

Building Program Set For State Hospital

RALEIGH (AP)—The building committee of the North Carolina hospital board of control will meet Dec. 31 in Morganton to discuss plans for an authorized \$20,500 building program at the state hospital in that community.

You Can't Keep A Good Man Down

SHAWNEE, Kas.—(AP)—Cpl. John G. Lally, 22, survived Bataan, the death march, three years and five months in a Japanese prison camp, malaria, beri beri, dysentery, Japanese punk-burning torture, and temporary blindness during his army service in the Pacific.

USO Center Enjoys Rare Reputation For Hospitality

By KAYS GARY Star Staff Writer

"I'd marry sight unseen the woman who fried this chicken," a soldier mumbled through mouthfuls of crisp, brown, southern fried chicken.

The soldier was just polishing off a meal that had cost him nothing; that had included ham sandwiches, milk, chicken, nuts, chocolate cake and a little bit of everything else delectable.

There were and are thousands of service men's centers throughout the world, but few, with the exception of the Stage Door Center, that can boast the free service of Shelby's USO, headed for three years by Mrs. Draper Wood.

Begun in December 1942, the USO was located in the building now occupied by the Shelby cafe, but a year and a half later moved into the basement rooms of the Shelby Building and Loan building.

vice center for a period of time, as well as directing the Shelby club. She overwhelmingly lauds the efforts of Cleveland county's rural women, representing 31 communities, who kept her always ahead in her planning, baking cakes and pies without being asked and by working hours on end at the club.

Only once was the local club put in an embarrassing position. That, Mrs. Wood states, occurred in 1943 when 400 soldiers descended upon the town on their way to Tennessee maneuvers.

Letters have come to Mrs. Wood from every theatre of operations in which American troops are stationed, expressing repeatedly the thanks of some GI who vowed that nowhere in his travels had he been treated so sumptuously.

In all three years of the club's service one fact stands out more than any other; in all that time not one drunk had entered the hall nor had club officials any occasion to ask police assistance at any time.

Many soldiers abused other service club privileges for the purpose of drinking. Still, the fact that Shelby's USO never had to cope with that difficulty is understandable. There was too much to do—and eat. Many soldiers received invitations to private homes through the club and were entertained in those same homes on succeeding week-ends.

The USO will have a special program on Sunday, featuring, as always, the buffet table and then a present of some sort for all the boys. It will close then after Sunday, December 30, because of the lack of troops stationed nearby now.

Trailers May Solve Housing Problem In Winston-Salem

WINSTON-SALEM, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Trailers may help temporarily solve Winston-Salem's housing problem.

A group of civic leaders has voted to send N. S. Mullican and G. C. Hill to Oak Ridge, Tenn., shortly after Christmas to check the condition of the trailers formerly used by workers at the atomic bomb plant.

R. D. Warlick of the Chamber of Commerce reported that he has a total of 102 families, averaging three persons each, listed as interested in trailer housing.

Three to five years old, the Oak Ridge trailers, come in two sizes—with two and three beds.

2,000 Prisoners Of War Back To Reich

DURHAM, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Approximately 2,000 prisoners of war have been returned to Germany since V-J Day, it has been revealed by Col. Thomas L. Alexander, commanding officer of the prisoner of war section at Camp Butner.

He said return of all prisoners now held at the camp is scheduled by next April.

Foolproof

GALLUP, N. M.—(AP)—With the temperature 10 below zero, E. Parker Sellard took no chances on the anti-freeze in his automobile.

He had an idea which he said worked like a charm. He drove alongside the Gallup brick plant and parked in the cozy warmth of the roaring kilns.

He Asked For It

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 19.—(AP)—George M. Lisatz, 47, told District Judge Harvey L. Neelen that when he told some men in a tavern at 1 a.m. that he had no place to sleep they suggested he turn in a fire alarm and he would be assured a night's lodging.

He said he followed their suggestion and turned in an alarm and was given a place to sleep—in jail.

Judge Neelen said he would be sleeping in jail for the next 30 days, the sentence for turning in a false fire alarm.

KERLEY BURNED TO DEATH

DURHAM.—(AP)—R. P. Kerley, 71, former assistant superintendent of the Erwin Mills, was found yesterday afternoon, burned to death at his farm home near Duke Forest.

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Shelby stores begin keeping Christmas shopping hours tomorrow night. Beginning then stores will remain open until 7 p.m. for the convenience of shoppers.

Most merchants, outside of grocery stores, will take only one day for Christmas, Tuesday, but will close the following Tuesday for New Years. Grocery stores will take both Tuesday and Wednesday for Christmas but will not close on New Year's day.

LOST GIRLS ARE FOUND IN HOTEL LOBBY

Misses Nancy Davis and Ann Carter, both of Morganton, for whom the North Carolina highway patrol was looking most of last night in the fear that they had been kidnapped, were found this morning at 8 o'clock safe and sound in the lobby of a Hickory hotel.

The two girls had become marooned in their car in the snowstorm about 10 miles from Statesville late yesterday afternoon and, according to the story told to the patrol, were picked up by a passing motorist. Nothing else was heard from them and an alarm went out to all officers that they had probably been kidnapped.

Major H. J. Hatcher, head of the patrol was called out of his bed at midnight to give directions for the search.

Heavy Snow Along Atlantic Seaboard

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Weather Bureau issued today the following special advisory forecast: "Heavy snow will continue in northern Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, southeastern Pennsylvania and southeastern New York this morning and diminish this afternoon or evening, but will not end until tonight. Depth of snow will be eight to 12 inches with some drifting."

NOTICE OF RE SALE OF REAL ESTATE Under and by virtue of an order of sale of Superior Court of Cleveland County, N. C. made in the special proceeding entitled, "Mittie Lackey, Administratrix, of the estate of Alice Bain, deceased; et al. vs. Joe Warlick, Robert Warlick et al." the same being No. 2793 upon the appeal proceeding docket of said court the undersigned commissioner will on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1945 AT 12:00 O'CLOCK, NOON, OR within legal hours at the court house floor in Shelby, N. C. offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash that certain tract of land, being in the 10 Township, Cleveland County, N. C. and described as follows: FIRST TRACT: Beginning at an iron stake, Bain & Hoyle's corner and runs thence South 4 1/2 West 106 poles to a hole, A. F. Hoyle's corner; thence South 1-2 East 66 5/8 poles to a stump, in the corner in mill tract; thence North East 4-5 poles to a post; thence North 43 East 7 poles to a stake; thence North 10 East 12 poles to a stone; thence North 20 West 3-1/2 poles to a stake; thence North 63 West 1-1/2 poles to a stake; thence North 16 West 3-4 poles to a stone; thence North 21 East 45 poles to a stone; thence North 21 East 12 poles to a stone; thence South 86 East poles to a stone; thence up the east bank of the creek as it meanders 26 poles to a stake on East bank of the creek; thence North 11-1/4 West 66 1-2 poles to the beginning. Containing 41.7 acres, more or less, by a survey made by A. F. Hoyle, Sept. 1945. The bidding on said tract of land begins at \$2814.00. This December 12, 1945. MITTIE LACKEY Commissioner JNO. F. MULL, Atty.

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