

THE GLEANER

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Local News

Happy and prosperous New Year.

Christmas Day was a day of snow, sleet and rain.

According to an announcement from Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, Va., Jack Stratford, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Stratford, is included in the list of Honor Roll cadets for the academic month ending December 18.

School children of 22 North Carolina schools have dedicated 116 additional beds in Moore General Hospital with their purchases of victory bonds and stamps during the current War Loan. The Graham school is credited with seven of this number.

Among The Sick

Charlie Scott, son of Mrs. Wm. deR. Scott, underwent an operation at Alamance General hospital last Thursday morning.

Rep. Joe W. Erwin Passes

Clutching a pistol and a razor, Rep. Joe W. Erwin, 44, North Carolina Democrat was found dead in the gas-filled kitchen of his home in Washington, D. C., on Christmas day.

Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald issued a certificate of suicide by asphyxiation.

A lawyer, Erwin was elected to Congress last year from the 10th North Carolina district. He had lived in Charlotte since 1928.

Don S. Holt Will Manage Travora Manufacturing Company

Don S. Holt, vice-president of the Travora Manufacturing company, will assume the active management of the Graham cotton manufacturing plants at the end of the current fiscal quarter on January 31, 1946, Pres. J. Harvey White announces.

Mr. White, who founded the Travora Manufacturing company in 1902, and has been president of the company since its inception, will continue his affiliation with the textile plant in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Holt, who was recently released from the U. S. Navy, served in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of war and attained a rank of lieutenant-commander. Prior to entering the service Mr. Holt was vice-president of the Travora Manufacturing company for five years.

BLACK LIGHT IS NEW MAGIC

Change your look or your complexion with the flip of an electric switch. Guard your stairways with invisible beams and read by the glow of synthetic fireflies. These are the promises held out by science. Read about these discoveries in the January 13th issue of

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Shelled Unconscious



WHILE FLYING over Germany, AAF Sergeant Alfred D. Reckley, Pittsburgh, Pa., a radio operator, was knocked unconscious by a plane and didn't know what hit him until he awoke back at his air field. Now he is at Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., discovering how Victory Loan dollars help the wounded, and he is doing fine.

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PERSONAL

Miss Clyde Norcom spent Christmas in Elkton, Va., with her sister.

Miss Betty Cook is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cook, for the holidays.

Mrs. Eugene Gray of Winston-Salem is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Don E. Scott.

Mac Cook, student at Catholic University, Washington, D. C., is with his mother, Mrs. R. N. Cook for the holidays.

Miss Marea Yount, student at Duke University, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Yount.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beeson of High Point spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Moore on E. Harden street.

Frank Warren, Oliver Paris and Charles Dellinger, all students at the University, Chapel Hill, are at home for the holidays.

Mrs. Elliott White of Winston-Salem, spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Owens, on Melville street.

Mrs. J. J. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Stratford, Miss Cora Harden Stratford, Jack Stratford, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kernode, Jr., and sons, Bruce Harden and Michael Holt, spent Sunday in Danville, Va., with their brother, L. H. Kernode.

Miss Cora Harden Stratford left Tuesday night for Winter Park, Fla., to visit Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Stratford. She was accompanied as far as Fayetteville by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Stratford, who spent the night, returning home Wednesday.

Handy-Johnson Marriage

On Friday, November 30, Miss Carrie Bell Handy of Meadows, Va., became the bride of Lewis Marlin Johnson of Snow Camp. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of Friends church here, with Rev. R. O. Crow officiating.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Johnson of Snow Camp, has recently been honorably discharged from the army, having served 33 months overseas, part of which he was held prisoner by the Germans.

The couple are making their home in Graham.

Needlecraft Club Party

Mrs. Daisy Hadley was hostess to the members of the Needlecraft club on Wednesday afternoon of last week at her home. Yuletide decorations adorned the living and dining rooms.

The club voted to send a basket to a needy family.

Study Club Meeting

Miss Elizabeth Pomeroy and Mrs. R. N. Cook were hostesses to the Study club for the annual Christmas party at the former's home last Thursday evening.

Christmas decorations were used in the rooms.

Mrs. James M. Slay read "The Anniversary", by Margaret Sangster. Refreshments were served in the dining room where the decorations were white with winter greens. During the evening gifts which had been placed beneath the tree were exchanged among the members.

Behind Your Bonds Lies the Might of America



IDAHO LUMBER

Logging and milling for 105 years, the Potlatch Forests, Inc., of Idaho, expects to be operating at least another century. The industry started in 1840 around the first mission of Rev. H. H. Spalding and Marcus Whitman in the Clearwater country. "The largest white pine sawmill in the world" turns out lumber at Lewiston with the help of 800 employees. Lumber in abundance is a great national asset contributing to the Nation's resources that stand behind War Bonds. U. S. Treasury Department

An Enemy Strikes and Sister Kenny Appears

This is a story about a woman and her unending fight against an unseen, cruel, ruthless enemy of mankind.

It is the story of Sister Elizabeth Kenny, famed Australian nurse, and her one-woman crusade against the crippling disease, infantile paralysis.

