

SPORTS ACTIVITIES (Contd.)

organized and the first game was played Wednesday Night, December 6, at Harding High School Gym.

Our first apponent was National Carbon Company. Then on December 13th, we play Cramerton.

I would like to remind you that three games will be played each Wednesday night with an admission of 30 cents, which covers the entire three games.

From the performance of Morris Field's football team, one can bet that they will have an outstanding basketball team. It is rumored that both the National Carbon Co. and U.S. Rubber each expect to take the winner and Captain Thome says he is also interested in the outcome of the games. So you can look forward to some fine games.

The team takes this opportunity of expressing thanks for the funds enabling them to enter the league.

An expression of appreciation is also in line for the time off for the Shriner's football game.

NOVEMBER SETS SAFETY RECORD FOR DEPOT

Employees of the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot set a new safety record during the month of November. Not a single lost time accident oc-

curred during the 225,000 man hours worked during the month.

Special credit has been given employees of the Excess Property, the Auxiliary Military Police, and Warehouse No.5. These three departments are being honored by having the privilege to fly the safety flag during the month of December.

During November only 17 minor injuries were reported to the First Aid Station on the reservation, as compared to 65 injuries received by employeed during Nov. 1943.

The Depot Safety Department is under the supervision of Lt. Martin Hershberg, and Daniel A. Vogel is Safety Inspector.

Colonel Woodward attributes the safety accomplishment to the fine work of supervisors in the various departments.



Well, it's time for more news, but we are still hard at it. It will seem good to be back on duty in daylight, after spending the last two weeks at night in (contd. next page)

CYCLE INVENTORY (Contd.)

the wilds of Warehouse 4.

A new member has cast his lot with us (and say, girls, he is single) Mr. F. E. Blanton, (how 'bout it, Gene?)

Mr. Conder is growing hogs down on his farm, so he sez. Before coming to work the other day he decided to feed them something out of the ordinary and when he arrived at the pen they were sleeping so peacefully he went back to the house and told his wife he didn't have the heart to awaken them, so he wouldn't feed them, (some excuse).

Mr. J. A. Josey has left his old gang and is now at Warehouse 2. Luck to you Josey.

Mr. McGraw how did you explain to the madam how you reached home at 9:00 P.M. the other night instead of your usual 12:00 P.M. (Is the head healing all right after the battle?)

Well, it's time for the whistle, so I'll try and catch up with Kat and Riby.

## REQUISITION BREAKDOWN

Hi, Folks, we finally waded through all that "stuff" on our desk and emerged just in time to beat the deadline. This little section has really been "through the mill" the past couple of weeks.

It all began one day when the nurse sent Marjorie home sick. The next we heard she was in the hospital. That was some shock to us. The way that gal tears around you'd think nothing could happen to her. She

survived very nicely and is back on the job now. We sho' am glad too.

Applebee is back too, worse for wear I'm afraid. She didn't get to visit around down in Atlanta like she planned for Henry up and got sick on her the first day. Then - Georgia Tech lost That game. After going all the way down there to see them too. Plumb ungrateful, I think.

Our section was well represented at the Stock Control Party although Marjorie's doctor wouldn't let her attend. He knew that when she heard that ol' jive she'd just have to get out there and "give".

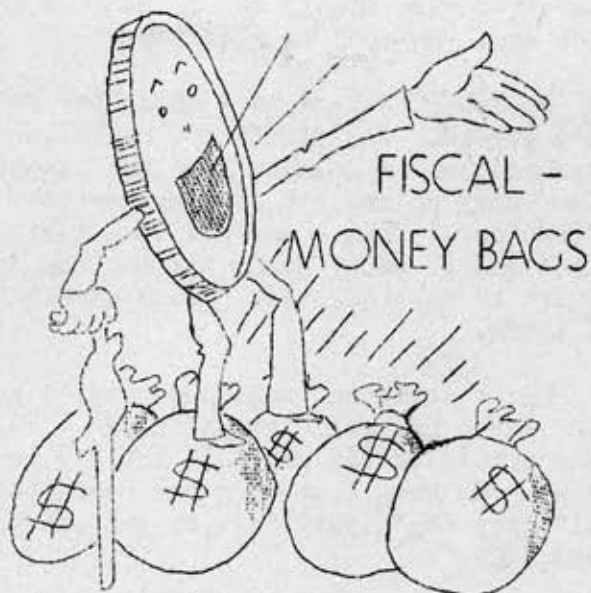
Henry and Margie Ann came with Applebee and Ruth brought Donny and Mrs. Wright. We all had a good time and hope we win the prize again. Mary Campbells Boogie Woogie on the piano and Jimmy Long's and Donny Wright's exhibition on the dance floor were the highlights.

