



Peekin' Through The KEYHOLE
With LIB
By Elizabeth Dinwiddie

Mrs. Lennie Shirlen and son James have just returned from a visit with Mrs. Edith Sprout of Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Sprout, who recently underwent major surgery, is getting along nicely.

H. C. (Dickie) Reed of Appalachian State Teacher's college, Boone, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reed, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sarti, Jr., and small daughter, Jo Ann of Greensboro have been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sarti.

Mrs. Effie Guthrie of White Sulphur Springs, West Va., spent the holidays with her daughter and

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by DON SPRINKLE Your Telephone Manager



FOR MORE CHRISTMAS FUN—Let me suggest a simple formula for the lady of the house to have more time for family and friends this gay season. Just "let your telephone do it for you." For example, those party invitations. Must you write them? Wouldn't a quick and cordial phone call do? And those time-taking trips to the florist, the bakery, the gift shop. You can telephone instead. Matter of fact, a lot of your Christmas shopping can probably be done right on the telephone. If you're in doubt about who sells what and where, remember the Yellow Pages of your phone book will help you find it fast.

CLUES TO THE IDEAL GIFT—
A Christmas gift should be ...

- Something that's fun
- Something that's useful
- Something needed
- Something unusual
- Something new for someone dear
- Something that's used, year after year

Guessed what it is? Why, an extension telephone in color, of course. Here's a truly different way to bring year-round joy and convenience to others. And you may choose handy extension phones from nine colors including lovely new pastels. Why not order your Christmas gift extension phones now from our Business Office? You may have them charged to your own telephone bill.

SEND YOUR VOICE where your thoughts are. Sometimes the nicest Long Distance calls are the ones made just to say "I'm thinking of you." Or maybe to wish a college boy or girl good luck in exams. . . to share holiday fun with friends . . . or to say "Hurry home!" to a traveling husband. You know, Long Distance costs so little for the satisfaction it brings. And you save money when you call station-to-station—that's when you'll talk to anybody who answers. Save even more during Bargain Hours—after 6 P.M. and all day Sundays. Why not send your voice where your thoughts are, now?

VETERANS NEWS

GI insurance policyholders who plan to re-enter military service should not drop their policies in the belief they will be covered by the so-called "free \$10,000 insurance," or indemnity.

Veterans Administration representative, Charles E. Peters, located in Room 421, City Building, Asheville, N. C., advises that the indemnity coverage ended almost two years ago, on January 1, 1957.

An increasing number of veterans who are returning to service are making this mistake, Mr. Peters said. They apparently do not know that the indemnity or so-called "free insurance" no longer is available.

Mr. Peters said most of these veterans were discharged while the indemnity still was in effect. It was abolished January 1, 1957, by the Survivors' Benefits Act, which substituted increased compensation rates for service-connected deaths.

VA's advice to these veterans: "If you go back into service, don't drop your GI insurance in the belief that you'll get free coverage. You won't, and you may lose your insurance in the bargain, if it is near the end of its five-year term period."

Many of the 1,000,000 Korea veterans who dropped out of GI training will get a new chance to resume their education this fall under a Veterans Administration ruling announced by the Officer-in-Charge of the VA office in the City Building in Asheville.

The veterans are those who had interrupted their training for more than 12 consecutive months, and whose GI Bill Cut-Off Dates had passed.

A veteran's cut-off date for starting GI training occurs three years from his discharge from the armed forces. Once that date passes, a veteran in training under the Korean GI Bill is allowed by law to interrupt his studies for up to 12 months, without needing VA approval.

But if he interrupts longer than that, he may resume training only if he can show VA that the interruption in excess of 12 months was due to reasons beyond his control.

It was explained that VA's new ruling amounts to a liberalization of what the VA will consider to be reasons beyond a veteran's control.

Many of the 1,000,000 former GI trainees who weren't eligible to resume training under VA's old procedures now will become eligible under the new, he said.

The VA ruling will permit a veteran to get back into GI training if he shows that he interrupted his course for any of these reasons:

1. Family or financial obligations beyond his control that made it necessary for him to suspend training in order to get a job.
2. Personal or family illness, or death in the immediate family, which caused him to drop out of training to get a job.
3. Unavoidable condition in connection with his employment that forced him to suspend his training.
4. An allowable 12-month period of suspension that comes to an end during a vacation, recess or some other time when it isn't possible to reenter school.

While it's up to the veteran to prove that his suspension in excess of 12 months is a valid one, the Administrator of Veterans Affairs has ordered that all reasonable doubt be resolved in the veteran's favor.

Individual letters are going to go out to all veterans affected by the new VA ruling, enclosing GI training applications, so that they may apply to resume their studies this fall.

Officials said there are approximately 30,000 veterans in North Carolina whose files will be reviewed in order to determine if they have remaining entitlement for educational benefits under the liberalized ruling. Letters with application forms will soon be released to each of these veterans advising them of this change.

Receipt of military retired pay does not affect the eligibility of disabled Korean conflict veterans for vocational rehabilitation training from Veterans Administration.

William H. Watkins, Officer-in-Charge of the local VA Office in the City Building here in Asheville says any veteran who suffered a service-connected disability during the Korean conflict period (June 27, 1950-January 31, 1955, inclusive) may receive vocational rehabilitation training, provided:

1. The disability entitles him to VA compensation, or would entitle him to VA compensation if he were not receiving military retired pay;
2. He was discharged or otherwise released from active service under other than dishonorable conditions; and,
3. VA determines he needs vocational training to overcome the handicap of the service-connected disability.

All these conditions must be met, Mr. Watkins points out.

