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NOTICE

WILL PARENTS OF THE BOYS IN SERVICE PLEASE CALL THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE AND GIVE US THE CORRECT MAIL-ING ADDRESS OF YOUR SONS IN SERVICE. WE CANNOT GET THE NEIGH TO THEM IF WE DON'T HAVE THE CORRECT AD-DRESSES.

Miss Fuller Honored by State Industrial Nurses

Miss Belle Fuller was honored by the S. C. State Industrial Nurses Association at the Banquet of the Symposium.

Mrs. Mary Mills, R.N., of Beaumont Mills, reviewed Miss Fuller's life and what she has meant to Industrial Nurses of S. C. She presented Miss Fuller with a bouquet of Red Carnations.

Miss Fuller represented Nurses on a Pane Industry's Role and Responsibility in Health Development in the Community.

The Panel was moderated by Mrs. Mary Delahanty, R.N., Past President of American Association of Industrial Nurses.

1. Miss Annette Duchein, Vice-President, Spartan Mills, represented Management.

2. Dr. John-M. Perry, M. D. Medical Director, Sonoco Products, Hartsville, S. C., represented Industrial Physicians.

3. Miss Evelyn Johnson, R. N.,

Pacolet Area Lists Faculty

sion Monday, Aug. 27 at 9 a.m., Supt. V. M. Epting announced.

Faculty members met with their principals Friday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m. and principles in the area met in the area office Friday at 9 a.m. Pupils entering school for the first time were requested to bring a birth certificate.

The faculties are:

Pacolet High: H. T. Blackwell, principal; Miss Marian Bishop, Mrs. Selma Bonner, Mrs. Ruth Brown, Jack Corn, Miss Hazel Henrickson, Glenn C. Hubbard, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Mrs. Guynell Jones, Mrs. Marilyn Jones, Mrs. Ruby Kirby, James Lambert, Mrs. Lula Lancaster, Mrs. Iva Littlejohn, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrell, Neal McNeill and Mrs. Mildred Ragan.

Pacolet Elementary: Mrs. Lucy Shealy, principal; Mrs. Kathryne Byars, Mrs. Mamie Brown, Mrs. Alice Trowell, Mrs. Ethel Turner, Mrs. Lorena Wells and Mrs. Frances Altman.

Glendale Elementary: Mrs. Louise Kinard, principal; Mrs.

Spartanburg County Health Department, represented County Health Consultant.

They showed how all working together can make a better community for everyone.

Schools of the Pacolet Attend- | Anne Blackwell, Miss Frances ance Area opened the 1956-57 ses- Duncan, Mrs. Merle Jones, Mrs. Virginia Oxner and Miss Minnie Sanders.

> Pacolet Mills Elementary: G. W. Whitlock, principal; Miss Blanche Going, Mrs. Addie Holland, Miss Isabelle Moses, Mrs. Grace Reaves, Mrs. Mildred Robinette, Mrs. Beulah Scott, Mrs. Miriam Steadman, Mrs. Grace Tate, Mrs. Thelma Watson, Mrs. Samille Weeks.

> B. E. Mays School: E. W. Brown, principal; William Bethea, Mrs. Alberta Daniel, Mrs. Sylvia Evans, Fidi R. Giles, Janie B. Goodwill, Jessie Mae Hackett, Mrs. Lessie High, Mrs. Sara Littlejohn, Mrs. Ernestine Lyles, Mrs. Sadye Frey, Mrs. George McJunkin, Helen Porter, Mrs. Barbara P. Whaley, Orangelau Miller, John D. Bland-

REVIVAL AT BROWN'S CHAPEL

Revival begins October 1-7, 7 o'clock each evening.

Rev. W. M. Anthony, pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church at Cowpens, will be preaching.

Mr. Kenneth Snapp will be in charge of music.

Special singing is planned for each evening.

Everyone is welcome to attend. -Clyde Peterson Pastor



EAGLE SCOUT

TERENCE E. GARNER

Terence E. Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edsel L. Garner, Sr. of Pacolet Mills, was recently advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout. Terence has been an active member of Troop 317 for three years. While working in the Troop, he has earned forty-two Merit Badges. Also, he is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He has held five offices on the staff of Troop 317.

