

## The Black Mountain News Wishes You

### A Happy NEW YEAR

#### BUILDINGS AT LAKE LURE TO BE SOLD ON JANUARY 10th

AF Rest Camp With Heating and Plumbing Fixtures Will Be Sold To Highest Bidder

Five portable buildings at Lake Lure AAF Rest Camp with their heating and plumbing fixtures will be sold to the highest bidder on January 10, Major Garland F. Steele, Moore General Hospital post engineer, announced Monday.

The property will be divided into three separate units, and those interested may bid on any or all of the units, Major Steele said.

Major Steele, who is in charge of closing the camp and disposing of government property prior to its return to its owner, said that the buildings are 20 ft. x 80 ft. in dimension. They were started last summer and were only 90 per cent completed when the end of the war came and with it the decision to abandon the camp.

Consequently the buildings have never been occupied, and the physical plant and equipment are in excellent condition. This property should be a boon for anyone needing lumber, plumbing fixtures, or heating plants in view of the present shortage of building materials," Major Steele asserted.

The bids will be opened January 10 and purchasers will have 30 days in which to move their property from Lake Lure. In addition to the buildings, there are heating plants, hot water heaters, sinks, toilets, bath-tubs, lavatories, etc. Bidding forms may be secured either directly from Major Steele at Moore General Hospital or from the guards at Lake Lure. The latter have been instructed to permit prospective bidders to visit the spot for the purpose of inspecting the property for sale.

#### Personnel At Moore General Buy Seals

Moore General Hospital personnel to date have purchased approximately \$500 worth of Christmas seals to aid in the fight against tuberculosis, Lt. Marvin Golden, chairman of the seal drive, announced Saturday.

It was also announced at hospital headquarters that Lt. Golden has been appointed chairman of the March of Dimes campaign for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in January. A special dime bearing the likeness of the late President Roosevelt, father of the March of Dimes is being minted in honor of Mr. Roosevelt.

Lt. Golden also served as chairman in the recent National War Fund drive to which Moore General Hospital contributed approximately \$1,750.

Blood transfusion bottles are sealed with a dark green band which becomes orange when the bottles are sterilized for use.

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#### New Firestone Store To Open Here Soon

The new Firestone Store will be open soon after the first of the year.

The store has been held up on account of fixtures. A meeting was held this past week in Hendersonville and arrangements have been made to secure the fixtures.

The store will carry a full line of home and automobile supplies. The News extends greetings to the new store.

#### HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES ENJOY XMAS LEAVE

Many of The Administrative And Medical Staffs Were Off During The Holidays.

The official Christmas holiday period got under way at Moore General Hospital Saturday as civilian employees, except those needed for emergency work, began a four-day holiday to extend through Christmas Day.

In addition, by direction of the War Department and Office of the Surgeon General, administrative and medical staffs were skeletonized to assure that all patients get necessary and complete processing and treatment during the holidays and Sunday hours will be maintained Sunday through Tuesday by military personnel. Duty hours for the three days will be from 9 to 12 a.m. Many patients are on Christmas leave.

The same schedule for civilians and military personnel will be observed at the hospital next Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday through New Year's Day.

In the meantime hospital personnel including Red Cross workers, patients and duty personnel completed decorations for the holiday season. All decorations have been inspected by the hospital Fire Marshall and the Chief of the Fire Department to safeguard against the fire hazard.

The Post Engineer has placed on the square in front of the flagpole a sleigh and reindeer driven by Santa Claus. Under the sponsorship of the Red Cross the various wards are competing for a suitable prize to be offered the ward with the most beautifully dressed Christmas tree. The trees were judged Saturday and the prize winner will be revealed Monday. The trees were decorated by patients, nurses, and Red Cross workers.

A full-dress Christmas dinner was served by the mess department on Tuesday, and the Officers' Club served a Christmas turkey dinner at noon to duty officers and their families.

