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"If the choice were left to me whether to have a free press or a free government, I would choose a free press."—Thomas Jefferson.

The Seal Of Health

At Christmastime when friends everywhere are wishing each other health, happiness and good cheer, back of this wish for health may be put some stronger force, ammunition for the fight against tuberculosis in the form of tiny Christmas seals.

This is a fight that knows no boundaries of cities, counties, states and nations. It knows no boundary lines of race or color. It is a contagious disease which strikes rich and poor, white and colored, people of all nationalities.

If tuberculosis rages in one part of the world, no part of the world is safe from it. This was recognized when representatives of all the United Nations met recently to establish the World Health Organization. Tuberculosis is among the health problems to be considered by the world body.

One of the tragic aftermaths of World War II was an increase of tuberculosis in Europe and Asia where it has reached epidemic proportions. There has not yet been a post-war increase in the United States but no one can predict what the next few years will bring. The effect of the strain and privations of war are not always immediately apparent. As long as TB is a serious problem anywhere in the world, it is a danger everywhere in the world.

It must be fought all over the world. But like many other problems, it is up to each individual in his own particular corner to do his share of fighting. One blow you can strike now is to buy more and more Christmas seals. This Christmas put the seal of health on all of your holiday messages.

Walter Johnson

About 30 years ago when he was a youngster, Walter Johnson came to Washington on trial with the National Capital baseball team. He died a few days ago and received all the honors that could be bestowed upon a hero from the population of the National Capital. President Truman attended the funeral at St. Albans Episcopal Cathedral where the final rites were held.

More than a dozen years ago the discussion arose as to whether young George

Washington actually threw a dollar across the Rappahannock river in Virginia. The discussion became a national issue, and a rich Congressman from New York offered to bet \$500 that it couldn't be done. Walter Johnson was chosen to make the throw—and he won for George Washington.

Johnson became a Maryland farmer—and he was a success in that capacity, too.

Who's Who In America

The 1946 coal strike has brought about a showdown. Employers and workers find themselves in second and third place—meaning that the Federal Government has accepted the challenge brought about by almost countless strikes in countless numbers of industries. The power of the Government has already been demonstrated in the case of the United States Government against the United Mine Workers Union. The Federal Government has used its powers to stop strikes that create or threaten to bring on an industrial paralysis.

The most important element in this great upheaval is the rapidly growing conviction of the public that the miners, the CIO and the AFL have become "contemptuous of the general welfare." These unions have become so strong that they simply issue orders to millions of workers, and know that those orders will be obeyed. Evidently, the working people of this country are tired of this continuous performance governed by a mere handful of leaders who have become crazed with past successes.

The whole situation down to date shows that Uncle Sam is the Big Boy, after all. The President of the United States and his Cabinet and the Courts of highest resort have accepted the challenge and are doing their utmost to prevent more strikes.

The Associated Press reports that Senator Wiley of Wisconsin will head the Senate Judiciary committee, and that he predicts Congress will review the whole situation brought about by the coal stoppage, and "that the public interest never can be jeopardized by repetition of what we have just come through." This opinion is supported by Senators Millikin of Colorado, Brooks of Illinois, Butler of Nebraska, Ball of Minnesota, and many other leading Senators.

The above adds up to a guarantee that within the next few weeks Congress will pass new and effective labor laws that will put an end to all these wildcat strikes. It is reasonable to expect that the rights of the people will be restored.

Housing, A Free Enterprise

Uncle Sam has been managing an almost limitless number of industries and activities that formerly were in the hands of private enterprise. Due to the force of public opinion William Wyatt has resigned as National Housing Expediter. He tackled the so-called "daring program" of building 2,700,000 units in 1946 and 1947. About 700,000 dwelling units have been completed and 300,000 more dwellings have been started. The theory was that every homeless veteran needed a house P. D. Q. and Wyatt started in to do the whole job.

Private enterprise now takes over the giant problem. This ought to be a good thing for the general public, including the veterans, inasmuch as the builders and the buyers will be free from the hands of politicians.

