

WHAT YOU KNOW

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, student at Erskine College... Mrs. V. H. Cordell, of Statesville... Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hall and daughter, Walter Wayne, and daughter, Mrs. Glenn Wyatt, of Halls Mills...

The Salem College students, Misses Corinne Faw, Grace Frank Kirby, and Peggy Somers, are spending the holidays here in their respective homes.

Mr. Robert Wood Finley and Mr. Pat Williams, Jr., have returned from Orlando, Florida, where they spent the week-end with Lieutenant Edward Finley While here Mr. Robert Wood Finley had his final physical examination in anticipation of being called into service as a second lieutenant in the army reserve corps.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard McNeill near Miller Creek a birthday party was given in honor of their little daughter, Shirley Ann, on her sixth birthday. Those attending were Virginia McGlamery, Norris McGlamery, Ray Tubert, Nancy Day, Max Bumgarner, Roy and Raymond Delp, Ralph McNeill, Janie, Shirley and Kate Clark, Genet Michael, Evelyn Fiebert, Billie Englebert, Jean Hayes and Wade Forester.

O.P.M. Tells How To Conserve Fuel

Homeowners can effect substantial savings in fuel costs by following a few simple rules in the operation of coal burning furnaces, Miss Harriet Elliott, associate administrator of the Office of Price Administration and head of the Consumer Division, said today.

Householders are notorious coal wasters, heating men report principally because they haven't kept up with the latest techniques in furnace operation. Waste of coal amounts in extreme cases to one ton out of every three consumed.

For instance, many misguided shovelers cover their burning coal completely when adding new fuel. They shouldn't. Coal should be added 'his way: 1. Set dampers so that coal is burning brightly. 2. Add new fuel in one sector of the firebox.

Another great American furnace superstition is that a little coal in the firebox goes a longer way than a lot of coal. It doesn't. By keeping a five-inch thick fuel bed, and by bringing the level of coal right up to the firing door, householders will save the most fuel, providing they use the dampers properly.

The experts lay down these broad rules as a starting point: 1. Set the turn damper (also called the "butterfly" or "plate" damper) to a position giving the most obstruction to the hot air going up the chimney consistent with the maximum amount of heat needed upstairs.

Proper maintenance of boilers and furnaces will save coal. Flues and heating surfaces should be kept clean with a wire brush, boiler water free of rust and scale, cracks which permit air to leak into the furnace or boiler sealed with furnace cement. Dampers, grates, or doors that are defective should be replaced.



WE'RE tired of the camp and we're going to move on. See??

Orrek Gordon lifted his head. "Going to walk out on me and quit? Your wages are good here." The foreman of the lumber gang sneered. "Say, money ain't everything. We want to get back to town and we're going."

From the log bungalow beyond the camp twinkled many lights. Orrek stared at the Christmas candles. Marcia had placed them there, saying they brought peace to the household. And now, with his men walking out on him, Marcia would be lost to him.

A skimming sound on the firm snow aroused him and Marcia, a gay little figure in her white fur, caught at his arm and came to a standstill.



"Why stay out here when I want you?"

still on her skis. "Why stay out here when I want you, Orrek? We're making up a bridge table." A bridge table when his future career was topping down!

"Orrek, what's wrong with the men?" she asked. "My maid told me there had been a row there." Orrek's eyes blazed as he tucked the small hand under his arm. How he loved her! In a few brief sentences he told her of the discontent among his men. "It's the loneliness that gets them," he finished, "the lack of amusement."

"If they walk out you cannot keep your contract. That will queer you with the owners." She turned and left him in silence.

Back at the bungalow Marcia tumbled the contents of her clothes closet while talking rapidly to her maid, Ninette. "Isn't it lucky that I taught you those chords, Ninette?" The camp men, grumbling around the fire, fell into a sudden silence as the gay plink-a-plunk of a banjo sounded in the clearing.

Gebert, surly gang leader, jerked out his pipe. "Listen, boys!" Down the hill Marcia came gaily, her fingers bringing jolly notes from the strings. The frosty air echoed and re-echoed as Ninette joined in.

"I know that," declared Gebert. Carried along by memories, the men joined in, forgetting the loneliness of the Christmas eve, forgetting their fancied troubles.

Marcia had come to the very edge of the fire and stood there picking up the strings. Above her, lower down the hill, a man she loved, just beyond the trees, stood the men in a semi-circle, their unshaven faces lighted by a mutual love of music.

"How many of you play small instruments?" she asked softly. The answers brought a quick smile to her lips. "I thought there would be many of you to help me out," she cried.

"I want to have a string-band," hurried on Marcia, "and I need volunteers. A violin, maybe two or three. A guitar—" "I play the flute," interrupted Jacques.

"And I the piccolo." "At home I have an accordion," came a wistful voice, "but—" "Fine," interrupted Marcia. "I have, tonight, made out an order that should have been mailed sooner. It is my Christmas gift to our men. The order is for musical instruments. I wish each man would write down his instrument and give it to me. With luck we should have the order filled in three days and we'll practice hard so that New Year's day may find us ready. How about it?"

There was an instant response as hardened palms came together. Just beyond the pines a wolf howled, but Marcia was looking up into her lover's eyes. (Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

Wrapping Small Gifts An unusual way to wrap a number of small gifts that are to be given in a good-sized Christmas box is to tuck each one in an envelope made of either plain red, holly, silver or gold paper. Wrap each gift first in plain white tissue paper, folded in envelope style, and seal the flaps of both the inner and outer envelopes with contrasting seals. Patterns for the envelopes can be cut from ordinary envelopes by tearing one apart and either enlarging on it or trimming it down.

