



DEPOT EMPLOYEES GIVE ENTERTAINMENT TO FEDERAL CLUB

Employees of the Depot furnished entertainment at the second meeting of the Federal Business Club of Charlotte which was held at Ship Ahoy on the evening of Dec. 7th. Colonel Woodward is president of the organization.

Mrs. Evelyn Dean sang several selections; Miss Eunice Love gave an interesting skit; the Seven Seals Jubilee Singers rendered some spirituals, and Sam Jeter "burned" up the harmonica. Miss Rose Gurganus accompanied Mrs. Dean at the piano.

All those attending the dinner were high in their praise of the entertainers.

The Federal Business Club was organized October 21, and its aims are to promulgate closer association of personnel of the various Federal agencies in this area and provide entertainment and various social activities for the members. Representatives from each agency in this vicinity are included in its membership.

A list of the QMD members of the Club will be in next Month's issue of the NEWS.

INVENTORY CONTROL BRANCH

Two additional nameplates, Miss Ritch and Miss Simpson, show that something new has been added to the Inventory Control Branch. Welcome to you both.... Mr. Tate thinks we should put Ripley "in the know" that the Inventory Control Branch is on the winning list for attendance in October----Let that be proof that HE has not lectured in vain.... From the shakedown Mable was going through one would come to the conclusion that she had been a part of burlesque (black tassels and all)---- instead of being allergic to bugs.... And those who don't believe in ghosts will surely admit there is a Shadow... Elsie, no doubt believes that variety is the spice of life with so many friends of the opposite sex.... Maggee readily admits that Uncle Sam is no woman but he surely took her man away from her... What do you know--Margaret Simpson in the hospital having her tonsils removed Monday after yelling for the Gremlins Sunday (That Trippi is a bit of all right on or off the field. Correct, Margaret?????????????)..... Sara Currey admits a lady should hold on to her youth, but not while driving. We wonder if "Flaming Mamie", "Sad Sack" and the rest of Captain Jones's dog family have influenced him to smoke cigars?.... Some folks has and some folks hasn't.... Kathryn Johnson hasn't got a maid and wants to know who has.???.... NOTE: With the Maid shortage seems that two very nice accommodating "Looies" are lending a helping hand to servant-seeking employees----those interested might contact the Fancher-Cathey Employment Association. The Inventory Control Branch is branching --- no doubt..... Janie took advantage of a good opportunity and cast her vote on Election Day...her candidate was the best man, of course....altho Mabel might disagree???????... Soco Lt. Fancher's bars have finally turned to silver--- Contratulations..... 'Tis rumored that Major Walker and Mr. Tate went out on their "milk route routine" but as yet

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no milk has shown up?????....

Sara, so you realize that square meals make some people round... not to mention all those in-between-snacks.... News from the Pacific--- The Japs are falling---Fleet first, convinced that the Grand Old American Flag has colors that don't run.. Yes, a G O O D time was had by ALL at the Attendance Contest Party.... T'was love blooming in November when that rusty-headed sailor met his "little bit" of a gal, need we mention the audience seeing it well done too. Betty believes in jumping at her chances.

Lest we forget:

"The value of a smile---costs nothing---but creates much. It is rest to the weary---daylight to the discouraged---sunshine to the sad---and nature's best antidote for trouble! Yes---it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen---for it is something that is no earthly good to anybody---until it is given away."



SEALS

The Charlotte Quartermaster Depot Women's Service Club conducted a sale of Christmas Seals at the depot from 27 November through 2 December. The sale opened at the depot at 8:30

on the first day of the nation-wide drive and probably the first seals were sold right there.

Miss Shirley Bradley, secretary, was the first saleslady, and was attractively attired in the provincial red and blue headdress and arm band displaying the Red Cross. The first seals were sold to Miss Virginia Nelms, president of the club. The depot photographer was snooping about that time and snapped a picture of the first sale. In the picture were: Miss Nelms, pres., Rose Gurganus, Vice-Pres., Shirley Bradley, secretary, Betty Jane Phifer, treasurer, and Frances "Rudy" Rudisill, chairman. The Charlotte News ran the picture in their Tuesday edition of the paper.

