

SNAP SHOTS

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Again we are nearing the end of that long corridor and approaching that big door that opens into the tomorrow of 1945. We have covered many mental miles on the journey we are completing and many time we have been footsore and weary; our hearts have ached in sympathy with those who have heard the tragic news of the loss of loved ones. We have laughed in unison with those who have found a blessed relief from hectic strife in some amusing incident. And we have gloried in the strength shown by everyone in meeting situations of the present time.

There have been obstacles in our pathway and we have had to use every ounce of our reserve endurance to surmount these objects that rose in our way daily. But what a grand feeling we always felt when we were on the other side of them and knew that we had reached that point through our own efforts. It's really wonderful what a glow can go over a fellow when he accomplishes something that seems, at the time, to be impossible.

We have to go on, day after day, with very little in the way of award waiting for us at the close of the day. We had to furnish our own prizes in our own consciousness. And, somehow or other, we always managed to make the grade.

In a few more days, that huge door will open and again we will step through into the Great Uncertainty of Tomorrow. We will have to guide our steps carefully for there are as many pitfalls on the new road as on the one we have

Florence E. Arrington Stationed in Washington

Florence Earline Arrington, seaman second class, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earle M. Cagle, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, is among the Women Reservists now on duty with the Navy in Washington, releasing a man to fight at sea with the fleet.

Seaman Arrington was sworn in as a member of the Women's Reserve of the U. S. Naval Reserve on July 21 of this year. She is stationed at the Navy Department, where she reported on Nov. 14, after completing her recruit training at USNTS. She now lives at the WAVE quarters, where living is comfortable, friendly and typically Navy.

In her liberty hours she is free to participate in the many activities planned by the Recreation Officer and other members of ship's company.

Women Reservists in the Capital have proven their value not only as replacements for men, but as trained naval personnel doing jobs in their own right.

just traversed. Of course, they will be covered with a different colored tapestry but they will be there just the same and it is up to us to watch for any rise or imperfections in the carpeting so that we will not stumble, fall or otherwise make our trip dangerous to either ourselves or our companions.

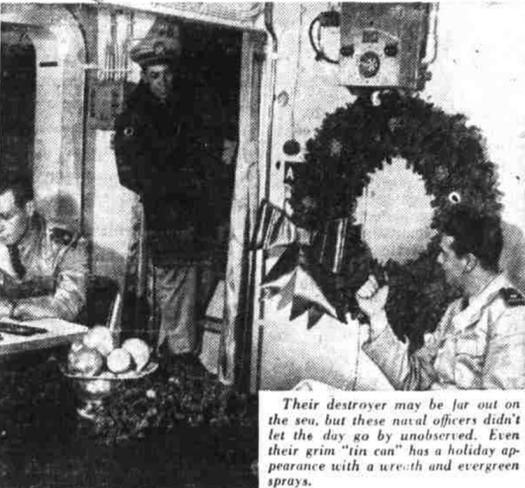
Yes, we will have company every step of the way on this corridor of 1945 and part of our work and pleasure will be to see that we do not hurt, impede or in any possible act jeopardize the safety of those who walk along with us. No man or woman can walk through life alone and know what life really is. He who does not regard the life of his fellow man can never know the real happiness of living.

When we have passed the threshold of this new doorway, we must continue on. To glance back will only make the next step the harder. It will take all of our concentration to see the way ahead, and the past has gone beyond recalling. There will always be as beautiful flowers in our Garden of Tomorrow as were grown in the Land of Yesterday, so why try to compare their beauty. Find all you can as you pass along this one-way street named Life, and give out as many as possible to those we meet. They, too, are going one way and you'll not have another opportunity to hand them a rose, a smile or an encouraging word after they have gone out of sight. Do it now!

May the coming year bring Peace and Happiness to all of us and may we meet at the end of 1945 to again say "Happy New Year."

Christmas Around the World

From the snows of Iceland to the heat of Guadalcanal—here's the way our soldiers, sailors and marines spent Christmas last year. It was an unusual sort of Christmas for them, but they made the best of it.



Their destroyer may be far out on the sea, but these naval officers didn't let the day go by unobserved. Even their grim "tin can" has a holiday appearance with a wreath and evergreen sprays.



Above: American members of the famous Kachin scouts sit down to their 1943 Christmas dinner in Northern Burma. The turkey, was dropped by planes. Right: American doughboys in Naples, Italy, as they bargained for Yule gifts.