CORRESPONDENTS ADDED TO STAFF

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ley; Mrs. John T. Miles, Cherry Lane; Mrs. Annice Landreth, Turkey Knob; Mrs. Carrie Maines, Scottville; Mrs. Ed Pugh, Laurel Springs.

FIRST BABY IN COUNTY WILL RECEIVE PRIZES

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11 and the winner will be announced on January 16.
Last year's "Baby Derby" winner was awarded presents from Smithey's Store, B. and T. Drug Co., Edwards Furniture Co., Firestone Store, Western Auto Store, Spartan Theatre, Belk's Department Store and Cash and Carry. These, and other merchants, are expected to participate in the event again this year and some lucky youngster will get a gala start in life when he or she receives all the valuable gifts that go to the winner of the "Derby."
All eligible parents are urged to enter their babies' names in the contest.
Further details will be announced in next week's paper, along with a list of the prizes.

UMSTEAD NAMED AS NEW SENATOR

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16 years, having defeated the late Senator Furnifold M. Simmons in 1930. The Senator had been in failing health for several months, but he had showed improvement in recent weeks. However, he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage last Saturday night, relapsed into a coma, and died Sunday morning.
His funeral services here Monday, were attended by a host of State officials and politicians, led by Governor Cherry, and by delegations from both houses of Congress.

Umstead's appointment to succeed Bailey ended two days of intense speculation over whom the Governor would name to fill the vacant Senate seat. Wilkins P. Horton of Pittsboro, former Lieutenant Governor and a prominent figure in Governor Cherry's campaign headquarters, also had been mentioned as a serious contender for the post.

The new Senator is 51 years old. He was born in Durham county in 1895 and has made Durham his home all his life.

He was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1916 and taught school at Kinston until May of 1917 when he entered the army. He was in uniform until April of 1919, having served eight months overseas with the A. E. F.

Returning to Durham, he studied law at Trinity college—now Duke university, and entered into the practice of law at Durham in the fall of 1919.

His first public office was as prosecuting attorney in the Durham county Recorder's Court, a post he held from 1922 until 1926. In 1927, he was elected solicitor of the 10th Judicial District and served as solicitor until 1933 when he was elected to Congress.

In the national House of Representatives, Umstead was chairman of the House subcommittee on appropriations for the Navy department.

Umstead is a trustee of the University of North Carolina and has served as president of the University Alumni Association. For seven years he served as commander of the Durham Post of the American Legion. He has taught a Bible class at Trinity Methodist church in Durham for many years and for four years was chairman of the church's board of stewards.

He is the son of John W. and Lullie Lumford Umstead. His father was a Confederate soldier and a member of the State Legislature in 1897. He married Miss Merle Davis of Rutherford county, and they have one daughter, Merle Bradley Umstead, who is four years old.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEARS DR. R. R. KING

