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**Ed. Note:** This newspaper has arranged with the Washington Bureau of National Weekly Service, 1616 Eye St. N. W., Washington 6, D. C., to answer questions pertaining to servicemen and veterans. These questions will be answered in this column if addressed as above. No replies can be made by mail, but this paper will print answers to all questions received.

**Q.** I was a civilian pilot and enlisted in the air corps for training as an army pilot. I was in training for ten months, but because of a surplus of air pilots was told by superior officers I could apply for a discharge. I received an honorable discharge. Am I entitled to benefits under the G.I. bill of rights?—J. Mc., Lake Ronkonkoma, N. Y.

**A.** The war department says air corps reserve pilot-trainees are considered to have been on active duty and upon honorable discharge are entitled to benefits under the G.I. bill.

**Q.** Can a wife of a World War I veteran receive a pension or aid at the death of her husband?—Widow, Miami, Texas.

**A.** Yes, the widow of a World War I veteran is entitled to a pension. Write to your regional Veterans' administration office at Dallas, Texas, setting out your case in full, giving all the details you have of your husband's war record.

**Q.** Please give me the number of points and the system of computing points for a navy man.—L. A., Ardmore, Okla.

**A.** According to the latest ruling as of this date, 44 points is required for discharge of a navy enlisted man, computed as follows: 1/2 point for each year of age, 1/2 point for each month of active service, 1/4 point for each month of service at sea, and 10 points for dependency. In addition any naval enlisted man with three children is entitled to discharge.

**Q.** My brother has already received his discharge and I am still

in service. Could we get a joint loan to buy a small farm which we could farm together?—L. E., Baytown, Mo.

**A.** If you are referring to a guaranteed farm loan under the G.I. bill, the answer is No. But after you receive your own discharge, your brother and yourself, as veterans with honorable discharges, could obtain a joint loan guaranteed up to \$2,000 for each of you, or \$4,000 for the purchase and joint operation of a farm.

**Q.** Can you tell me whether or not any money I receive from the government for schooling under the G.I. bill would be deducted from any pension or bonus which may be granted to veterans of this war?—Dan, Bonner Springs, Kas.

**A.** The Veterans' administration says that any money you receive for schooling would not be deducted from any future disability pension, but as the law now stands, the provision is, that money spent on a veteran's education will be deducted from any federal bonus he may be awarded in the future.

**Q.** If a veteran is eligible for schooling under the G.I. bill must the school he chooses be within the United States?—A. E. L., Carthage, N. Y.

**A.** No. The Veterans administration says the institution may be outside the United States provided it is approved by the Veterans administration in Washington.

**Q.** What is the difference between active and combat duty?—M. O., Wapello, Iowa.

**A.** Active duty is when a man reports to the armed services for duty. He may be stationed anywhere in this country, for instance. Combat duty is when he is serving in the fighting zone in actual combat.

**Q.** If an army man is discharged for dependency reasons, is he entitled to mustering-out pay?—A reader, Lakewood, N. J.

**A.** No, not unless he has served overseas.

## Plum Branch School News

**Citizenship Roll**  
The first grade will be judged for citizenship the next six weeks.

- 2nd Grade—Jean Wilkie, Howard White, Winky Langley.
- 3rd Grade—John Luther Bracknell, Edward Strother, Lila Gable, Bobbie Langley, Joe Wylie Crawford.
- 4th Grade—None.
- 5th Grade—Jean Creswell, Elise Langley, Charley Ann Miner.
- 6th Grade—Doris Shrine.
- 7th Grade—Rose Marie Creswell.

**Christmas Program**  
The Christmas holidays for Plum Branch school begin Dec. 18 and end Jan. 2. On Dec. 18 at eleven o'clock the children will present the following program. Our friends and parents are cordially invited to attend.

The first and second grades will give a play at the Christmas program. The play is about Mother Goose's children helping Santa Claus make toys for the children every year.