It was originally planned that only members of the club would sell the seals but due to various handicaps it was necessary to call on other employees to fill in. This they did willingly and the club would like to extend a special thanks to these girls. The cheery smiles of the salesgirls and the big hearts of our military and civilian personnel enabled us to bring the sales to a total of \$176.30 over last year's \$120.05. Every year, bigger and better.

Seals were on sale in the Labor & Equipment office, Excess Property, Zone Inspection, Mail and Records, Employee Relations, First Aid, and at the cafeteria. The booth by the Mail & Records office made the most sales, this being the central point of the Depot, just like the "Square" downtown.

The money was turned over to Miss Rush Harris, Executive Secretary of the Mecklenburg County Tuberculosis and Health Association, to be used in their splendid work toward the cure & prevention of Tuberculosis in this county.

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Tab the gab
And be wise
Hit the foe
With surprise!



"Ever Since Eve", a hilarious three-act comedy, was presented by the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot players Friday evening, December 8, in the Central High School auditorium.

The play, based on the trials and tribulations of the newly elected editor of a high school paper had a humorous plot, the time being the early part of December. The editor and his staff were confronted with a number of obstacles in getting the Christmas edition printed. These obstacles were heightened when a new journalism teacher was appointed, a teacher whose opinion was that journalism is a woman's world and appointed a high school "chick" as assistant editor.

About this time a young Southern belle appeared on the scene and disturbed the love life and common

sense of all. Further entanglement occurred when the journalism instructor became involved with the school principal. When the Christmas edition of the school paper, The Penguin, was finally published it carried a premature wedding announcement of the school principal and the journalism teacher -- this announcement inadvertently made by the young high school female prodigy of the journalism instructor.

The story ended when the editor and his assistant realized their shortcomings, and the young Southern Belle discovered that Southern charm will not serve as a permanent "cover-up" for brains, and then all adjourned to the high school prom in a Christmas festive mood.

The cast, in the order of their appearance, were: Mrs. Clover, Mrs. G. Llewellyn; Johnny Clover, Lt. J. G. Owens; Mr. Clover, Mr. O. H. Baker;

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"EVER SINCE EVE" (contd.)

Spud Erwin, Mr. Sinclair Cathey; Susan Blake, Miss Frances Rudisill; Betsy Erwin, Miss Mary Lee Alexander; Martha Willard, Mrs. Evelyn Dean; Officer (Cappy) Simmons, Mr. Nelson Knight; Henry Quinn, Mr. Ben Betts; Lucybelle Lee, Miss Lydia Shannon and Preston Huches, Lt. Robert. Football players: Bull, Lt. Glenn Gaskill; Hank, Captain R. L. Jordan; Fatty, Lt. Martin Hershberg and Nick played by Lt. W. H. Green.

Between the acts the audience was entertained by the following: The Bradley children, Tommie and Harold Jr., children of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bradley, who entertained with popular songs, accompanied by Mrs. Clara Stockton. At the second intermission, Miss Eunice Love, of Mail & Records Branch, gave a hilarious recitation. The Seven Seals Jubilee Singers, all Depot fellows, entertained at the third intermission with some real spiritual music.

Mrs. Mildred Featherstone entertained at the piano prior to the first curtain.

The members of the cast and all employees of the Depot wish to acknowledge with thanks the splendid spirit of cooperation shown by the following in helping to make the play a success:

Lt. Leonard Einsidler who assisted with directing. Miss Marie Martin, who was the official prompter, and served most ably at this important post. Miss Dorothy Abernathy who arranged for the delightful between-the-acts entertainment.

For the loan of facilities during rehearsals, thanks to the Armory Service Men's Center. The Hice-Williamson Cigar Co. deserves generous thanks for advertisements and sale of tickets. The First Methodist

Church for the loan of stage facilities during rehearsals. The furnishings were made available through the generosity of the Talbot Furniture Company, 124 S. College St., and the Special Services Officer at Morris Field, who loaned football uniforms to our "Characters".

All proceeds from "Ever Since Eve" written by Florence Ryerson and Colin Clements, will go to charity. O.H. Baker directed the local production.

A resounding vote of thanks is given to the following, by the cast of "Ever Since Eve", for the splendid spirit of cooperation shown, and for the extremely important "Good job" done. These persons performed jobs which could not be mentioned in the program, but without which the play would not have been the success it was; these are the "unsung heroes" of our production:

Colonel C. W. Woodward for his 100 percent agreement with everything we wanted to do. How could we help but stage a success with the C.O. backing us up!

