

For the Week... LYDIA MILLS NEWS

MRS. MART SATTERFIELD, Correspondent and Representative

Mrs. Francis James, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Robertson and son of Fort Mill, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Falls visited Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Jones during the holidays.

Clara Martin visited in Tennessee during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Parrish, Sr., had as their guests during the holidays Mrs. Frank Adams, Mrs. Lizzie Cooper of Wattsville, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams of Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. Parrish and daughters visited relatives in Riverdale Monday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sanders during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Durham all of Pickens.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Williams spent the holidays in Hendersonville, N. C. with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pace.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harris of Laurens, visited Mr. and Mrs. Josh Mottie recently.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Thomas over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. John McLendon, Mrs. Velda Wilkes of Macon, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Rome McLendon of Mt. Vernon, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. William Louis of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gray of Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams of Chester, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Grant and family of Chester, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Williams during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Jackson had as their guests Christmas Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson of Charlotte, N. C., Mrs. Lola Eller and Miss Jessie Roberts of Union, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Jackson and children, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Harris and sons of Laurens.

Mrs. Letha Rhodes and Frances Fuller of Union, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rhodes spent the holidays in Spartanburg with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pruitt.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Longshore were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Woodward in Orangeburg during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sumeref visited Mr. and Mrs. Marsall Hayes in Woodruff Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean and daughters of Williamston, Mrs. Geneva Brown and Jackie of Vacluse, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Overstreet.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud McElhannon had as their guests Christmas Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McElhannon and family of Winder, Ga., and Hugh Johnson of Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wood and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilson, parents of Mrs. Wood, in Thomaston, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Neal spent Christmas day in Enoree with the latter's mother, Mrs. Annie Sherbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chalk and children were visitors in Union during the holidays. Nira Dill returned home with them for a week's visit.

Mrs. Leha Stepp and son of Union, visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chalk Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Teague of Woodruff, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chesney and family.

Mrs. Homer Wood spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. M. G. Doster, Jr., and Mr. Doster in Abbeville, Ga.

Levake Cauble, S2c, has returned to San Diego, Calif., after spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cauble.

Friends of Sgt. Clyde M. Sellers will be interested to know he is now stationed on Okinawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ithiel Harvey and Tony spent the holidays in Spartanburg with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hall.

Joan Kuykendall spent the past week in Columbia with relatives.

Barbara Sharpton spent the week in Greensboro, N. C., with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sharpton, Jr.

A. M. Shumate, Sr., spent Christmas in Jefferson, Ga., with his mother, Mrs. Emma Shumate.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Matthews of Kinards, visited Mr. and Mrs. Grange Chumbley Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith and children attended a birthday dinner Christmas day in Arcadia for Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. W. L. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Walker of Spartanburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Edmonds had as their guests over the holidays Mrs. Myrtis McPeters and son of Experiment, Ga., and Spurgeon Sorrow of Orchard Hill, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. McLendon and family and Comer Webb spent Christmas in Mt. Vernon, Ga., with relatives.

Mrs. Robert Jenkins and son, Mrs. Ruth Lybrand Miller and Mrs. Walker of Union, Donald Jenkins of Charlotte, N. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Johns Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reeder and children and Mrs. Ellie Reeder visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Floyd in Newberry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess-Edmonds had as their guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McPeters and family of Warner-Robins, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Crawley of Experiment, Ga., J. E. McPeters and son of West Clinton, and Jack Griffin of Griffin, Ga.

Nancy Frick and Mollie Humphries of Newberry, spent the past week with Sherrel Humphries.

Birthdays and Anniversaries Wilma Jean Edmonds celebrated her birthday January 1.

Virginia Overstreet will be 16 years old January 16.

Marvin Harvey will have a birthday January 17.

Birth Announcements Smith Mr. and Mrs. Luke Smith announce the birth of a daughter on December 19 at Hays hospital. Mrs. Smith is the former Miss Annie Merle Webb.

Amerson Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Amerson announce the birth of a daughter, Sandra Gail, at the Blalock clinic on December 31. Mrs. Amerson was before marriage Miss Ruby Fellows.

With The Sick Mrs. Floyd Emery is ill.

Mrs. Mary Hawkins continues ill at the home of her brother, Quinton Jones.

Mrs. Rachel Moseley is ill.

Jess Edmonds has been ill the past week.

