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# Christmas Parties Held For Ecustans

## CAGE TEAMS ARE **NOW PRACTICING**

Regular Season Play To Start Shortly After First Of The Year

With approximately 15 men on he Ecusta squad and holding reglar practices three nights each eek, it looks like Ecusta will

Though they lost their first Plactice game last Saturday to the Asheville School quintet, their regular season of games will not lanuary and with the next three weeks to get into good playing onditions, indications are that hey will make a good showing.

Even though the practices are

ready started, any other Ecusand who would like to play re urged to come out.

Practices are held each Monday, Vednesday and Friday nights in the Brevard college gym.

Girls Holding Practices The Girls' team schedule calls -Turn To Page Five

#### Fine Program Of Movies Scheduled For Next 6 Weeks

More and better movies are deduled for the coming year, cording to an announcement ade by the Recreation depart-

Several major pictures which he just been made available for owing in 16mm film projectors We already been scheduled and istans will be able to see some ty fine movies at the regular lursday night picture shows in cafeteria.

These movies are shown each ursday night, free to all Ecusand their families.

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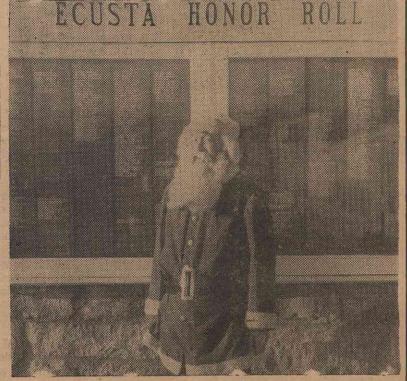
#### Custa Baby Contest Announced; \$25 War Bond Offered

custa will give a \$25 war bond he first baby born to an Ecusamily in 1945.

he rules of contest are simple require only that the father or her must be a regular employof our companies, working at plant here; that all entries be submitted to the office of Echo on or before Jan. 20; a Doctor's certificate must acpany the entry which gives hour and place of birth.

winner of the contest will mounced in an early edition The Echo.

Merry Xmas To Ecustans Everywhere 



### A MESSAGE FROM HARRY H. STRAUS

Each year in our mountains as throughout the world, men of many faiths and tongues gather at Christmastide to commemorate the birth of the Man who preached the fellowship of men. In these war torn years, we do not celebrate so much as dedicate ourselves to the survival of these things we especially love:

The tree of pine or fir, symbolizing both the evergreen-ness of our faith in God, and the strength we have consecrated to the protection of that faith.

The giving of gifts, signifying even as the Wise Men and the Shepherds did, the communion among men of good will.

The sounds of children playing with their toys, for this is the happy music of the home in a free world

The good smells of Holiday hearths and kitchens, of holly and of mistletoe-for these are the long lingering fragrances of the Christmas Season.

These things we love especially because tonight the magic of remembering them will reunite sons and daughters with their parents, husbands with their wives, loving people everywhere.

For a little while the miracle of Christmas will work upon our hearts and minds, and make us whole again.

This year, we have planted our first Christmas tree in a place for all to see and enjoy. I hope with all my heart that this tree and its growth will continue to symbolize for you, as it does for me, our unity and the good fellowship of our work and play here together in Pisgah Forest.

I wish you a Very Merry Christmas, and as Tiny Tim said in "The Christmas Carol": "God Bless Us, Every One."

-HARRY H. STRAUS.

## **COMPANY GIVES** ALL EMPLOYEES YULETIDE CHECKS

Children's Chorus Sings Carols And Christmas Message Is Delivered

All Ecustans have again been assured of a Merry Christmas this year by a gift of a Christmas check presented to them by the Company. The custom each year is to have a series of parties so that each employee can attend, and Christmas carols are sung, and Company greetings and presents are given.

A special program of carols was presented by the large Ecusta children's chorus under the direction of John Eversman. The Company's Christmas message was presented by General Superintendent Raymond F. Bennett and the Company's Christmas checks were distributed by the different department heads.

Old Santa himself came in just as the program started and took his place on the stage. With him were several lovely young ladies dressed in red, handing out copies to everyone of the Christmas edition of the Echo. Five programs were given, starting Thursday night at midnight, Friday morning at 8:00 o'clock, Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock and 5:00 -Turn To Page Four

## TO GIVE PARTIES FOR THE CHILDREN

Hundreds Of "Ecusta Children" Are Expected To Attend Parties

The annual Christmas parties for children of all employees will be held in in the company cafeteria on Saturday afternoon, December 23, from 2 until 6 o'clock.
Approximately 1,200 children

are expected to attend these parties and it is pointed out specifically that children of all Ecusta men and women in service are invited to attend.

A total of five different parties are to be held, each one lasting for an hour. Santa Claus will be present and give a Christmas package to each child and movies are to be shown.

Free transportation for the children will be provided by the owners and drivers of the Ecusta buses.

Santa wired from the North Pole, "I'm looking forward to seeing Ecusta children Saturday afternoon in the Cafeteria."