

A scene from "The Fairy and Scrooge," presented at Pacolet Mills School Friday morning, December 16. Standing: Eugene Sprouse, Janice Kirby, Betty Jean Lee, Billie Ann Lee, June Puckett, Eugene Seay, and Lewis Pierce. Seated (from left to right:) Beverly Metts, Barbara Jean Rice, Jackie Holmes, and Charles Buice.

Clarence T. Holland Becomes Superintendent on Dec. 1st

Clarence T. Holland became the superintendent of Pacolet Manufacturing Company, at Pacolet, S. C., on December 1, 1949, succeeding Mr. M. B. Lancaster, who retired on that date.

Mr. Holland started work in 1922 at Pacolet as a loom cleaner, and while still on this job he learned to weave on his own time. After he was given a set of looms he worked as a weaver for about two years and then worked as a smash hand. Then he learned how to fix looms, again learning this on his own time.

Mr. Holland followed this occupation for about seven years and at that time was promoted to second hand, and from there to night overseer for No. 3 mill.

In 1944 he was promoted to weave room overseer of No. 5 mill and about six months later he was given the weave rooms of both mills, and in December, 1946 he again was promoted, this time to assistant superintendent for Mills Nos. 3 and 5.

Then, his latest promotion on December 1st to superintendent of both mills.

Mr. Holland relates that while he worked through the mill and gained a knowledge of textile manufacturing from actual experience, he also did a great amount of studying through correspondence courses, working out many problems at night after the days work was finished in the mill.

Mr. Holland is purely a Pacolet product, having been born and reared at Pacolet Mills. He is married to the former Miss Addie McClure.

The Hollands live in Victor Park and have one daughter, Mildred.

Are You Discouraged?

Are you discouraged? Then stand with me on a street corner and watch the crowds.

See that blind man being led along through the crowd, by a young boy. Blue! He has reason to be—but there is a smile on his face.

See that man without a coat. His clothes are old and dirty. Life has been hard with him, but I'll bet that somewhere deep down in his heart there is still a spark of hope.

Look at that ragged youngster selling papers. And listen—he's whistling!

Here comes a cripple with both legs off at the knees. He is pushing himself along on a little four-wheeled cart, and he's selling pencils to make a living. Life hasn't licked him yet!

The parade goes on—rich and poor, crippled and blind. Battered by life, they drift along, still hoping, still smiling, with faith that there are better days ahead.

What cowards we are to become discouraged!—Printopics.



Christmas Parties Enjoyed At Pacolet

The girl's club has been the scene of many lovely parties and dinners this season. The reception room was beautifully decorated, complete with holly, mistletoe and Christmas tree.

Miss Betty Jo Hodge was honored December 3rd with a birthday party at the club. About 48 of Betty Jo's friends attended and brought her many pretty and useful gifts. After several games and contests pertaining to the season, delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Roy Hodge, assisted by Miss Bessie Hodge and Miss Rebecca George.

The dinner party for personnel men and their wives of Pacolet and surrounding communities which is an annual affair, proved to be a very enjoyable occasion this year. During the course of the evening, the guests were entertained by Mr. Howard Blackwell at the piano and Jimmie Hodge who was guest soloist for the evening. The group as a whole enjoyed singing the Christmas Carols, after which square dancing was enjoyed by all, the figures being called by Mr. Snow Marshall of Fairforest.

Pacolet Mills School News

December is always a busy and joyous month in the school calendar. With Christmas decorations, songs, stories, and whispered secrets, the Christmas spirit prevails.

In addition to the usual school work the children enjoyed two Christmas movies, "Merry Christmas" and "A Christmas Cartoon."

On December 9 the seventh grade Home Economics class, having completed a unit of work, modeled their lovely cotton jumpers and suits, and at the same time presented a delightful Christmas play.

December 16 the seventh grade presented "The Fairy and Scrooge," a scene from Dickens' "Christmas Carol" for our chapel program, with a devotional of Christmas carols. The stage setting was built by the seventh grade boys. This play was so well received that the grade was asked for a repeat performance at the Baptist church December 21.