Ben Allen White, Second Grade.  
"The Christmas Spirit", a play, will be given by the 4th and 5th grades.

A group of third graders will recite Christmas poems.

The 6th and 7th grades will give a pantomime, "The Christmas Story Retold."

The different rooms will have Christmas trees and the children will exchange gifts. We hope that Santa can come by for the Christmas trees.

**4-H Clubs Meet**  
The 4-H Clubs met at Plum Branch School last week. Christmas poems were given by Elizabeth and Dot Wall. The group enjoyed a contest on the life of Jesus. This was an original contest by Rose Marie Creswell and Betty Ann Langley. The boys and girls sang Christmas carols. After sentence prayers the meeting was adjourned.

By Betty Ann Langley.

## Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Morgan Entertain With Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Morgan entertained members of the Rehoboth Home Demonstration Club and their families on Friday night with a most delightful Christmas party.

Assisted by Mrs. W. A. Winn, Mrs. Strom Culbreath, Mrs. Edward Gilchrist and Mrs. W. F. Culbreath, Mrs. Morgan served an oyster supper with ambrosia and cookies for dessert.

Mrs. Edward Gilchrist, president of the club, was in charge of ceremonies and she brought a beautiful Christmas message, using as her subject, "Jesus, The World's Peace." Visitors were welcomed by Mrs. Strom Culbreath. Among the visitors were two veterans, Walter Culbreath, who spent nearly three years in Italy, and Harold Winn, who was in India for nearly three years.

Christmas evergreens and potted plants were used in the two receiving rooms.

Attention about securing interesting material for use in school lunchrooms. The hostess, Mrs. Lillian Freeland, served pie and coffee.

Mrs. W. E. Crawford, P. T. A. president, was a special guest at the meeting.

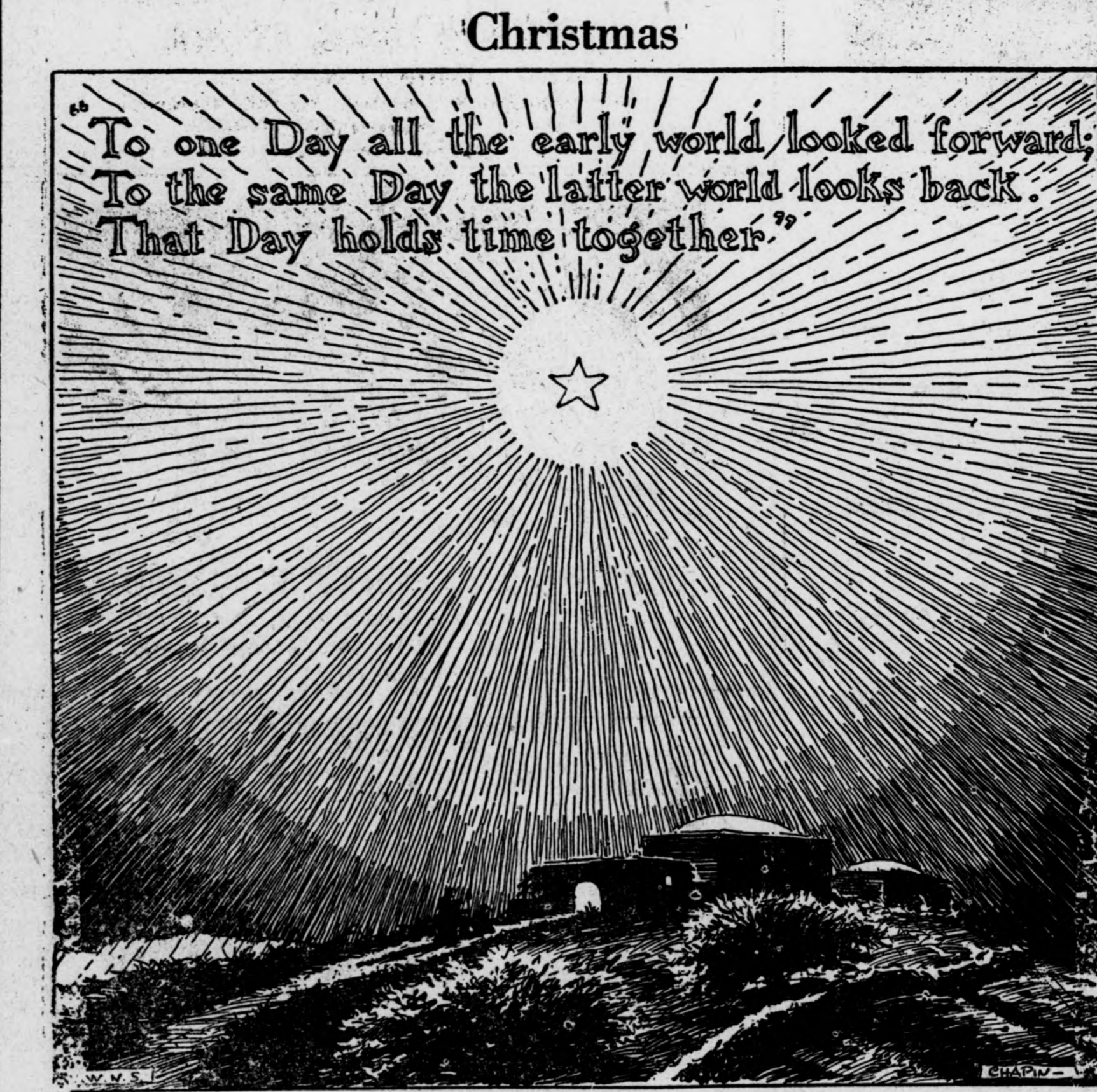
**New Play-Ground Equipment**  
We are enjoying two new softballs and two new bats. We plan to get a volley ball and football too. The children are buying these with the money they made selling magazines.

