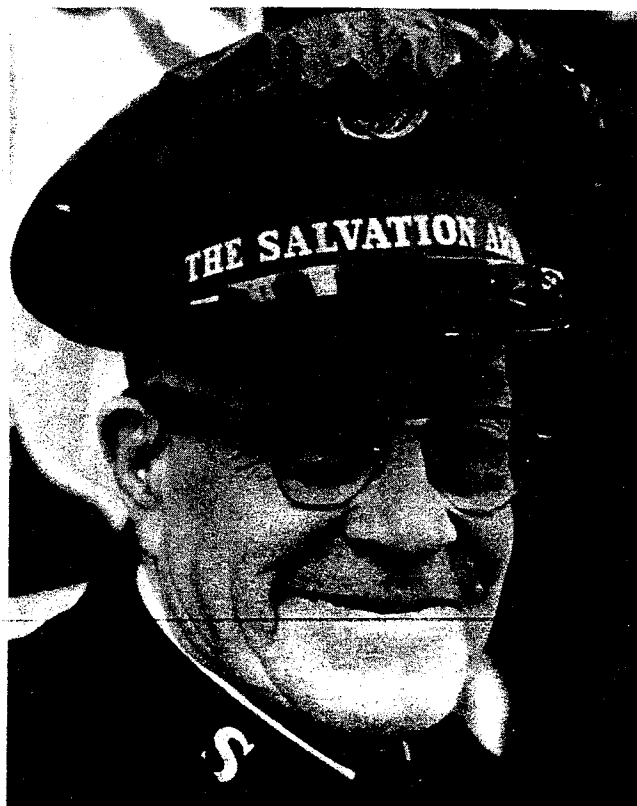


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"HAPPY" EDWARD DEMALLIE—"Serving as a good soldier."

"Old-Timer"

## Retired Asbestos Worker Holds

## Same Yule Post 15 Years

By DESMOND STONE

He's 72, but you wouldn't know it. His name is Edward DeMallie, but you'd never know that either, for he's called "Happy" by almost everybody. Address him as "Mr. DeMallie" and he becomes almost uncomfortable.

Every December for some 15 years now, he has taken his place beside the Salvation Army kettle outside McCurdy's downtown store.

Although his legs trouble him at times, "Happy" is more than ordinarily faithful to his Christmas post. Except for meal breaks, he stands staunch in the surge of shoppers from 10 in the morning until almost 9 at night.

And that isn't all he does.

The days before Thanksgiving, "Happy" starts to prepare all the Army kettles for the Christmas season, painting them if necessary and generally fixing them up.

And in the season itself he arranges for the storage of the kettles overnight in the various downtown stores.

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"HAPPY," a widower and a retired asbestos worker, lives with his sister at 67 Reynolds St.

He has been a member of the Salvation Army since 1945 and is today a band color sergeant and welcome sergeant ("that means doorkeeper, really") at headquarters.

As a kettle worker, he likes meeting and talking with the children most of all. He has raised a family of eight boys and a girl and has never lost his love of little ones.

"What a blessing to see their reaction when they put something in the kettle. And it's wonderful to see them smile."

People on the whole, he finds, are cordial and generous, "though it's surprising sometimes to see the class of people who give. With some, you'd think they couldn't afford to give anything. But they do."

Standing outside on December days is cold work, but "Happy" says he's often warmed by people who stop and ask him how he is.

He does what he does because he likes it and because "this is what any soldier of the Army is supposed to do."

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Dear Sir and Brother:

Thought you might be interested about something different as to "Old Timers", which by the accompanying data you can see what I mean.

Here I am 73 and still going strong trying to help others, which by the accordant of old times is just the reverse from my younger days when I worked to build and have better conditions, but now helping to make someone happy in the better way of life.

I was pleased to read your account about "Old Timers" in our last Asbestos Worker and this is why I am writing now and it sure does one good to know the Lord keeps you moving along from 1912 to 1967 for which I am thankful.

Have a good year, say Hello to all and keep your chin up.

Fraternally yours,

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