THAT IS ALL --- Bye now.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the lovely flowers and cards I received while in the hospital.

Marjorie Myers

The safeguarding of military information will be a matter of prime concern to all Americans until the day of final victory. Our fighting men who meet the enemy in fierce day-to-day combat reply on all others to do their part. Keep military secrets safe!



One never knows what surprising thing is liable to take place next!! Last month, we were so surprised to hear that our P. C., Mr. Griffin Holland, had come down with what was finally decided to be typhus fever. He has been quite ill in Shelby Hospital ever since that time. We are glad to report that he is improving and is now on the "up and up." It will probably be sometime yet before he will return to duty, and Boy, how we do miss him!

And then one morning a couple of weeks ago, our newest employee, Gloria Jenkins, came rushing in telling Captain Webb that her family had decided to move to Florida and were leaving at once, and that she had to resign and go with them. It was a most sudden decision, we understand, and Gloria flew around here all morning in her excitement to do all that was necessary to get released. She did make it tho', and probably grabbed onto the family bus as it went by, they were all in such a hurry to get going.

A card recently received from Gloria advises that they finally stopped in Miami Springs, Florida, and all like it fine. Little girl, we do envy you, and we miss you too.

Charlotte fall weather was lovely, but now that Old Man Winter has taken hand, and cold, damp weather has set in we almost wish we could follow your impulse, Gloria. If we could go, this whole crowd would be Miami-bound at least for the winter.

## PERSONNEL PERSONALITIES

With sad hearts we bid our own Mr. Darnell farewell and wished him the best of luck at San Antonio, Texas. Had it not been essential to George's health we never would have let him go. Wish you could have seen the girls trying to corner him to kiss him Good-bye!!! He backed into a corner and said Mae wouldn't like it. Our farewell was really impressive as Colonel Woodward joined us to present our little gifts and to say good-bye. Mr. Darnell opened his gifts and read the following poem:



### FAREWELL - DARNELL

The Army took our Browning  
The Navy took our Daxe  
And with his buddies gone  
Our Clint just won't behave.

He had to get a transfer  
And now he's on his way

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PERSONNEL PERSONALITIES (Contd.)

We're truly going to miss him  
But hope he'll enjoy his stay.

This little bit of luggage  
He'll pack both full and tight  
And tote it down to Texas  
Now fancy such a sight!

We've bid farewell to many friends  
Who were leaving QMC  
But now the hardest task of all  
Is good-bye to our Mr. "D".

## CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

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Three new faces, but very familiar ones have been added to Personnel. Ginny Nelms is more than welcomed back in our midst. We never felt like she had left us, because she was tripping around Payroll and Personnel lots of the time, but it is nice to know that now we can claim her entire time. Mrs. V. P. Breneman, nee Majorie Coffee, and Miss Marcella Weaver were both formerly employed at the Depot about a year ago. Mrs. Breneman left to be with her husband until he went overseas. Majorie and Marcella we are surely glad to have you with us and hope you will like us here in Personnel.

Why was Helen Eggleston so thrilled one morning when Western Union called bright and early? You guessed it right! John was back in the States after being on the high seas for about three months. Talk about floating on a cloud! Whee, Helen really was, and who wouldn't be after this pleasant surprise.