FACULTY PARTY—

The faculty party was held the afternoon of December 16, and the merriment proved that grown-ups as well as children enjoy Christmas.

On December 20 a Christmas dinner, turkey with all the trimmings, was served in the lunchroom. In every classroom Christmas parties were held in the afternoon. Every child received gifts from their Christmas tree. Pacolet Manufacturing Company provided a large bag of fruit, candy, and nuts for each child. After the parties school closed for the holidays until January 2.

Miss Isabelle Moses spent Christmas with her parents in Clover, and Miss Loraine Harris at her home in York.

Talking Things Over

I would like to take this opportunity to review the past year's operations.

First, I want to thank Pacolet Mills employees for their very fine cooperation during the past year. Perhaps few of you realize the very critical situations through which we passed during 1949. There were times when we could not be certain that the plant would be in operation 30 days hence. Market conditions were such that it was impossible to make plans of operation for any extended period of time. But with cooperation and hard work on the part of all of us we came out perhaps as well as the average plant, certainly better than some.

In looking to the New Year we find the textile industry in a somewhat improved condition. That is, we have been able to sell our cloth, which gives hope that perhaps 1950 will be a better year than 1949, but to a large degree our welfare will be determined by our own efforts and actions. Just remember that waste, seconds and low production make it impossible to sell our cloth at a profit, and without profit we cannot continue to run.

Our business of course is to manufacture cloth and as you know we have the reputation of making cloth as good or a little better than any other mill. It is not easy to hold this standard. Pacolet Manufacturing Company has spent thousands of dollars to improve the working conditions and make our plants more efficient so that we can maintain our standard of quality and compete in the market. (It is easy to lose something overnight that it has taken years to build up).

It is still true that conditions can arise within the textile industry over which we have no control. But barring those conditions we will pretty much determine our own welfare. And that is as it should be.

Then let us resolve, each and every one, to help keep this high standard of quality, by having better production, better quality and less waste. Together we profit or together we lose.

I sincerely hope that you and your family will have a very happy and prosperous New Year.

—M. C. STONE.

LAST YEAR'S SENIORS

Last year's Senior Class of Pacolet High School gathered at the Girl's Club Thursday, November 29th to enjoy a Christmas party and talk over old times. It is a very encouraging sight to see so many from this class that are trying to further their education by attending schools and colleges of higher learning. Some of course, have gone into the house keeping business. And from the looks of diamonds flashing this Christmas it looks like others will soon hear wedding bells. This class was sponsored by Mrs. Anne Lee.

Anyone can do the easy things. Strive then to accomplish the real difficult tasks.

The Womanless Wedding Was Hilarious Holiday Affair



Here we see the stern father, John Eison leading his daughter up to the altar — and that groom had better be there!



And here, ladees and gen-tle-men, we see that lovely nurse, Brady Arnold trundling in baby Ben Hogan. And oh, just wouldn't you love to pinch that sweet little toe sticking up in the breeze!

GIVE ME A FRIEND
Give me a friend, and I'll worry along.
My vision may vanish, my dream may go wrong;
My wealth I may lose, or my money may spend,
But I'll worry along if you give me a friend.

Give me a friend, and my youth may depart,
But still I'll be young in the house of my heart.
Yes, I'll go laughing right on to the end,
Whatever the years, if you give me a friend.

—Printopics.

THANKS, FOLKS!

I want to take this means of thanking all my friends for the cards, flowers and gifts sent me during my recent illness. To know that friends are thinking of me and hoping for my recovery meant much to me.

—Eloise Mathis.

"Alice in Wonderland had to run faster and faster to stay in the same place; in the welfare state people work harder and harder to get less and less."—Radio Commentator Henry J. Taylor.

One of the most hilarious events of the season was the womanless wedding which took place Saturday night, November 28th, in the Y. M. C. A. building. This was the outstanding event on the program for the Harvest Home Party which was sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild. The screams of laughter which came forth at the entrance of each member of the bridal party proved to the crowd just how much fun one can have with just a little bit of time.

