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**Gaston Police Look For "Meanest Man"**

**GASTONIA**—Gastonia police are on the lookout for a Lincolnton man who, they declared, could fit easily into the "meanest man" department.

A warrant charges John Caldwell, about 55, with stealing seven pocketbooks valued at \$34, and destined for Christmas gifts, from W. M. Stiller, Mr. Stiller, one-armed and nearly blind, had received the pocketbooks from an inmate of the state prison camp at Newton. They were made by one of the prisoners.

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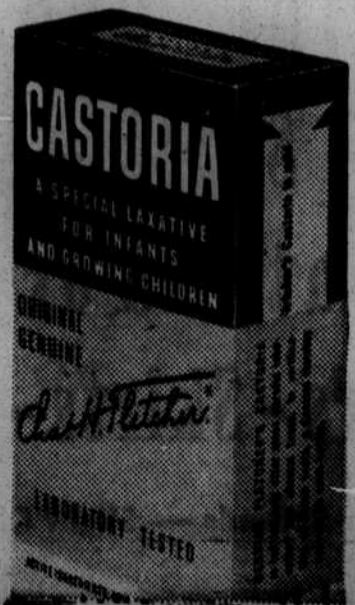
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**SOUTHERN WILL AID INDUSTRIES**

**F. Clifton Toal Will Set Up Special Office At Charlotte Jan. 1**

The Southern Railway System will establish an office of General Industrial Agent at Charlotte, N. C., effective on January 1, and F. Clifton Toal has been appointed to head up the newly-created agency, it was announced today by E. R. Oliver, vice-president, and R. W. Wirt, assistant vice-president, in charge of the Industrial and Agricultural Development Department.

In announcing the new office, which will be located in the Southern Railway Building at Charlotte, Mr. Oliver said:

"The great industrial potentialities of the Carolinas influenced us to take this action. We believe that the tremendous expansion and diversification of industry before and during the war points to an even greater industrial growth in the years ahead. In addition, recent national and world developments have multiplied the industrial development opportunities of both North and South Carolinas, and the inherent resources of the two states will provide strong inducements for new industries to locate in the area."

He added:

"Recognition of these facts encouraged us to establish an office of General Industrial Agent in this section. It is another step in the Southern's comprehensive program for promoting the growth of the territory it is privileged to serve."

Mr. Toal, the new general industrial agent, whose service with the Southern dates from 1922, recently received his discharge from the U. S. Navy and is returning to the railway. A Naval Reserve officer, he was called to active duty in August, 1941, as a lieutenant. Subsequently advancing to captain, he served with distinction as officer in charge of the Navy's traffic department in Washington, where he directed the movement of that service's tremendous volume of freight.

**SANDY PLAINS, REHOBETH NEWS**

**Sunday School Attendance Up; Emmett Greens Have New Son**

**REHOBETH - SANDY PLAINS**—Sunday school attendance has been lower for the past two Sunday days at the Sandy Plains church than it has been for more than a year.

Only 55 were present Sunday due to so much sickness and the bad roads.

The Junior department and smaller children who had drawn names, exchanged presents and sang Christmas songs.

**BIRTH**  
Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Greene announce the birth of a son in the Shelby hospital December 20. Mrs. Greene and the infant returned to their home Sunday.

3-c Petty Officer James Jenkins of Florida, is spending a 12-day furlough with his parents.

Rev. Bruce Whitaker of Louisville, Ky., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Whitaker.

**FROM NEW YORK**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Wray Bowen of New York are spending ten days with Mr. and Mrs. Will Jenkins of this community and the former's parents, near Shelby.

A Christmas program was given at the Rehobeth church Sunday and presents were exchanged from the Young People's department, through the Junior department.

Miss Myrtle Whitaker and James Doty of Gardner-Webb college are spending this week with their parents.

Miss Edna Petty of Charlotte, is spending four days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Petty.

**ON SHORT LEAVE**  
Dudley Whitaker of the U. S. navy, in Florida, is spending a short leave with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Daves and daughters spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Buren Daves of Folkville.

Ray Dean Davis who underwent an emergency operation in the Shelby hospital several days ago is getting along nicely.

Ten or twelve families who have been very sick with flu and severe colds are able to be out again. James and Everett Greene of Avondale spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Bridges.

**DINNER GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Will Jenkins had as dinner guests Sunday, Mrs. Ray Jenkins and daughter of Folkville, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wolfe of Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. John Bowen of New York and James Jenkins of the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy J. Walker of Shelby, Mrs. James Hamrick and son and Miss Estell Walker of Bolling Springs, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Doty.

Bill Wright of Shelby, spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Doty.

**University To Get \$33,250 Estate**

**JACKSONVILLE**—(AP)—Because he left no will or heirs, property belonging to the late John Scott, local resident, has been sold at auction. The proceeds will go to the University of North Carolina. Several lots of property, including two business sites in the heart of Jacksonville, brought \$33,250.

**YULE VISITORS AT FALLSTON**

**Christmas Party Tonight; College Students At Home**

**FALLSTON**—Fallston Woman's club met Friday for their Christmas party. After the devotional by Mrs. Deams Hoyle, Christmas carols were sung. Also a contest and cake walk was enjoyed. The winners were Mrs. Clem Martin, Mrs. Dewey Cabiness, Mrs. Grier Martin and Mrs. D. E. Hoyle. Exchanging of gifts were held, after which delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mesdames, J. T. Bowman, Claude Stamey, Dixon Stroup and Hill Dameron.

