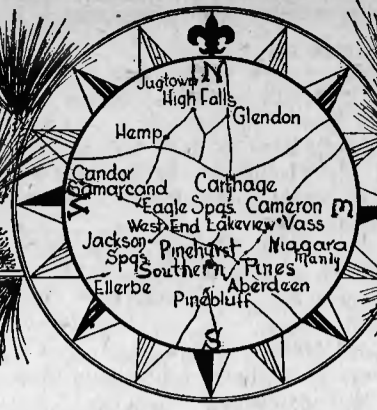




THE PILOT



SECOND SECTION

Southern Pines, North Carolina Friday, December 21, 1945

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Civilians Replace Army Personnel At Separation Center

In accordance with War Department policies recently made public, civilians are being used to replace military personnel at the Fort Bragg Separation Center, Brigadier General T. L. Futch stated last week. All soldiers, including those in key positions, will be replaced by civilians qualified to carry on the work of processing troops for discharge.

To attain the required number of employees for the Separation Center, present Post employees are being graded up to fill key positions in the Separation Center organization, discharged soldiers are being asked to accept employment, physically handicapped persons are being employed, and the Post is cooperating with the United States Employment Service and Civil Service Commission in carrying out an intensive recruiting campaign.

The recruiting campaign for civilian employees is being directed at housewives, wives of men overseas, former civilian employees now unemployed, and persons with physical handicaps preventing their working in other fields.

Persons accepting employment at the Fort Bragg Separation Center will speed the discharging of military personnel and will permit soldiers of the Separation Center staff to be separated as well.

The Civilian Personnel Branch is arranging for physical exami-

nations for new workers, housing facilities on the Post, and transportation to and from their work for employees not living on the Post.

The Separation Center is urgently in need of typists and stenographers. Pay for employees in these categories ranges from \$1704 to \$1902 per year. Typists and stenographers who are interested in securing employment are urged to report directly to the Office of Civilian Personnel on the third floor of Building 310, Fort Bragg, where they will be interviewed and their qualifications considered. Appointments offered will be subject to Civil Service rules and regulations. The Fort Bragg office will be open Mondays through Fridays, and discharged military personnel will be given preference.

DISCHARGED

T-Sgt. Alfred Guion Eubanks received his discharge from the Army December 3, after 32 months of service. During this time he served in the European Theater of War for twelve months as a member of the 104 Timber-Wolf Division.

Sgt. Eubanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Eubanks of Sanatorium, N. C., arrived at his home December 8 from Fort Fisher, Seattle, Washington.

Show your gratitude for this peace-time Christmas in the best way of all: by giving a Victory Bond. Whether it goes to that home-coming serviceman, or to his loving wife or waiting mother, it will be appreciated.

They Were Going Then; Now They're Coming Home



The above picture of the Army Day parade down Broad Street was made on April 10th, 1942. It is a fine sight and we are proud of our town's and country's record in the war years. But no parade can equal the sight these days of the boys coming back, strolling again down the streets of their home town.

A Veteran Comes Back Home Again

You always wonder a little what it will be like back home. Instinctively you shy away from it, spending your first few days in some strange town. Then a letter comes: "When are you coming home, Son?" and you find yourself on the way.

All through the night the train rattles and bangs and you wonder: what will things be like? They will be different, yes, bound to be. Some will not be there and others will have gone away. But will the place feel like home? A town flashes by in the night, its little lights piercing the darkness. You wonder.

The sun wakes you up in the morning, pouring in on you, warm and friendly. Red clay cliffs pour past and then a muddy field and a dingy shack under tall oaks. A winding dirt road, a wooden bridge and the bare, snaky trees of a swamp. A mule team, a wagon, a tall Negro watching the train. You feel your heart beat fast. Then you feel a little cold inside. Will things be the same?

The train comes up the last grade and blows for the crossing. The same highway breaks out of the pines and runs smoothly along the tracks. There are some new houses, a new fence. The trees are taller, too. You feel the brakes begin to take hold. You put on your hat, tighten your scarf around your neck. You take one last look at the trees and the road, then stand up and follow the brakeman through the car.

You wait patiently behind oth-

er people. A door opens. There is a rush of cool air. Then you move forward, too, and you step down onto the hard white sand. There is a deep smell of pine and sand and clay.

Your mother is there and greets you, warm but with no fuss. You quietly get in the car and drive on home. No one notices. You are just another person come to town and you are glad.

At first you stay at home wondering at the quiet, hearing the familiar murmur of the wind in the pines and the echo of a freight whistling through the night. This is real peace: knowing this room is yours, this house is yours. Knowing that for a while you can do as you wish.

Later you become curious and wander down town. You walk by the railroad station, past Patch's Store, the Bank, the Post Office. Not much has changed. Then you begin to meet people. You are glad they recognize you, glad they do not ask too many questions. They smile: "Glad to see you back . . . How have things been?" You talk for a few minutes. You ask about the boys. You begin to feel a part of things again, a part of this normal way of living.

You walk down the street al-

most laughing at yourself, wondering what you were afraid of. You glance up to see a giant holly covered with bright clusters of red berries. By golly, it's almost Christmas! You notice then that there are green wreaths in the store windows. A tree with yellow and red and blue lights shines on a porch. A tall, gaunt man sells cedar trees and holly on a corner. You step aside to let two little Negro boys pass carrying a huge bough of mistletoe.