Ask Betty Phifer who was belle of the ball the Saturday night that she was in Blowing Rock? Ah, ha! In fact ask any of the gals—Katherine, Mary, Deanie, Ginny, Shirley, or B. J. since they all spent a lovely week-end in Blowing Rock. Ginny has the right

idea about mountain climbing too -- shoeless! Betty, those were really good apples that you brought back with you—um, makes my mouth water now!

Katherine Watkins had a visitor the other day from her home town, Washington, N. C. Mary Grist Bowers came by on her return from Mexico and she did have the most interesting stories to tell, because after all— Mexico is an interesting place. Katherine also spent a week-end in Norfolk, Va. with her husband S/Sgt. Joe Watkins.

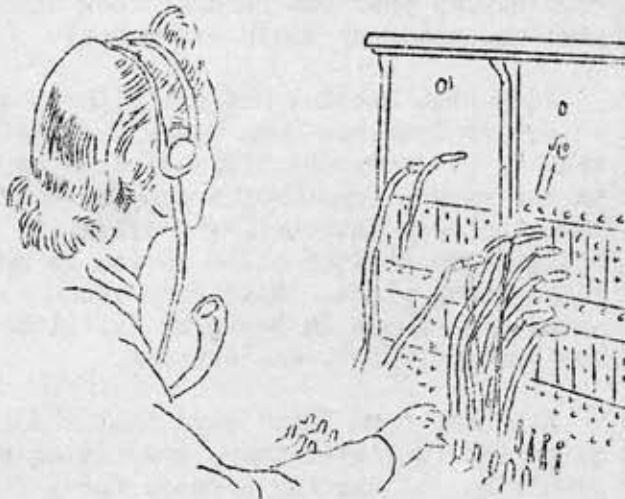
A letter from "Nib" says that she is quite the lady of leisure and having a good time galavanting around, first Blowing Rock, then a week in Washington, D. C., not to mention Saturday afternoon football games. Ah, Life can be beautiful!

Nina Wade-Dalton is back with us after a nice rest at home in Manassas, Va. Nina, you are certainly looking good these days, and we are really glad to have you back because I mean we did miss you, gal!

What is this we hear about the Charlotte Grill, B. J.? Come now!! Truth or consequences, is you is, or is you ain't been there with that cute Paratrooper from Camp Mackall. Rumor has it as such!

Scotty Newell spent a week vacating in Roanoke, Va. Margaret Delamar had a surprise visit from her daughter, Frances, the other day. Wonder if you saw that cute little girl in the cafeteria—that was none other than "Pete" Williamson's sister. Ann Birmingham took a few days off to shop for Xmas. or was it that trousseau? Evelyn Banker went to a church outing at Montreat where she had a very enjoyable time. Bea Mosley is walking better these days as her feet are improving. We surely hated for Alice Squires to leave us, but we hope that she will like her new work at Morris Field. We do miss that smiling face of hers and those cheerful "Good Mornings".

# EDITORIAL



## THE SIGNAL OFFICE

A day in the Signal Office begins at seven in the morning, with one operator on duty until eight-thirty. During this hour and a half, she is kept quite busy operating the switchboard and also receiving messages over the teletype and Western Union printers. Therefore, she is very glad to welcome the operators as they arrive. At eight-thirty she is relieved by two girls who will assume both the duties of answering local as well as making tickets on all long distance calls. In the meantime the other two girls are kept busy sending and receiving messages. After a message reaches the Signal Officer there is still a lot more to be done - it must be acknowledged and registered in by number. Then the copies are made on a ditto machine (usually six or eight) and dropped in the outgoing box where the messengers deliver them to the Chief Clerk (Mr. Gibson), who routes them to the various departments. The original is returned to the Signal Office and filed according to the date received.

Outgoing messages also have a routine similar to the incoming messages. The time is stamped on the back as soon as it is received, then

it is classed according to teletypes and telegrams precedence. The teletype messages are then typed on the sending tape. We then place the calls, number the messages and record it on a number sheet that is kept by the machine. After the message has been sent and acknowledged by the receiving station, it is then ready to be filed. This consists of stapling the copy to the original message. The operator then marks the time and her initials on the original message and files it numerically, routing the copies back to the sender also with her initial and the sending time on the front.

