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Russians Extend Gains Against The Germans In Continuing Winter Drive

More Than 80,000 Nazis Killed or Captured in Eight Days of Fighting; Germans Pushed Back 12 to 18 Miles Yesterday; Important Towns Taken By Reds

Moscow, Thursday, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Red army has beaten forward across the middle Don plains for gains of 72 to 103 miles in eight days, the Russians announced early today, on a continuing and massive offensive which has cost Adolf Hitler upwards of 80,000 killed or captured in that sector alone.

A special communique said the Germans were sent reeling back for another 12 to 18 miles yesterday and that 8,000 Nazis were slain in Tuesday's fighting and that by last night the prisoners had been increased by 16,400.

This brought the prisoner total in the eight days period to 38,000 while the number of dead Nazis numbered more than 44,000.

The latest in a series of special communiqués reporting unprecedented successes in the offensive said that towns and villages by the dozens were liberated by the Red army.

"The offensive of our troops in the middle course of the Don is continuing," it said triumphantly.

Virtually engulfed by the Soviet tide was the key communications center of Millerovo. One Soviet spearhead had driven to Barankivka in the Ukraine 31 miles southwest of Millerovo. Another thrust had reached and liberated the town of Voloshina, 25 miles west of Millerovo.

This powerful drive toward Rostov was declared further in unofficial quarters to have remained some 400 miles of railway in the supreme Soviet effort to clear the invader from southern Russia.

The regular midnight communique said the Red army overcame stubborn resistance of the Germans in the factory area of Stalingrad and dislodged the enemy from 24 blockhouses and a number of houses.

Here the Russians wiped out more than a company of Germans, captured one gun, three mortars, 21 machine guns and 50 rifles.

Mayor Sugg Sends Message Of Cheer

By CHESTER WALSH
The people of Greenville and Pitt county have been blessed this year while the world war rages overseas and off the shores of our own country. Mayor Bruce Sugg said today in a reminiscent mood and checking over the good things that have come to the people here during 1942.

"Looking back over the year 1942 the Mayor said:

"Our farms have produced more food and feed stuff this year than ever before. They have more livestock, more poultry, and dairying has advanced to meet the wartime demand. Farmers have been receiving high prices for their products to meet the increased prices they have to pay. An unusually dry season affected crops and considerably reduced the hay and corn crops, but to top off this, when the tobacco market opened the farmers received unexpectedly high prices for a crop of tobacco that was generally considered to be just ordinary," Mayor Sugg said.

"Our businessmen—wholesalers and retail—have prospered under new and trying war-time conditions. Our people have met the requirements of war—rationing and restricted travel—with as fine a spirit as in any part of the country. Our school and church leaders; those in fraternal and civic and commercial groups have put their shoulders to the wheels of progress to the credit of Pitt county. Law enforcement officers and the courts, the welfare organizations and others are meeting up admirably to a new situation and unusual conditions," the mayor said.

"We are doing a good job and I urge our people to carry on the good work. We are buying War Bonds and Stamps; we had success with the Community Chest; the weather, until the past week, has been mild and enabled us to save fuel; the

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Until Monday

With this issue of The Reflector we suspend publication until Monday afternoon and join the community in a two-day Christmas holiday observance. The management and employees extend season's greetings to all our friends and readers and wish for all a Very Merry Christmas.

U. S. BOMBERS RAID RANGOON

Stage Three Smashing Daylight Attacks On Jap Base

New Delhi, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Four-motored American bombers raided the big Burma port of Rangoon in smashing daylight attacks twice on Sunday and once yesterday, leaving airfield hangars smashed and dockyards blazing, a United States Air Force communique announced today.

Meanwhile, the announcement disclosed, American medium bombers, in the first of these two raids, destroyed important enemy railroad yards in central Burma Monday and yesterday, scoring many direct hits on tracks, sidings and rolling stock.

The raids were in force, and the American planes encountered only two Japanese fighters. One was reported probably shot down, and no bombers were lost.

