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## "Jingle Bells" Theme Song At Rotary Meeting

"Jingle Bells" was the theme song at last Thursday's meeting of the Andrews Rotary Club.

President E. S. Christenbury gave each club member an "Andrews Rotary Club Directory, 1944-45." This had been prepared under Mr. Christenbury's direction, by his secretary, Mrs. Irma Smith. It was an attractive well bound mimeographed bulletin of twenty pages 5 1/2 x 8 inches.

The front cover carried an attractive design of the emblematic Rotary International wheel. The directory carried a brief statement on the history of Rotary as an organization. Also a history of the local club which was founded May 28, 1928. The names of the eighteen charter members were given as well as all presidents and secretaries by the years of their tenure. Six charter members are still active in the local club. A page was devoted to the nine club members now in the military services. Active members were listed with personal data on each in alphabetical order.

The names of the charter members follows:

J. Frank Bristol, Wm. Payne Currier, Samuel E. Cover, J. Wiley S. Davis, Luther M. Ellis, P. B. Ferebee, W. R. Ford, G. B. Hobbitzell (deceased), Clyde H. Jarrett, L. B. Nichols, John B. Sessions, Frank W. Swann, C. B. Tarkington (deceased), D. H. Tillitt (deceased), Lee Watkins, J. H. Whitaker, W. D. Whitaker, Zed L. Whitaker.

Members joining in 1944: Hermann Brauer, Charlie Craine, Wayne Battle, J. Pearl Matheson.

Club visitors were Rotarians — D. A. Schilling, Forest Supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest, and John Alsop, Administrative Assistant of the Nantahala National Forest, both of the Franklin Club.

Annually the hat is passed on the last Thursday before Christmas for a "tip" to the waitresses. The passing of the hat, which by tradition falls to Bill Whitaker, resulted in a take of \$19.50.



**HOME ON LEAVE** — Pfc. Winford Hamby of Fort Jackson, S. C. spent a 3 day leave with his mother, Mrs. Callie Hamby of Patrick. Pfc. Hamby has been in service for one year. He received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Pfc. Hamby has been awarded the good conduct medal.

## Large Crowd Enjoys Christmas Carol Singing Sunday Night

**ANDREWS** — A vested choir of seventy voices sang Christmas carols at the Methodist church here Sunday evening at a union service captivating an audience that completely filled the spacious church auditorium.

The music was under the direction of Mrs. I. B. Hudson. Most of the singers were either students or former students of the Andrews schools. The Christmas program presented annually here by Mrs. Hudson at a union service has come to have the force of tradition. This year with so many young people away from home it seemed that the Christmas program could not be up to its usual standard of excellence. But the choir grew like Jack's beanstalk during the last few hours before the program. Every bus and train brought a recruit. Four soldiers home on short leave were at their usual places. These boys were the four Johns: John Parker from Camp Blanding, Fla.; John Ellis, from the Blytheville, Arkansas Air Field; John Ray, from Camp Wheeler, and John Henry Davis, from A. S. T. P., State College in Raleigh.

Catherine Wilhide was here from Mars Hill College. Mildred Stratton from Greensboro College, Melba Holder from Maryville College, C. T. Almond, Jr., from Mars Hill College, and I. B. Hudson, Jr., from Lumberton high school. The latter with Whitaker Davis gave two cornet duets.

Special numbers were given by Hazel Rector, Judy Bristol and Virginia Huffman. Prayer was offered by the pastor, C. C. Washam. At intervals during the program he also read appropriate scripture. Following the musical program the Methodist Sunday School had a Christmas tree program. Sunday School Superintendent Wade Reece presided over this part of the program.

All children in the Sunday School were given a suitable gift. Also the names of many adults who had been remembered by Santa Claus were called. The largest boxes in this latter class were carried away by Mrs. I. B. Hudson, church organist, by Mrs. John Stanley, assistant organist, and by Pastor C. C. Washam.

Men between the ages of 17 and 50 are eligible to apply, and applicants possessing the required qualifications will be rated as petty officers, the rate received depending on the nature and extensiveness of their civilian experience. Draftage men will be issued letters of directed assignment to the Navy. The recruiting officer said that all men who wish to apply can file their applications at any Navy recruiting station in the state. They are located in the post office buildings in Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, New Bern, Raleigh, Salisbury, Wilmington and Winston-Salem. When applicants visit recruiting stations for an interview and to file applications, they should have with them three letters of recommendation from previous employers, giving a brief outline of their civilian experience.