Terence has one brother. He is also an Eagle Scout and an Instructor in the Air Force. Scoutmaster Charles Foster has diligently supervised Troop 317 for five years. He teaches the boys fellowship and fair play. Mr. Foster has worked hard to establish unity and good will among the boys of this community.

Chamber of Commerce Gets **New Secretary** At Kingstree

Mrs. T. DeWitt Smith, Jr. (Jean Hodge) has assumed the duties of secretary of the Kingstree Chamber of Commerce, L. K. Montgomery, president, announced today.

Mrs. Smith will handle her duties in the chamber office on Mill Street and also will conduct the work of the Kingstree Credit Bu-

reau from the chamber office. The office will be open four hours a day until Oct. 1 when a full-day's schedule will go into effect, Montgomery said.

Mrs. Smith came from Landrum to Kingstree, where her husband is associated with the Kingstree Manufacturing Co.

A native of Pacolet, she has served as secretary to bank presidents in Union and Landrum and was secretary to the owner of a furniture company in Landrum.

She is a graduate of Pacolet High School and of Cecil's Business College, Spartanburg.

Miss Huff Returns To Pacolet Mills

Miss Moselle Huff has returned to Victor Inn to live. She moved to Union several months ago, but when Victor Inn was re-opened under the management of Mrs. Blanche Arnold, Miss Huff was delighted to return home again. We are glad to have her.

Pastor W. W. Lawton and Family



The above picture is of the W. W. Lawton family - the new pastor of Pacolet Mills Baptist Church.

Mr. Lawton is the son of missionary parents and he himself was born in China. He received his education at Furman University and Southern Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. He himself has has been a missionary since 1930 serving in both China and the Philippines. One brother is now in Bangkok, Thailand, and one sister in Formosa.

Mrs. Lawton's twin brother is a missionary to Colombia, South America. The Lawton's eldest daughter, Inabelle, is a sophomore at Mars Hill College and she is a volunteer for foreign missions. Rebecca is in the eighth grade at Pacolet High and Jimmy is not old enough for school yet.

Our New Methodist Pastor and His Family



Preston Bolt Bobo, born in Union County, September 30, 1910. Reared in Clinton, S. C. Attended Presbyterian College at Clinton and graduated from Wofford College in 1933. Joined Upper South Carolina Conference in November, 1933.

Served as Chaplain U. S. Army, assigned to Army Transport Service 1945-47. Recalled from reserve to active duty 1950 and served 12 months in Korea. Released from active duty 1952 and appointed for second time as pastor of Main Street Church, Rock Hill. After four years there he comes to Montgomery Memorial. In addition to Rock Hill he has served pastorates in Greenville, Leesville, Warrenville and West Columbia.

Mrs. Bobo is the former Beatrice Coward of Columbia, S. C. She has been active in the work of the church and has taught school in Warrenville, West Columbia, and Rock Hill.

They have four children: Sylvia — a Senior at High Point College (Inset); Kenneth — a Sophomore at Wofford College and associate pastor of the Rock Hill Circuit (Inset); Preston, Jr. - a student in the second grade; Christine - age 4.

MR. AND MRS. BUD TEASTER



Montgomery Memorial Methodist Blind Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry (Bud) Teas- Brooklyn Cayce High School in ter were married Saturday eve- Columbia, S. C. She is now on the ning, August 17, at 8 o'clock in the faculty at Cedar Springs in the Bud, who is Church. The pastor, Rev. W. S. the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Teas-Pettus performed the ceremony. ter, is a graduate of Pacolet High. Shirley is the daughter of Mr. and He is a Navy Veteran and is now uate of Pacolet High School and attending Wofford College. Mr. Columbia College. She had taught and Mrs. Teaster are now living in Woodruff High School and the Howard-Aden Apartments.



CROWE-WOOD

Miss Elizabeth Crowe and Bob Wood were married July 14 at Lexington, N. C. by Rev. James W. Crocker.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Crowe and Bob is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood.