Yuletide religious worship was included at a midnight mass Christmas Eve said by Chaplain Charles Meyer with a second mass which followed at 9 a.m. Christmas Day. Protestant services were conducted at 10:15 a.m. Christmas by Chaplain Ellis Youngdahl. His subject will be "The New Yet, Old Old Story." (Continued on page 4)

#### Three Brothers Together At Home For The First Time In Three Years---All Three Served Overseas



RAY M. STEPHENS



JAMES M. STEPHENS



HARRY L. STEPHENS

Ensign Ray M. Stephens, James M. Stephens, C. M. M., and Harry L. Stephens, S. 1-c, sons of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Stephens of Black Mountain, N. C., spent Thanksgiving Day with their parents. Ensign Stephens just recently returned from the Philippines where he was Commanding Officer of an L. C. C. in the 7th Amphib Force. He received his discharge in November in Norfolk, Va. and returned January 2nd to Park College in Missouri to complete his degree in journalism. He has four campaign bars, European Theater, Asiatic South Pacific Theater, American Theater and before Pearl Harbor award. Also three stars.

James M. Stephens, C. M. M., has been home on sixty-four day leave. He came in from the Philippines where he was aboard the U. S. S. Ocumur a repair ship. James wears the following ribbons: American Defense Ribbon, American Area Campaign ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon with the following stars: Western Carolina Islands Operations, Iwo Jima Operations, Okinawa Operation, Good Conduct Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. James has returned to the West Coast as he plans to stay in the Navy.

Harry L. Stephens, S. 1-c, is serving aboard the Franklin D. Roosevelt in the Atlantic. He entered service last March and hopes to get his discharge around the first of the year. He is in the storekeepers department on the big carrier.

#### Thirty Radio Sets Given Moore Hospital Patients

Funds for thirty radio sets, the Christmas gift of Southern Bell Telephone employees to patients in Moore General Hospital, have been received, hospital officials announced Saturday.

With the cooperation of the Red Cross, the radio sets on arrival will be placed in those wards in which they are most needed.

Employees of the Asheville district are contributing 18 sets. Ten radios are coming from the Asheville office, including employees of the telephone center at Moore General, two from Lenoir, one each from Morganton, Rutherfordon, Murphy, Waynesville, and Hendersonville; while the offices of Spruce Pine, Newland, and Boone are presenting one together.

Twelve other sets are being donated by employees of offices throughout the Carolinas. It was revealed that 194 sets are being distributed by Carolina Southern Bell employees to various government hospitals in the two states.

Each radio will bear a wooden plaque carrying the name of the office employees presenting the radio set.

Glass consists primarily of a combination of silicic acid with an alkali either potassium or sodium.

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#### 55-Point Veterans

The Army hopes to have every European war veteran with 55 discharge points back in the United States or on the way by January 1.



Bill Hill says

I went through an old graveyard tuther day, and I seen an epitaph on an old moss-grown tombstone, and it says: Here lies my wife, Samantha Practor, Who ketchted a cold and wouldn't doctor. She couldn't stay, and had to go—Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

#### Butter Famine Blamed On High Cheese Ceiling

Industry spokesmen said they saw little hope there would be any early easing of the near-famine in butter in this country.

Butter producers claim that the cause of the shortage is a combination of the usual seasonal slump in actual cream production by dairy herds and the fact that ice cream and cheese makers are permitted to pay a higher price for cream.

While creamery representatives asked Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson and OPA Administrator Chester Bowles to halt asserted "channeling" of cream and cheese production, some grocery representatives in Washington were making a "close study" of the situation and "hoping" that it would improve.

Up until V-J Day, creamery representatives pointed out, a Federal directive permitted an equal distribution of available cream throughout the dairy industry, but that order was lifted when the war with Japan ended.

With distribution of available cream now depending principally on the price it brings, creamery officials said, the cheese and ice cream makers get first call on the supply.

Nineteen of the peaks of the Andes mountains exceed 20,000 feet in elevation.

#### Masonic Lodge At Marion Has Installation

J. G. Beaman of Marion, was installed worshipful master of Mystic Tie lodge, No. 237 A.F. and A.M., at a meeting held Friday night. He succeeds Fred Morris.