Christmas. That feeling can never be quite the same. No, not the same. You have seen too much. Then, too, there will be forever some empty places at the Christmas table. This will have to be a new Christmas, but it will be a happy one for you because you are back to stay! A free man! Happy because now, for the first Christmas of many, you can do things for people, do things for them, being one of them and not a man of another world.

Eagerly you step into the flow. Start pushing into stores, choosing presents, carrying packages, laughing and talking. As you go on up the street, you find yourself humming . . . "Noel, noel . . ."

Real Estate Sales In Vass Section Are Active

Several real estate sales of interest have been made in and near Vass recently. W. D. Smith has sold his home to George Blue, who plans to repair and paint it as soon as he can get his work done.

G. M. McDermott has sold his house in Sunrise Heights, at present occupied by Mrs. John Byrd and family, to I. W. Key of Vass, Route 2, who sold his farm to E. H. Caddell, Jr., of Carthage. Mr. Key expects to move with his family to Vass early in the year.

Mr. Key has also bought the corner lot adjoining the Methodist Church property and Clyde Cox's lot, a desirable business location.

N. M. McKeithan has purchas-

ed from T. J. Smith the tract of land on which the home of "Uncle William" and "Aunt Lydia" McKeithan, early Vass settlers, formerly stood, and he plans to build two houses as soon as the weather permits and materials can be obtained. Mr. McKeithan has also bought a farm near Notre Dame Academy and will build a house there.

The Wilkins farm, formerly the Abernathy place, has been purchased by J. G. Hennings of Vass Route 2, who plans to move to his new property.

Dan Stewart, who recently bought the John Norman Cameron home here, has sold his farm in the Cypress community to a Mr. Denny of near Sanford, and Lincoln Causey of Vass has purchased a lot from Louis George near the Delmas Kimball property.



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EVERY holiday has its significance, but none can compare with Christmas. It is the one time of the year when self-seeking gives way to selflessness, and all are united in one common attitude of good will towards our fellowmen.

Our entire personnel joins in wishing Christmas joy to those whom we have served, and to others as well. Accept our sincere thanks for the privilege of being of help in making this Christmas of 1945 truly merry.



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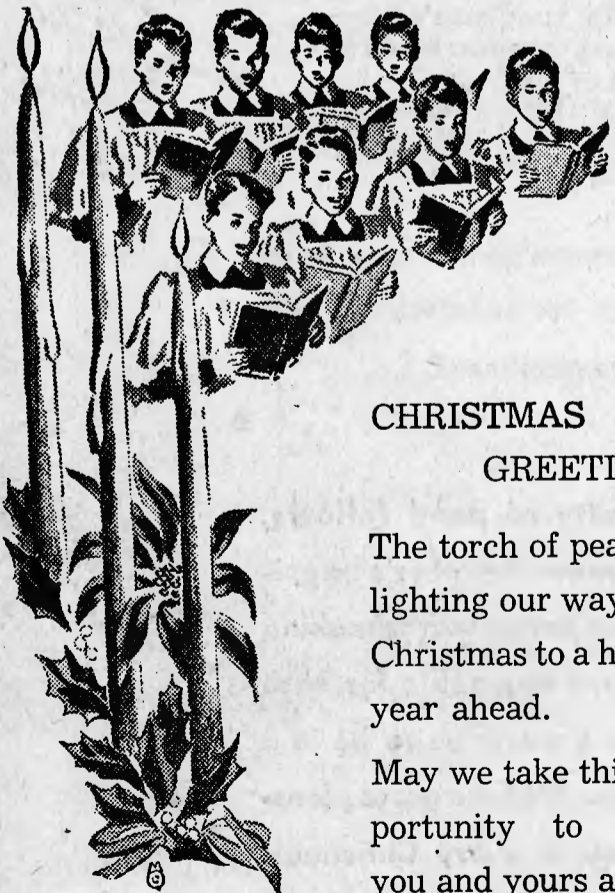
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We send you our sincerest greetings this yuletide season and wish you a joyous Christmas—a bright and happy New Year.

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Pinehurst Offers Gay Holiday Fare

There will be lots going on in Pinehurst during the week, as the following calendar shows. While it is subject to change and some further attractions may be added, here's the list of regular and special events scheduled for the holidays:

December 23—Carolina Hotel, Children's Christmas party, 2:30 p. m.

December 24—Country Club, Hole - in - one live turkey golf shoot, 10 till 3 p. m.

December 25—Carolina Ring, Gymkhana, 2:30 p. m.

December 26—Carolina Hotel, Dance for gymkhana participants in Pine Room, 9:00 p. m.

December 27—Country Club, Buffet supper and keno, 7:00 p. m.

December 31—Country Club, New Year's Eve dance, 9:00 p. m.

January 1—Carolina Ring, Mid-Winter Horse Show, 2:30 p. m.

January 3—Country Club, Pinehurst Forum presents Dr. Raymond Adams, Professor of English, University of North Carolina, in: "Thoreau at Walden—The American Qualities of Henry Thoreau's Two-Year Experiment." 8:30 p. m., buffet supper at 7:00 p. m.



THERE are a thousand and one ways of extending the season's greetings to you, but no words we can put into writing, no words we can frame with our lips, ring with more sincerity than the old-fashioned greeting—

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

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