**Clean Plate Honor Roll** for the week in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are:

Eugene Finley, Ellen White, Emajane Miner, Bobbie Langley, Cecil Wall, Lila Gable, Sallie Levrette, Larry Bowick, Emajane Jennings, Jo Miner, Shirley Wall, Thomas White, Jean Creswell, Elise Langley, Sara Freeland, Nathan Finley, Janie Gable, Joan Seigler, Sonny Wall, Doris Reynolds.

**Christmas Seals**  
Some of our children are buying Christmas Seals. The proceeds go to help tubercular patients, so we hope that everybody will have a part in this worthy cause.

**Merry Christmas!**  
This will be our last news column before the holidays. We hope that our friends and parents will have a Happy Christmas. Let us be thankful for Peace, and remember those who have paid so highly for it!



## S. C. Doctors Find Black Widow Spider Antidote

Two doctors reported spectacular success in the treatment of a Black Widow spider bite with neostigmine methylsulfate, a synthetic drug which has been noted for its effect in decreasing muscle fatigue, according to the December 8 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

James E. Bell, Jr., M. D., intern, Roper hospital, and John A. Boone, M. D., assistant professor of medicine at the Medical College of the State of South Carolina, wrote that since no relief was obtainable for their patient by the usual method of treatment, they used an injection of neostigmine methylsulfate with atropine, and within 15 minutes a change for the better was evident. Within one hour there was complete relief of muscle spasm and pain.

The Black Widow spider is widely distributed in the United States, being especially prevalent in the Southern states, the Ohio valley and the Western coastal region. It is shiny and coal black and is marked with an hourglass-shaped spot of red or orange on the middle of the abdomen. It inhabits dimly lighted secluded places.

The patient upon receiving the bite feels a sharp, stinging sensation which is very painful but lasts only a moment. Fifteen to 45 minutes later pain begins to radiate from the region of the bite. According to the authors the pain is "most severe in the abdomen and legs but also spreads generally to the back, shoulders and arms."