Other duties are: referring to files for the different departments from time to time checking and preparing of the teletype, telephone, and telegraph bills for payment each month.

Mrs. Springer, our supervisor, due to many years experience in the same type of work before, was employed at the Bell Telephone Company as supervisor and before coming to the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot in January 1942, was employed by the Chevrolet Division of the General Motors Corporation in Charlotte.

Mrs. Viviano, better known as Lee Herrin, came to us as a very efficient and capable operator having received her training and experience from the Southern Bell & Telegraph Company as a long distance operator.

Mrs. Stiles begged or stolen from Transportation because of her former experience as a telephone operator, has proven herself most satisfactory, and you can always count on her when there is overtime to be worked.

We are fortunate in having Miss Flora Davis who held a position of the same type at Camp Croft, South Carolina and Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S.C.

Mrs. Francis was transferred to this Depot from Morris Field and Mrs. McLean and Miss Doris Cadieu formerly held positions at Camp Sutton.

THE SIGNAL OFFICE (contd.)

There you have our personnel, and any hour of the twenty-four that you call 4-1671, you will be answered by one of the above mentioned young ladies.

JOB SUGGESTIONS

... And the Three Wise Men of the East came and offered unto him gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh....We have all heard the story, old and beautiful, mellowed with time...How the Three Wise Men of yore came to their long awaited King with offerings of their wordly goods and of themselves to his cause.

Now we read it again and love its significance, see in it the beauty of giving our best as a token of our devotion.

But how many of us are equally as familiar with the wonderful old mythical story of the Fourth or Other Wise Man? Religious legend has it there was another Wise Man, you know—one who set out later than the other Three, who sold all of his cherished belongings and hard earned material gains to buy precious stones that would be acceptable

to offer to his New-Born King....who then set out alone to make the journey to Bethlehem with no Eastern Star to guide him—who was forced along his journey across the dry, burning desert to sell from his store of precious stones for money with which to buy food and find lodging in order that he might continue his pilgrimage...until at the end of his 30 years of wandering, as he at last reached His King, then dying of the Cross, there was only one of his precious stones left—a perfect pearl.

COULD YOU TOO BE A FOURTH WISE MAN?

Job Suggestions are pearls in disguise. You have a search to make. Would you not be willing to trek across an old established procedure or policy (the dry, burning sands of a monthly report the preparation of which you could expedite or simplify) in order to effect an aid or improvement in your job and/or that of your fellow workers? TALK TO PEOPLE...convince them that you have an idea and a purpose and that it will serve as a means to the perfect end. SPEED PRODUCTION...don't ride a Camel as did the Fourth Wise Man and take thirty years to reach your destination, chancing the risk of being TOO LATE. Think of a better way of getting where you desire to be, of making your job easier, of simplifying your co-workers problems, of saving Your Country money and time at this the MIDNIGHT HOUR.

IT WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY...will give you satisfaction...will mean an award to you, a speedier victory for your Motherland.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY SUGGESTIONS YEAR!!!!

