

Editorial Postscript

THIS has to be written as a postscript, because the rain of bricks the editor is presently dodging didn't start until this week's editorial page, among the first to go to press each week, already had been printed.

If ever there was a time when people needed something to give them a chuckle, it is in this present time of tension. With that thought in mind The Press tries, occasionally, to publish a light editorial, something that maybe will make somebody smile, and at the least will not be dead-serious.

Seeking a subject for something light, the idea occurred: What could be more absurd than drafting people for civilian service, instead of for the armed forces? It was so absurd, we reasoned, such a suggestion surely would strike somebody's funny-bone. Hence last week's editorial, "Draft Whom, For What?" Not a line in it was intended seriously.

But a lot of people, it seems, took it seriously. And, taking it seriously, they didn't like it. And we've been hearing from it this week—and how!

It is another example of a strange thing about editing a newspaper:

Nearly always a newspaper gets in the worst trouble when it is most innocent—it gives offense when offense is least intended. Witness the editorial in question last week!

The press is sorry that one failed to click with a lot of people. We are sorrier still that the editorial should have given unintentional offense.

But there always is a compensation: If Press readers didn't get a chuckle out of the editorial, maybe they will out of watching an innocent and completely non-plussed editor dodging brickbats.

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Breakfast

Is Suggested As Time To Entertain

Like every other meal, breakfast can be an important occasion during the Christmas season. With a great deal of time already accounted for on your calendar, a solution as to how to entertain may be a week-end breakfast. This early morning plan also may be just right for that something special for your family and holiday house guests.

Make bacon curls and eggs a goldenrod the famous center of your meal. Serve the eggs in pastry baskets for a tempting

change. Simply prepare bacon curls in this manner: cut strips of bacon in half, roll and fasten with wooden picks. Place the rolls in frying-pan and cook over low heat. Pour off the drippings as they accumulate in the pan. When cooked, remove the picks and there are your clever little bacon curls ready to surround the pastry baskets.

Prepare the egg baskets with pastry cut into 4 1/2-inch rounds baked in muffin pans. Add chopped hard-cooked egg whites to cream sauce and pour in the baked cups, then sprinkle with egg yolks pressed through a sieve. Start this morning meal with orange and grapefruit sections.



CHILDREN GREET SANTA—The Christmas season got under way here in earnest last Saturday with the arrival from the North Pole of that jolly old fellow who brings joy to the hearts of all children. Note the expressions of the youngsters in the photo above. Arriving by automobile, Santa was met at the intersection of the Murphy and Georgia roads by the school band, which led a parade through the business sections. Later, Santa made a little talk to the children, who breathlessly followed him everywhere, and tossed out goodies.

Drivers Whose Last Names Start With R, S, T Have Three Days To Get Licenses

Macon county automobile operators whose last names begin with the letters, R, S, or T, have only three more days in which to obtain new drivers' licenses, and approximately 600

persons still have not been examined for new licenses. R. V. Hooper, state highway license examiner, said this week.

The license examiner is in his office in the clerk of court's office on Wednesdays only, leaving only three more days—December 13, 20, 27—for vehicle operators in the R-S-T category to obtain licenses. Hours are 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Mr. Hooper explained that old licenses will not be valid after December 31 and anyone operating a vehicle without a new license after that date will be subject to arrest.

"At the present time," the examiner said, "I am able to examine only 20 to 25 persons a day, and from the looks of the situation, it seems that a few hundred people are going to be without licenses."

He said also that vehicle operators in the A-B category should check the expiration dates on their license. A license expires on the operator's birthday, he explained, and persons in the A-B category, whose birthdays are in January, are expected to renew their licenses during December.

The law gives, he said, the month prior to the expiration date for the operator to appear

A survey of farm residents shows that rural families who own cows drink three times as much whole milk as farm families who own none.

before an examiner for license renewal.

More fatal accidents occurred at speeds of 31 to 40 miles per hour during the first nine months of 1950 than in any other speed range, reports the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

Order \$12,000 Of Paid Town Bonds Burned

Matured bonds with a face value of \$12,000, were reduced to ashes on an order from the Franklin board of aldermen at the board's monthly meeting Monday night.

The ten-year bonds, which had been paid and cancelled, were issued by the Town of Franklin, May 1, 1939 for street and sidewalk improvements.

E. W. Long, town clerk, suggested that the board act on destroying the worthless certificates, explaining that they were taking up space in the town office.

The board ordered Mayor Henry C. Caber and Mr. Long to dispose of the 12 bonds, each with a maturity value of \$1,000. The mayor and clerk assured the board that the bonds would be committed to the furnace at the end of the meeting.