Miss Marie Martin and Lieut. Leonard Einsidler for their assistance in prompting, expression and enunciation.

Captain W. S. Dee, Mr. C.H. Yarborough, Mr. J. H. Wall and Mr. H. R. Douglas for the unlimited cooperation and beautiful work performed in obtaining supplies and building and painting the "much talked of" stage scenery.

Mr. C. G. Taylor, Mr. L. C. Gay, Mr. J. L. Dew, Mr. E. P. McCorkle, Lieut. A. J. Bethune, Mrs. Harriett Callaway and Mr. D. A. Vogel for the aid in selling tickets. These people did a bang-up job.

Miss Dorothy Abernathy for her outstanding work in arranging the between-the-acts entertainment.

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And to the many others who helped us, we thank you and hope that no one has been forgotten.

On Behalf of the Cast,

O. H. BAKER

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONNEL OF CHARLOTTE QM DEPOT

The following memorandum, dated 18 October 1944, issued by Major General F. E. Uhl, Commanding General of the Fourth Service Command, is printed for the information and guidance of all concerned:

1. From time to time, anonymous letters are received by various officers at Fourth Service Command Headquarters. Invariably, such letters are written to criticize an individual and to undermine the standing of that individual before his or her division, branch or section chief.
2. Anonymous letters have no standing before the law. They deserve none, because the writer of an anonymous letter can draw freely upon his or her imagination, can introduce innuendoes at will and can use libelous language without restraint.
3. Anonymous letter writers are actuated by envy, selfishness or hatred. Almost invariably, they have only partial familiarity with the matters upon which they base their accusa-

tions. Finally, they LACK THE COURAGE to sign the poison pen accusation that they make.

4. It is the desire of the undersigned that courageous action be taken at all levels of command within the Fourth Service Command to increase the efficiency and improve the morale of the individual and to raise the standards of all service command operations. Suggestions from any individual throughout the organization are not only received - they are sought. However, unsigned accusations against members of the Fourth Service Command Team -- military or civilian -- have the same standing at Fourth Service Command Headquarters as they have in courts of law -- namely, no standing whatsoever.

5. This memorandum will be posted on bulletin boards and will be given publicity in post, camp and station newspapers.



He may spend Christmas in a trench,
In a land of foreign name,
Or maybe in a prison camp
But it will be Christmas just the same.

He may lie on a bed of pain
But he will be brave and game.
He may be lonely but he'll be glad
For its Christmas just the same.

He fights with courage, grit and pride,
Tho' he does not fight for fame.
The thing that's foremost in his heart
Is to keep Christmas just the same.

- Mary Seawell



MILITARY PERSONNEL
INVITED TO PARTY

Officers of the Depot are invited to attend a party which will be held at the Armory Auditorium on Christmas Day, commencing at 3 o'clock P.M. and lasting until midnight. The event, fashioned after the famous "Stage Door Canteen" will be held for all service people in this vicinity.

The invitation, extended by Mrs. Merle S. Ramsey, Director of the Charlotte Defense Recreation Committee, stated that last year the city of Charlotte was host to more than 7000 service people on Christmas Day despite adverse weather conditions.

The entire affair is being sponsored by the City of Charlotte.

Idol talk
Guns the works
For the foe
Always lurks!

From loose talk
We must desist
Else the foes
We will assist!



From Former Storekeeper

The following letter, taken from Storage Snoopin', is from M/Sgt. Charles C. Vess, former storekeeper at Warehouse No. 5, and was received by Margaret Baker:

From A Hot Spot in Holland, 29 Oct. 1944

Dear Mrs. Baker: Today I received the September issue of QMD News which I read from cover to cover without stopping. After almost two years, I still remember quite a few names, but there must be a lot of new faces around there. I have often wondered where Tommy, Travis, and Frank Harrill were, but never could find out. So would you please send me their addresses? I knew that Major Clark was in England, but I didn't know where Major Jeter was until today. The last time I was out at the Depot was just before Xmas last year. New Year's found me on the way to the P of E. We landed in England, jumped in France on D-Day, and then we pulled out back to England. We were all given a seven-day leave. I was planning to go to Scotland by plane but the trip was called off due to bad weather. I started by train and London was as far as I got. I spend all seven days dodging buzz bombs and drunk. That's one week I'll always remember. And then this Holland trip came up. Things haven't been too bad, but could