Mr. Ben Hogan was a perfect baby as his nurse (whom everyone thought at first was Miss Belle Fuller, but turned out to be Mr. Brady Arnold) came wheeling him down the aisle in his baby carriage, with his bottle in his mouth and his big toe sticking out over the top. Mr. Arnold was dressed in one of Miss Fuller's uniforms, complete with cap, hose and shoes. He certainly makes a wonderful nurse. (You folks who need baby sitters keep this in mind).

Mr. T. J. Trowell made a very distinguished looking lady who was the bride's mother. Except we think he ate a little too much supper for the dress he had on. Mr. C. T. Holland who was the preacher and performed the ceremony says he'll do as much for anybody else for 1.00 a head. Mr. Wade George performed at the piano and is he sharp on that wedding march! Wish we could describe the whole group but that would be impossible.

The Guild wishes to say thank you again and again to all those who so graciously gave their time and talent in helping make this community project possible and so much fun.

Friendship Repair

The words of Samuel Johnson about friendship strike a note that none of us can turn from. He said, "If a man does not make new acquaintances, as he advances thru life, he will soon find himself left lone. A Man, Sir, should keep his friendship in constant repair." We spend a lot of time repairing our tangible possessions . . . our homes, automobiles, shoes, tires, pens, and clothes. We try to keep our bodies in repair. Do we always keep our friendship in repair?

It takes so little effort and brings such far-reaching results to keep friendship intact. It takes a smile, a friendly greeting. Or a short talk on the phone or a visit for a few minutes.

Look back over the friends you've made and pick out those who are in cities or towns or communities away from your own. Drop them a short note once in a while. If just to say "Hello and how is the world treating you?"

Repairing friendship has nothing to do with axe grinding. It does keep your spirit outlook where it belongs. If all the world were to repair friendship, just from one person to another, we could forget our complex organizations whose job it is to determine peace policies for nations and governments.

All we need to keep the world from turning upside-down is some permanent friendship repair—the kind that keeps you and your neighbor greeting each other with a "hello" wrapped in a smile.—The Friendly Adventurer.

"I thought the notice was an ad and threw it away."—Why winner of Pennsylvania safe driving contest failed to collect award.



This blissful scene shows the blushing bride, Haskell Kimberlain, and the shy groom, Otha Parker.

Montgomery Memorial Meth. Church

We, the new Methodist pastor and family are very deeply impressed by the cordial and lovely manner in which we have been received into the community by the churches, school, personnel of the mill company and the citizens of the community as a whole. It is our sincere desire to try earnestly to be at least in part worthy of the courtesy, esteem and hospitality extended to us in so many ways.

The plans in the program of Montgomery Memorial Church call for the observance of Christmas with a number of programs, socials and service to the needy families of the community. The pastor has been bringing Christmas messages during the month of December.

It is the desire of the Official Board of the church to make some needed improvements to the church building and grounds during the early part of the new year.

The two womens organizations of the church deserve much commendation for their program of service to the needy and unfortunate.

Our church is at present enjoying very good attendance for which we are sincerely thankful.

As we look ahead in our new field of service at Pacolet Mills we see very bright and promising prospects in our desire to promote the physical, moral and spiritual good of each and all.

We are happy at Pacolet Mills

and our love for the people here grows daily as we have our hearts constantly warmed by words of encouragement and acts of friendly service.

—J. T. GREGORY, Pastor.

Pacolet Mills Colored School

Pacolet Mills Colored School presented an impressive Christmas pageant, "A Light in My Window," Friday evening, December 16, at the school. Those taking part were: Arthur Farr, Shirley Ann Gault, Loretta Smith, Janie B. Littlejohn, Earl Gault, Morris E. Gist, Evelyn R. Williams, Thomas Farr. Chorus were rendered by grades one through five, with Evelyn R. Williams accompanying them at the piano.

We had as special visitors in December Mr. J. C. Martin, supervisor of Colored Schools for the state, Mr. J. F. Brooks, County Superintendent, and Miss Floy Mitchum, the Jeanes teacher for the colored schools in the county. Miss Mitchum wishes to hold a group meeting of colored teachers at our school January 9.

Resolve to Be Careful!

