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#### "To Santa Clause Headquarters" ...

In the world of children Santa Claus has a large role to play at Christmas-time and we do not need to remind children or their elders that the hour of his annual visit draws closer and closer. On our desk is a letter from a small Roxboro boy, Boyd C. Gillis, sent by him to "Santa Clause Headquarters", care of the Times.

Boyd's letter is typical, he says:

"Dear Santa Clause

I have been a good boy this year. I want a wrist watch, a rock shot game, a football, and a type-writer, and also some candy and fruit, and I want a bicycles if I can get it. if you can bring it. I would thank you. . . . Your friend, Boyd C. Gillis".

The spelling and punctuation, as well as the hopes, are Boyd's and we hereby hasten to assure that his letter has been sent to "Headquarters." We too, hope that Boyd is a fortunate little boy and that he will on one day be made happy because he has been good for three hundred and sixty-four.

But while we are wishing Boyd and all the other little boys and girls like him a "Merry Christmas and a Full Stocking", we can't forget that there are many other boys and girls and some older folks who won't get wrist watches, rock shot games, candy and fruit and "a

bicycles" unless Santa Claus has some help. Santa is a genial spirit and quite willing to work overtime, but he does like a little help now and then. There are homes in which his packages are small and there are a few places he has to miss, just because you and me and the other fellow fall down on his job. It's not too late yet to find the way to Santa Claus Headquarters, but we'll have to hurry.

#### The War Comes Home .....

Like all other people in their business, Roxboro and Person automobile and automotive accessory dealers are concerned over the OMP restrictions to be imposed next month on the sale of automobile tires, it being expected that sales will be restricted to those individuals or firms whose business is essential to carrying on the war and necessary civilian affairs.

Several months ago Dr. A. L. Allen, director of the Person unit of the tri-county Health Department, resigned in order to enter medical service with the British army. Under normal circumstances Dr. Allen's place could have been filled immediately: as it is, it may be several months before a successor can be found. There is a shortage of professional men in Dr. Allen's classification and no matter how much the State Board of Health and district director, Dr. W. P. Richardson may want to find a new man they may be forced to wait weeks or months before they can re-establish the department on its previous basis.

To be specific, people in Person County and elsewhere are going to have to do without certain items and services once considered as necessities rather than luxuries and they are going to have to do their best to carry on under limitations that will be hampering, but not fatal. Dr. Richardson, as director, with other members of the staff of the Person Health department, is going to do the best he can to see that public health service in the County does not suffer. Dealers in rubber goods and other products coming under restrictions will do their best to accomodate the public. But the main job in these and all other adjustments of business and social service programs is clearly up to the public.

#### Mr. Nineteen .....

In a cold, dark attic room in a Person County farm house is a bed covered with ragged quilts and castoff covers. In the bed, trying to gain warmth from the inadequate cover, is a young man of nineteen years. He is one of the too many Person County folks who have in one fashion or another contracted tuberculosis. In his case getting the disease was easy. His mother had it, and his sister. Five years ago both of them died. Whatever home the boy had then was broken up.

But he was not discouraged, only sad. He had health and he had hands trained to do the work required on a farm. He went to work. He kept on working. He worked with a will until sickness came. He knew what it was. The others had it and had died because they lacked the right treatment for their disease.

They had it and died, and the chances are that the young man who was their son and brother faces the same fate. He has relatives and friends but he does not live with them, for they have small children who might get T. B.

There is not much that can be done for the young man. He has fever. He is hot. He is cold. And hot and cold again, with a variability having nothing to do with the ragged bedcovers. Soon his story may be told in short, half-sentences on a cemetery stone.

Once read, the words on the stone will be forgotten, and they will not say what must be said.

Right now people are buying seals, the Christmas Seals that will help to make Mr. Nineteen's tragedy avoidable for others. And so, in his name, we urge all who can to buy the Seals that help each year in a worthy cause, abolition of the so-called White plague, a disease that knows no discrimination of race or creed or color, and yields only to the early and proper treatment that Mr. Nineteen and his people did not get.

The Greensboro Record

There has been another suicide at Dix Hill, in Raleigh, North Carolina's hospital for the insane. On Wednesday morning a woman patient slipped past a girl attendant and hanged herself by her belt from a transom.

This is the third suicide, in addition to one homicide, to occur at Dix Hill within a year. More such tragedies are to be expected unless conditions are improved. According to The Raleigh News and Observer Wednesday's suicide disclosed that an entire ward of 58 highly emotional women, all diagnosed as having suicidal tendencies, was in charge of a single girl attendant-"a girl who could not possibly have been making more than \$35 a month and subsistence for a type of work that ran into 60 and more hours of menial labor per

In this and in previous cases it has been clearly and strikingly revealed that Dix Hill is under-staffed, and that its inadequate staff is underpaid. The hospital's superintendent, Dr. J. W. Ashby, seems not disposed to minimize the deplorable conditions. That much, at least, is to his credit.

The Raleigh News and Observer has repeatedly spotlighted the shameful conditions at Dix Hill and has as often called for improvements there. So have other newspapers, and many individuals, in various parts of the State. But to date nothing has been or is being done by the superintendent, the General Assembly or the Governor to alleviate the plight of the State's most unfortunate and pitiable wards-the insane.

It is strange, indeed, that a State boasting of its wealth, its progress its democracy and its humanitarianism would permit the existence of such horrifying conditions as those existing at Dix Hill. How much longer will the good people of North Carolina stand for such conditions?

Editor's Note: The Governor last Monday, did call a conference on the Dix Hill situation.

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#### Civilian Fliers Are Restricted

Charlotte, Dec. 18.—Stringent new regulations concerning identifications and licenses were imposed on civilian pilots today by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Jimmy Nall, senior aeronautical inspector here, said the new regulation said in part:

"No pilot shall pilot civil aircraft (except schedule air car-(rier aircraft) in flight after January 9, 1942, unless he has in his possession, in addition to a currently effective pilot certificate, an identification card satisfactory to the administrator, containing his fingerprints, his picture and his signature."

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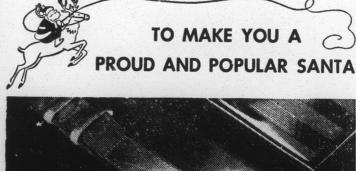
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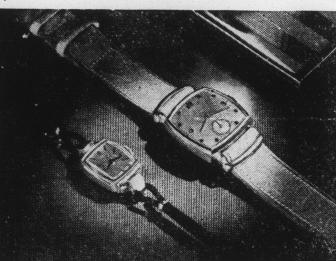
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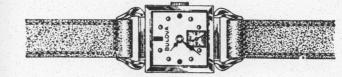
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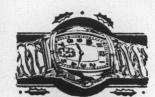
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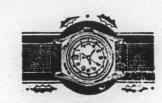
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