

Herald Will Print 'em, But—

LETTERS TO SANTA MUST BE IN EARLY Will Start Them Next Week!

It's an old "time-honored" custom for Santa Claus to get scores of letters of "fan mail" from his youthful admirers in Roanoke Rapids and surrounding territory through the columns of the HERALD.

This year, because of war-times, and the "last minute" rush Old Man Santa and all of his helpers will be in, it is more than ever necessary that letters to him be sent early.

"You see it's like this," one of Santa's helpers told us the other day, "Santa Claus knows most little boys and girls from Rapids and he does not have time to do much reading. The important thing is for children to tell him what they want, and where to find them on Christmas Eve, and to let him know well ahead of time they are expecting a visit from him. Just write Santa telling him what you want, and where you live, and if you will get it to him early enough he will attend to the rest."

"Letters to Santa" should be legibly written (on one side of the paper only) and mailed or brought to the Herald office. All such letters received early enough (and by that, we mean that now is the time to write) will be published in some issue before Christmas. Use the child's own phraseology



Dr. Harold L. Trigg urges new and enlarged program of Episcopal Church work with Negroes in the South. He is President of State Teachers' College, Elizabeth City, N. C.

that is half the charm of Old Santa's letters. The important thing to remember is: GET THAT LETTER OFF TO SANTA CLAUS TODAY, if you want to see it in print before Christmas.

THE HOME SPHERE

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The Year's Work:

The year of 1944 begins in Extension Work with December 1st so it may be not amiss to give the general public some idea as to part of the work that has been done by the Home Demonstration Club members, 4-H Club members and the Home Agents during the past twelve months.

Home Demonstration Clubs grew from 15 to 21 clubs with an increase of 132 members, there now being 437 women on roll. 4-H Clubs have increased one, to 20 4-H clubs, and an increase from 525 girls to 615 girls now on roll.

Club members have made a total of 657 garments for the Red Cross, 19 lap robes for wheel chair patients, 10 bed pen covers, knitted 45 articles and made 9173 surgical dressings as well as done much special work with the Red Cross funds, ambulance fund etc.

They have purchased or sold \$90,852.05 worth of War Bonds and stamps. This is investment not face value.

The two Home Agents made 621 visits, received 312 office calls, and 237 telephone calls, distributed 6710 government and state bulletins, held 8 training meetings for local leaders, gave 225 demonstrations to adults and 216 demonstrations to 4-H Club girls, attended 90 other meetings for 4-H Club girls. Eighteen Club meetings were held without the presence of either Home Agent and the demonstrations were given by one of the club members.

128 club members reported having canned 37,164 containers of food during the year. Figuring from that and averaging for Halifax County would indicate that Halifax County families will not be hungry this winter. It gives about 197.5 containers per family. In addition to the canning they dried 1162 pounds of fruits and vegetables.

The 188 club members reported having remodeled 118 dresses, 31 coats, 11 hats, and 128 children's garments. This shows that home makers are taking seriously the in War Economy "Use it up, wear it out, or do without."

Rural home-makers are also following war recommendations in many other ways. One illustration is the report of the sale of home products, which adds to the total available food supply for American people. We have reported from the woman's curb market and individual families together the following amounts: Dairy products \$3648.65 Vegetables \$1734.12 Poultry and eggs \$16,345.22, Foods \$9943.77, Handicrafts \$288.32 and Miscellaneous \$793.37 making a total of \$28,413.28.

HOME DEMONSTRATION FEDERATION MEETING:

The annual meeting of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will be held in the Halifax Community building, on December 8th at 2:00 p. m. The Hardrawee Club will act as hostess assisted by the Halifax Club. Local talent will be featured in this meeting. Agnes Ellen and Alma Lee Whitley of the Enfield 4-H Club will give the Dairy Foods Demonstration that won them honors in this district and placed them in the blue ribbon group for the states. Agnes Ellen will also model her costume that placed in the district and in the state blue ribbon group. Other features will be the honoring of club members who have sons or husbands, or daughters in the armed forces and the installation of officers for 1944-45.

Everyone on the program is a Halifax County person so come and help us enjoy the afternoon and at the same time help honor those among us who are deserving that honor. The time is December 8th, the place is Halifax.

STATE NEAR GOAL IN WAC RECRUITING

According to a WAC Recruiting Bulletin recently issued from the headquarters of the Fourth Service Command in Atlanta, Georgia, North Carolina has come nearer her goal for the All-States Recruiting Campaign than has any other state in the service command

except Florida. Sixty-four percent of the total quota of women from the state has already been enlisted.

With the idea that "North Carolina Casualties need North Carolina replacements", Wacs in the state have enthusiastically promoted the All-States plan for an effort to enroll a company of women by December seventh. Lt. Pegram, Roanoke Rapid's WAC Recruiter, will be in the post office again this week on Friday and Saturday to talk with those women interested in joining. Since little time is left for those women who would like to belong to North

Carolina's company, she urges that local women come in this week. "The deadline date, December seventh, doesn't mean that WAC Recruiting will cease --- far from it! -- it just means that if you'd like to represent Roanoke Rapids in our state company, you should join now," Lt. Pegram stated in an interview while here last week.

Girls who join during the All-States Campaign still have the choice of signing a regular WAC application, or of signing an application to become an Air-WAC, for service with the Army Air Forces.

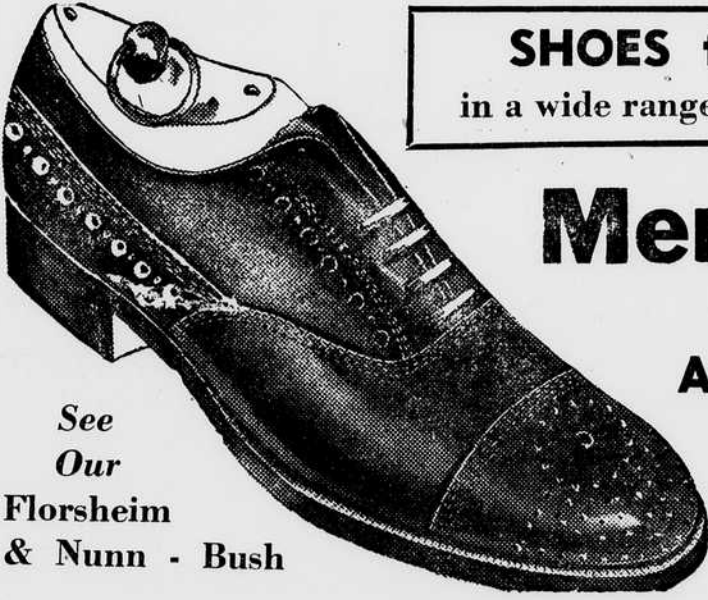
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