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**White Christmas For Everybody**

The term, "White Christmas," is used in connection with providing Christmas cheer to those in unfortunate circumstances, and to carry out the true spirit of giving at Christmas time.

For the past several years many organizations here have been helping some needy families, but the lack of correlation among the groups lowered effectiveness of the work. There were duplications, and worse, there were omissions.

On Wednesday a meeting of several groups was held, in which efforts were made to spread the Christmas cheer work so as not to overlook so many worthy and needy recipients. It was agreed that all groups carrying out Christmas Cheer work would clear names of those to be helped through the county and city welfare departments, who have names and information about the underprivileged.

J. B. Williams, president of the Chamber of Commerce, made a brief but effective plea for making sure that Santa Claus can visit all the needy and destitute, not only in this immediate community, but in every cove and valley from the top of the Brushies to the summit of the Blue Ridge. He has urged churches, Sunday schools, clubs in rural areas and public spirited citizens in every community to make sure that none of the unfortunate are forgotten at Christmas time.

In order to make it convenient for those who wish to aid the unfortunate, it has been arranged that gifts can be accepted at the Christmas tree at the North Wilkesboro town hall also this week.

Gifts of food, clothing, fruits, toys, candies and any other things appropriate can be left at the Christmas tree by anybody. City employes will take care of the gifts until called for by the welfare departments, who will make sure that the gifts reach the most needy people.

**Traphill Road Should Be Built**

With action assured on highway 268 west of Wilkesboro, the most needed road project in Wilkes county not now slated for immediate improvement is the road from Hays to Traphill.

That section of county road, approximately ten miles in length, is serving thousands of people and is unimproved. In winter it often becomes impassable. It is so crooked that every person who uses it travels many extra miles and uses up much time, gasoline and motor vehicle wear that would be avoided if the road were improved and surfaced.

The Wilkesboros are the trading community of the people in the northeastern part of Wilkes county. This is their home town and Wilkesboro is their capital and county seat. It is here that they do their business. It is up to us as a community to do all in our power to get those people out of the mud and ruts, because they pay the same rate of gasoline taxation and motor vehicle license costs as those who live beside the pavement.

The logical solution would be to improve and surface the road from Mountain View by way of Traphill to highway 21 near Roaring Gap, which would furnish a through highway and save many miles when traveling to an fm points northeast of here.

**Flood Control Plan Is Making Progress**

Recent developments in the efforts to secure flood control in the Yadkin valley indicate vital progress.

Support of all the people in the valley is being sought for a complete program of flood control which would include soil conservation, reforestation, proper management of timber and correct use of soil.

Of course, the four planned detention dams are the first objectives because the land use program would have little effect in control floods for many years. But flood control authorities point out that the detention dams are necessary and vital as an immediate protection from a disastrous flood which might happen any season.

Our disastrous floods are caused by hurricane clouds which come inland and condense immediately into rain when they hit the cooler air in the higher altitudes of the mountains, and even virgin timber stands could not prevent flood disaster in the valley when the cloudbursts hit.

But reforestation, and better soil use could slow up much of the water in ordinary rains and prevent the high annual damage from heavy rains not classed as floods, and lower the crest of flood waters to a certain extent.

Timber has been used and destroyed, steep slopes have been overgrazed and eroded and too much steep land has been cultivated at a loss to owners. All these practices have been causing floods to become more severe.

The complete program of flood control should receive the support of the people of the valley. Opponents of the flood control advocates in some instances have caused people to believe that the government will take their property without just compensation, which is neither probable nor possible under proceedings used in this democracy for carrying out such projects.

Once upon a time there was a situation that wasn't dangerous.—Greensboro Daily News.

**LIFE'S BETTER WAY**

WALTER E. ISENHOUR  
High Point, N. C., Route 4

**MANY YEARS AGO**

Through memory I look today  
Across the years gone by,  
To childhood with its gleeful play  
Before I know a sigh,  
And see a mountain home so dear,  
And loved one's faces sweet,  
And seem in memory to hear  
The patter of their feet.

**Chorus**

Oh, many, many years ago  
I was a happy lad,  
When precious mother loved me so,  
Along with dear old dad,  
But they have gone to their reward—  
They've left this world of strife—  
And in the presence of the Lord  
They have eternal life!

A loving sister, too, is gone,  
Also a brother dear,  
And many neighbors have passed on,  
And playmates full of cheer;  
But in the blessed spirit world  
They're waiting now for me,  
Where Heaven's banner is unfurled  
Of life and liberty.

The sweet old home has disappeared—  
No trace of it is seen,—  
The fragrant flowers once that cheered,  
And grass that grew so green,  
Along with many other things  
That made it home that day,  
To which my heart in mem'ry clings,  
Long since have passed away.

Those childhood days—how sweet they were  
Before I left to roam;  
And now I wish it might occur  
That I could go back home,  
And view those sweet, familiar scenes  
Of many years ago,  
But O the gulf that intervenes  
I cannot cross I know!