The couple left for Washington on a wedding trip - and near Richmond their car was demolished in a head-on wreck with some servicemen. Elizabeth received several severe cuts and bruises and Bob was seriously hurt. He has been in a cast since and will not be able to return to his work with the Highway Department for several weeks.

The couple is now living in Drayton and Elizabeth is employed in the office at Niagara Mill in Spartanburg.

Miss Sullivan Honored

een of Kay's friends enjoyed the Mrs. Geraldine Guyton.

Kay Sullivan, daughter of Mr. | party with her. Sandwiches, poand Mrs. Frank Sullivan, was hon- tato chips, cake and Pepsi-Cola ored on her 16th birthday with a party at the girl's club. Eighted by Mrs. Albert Sprouse and MRS. THOMAS P. ZOLKI



Miss Harmon, Dr. Zolki Are Married

Miss Mary Frances Harmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harmon, became the bride of Dr. Thomas P. Zolki of Lake Charles. La., in a ceremony on Aug. 16 at Covington, La.

Dr. Zolki is a son of Mrs. Olga Hanson Zolki of New York City and the late Dr. Henry Zolki. He is associate professor of chemistry at McNeese State College in Lake Charles, La.

The bride received a B.A. degree from Tulane University in to Mrs. Pell's son, James, in Texas. New Orleans in 1955 and at present is a chemist at Columbia Southern Chemical Corp., Lake Charles.

The couple returned to Louisiana Thursday after spending a week with Mrs. Zolka's parents at Pacolet Mills.

MRS. RALPH LeMASTER



August Bride

Mrs. Ralph Earle LeMaster, above, was Miss Ponise Webb of Pacolet, Route 1, before her marriage Sunday, Aug. 12. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Webb of Pacolet, Route 1. Mr. LeMaster is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. LeMaster of Spartanburg, Route 5. (Photo by Bryan-Alan)

Pell Home Burns

Mrs. Viola Pell and daughter, Bertha Pell Cobb, have just returned from an extended vacation

During their visit the Pell home was completely destroyed by fire. No one was at home and when the fire was discovered it was too late to save any of the furnishings.

Mrs. Pell plans to rebuild as soon as possible. She works at Spin No. 3.

Jim Motts, another one of our spare fixers from Weave No. 5, who has chosen the Navy as a career, spent his furlough here with his family.

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ed in New York again this year. Coye just can't keep Ray away from those ball games, and we think she is really beginning to enjoy shopping at Gimbel's and

Miss Belle Fuller, Peggy Goforth, Billy, and Hassie Mae Wells enjoyed a weeks stay in Orlando, Florida on their vacation. It was Hassie's first time to visit Florida, and according to her report it was one of the most wonderful trips she has ever had. They visited Major George Bradgon. He proved to be a wonderful host and took us almost from one end of Florida to the other. He also cooks won-

Nancy Wilkins Rice flew out to

Cheyene, Wyoming to join her

husband, Jimmy Rice, who is sta-

tioned at the Air Force Base there.

Nancy says she is through with

planes because she was air sick.

She says the place is beautiful and

she and Woots will probably come

David Shehan, a former fixer at

Weave Room No. 3, has reenlisted

in the Navy. He is stationed in

Charleston at present while he is

in school. His wife, Mrs. Joyce

Shehan, has been spending some

time there with him

home looking like cowboys.

Macev's.

derful shrimp.

Mr. Jimmy Garner has returned home from the Army. We are glad to see Jimmy back and he says it is good to be home with the family again.

Betty and Shug Trent have begun work on their new home. We these young people are thrilled and we love to see them begin building. Shug will be home soon - also from the Army.