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have been much worse. Holland isn't too bad a place. I was down across the border into Belgium a couple of weeks ago. I'm sorta getting fed up with all this chatter I can't understand. I'm sweating out the next jump, if there is another, for there's only one place for it. Maybe the war will be over before then (I hope). Well, guess I had better stop for now. Give Tommy my regards, and also say "hello" to all the folks I know around there. Here's hoping the show will be over soon.

Always,
Vess

FROM MAJOR YETTER

The following letter was received by Miss Rose Gurganus from Major R. J. Yetter, formerly of the Depot now in France:

Dear Rose:

After having been on the move almost constantly during August and September have finally settled for a while - I hope - and your letter of September 16 has just caught up with me.

I think I've written Pat that I am in Paris - and which she has probably told you. There is no question that it is one of, if not, the world's greatest city. I know you girls would enjoy it probably much more than we men - on account of the fashions, perfumes, etc. However, the men, including myself, are finding plenty to occupy what spare time we can find. There are so many things to see and do that you can't get around to all of them, both from the standpoint of time and transportation. The only transportation available is subway and that stops

running at 11:30 P.M. They still have a few horses and carriages but costs a fortune to ride in one - about \$14.00 to ride a mile.

So far have managed to see Romeo & Juliet at the "Opera" and the building is the most gorgeous thing I've ever seen. Have tickets to future performances at the "Opera La Comique" to see "Louise" and for the Folies Bergere. It is not very pleasant tho' seeing any shows as they do not have any heat in the theatres and it is cold over here now - around 40° all the time.

There are many beautiful things in the stores but prices are exorbitant. To give you some idea, an ordinary ladies scarf costs about \$25.00; a ladies compact that we could probably buy in the States, for \$2 or \$3, over here costs \$20.00, and that is the same story on everything. Perfume is rather reasonable, but good brands hard to get. Strange to say what we consider the best in the States "Chanel No. 5" is just mediocre over here and plenty of it to be had. Such manufacturers as "Caron", "Guerlain", "Lanvin", "Schia-perelli", "Paquin" - it is almost impossible to get, and they are the leaders in the order named.

I enjoyed all the Depot news in your letter and am always glad to get them.

Since being in Paris have only seen one person I knew in the States and that is the young boy we had at the Depot and whose name I've forgotten. He was in charge of Training there at the Depot and while there, married a girl, I believe that had the same name or one similar.

Haven't received any of the "Pink" Tarheel News as yet but looking forward to my copy. Too bad you had to change again.

Your remarks about the weather interested me immensely and I don't believe I'll ever complain about hot weather

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again when I get back.

As I have already said the temperature has remained around 40° ever since I've been here (Oct. 5) and I have yet to be warm. We have no heat in our billets nor our offices and we are lucky if we get hot water once a week. I wear my overcoat all day long in the office and most of the time my galoshes to keep my feet warm. They have promised us heat but so far have seen no signs of it. I'd be willing to have some of that '41 heat right now.

Am afraid we will not be back as quickly as you mentioned in your letter, although definitely we will some day.

Have not been feeling any too well since here, probably due to the climate and lack of heat but have had a cold almost constantly and a bad bronchial cough. Spent seven days in the hospital getting fixed up and after getting out caught another cold immediately. Don't know how long I can take it, but hope it will work out O.K.

Please give my best to everyone and a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all.

Sincerely,

Maj. Yetter

FROM LEONARD DABBS

The Editors of TARHEEL NEWS wish to acknowledge with thanks a letter from a former employee, Leonard D. Dabbs, who is now "somewhere in France". Leonard sent us the poem, "A Woman", and we're sorry that we have already run this piece.

Thanks again, Leonard, from the

editors, and we hope we'll be hearing from you again soon. Good luck!