In addition to the openings stated above, Lieut. Templin said that men who are draftsmen, riggers, surveyors or stevedores are wanted also. Men accepted for any of these openings will be rated petty officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgbert Henson, Jr., of Athens, Ga. visited Mr. Henson's mother, Mrs. Margie Henson here last week.

## Father of J. W. Franklin Dies At Crossnore

Funeral services for C. F. Franklin, 88, who died at his home at Crossnore last Thursday, were held Sunday at the Newland Methodist church with the Rev. Mr. Conett officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery at Crossnore.

Surviving are three sons, J. W. Franklin of Murphy, S. H. Franklin of Newland, Marshall Franklin of Heaton and three daughters, Mrs. John Wright of Manchester, Tenn., Mrs. Ponzer Buchanan and Mrs. J. Cutherson both of Crossnore.

## Change Made In Food Rationing

War Food Administration says meats, butter and processed foods will be shorter in first quarter of new year than at any time since the war started. The District Director of OPA, L. W. Driscoll, has requested that the following changes be released to your paper immediately:

1. Point value being restored on canned Asparagus, Beans, Peas, Corn and Spinach.
2. Point value on Butter increased to 24 points.
3. Sugar stamps numbers 30, 31, 32, 33, 40 and all outstanding conning sugar certificates become invalid.
4. Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5 in Book Four are cancelled.
5. Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5 in Book Four are cancelled.
- The above items become effective at 12:01 a. m., Tuesday, December 26th, 1944.
6. Effective at 12:01 a. m., Sunday, December 31st, 1944. Red stamps T, U, V, W, and X5 become valid.
7. Effective at 12:01 a. m., Monday, January 1, 1945. Blue stamps C, D, E, F, and G2 become valid.

Ration book holders should remove all cancelled stamps from Book Four themselves.

Lt. Harold Wells, instructor at the Smyrna Air Base, Smyrna, Tenn. with Mrs. Wells and baby, Virginia, spent Christmas with Lt. Wells' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noland Wells.

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**STATIONED AT CAMP SHELBY** — Pfc. Jess W. Hamby son of Mrs. Callie Hamby of Patrick has been in service 18 months. He received his basic training at Camp Stewart, Ga. and is now stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. He also has been awarded the good conduct medal.

## Navy Encourages Use Of V-Mail

Following is an announcement from the Navy Department:

Because air mail service to and from U. S. naval personnel in the European Theatre of Operations has recently become less frequent, post office authorities at U. S. naval headquarters in England have recommended increased use of V-mail.

Air mail will continue to be slow during the coming winter months, because naval flying over northern Atlantic routes has been curtailed until better flying weather in the spring.

During the summer months air mail letters between the U. S. and Europe averaged less than a week in delivery. More than two weeks will be required during the winter months.

V-mail will continue to reach its destination in the normal time of five to seven days. The Navy Department recommends, therefore, that V-mail be used by naval personnel and their correspondents in the U. S. in all cases where the earliest possible arrival is desired.

Mrs. Ellen Crawford spent Christmas with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Grady Crawford, and family and her brothers, W. T. and Zeb Cook in Sylva.

## Boys and Girls In Service Spend Holidays at Home

S/C Robert Glenn Alexander is at home on leave from active service in the Atlantic for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Alexander. Cpl. Jack J. Lemons of the 1902nd Aviation Engineering Battalion, Geiger Field, Wash., has returned to his post after spending a few days with his wife and family here.

Miss Elen Jean Wells, cadet nurse at Charlotte Memorial hospital, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wells.

Pvt. Susie Mae Roberson with the Marines, Edenton, spent the Christmas holidays here.

T/5 Thomas D. Webster, who has spent 23 months in the Southwest Pacific on New Guinea, has returned to the Redistribution center at Asheville Biltmore hotel after spending the Christmas holidays with his father, W. L. Webster at Culberson.

Pvt. R. V. Wells, Jr., returned Tuesday night to Moore General hospital, Asheville, after spending Christmas here with his wife, and other relatives.

