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Appreciation

Much of the happiness of Christmas time centers around the postoffices and the faithful mail carriers. Instead of vacations, theirs is to find their daily tasks multiplied many times over. In place of the few thousand pieces of mail they have to handle during normal weeks, the Christmas season finds the postal employees having to handle hundreds of thousands of letters, cards and parcels. Getting your share of these things to you and sending along your messages and gifts to others makes your postmaster and the other postal employees the most rushed and harrassed set of workers in the county at Christmas. For courtesies and efforts put forth during the year to serve the people of the county, and especially during this Christmas rush, the appreciation of this paper goes to each postmaster and each postal employee in this county.

Spirit Of Christmas

Maybe we are wrong about it, but it seems to us that Christmas had a richer, fuller meaning back a few years ago when money wasn't quite so plentiful. Perhaps we attached too much importance to the satisfaction that comes from giving to persons or families to whom a gift really meant something, but it is from a few experiences of that kind earlier in our life that we came to know the true meaning of the joy of giving. The thought occurs to us that even in this year of prosperity and free spending there may be isolated cases that need our help just as surely as people did back in the thirties. If this Christmas is to be a season of joy for everyone, it will be well for those of us who are able to take a searching look around and do what we can to bring the happiness we seek to others.

County Library

Recently we had an opportunity to discuss the matter of county-wide library service with a representative of the State Library Commission, and as a result of that talk we are convinced that the citizens of Brunswick county can have good books available for them in their home community. The normal procedure for obtaining county-wide library service is for the county government to put up a certain sum to match funds made available through the State. Despite the fact that Brunswick county is in no financial condition to take on an obligation of this kind, we believe that the necessary money can be raised through private donation and from various clubs and organizations. For as little as \$900.00 from this county, we can inaugurate bookmobile service early in the New Year. We hope that there will be enough response to this editorial appeal to justify entering into negotiations with the Library Commission to provide this service for our county.

Building Boom

With President Truman lifting all building restrictions Saturday it is predicted on all sides that the approaching new year will bring to Brunswick county the greatest building era we have ever seen. Despite the difficulty of obtaining permits, getting material and labor, 1946, has been the greatest year thus far for building of all sorts in this county. It appears that the things that were built this year will be insignificant a year from now compared with

what will take place in 1947. With general construction going on throughout the nation, this section will still meet much trouble and many obstacles to the building plans. There will be shortages of many things necessary in buildings, and carpenters and laborers may also show up short of the number needed. Despite these obstacles, the county is all set for its greatest building boom.

Striking Against All The People

It is quibbling to say that the recent coal strike was directed against the government or the mine owners. It was directed against the nation's factories and railroads, against the farmers, the storekeepers, the babies, against John Doe and Richard Doe and their neighbors. The mine operators at one time made the lot of the miners pitiable indeed—but they have been brought in to line and the government itself became the employer. Now the boss of the miners, holding the whip hand, is insisting upon the very principle against which he screamed at the employers—domination, coercion, oppression. Whatever the rights-and-wrongs of the controversy itself may be, no man should have the power to defy his government, his president, and his fellow-countrymen.

The strike issue in all industry has gone far beyond the question of whether workmen are entitled to higher pay, shorter hours or other benefits. Those matters could be equitably decided and settled through the normal processes of collective bargaining. History repeats itself in curious ways. In the early years of this century, the excesses of a few capitalists led to the enactment of a long series of restrictive laws controlling business, beginning with the anti-trust statutes. Now the excesses of a few labor leaders are making it inevitable that Congress pass comparable legislation controlling the activities of the union, for they have become greater monopolies in restraint of trade than ever did an industrial combination.

Meaningless Hair-Splitting

A good deal of meaningless hair-splitting is going on concerning the proposed Wagner-Murray-Dingell public health bill. Some of its advocates seem hurt when critics say that the measure amounts to socialized medicine, and claim that nothing of the kind is intended. It is true that the bill would not go whole hog in the direction of socialization, by having the government establish a monopoly on hospitals, clinics and doctors. It is equally true that the bill would regiment medicine—and that is always the first step toward eventual socialization. Once the doctor becomes dependent on the government for part or all of his practice and his livelihood, the beginning of the end would be in sight for free, private medicine.

Further, the fact that the bill makes government-administered health insurance compulsory instead of voluntary indicates the way the wind blows. One hundred million or more Americans would be forced to accept and pay for this insurance whether they wanted it or not. It would be deducted from each paycheck, precisely as are social security taxes, and the annual cost would run between \$37.50 and \$40 per capita. Again, the measure would reduce and in many instances eliminate the patient's freedom of choice in selecting a physician. That is always true of schemes to make the practice of medicine in whole or in part a function of the state.

The great objections to the bill are that they would give an enormously costly bureaucracy stringent powers over the practice of medicine, that political favoritism would in great measure determine a doctor's earnings and success, and that the people would be compelled to pay for a state doctor when they might prefer to pay a private doctor. Those are facts and hair-splitting over words won't change them.

To teen-agers: You can't grow up without self-discipline. If the purpose of life is to have fun, quit school and stop wasting the teacher's time.

Why men ruin their country by deliberately forcing everything higher is one of the great mysteries of history. Almost makes you believe in demons.

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largely by corporations and great areas of it leased as hunting preserves. Inside these preserves where the game is rigidly protected, it is there in abundance.
execution. Victor Stanley, failure to at stop sign and reckless operation, guilty of not having operator's license and not stopped. Fined \$10.00 and costs, fine omitted.

FATAL ACCIDENT

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ed in the wreck.
Coroner W. E. Bell has scheduled an inquest into the death of Batson at the courthouse here on the night of December 31, if the condition of the two survivors will permit their being present.

Task Force Invades Swamp

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one of his finest bear dogs, follows a bear trail. Last year with luck and orthodox bear favoring him, his partly loaded six big bear aboard their jeeps and trailers when they started homeward, but this year the bear have been acting up and even the stout-hearted Smithdeal was threatening to quit and go home before his usual stay was up.
Bear hunting in the Green Swamp is a natural for lovers of this sport. Smithdeal declares. The many thousands of acres extending from Lake Waccamaw southeastward into vast reaches of Columbus and Brunswick counties are criss-crossed by pine ridges, juniper swamps, dense branch thickets, cane bogs, and dirt roads. The land is owned

SEVERAL CASES
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