son, or your husband, your nephew or your brother, perhaps some child's father. He needs your help.

Let's have universal democracy, the most far-reaching extension of freedom and democracy the world has ever known. Our patriotism can do it. BUY VICTORY BONDS AND STAMPS.

Can you face your soldier and say—"Yes, son, I bought an extra bond for you today?" Shakespeare wrote, "Now join your hands, and with your hands your hearts, and no dissension hinder government."

"Buy Bonds and break the bondage!"

THE BOYS SET THE EXAMPLE

Editor, The Times:

As this year is almost gone and another new one coming soon, let's start deciding on what that New Year's resolution is going to be. All the boys of Whitely Island have had a War Bond drive from Dec.

1 to Dec. 9, and our quota was \$300,000, and they figured it out that if we filled our quota, we would have exactly enough money to keep us fighting 18 seconds in 1944. Although it is just about Christmas, and some of the boys are worrying about gifts for the folks at home, someone decided that a War Bond would make a very nice gift, so instead of sending that nice fur coat that he promised Mom, or that beautiful ring he promised his girl friend, don't suppose if he sends a War Bond instead, which shows that his dollars are fighting right along beside him in his fox-hole,

where he is standing knee-deep in mud and water. Friends, it's going to take your dollars as well as our fighting men with the assistance of their well-earned money to put us over in 1944. So let's go, Floyd countians! Don't let us down.

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Whitely Island, Wash.
(Formerly of Maytown)

VIRTS RELATIVES

Mrs. Chester V. Hale, of West Prestonburg, visited relatives at Oil Springs and Painsville during the week-end.



There's a
Christmas rush on
telephone wires too

- Help keep war-crowded circuits clear on December 24, 25 and 26.
- Please use Long Distance only if it is vital.
- War needs the wires—even on holidays.

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This News About Truck Tires
May Shock You!

BELIEVE US...

There is a Real Truck
Tire Shortage!

Perhaps news of the amazing results in synthetic tire production has lulled you into the false notion that you are secure, that the tire shortage is a thing of the past.

THERE ARE SOME VERY SOUND FACTS, HOWEVER, WHICH PROVE THAT THE TIRE SHORTAGE IS NOT OVER.

Yes, the rubber-supply shortage is licked—but production problems are not—for several reasons...

Because military needs are greater than anyone anticipated.

Because these needs include large-size combat, artillery, and airplane tires—as well as heavy-duty truck tires—in enormous numbers.

Because such tires require many times the labor and materials of peacetime needs.

Because the Tire Industry's manpower and machinery are being used to turn out bullet-sealing fuel tanks and hundreds of other army and navy products made of rubber, in addition to tires.

And, finally, because the manpower shortage makes it impossible to manufacture enough synthetic rubber tires to go around.

You will agree, knowing as you do conditions as they are described in the press and by radio, that you must stretch the tires you have.

Frankly, we do not offer to truck-owners a synthetic tire that we would guarantee to solve your tire troubles. It is admitted they will not stand the abuse pre-war tires withstood, especially overloading.

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THE GOODRICH SILVERTOWN—"the synthetic tire backed by an 80 million mile road test."

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