Deadline date for completion of vocational rehabilitation training

—Thanksgiving Day in Canada is not strictly a legal holiday. According to The World Book Encyclopedia, Thanksgiving depends each year on a special Government proclamation.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lackey and children, Nancy Lee and Danny, spent the holidays with relatives and friends in Statesville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Freeman of Lakeland, Fla., spent Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sanders. Mrs. Freeman is Mr. Sanders' sister.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Melton, David Atkins, and Miss Shirley Swann visited the Melton's son, S/Sgt. B. Frank Melton, who is a patient in the U. S. Naval hospital, Charleston, S. C. Frank wishes to thank his friends for their many cards and messages. He would like to answer each one but at this time is unable to use his hands.

Miss Louise Sloan of Salisbury and Miss Fan Sloan of Mt. Ulla recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dougherty and family.

Miss Patty Tyson of the University of Georgia, Athens, and David Tyson of N. C. State college, Raleigh, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Tyson.

Ike and Louise Cook are leaving Saturday for Miami where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Greenwood and sons, Gordon and Ricky, left early Tuesday morning, Nov. 25, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Carl Trickett and family in Princeton Junction, N. J. They also visited points of interest in New York City and surrounding area. They returned home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Anderson and son Robert of Montgomery, Ala., spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. George McElreath. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson and four children, Gloria Jean, Kay, Helen, and Chucky, of Detroit, were also here to visit his parents during the holidays.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Reese during the holidays were two of their sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reese and Terry and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reese and two sons of Dunedin, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Dougherty and sons Ricky and Brian, of Decatur, Ga., spent the holidays with his family, the C. A. Doughertys, and her mother, Mrs. Ruby Medlin of Oteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ward and small daughter, Chiquita of Moody Air Force base, Valdosta, Ga., spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Osteen, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. James Ward of Swannanoa.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Reese and daughters, Patty and Linda Marie of Dunedin, Fla., spent the holidays with Mrs. Reese's grandmother, Mrs. Stella McMahan, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Reese.

W. Bingham Gragg spent the week-end in Knoxville with the Ray Leland family.

Mrs. H. E. Stinecomb returned Monday from a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Chapel Hill, Burlington, and Raeford.

Members from the Equitation club riding in the Christmas parade in Asheville last Wednesday were Nancy DuPuy, Janice Higginbotham, Toni Rowland, Eloise Styles, Cheryl Burgess, Teresa Dougherty, and Ann Beddingfield.

Poel's Corner

Conducted by Anne K. Sharp, Chairman Creative Writing Group

PRAYER OF THANKS

For eyes to see and ears to hear, Our thanks, O God, throughout the year.

For blessed warmth and cheer of friends Our thanks until the last day ends.

For seed well-sown and harvest reaped, Abundant yield around us heaped, Our thanks, and lend us grace, we plead

To give with love to those in need, And for Thyself who givest all: Green bud of spring, red blaze of fall.

The spirit's life, the body's food, We bow our hearts in gratitude.

—Irene Foreman Williams.

Mrs. Williams, a member of the Creative Writing club, in this exquisite beautiful and "heart felt" poem of thanks to God, reminds us that each day of the year should be a day of Thanksgiving—"throughout the year" and "until the last day ends," and that, especially, we should give daily thanks for "Thyself who givest all—our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

"I give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good because His mercy endureth forever." (Ps. 118:1). From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised." (Ps. 113:3).

Anne Kendrick Sharp, Chr., Poet's Corner, Creative Writing Club.

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depends upon a person's separation date, the date service-connection was established, or other factors.

Retired members who believe they may be eligible for this training may contact the local VA Office on the Fourth Floor of the City Building in Asheville.



December 2, 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. August Radioff of West Asheville, and Mr. and Mrs. George Dougherty were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Tinney at the Royal League Sanatorium.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allison had as their guests last week, Mrs. Allison's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Smith of Mooresville.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mashburn and son David spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Mashburn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson have returned to their home in Berkeley, W. Va., after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jones.

Mrs. A. E. Knoefel, Jr. honored her daughter, Charlotte, on her eleventh birthday anniversary Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 24, at her home on Church street. Those present for the happy occasion were: Nonie Greene, Carolyn Clapp, Sara Gouge, Jackie Sarti, Yvonne and Lula Osteen, Buzzie Brown, Anne Marie Molloy, Joyce Justice, and Charlotte Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hyatt spent Thanksgiving day with J. R. Swann, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hinkle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith and children, Edwin, Eva, and Carolyn, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their son, Hubert R. Smith, a student at N. C. State college in Raleigh. While there they attended the State college-Villa Nova game on Saturday.

Dan Turner returned Saturday from Shelly where he visited his friend, Tom Osborne.

Mr. and Mrs. George Greene of Rogersville, Tenn., were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Goodman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Frady and son Bryan spent Thanksgiving day with the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Dycus and family at their home in Oakley section of Biltmore.

—Two new cucumber varieties—Fletcher and Ashe—are resistant to both downy mildew and scab diseases.

MRS. FARR ENTERTAINS FOR DAUGHTERS

On Saturday, Nov. 29, Mrs. Margaret Farr entertained with a swimming party at "Intheoaks" and a supper at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. J. Baer, in honor

of Mrs. Farr's daughters, Melinda and Mitchell Farr. Melinda is a student at St. Genevieve-of-The-Pines and was home for the Thanksgiving week-end.

Guests were the Misses Barbara Gregory, Fay Fender, Dianne Nesbitt, Sue Tominson, Linda Allen, Ann Woodcock, and the Messrs. Tommy Wagner, Carroll Norwood, Leon Gregory, Stanley Brown, James West, Howard Stafford, Wendell Brown, and Tommy Bliz-

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