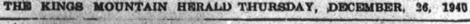


Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hughes



First National Bank





CLYDE WILSON **QILL YARDLEY** poked a tentative eye outside his. blanket. It was daylight, at last. Across the tiny cabin Jim was snoozing quietly, his measured breath almost

outside.

Bill's eyes surveyed the cabin with its old stove and rickety furniture. Cozy enough, perhaps, but this was no way to spend an entire winter, even for the sake of geographical accuracy. Several hundred miles to the south, in Winnipeg, the government office was waiting for early spring when Bill and Jim could finish their surveying assign-ment and bring back a report.



The pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle.

Ahead, meanwhile, were two monthsof this maddening snowbound silence.

Bill's glance drifted to the calendar. Suddenly he caught his breath-"Jim!" he shrieked. "Wake up! Wake up! Do you know what day this is?'

Jim groaned, stirred a bit, and

answered sleepily. "Tuesday, ain't it? And so what?" "Jim! It's Christmas Eve!" A few minutes later they found

themselves staring blankly out the window, almost wishing they'd never discovered it was Christmas. It was kind of childish to let on that you cared, Bill thought. So he put on his parka and headed for the door.

"Let's forget it, Jim," he advised. "I'm going to look at our traps and get some fresh air. Be back soon!" It was no picnic, trudging through knee-deep drifts for two hours. To make it worse, the traps were all empty. Even the animals were staying inside in this weather. Wonder if they'll miss Christmas,

too?" he mused as he neared the cabin.

Suddenly he heard a faint hum in the sky. It grew nearer. Unmis-

Tva Allots 2,300,000 Forest Trees to State

Forest tree seedlings again will be distributed free in Western Nor th Carolina during the 1940-41 plan ting season through the TVA Exten sion Service demonstration farm pro gram, R. W. Graebes. Extension forester of N. C. State College, announces. The TVA has allotted 2,-300,000 trees to North Carolina for this purpose. The trees may be obtained thru

county agents by farmers who agree to plant them as erosion control projects under the supervision of

for the seedlings are being taken BOW. The Tennessee Valley Authority makes the trees available in the following counties within the TVA watershed: Avery, Buncombe, Cher okee, Clap, Graham, Haywood, Hen derson, Jackson Macon, Madison,

Mitchell Transylvania, Swain, Watauga and Yancey. Graeber aunounced that the follow ing species have been allotted: Shortleaf pine, 1,325.000; black locust, 600,000; white pine, 350,000 and yellow poplar 25,000. In making the announcement , the Extension forester said: I would like to see as much use made of the shortleaf pine as possible. It is a sure-crop tree and can be used practically through cut the range of the TVA watershed area.

The State College leader said that orders should be placed early to insure an adequate supply. The TVA has made allotments to all states within the watershed. but plans to revise the allotnents short ly after the first of the new year.

States which have filed early applications to exceed their allotments will receive trees not requst ed by other States.

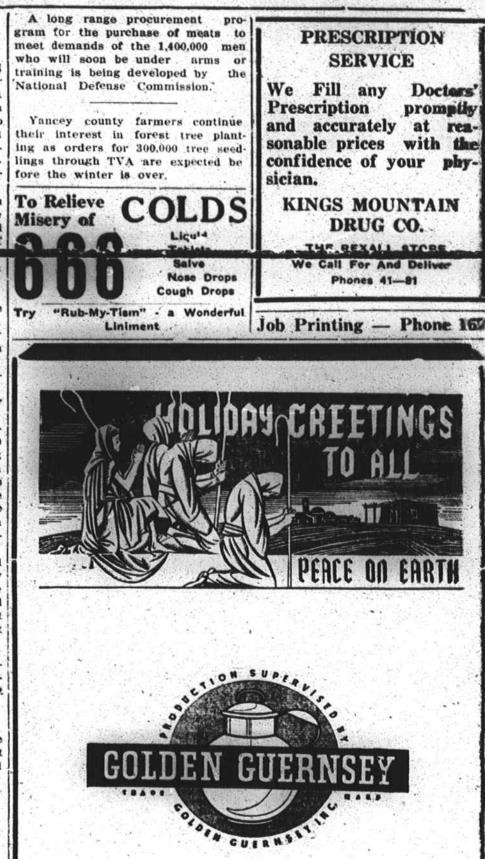
In this way, Graeber explained, North Carolina might get more trees but we certainly do not want to lose any of our allotment by fail ing to file applications early.