Use the advertising columns of this paper as your shopping guide.

Holiday Dinner At Fort Bragg

Fort Bragg. — A gargantuan amount of food is being assembled these days in Fort Bragg Quartermaster warehouses. Christmas is coming and there's to be no stinting in Fort Bragg's culinary celebration.

From the looks of things, many a soldier will be nursing an "overstuffed" stomach. Although approximately fifty per cent of the personnel stationed here are expected to be away over Christmas, on furlough or pass, the job of feeding the 30,000 odd remaining is enough to stagger anybody's imagination.

First of all there are the 60,000 pounds of turkey which arrived here this week from Omaha, Nebraska. When these are stuffed, trimmed and golden brown, at least a pound and a half will be available for each man's plate. Six tons of mashed potatoes covered with giblet gravy are also on the menu, as well as nine thousand pounds of candied sweets. And to round out the main course, the mess halls will serve sixteen thousand pounds of other cooked vegetables and seven thousand pounds of lettuce.

This year, with the major part of the post on "field rations", the Quartermaster has been responsible for planning the holiday menu as well as furnishing it. It will be a real, old-fashioned Christmas dinner all the way through—from the oyster cocktail and creamed celery soup to the pumpkin and mince pie, coconut layer cake, cheese, nuts and fruits.

It is estimated that next Thursday's dinner here would sell for at least \$1.50 in a restaurant. Fort Bragg soldiers of course will pay nothing. It will be on Uncle Sam.

Special Service At The Methodist

A special service will be held at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church Sunday evening. It will be "Student Recognition" service for students. High school held annually on the 1st Sunday in the year.

Miss Nelle Rousseau, student of W. C. U. N. C., and Miss Mary's Paleth, will speak "Methodist Student Movement Our Church". Miss Marie Gabel, of W. C. U. N. C., and Miss Halpern of Mary Washington College will speak on "Religious Progress On Our Campus". Scripture reading and prayer will be by Miss Gwenon Hubbard, student at Hollins College. The choir will be composed of young people and young people will be ushers at the service. All are invited to attend.

Congressman Loudly Laud Unity Talks

Washington. — Congressional leaders Monday night heralded the arrival of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Lord Beaverbrook as a long step toward uniting the efforts of all nations allied against Germany, Italy and Japan.

Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley (D), Kentucky, predicted the visit would result in closer cooperation on all fronts between the British and American forces.

U. S. To Influence Writing Of Peace

Washington. — Diplomats last night regarded British Prime Minister Winston Churchill's trip here for conference with President Roosevelt as further proof that the United States will influence peace terms that bring World War II to a close.

It also was seen as a clear sign of the extent to which Britain is depending on America's armed might to assure an ultimate allied victory over the axis.

Scout Finance Appeal Jan. 12th

P. W. Eshelman, chairman of the finance appeal, for raising Wilkes county's share of the Boy Scouts Council budget for 1943, announces that plans are well under way to put on a one-day appeal January 12th, and give our people opportunity to contribute to this great cause for our boys.

A recent boy-fact survey in Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro schools only reveals that 343 boys are ready to become Boy Scouts, if adequate budget for Council administrator and leadership training is provided.

Mr. Eshelman states that he is confident that the people of Wilkes will come to the opportunity of contributing liberally and raising the \$15,723 necessary to operate the Scout Council next year and employ a field Scout executive.

The budget includes administration expenses as follows: Maintenance of daily service of the Council's headquarters office to our Scouts, Scoutmasters and all Scout committees. Two full-time secretaries will be employed. Salaries and traveling expenses of the Scout Executive and Field Scout Executive will be necessary functional expense for leadership training courses, camping administration, postage, telephone, and telegraph, office activities and National Council and educational supplies, troop participation, etc.

Business men have often said that Scouting is the least expensive of all American educational programs. This budget will not place a limit to number of boys to be served. The program will be open to all institutions and all boys.

Next Big Push—Germans Gather Forces In France

London. — The long-expected German push into French North Africa over the protesting but prostrate figure of Old Marshal Pétain, is imminent or already in progress, a variety of reports from the continent of Europe indicated strongly today.

A Reuters, British news agency dispatch from "somewhere in Europe," said Pétain had resigned in angry but futile protest against German pressure. His pro-Nazi "heir," Admiral Jean Darlan, was reported to have taken over the rule of the enfeebled and internally torn remains of France.

Troops Move South Competent informants in Switzerland said even prior to this report that fresh German troops already were moving down to the Spanish border across the Atlantic coastal strip of occupied France and it thus appeared that

expected new judges might be taking the form of an attempt to break Gibraltar and North Africa. A new German effort to relieve the Nazis' reverses in Russia had been widely anticipated since Hitler's decision to oust his top military commander, General Field Marshal von Brauchitsch, and take upon himself the responsibility of unique personal command. His troop movement through western France was not large so far as could be learned, and the exact nature of the equipment was not ascertained. There was some speculation that the intention might be to attempt to ship men from Spain to North Africa.

Labor Shortage Is Held Likely

New York. — The National Industrial Conference board said yesterday, a general labor shortage was in prospect, if not immediately imminent.

The board figured October unemployment at 1,700,000 persons. This represents a considerable increase from the 500,000 men and women without jobs in September, but the board attributed this to a normal seasonal drop-off in agricultural employment.

Maybe some girls act silly so that their friends won't know they're old enough to know better.

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Greetings! The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you appreciation of our pleasant business relations during the past year and to most heartily wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happiness and Prosperity for the New Year. The Recreation Center Claude Buchanan, Manager

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