Lt. Selby Glenn Benton, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Benton of Cornelia, Ga., who was wounded in France, and returned recently to a hospital in Charleston, S. C., is spending the holidays with his parents and is expected to come to Murphy this week for a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Savage.

## Private Humes At Norman, Okla.

**NORMAN, OKLA.** — Marine Private Laurence B. Humes, son of Mrs. Effie Virginia Humes of Robbinsville, North Carolina, is a member of the Marine headquarters squadron at the Naval Air Technical Training Center here.

Marine students, learning aviation ordnance and mechanics here, are instructed by members of the headquarters squadron.

Private Humes attended The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., and was employed as store clerk before enlisting in the Corps.

His brother, Corporal Warren Robert Humes is serving in the Marine Corps.



**DIES IN ITALY** — Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Verner have received word from the war department that their son Warren J. Verner 19, died in Italy on March 3, 1944 of wounds received in action. He had previously been reported missing in action on February 18. He received his training in Fort McClelland, Ala., and went to Italy via North Africa and Sicily. The Verners also have another son, Howard L. Verner C. M. 3/c serving with the Seabees in the South Pacific.

## Missing In Action

A telegram was received Wednesday from the War Department by the family of Ben Warner that he has been missing in action in France since November 28.

## Schools Open Wednesday

Murphy schools opened Wednesday morning with a full attendance and all teachers present. Supt. H. Bueck announced. Schools were closed on December 12, due to inclement weather and the condition of roads instead of the 20th with opening date Jan. 1 as had been scheduled.

### SERMON SUBJECTS

"Things to Remember, Things to Forget, Things to Look Forward To, As We Enter 1945", will be the theme of the message by Rev. Ralph Taylor at First Methodist Church Sunday at 11 o'clock. Everyone most cordially invited, and the services ends promptly at 12 o'clock.

# Babson Says Farmers To Receive Approximately Same In 1945 As This Year; Construction To Expand

By: Roger W. Babson  
GENERAL BUSINESS

1. A year ago the United States Babsonchart Index of the Physical Volume of Business registered 148.6; today it registers 138, justifying my forecast of a year ago. The Canadian Babsonchart Index of the Physical Volume of Business registered 206.9 a year ago; today it registers 197. 1945 will show a reduction of more than 10 percent both in United States and Canadian business. Furthermore, most of the following comments apply to both countries.

2. War production is already being cut back and this reduction will rapidly continue through 1945. Even those railroads and industries which expect to benefit from a long war with Japan will be disappointed.

3. The re-conversion of industry from war to peace business will increase during every month of 1945. Furthermore, time required for reconversion will not be as great as most people believe.

4. Inventories quoted at their price values, rather than volumes, will continue, as a whole, during 1945 about as during 1944. Raw material piles will be larger, but manufactured goods will be smaller.

5. Population increases in the United States during 1945 will be about 700,000, but the birth of new babies will fall off somewhat.

**RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES**  
6. Rationing will continue

## THUMBNAIL OUTLOOK FOR 1945

Look for these developments: Farmers' cash income will approximate that of 1944, which was \$20 billions. Both bituminous and anthracite mining will run 5 percent below a year ago. Petroleum output will be upped 5 percent. Iron and steel will decline 10 percent. A similar drop is in prospect for chemical manufactures. Lumber output will increase 5 percent. The paper and shoe industries will run along on the same levels as during 1944. Industrial employment will be 7 percent less and factory pay rolls will decline 10 percent. Greatest single expansion will come in the construction and building group, which will show an increase of 25 percent from the low levels of 1944's first six months. Look for a sharp drop in retail trade, especially in luxury items. Electric power output will be reduced 5 percent as war contracts are cut back. For basically the same reason railroad freight ton mileage will fall 15 percent.

10. The great question mark of 1945 will be how, to whom and at what price the government will dispose of its billions of dollars worth of unneeded supplies.

**FARM OUTLOOK**  
11. The weather will be the greatest factor in farm production and prices during 1945. The weather has been exceptionally good on the whole for the past few years; but sooner or later we will have a severe drought or an early freeze.