Previously, neostigmine has been used in a wide variety of diseases in which muscular paralysis, spasms, tension or spasticity and cramps were important symptoms. Investigators working with this drug have reported that patients treated with neostigmine showed relaxation of muscular spasms, relief from pain, increasing strength and improvement in muscular coordination.

## Mine Lodge, No. 117, Elects And Installs Officers For Year

The regular communication of Mine Lodge, No. 117, A. F. M., was held Monday night in the lodge hall, at which time the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year:

S. D. Giles, Master,  
J. A. Gilbert, S. W.,  
W. H. Weldon, J. W.,  
J. E. Bell, Treasurer,  
W. W. Keown, Jr., Secretary,  
G. C. Wilder, S. D.,  
J. G. Dorn, J. D.,  
L. R. Bussey, Sr. Steward,  
J. T. Forrester, Jr. Steward,  
Jack Scruggs, Tyler.

## Plum Branch News

(Too late for last week)

On December 5 the members of the Plum Branch Home Demonstration Club, with their husbands, were hosts to many returned servicemen at a banquet at the schoolhouse. Rev. W. A. Brant made a short address, and Mrs. Elsie Chandler gave an appropriate reading. Patriotic songs and Christmas carols were sung. About thirty-five servicemen, some of whom were accompanied by their wives, were present.

Miss Louise Bracknell is at home after teaching a Baptist Training Union class at Woodruff. Recent visitors here include: Miss Willie May Humphreys, of the WAVES; Dr. and Mrs. James King, of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, of Edgefield; Capt. Guy Carr; Miss Annie Humphreys, Woodruff; Miss Carolyn Freeland, a recently discharged WAC; Rev. and Mrs. A. Q. Rice, Spartanburg; and Miss Mary Robertson; R. J. Sturkey, North Carolina.

Pvt. Grady Willis has been released and is visiting relatives here. His brother, George, is expected home from the Philippines next month. Lieut. Wm. Thos. Wells, of the European sector, and Major Joe M. Robertson, of China, are thought to be on the way home now. Earl Collier, U. S. Navy, is at home on leave.

Mr. J. L. Bracknell is erecting a six room residence on the vacant lot between the Baptist and Methodist parsonages.

Mrs. Sara Coleman and her two small children now occupy the second floor of the local eacheager.

Mr. O. L. Sturkey has recently installed an electric pump at his residence.

Our local school now enrolls seventy five pupils. The teachers are Mrs. Elsie Chandler, principal; Mrs. Virginia Culbreath, and Mrs. Wm. Freeland. Mrs. Frank Freeland is in charge of the lunch room.

Mrs. Dewey White and Mrs. C. L. Wideman are recovering from recent surgical operations, the former at an Augusta hospital, the latter at Anderson.

Capt. Archie Langley, recently discharged from the army, has resumed his former work as a soil conservation agent in Alabama.

Misses Amanda Collier, Carolyn Rice and Gladys Winn, Plum Branch college students, were recent week end visitors here.

Work on the rural electric light line to the west of town is progressing. Quite a number of homes in that section will install electric fixtures.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Brant were recent visitors to Greenville.

The attendance at the St. Paul Sunday School here on Dec. 9 was the largest of the year. The primary department had charge of a most interesting program. Rev. M. E. Boozer preached an excellent sermon, and a substantial offering was made for the temperance work in Columbia.

## McCormick County Makes Another Record In Bond Buying

McCormick County has again made a record for herself in exceeding the overall bond quota of \$108,000 to reach an all time high of \$270,810.25 or 250.75 per cent of its quota. County Chairman G. J. Sanders states, however, that the quota for E Bonds has not been reached, and he urges that before Dec. 31st individuals try to bring this quota up.

Mr. Sanders received the following telegram this week from Christie Benet, State Chairman: "Please accept my warm congratulations for your county having made its overall quota. Once more the leadership that you and your co-workers have given the men and women of your county has brought a splendid response. I send my official and personal thanks to you and your workers and to the people of your county."