The story begins more than 25 years ago deep in the heart of Australia when a child suddenly became ill.

Like all parents in this desolate section of the land "down under" the parents of this child consulted neighbors when their son became ill seeking advice.

But neighbors shook their heads helplessly. To them, as to the parents, this was a strange disease and one that left frightening affects.

Doctors Not Available

There were no doctors to call upon in this part of Australia's bush country, the medical needs of the 200 farmers and an assortment of prospectors and explorers being cared for by a community nurse. By force of circumstances she was the medical adviser, midwife and consultant for the entire population.

Only when her services were sorely needed was she called upon for her many duties in the seemingly boundless wilderness she served kept her constantly busy.

But despairing of their child's life and unable to find other help in the community, the parents called for the nurse, Sister Elizabeth Kenny.

To Miss Kenny, too, the disease was something new.

Immediately she telegraphed an old friend, Dr. Aeneas J. McDonnell, chief surgeon of Toowoomba General hospital in Queensland and one of Australia's outstanding surgeons, describing the symptoms and asking his advice. This was the reply: "INFANTILE PARALYSIS . . . NO KNOWN CURE . . . DO BEST YOU CAN."

Miss Kenny read the message and handed it to the parents. Tears welled in their eyes as they focused on the helpless, pain-ravaged body of their son.

New Burdens

But the nurse did not despair. Her first move was to ease the pain of the suffering child.

Then new burdens fell on Miss Kenny and a greater fear gripped the community as five more children were struck down by the disease.

Six children now lay helpless, faced with death or a future of grotesquely deformed bodies.

Many adversities had been overcome by men and women striving to eke out an existence in this section of Australia but a new enemy they did not know how to fight and one that medical science had not conquered filled them with stark terror.

To facilitate general care Miss Kenny moved her six patients to one large house. There the children looked up at Miss Kenny and all who visited them with pathetic, pleading, lifeless eyes. To the community they were youngsters to be pitied who, if they lived, would go through life with twisted arms, legs and spines, robbed of their mobility, health, happiness and independence.

A Challenge

But to Miss Kenny they were more than this—they were a challenge to herself and to all mankind.

As a school girl, Elizabeth Kenny had been given access to the laboratory of Dr. McDonnell. Here she had spent countless hours fashioning papier mache models of the various body muscles and attaching them to a skeleton.

Here she acquired a remarkable knowledge of the anatomy and muscle functions. She also developed an inherent mechanical skill and be-



Sister Kenny and One of the Many Children She Has Helped.

gan to see the human body as a delicate machine. Here she obtained, unknowingly, the knowledge that was to prove so important in evolving her world-famed treatment.

As a nurse she saw what medical practitioners had seen in such cases since they first recognized infantile paralysis as a separate disease. And Miss Kenny's technical mind saw more. It saw the affected muscles as a series of levers, cables, pulleys, an intricate mechanical system.

Something, she sensed, had gone wrong with the mechanism of motion in those twisted bodies. Limbs refused to move.

A Discovery

Her examination disclosed that while some muscles appeared to be paralyzed, their opposing muscles were in spasm—the muscles were contracting—resulting in excruciating pain. Later studies were to prove that this was a revolutionary discovery.

Up to this time spastic muscles never had been considered, or even known, in the treatment of infantile paralysis.

Since these were sick muscles, Miss Kenny concluded they should be treated. Heat therapy, she felt, would bring relief.

After trying various kinds of heat to ease pain, Miss Kenny finally hit upon hot fomentations (hot medicants) as the most effective. She discovered these brought almost instant relief from pain and, after several days, caused relaxations of the affected muscles and disappearance of spasm.

When the pain had subsided, Miss Kenny made another startling discovery—that the apparently paralyzed at all but, because of the disease, had lost their co-ordination and ability to function normally. She then tried retraining these muscles to normal activity.

Movement Returns

For several months Miss Kenny continued her treatments following the theory she had discovered. Stricken children gradually were learning to use their arms and legs.

Before long they left their beds. They again became normal, robust children able to romp and play.

And, best of all, there were no ugly deformities, no crippling affects, no braces. Infantile paralysis at last had met resistance.

(Next week's article will tell how Miss Kenny introduced her treatment to Australian and American medical men).

ALMANAC



- JANUARY
- 1—New Year's Day.
- 2—Union and Confederate forces fight Battle of Mt. Pleasant, 1863.
- 3—German World War I Reparations fixed at 50 billion gold marks, 1923.
- 4—New Mexico is admitted to the Union, 1912.
- 5—El Whitney invents the Cotton Gin, 1792.
- 6—Ida M. Tarbell, famous writer, dies, 1944.
- 7—First Soviet Russia Ambassador arrives in U. S., 1934.

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Rationing News

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DEATHS
Graveside funeral services for the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Brown were held last Friday morning at Linwood cemetery. The infant died last Friday.
J. R. Pendergraph, well known resident of the county and long associated with the N. C. Highway Department, died at his home in Mebane Monday morning.
Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in Durham. Surviving are his wife the former Miss Mary Harriet Cheek of Mebane, seven children and one brother.
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