Happy Birthday To January Born

- Andrew Banks
- Edgar Banks
- Haskell Burgess
- Wm. D. Byars
- Rachel Burns
- Vesta Chastain
- Clyde Coleman
- Geneva Coleman
- Doris F. Coleman
- Malcomb Cook
- Belton Cook
- Loyd Dillard
- Hazel Ellison
- Jim Fleming
- Boyd Fowler
- Louise Fowler
- Ray Fowler
- Joel George
- Defoy Gallman
- J. Henry Gibson
- John B. Goforth
- Cinda Gossett
- Mary B. Grant
- Jimmy Garner
- Daisy Haney
- Albert Harmon
- Virginia Harmon
- Frank G. Harvey
- Daisy B. Hill
- C. T. Holland
- R. D. Holt
- James Horne
- Leonard Horne
- Dave Hodge
- Judith Ingle
- Elizabeth Jennings
- Ollie Jones
- Ben Kirby
- George Kirby
- James E. Kirby
- J. L. Kirby
- John Kirby
- Mary Kirby
- Paul Kirby
- George Knox
- Evelyn Ledbetter
- Connie Bell Lee
- Kate Lee
- Millard Lee
- Garfield Lipscomb
- Margaret Lipsey
- James Littlejohn
- Robert Littlejohn
- Jas. W. Martin, Jr.
- J. W. McCraw
- Clarence Mulwee
- Helen Morgan
- Dorothy Moss
- Alfred Moss
- Stewart Mode
- Rozelle Millwood
- Una V. Messer
- Fred Mathis
- Ocie Mathis
- Winnie Mabry
- James Norton
- Leslie Neal
- Leroy Owens
- Ruth Petty
- Mattie Petty
- Woodrow Patterson
- C. W. Pearson
- Clyde M. Parris
- Winifred Parker
- Berry Parker
- Wm. Padgett
- Earl Porter
- George Page
- Helen Pack
- Ethel Quinn
- Belle Robinson
- Caolyn Reynolds
- W. A. Spake
- Gene Scales
- David Shehan
- Howad Scales
- Kirk Sprouse
- Julia A. Sutton
- Herbert E. Sprouse
- Leroy Sprouse
- Lee Teaster
- Ruth Teaster
- Jesse Tessnier
- Willie Tessnier
- James E. Thornton
- W. B. Trent
- Burl Valentine
- Orville Valentine
- Annie B. Vinson

What's In Your Medicine Cabinet?

When we get a cut or bruise, have unaccountable aches and pains, or just don't feel quite right on the job, what a relief to know that we can go to the first-aid room for care or temporary treatment until we can see the doctor!

Now we don't have a first aid room and a nurse to look out for us at home when things go wrong, but there is something we can have that will serve a similar purpose, and that is a home first-aid or medicine cabinet.

Perhaps you are saying, "Why, I have a medicine cabinet right in my bathroom." Well, that may be, but let's take a look at the average bathroom cabinet. It's contents are apt to be something like this—two or three half used tubes of toothpaste and shaving cream, an accumulation of dull razor blades, and a collector's assortment of ointments, creams, and lotions.

It is true that we do need to use some of these items every day, but they wouldn't be much help in an emergency, would they? So why not clean house, throw out the things that aren't being used and reserve the top shelves for medicinal supplies. Actually we don't need very many, but the list of essentials runs something like this:

- 1 graduated medicine glass
- 1 medicine dropper
- 1 clinical thermometer
- 1 ounce of eye solution
- 1 tube of vasaline
- 1 bottle rubbing alcohol
- 1 bottle of antiseptic
- 1 bottle of 5-grain aspirin
- 1 package of sterile absorbent cotton
- 1 package of sterile gauze squares
- 1 package sterile 1" adhesive bandages
- 1 package each sterile 1-2", 1" and 2" inch bandages.

There are one or two other items like salt and bicarbonate of soda that are useful in emergencies, but these are usually found in the kitchen.

A FEW PRECAUTIONS

- 1. Keep the medicine cabinet spotlessly clean.
- 2. Keep all items out of reach of small children.
- 3. Do not take medicine in the

Backbones With Joints

Dr. Frank Gunsaulus, a well-known Chicago divine, was once introduced to a large gathering as "the man with a backbone." The chairman repeated the expression several times, always stressing the fact that the speaker had strong convictions and stayed with them.

