

# IN SOCIETY

## MRS. SMITH ENTERTAINS WITH LOVELY BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. Paul Smith entertained this week with a lovely bridge luncheon. Mrs. Adams won first prize, and the second prize was won by Mrs. Nelson Jackson, Jr.

## MRS. OLIVER ANDREWS ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

Mrs. Oliver Andrews entertained at bridge the seventeenth. Seven tables were in play. The high score was won by Mrs. Damerest, and the consolation prize was won by Mrs. W. F. Little.

## DR. AND MRS. BISHOP WILL ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE THURSDAY

Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Bishop will entertain at bridge today at the Mountain Industries tea room. Many tables will be in play for the occasion, which promises to be an enjoyable one for the guests.

## MR. AND MRS. GRAY FROM BIRMINGHAM HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Gray, of Birmingham, Ala., are here for the holidays, visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Gray.

## MR. AND MRS. RALPH ERSKINE AND FAMILY ON VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Erskine and four children are here from Stamford, Conn. to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Rogers. Mr. Erskine is one of the country's foremost manufacturers of furniture in Stamford, and was at one time one of Tryon's valuable citizens. His many friends here are pleased to have him here for a visit, and see the great strides that have taken place during his absence. They expect to return to Connecticut after New Year's.

## MRS. W. W. GRAHAM WILL ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE

Mrs. W. W. Graham will entertain at bridge at Mimosa, on Monday. Many tables will be in play for the occasion.

## MRS. E. PUE WILLIAMS WILL HAVE GUESTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Mrs. E. H. D. Pue, and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Crocker, and children, of Belair, Md. will arrive Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. E. Pue Williams, at Circle Inn.

Miss Eleanor Bird will be home to spend the Christmas holidays with her people and friends.

Dan Rion, son of the local railway agent here, is home from the University of North Carolina, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Algie Wilson is home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents. Algie is taking a printing course at Berea, Ky. and expects to finish some time next summer. He was associated with the local paper for several seasons.

Mr. J. Roland Hill, and little son, "Jack," will leave Friday for Florence, S. C. to spend the Christmas holidays with their relatives.

Numbers of people are availing themselves of the opportunity of getting The Polk County News this month for One Dollar. Remember this offer is only for the balance of this month, send yours in today.

George Holmes, Jr. is home from the University of North Carolina, to spend the holidays with his parents.

Harry Morgan, who is in school at N. C. State, is home for the holidays.

Jimmie Rion, who has been attending school at State, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards, from New Jersey, are here to spend the holidays.

Mr. John Preston, who has been off to school, has arrived in Tryon to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Ruth and Alice Andrews are home from school to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Purdy Richardson is leaving this week for his home in Lylesville, N. C. to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. George Remick is home from the University of N. C. to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

William C. Burnett, Jr. is home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents. He has been attending school at the University of N. C.

Mr. Sutherland of the Missillidine Pharmacy spent Tuesday night in Landrum, S. C.

Miss Helen June Leonard is spending her vacation with Mrs. T. H. Cogrey.

Mrs. Joyner C. Kelley has arrived from New York on a visit to Mr. Kelley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Kelley.

# National Defense Is Poor

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ent they are a part of the unorganized reserve, to which every able-bodied male, by virtue of his citizenship, belongs.

In other words, the organized reserve is a paper army, except for its officers. For instance, of each Infantry company of 250 men the government has the names and addresses of three or four officers, the remaining personnel being still merged in the general population.

The members of the officers reserve corps are now drawn almost entirely from those who served in the last war, and for various natural causes these are dropping out at a rate of about 7,000 a year. Consequently, as a part of the defense plan some method of replacement had to be devised and with this purpose in view the civilian military training camps and the reserve officers training corps were established. The C. M. T. C. consists of summer training camps, which any young man between the ages of 17 and 30 may attend at public expense. The R. O. T. C. is made up of student training units in various educational institutions throughout the country. Any university, college or secondary school may apply for the establishment of such a unit and upon approval an officer of the regular army is detailed as instructor and the necessary arms and equipment are furnished. Whether the instruction be compulsory upon all physically fit male students is optional with the school authorities and the training unit may be withdrawn at any time upon their request.

Five hours a week in secondary schools and three hours in higher institutions are devoted to this instruction, the army officers taking their places as members of the faculties and carrying on their work just as is done in other departments.

The instruction in the rudiments of the art of war, and particular emphasis is placed on the fact that the same general qualities are required in a good soldier as in a good citizen. Alertness, promptness, neatness, are insisted upon, as are the moral attributes of a gentleman. Stress is placed upon the building up of the physical being, as a soldier of value must be, as every man should be, always in sound health.

At the beginning of the last war we had about 8,500 regular and 3,200 national guard officers, the remainder of the 200,000 officers were without previous training and as a result many were hurried into positions of grave responsibility for which they were unprepared, and in numbers of cases, unfit. Much dissatisfaction arose from the fact that these did not understand the limitations of their positions or that discipline applied to themselves, as well as to their subordinates. To supply this deficiency is one of the purposes of the R. O. T. C. and every effort is made to teach leadership without tyranny and subordination without servility. The ideals upon which the nation was founded are supported and patriotism is taught as a moral adherence to these ideals and a willingness to sacrifice one's own personal interests that they may be upheld.

