

### Army Needs Civilian Specialists Abroad

ATLANTA. — Tucked away on the 5th floor of the Grant Building in Atlanta is a little known office. Officially it is known as a branch office of the Secretary of the Army's office — military personnel call it "901 Grant Building." If you have a yen for travel and want to visit the far places in the Pacific in 1948 you can get in touch with Mr. Reese A. Golden at "901 Grant" and he will have you on your way in no time at all.

Scholarly looking Mr. Golden denies that he is running a travel bureau but talk to him about employment opportunities in the Pacific Area and he gets so enthusiastic about what you can see and do that he sometimes forgets to mention the little matter of salaries which range from \$2442.50 to \$10,000 a year.

And speaking of salaries, Mr. Golden says you only have to spend about \$45 a month out of your salary to live.

If you are a specialist in any field and Mr. Golden says that Clerk-Stenographers are definitely specialists in his book, get a supply of Forms 57 from your nearest Civil Service Office, fill them out in triplicate and mail them to 901 Grant Building, Atlanta, and if you are qualified, it won't be long until you start your Pacific travels. If you think you are a \$5,000 or \$10,000 a year man or woman, write to 901 Grant for a list of employment opportunities.

### Abbreviation, Xmas Of Greek Origin

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.

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### At Home On The Farm

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### The City Cousin

As much as I believe in Santa Claus, I see eye to eye with Charlie Spainhour, a farmer over in the Mitchell's Chapel section of Yadkin County who also believes in getting out and working for the things he wants most.

When Charlie bought a farm five years ago with the fields almost gone down the river and the bottoms growing up in bull rushes and broomsedge, he didn't expect to find a reclaimed, productive farm hanging on his Christmas tree. He figured he was morally obligated to build it up—and he did.

Along with a firm belief in the Old Gent with the whiskers, who so many folks are prone to mistake for Uncle Sam, Charlie also believed pretty strongly in a "live at home" program. Now, with his fifth Christmas down on the farm coming along, the fruits of this belief are evident. There's the store of fresh and canned vegetables, the delicious products of the orchards, the frozen strawberries, and plenty of milk and butter to go with the pork, the chickens and the good fresh eggs.

When Mrs. Spainhour got to pressin' her demands for a few of the household conveniences, Charlie did more than dispatch a letter to the North Pole. He got busy and installed a pump in the spring which is about 100 yards from the house. The next Christmas Santa could drop off a new sink for the house and drinking cups for the cow barn, knowing full well they'd be put to good use.

Charlie says too that terraces for his hillsides and good pastures for his milk cows just don't come in Christmas stockings either. A dozen of Santas helpers working for a couple of months before Christmas couldn't have done the strip-cropping and crop rotation that Charlie did this past year.

Yep, it's mighty strange sometimes. But the old man with a red suit and a jolly laugh always seems to do a little more for those folks that work for what they want.

### Electricity Should Be Handled With Care

Electricity has become a great servant to the farmer, but it must be handled with care and respect, says Ben Jenkins, Cleveland county agent for the State College Extension Service.

The National Safety Council offers the following hazard check for farm and farm home electrical safety. Unless you can answer "Yes" to all these questions, Mr. Jenkins suggests that corrective measures be taken immediately to remove the potential danger.

Is your washing machine safely grounded? Do you avoid replacing burned out fuses with coins, wires, or other metals? Are pull-chains over or near wash bowls and damp floors provided with insulating links? Do you keep appliances and cords in good repair at all times? Are you using an approved electric fence controller? Are electric motors kept clean and free from dust and trash?

Are all electrical outlets out of reach of the bath tub? Are you using the proper type of care for all appliances? Are all electrical circuits equipped with proper size fuses? Has your wiring job been installed or approved by a competent electrician?

### Forage Feeding Saves Grains

North Carolina farmers can save large quantities of feed grains by feeding forage feeds to idle farm work stock and idle saddle horses, say Animal Husbandry specialists for the State College Extension Service.

These animals can make efficient use of forage feeds, the specialists point out, and, too, this class of feed is relatively more valuable in maintaining body temperature of horses during cold weather than in supplying energy for the work, they say.

Idle horses can be satisfactorily wintered on rations of roughage alone. However, if such feeds as oat straw, fodder, and poor-quality hay are used, an allowance of good-quality hay — preferably a legume hay — should be included, sufficient to supply the animal's requirements for protein, calcium, phosphorus, and vitamins. Failure in this respect may result in poor condition in the spring.



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