When Dr. Gunsaulus rose to speak, he said: "The chairman has told you several times about what a strong backbone I have. I hope I have a backbone, but I also hope that it has some joints in it so that I may be able to bend. If it hasn't, then it isn't a backbone, but a crowbar."

Then the speaker continued: "A great many people mistake their prejudices for convictions, and take credit for being very strong-minded when in reality they are just stubborn. They proceed on the assumption that to see one's mistakes and acknowledge them is a sign of weakness. Nothing of the sort! Strength of mind and sweetness of spirit usually go hand in hand. It is the small being who refuses to give in. 'They who boast that they never change their minds love themselves more than they love truth.' By all means let us have backbones, but backbones with joints in them."—Sunshine.

dark. Turn on the light to see what you are using.

- 4. Do not take medicine that has been prescribed for another person.
 - 5. Place all medicines which are doctor's prescriptions or which contain poisons on the same shelf.
 - 6. Throw away half-used prescriptions that have served their purpose.
 - 7. Be sure all medicines are clearly labeled and that the label is kept clean and dry so that nothing will ever be taken from a bottle on which the label is not legible. If you can't read the label, throw the contents of the bottle away. You might guess wrong.
 - 8. Read the label before pouring a medicine. Read the label before giving a medicine. Read the label before returning the bottle to the cabinet.
- REMEMBER — Home remedies should be used only as emergency measures or as temporary relief until the doctor arrives.

Thoughts Of The New Year

Let us walk softly, friend;
For strong paths lie before us,
all untrod:
The new year spotless from the
hand of God
Is thine and mine, O Friend.

Let us walk straightly, friend:
Forget the crooked paths behind
us now
Press on with steadier purpose on
our brow
To better deed, O Friend.

Let us walk gladly, friend;
Perchance some greater good
than we have known
It waiting for us, or some fair hope
flown
Shall yet return, O Friend.

Let us walk kindly, friend,
We cannot tell how long⁴ this
life shall last,
How soon these precious years be
over past;
Let love walk with us, friend.

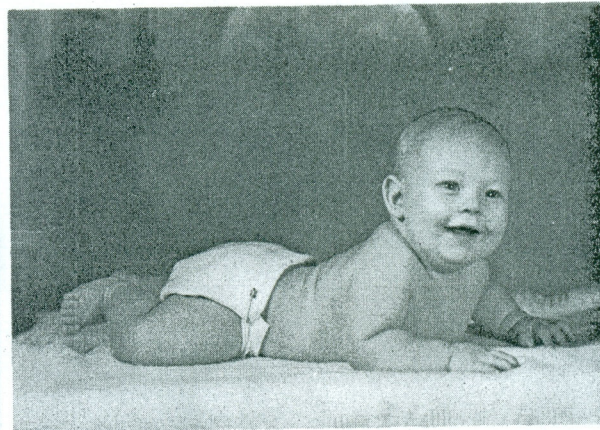
Let us walk quickly, friend;
Work with our might while lasts
our little stay,
And help some halting comrade on
the way;
And may God guide us, friend.
—Author Unknown.

Pacoleet Greenhouse Sends Happy New Year Wishes To Customers

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McKeown came to Pacoleet as strangers only a short time ago to take over the flower house at Pacoleet. Through their friendliness they have won many friends who have helped them establish themselves in a good way. To these friends they wish to say, "It has been a joy to serve you. Thank you, and may the New Year be kind to each of you."

APPRECIATION

The family of Forest L. Kirby wish to express their appreciation for the sympathy and kindness shown in the death of Miss Florence Kirby.



Randy Moss, 6-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moss; grandson of Mrs. Lucy Keisler, and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brown.

New Year Resolutions Silly So Say Psychiatrists

In the opinion of some of the nation's leading psychiatrists, the practice of making New Year resolutions is "silly."

They believe that any person going around making resolutions and informing all and sundry of his decision is something of an exhibitionist and, in addition, is being childish.