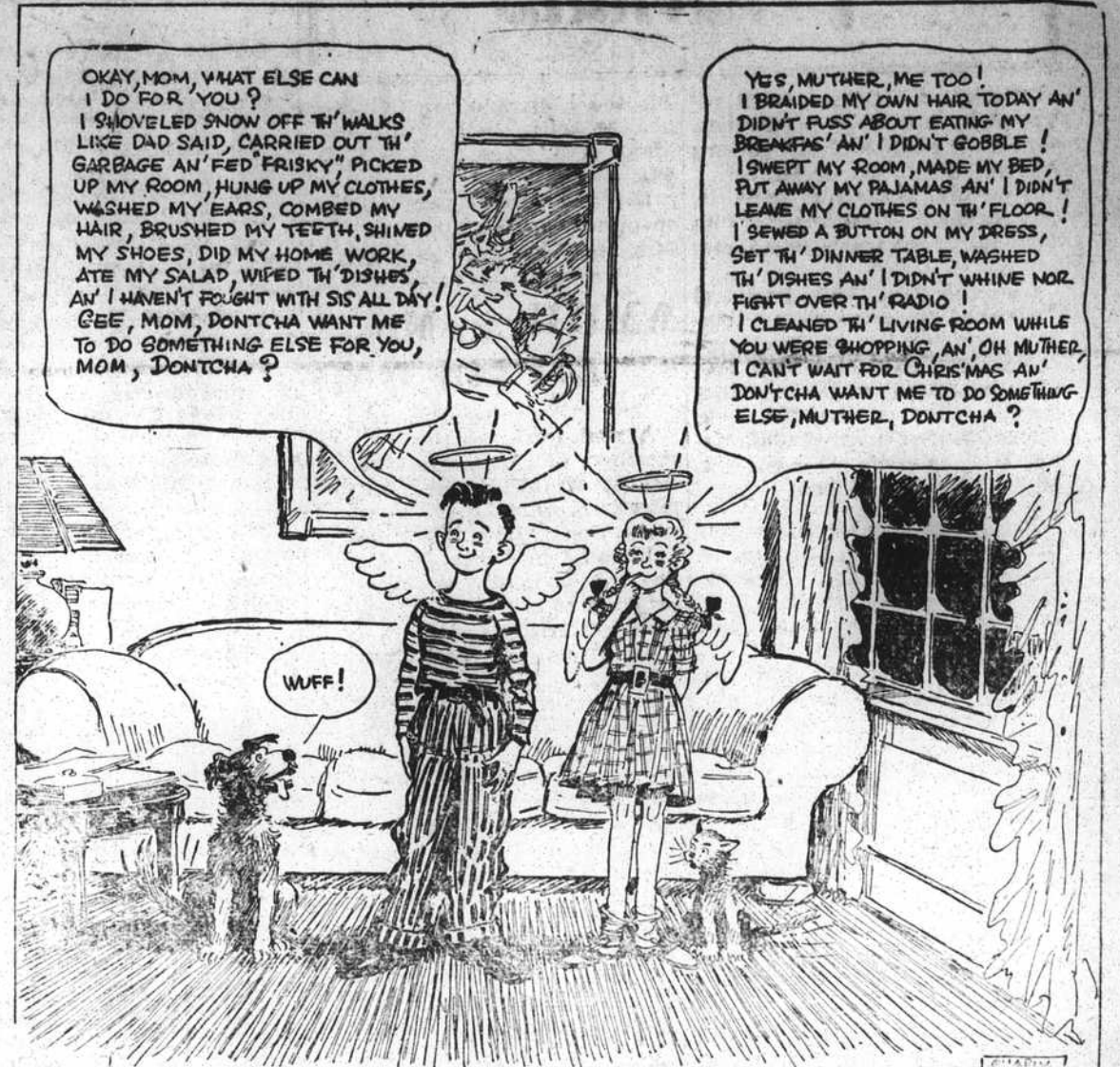
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a hospital or health center would be within 25 miles of every family, he said.

And in that connection, he discussed a health center for Alleghany county. The center is still in a proposed state but it is hoped that one can be provided. He discussed the possibility of a 30 bed clinic for Alleghany, at a cost of approximately \$20,000 to the county.

Plans were made by the group for a dinner to be held for the Sparta high school football team at its January meeting. Each member of the team will be sponsored by a member of the Chamber of Commerce. At that meeting the football award, a

A U. S. cotton crop of 8,482,000 bales is estimated this year by agricultural economists. This is about one-third smaller than the ten-year average.

Hark The Herald Angels Sing



gold football, will be given to Jack Osborne, who has been selected as the outstanding football player of the year.

Also at the business meeting, the hour of meeting was changed from 7:30 to 6:45. Bob Randolph, chairman of the Boy Scout Drive for funds, announced that the drive was still incomplete and that contributions are still being accepted.

Visitors at the meeting were Cecil Murray, Bob Gambill, Mrs. Bob Allison and Mrs. Blanche J. Lewis.

SPARTA BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE

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Store, Mick or Mack, Western

Auto Store, Modern Dry Cleaners, Evans and Higgins Jewelers, Northwestern Bank, Alleghany Feed Co.

