

### VA To Drop 2,700 Workers

Veterans Administration announced that approximately 2,700 administrative employees will be dropped from its payroll by May 31, 1952, to get down to the limitation contained in the budget for fiscal year 1953, as submitted to the Congress.

The amount requested of the Congress for fiscal year 1953 was less than the appropriated for fiscal year 1952 because of expectation that workloads in certain programs, such as GI Bill education and training, would be as great.

The reduction will be nationwide — approximately 2,500 in field offices and about 200 in the VA central office in Washington, D. C. Excluded from the cut are employees of the Department of Medicine and Surgery who staff VA's 154 hospitals.

Separation notices have been issued, with the actual separation becoming effective May 31, 1952. The reduction in force will be carried out in accordance with the U. S. Civil Service Commission retention preference regulations.

Although the number of jobs affected by the cut is 2,700, it is anticipated that the number of persons who actually will be separated by May 31 should be somewhat less because of normal attrition between now and the final separation date.

At the peak of its employment in February, 1947, VA had 226,131 persons on the payroll. As of March 31, 1952, the latest date for which complete figures are avail-



The Intermediate Girl Scout troop of Grace church met Monday with 20 girls present. We had three new members. On Friday night we Scouts sold hot dogs to help buy uniforms for the new members. Our report showed we cleared \$24.

We played games and sang our goodnight song.

Patsy Peterson, Scribe.

World corn production in 1951-52 is estimated at 5.3 billion bushels. This is 175 million bushels larger than the 1950-51 total and 570 million above the prewar average.

Many states do not produce enough beef to supply the needs of their populations. Others do not produce enough pork or lamb to take care of the normal demand.

able, the payroll was down to 176,817 persons, including the 128,491 in the Department of Medicine and Surgery who are not affected by the current reduction in force.

### Harrill Hears 14 Cases Monday

Two more fornication and adultery cases were tried in City Recorder's court Monday afternoon. Judge E. A. Harrill presided.

Mrs. Myrtle Rippey was charged with fornication and adultery and received a 30-day suspended sentence on the payment of costs. Mrs. Rippey also paid a \$25 fine and costs in an "illegal possession of non-tax-paid whiskey" charge.

Darwin William Farris, also charged with fornication and adultery, was sentenced to 30 days suspended upon the payment of costs and the condition that he not be caught in the company of Mrs. Rippey for a period of two years.

Defense attorney in both fornication and adultery cases was John J. Mahoney of Shelby. Testimony in the cases consumed quite a bit of the court time.

Mrs. Marjorie Faye Dover paid the costs of court after being convicted of assault on a female. Mr. Mahoney served as private prosecutor for Mrs. Louise Stevens.

Fred Hinson, charged with assault on a female, paid the costs of court.

A charge of failure to comply with the school attendance law against Rufus Wood was nolle prossed.

William Moore, Negro, paid the costs of court after being convicted of assault on a female.

Seven defendants were found guilty of public drunkenness and were taxed with the costs of court.

Bill Mitchem, charged with public drunkenness and vagrancy, received a 60-day sentence suspended upon the payment of costs and the condition that he go live with his sister, Mrs. Fannie Jackson, and that he stay off the business streets of Kings Mountain for a period of two years.

### School Paper Wins Award

The Mountaineer, Kings Mountain high school newspaper, won an honor award at the 23rd annual Southern Interscholastic Press association contest held this past weekend at Washington and Lee University.

The four-page newspaper is published monthly under the direction of Miss Hazel Armstrong. The staff includes: editor-in-chief, Cornelia Ware; business manager, Jack Still; assistant business manager, Bill Ruth; Photographer, Jean Owens; Joyce Biser, Anne Dilling, Linda Baitly, Ben Hudson, Jerry King, A. B. Summitt, Dick McMackin, Sonny McDaniel, Bonnie Ledbetter Walker, Joann Wall Costner, Sue Bridges, Dorothy Goforth, Genevieve Allen and Betty Gladden Roper.

The paper features news stories, student activities, local advertising, feature stories, and the latest gossip of the high school.

The paper is printed at Herald Publishing House.

### MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



RUNE HERBERT SWANSSON

### Swedish Native Made Home Here

By Dot Ham

"Where you make a living is the best part of America," stated Rune Herbert Swansson, a native of Sweden, when asked which part of America he liked best.

Mr. Swansson came to America for the first time in 1927 to visit his brother, who was already here but later returned to Sweden only to come back in 1933.

He began his greenhouse work in his father's greenhouses in Jonkoping, Sweden where he worked in his spare time. This was the beginning of the much loved florist work in which he has done for many years.

Since returning to America in 1933, Mr. Swansson has worked in the northern states of Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio before coming to North Carolina to start work with Patterson's Flowers in Shelby. He began as a grower at Patterson's in 1941, but decided to build his own greenhouses, which are located on the Dixon school road in 1944.

Mr. Swansson was born in 1906 in Jonkoping, Sweden, one of nine children and the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Axel Swansson. He attended elementary, high school and college in Sweden.

"I suppose I really came to America to work," he said. "When in Sweden I spent the first twenty years of my life having a good time." "I didn't find the English language so difficult," he stated, "I had studied it in college in Sweden to get the background, the only thing I had to learn was the American slang."

After working for eight years in florist work in several different northern states, he came to work for Patterson's Flowers where he met his wife, the former Miss Mary Dean Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Allen of route 2. Mrs. Swansson was working at Patterson's when Mr. Swansson came to work. She stated she had been teased a great deal but had thought nothing about it, although a little over a year later they were married.

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"When I applied for the marriage license in Shelby, the people told me they were out and would have to get some printed", Mr. Swansson stated, "And upon asking how long it would take to get them printed, I was told it would take some time. I became provoked and lost my patience, I went back to the flower shop and told Mr. Patterson of the incident, he immediately called Shelby and I got my marriage license."

Mr. Swansson received his citizenship papers in the spring of 1943 after his marriage in 1942. The Swanssons stated they had very little time for recreation since the greenhouses took most of their time caring for the flowers and seeing that everything had enough water.

Mrs. Swansson stated that her husband lived with his flowers and was a great family man. They have two children, James Herbert, age 8, and Margaret Elizabeth, age 6. They are members of Macedonia Baptist church.

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**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for the acts of love and kindness shown to us at the death of our dear husband and father. May God's richest Blessings be with each of you.

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