The experts add that these persons "probably never carry out the resolutions anyway."

Some agree that New Year resolutions have little value. They feel that resolutions aren't the best way of curbing difficulties and correcting one's self. They point out that, instead, the best method is giving thought to what causes trouble and trying rationally to correct these faults.

Children especially, the experts argue, should not be encouraged in "making resolutions." They contend a "child should be taught to do the best he can at all times and not save his difficulties for any particular time, and attempt to tear them all up by one superhuman effort that is almost sure to fail."

MASONIC DINNER

The annual Masonic Christmas dinner was held this year in the social hall of Montgomery Memorial Methodist Church. About 120 Masons, wives and invited guests attended this lovely and delicious turkey dinner which was supervised by Miss Margaret Tate, who is our school dietician. Col. James F. Risher of Carlisle Military Academy, Bamberg, S. C., was the principal speaker for the evening.

JUNIOR CLASS PARTY

The Junior class of Pacolet High School held their Christmas party at the Girl's Club Wednesday, December 28th. After many games and contests this group was entertained with singing by two young ladies from Gaffney who presented several solos and duets, and everyone joined in singing the Carols. Refreshments were served by a committee from the class. Mrs. Paul Garrison is Junior Class sponsor.

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts had a wonderful Christmas party at the Girl's Club Monday night, December 19th. They enjoyed several games and contests under the direction of their new leader, Mrs. John R. Paige.

They also presented a gift to their former leader, Miss Leacy Whitlock, who is now an X-Ray technician at General Hospital in Spartanburg.

Don't Invite Accidents!

Our First Pair Of Shoes

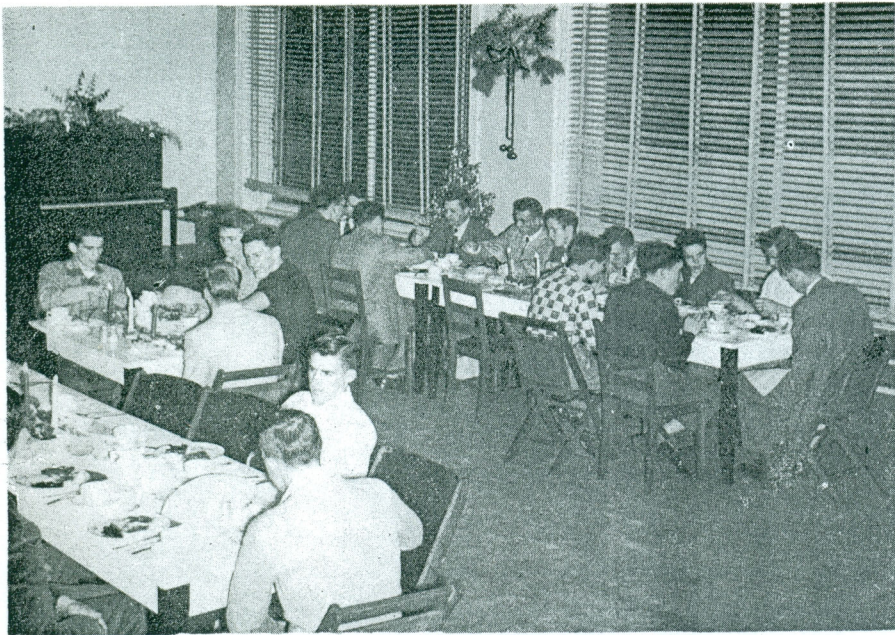
A great king, so the legend goes, once stepped on a thorn in his garden. In a furious rage he ordered his prime minister to cover his entire kingdom with leather. "Your Majesty," replied the wise minister, "let me cover your feet with leather, and wherever you go you will be protected." And so the first pair of shoes was made.

The little fellow whose first pair of shoes appealed to our photographer has a long way to travel. His journey through life will not be free of thorns. And he'll need more than shoes to make that journey.

He'll need to develop that spiritual fever which will do for his character what the first pair of shoes did for the king's feet. A man can't carpet the whole world—but he can acquire the faith and courage which will enable him to climb life's rugged trails.