**PARTY TONIGHT**  
The Youth Fellowship meeting of the young people of Friendship church will meet Wednesday night in the hut for their Christmas party. Each member is asked to bring cookies, and sandwiches.

Fallston Glee club went Christmas carolling Sunday night. Cox, Harold B. Dellinger, and Buddy Raymond Richard S.S.M.L. 2-c of Iowa are spending Christmas holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dellinger.

**MARINE HOME**  
Ralph Dixon of the Merchant Marines arrived Saturday evening for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dixon. He is to report back to New York Tuesday.

H.A. 1-c Charles Stamey will arrive home Sunday Dec. 30 for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stamey.

The following boys and girls are at home from college to spend the holidays with their parents, Melba Hoyle and Betty Ross, from W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro, Jean Falls from Limestone, Gaffney, Dorothy Cline from Wake Forest, Louise Bingham, Maxine Wright and Helen Hoyle from Gardner Webb, Jimmie Cline and Austin Lackey, jr., from Lenoir Rhyne.

Miss Dorcas Cline went to Greensboro Friday to attend the wedding of Miss Mary Goforth, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Goforth formally of Fallston.

Yates Stroup of Miami, Fla., is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. C. D. Stroup.

Beaty Wray of the Merchant Marines visited Jimmie Cline recently. They were former school buddies at Lenoir Rhyne.

Mrs. G. H. Edmunds is visiting relatives in S. C.

Miss Mary Alice Ross of Valdese spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ross.

Miss Mary Lou Hoyle of Washington, D. C., is visiting her father, E. A. Hoyle and Mr. Hoyle.

Miss Lou Alice Hamrick of Charlotte is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hamrick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richards and son are spending the holidays with the former's mother, Mrs. J. W. Richards of Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and sons of Charlotte spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Goodin of near Catawba spent the day Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dellinger.

**GO TO DUNN**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wilson and children left Monday to spend the week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Hamilton of near Dunn.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. R. Clark during the holidays are, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin and family of Richmond, Va., Mrs. J. W. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hagaman, Misses Ruth and Irene Clark of Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Clark, of Connelly Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Clark of Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickson Stroup, Mr. and Mrs. Hill Dameron and Yates Stroup visited Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Sweezy of Morganton Sunday. Mrs. Sweezy and baby are improving.

Jerome Huss and Donald Huss of Lincolnton spent Thursday night with Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Bowman. They carried the children back Friday afternoon and attended a church meeting in Lincolnton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Willis of Morganton spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hull.

**SPURLING FAMILY DINNER**  
A family dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Spurling Sunday. The following were guests: Mr. and Mrs. Buford Spurling and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spurling and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Boggs and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Lattimore, and son, Mrs. G. R. Lattimore, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cline and daughter and Betty Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Smith and son, Mrs. Edwin Spurling and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dixon, and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dixon and son, Mrs. John Hendricks and daughter, Mr.

and Mrs. Euell Tillman and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Warlick and son.

**BENNETT BACK TO U. N. C.**  
**CHAPEL HILL**—(AP)—Lt. Col. John S. Bennett, who recently was discharged from the army after serving in the European theater, has resumed his position as supervisor of service plants for the University of North Carolina.

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1935	.....	\$ .72
1936	.....	.73
1937	.....	.81
1938	.....	.87
1939	.....	.86
1940	.....	.85
1941	.....	.89
1942	.....	.86
1943	.....	1.05
1944	.....	1.09
1945 (Sept.)	.....	1.09

Overtime pay gave G-E workers more on top of this. G.E. has made jobs for nearly three times as many. 55,766 worked for G.E. ten years ago. 145,000 have jobs today, and at much higher pay.

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"More goods for more people at less cost"—G.E.'s goal—is not a part-time assignment. It is a job for management and worker alike if G. E. is to keep growing, keep raising wages, keep making jobs for more workers.

A few figures show typical price decreases:

Refrigerator	.....	1935	\$199.00
		1941	129.95
Lamp	.....	1935	.15
		1945	.10
			PLUS TAX
Transformer	.....	1935	76.32
		1941	69.30
Motor	.....	1935	12.80
		1941	8.50
Radio	.....	1935	47.50
		1941	27.95

G.E. during the war earned 4.7¢ on each dollar of sales. Of this, 4.1¢ was paid to its more than 200,000 stockholders, and the remaining six-tenths of a cent on each dollar was retained in the business to assist in carrying on and expanding its operations.

All money earned over this 4.7¢ was turned back to the U. S. Government; G-E cost-saving methods had made war goods for less money than the Government expected.

These dividends have been paid per share of common stock since 1935:

1935	.....	\$ .70
1936	.....	1.50
1937	.....	2.20
1938	.....	.90
1939	.....	1.40
1940	.....	1.35
1941	.....	1.75
1942	.....	1.60
1943	.....	1.40
1944	.....	1.40
1945	.....	1.80

**GENERAL ELECTRIC'S OBJECTIVE** is to keep prices moving downward, keep wages going up, and to earn a fair profit. This calls for volume production, more efficient work and methods. With the help of every single employee, General Electric believes it can show our country, as it did in wartime, an example of American enterprise at its best.

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