The value of military training is attested by the authorities in charge of the schools, not only as a provision for national defense, but as having a definite place in the education of a citizen, though he may never be called upon for military service.

At present training units are maintained in 116 of the 528 colleges and universities in the country and in about 100 of the military and other secondary schools out of some 13,000, so it may easily be seen that only a small proportion of the young men have this opportunity to prepare themselves to serve their country in case of need. Last year about 13,000 took the advanced college courses, of whom about 4,000 were commissioned second lieutenants in the officers reserve corps.

This is then the national defense plan, a small regular army, a small and partially trained national guard that can be used for state police purposes, a reserve of officers that could act as a nucleus upon which to build an army commensurate with the need, and a system by which routine losses in this reserve may be replaced. But in no sense can it be said that we have a great fighting force of immediate value, tremendous exertions on the part of the entire nation would be necessary before we could organize and train an army to meet a formidable enemy, and no step toward this end could be taken without the sanction of congress.

Of course, from the standpoint of the government, these reserves and this training, as well as the continued existence of the army and navy, rest upon the assumed possibility that another war may occur. While we see no war in prospect, the sum of human experience indicates that we can at no time be sure of the permanence of a state of peace. The present status of world affairs certainly does not suggest that we can safely abandon our defenses entirely and the provisions that have been made are more than modest, when compared with the armaments that are maintained by all the other na-

# LOVE

Fill the Yuletide atmosphere with this great gift and "all else shall be added unto you."

Love for the Creator — the All Wise Intelligence whose Divine Plan has made Christmas possible — is the paramount devotion of all-Christian people.

Love of home, of mother, father, child, husband, wife, sister, brother and relative — all these in their true form a reflection from Heaven itself — makes possible the sharing of the joys of the Christmas.

Love of friends, of people, of humanity enables one to sit by his own fireside in comfort; because the love he has shown "even unto the least of these" has made him happier and better.

Love of the Government under which we live, (and love implies and includes obedience and respect to its laws) and of the institutions of freedom makes safe our peaceful enjoyment of the blessings that Christmas bestows.

Love of peace, of tranquility and of order sends out its sunlight to all the world and typifies that great Scriptural admonition, "on earth peace, good will toward men."

Love of one's vocation, or labor, or business — the tasks are hard and the burdens heavy — has been the means of showing in a material way the love for all the rest.

But how may love be shown? The question is pertinent, the answer long. Man's nature seeks the Divine, but as yet we live in a material world; and love, to some extent, must be shown in a material way.

Gifts of needed articles serve a timely purpose. Remember also, that a little luxury now and then is relished by the best of men and women.

No one ever went to the poorhouse from stretching himself just a little for that coveted string of pearls so dear to wife or daughter; nor for the toys that delight the children and make their little hearts glad; nor for the Christmas tree that sends dull care away.

Gifts are tokens of the current of affection that flows silently beneath. Love is shown by attitude. Attitude is proven by giving. Giving is sacrifice of great or small degree. Sacrifice is love. This is an unending, unbroken circle. Love is behind every good thought and every provident act.

Christmas is the institution which, by sacred historical fact and by custom and common consent, opens the way for outward demonstration of inward feeling. The gift, no matter how priceless, is at best but the wrapper, the stamp, the card, the twine — that enfold beneath their gay coloring the precious idea of the greater gift of LOVE.

tions of the world. The government does not desire war, it may be depended upon to exhaust every possible means of keeping the peace, and if it goes to war it will be only upon the insistence of the whole body of responsible people. Its present plans are only the insurance that we have a right to expect and, in the light of present conditions, less would mean a lapse from a proper sense of responsibility.

Consequently it is to be regretted that apparently increasing efforts are being made to frustrate the plan of the government in its desire to safeguard the future of the country. Much publicity is being given to ideas and opinions which claim to show not only that our preparations for defense are useless, but they contain elements that are positively destructive to our national well-being. Three principal ideas are being advanced: First, that war is a wasteful, irrational and ineffectual way in which to settle disputes. Second, that not only does preparation for war make for war, but that without preparation there can be no war. Third, that the study of the art and practices of war induce brutal bloody-mindedness, a desire for war and a moral tendency to ignore pacific methods of settling differences.

The first proposition, which finds no opponents, is enlarged upon to excite the emotions, the fact being lost sight of that since time immemorial people have gone to war and that we are without safe assurance that the practice will not continue. Also, that no matter how highly a nation may resolve, it may have war thrust upon it as an alternative to foreign domination or some other condition that a free people cannot afford to accept. That it takes two to make a quarrel is not so true as that it takes two to keep the peace.