Mrs. Clyde Rhodes is ill at her home on Cypress street.

Party for William Patterson A group of friends met at the community center Friday night to help celebrate the birthday of William Patterson. The rooms were appropriately decorated for the occasion.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Wallace and Ruth Patterson, who pinned birthday tags on each one as they entered the party room. The game of Everybody's Birthday was played. In the contest of Father Time Billy Fennell, Claude McElhannon and Spurgeon Todd won prizes.

In the dining room a table was laid with the colors of blue and white predominating. Refreshments of cake, nuts, candies and fruit punch were served. William received many gifts from the guests.

Hobby Club Meets The Hobby club met on Thursday at the community center. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Perry Sumeref, the secretary, Mrs. Ethel Cauble, presided.

Woman's Club To Meet It is announced that the executive board of the Woman's club will meet tomorrow (Friday), afternoon at 2:30 at the Providence school, building.

In addition to the newly elected officers Mrs. R. C. Coker and Mrs. Mattie Harvey, members at large are also asked to attend. It is also announced that the club will meet on Thursday evening, January 19, instead of the first Thursday in the month as formerly.

I happen to be a member of the Hoover Committee for the organization of the Executive Departments of the national government, though I am of no value to the undertaking. Even if a few millions were saved they would be like chicken-feed in comparison with the gaudiose squandering advocated by the President and meekly authorized by the Congress. I can't shout with joy over the outlook, but I do find comfort in the achievements of business.

Before me are five papers telling about business. One tells me that the American people are buying more things in cans. Our British

friends have on cans; they put them in tin. You will recall the play on the word "can". An Englishman, looking over a field of tomatoes—also tomatoes and tomatoes—asked an American, "What will you do with all those tomatoes?" The American said, "We eat what we can, and what we can't, we can." This left our English brother a bit confused—we eat what we can, and what we can't we can, so the American explained that the word "can" is "conserving." Our English friend enjoyed the play on the word can, and tried it out on a fellow Englishman in this style: "Those Johnnies across the water have a saying that they eat what they can and what they can't they tin."

Well, the article called this "Tin Can Civilization" and says that there has been a 70 per cent increase in tin commodities in 10 years. Everything from paint to prune juice and nut cakes can now be bought in tin or cans.

What's the Real Story? If Santee-Cooper "belongs to the people," as its sponsors have asserted repeatedly, the people may wish to know more details about the so-called refunding of Santee-Cooper bonds, announced earlier this week in Washington.

An Associated Press dispatch says that \$29,014,000 worth of bonds were refunded. If that now represents Santee-Cooper's debt, there had better be no more talk about the project being self-liquidating.

Santee-Cooper's balance sheet for 1947 lists the long term debt at \$26,594,000. The 1948 balance sheet lists the long term debt at \$27,094,000.

If Santee-Cooper now owes more than \$29,000,000, it seems that instead of being self-liquidating, the project is going deeper into debt every year.

The balance sheets for 1948 and 1947 also say the debt is in the form of revenue bonds paying 2½ per cent interest. The Washington dispatch says that the new refunding arrangements "reflect a reduction in the interest rate, authorized by congress in 1946, from 4 per cent to 2.5 per cent."

If Santee-Cooper, in 1947 and 1948 paid only 2½ per cent interest on its bonds, how can the new refunding arrangements "reflect a reduction" from 4 per cent to 2½ per cent?

The refinancing also "reflects an adjustment of the repayment schedules to conform to the earning power of the authority," the news story says.

What does that mean? Does it mean the adjustment is go-

ing to be upward or downward? Is Santee-Cooper going to start paying off more of its bonds, or less of them, or is it going to stop all pretense of repayment, and go further into debt?

We would like to hear a straightforward explanation of the financial transaction, stripped of such gobbledygook as "reflects an adjustment."

What really happened? Is Santee-Cooper going deeper into debt every year? Is the self-liquidating business just a myth?

Santee-Cooper started with an out-and-out gift of \$24,131,000 from the government and another \$11,254,336 from WPA, also the government. Those two appropriations never have to be paid back. It pays no taxes, and only a relatively small amount in lieu of taxes.

After all those subsidies, if it still is going deeper into debt, can it be argued that public power is cheaper and more efficient than private power?—The News and Courier.

Cut Is Ordered In Army Force Washington, Jan. 1.—The U. S. arm ytoday suspended all new enlistments in January and ordered a slash of 29,400 in its military strength as the result of the armed services economy drive.