The Church brings such qualities to the life of man. The Church points the way to happy, wholesome living, for the grown-up with the burdens of life on his shoulders and for the little tot in his first pair of shoes.

He who watches the
CLOCK
winds up as one of the
HANDS



PACOLET HIGH FOOTBALL SUPPER AT GIRLS CLUB

Football Squad Holds Banquet

A banquet given in honor of the Pacolet High School Football team, all twenty-three strong, was staged in the Club Room at Pacolet Mills on Wednesday night, Dec. 14. The room was attractively decorated and the banquet tables were arranged in "T" formation and the players were seated according to positions played on the team. The meal, centering round tasty tender steak, lived up to the tradition set by the hostess, Mrs. Hassie Wells. It was served by the cheer-leaders with the able assistance of their sponsor, Mrs. Jemmie L. Garrison. As an expression of appreciation the team, through the mediation of co-captain Liston Jones, presented Mrs. Wells and her assistant with gifts.

Guests of the banquet were: Mr. Joel Robertson, basketball coach and end coach of Wofford College who presented a silent picture of the Wofford - Eastern Kentucky game with appropriate comments; Mr. T. J. Trowell and Mr. Arthur Goforth both of whom have co-operated to make athletics possible for Pacolet. From the faculty there were Mr. P. H. Garrison Coach, Mr. H. T. Blackwell, Athletic Director, and W. S. Parrish, Supt.

It would be very fitting at this time for the ball club and all concerned to express appreciation to the Pacolet Mills Athletic Association and all concerned for making the light and other football field facilities available for their use. We thank you sincerely.

Following the meal and other formalities punch was served and music enjoyed by all, especially the vocal number by Jimmy Hodge. It is our hope that other such banquets may follow and become a tradition of the school.

TIME TO QUIT!

After several hours of fishing, the little girl suddenly threw down her pole and cried, "I quit."

"What's the matter?" her father asked.

"Nothing," said the child, "except that I can't seem to get waited on."

Pacolet High Will Operate College Preparatory Course

The Pacolet High School takes this opportunity to make known its intention of operating a class for veterans who wish to pursue the College Preparatory Course. Conferences have been held with Mr. W. A. Schifley, Director, Division of Veterans Education, State Department of Education, who gave us his official approval of our school for this purpose, and also with Veterans Administration of Camp Jackson with whom a tentative contract was worked out. To date official acceptance of this contract has not been received but plans are being made to proceed pending receipt of said contract.

The school is being set up so that veterans may take either a half time or full time course. No other variations will be accepted. It is urged that those veterans who are working full time not to attempt more than a half time course which will run for three hours and meet four nights each week. It is felt that a full time course which meets for five hours five nights each week is too heavy a load for a veteran to undertake who is employed full time. It is expected that the full time classes will begin about 3:30 and run until 8:30. Exact details as to schedule of classes, textbooks, etc., cannot be announced at this time nor indeed until the students present themselves with the proper papers secured through the Veterans Administration Office in Spartanburg and we are able to determine demands and arrive at the best means of meeting them. It would be well for the veterans to bear in mind that this school will not meet the needs of all veterans and particularly where one plans to transfer it is very necessary that he check us to see what his needs are before any steps are taken toward making a transfer. In fact, transfers are definitely discouraged by the State Department of Education and the Veterans Administration especially where the transfer is from one course to another, for example,

from Business Administration to College Preparatory. A change of schools is not so difficult where the course, as in our case, is College Preparatory.

Another factor we wish to make plain in the beginning is that this school is operated by the PACOLET HIGH SCHOOL for the EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT of the veteran and not by the VETERANS ADMINISTRATION nor as a means toward an end of obtaining subsistence payments. It will be conducted entirely on a business-like basis and we will not hesitate to interrupt the training of veterans who do not measure up to the standards of training set up by our school. Fair and reasonable educational and conduct standards will be adhered to.

