

43,343 PERSONS GET RATION BOOKS IN LAURENS COUNTY

In Laurens county 43,343 persons have received war ration book No. 1, it was revealed yesterday by the state Office of Price Administration.

In the state more than 2,000,000 citizens have been issued ration book No. 1, required to qualify for eligibility to receive book No. 2 when it is ready for distribution.

THE LITTLE LORD

The Little Lord of Christmas Day
Was cradled in the fragrant hay,
While all about the stable dim
Soft lowed the cattle, hushing him.

Oh all the country folks of earth
Proclaim this Lord of country birth.

The little Lord without a crown
Lived in a small and common town
With narrow street and humble door
And shavings curled upon the floor.

Oh all the folks of little towns
Hail Him and bring Him loving
crowns.

The Little Lord by King's decree
On journey long was forced to flee,
A great road thronged by many a
race

Who smiled to see His baby face.

Oh all earth's travelers haste to Thee,
Thou little Lord of land and sea.

—Emma Mauritz-Larson.

FINAL SETTLEMENT

Take notice that on the 6th day of January, 1942, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Administrator of the estate of Susie S. Blakely in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens County, at 10 o'clock a. m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Administrator.

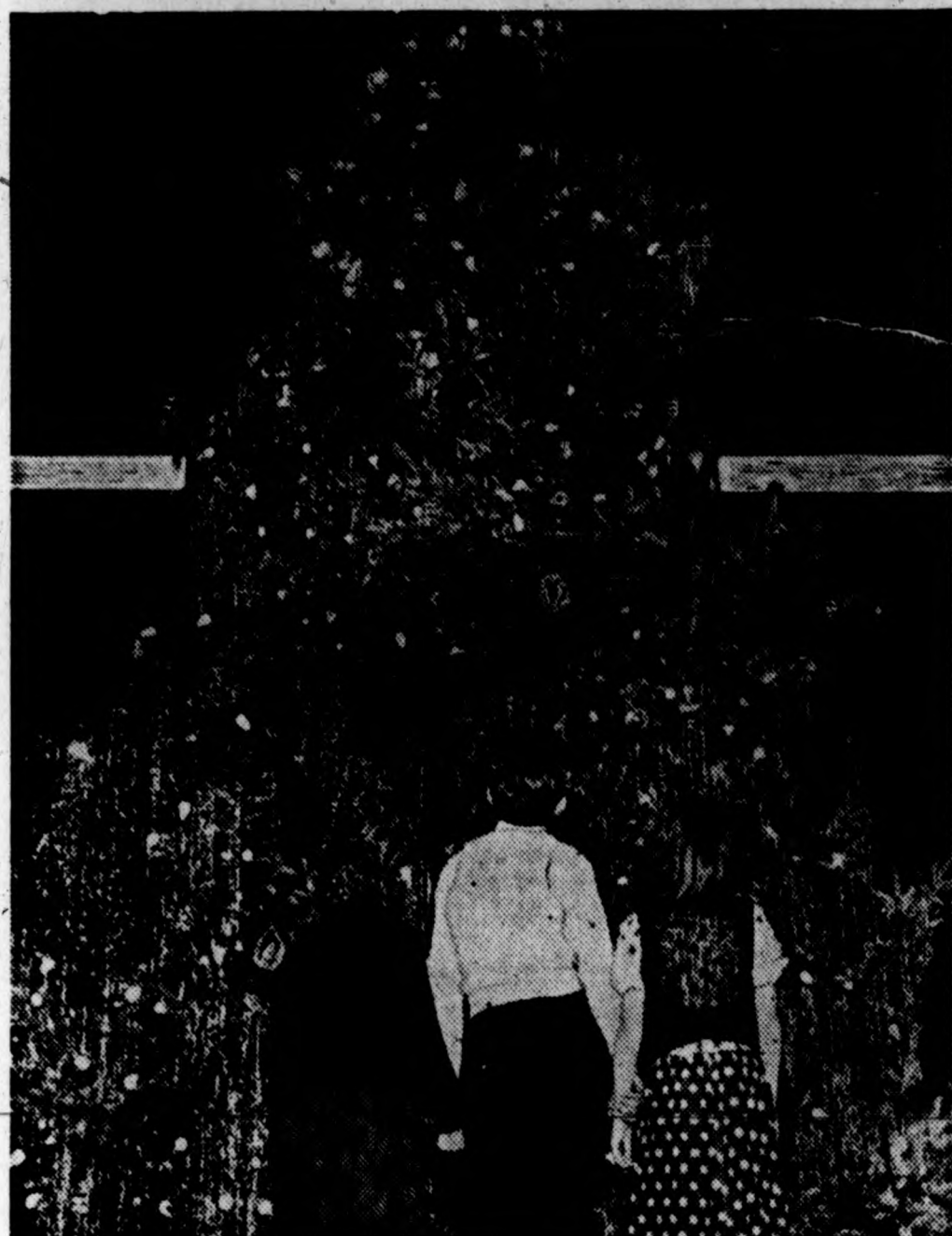
Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on or before that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred.

LOWRY M. WILSON,
Administrator.

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STATIONERY—Every boy in service will be happy to receive a box. We have just what he will like, plain or with the insignia of his branch of service. Chronicle Pub. Co.

The Tree of the Christ-Child



The Christmas tree has many legendary origins. One of these legends has it that when St. Boniface was converting the Germanic tribes from their heathen worship of Thor to Christianity, he turned their attention from the fallen Thunder Oak, under which the human sacrifices demanded by their barbarous religion had been made, and singled out a young fir tree.