The army said that it issued the cut-down order to all top commanders in the U. S. because "budgetary restrictions make it necessary that the strength of the army be reduced."

Army Secretary Gray announced last October that he would strive to bring the size of the military force down to 630,000 men before the beginning of the 1951 fiscal year next July.

Steps announced by the army today were in compliance with Gray's policy and the army explained that besides a straight cutback from 659,400 men to 630,000, it also would make it possible for certain enlisted

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men to leaves before their discharge dates.

In addition, the army suspended during January enlistment of men with no military experience or those who have not reenlisted within the expiration of 90 days after their old enlistments.

In its order to military commanders, the army pointed out that it does not expect "a separation program such as directed in this message will be repeated in the foreseeable future."

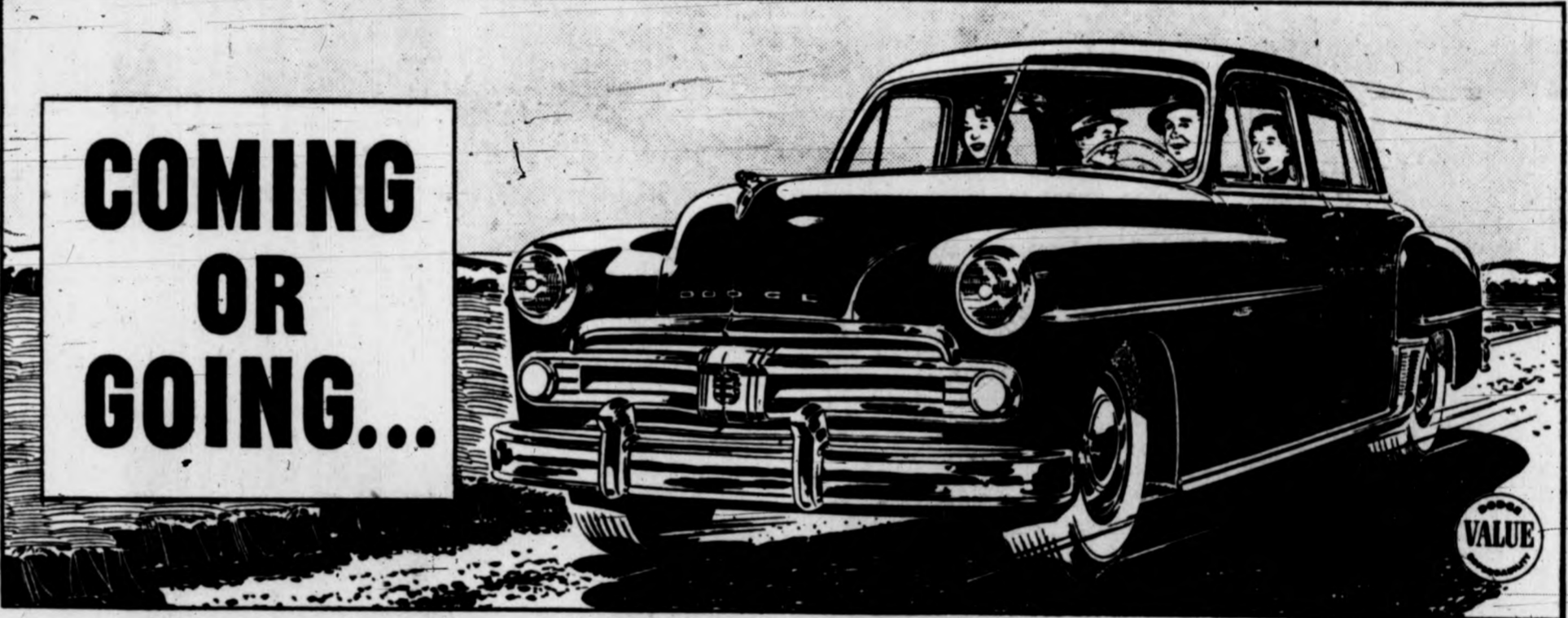
The order then listed the standards governing discharges in the near future. These included:

1. Any regular army enlisted man in the U. S. except a 21-month enlistee, due for separation in February, March or April, will be released next month if he makes a written request of his commander.

2. Any man except 21-month enlistees due for separation between February and April and who does not qualify for reenlistment will be automatically discharged in January.



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