The Sparta Pipe factory, Sparta's only industry, will be closed for two weeks, according to information received from David Levjtes. The factory will close on Friday evening, December 20 and remain closed until January 6.

MR. GAMBILL DIES AT PINEY CREEK

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was born six children, all of whom are living except one. They are Mrs. Clennel Richardson, Mrs. Farrie Gambill, of In-

dependence, Mrs. Vivian Weaver, of White Top, Va., R. L. Gambill and James Wallace Gambill, of West Grove, Pa.

Other survivors include three grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. Mertie Williams, Mrs. Ottie Taylor and Mrs. Charity Ester, all of California; and one brother, Bill Gambill, of Oxford, Pa.

Funeral services were pending, awaiting the arrival of relatives.

USO DRIVE WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL JAN.

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ers in hospitals that must be served by the USO and the cooperation of everyone will be asked in raising this county's quota.

Everybody's Asking for CITRUS FRUITS

THRIFTY HEALTHFUL TASTY

Check These Items For Bargains!

Orange Juice

46 ounce can 25c

Orange Juice

18 ounce can 10c

Grapefruit Juice

46 ounce can 25c

Grapefruit Juice

18 ounce can 10c

Oranges

20 lb. bag 85c

Mixed Nuts

1 lb. pkg. 50c

Smithey's Store

"The Store of Bargains"

SPARTA

N. CAROLINA

Glade Valley News Several Arrests Listed By Sheriff

Mr. J. A. Kellenberger, of Greensboro, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Glade Valley School, accompanied by the following pastors of Presbyterian churches in Greensboro, the Revs. J. A. Redhead, Jr., A. P. Dickson, Z. T. Piehoff, J. D. Carter, and Mr. Howard Carr and Harold Jones visited the school Thursday. Mr. Carr and Mr. Jones took pictures of the school and its activities to be used in the campaign for raising funds for the new building. Pictures, which were taken at the school several weeks ago were shown to the students.

Visitors at the school Sunday included a group of young people from the Reynolds Presbyterian church, at Winston-Salem. The group was accompanied by Miss Delphine, former director of religious education at the church, and Mr. Hi Colby, Jr., teacher of the young people's Sunday school class of the church. They presented gifts of books and games to the students.

The annual Christmas pageant was presented at the school on Sunday night and some twenty students had a part in it. The

Five people were arrested in Alleghany county last week, four of them charged with assault and one with drunkenness. All are out under bond and hearings have been set for all.

R. D. Gentry was out under a \$500 bond this week after having been arrested on a charge of assault. The charge was made by Brant Taylor, city policeman. The hearing was set for last Saturday but was continued until January 4.

George Hight, who was arrested two weeks ago for drunkenness, ran afoul of the law again and was arrested on a charge of assaulting his grandmother, Mrs. John Richardson, of the Little Pine community. He is out on a \$300 bond and his

pageant was directed by Miss Una Lee Richardson and Miss Frances Mashburn.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Eldridge had as their guests last week, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bennett, of Iowa. Mrs. Bennett is the former Miss Verna Gillespie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gillespie, of this county.

hearing has also been set for January 4.

Reece Hanks was arrested in Wilkes county for an alleged assault, with a deadly weapon. The assault was made on a man from Surry county at a beer joint near Roaring Gap. The hearing has been set for January 6.

Benny McMillan was arrested Saturday and charged with assault. The charge was made by Alf Wagoner. He is out under bond and his hearing has been set for January 11.

A hearing for Otho Edwards, arrested on a charge of drunkenness, has been set for January 4. He is also out under bond.

ALLEGHANY EYE CLINIC IS SUCCESS

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ple lenses at \$5.00 and compound lenses at \$7.50. For the parents who are unable to buy their own glasses, efforts are being made to secure public funds for these.

Dr. King expressed gratification at the response given to the clinic, and appreciation to all those who had a part in making it a success. Full details of the clinic will be announced in next week's News.