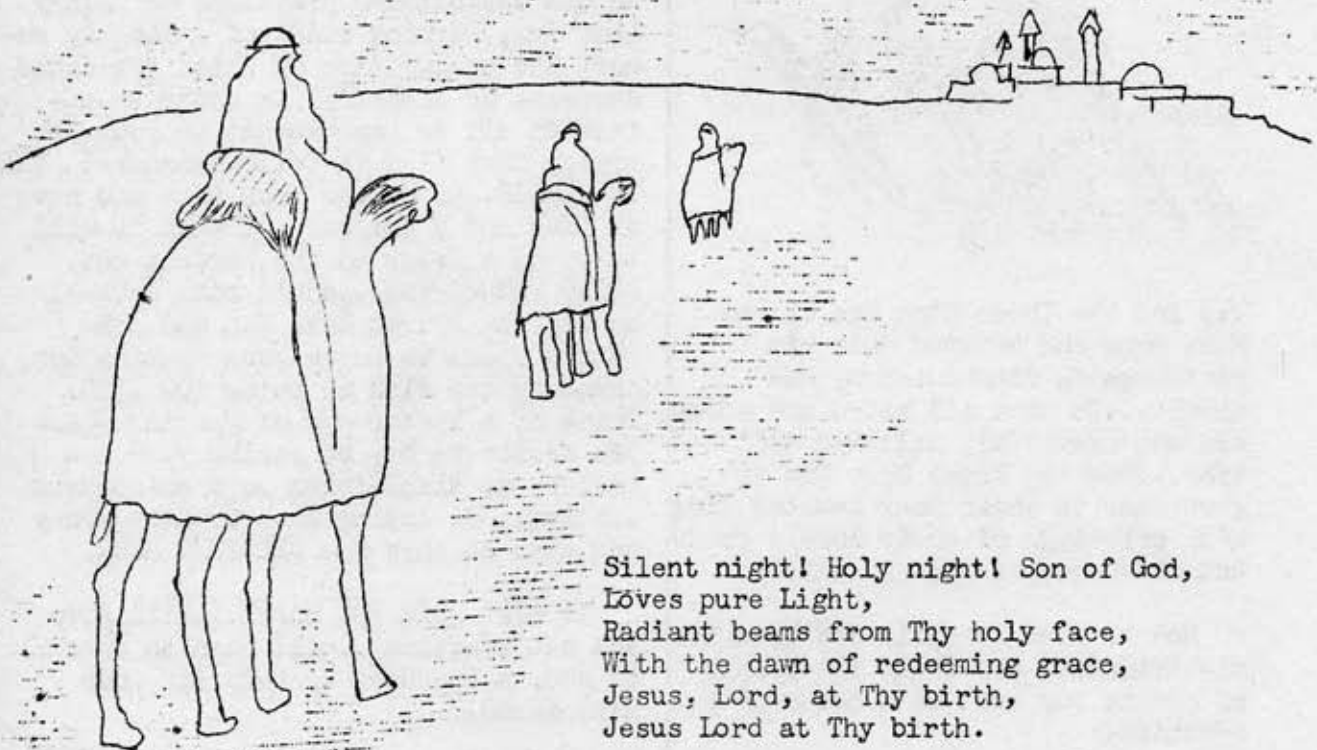
It may be a choice bit of news that you know about military matters—But don't tell it. The lives of our men are at stake. Now - more than ever - careful talk saves lives and careless talk costs lives!

# SILENT NIGHT

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, All is bright  
 Round yon virgin mother and Child!  
 Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
 Sleep in heavenly Peace,  
 Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight  
 Glories stream from Heaven afar  
 Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia, Christ, the Savior is born,  
 Christ the Savior is born.



Silent night! Holy night! Son of God,  
 Loves pure Light,  
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
 Jesus Lord at Thy birth.

OUR PRAYER AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Our heavenly Father, we know that Thou art altogether good. Nothing evil can ever come to Thy children with Thy permission. Sometimes we bring unhappiness on ourselves. Sometimes we are called upon to suffer, but we know that none of this comes to us because Thou dost will it. It comes because of sin. Perhaps it is not our sin, but all suffering and unhappiness is necessary because of the fact of sin. This terrible devastating war pains Thy great heart far more than it pains ours.

In the midst of a world that is experiencing so much suffering we have much to be thankful for at this Christmas season. Not the least of this is the fact that we have hope for something better soon. Victory will surely be ours sometime in the near future. We are asking Thee to speed the day of victory that these longings of ours for a better day may soon be realized.

We are mindful of the fact that Thou art interested in all men everywhere. We pray for ourselves but we pray for others too. Lord, please give us more of the spirit that Jesus had when he prayed for his enemies. We want to love all men and we want all men to love Thee. We are thankful that we have the hope and expectation that this ideal can be realized in years to come.

Keep us, we pray, humbly in thy sight. Help us to ever be mindful of the fact that a great price has already been paid for our way of life and greater sacrifice is yet to come. Help all of us to be willing to make our sacrifice real and vital.