Here was a new symbol: a tree dedicated to love and good deeds. With no stain of blood upon it, its tip pointing towards the undying stars, it should be a sign of the new faith: the tree of the Christ-child. No longer was the emblem of faith to be a thing of dread, but set up in the halls of the chieftain and surrounding with friendship and feasting.

In the homes of the tribesmen, the new tree of the Christ-Child honored the birthday of the Saviour and children played beneath it. It became the symbol of love and simplicity: for

"Unless ye become as little children, ye cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

In America, families gather around the Christmas tree in the home, throughout the land community trees are lighted and the old carols are sung; symbols of the spirit of the Christ-Child—the brotherhood of men.

LYDIA MILLS NEWS FOR THE WEEK

Mrs. W. P. McLendon, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Brown and daughter, Miss Eloise Brown, visited Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Grant in Whitmire Thursday.

Miss Reba Hill of Lexington, N. C., is spending the week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Willard.

Pvt. Rex Gassaway of Camp Croft, spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Lily Sprouse.

C. B. Sharpton, Jr., student at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sharpton.

Mrs. Clarence Blackwell spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mattie Stockman, in Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reeder and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reeder in Whitmire Sunday.

Mrs. James Smith and daughter, of Goldville, are spending a few days with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith.

Miss Ruth Hathney of Long Branch, spent the week-end with Miss Vivian Alford.

Mrs. Paul Wilson of Laurens, and Mr. and Mrs. Earle Barker and daughter, of Goldville, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Smith, the past week-end.

Paul and Jimmy Cobb, students at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Patterson Bobbie Jane Turner and Maxie Davis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brown near Laurens.

Mrs. Frank Jenkins of Mount Holly, N. C., is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Whitman. Friends of Mrs. Glenn Crepps of Blythe, Calif., formerly of this community, will regret to learn that she is ill.

Misses Evelyn and Margie Moseley visited Miss Freddie Earles in Charleston the past week-end.

George Blackwell of Newberry, visited relatives in the community on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Goodman and children of Greenville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Sellers.

Mrs. G. H. Jackson spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Roberts, in Union.

Little Maxie Davis of Cedar Springs, near Spartanburg, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Davis.

G. A.'s Given Party

The Girl's Auxiliary of the Baptist church was entertained with a Christmas party Saturday night at the home of Mrs. C. R. Kuykendall. Games were played and carols sung. Members exchanged gifts. Those attending were Esther Johnson, Joyce Nolan, Mozell Bryant, Lutrell Oakley, Gaynell Davis, Iris Shumate, Frances Cobb, and Joan Kuykendall. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. L. S. Oakley.

Given Promotion

Friends of Jesse P. Abercrombie, of the United States army, will be glad to know he has been promoted

to the rank of private first class. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Abercrombie, have received word that he has landed safely at his destination in foreign service.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shelton celebrate their second wedding anni-

versary today, Dec. 24.

Clay Sellers had a birthday December 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barbee are observing their third wedding anniversary today.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith will celebrate their first wedding anniversary tomorrow, Dec. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson observed their first wedding anniversary December 22.

LAURENS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE HAS 2,079 CUSTOMERS

Laurens, Dec. 22.—The Laurens Electric cooperative, with headquarters here, has entered its fourth year of rural lighting services in Laurens, Spartanburg, Greenville and Newberry counties.

H. M. Faris, superintendent, commenting on the progress of the cooperative system, recalled that at the organization of the lines, December 19, 1939, there were 454 consumer customers at the end of the first month of operation.

With 595 miles of distribution lines at the beginning of the fourth year, the number of patrons is listed at 2,079.

Citing the expansion of the system, Faris said that during October the consumption on farms was 79,442 KWH, which was an increase of 6,907 over the same month of the previous year. He said cooperative's revenue per mile had shown an appreciable gain from the first.

ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be held, as provided by law, on Thursday, January 7, 1943. All claims against Laurens County should be filed at the Supervisor's office on or before December 31, 1942, so that they may be checked and prepared for approval by the board.

R. L. TEAGUE, Supervisor.
B. Y. CULBERTSON,
Clerk.

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**Dr. Felder Smith
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Dr. Felder, Daily, 9 to 6
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The Season's Cheer to Everybody

In taking this opportunity of expressing our best wishes for the Christmas Season to our host of friends, we are mindful of the splendid associations and friendships that we have had in the past. And it is in full appreciation of all the fine things you have done for us that we express our sincere thanks to each of you whom we call our friends. May we continue to serve you during the months to come.

So, wherever you are—North, East, South or West—may we extend Season's Greetings to one and all.

J. C. THOMAS, Manager.



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C. G. Burns, Mgr.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

From Your City Officials

In this time of turmoil and conflict, the privilege to enjoy the spirit of Christmas is the reward of the faith in democracy. Faith of our fathers which we must guard with zealous pride, makes America the bulwark and guiding light of Christianity in a world fighting against darkness.

With the Holiday Season comes a rejoicing and gladness that we work and live, strive and achieve in a free country, with a splendid citizenship.

It is our sincere wish that every man, woman, boy and girl within the borders of our City enjoy to the fullest a glorious Christmas. May the New Year be one of Health, Happiness and Prosperity for each and every one of you.

TO THE YOUNG MEN IN THE U. S. SERVICE FROM CLINTON AND THIS COMMUNITY, REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU MAY BE LOCATED, WE SEND SINCERE GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES.

CITY of CLINTON

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D. C. HEUSTESS, City Clerk and Treasurer

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