

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year To All

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Mr. Straus Announces Free Health, Accident Plan

CHILDREN'S YULE PARTIES HALTED HERE AT ECUSTA

Santa Distributes Christmas Presents To Parents To Take Home To Kiddies

It was a very unhappy Santa Claus who arrived at Ecusta tonight to learn that there would be no children's party this season, but, it did not take him long to find a substitute for the parties, "I" said he. "we can't have the kiddies here so I can give them the many presents I've brought for them, well, I'll send the presents to them at their homes," and that is just exactly what he started out to do and is doing. Parents of all of the Ecusta kiddies have been asked to take their children's Christmas presents to the children. "This cancellation of the annual parties," continued Santa, "is not because of any epidemic in Transylvania county, but simply as a precautionary measure to help insure the safety of all of the kiddies."

Earlier in the week at the county board of health meeting it was recommended that since there were a few cases of polio in the county, that the schools should close until

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FAVORABLE VOTE CAST FOR BONDS

Transylvania Voters Approve \$310,000 Expenditure On School System

Transylvania county citizens voted nearly three to one for the \$310,000 school bond issue in a special election held December 10, according to official returns announced by Fred Shuford, chairman of the election board.

A total of 2,097 voted for the bond issue and 746 against it, giving a favorable majority of 1,351.

There were 3,600 persons eligible to vote in the special election and 2,843 of this number voted, leaving 857 who did not participate in the election.

Voting was heaviest and strongest for the bond issue in the four Brevard precincts with a total of 1,506 votes being cast—1334 for and only 172 against, or about 8

to 1. In the 15 other precincts of the

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CHRISTMAS, 1946

Our country approaches the close of the year with the wide-spread fear that it faces a crisis. Such a fear is especially unwelcome at the Christmas Season, which is a time of peace and good will among men. But if we face the facts, and if as good citizens we reason out these problems, they may never again darken another Christmas for so many of our countrymen.

The danger we face today is that the selfish interests of comparatively small groups of men may be permitted to destroy the right of 137,000,000 Americans to earn a living. No nation can last very long if a handful of men are able to destroy the livelihood and comfort of 97% of the population. And yet this is exactly what has happened in coal, again in steel, again automobiles, and again in merchant marine.

During last year, this small handful of men has forced upon us a series of strikes, each one of which has crippled entire communities and even the whole nation for periods of time varying from one week to over a month at a time. Democracy was never intended to be a government of the many by the few. It was supposed to be the other way around—and our nation was built on the principle that the will of the majority shall rule.

We can meet this threat to our basic liberty if, as citizens, we make our voices heard in the halls of our government. Each one of you can write to your Congressman and Senator, telling them that you demand laws which will make it impossible for whole communities to be strangled by strikes occurring in services which are vital to the public welfare.

Unless we arrive at this point, there can be neither peace, prosperity, nor good will throughout the nation.

Here in the beautiful hills of Western North Carolina we have been unusually fortunate. In spite of the threat of having to shut down, which existed during the past few weeks, we have been able to keep our mill going while hundreds of thousands throughout our country were being thrown out of work. The strife and discord so common in many other parts of the country has completely passed us by. We have known in our own lives the true meaning of peace and good will among men. I know you join with me in hoping that our fellow Americans everywhere may next year enjoy the truly Merry Christmas which is ours this year at Pisgah Forest.

So to each one of you, to those who are still away in the armed forces, and to your families, we extend our heartfelt wish that this Christmas may be the happiest of them all; and that the New Year may be filled with peace, prosperity and the spirit of understanding which has made us the biggest and finest nation on earth.

HARRY H. STRAUS, President
Ecusta Paper Corporation
Champagne Paper Corporation
Endless Belt Corporation

LIBERAL PROGRAM IS DESCRIBED BY MR. T. N. WORD

Vice-President Makes Announcement At Annual Christmas Parties

Speaking before a large gathering of employees, T. N. Word, Vice President of Ecusta, Champagne and Endless Belt Corporations welcomed those present and read a message from President Harry H. Straus, announcing the inauguration of a free health and accident plan covering all hourly employees commencing January 1st, 1947.

After expressing his own pleasure over the number of employees present, Mr. Word said that he wished to read an important message from President Straus.

"I wish" wrote Mr. Straus, "that I could personally present my message at this annual Christmas party, which has come to mean so much to every one of us. However, I must still conserve my energy, but in so doing it is with the hope and expectation that next year I will be able to talk to you as I have done in the past."

"As I have told many of you from time to time, I have been

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MANY ATTENDED DEC. BINGO PARTY

Several Parties And Square Dance Scheduled During Yuletide Season

Nearly 400 employees and their husbands and wives enjoyed a bingo party in the cafeteria on Friday evening, December 6th. The playing began at 8 o'clock and lasted until about eleven o'clock. Many fine prizes were won by the players. Judging from the amount of enthusiasm in the interest of the participants bingo still remains high on the popularity list of Ecusta recreation and entertainment.

Holiday Parties Planned

In addition to the regular Christmas employees' parties on December 19th. and 20th. the recreation department is planning more employee entertainment. There will be a square dance at 8:30 o'clock on Saturday night, December 28th in the cafeteria

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