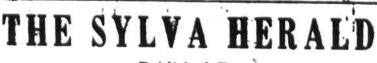
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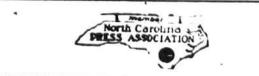
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## A RECORD OF WHICH TO BE PROUD

The management and employes of the Sylva Division of The Mead Corporation are to be congratulated upon the splendid record they have achieved in preventing accidents at the plant here during the period ending December 31. To have run for 229 days without a lost-time accident in an industry of this type is a record of which the Mead people can be justly proud. However, this record did not just happen, which is all the more of credit to the management and employes. The company has waged an intensive safety program which has had the full cooperation of the employes. It is through these safety measures promoted and carried out that prevented accidents. In recognition of this fine record the Sylva Division has won the enviable George H. Mead Safety Trophy, which is an annual award to plants making the best record in safety work.

The Herald extends its most hearty congratulations to these people and looks forward to seeing the company make as good or better record in 1947.

# **OPPORTUNITY FOR 1947**

**Inside Washington** Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State George C. Marshall has given no hint, so far, of his plans for the state department. But there are many employes, especially of the department's newer services, who are quaking in their boots.

They are troubled largely by the Republican control of Congress, coupled with the demands of Senator Arthur H. Vandenburg (R) of Michigan that the department be gotten out of the ruts of the past, be dusted off and modernized.

Moreover, they know that former Secretary James Byrnes had planned a wide reorganization to modernize the foreign service. In fact, the budget bureau made a thorough study of the department, which would revise it greatly. Byrnes, busy at distant conferences, never acted.

Observers expect speedy overhauling by Marshall. His impatience with delay is too deeply ingrained to permit of any laggard operations in his department.

"here is one thing, however, that might defeat him. Marshall is due to leave soon for Moscow, where he will be busy for many months. Some observers think that he must have his reorganization plan pretty well-thought out and order it put into effect immediately. Otherwise, some of the old hands who are accustomed to their leisurely existence may sabotage his aims.

Harold Ickes won't like this-but Republicans are thinking of restoring the name of Hoover to Boulder dam.

Rep. Jack Anderson (R) o fCalifornia introduced a bill to honor former President Herbert Hoover by putting his name deer hunting, leaving his wife at back on the world's highest dam.

Rumblings against it are heard in the interior department, where Democrats still hold sway. But Congress could override the department, of course. President Truman, an innocent bystander, may



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# The Everyday Counsellor By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH. D. D.

When are we going to learn that | pipe.

the grass is not always greenest on One resident, dissatisfied with the other side of the fence, and the home product, saw an advertisement from New York of an exthat we do not have to leave home pensive set of clay pipes in plushto find those things which we think lined case. He ordered them. When are best?

they arrived he discovered to his From Lenox, Massachusetts, surprise that they wer "made in comes the story of a man who went Salem."

We don't have to leave home to home. He left early, and late in the find the best things in life; they evening came trudging home with are with us all of the time. Where nothing but his gun, tired and disare better friends than the homecouraged. His wife then led him town friends? Who will do more to the garage and showed him a for us in time of need than the 95-pound buck hanging from the members of our own families? wall. She had felled the deer in her Men and women are roaming own garden, after sighting it from

over the country, searching for her kitchen window. happiness and peace. An increas-

#### Thursday, Feb. 13, 1947

### Miss Agnes Wilson Hostess To Bridge Club

Miss Agnes Wilson was hostess Thursday evening for the initial neeting of a newly organized bridge club. Two tables were made up for play.

At the conclusion of the games low score. Both were given prizes.

Cakes and ices, decorated to also suggestive of the Valentine season.

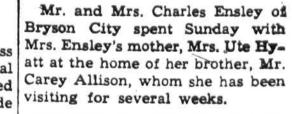
The members and guests playing were Misses Rebecca Sue Cannon, Lou Elsie Parker, Lela Moore Hall, Lucile Wilson, Hicks Wilson, and Mrs. Clyde Rector, Mrs. Dan B.

Hooper, and Miss Wilson, the hostess.

Mrs. Dan K. Moore and two children, Edith and Danny, were guests over the week-end of Mrs.

acial Problem." Sixteen club members and their to have your money back. Racial Problem."

sponsor, Mrs. M. B. Madison, were present. The hostesses served sweet course.



The friends of Mr. W. C. Allison will be glad to know that he Mrs. Dan B. Hooper held high score is improving at his home after bewhile Mrs. Clyde Rector had made ing quite ill for the past several weeks.