Mr. Curtis Taylor asked me to compose a song-poem with the above title in regard to his old home on the side of a mountain in Georgia, picturing the scenes of long-ago, hence the words of this song. It strikes a tender chord in many of our hearts as we, too, think of the by-gone years of childhood.—The Author.

**Ex-Convict Wins Post Of Sheriff of County**

Southport.—Despite a strong protest from the county Democratic executive committee, Walter M. Stanaland today has qualified as Sheriff of Brunswick

county succeeding the late Sheriff John White.

The County Commissioners yesterday approved a bond of \$2,000, making official the appointment of Stanaland, who served a term in the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta in 1927 for violating the prohibition law

and who resigned as judge of the Brunswick Recorder's Court in 1942 after having been indicted

on charges of malfeasance.

A resolution signed by S. B. Frink, chairman, and G. C. McKeithan, secretary of the county Democratic executive committee, in opposition to Stanaland's ap-

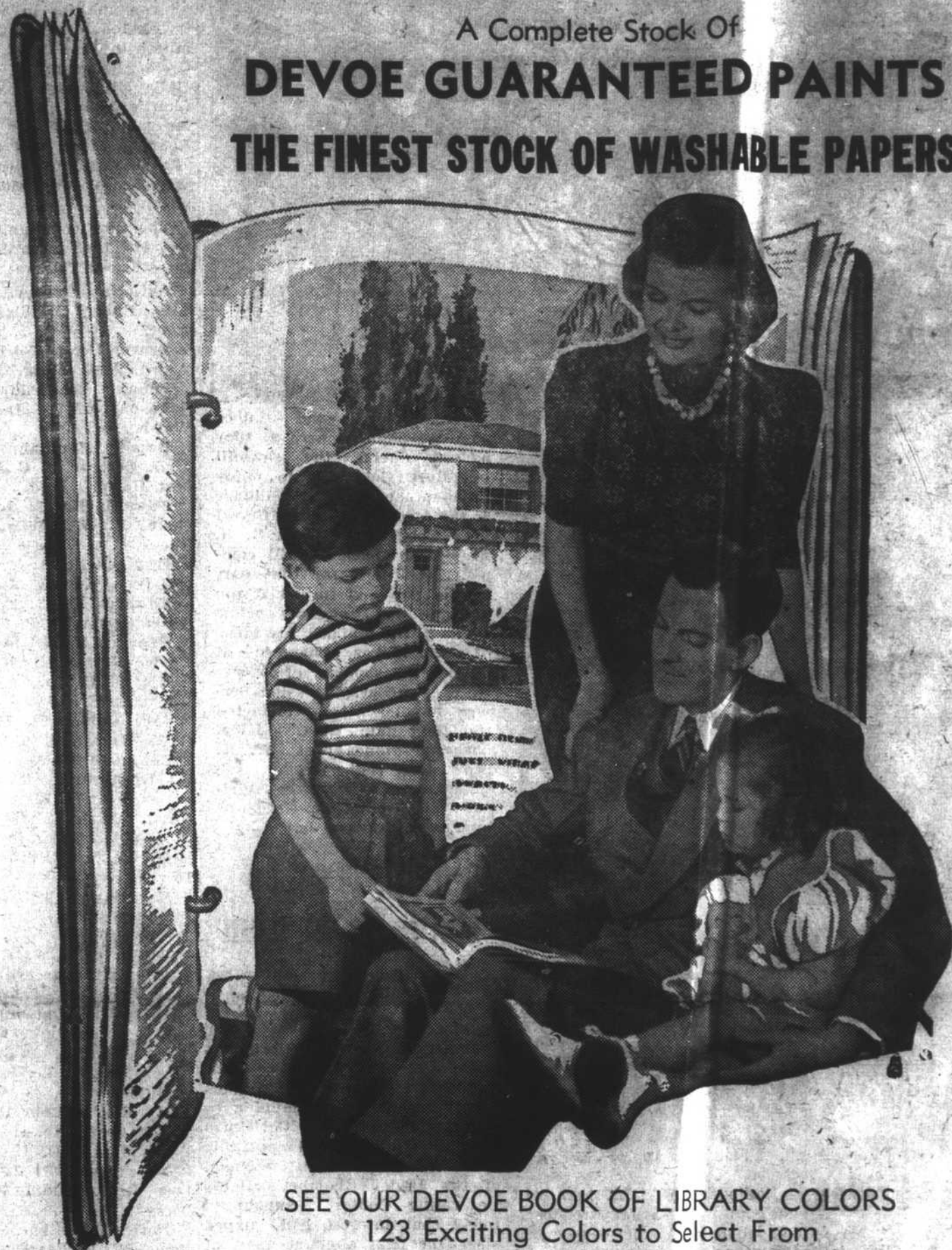
pointment, was presented to the commissioners.

In our ready-to-wear department you'll find a good selection of ladies' and misses' coats and suits. New colors and styles to please you, a visit and comparison is invited.—The Goodwill Store. 12-15-24

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