## Mt. Carmel News

Mt. Carmel is covered with a blanket of snow today, but it is melting rapidly during the afternoon. It is the first snow of the season.

Chief J. J. White and friend, Chief Peterson, of Clinton, N. C., spent the week end in Mt. Carmel. Cadet John McAllister of Clemson College spent the past week end at his home here.

Miss Sallie T. Cade of Converse College is enjoying a pleasant visit with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Cade, and family. Many friends are so glad to see her again.

Miss Nita Curtis was a visitor in McCormick Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Horton were visitors in Anderson last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Cade was a visitor in Anderson one day last week.

Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mrs. Hunter McKinney and Sen. L. L. Hester were visitors in Columbia Monday.

Mt. Carmel citizens were saddened and grieved this morning when word was received here of the death of Mr. Herman Smith which occurred out west in an automobile accident. Mr. Smith has been out west for sometime, but particulars of his death are not known yet. The brothers and sisters have the heartfelt sympathy of all.

Our latest news from Mrs. W. B. Sharp said Col. Sharp was getting along nicely but it may be a couple of weeks before he can come home.

**Card Of Thanks**  
We wish to express our sincere thanks for every kindness rendered us during the illness and death of our dear wife and aunt, and for the many expressions of sympathy. We appreciate all of it very deeply.  
J. L. Self,  
Eloise Corley.

## Mrs. Lizzie Self Claimed By Death

Mrs. Lizzie Corley Self, wife of Johnnie L. Self, died Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were conducted in the McCormick Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with her pastor, the Rev. M. E. Boozer, officiating, assisted by Dr. L. K. Simpson, pastor of the McCormick Baptist Church. Interment followed in the McCormick cemetery.

Pallbearers were J. Bruce Walker, J. Frank Mattison, W. E. Chamberlain, J. L. Smith, W. L. Brown, J. B. Harmon.

Mrs. Self was the only daughter of the late James A. and Mrs. Lydia Jennings Corley, pioneers of this section.

Besides her husband, a niece, Miss Eloise Corley, teacher at Clearwater, S. C., survives, along with two brothers, J. R. Corley, McCormick, and J. W. Corley, Judge of Probate of McCormick county and several other nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Republican Methodist Church from early childhood.

## Services At The Church Of God Every Sunday

Regular services at The Church of God every Sunday. Sunday School at 10 o'clock; preaching at 11 o'clock; Y. F. E. each Sunday at 6 o'clock; preaching at 7 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Rev. J. E. Sechrest, Pastor.  
Our Christmas program will be Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Everybody welcome at The Church of God.

## Services At Pressly Memorial Church Next Sunday

Services will be held at Pressly Memorial A. R. P. Church Sunday, December 23, 1945, at 11 A. M. Dr. I. E. Reid, of Erskine College Faculty, will deliver the address. The public is cordially invited.

## Special Christmas Service At Plum Branch Baptist Church Dec. 23rd.

Special Christmas Services at Plum Branch Baptist Church Sunday evening, December 23rd, at 6:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

## Services At Buffalo Baptist Church, 23rd

Sunday school will begin at Buffalo Baptist Church next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, with preaching by the pastor, the Rev. W. E. Brant, following the Sunday school.

## Santa Claus To Be At Hollywood Theatre

December 24th, Christmas Eve afternoon, Santa Claus will be at the Hollywood Theatre at 1:30. Everyone will be admitted free. Bring a child to see Santa Claus! There will be a comedy, then the children will go on the stage to tell Santa Claus what they want for Christmas.

## Conservation Week

As last week was Conservation Week, G. L. Sharpton, County Ranger, visited the schools in the county and held conservation week programs.

There were programs held for Arbor Day also, which came December the seventh.

These programs were interesting as they were about our forests.

**Card Of Thanks**  
I wish to express my sincere thanks to the many friends, neighbors, and church organizations for their thoughtfulness during my illness. I appreciated the lovely cards, flowers, trays, and visits very much.  
Sue Ellen Campbell.