December Is Good Time To Move Trees, Shrubs

Most trees and shrubs are dor mant during December, and John H Harris, Extension landscape special ist, says plants usually must be in a dormant stage to be moved successfully. A few plants, he says, have special times to be moved, but you are almost sure to be right in moving the plant while it is dormant.

If the plant to be moved is deciduous (drops its foliage in the winter) it is not necessary to remove a ball of earth with the plant. Care should be taken, however, to remove all the roots possible and avoid bruising the roots, Harris advises.

It will be found helpful in moving a native plant to dig a trench around its base one season before moving it. This trench should be



Archdale Farms

H. P. Dixon, Manager



takably a motor-an airplane! Bill raced for the cabin door. "A plane, Jim!" he cried. "Get

some black smoke going up the chimney!" Then he raced out to the clearing.

The pilot saw him gesticulating wildly, or else he saw the fresh black smoke over the cabin. The big ship circled, flew off to the north, turned and came back, flying low. Over the clearing it almost stalled as the pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle that plummeted into the snow almost at Bill's feet. Then he waved and sped away.

They got it inside, somehow, though they wanted to open the bun-dle right where it landed. Once the rope was torn loose an oilskin pouch flew out. A note was inside. From the boss:

"In case you boys have forgot-ten," it read, "tomorrow's Christmas. Herewith the makings, including some presents your families asked us to send along." Bill and Jim looked at each oth-

er, then they cheered.

'Merry Christmas?" asked Bill. "Why, it's the best ever! Wait'll you taste this turkey!!" (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

53 Sundays in Year

According to the Gregorian calendar, every year has 53 days of the one it begins on. Generally speaking, the year contains 53 Sundays every five or six years. This occurred in 1928, 1933, 1939, and again in 1944, 1950, 1956, 1961, 1967, etc. The United States naval observatory points out that in any continuous series of 28 years, five have 53 Sundays, unless the series includes a year whose number ends in two ciphers without its being a leap year, as in 1700, 1800, 1900. When leap year begins on Saturday, two of the six-year periods fall consecutively .- Philadelphia Inquirer.

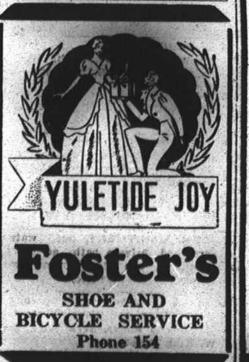
Old-Time New Year Serious **Oldtime New England was serious** on New Year's, as witness the title of a book published there in the year of 1702 by one Richard Standfast: "A New Year's Gift for Fainting Souls, or, a little handful of cordial comforts scattered through several answers to 16 questions and objecions: As also doubting Christians invited to Christ."

Chinese New Year's Greeting The Chinese New Year's greeting "Sui-hi," or "May joy be yours." dug 18 to 24 inches deep; the distance from the plant varying with the size of the plant. The object in digging the trench is to stimulate the growth of fine roots near the base of the tree or shrub.

After the plant is removed , from the soil, Harris says it should be im mediately planted in its new position. If it is to be transferred some distance before replanting, it should be packed in shavings or at least a wet sack kept around its roots. It is very essential that the roots be kept moist until the plant is re-set.

Evergeens should be treated similar to deciduous shrubs exceut that they are usually dug with a ball of earth. A two to six-foot native plant is usually the best size to move. However, the Stath College specialist declared, this does not mear that larger shrubs or trees cannot be moved successfully. Full grown trees and shrubs can be transplanted. but a tremendous root system must be taken up with the plant which makes the job expensive and laborsome.

Cash income from American farm marketings and government payments in October totaled \$1,125,000 000 as compared with \$908 million dollars in September and \$1,042,000 000 in October of last year.





EASY DOES IT! Jiggling the Hook Slows up Service

When you've finished a telephone call and wish to speak to the operator before hanging up, move the hook up and down slowly. This causes a light to blink on the switchboard, attracting the operator's attention immediately. Rapid jiggling of the hook, on the other hand, may fail to flash the signal light. Rememberyou'll get quickest service by moving the hook slowly.

Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company