The second proposition is negatived, at least in part, by our own national experience. To decide upon the agency that prevented any one of the many wars that never happened is mere academic discussion; the possibility of war always exists but it is rarely embarked upon unless at least one nation believes that its ends can best be met in no other way. The ultimate causes of war rest upon human attributes and may usually be traced to greed or fear. These are individual as well as national characteristics and they will continue to act in communities so long as they are so generally prevalent among people. Those who are striving to diminish these instincts and to supply other than material objectives are worthy of our profoundest wishes, but they should not endanger our national safety by

inducing us to accept too soon the belief that a great change in human nature is imminent. But to arrive at the things that do or do not produce wars that actually take place is ascertainable, or at least, conjectural, and it certainly may be said that the United States was never crowded into war by the possession of an army that was crying for employment. On the contrary, no war of ours was preceded by preparation of consequence; the national demand for war has always driven untrained and poorly equipped armies into the field. And after each war a revulsion has always reduced the armed forces below the legitimate strength that the nation might best maintain.

While it is quite clear that the possession of adequate military forces has never been the mainspring of our entry into war, there are logical reasons for the belief that a higher state of preparation would sometimes have acted as a preventive. General Pershing and many other authorities are of the opinion that given a greater visible force we should not have been drawn into the last war, that had the Central Powers believed us to be less impotent they would not have taken the steps that compelled us to join in the struggle. The third proposition is also disproved by our national experience; how many of the 4,000,000 men engaged in the past war would care to repeat their hardships? Indeed, the attitude of the returned soldier is of the greatest assistance to those who preach against the continuance of the practice of war. The regular army does not desire war; its members know that it can bring them only crushing responsibilities and that in sudden emergency they must be used as a sacrifice behind which a citizen army can be raised and trained. Few of the British regulars survived the first campaigns of the recent war. The army is willing to accept this position but it does not invite the catastrophe. That the teaching of the art of war to young men does not avert an evil effect upon their natures is obvious to anyone who observes the training that is given to the members of the C. M. T. C. and R. O. T. C., or responsible for the proper education of these young men, but a blanket indictment is brought against them, as well as against the government, for endeavoring to destroy the finer feelings of students in order to make them more suitable instruments for the diabolical operations of war. Those who oppose the plan for national defense may be divided into

# Faith and Firm Purpose Create Women's Club Home



A new era has dawned for the woman who visits Los Angeles. Once she had to go to a hotel. Now she can go to her hotel. For by skill, energy and perseverance a group of Los Angeles women alone have put up a new million and a quarter dollar structure devoted to women and to their families — including man. It is more like a giant hospitable club than a hotel. The women have a plunge and a gymnasium at their disposal. If they wish to play golf the hotel will give them courtesy cards to their choice among the many famous Los Angeles all grass golf courses. More than a score of years ago some women in Los Angeles were given a modest piece of land on Figueroa street. It was then so far out in the country that orange orchards were very close to it. It was then that women with high faith and firm purpose resolved to convert that land into a treasure. They held to it. They guarded it against unwise build-

# Remick Gives Statement

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# TRYON—ROUTE ONE

The trail of memory leads me back to you and so I think of you, dear News readers, on Christmas day, and hope the choicest gifts and richest joys may ever be your comrades on life's way, and gathered 'round the Christmas tree, may all your household's be happy.

We are glad to see the young, that were off at school, come home for Christmas. May music, mirth, and merry cheer prevail this Christmas' atmosphere.

It's not too late to tell you that Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Heaguis have another wee stocking to fill this Christmas. Her name is Mary Elizabeth.

There will be a Christmas program at Bethlehem, Saturday, Christmas day, at 2 o'clock. "Joyful Voices" a tableau pantomime, string music included.

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The W. M. S. of Bethlehem met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dalton last Thursday. A wonderful meeting it was, full of the missionary spirit from the beginning to end, closing with singing "Silent Night," "Holy Night," and the Lord's prayer. After delicious refreshments were served, the twelve departed, as in days of old at the Pentecost, of which our lesson topic was on.

The sick are reported better on route. Let us not forget to proclaim the glad message of peace and good will among all men.

Again I wish every one a joyous Christmas and may the new year be filled with peace, love, and joy.

# SCHOOLS

The total amount contributed by the Tryon graded school for the Near East Relief Fund, was \$9.40. Miss Elizabeth Avant, of the seventh grade, led the list for the amount collected.

The last issue of the News gave the fifth grade, taught by Miss Keenan, first place in the Christmas Seals sales. This was an error. The seventh grade, taught by Mrs. Lois Preston was first, while the fifth grade ranked second.

On Wednesday there was given a program by the Skyukaliterary society before the entire school. This consisted of a reading, several songs and records played by Dr. Von Kahl-den, on the phonograph.

A debate will be held in the auditorium of the Tryon school at 1:00 o'clock on the afternoon of Friday the 7th. The subject of this debate should be of interest to all citizens of the U. S. It deals with the vital problems of the control of education. Resolved: That the Curtis - Reed bill, providing for a federal department of education should be adopted. The bill proposes to establish a department of education equal in work to any of the existing ones, with the secretary, a member of the president's cabinet. The participants of the debate are high school students, and will represent Tryon in the annual triangular debate held throughout North Carolina.