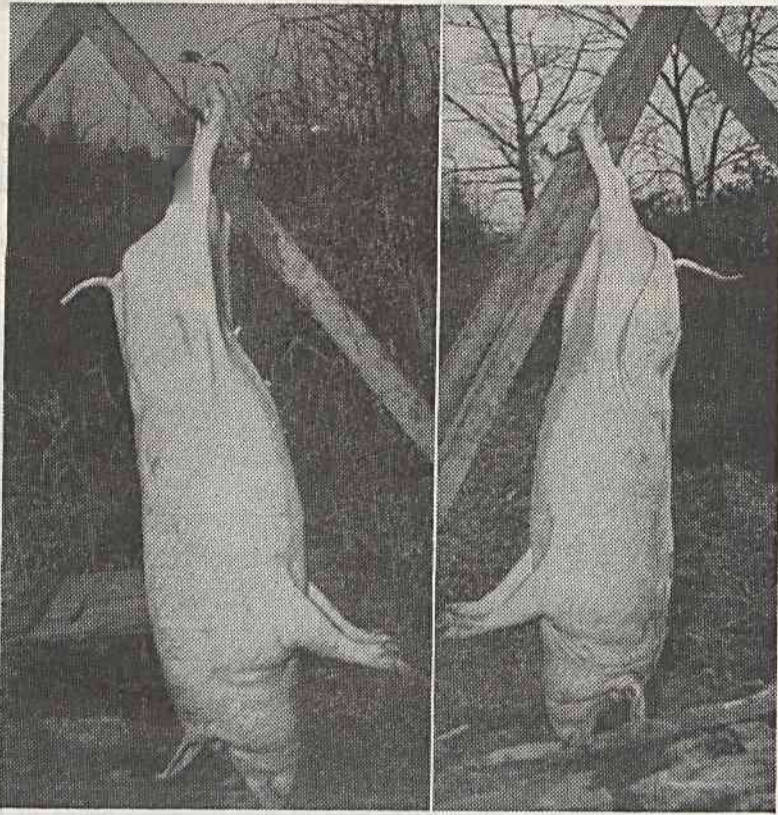


Hog Killin' Time



December was a busy month for folks with heavyweight hogs to kill. Scales were no doubt burdened to the straining point in weighing such whoppers as were killed by many of the folks here. The two fine porkers above, weighing 239 and 269, were raised by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Raxter and Mr. and Mrs. John M. Johnson, both of whom live just off the Boylston road near the plant. Mrs. Raxter and Mrs. Johnson are sisters and are employed in Finishing.

Nicholsons Enjoy Abundant Living

We hear a lot these days about "abundant living" or the "abundant life", but it's rarely that you run into a fellow who so personifies this rather vague expression any better than Elvin "Shorty" Nicholson, of the Inspection department.

If every Echo reader could visit Shorty's home at Etowah, they would see what we mean - - - plenty of chickens, (and consequently, eggs), cows, pigs, and all the other fine things that go with "abundant living". And to help get more chores done in less time, and with not nearly so much drudgery, Shorty has a brand new, one-ton Chevrolet truck, complete with radio, heater, and all the trimmings.

Don't get the impression that all of these things come easily. Shorty, his wife, and 15 year old son, Edward, who is a student at Etowah high school, have little time for loafing. Shorty's six acres are well-cultivated from early spring until late fall; in fact, one of his prize achievements this fall was a plot sown to green beans which netted him over \$200. He was told by some that the time and seed would be wasted, that frost would kill his efforts . . . but he hit the market at a time when beans were bringing top prices.

In the past, one of Shorty's pet projects has been pigs, having had as many as 100 in his lot at one time. At the present, this num-

Across The Tracks

By BETTY FINCK

Old Saint Nicholas will be mighty busy when he makes his annual visit to greet Ecusta's children. Among the excited children will be 42 representatives of the Technical department.