12. Pending a weather upset, more bushels of corn and wheat and more bales of cotton will be raised in 1945 than ever before in our history. Although some prices may slide off, the total farm income for the first half of 1945 should hold up.

13. There should be a 15 percent decline in hog slaughter and a 5 percent increase in cattle slaughter.

14. Dairy products will continue to increase both in volume and in price. I am forecasting at least a 3 percent rise in volume.

15. Farmers will start in 1945 to work again for legislation on their parity program, due to fear of a collapse in all farm prices after the war.

### TAXES

16. Taxes will not be increased during 1945 and some will be reduced; in fact, some nuisance taxes will be eliminated altogether.

17. The Federal Debt will continue to increase during 1945.

18. Whatever is done about taxes, the cost of living will continue to rise during 1945.

19. Providing jobs for returning soldiers will be the big political football of 1945. I am not now prepared to forecast what will happen in this connection.

20. Through a coalition of Republicans and Conservative Democrats, we should have a "do nothing" Congress during 1945.

### RETAIL SALES

21. The volume retail sales will show a decline during 1945. Prices of ladies' apparel and general luxuries will suffer, while grocery sales should be higher.

22. The total dollar retail sales should be about equal to 1944 with an increased demand for woolen and cotton textiles for civilian use.

## Crusade For Christ Mass Meetings To Be Held In Ten Districts

The Conference Council of the Crusade for Christ has completed plans for Conference-wide mass meetings in all the districts of the Western North Carolina Conference, January 8-12. Two teams of visiting speakers will be used. Team number one is composed of Elishop Schuyler Garth, Miss Ruth Lawrence, Mrs. E. L. McKee, and Mr. Edwin L. Jones. Team number two consists of Bishop Clare Purcell, Dr. Y. C. Yang, Dr. Walter C. Gum, and Mrs. E. L. Rice.

The Waynesville District meeting will be held at Cullowhee on January 8. The first session will convene at the Methodist church at 3:00 o'clock. This meeting will be addressed by Dr. Walter Gum, superintendent of the Norfolk District of the Virginia Conference, and by Mrs. E. L. Rice, wife of the resident surgeon at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, N. C. Dr. and Mrs. Rice served a term of years as missionaries to China. The second session will begin with a banquet at the college at 7:30 o'clock. Prof. Guy L. Houck, District Lay Leader, and Prof. Homer Henry and Dean W. E. Bird, Associate District Lay Leaders are in charge of the Laymen's Banquet. It is hoped that at least 400 official laymen from the district may be present. Each pastor is expected to send to Dean Bird, by January 1, the number of laymen who will attend from his charge.

It is regretted that facilities of college will not permit the inclusion of the women at the banquet. However, plans are being made for the women to bring sandwiches, to which coffee will be added, so that they may enjoy light refreshments, fellowship, and fun in dining room of the church, after which they will adjourn to the college auditorium for the closing address by Bishop Clare Purcell.

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## Traffic Help Up Due To Slide

**ANDREWS** — All buses, and traffic have been held up due to a slide near Tipton on the highway. Motorists who found it necessary to travel had to detour several miles in order to get around the slide. Tourist homes have had several guests on account of the slide.

## Mallonee Gets Promotion

Advance Base, Western Pacific Area — Elbert Alston Mallonee, formerly of Murphy, North Carolina, received a "Government Issue" Christmas present in the form of recognition of outstanding accomplishment and proficiency with Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 597. During the holiday season he was advanced to Petty Officer, carpenter, first class.

Petty Officer Mallonee enlisted in the famed Seabee branch of the United States Navy in August 1943 and, for the past six months, has been on active duty in the Pacific area.

Before entering the service, Mallonee was employed on the Tennessee Valley Authority project.

## Ten Cherokee Students Enrolled At Mars Hill

**MARS HILL** — Ten Cherokee county students enrolled in Mars Hill college left Dec. 20 to spend the two-week Christmas vacation with their respective families.

They are Charles Thurston Allmond Jr., Edwin Jordan and Catherine L. Wilhide, Andrews; Eloise Jacqueline Davis, Grandview; Lewis Castell Hawkins, Suit; Lester Lee Mason Jr., Mary Jo Moody and Mary Frances Shields, Murphy; and Claudia Blance Odum, Unaka.

Classes will be resumed on January 3, 1945.

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