We pray Thee to bless all our boys and girls in the service of this great country. Bless the homes that are broken because of their absence. Hasten the day when the reunion will be possible.

We ask these blessings in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen -  
Langley- Bath Messenger.

SAY A PRAYER FOR THOSE OVER THERE

When you think of Christmas you think of good things to eat, your own family together again at home, a cozy fire, a christmas tree, stockings hung by the mantel, presents tied prettily in gaily colored ribbons for every member of the family, friends dropping in for a cup of egg nog and a piece of mother's nicely baked fruit cake, Christmas carols and all the excitement that goes to make up the most outstanding holiday of the year.

You think also of the special services which your church has on this blessed day, the quiet and peace that reigns there, and the comforting thought that you still have all the freedoms that our great country is fighting so gallantly for. Those boys and girls over there, your sons, husbands, wives, daughters, sweethearts and friends - remember, these are the things they are fighting for! These represent our American way of living, the things that our boys and girls die for, so that we back home may still have our Christmas just as we have always had it. But this year - well, the things they are fighting for will have to wait a little while. Maybe next Christmas, or the Christmas after that? Who know, they may never have these things again, so while you are enjoying all of the freedoms we have, the joys that we share, stop long enough to "say a prayer for the boys and girls over there". Won't you?

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You can help provide our armed forces with the strong weapon of surprise by keeping to yourself whatever you may know about such vital matters as troop movements, war equipment and ship sailings. Be a self-censor and stay on guard against loose talk on military matters!



# MOTOR TRANSPORT BRANCH

The avaricious aims of the Axis powers forced the United States into war -- at a time when we were not prepared; consequently, the tempo at which we had to work in order to prepare was fast and furious, but the net result today is the finest and most formidable fighting forces the world has ever known.

America can well be proud of what has been achieved thus far. The combined efforts of good, patriotic people from all walks of life have assured liberty-loving people throughout the world of America's full part in the struggle -- and all the world now knows that the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the people of this nation has produced a preponderance of power -- which cannot be surpassed.

The foregoing preamble may seem to be irrelevant to the subject to be discussed -- the Motor Transport Branch of this Depot. Notwithstanding this, the purpose of it is to remind everyone that, regardless of what part he is playing in the War effort, it is an integral part of a vast national organization which must be carried on with the same zealous alacrity which we require of our fighting men.

The Motor Transport Branch, located at the intersection of Hill Avenue and Sevier Street, is the heart of motor transportation for this Depot. It has a combined maintenance shop, caring both for motor vehicles and Materials Handling

Equipment. Its origin was in January, 1942, at which time it occupied small quarters in Warehouse No. 1, the present location of the Reproduction Branch. There was not much equipment, then, and practically no facilities for preventive maintenance and repairs.

When the Depot's mission became known, the whole Depot became a bee-hive of feverish activity. Motor Transport kept pace. Motor vehicles and Warehousing equipment were gradually added, and it was not long until new and larger quarters for this Branch was a necessity. Two months later, it was a reality. The new structure, at its present location, afforded adequate shop space and spare parts rooms. But, not for long. Less than a year later, a storage section was added, having the same amount of floor space as the shop. For a time, that was adequate. But, once more, it was discovered that our powers of clairvoyance had not sufficed; a second addition to the original structure became necessary, making it almost three times as large as the original building.

In the Army, maintenance and repair operations are allocated into certain echelons. Insofar as the conditions of war permit, efficient organization dictates that the various maintenance operations which must be performed on each item of material be definitely allocated to certain personnel in pre-established places. Certain conditions determine the proper echelon. At this Depot, it is both practicable and feasible to perform any and all echelons of repair which come within the scope of available tool equipment and skill of personnel. This practice has been followed since of the inception of the Depot.

The Branch operates seven days each week, opening at 6:45 A.M. and closing at 11:00 P.M. daily -- excepting Saturdays and Sunday, when the hours are from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Among the equipment maintained are:  
16 Passenger sedans  
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