John Goldberger is enjoying his newly acquired "cream-colored" Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Taylor, Jr., have announced the arrival of a son, William M., born November 29 at the Mission hospital.

While Christmas bells toll, wedding bells will chime in for Dot Singletary and David Sams on December 21. We all wish you both much happiness and God's blessings for a happy married life.

Thelma Glazener entertained with a lovely tea and miscellaneous shower for Dot at her home December 6. Her exquisite gifts were varied and useful.

Your reporter's collie, Hunter Robin Hood, started off her kitchen shower for Dot with a floor show which was comprised of the numerous tricks he has learned. The assortment of cooking utensils Dot received will keep her busy in her new kitchen.

Martha Sellers is busy mounting her two new groups of moths, from California and India, in two beautiful mounting cases she recently received. She now has over 100 specimens.

It's good to see Mr. Fisher back to work after a week's illness.

While we're all "dreaming of a white Christmas," let's be sure to have a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

ber has dwindled considerably, but you can't tell when this interest in swine will be revived and the lot will be full again. A three-months calf, "Betsie", is his pride and joy. The calf is half Guernsey, half Jersey, the best combination for milk production, Shorty says, and he is looking forward to the time when "Betsie" will come into full production.

It's busy, energetic families like the Nicholsons that keep farm products flowing, not only to the markets, but to their pantries as well. We're proud to number them among our many fine Ecusta families.

Finishing Dept.

By BERTHA EDWARDS And LUCILLE GOSSETT

Christmas month is here again, folks! Shopping talk is buzzing all over our department.

Santa will have a sleigh full if he fulfills the wishes of the finishing department alone.

Ed Matheson wants some new skid shoes for chasing ping pong balls in safety.

Polly Osteen wants a new Pontiac.

Lewis McCrary wants a house and lot.

Hope Santa doesn't disappoint any of you!

Bill and Edna Clampitt spent a quiet vacation in Bryson City with Bill's parents.

Edith Gravely is serving on the jury this court - a new and interesting experience for her.

Two old employees have recently returned to our department - Dot Banning and Fanny Freeman.

Mary Corbett has recently experienced facing the "mike" alone - in a broadcast of sacred songs over the Hendersonville station.

It took Charlie Gillespie and Margaret McKinney to surprise us all! That's when Margaret came to work wearing a diamond he had given her.

Eunice, we're all wanting you to hurry up and get well so you can come back to work with us.

Plant Research News

By DONA WRIGHT

Vacations for our department are just about over for this year.

Lillie spent her two weeks, November 10-24, visiting relatives in Greensboro, and at home house-keeping for her husband.

Fred Fendley took his vacation the first two weeks of December. He, Connie, and little daughter, Sherry, spent most of the time visiting relatives and friends in South Carolina.

Children are never too young to visit, especially with their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Vanmah had as their visitor for three weeks their little nine months old grandson, Sandy, while his parents, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Davidson, were furnishing their new home which they recently purchased in Springfield, Ohio.

That certainly was a good picture Dr. Ray made of Lillie Nicholson's husband. By the way, that picture took first place at a recent contest of the Brevard Camera Club.

I hope Henry McCormick reads this column. I just heard his wife, Margaret, say she wanted a great big teddy bear for Christmas.

Too bad that Mr. Fisher has to be out sick. We all extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Now, last but not least, as another Christmas is drawing near, may we not forget those of foreign lands who are less fortunate than we are - whose hearts can be filled with joy and happiness of Christmas only by our remembering them.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and prosperity throughout the New Year.

NEWBURY RECOVERING

Hank Newbury, safety director, is recovering nicely following an appendectomy at the Mission hospital in Asheville, Tuesday, December 2.



"Shorty" Nicholson, well-known Inspection department employee, is a busy man in his off-the-job hours working on his nice little farm at Etowah. Among his pet projects are raising pigs and dairying. This summer he had good luck with truck crops, particularly a late crop of beans. In the past, he has raised large litters of pigs, but at present has cut down on his swine-raising.

