

By MARQUIS CHILDS

THE HOLIDAYS now drawing to a close have glittered with a certain festive air...

They bounded and the frobbiest were coming back in ever-increasing numbers to the Naval Magazine...

YOUNG MARINES They were both young Marines and they had been in the bitter fighting and they were...

Frank, a private first class, had had a machine-gun burst through his upper arm which had also been frobbotten...

What was difficult to realize was that scarcely more than three weeks before these boys had been in the midst of a busy, average battle in below-zero weather...

One reason it was difficult to see why they were so happy was that they seemed so comparatively untouched by what they had been through...

My guess would be that this was the first time since the outbreak of the war that it was so common to see...

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1950 LYNCHING RECORD

TWELVE months ago today in this space The News printed its annual comment on the Tuskegee Institute lynching report...

We are pleased by this just as we would be pleased to learn that a sick friend's temperature had dropped from 103 to 101.

Charlie Hurst, white, 39-year-old rolling store operator of Pell City, St. Clair County, Alabama...

Jack Walker, alias Jack Kendall, also known as Clinton Walker, 40-year-old Negro laborer of Meriwether County, Ga. His body was found on Aug. 18 in a creek near the Flint River...

MAN OF THE YEAR

HAD WE KNOWN, a couple of weeks ago, that David Owens was to be named Charlotte's Man of the Year...

One editorial on Mr. Owens, however, doesn't preclude another, and we are offering an opportunity to extend to him the congratulations...

In passing, we would compliment the committee for the discernment it showed this year...

Tom Espersman's fine story on Page 1 of the newspaper has won a great deal of praise...

HERE'S A WAY YOU CAN HELP

WE HAVE SAID it before, and we say it again today. It is absolutely essential to reduce non-defense expenditures...

The ruthless wielding of the pruning knife will do more than save tax dollars that are needed in the defense program...

President Truman has instructed Budget Director Frederick J. Lawson to reduce non-military expenditures to the minimum...

But Senator Byrd did more than pay mere lip service to the President's instruction...

'EVE' AND 'THE BOULEVARD'

THOUGH WE'RE sometimes inclined to look back at the motion picture industry as an industry that "times are better than ever"...

Last week the New York film critics put the spotlight on two of the best examples of modern movie making: "All About Eve" and "Sunset Boulevard"...

The fact that both films were about show business is more than mere coincidence. It's a symptom of the trend toward disenchantment in Hollywood...

From The Christian Science Monitor

EDUCATED DRIVERS

YOUTHFUL drivers of automobiles in the United States have been charged with more than the usual traffic mishaps and resultant injuries...

An important factor in the turning of this tide and the improvement of driving at high school and college ages has been the spread of driver education courses...

But if the spools were taken out of politics, would there be any politics left? Greensboro Daily News.

body was found on Aug. 18 in a creek near the Flint River by a group of fishermen. He had been shot to death by three men for whom he worked...

It is notable that these lynchings are not of the classic pattern; the Negro spirited away from his home in the dead of night by masked men for some alleged injury to the white community...

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We fear they would be not half so comfortable to look upon as the lynching record.

good many things some of us had forgotten about. The major Ovens enterprise in the calendar year of 1950 was the active direction of the special auditorium committees...

This was a matter of which he probably had more than enough to win the award, but the committee members also took into consideration the man's lifetime record of service to his community...

David Owens joins a select group of Men of the Year—Coleman W. Roberts (1944), C. W. Gilchrist Jr. (1945), James B. Marshall (1946), George M. Uvey (1947), J. Norman Peace (1948), and Henry C. Dockery (1949)...

When the lawmakers return on Jan. 2, they will complete final action on the \$3.2 billion profit tax and a \$30 billion arms appropriation measure. That will be about all the major legislation handled before Congress expires officially...

out impairing the defense program. It is unlikely that Senator Byrd's proposal will have any influence on President Truman...

Senator Byrd would save \$3.8 billion in strictly domestic-civilian programs, \$300,000,000 in the civilian pay roll of the armed program. That would add up to \$7.6 billion in all.

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Members of the new generation of drivers have their opportunity to do something about this and more serious driving faults. One of the most courteous modifications of an old motto that could be adopted would be "Drive and live"...

News From The Capital

Congress Takes A Breather

WASHINGTON By TOM SCHLESINGER Charlotte News Special Writer

CONGRESS was in session this week, but you'd hardly notice it. A typical meeting took roughly 22 minutes in the Senate and a master of minutes in the House...

The Democrats will have 235 House seats to 199 Republicans and one Independent. With 218 required to pass a bill, this represents a bare majority of 17 for the Democrats.

THE puzzle in the House is how many of the 130 Democrats can be counted on by the leadership to vote on a motion to take up a bill after the Rules Committee has held its 21 days...

Before the Senate quit for the holidays, it approved no legislative business would be conducted that would limit debate to one hour on its two pieces of legislation remaining.

ADMINISTRATION leaders haven't reached the point where they are saying "Confederate matters" but it is apparent that some drastic measures will be necessary if President Truman expects to get important domestic legislation from the 76th Congress.

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The entire situation is brought to focus in the Senate where the President's domestic program is being debated. The House of Representatives is being urged to take up the program...

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

TROUBLE is continuing between Washington and Tokyo over General MacArthur's family Christmas statement and the failure to stop 200,000 Chinese Communists in North Korea...

Because of this skepticism, it was hinted after the tragic North Korean attack that MacArthur should replace his intelligence chief, Maj. Gen. Charles Willoughby. However, this has not been done.

Meanwhile MacArthur's public statements in Tokyo are frequently at complete variance with the confidential reports furnished by his intelligence chief, and Washington, in turn, is puzzled as to which to believe.

For instance, MacArthur's Christmas public statement said that there were about 600,000 Chinese troops in Korea. (This was in direct contrast with his estimate just six days before when he said there were only 100,000 Chinese troops in Korea.)

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