

he says that he has never had a broken bone. His worst spill was on a trip to Hendersonville. His motor skidded on ice and he slid some seventy yards on his stomach.

According to Jim a motorcycle is easy to ride if the necessary precautions are taken. His best advice to new riders is to be careful to watch everyone as very few motorists regard a motorcycle as a vehicle and fail to show them the courtesy and respect that they do automobile drivers. He says that the biggest mistake that most people make, in learning to ride, is their failure to realize that the motor is a powerful machine and very fast; a new rider's main object is to learn to control his motor speed until he learns how to properly control it.

Both Jim and Mrs. Mills are members of the American Motorcycle Association. Most of the larger cities have member clubs which sponsor races, shows, and Gypsy Tours. All members of the clubs are very friendly and it is said that one never meets a stranger in the Association.

Jim rides a 74 overhead machine, the largest overhead valve model made by Harley Davidson Motor Company. Nadine rides the Harley Davidson 125, the smallest model.

Jim has been in the Refining Room ever since he was employed on November 7, 1939. He was a member of the Armed Forces for almost three years, serving as an anti-aircraft gunner in the European Theatre of Operations. One of his many ambitions is to take a trip into all of the 48 states on his motorcycle.

## Christmas Parties

The series of Christmas parties on Saturday, December 18th, as usual, were well attended and were a huge success. The children were thrilled to see Santa Claus and his helpers again. Each child was given a Christmas stocking filled with nuts, candy, fruits, novelties, toothbrush, toothpaste, and other items.

A program of special children's movies were shown, including THE CIRCUS, a movie of the Barnum and Bailey Circus, Woody Woodpecker in THE MATADOR, BUG CARNIVAL, and THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

The employee's parties started at 8:00 A. M. on Wednesday, December 22nd and ended with the 8:00 A. M. party on Thursday, 23rd. These parties were opened with a prayer by local ministers. These ministers were Rev. Walter Baldwin, Pastor of the Brevard-Davidson Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. G. McFarland, Pastor of the Brevard Methodist Church, Rev. B. W. Thomason, Pastor of the Brevard First Baptist Church, Rev. W. C. Clark, Pastor of the Oak Grove and English Chapel Churches, and Rev. C. B. Rogers, Pastor of the Pisgah Forest Baptist Church.

A program of Christmas music was presented by the Ecusta Band and the Ecusta Chorus.

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## ECUSTA

*Ecusta is clear water  
So the Indians say  
Running through the machines of  
fortune  
to make paper out of hay  
Washing through the filter plant  
Until it's pure and clean  
And through the mill still washing  
to keep the paper clean.  
In Dixie there is a paper plant  
Ecusta is the name  
To deny the work of its genius  
would be a dirty shame.*

*Smoke when you get ready  
Enjoy the flavor keen  
It's rolled from Ecusta paper  
A grade pure and clean.  
Let's give the credit to the genius  
Mr. Harry H. Straus  
Who supplied 1500 workers  
With a job as clean as their house  
A nice bonus Christmas present  
One for New Year's and in July  
May Mr. Straus sign my check  
Until the day I die.*

*(Signed) Windy Bill*

Dear "Windy Bill":

*Your poem has given me much pleasure and enjoyment, and I thank you for it.*

*If I was a poet like you, I would answer you in rhyme, but I am just an old papermaker.*

*God bless you, and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Sincerely yours*

*Harry H. Straus, President*