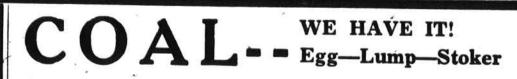
Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Enloe and carry out the Valentine motif, Miss Anne Enloe feft Sunday for were served by the hostess. The Atlanta where they were joined by tallies and other decorations were Mrs. Frank Gudenrath for a visit in points in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida before returning.

Mrs. E. L. McKee spent the first of the week in Raleigh, returning to her home Tuesday.



guests over the week-end of Mrs. Moore's aunt, Mrs. David Eldfedge, in Chattanooga, Tenn. of the program, presented Mrs. C. C. Buchanan, librarian at WCTC, who addressed the group on "Our Baciel Dechlem"

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have to decide the issue.

By this time, most of our New Year's resolutions have been broken and forgotten in the traditional manner. But there is one resolution that should be constantly reaffirmed, and that is to do something positive about our monstrous fire loss, which reached record totals in destruction of life and property last year.

There can be no evading of the fact that most fires are the result of human carelessness alone—the statistics prove fire are matches and smoking materials, defective electric wiring and appliances, defective heating and cooking stoves, and carelessness with open lights and inflammable liquids. Every one of those causes comes straight back to the careless, ignorant and inattentive individual.

In the larger field of community fire prevention, it is clear that we have lagged woefully behind the march of progress, in framing and revising building codes. The recent hotel fires offer ghastly proof of that. Many communities permit the term "fireproof" to be applied to public buildings which are definitely fire traps. And, apparently, few communities insist that areaways and elevator shafts, along which fire can travel with the fury of a typhoon, be closed by approved types of fire doors. That failure alone caused many deaths in 1946.

Sylva has been fortunate in that we a record again.

There is an overwhelming demand in Congress for labor legislation. But Congress is finding out that the urge for action is about the only thing that members have in common on the question.

There are almost as many proposed ways of doing the job as there are members of Congress.

and argument before any kind of labor legislation is passed. And beyond that is that. In order, the four primary causes of the threat of veto by President Truman, which would bring the necessity that both Houses muster two-thirds majorities if any legislation is to go on the books.

The Senate labor committee decided Sylva P.T.A. Observes to open hearings Jan. 23 and close them Founders Day Monday Mar. 1. That means that a labor bill probably will not be prepared before the middle o fApril. Assuming that the floor battles will last a month, it will be mid-May before a labor bill could go to the White House.

If it then is acceptable to the president, the elementary school, was prethe nation's labor policies would be altered or clarified. But if it is vetoed, it would kill probability of labor legislation a short business session was held. this year.

over the president's veto-and Congress is planning to adjourn early in July.

their vacation time.

Of course this is an exceptional ing number of books are coming story, but don't we all have the from the press telling us how to habit of wanting to leave our own find it. A host of new ills are ashomes for the best public speaker, sailing us, which we are being the best preacher, lawyer, doctor, told comes 'from inward tension, the best scenery, the best merchan- frustration and unhappiness. dise?

Two thousand years ago, Jesus This reminds me of one of those said that we do not need to leave stories handed down in old Salem, home to find peace and happiness. N. C. In the early days of the set- He said that the place to look for tlement, one of the industries was them was within our own hearts.

What this adds up to is a lot of delay a pottery, where among other When a man learns that he lives things excellent clay pipes were in a God-centered world, that manufactured. Cigars and cigaret- when he makes peace with Him, tes were not yet in vogue, and lives his life according to divine smokers kept sets of clay pipes, plan, becomes part of the Masterfrom which they offered visitors plan, peace and happiness come, choice who would smoke them. because he sees God in all about A fresh reed stem was put in the him and within him.

Give Scholarship To WCTC The Sylva Parent-Teacher As-The Junior Woman's Halcyon sociation joined Monday in the naional observance of Founders Day week, which this year was marked by the Golden Jubilee of the orhostess.

ganization. Plans and arrangements were discussed and made for the Valen-The meeting, which was held at tine dinner which the club will sponsor Friday night, February 14, sided over by Mrs. W. L. Jones, at 7 o'clock at the Allison building president. Following the devotional of the Methodist church.

The club voted to give a scholarship to Western Carolina Teachers College for some Jackson county girl, the funds coming from the Victory bonds bought by the club. Mrs. Fortner, who had charge



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club met last Wednesday night at the home of Miss Martha Barnett with Mrs. Gudger Fortner as joint

Junior Woman's Club Will

Mrs. Jones reported that telegrams It will be pretty hard to pass anything had been sent to representatives and senators bearing endorsement

of the P.T.A. for the state health bill and the proposed teachers salary raise. It was also reported that