Mrs. Estelle Valentine was delightfully surprised Sunday, Sept. 23, when several members of her family dropped in with picnic baskets and had dinner with her. Mrs. Valentine, who is 63 years of age, was a former creel hand at Mill No. 3. She has a son, Lewis (Jiggs), who works in the machine shop. She has five grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Linder H. Kirby of Greensboro, N. C. and Mr. Palmer Knight from Panama City, Florida were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harrold, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Harrold and children, Harvey and Iris, enjoyed a vacation at Myrtle Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawsey Holmes and Judy Foster had a nice vacation at Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. Daisy Mathis, Miss Jose-phine Mathis, Mrs. Mary Harrold, and Mrs. Mittle Fleming spent several days in the mountains recently.

Roger Pace, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Pace, dropped by to see us when he was home on leave. Roger looks wonderful and says he likes the Air Force just fine. He was to report back to Florida, and he seemed to be quiet pleased about this.

MR. AND MRS. EVERETT M. PATRICK



Mr. and Mrs. Everett M. Patrick who were married August 11, 1956. Mrs. Patrick is the former Mary Ann Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oras Wells. She is employed at Spartanburg General Hospital. Everett is the son of Mrs. Ida Patrick and the late Everett E. Patrick. He is employed in the Standards Department.

They are making their home with Mrs. Ida Patrick.

FRED E. TESSNIER, JR.



Fred E. Tessnier, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tessnier of Pacolet Mills

Fred was employed in Card 5 before going in the Air Force. His address is:

> A/3C Fred E. Tessnier, AF 14-614-964-463 D Inst. Sadn. Ardmore Air Force Base, Ardmore, Okla.

Don't work in open-toe

shoes or bedroom slippers

The Joy Of Giving...

Later, however, each learns "it is libraries for knowledge. more blessed to give than to receive." Then it is that the richness of life appears and the boy or girl genuinely starts to live.

known it to fail. You may not be and we gain a new thrill of satisrepaid in money for what you give faction, for we speculate upon the but your compensation will be joy of others. something that money cannot buy. There are things, thank God, that money cannot buy! It can't buy honor, integrity, personal pride or happiness. When we give something to someone else, it becomes a permanent investment. And the happier that person, the greater is our return.

It has been said that the only things we keep are the things we out in a rocking chair. give away. I have never met a generous person who didn't prosper and who wasn't happy. An- than ask a talkative man to exdrew Carnegie wanted to die poor, plain his prejudices.

Youth is progressive. Its wants so he started giving away money are many. The boy or girl thinks for libraries all over the land. But only of the present and its abund- he didn't die poor. He died richance of pleasures. Each keeps er than ever, for he enriched miltaking more than he or she gives. lions of people who went to his

The joy of giving becomes the joy of living. All possessions melt away in value the longer they are held. But immediately as they Give and you get. I have never are given away, interest awakens,

-George Matthew Adams

Contentment lies not in the enjoyment of ease, a life of luxury, but comes only to him who labors and overcomes, to him who performed the task in hand and reaps the satisfaction of work well done.

-Oscar Wilde

A job is an endless marathon but it's more fun than sitting life

Better settle down to a dull book

Don't use air hose to blow off clothing or person

Don't leave bobbins, bottles

grease or water on the floo



JOYCE MARIA HILL

Joyce Maria Hill, 5 month old daughter of Lt. and Mrs. Jimmy C. Hill. Mrs. Hill is the former Gena Fleming of Pacolet Mills. Mr. Hill is serving with Headquart ers Co., 19th Inf. in Korea.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs Charlie Fleming of Pacolet Mills and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hill of Woodruff.



DEBBIE WELLS

Debbie Wells, twenty-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wells of Rosewood Drive, Camp Croft, Spartanburg, S. C.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wells of Pacolet Mills, and Mr. and Mrs. Parker of Cheltham. England.



LYNN CHALK

Little Lynn Chalk recently celebrated her second birthday with a party at her home. Lynn is the daughter of Ralph and Wil Lou Mrs. Willie Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chalk.

The Value Of A Smile

A newspaper account recently told the story of a boy who had been struck by the broken end of a live wire, which touched one side of his face, burning and paralyzing it. In court, the boy's law-yer asked the little fellow to turn toward the jury and smile. He tried. One side of his face smiled, but the injured side just puckered up in a pitiful contortion. The jury took just twelve minutes to award the boy \$20,000.00. The amount was thus certified as the legal value of a smile.