MARTHA L. MCAULEY WRITES

The following letter is from Martha L. McAuley, Inspector now stationed at Tampa, Florida:

It's a BEEEAUTIFUL DAY in Tampa. Yes, this is the true Sunny South, in fact one could - and does go out in shirt sleeves and be comfortable. Am I glad I'm here!!! From all reports I have heard, Charlotte is nice and cold which makes me appreciate this place more than ever. Lets hope "Uncle Sam" decided to leave me stationed here thru the cold months. (Of course this is not a hint, Mr. Boyer, just thinking out loud.)

Mr. Azzarano, was heard saying yesterday, and I quote "GEES, but this place is hot". (in that "Joisey" accent) unquote.

Mr. Thomas Lambden, reported this A.M. for news, mail, message from Mr. Griffith, Area Supervisor, who is enroute to Tampa, after spending a week-end in Charlotte QMD. We're always glad to have him with us here in Tampa.

"Tom", could you be going to St. "Pete", inspecting laundry and dry cleaning, or could you have fishing on your mind? HA! HA! Oh, well we'll give you the benefit of the doubt. We know you had rather measure those clothes for shrinkage. (especially the WACS) Ask Lambden what the percentage is..... Say Mr. V. W. Johnston, we sure do miss your smiling face here. Hope you are not freezing up there. Say, did you deliver my messages?? OK, thanks a lot.... Welcome, Mr. Jacob R. Clinard. Very glad indeed to have you with us. Hope you enjoy this nice Florida weather as we do....

Lt. Einsidler, this is a line or so of confirmation: The meeting on the (contd. next page)

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V.S.D. 8 November 1944, was very helpful, and I may add, all this recent info will be very useful in the near future. Sorry you^r throat was giving you trouble, hope it is well by now. It was a great pleasure having you as an instructor.

P.S. How would you like a nice hot "Cuban Sandwich", or a steak at the Columbia??? OK?

Note to Mary O'Quinn:

How's Sam these days? I understand he and Dan Browning have something in common when it comes to smokes. Remember how Dan kept one in the corner of his mouth?? I understand he still does in Hawaii, when he can get them. His wife (Inez) showed me some snapshots while I was in Atlanta, he still keeps one in the same corner....

Note to Signal Office:

How are the executions these days? Is Coronor Springer still on the job? Say Girls!! I sure do miss you, only wish you could close up "shop" and come on down and actually see this place for your own self. By the way do any of you girls ever hear from Clare Hunnicutt?? I sure would like to have her address. Please someone answer my request. I think of her so often and would like very much to correspond with her...

Sure do hate to hear that Lt. Cassel has been transferred, hope it is temporary.

CONGRATULATIONS!! to you Captain Cushing, and Mrs. Cushing.

Sorry that Major Clark's letter was incomplete as I enjoy all the messages from overseas. I have a pen-pal in England (civilian) while he was there, I sent her his last letter, she wrote me back that if he

would come by the Club (English Entertaining Center) she would give him all the "cokes" he wanted....

Say Lt. H. E. French, I have a friend in Paris, I would like you to look up for me. He is in the Engineers Avn. Bn. Will get your address from Miss Denton, and send you his address. You two are a "match"....

To hear me talk or must I say to read this article one would think I was overseas, but thru this Tarheel QMD News you can correspond with everyone. FOR GOODNESS-SAKES DO NOT ever stop publishing same. Why for the last few days I was worried, because I had not received a copy. Was afraid they were disbanding like they did the pictures, etc....

I send my best regards to everyone; Mr. Boyer, Lt. Einsidler, Major Cook, Gladys Hayes, Capt. Johnston, George Halpin, Pat Ring, Signal Office Girls, Mr. Gibson, (also give my best regards to Mrs. Gibson, (CHICHI) misspelled? Doc Taylor, you just tell all the folks I miss "em". Doc, with Christmas just around the corner, shall I take one for you?

Well, I will "wind up" this rambling note to you fine "peoples" in the Depot, last but not least, I sure do miss the familiar voices on that P.B.X. board in spite of the fact I am very pleased indeed with my assignment with the Zone Inspection Division.

P.S.: Lt. Simmons, who is my friend in your branch?? Yes, I mean the party responsible for the monthly blue slip, I receive each month... And I mean they expedite, of which I appreciate very much. Thank them for me PLEASE...

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As our armies
Deeper drive
Guard war secrets
Keep alive!