

News And Gossip From Our Various Departments

Refining News

By JACK RHODES

Thanks again to our president, Mr. Straus, for his generous remembrance for Christmas. The kids' party was enjoyed by all who were able to come and the movies were swell. You folks who haven't had the opportunity to come out and hear the children's choir don't know what you have missed. Congrats again to our musical director, John Eversman, for a swell job in forming that organization.

Santa Claus has come and gone. That is the reason for so many happy children's faces these days. From what I've seen, Old Santa was plenty generous and left lots of good things for everybody.

Even old "Baldy" White felt the spirit this year. After being presented with a swell wedding band, Ole Bud was so proud he actually admitted he was a husband and not a wolf.

Not to be outdone, Jack Rhodes went to get one and was told that only men are supposed to wear them. Gee!!! Bud White, a man???

Reports are that Guy Emerson really loves to 'coon hunt for the first half of the night and then quit at midnight. Guy, if you're gonna hunt with Leland and Clifford, you better observe that old saying, "Early to bed and early to rise, if you ever catch a 'coon, it'll shore be a surprise."

Somebody ought to tell Preacher Jones the difference between a firecracker and dynamite. Somebody shot a firecracker at him and he swore people were trying to shake him loose from some of his nickels.

Working with a person a long time, I've always heard that you get quite fond of one another. I guess it's so. Mitch Lance hasn't quite been the same person since Charley Orr left to become a beaterman. Nice going, Charley,

Santa must have been mighty good to Les Bryson and Ed Whitmire. They have been wearing that sly look lately, so you boys better keep an eye on them.

Dick Perron concreted his driveway some time ago. Being on a slope, I don't doubt that Dick paved it with the hopes of getting a pair of roller skates for Christmas.

Willie Tinsley had that proud father's look the other night at the party. Don't blame you a bit, Willie, your children sang mighty well, as did the others.

Thad Newman was in a good humor Christmas although complaining that he had sprained his back toting in his Christmas bag of toys.

Henry Holliday reported a happy time. His brother, Fulton, was in on furlough. We're sorry to hear about their father's illness and wish for him a very speedy recovery.

This boy Clarence Nicholson truly means to keep the Refining Room in the news. From where we sit it looks like his newly-born son, Harold Pearson (8 pounds) is going to give somebody a race for the first baby of the year prizes. Congratulations, Nick and Mrs. Nicholson. (Editor's note: This baby won the prizes.)

Well, folks, Christmas and New Year are over now. Let's all buckle down and see if we can't help our boys over there. If you have a relative or friend in service, write to

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STITCHING GAB

By BETSY ALLISON

As we haven't been heard from since last year, we'll let our hair down and have a real old-fashioned gab-fest. Here's a little news that's been going around lately:

Catherine S. certainly shouldn't be hungry now, not after that delicious snack she had the other afternoon of a la cornbread and raw Irish potato. Katie, I blieve Ruby D. is the guilty party.

Lillie S. and Ruby D. celebrated birthdays last month. Many happy returns, girls.

Famous Americans born this month were: Benjamin Franklin, Evelyn Taylor and Rachel Hamlin.

For a fine rendition of the classic, "Johnson's Old Grey Mule", just listen to Bill H. sometime.

We're glad to welcome Lillie Mae Galloway back after a long absence spent visiting her husband at the Naval Hospital in San Diego, Calif. He returned home with

him and give him the news and gossip. Fellows tell me that they certainly do appreciate hearing from home. It doesn't take much effort and it certainly will give some service man or woman a chance to keep up with "What's new in my home town." And you'll find that you feel better too. So long!

her after receiving a medical discharge.

Josie C. always wears a happy smile after receiving a letter from her soldier husband.

Bobby M. was so sleepy one morning this week, he has adopted as his theme song, "Three O'clock in the Morning."

Anyone wanting advice about any kind of patent medicine had better consult Dr. Thelma S.

Frances W. was very happy over the telephone calls she received from her husband, even if they did come rather early in the morning.

A new kind of black oil facial has originated in Stitching. For complete instructions, see Agnes E.

Margaret P. chews gum all the time. When asked where the supply is coming from, she just replies, "Oh, I'm chewing off of Josie, now." Poor Josie!

Evelyn N. was so tired the other day she just sat down on the floor instead of in her chair. Poor Wilma was red in the face all day after picking her up.

John S. is still going his rounds, keeping peace and quiet in the Stitching. Well, maybe peace, if not quiet.

We received a letter from Teddy S. the other day. We're glad to know he's okay, and would like to hear from our other servicemen. Also, we'd like to wish them the very best of everything this year.

HAND BOOKLET

By Annie Banning and Mildred Orr

We are glad to welcome the following new girls to our Department: Dorothy McCall, Ima McCall, Hester Brooks and Audrey Cantrell.

We hope that Marie is recovering very fast from her operation and will soon be back with us to fill her usual place.

Hazel R. and Lois O. entertained Bitha J. with a surprise birthday dinner on January 9th at the Home Food shop in Hendersonville.

Ruby's husband is home at last. She left us last week to start house-keeping once more. Good luck to you both.

Why is Gladys W. so happy these days? Could it be because a certain Marine is home?

Charlotte B. is spending this week in Spartanburg visiting her cousin.

Mary Edith, don't you think you should wait until spring to start wading? You might catch cold, wading at Christmas.

Martha says she's been visiting Spartanburg lately to shop for her brother. We wonder if she doesn't have other reasons, too.

Ethel spent her vacation the last week in December visiting her parents at Pleasant Grove.

Bernice's eyes have been giving her a lot of trouble lately.

It seems that Irene is very much excited these days. A little birdie has been telling us something about a wedding.

Laura, why do you use your left hand so much? We all know you have a diamond.

Elizabeth C. has received word that her brother is on his way home from overseas.

Pauline, don't look so blue. George will be home some day.

Frances O. is off, having a nice time while her husband is home from overseas. They visited us recently.

Ruth W. has been on the sick list but she is better and back with us now.

Well, I guess this is about enough gossip for this time. We'll see you later.

Power Dept. News

By WALTER KAY

Now that Christmas is over, and all our New Year's resolutions have been made and broken, we can resume our normal lives. We wish to thank Mr. Straus for our Christmas presents and wish him and the company a good year.

We lost Melvin Smith to the Merchant Marine service this week. Bill Lowry is now filling his place as operator in the Turbine Room. Good luck to both.

Sherman Hunter is back in the Turbine Room after a short sojourn in the Meter Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Baker and "Pete" Norwood spent the week-end in Lancaster, S. C., recently.

Tom Evans was called home due to the illness of his father in Alabama.

Dutch Bruner has recently purchased a car; he hasn't found out yet what make it is; he says someone took the top off before he got it.

Well, this about winds us up for now, so, until next month—
So long.