Mrs. Mack Franks attended the meeting to see if the board had reached a decision concerning a proposed street to run between Porter and Palmer streets. Board members agreed to postpone any decision on the matter, in order to give it further study.

Dr. H. T. Horsley, town health officer, reported that the town's water supply and sewage disposal was satisfactory.

'Get In'

"I'll bet you ten dollars," said the elderly man to the boastful athlete whose bragging was beginning to wear on the old gentleman's nerves, "that I can wheel something from one streetlamp to another that you aren't able to wheel back."

The local champ looked him over. He thought of bags of cement, bricks and old iron, and concluded that whatever the stranger could do, he could do better. "Done," he said, "it's a bet."

The elderly man smiled, walked over to the wheelbarrow and wheeled it up beside the boaster. "Get in."

Farmers To Be Guests of John Deere Dealer On December 16

"ONE HAPPY FAMILY" TO BE FEATURE PICTURE ON JOHN DEERE DAY



A full length feature picture, "One Happy Family," starring Don DeFore and Marjorie Reynolds, will highlight the parade of entertainment to be staged for farmers and their families who attend the annual John Deere day show as guests of DILLARD BUILDERS SUPPLY on Saturday, December 16th at the Community School Building.

"One Happy Family" tells the story of the Lynns, who compose a typical, happy, small-town household until they are awarded the title of "Family of the Year" in a contest conducted by a national magazine. The new title and the \$10,000 in prize money they win contribute to toss all the Lynns into a whirlpool of comedy and excitement, and Mr. DeFore and Miss Reynolds, as representatives of the magazine, go along for the swim. As entertainment, the picture rates a blue ribbon and will provide the guests with a rollicking time.

Five other new pictures are included in the fast-moving program, according to Mr.

Dillard. One of the films, "His Father's Choice," features the likable Tom Gordon, head of the memorable Gordon clan who taught valuable lessons trimmed with humor in previous John Deere pictures. Another of the films, "Oddities in Farming," offers something new and different in its presentation of unusual machines performing unusual farming operations. "What's New for 1951," will acquaint those in attendance with new John Deere implements, and is sure to prove of interest to every farmer and his family. "Mike on the Move" and "The All-American Team," the two with subjects close to the heart of every farmer.

Admission will be by ticket and farmers who have not yet received theirs may obtain them by calling in person at the Dillard Builders Supply store at Dillard, Georgia. Farmers are urged by Mr. Dillard to get their tickets early. The show starts at 7:30. Free Chicken Supper at 6:00 p. m.



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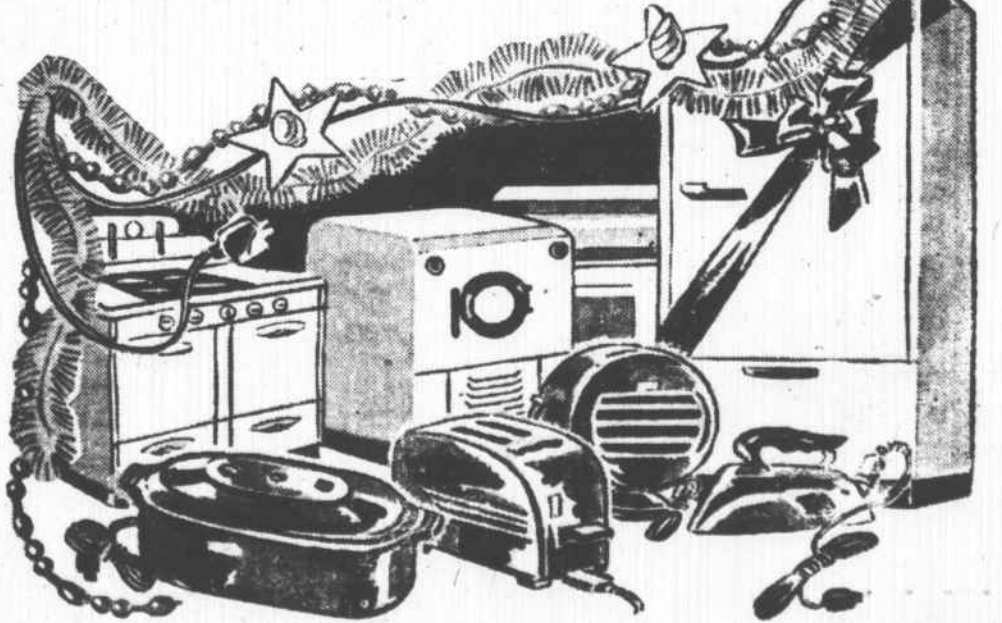
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