Above: Two members of the WAC, celebrating their first Christmas in England, enlist the aid of a C. I. to help pass time. Below: Nurses and patients in an Iceland hospital worked together to decorate this cheery ward.



J. N. Brendle, CM, Writes Paper Of Work Of Seabees

The following letter came in the mail of The Mountaineer from James M. Brendle, CM first class, who is somewhere in the Pacific theatre. It gives an insight into the great service the Seabees are rendering in the war:

Dear Editor:
As one of the home town men now serving with the Seabees overseas, I hope you will be interested in printing the little news item below which was prepared by one of our fellows in commemoration of our birthday on December 28. It will give us and our families back home a great deal of satisfaction that the Seabees are being remembered. Thanking you for cooperation, I am sincerely,

J. N. BRENDLE, CM 1/c.
"The third anniversary of the 'workingest, fightingest bunch of men in the nation's armed forces, the Navy Seabees, will be observed on December 28 by 240,000 officers and men of the United States Naval Construction Battalions.

"Born just three weeks after the Pearl Harbor disaster, with an authorized strength of 3,000, the Seabees won their spurs at Guadalcanal, and have been with the assault troops in every major American amphibious operation. They can now boast that they built the network of air and naval bases in the Pacific that pushed the Japs back 3,000 miles; that they developed amphibious equipment and techniques that helped carry the day on the African, Sicilian, Italian and Normandy beachheads.

"Every commissioned construction battalion is either currently overseas or has completed a tour of duty; many battalions are on their second tours. Seventy-five per cent of the Seabees are now outside the continental limits of the United States; only 9,000 essential men have never seen foreign service.

"As General Douglas MacArthur wrote in a letter to Seabee Chief Vice Admiral Ben Morell, 'The only trouble with your Seabees is that you don't have enough of them.'

Marine J. T. Messer Promoted To PFC.

Marine Private First Class Johnnie T. Messer, son of C. A. Messer, of Hazelwood, has been promoted from Private to his present rank at the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point.

At the time he entered the Marines, Pfc. Messer was employed as a machine operator at the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company in Hazelwood. He has been in the service since February of this year.

When Your Back Hurts—

And Your Strength and Energy Is Below Par

It may be caused by disorder of kidney function that permits poisonous waste to accumulate. For truly many people feel tired, weak and miserable when the kidneys fail to remove excess acids and other waste matter from the blood.

You may suffer nagging backache, rheumatic pains, headaches, dizziness, getting up nights, leg pains, swelling. Sometimes frequent and scanty urination with smarting and burning is another sign that something is wrong with the kidneys or bladder.

There should be no doubt that prompt treatment is wiser than neglect. Use Doan's Pills. It is better to rely on a medicine that has won country-wide approval than on some long less favored known. Doan's have been tried and tested many years. Are at all drug stores. Get Doan's today.

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1945
BEST WISHES

ALL aboard for 1945. Let's go! Let's go forward on the road to cherished ideals and coveted goals—farther than ever before. Forward along the road to happiness!

We cannot see what's beyond the bend of the road, or over the crest of the hill, but we ardently hope that it's something mighty good—FOR YOU!

MASSIE HARDWARE
ROY PARKMAN, Owner



This marine, stationed in North Ireland, made sure of his traditional Christmas dinner, whether the quartermaster keeps his promise of a turkey dinner or not.



Santa Claus trekked all over Guadalcanal island on Christmas day to see that none of his boys were passed up. He's near the end of his trip judging from his light pack.

Birth Announcements--

Have you seen our new styles of Birth Announcements?
Come In and See Them
THE MOUNTAINEER

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Happy NEW YEAR
1945

THE CHINESE pay off all debts on their New Year's Day, even though the wherewithal must be borrowed at ruinous interest rates.
We owe a debt of gratitude to the people of this town—a debt that we can only pay off by giving the finest values and service it is possible to give. This we pledge to do in 1945. And for the immediate present—a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and yours.
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Sales after the holidays will be resumed at Bernard No. 2 and Bernard No. 1 will also sell that week—So far as is now known, sales will be resumed January 1st or 2nd.
Of the 64 premiums totaling \$180.00 awarded growers selling on the four sales of the Bernard houses before holidays, North Carolina growers although owning less than ten percent of the offerings, yet they obtained due to high quality crops 38 of the 64 premiums.
What percent is that? Figure it out, you have 90 percent to start with—Add to that 38 percent of 64 and you have it.
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