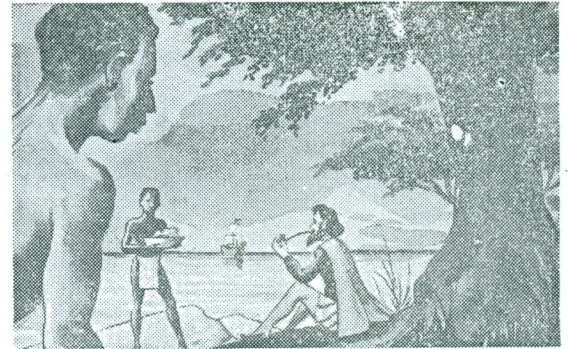
The date set for the opening of this school is 4:00 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, January 4, 1949. It is our hope that all who are interested in beginning their training at our school will be there at that time if possible or contact us by mail or in person between now and that date. I will PROBABLY be available at the Teacherage except for the days Dec. 25, 26, 27. This first day's session probably will not last longer than an hour or two. Mr. H. T. Blackwell, member of the high school faculty, will have technical direction of the school and will be glad to be of assistance.

We shall be looking forward to seeing you on or before January 4 at 4:00.

The first amphibious landing made by Marines was the capture of Fort Montague on the island of New Providence in the Bahamas, in March, 1776.

Sign in a N.C. restaurant: "Our spoons, knives and forks are not medicine—please do not take after eating."

Accidents don't just happen — they are caused. Be careful.



Christopher Columbus was the first white man to celebrate New Year's day in the western hemisphere.

While his ships were being repaired on January 1, 1493, he enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with two savage monarchs on the island of Haiti.

After his meal, historians say, the discoverer of America had his first smoke of tobacco.

History of the New Year Goes Back as Far as Ancient Egypt

Everywhere throughout the world for thousands of years man has celebrated the passing of time. He has done so in various seasons and to the accompaniment of different customs — but always the holiday has been one of gladness and joy, of hope and brightness, of light and laughter.

The history of the celebration of New Year's day goes far back into antiquity. It is only in relatively recent times that New Year's day has been observed on January 1. The holiday has been a movable one and various races have marked it in different seasons. For instance, the ancient Persians and Egyptians celebrated New Year's on September 22, the autumnal equinox, while the Greeks did so at the winter solstice, December 21. The vernal equinox, March 22, marked the beginning of the year for the Jews.

At the New Year season through the ages, man has taken new stock of himself, and has pledged himself to higher, finer things and has resolved that ere the year ends, he will have done those things which would move him nearer Utopia.

New Year's Day has always been actively celebrated in the United States and from Colonial times to the present it has been a day of great significance. Presidents have received the public at great receptions on that day, and the custom of visiting friends and relatives is one which has survived until the present.

New Year's eve seems to be growing in popularity as a time of jollity and good fellowship and the average American feels lost unless he can "go somewhere" and "do something" on the turn of the year.

Of the many legends and traditions which have grown around the significance of the New Year, the one most persistent is that what you do on the first day of the year will be an indication of what will happen in the months to follow.

As an example, to open a bank account at New Year's was considered lucky in old England.

So deep-seated was the general belief in the "first thing" determining "future things" that even after the festival was declared a general holiday, many clung to their old-time beliefs, and to insure work for the coming year would set the pace by spending at least an hour or two in some useful pursuit.

The first day of the year has been more generally observed than any other holiday and over a longer period.

Omens of good luck have always been associated with the new year, all founded more or less upon the belief that a supreme power was vested in some unseen deity who could bring good luck if properly appeased, or mete out punishments.

The Romans named their new year in honor of Janus, the two-faced god, who had the power to look back over the past and also, in a prophetic way, could look into the future.

He was represented with a key in his hand symbolizing his power to open doors and gateways, and this holiday was one of great gayety lasting several days.

The festival was not observed in midwinter, but in the spring, when the Roman year began, and had only 10 months. Later, when two months were added to the calendar, January and February were placed at the beginning of the year and New Year was celebrated on the first of January.

The "first foot" — the first person to enter the house on New Year's day — plays a significant role in the family's future fortunes, according to several old superstitions concerning the beginning of a new year.

To bring good luck, the first arrival must be a dark man, but if he also brings a gift and "carries in" more than he "takes out" then the house is assured peace and plenty for a whole year. The most auspicious gift as luck brings is a lump of coal or a red herring.

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