If a smile is worth \$20,000 after you lose it, it must be worth that much while you still have it. A friendly smile and a genuine interest in our fellow men are essentials for success in life.

-Mutual Moments

The Praise Of Praise

People everywhere, your own friends and business associates in-cluded, are starved for appreciation. Praise works magic. An employer we know hesitates to praise his employees for fear they will immediately ask for a raise; he is ignorant of the fact that employees will work harder for praise than for money. Praise is a debt we owe to others for their friendship and good will. But it must be sincere - flattery won't do. Few people are fooled by flattery.

Praise - if it is a sincere expression of appreciation - can make a different man out of the man who does the praising - as well as the man who receives the praise It is astonishing how many things you can find to praise if you really open your eyes - and heart. Try to find some reason for praising somebody - sincerely - every day. Nothing cements friendships and loyalty like thoughtful, meant praise. Try it and see. Praise smoothes days.

-Whatsoever Things



Now, isn't this a cute youngster?



"RICKY" THOMPSON

Twenty months old son of Mr. and Mrs. "Bill" Thompson. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and daughter of Ralph and Wil Lou Chalk. Grandparents are Mr. and Rt. 2. Paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Thompson, Pacolet



Don't risk injury by horseplay on the job



Don't repair or adjust chinery in operat

Don't lift with your back: brace feet, lift with legs

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part of their vacation visiting their son, Dorsey, and his family at Fort Knox, Kentucky, Mr. Greene says he saw where they had the gold buried, but he didn't get to bring

Mr. and Mrs. James Hoyt Greene are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Welton Wells and daughters, Elaine and Nancy, enjoved a trip through the mountains to Gatlinburg, Tennessee recently.

Miss Mae Lemmonds, Miss Mary Lou Millwood, Dwight Blanton, Jack Helms, and Larry Lemmonds visited Fontana Dam and the mountains on a Saturday trip.

Mrs. Kathleen Capps and children, Kay and Bill of Arlington, Texas, spent ten days this Summer with her father, DeWitt Lemmonds. Kay is getting to be quite a young lady now, and everybody was glad to see Kathleen again.

Bill Carrol, who is with the Air Force and is stationed in Charleston, South Carolina, visited his father recently.

LeRoy Pace, Mildred Mrs. Thompson, Mary Hodge, Lunette Owens, and Viola Banks had a nice trip through Tennessee.

A/3C JAMES F. THOMPSON



A/3C James F. Thompson A.F. 25146474. 1608 Air Terminal Sqdn., Charleston Air Force Base, Charleston, S. C.

Joined Air Force March 12. 1956. Took basic training at San Antonio, Texas and Biloxi, Miss. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Thompson and husband of the former Miss Elsie Gentry, all of Pacolet Mills. "Skinny" played baseball and basketball at Pacolet High School. After he graduated in 1949 he played with the mill teams. He was employed at Mill No. 3, Weave Room.

Snack Bar Opens

Mr. W. B. (Brownie) Trent, the former manager of the mill canteens, is operating a snack bar in the Y.M.C.A. We feel like the men and boys will enjoy having a good warm place to "chew the because it will soon be too cool to sit under the trees. We know Brewnie will be glad to have you come in any time.

Company Treats Swim Team



Back Row, Left to Right: Buddy Sprouse, Hermand Davis, Jr., B. Teaster, Larry Hodge, Billy Hodge. Front Row: Jack Hodge, Mike Williams, Tim Crawford, Johnny Hood, Wayne Wilkins. Absent: "Nut Brown, Willie James, Mike Hodge.

The swimming team was given a chicken supper at the picnic grounds and winding up a very successful season. About seventeen members of the team were present, and invited guests were Mr. Stone, Mr. Holland, Mr. Trowell, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gentry of Spartanburg, also Jack Cook of the Y.M.C.A. These people have been very much interested in our boys and girls, and we appreciate it very much.



DONALD E. ROBERTSON

Donald Eugene Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Robertson, taking exera academic training in Amarillo, Texas, since August.