Other officers installed were: John T. Jolley, senior warden; Clarence Wise, junior warden; B. H. Laughridge, treasurer, and W. R. Burleson, secretary.

Appointed officers were: P. J. Story, senior deacon; S. B. Hildebrand, junior deacon; Ray Brown and Wayne Suttle, stewards; W. R. Nesbitt, tyler, and the Rev. T. L. Kluttp, chaplain.

#### CLEARING SKIES FREE CAROLINAS FROM ICY NET

Black Mountain and Surrounding Community Suffers Heavy Loss By Broken Trees

When skies began clearing Wednesday morning it brought relief to this community which was tied up by icy streets and broken limbs from trees. It also struck in a zone south and east of Asheville and extended across several counties.

In Black Mountain, the rain which began falling Christmas Eve and which continued throughout the night, froze on trees and shrubs almost as fast as it fell. Many trees were bowed under the terrific weight, some of them even down on the roads blocking traffic. Electricity was off in this area for a time until Tuesday afternoon, causing interruption in Christmas dinners. Power was still off in some sections of the town Wednesday morning. A large tree which split in half in the yard of Mrs. Blanche Morris' home on Ridgeway Avenue. No apparent damage was caused to the house although some of the tree limbs fell on the roof.

#### Red Cross Help Make Christmas Merry

The Camp and Hospital Council of the American Red Cross composed of citizens of Asheville and surrounding communities, with the cooperation of other agencies, has left no stone unturned to help provide every patient with the best Christmas possible away from home, Mrs. Edna Luther of the hospital chapter, revealed Saturday.

The organization has provided hundreds of gifts for Moore General patients; Christmas trees wreaths, and decorations have been set up to give a completely holiday air to the Patients Recreational Hall and lounge. An ample supply of fruit cakes, candies and fruits have been provided the patients; and the organization has made available to patients free Christmas cards and free gift wrapping service.

A review of the Council's ac-

#### EICHELBERGER IS SPEAKER ON RADIO PROGRAM

Greets Families Of 8th Army Men Now In Service

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger was heard over WWNC-CBS Sunday night on "The World Today" program in which he sent a Christmas message to the members of the families of the men in his Eighth Army and to Eighth Army men, now on occupation duty in Japan. The program was broadcast from New York.

Men of the Eighth are for the most part not the jungle veterans of a year or more ago, but are smartly-dressed youngsters between 18 and 20 years of age, but these men will have the finest turkey dinner the government can buy and will be thinking of you (members of their families,) he said.

"Our hearts go out to the families of those who lie beneath the white crosses on the long, hard trail from New Guinea to Tokyo, and to the wounded, and we offer their families our sympathy," the general added.

Gen. Eichelberger said at the beginning of his five-minute talk that he had been enjoying his Christmas leave ever since his plane landed in Asheville.

Maj. Gen. Clovis Byers, now in temporary command of the Eighth sent a Christmas message from the men of that army, which was read to Gen. Eichelberger.

Gen. Eichelberger came to Asheville two weeks ago to join his wife. They then went on to Washington and New York but expect to return to Asheville before the expiration of his leave on Dec. 31.

#### Home On Leave

A. S. Lincoln Carroll Merrill is spending his Christmas Holidays at home. He went in the service the 15th of September this year and has been stationed in San Diego, Calif. He finished his boot training in San Diego. Welcome home Lincoln.

Activities for the fading year shows that the Council also has met many requests from Moore General Hospital for maternity ward supplies. The Council has provided for other hospital activities furnishings such as draperies, pictures, venetian blinds, vases and a combination radio-record player.

Recreation supplies provided patients included such items as magazine subscriptions, Victrola records, billiard supplies, bridge tables, and a great many other articles. The Council has also refreshments for some of the large dances at Moore General. It has also provided many free sight-seeing trips and has secured for patients invitations to be guests in private homes in this vicinity.

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