Miss Langford Vacations In New York

Miss Annie Lee Langford left Saturday morning, Sept. 22, via plane for a two week's vacation in New York. After an early breakfast at the home of Mrs. Burgess the ladies from the office acting as her adopted family, accompanied her to the airport to wish her a delightful flight.

Miss Annie has a full two weeks planned - taking in some TV shows, some stage shows, a trip thru the stock exchange, a visit to the Deering Milliken Office, and seeing the sights of the big city.

Sympathy To The Following Families

Since the last issue of the Neigh several of our well-known citizens have passed away. Among them were-

> Mrs. John S. Brown. Nancy Watson, Everett E. Patrick. Howard Kirby Mr. George Robinson, Mrs. Troy Sprouse Mrs. Anna Gossett.



A/3C ROLAND COOK

A/3C Roland Cook, son of Mal com Cook and the late Julia Neal Cook.

His address is: A/3C Roland Cook A.F. 25146608 824 Air Police Sqdn. Carswell A.F.B. Fort Worth, Texas.

Sympathy Extended To The Sullivan Family

Mrs. Bell Sullivan, who was formerly employed here, died at her home in Gaffney, Sept. 26,

after an extended illness.

We extend sympathy to the family and relatives.

Montgomery Memorial Methodist Church News

The Women's Society of Christian Service honored Rev. and Mrs. Pettus at a supper meeting Sept. 3rd, prior to their leaving to take up their new work at the Lovely Land Methodist Church on the Lancaster Charge. After supper, Mrs. Monroe Teaster had charge of the regular monthly program, and this was presented in a very interesting way under the direction of Miss Isabelle Moses. At the close of the service Mrs. Pettus away gift from the W.S.C.S. Mrs. Lucille Holmes, president of the Society, made the presentation.

Members of the Young People's Department with Frank Richie and Bobby Jones as teachers, and the Intermediate Department with Mrs. Hassie Mae Wells and Mrs. Eunice Pierce, teachers, have enjoyed outings at Earnhardt's Lake over near Roebuck. This is a wonderful place for an outing and we appreciate these people letting

Neighbor, Look at a Rich Man!

light. Not many people have those blessings in places like Russia and China.

My home has plumbing. I don't have to go outside to a well, or toss the wash-water out the window, as they have to do in some countries.

I can pick up the telephone and talk to anyone I please. I have a little thing called a television set. I can turn the dial and watch Arhur Godfrey, baseball, or wrestling.

I can jump into my car and drive away, without permit or passport. In America, television, radios, telephones, and automobiles are taken for granted; in other countries, these are luxuries for the wealthy.

As for my job, I can work for myself or for somebody else, generate new ideas, or forget the whole thing and raise chickens. Take a look at Communist countries, where the government allots you a few square feet of ground and tells you what you're to raise on it. If you raise it, the government takes it. If you don't, you're jailed as an enemy of the state.

I can vote, speak, write, strike, or worship as I please without secret agents dragging me out of bed at 4 A.M. because the government doesn't like my views.

I can pick my own home, my own doctor, my own job - not one assigned to me by the government.

I can invest my savings, large or small; buy stock, and become a part owner in one of the many concerns that make up American enterprise.

Yes, the more I think about it, the more I realize how much I get out of this American enterprise economy which I've taken so much for granted.

The next time you hear people complaining, ask them if they had bacon and eggs, and a real cup of coffee this morning, or if they'll have a good dinner, a shower, and look at their television tonight. Ask them if they have a nice, comfortable home, a decent place to work, the best tools in the world to do their job, and a family car. Ask them, when they choose from that stack of brands piled all over their supermarkets, if they realize they are looking at American competitive system in action. That's the system they work for. That's the system most of them share in, too. They've never heard of anywas given a lovely suit as a going thing like this is Communist coun-

> Count it all up, and, when you take time to figure it out, you've got plenty to be thankful for, plenty to work for - or fight to

> Neighbor, look at yourself in the mirror. You're an American!

> > -Exchange

There is no danger of developing eyestrain from looking on the bright side of things.