The communique gave this account of the repeated Rangoon raids:

"On Dec. 20 two formations of American heavy bombers were over Rangoon during daylight hours.

"In the first of these two raids, the enemy's most important war-line airfield at Mingaladon was heavily and successfully bombed. Many large caliber bombs were placed on the airfield and direct hits were scored on runways and hangars.

"Shortly afterwards, an even larger force of four-motored heavy bombers attacked railway yards and critical docks in Rangoon City. Many large bombs definitely were seen to fall in the target area. As the bombers left the area, fires could be observed in railway yards and among docks.

"Shortly after noon Tuesday a large formation of our heavy bombers attacked Rangoon. A large number of bombs fell on docks and warehouses.

"All our planes and crews returned safely from these operations. The only enemy attempt at interception was made by two fighters near Rangoon Tuesday. One of these fighters was probably destroyed."

Real Live Doll For Christmas

Treadway, Tenn., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The store has been Santa Claus to the little cottage in Hancock county hills where the much publicized "child bride" of five years ago lives.

A 7-pound girl was born Saturday to Charlie and Eunice Johns. All their neighbors are coming in to admire "the fire baby girl."

Eunice is now 14 years old. She was only 9 when she put down her dolls and went with Charlie to the head of a mountain road where they called down to a preacher to come up and marry them.

In the days of Queen Elizabeth Englishmen were required by law to eat fish 55 days of the year.

British Determined To Take Initiative In Asia

By GLENN BABB
The British have given new proof of their determination to seize the initiative in this winter's campaign in southeastern Asia, which may decide whether the United Nations will be able to give China the aid needed to sustain her as an effective ally. Planes of the fleet air arm launched from a force operating in the Bay of Bengal, have made a heavy, punishing attack on Sabang, at the northern tip of Sumatra, the logical site for a base from which planes and small naval craft could dominate the western approaches to Malaya and Burma.

"Doubtless it is used for that purpose by the Japanese and therefore



"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—(Luke 2).

NEW GAS PLAN PUT IN EFFECT

All Petroleum Products Allotted By Zones

New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The petroleum thirly eastern seaboard was split into six zones of allotment of petroleum products under a program set up for the remainder of December, the regional office of Petroleum Administrator for War announced today.

Gasoline and heavy and light fuel oil supplies remained marginal throughout the eastern area, the office reported. It added the opinion that the tight situation would be met under the various rationing plans and the cooperation of motorists and fuel users.

Under the new rationing program petroleum requirements were divided into categories of gasoline, kerosene, light fuel oil and heavy fuel oil. Allotments of each were announced for the six zones covering 17 eastern states and the District of Columbia.

Daily total allotments as assigned for the entire eastern area were 365,000 barrels of gasoline, 184,000 barrels of kerosene, 340,000 barrels of light fuel oil and 282,000 barrels of heavy fuel oil.

The breakdown of daily amounts in barrels which the Petroleum Administration plans to move into New England and southern zones follows:

Zone 1—All New England States—gasoline, 64,087; kerosene, 37,197; light fuel oil, 92,474; heavy fuel oil, 57,923.

Zone 2—Other areas than New England and southern.

Zone 3—Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia—gasoline 41,182; kerosene, 9,831; light fuel oil 25,082; heavy fuel oil, 30,682.

Zone 4—North and South Carolina—gasoline 32,853; kerosene, 8,354; light fuel oil 5,168; heavy fuel oil 2,341.

Zone 5—Georgia and those Florida counties east of the Appalachicola river—gasoline 35,335; kerosene 8,845; light fuel oil 7,208; heavy fuel oil 21,319.

Zone 6—Comprised of parts of New York and Pennsylvania and West Virginia—gasoline 57,001; kerosene, 9,881; light fuel oil 9,690; heavy fuel oil 10,124.

Italy's Hold On Libya Is Gradually Dwindling

SINGERS HOLD ALUMNI MEET

Bullocks Entertain Symphonic Choir Members

By CHESTER WALSH
Lewis Sidney Bullock and Mrs. Bullock were hosts Tuesday night to the North Carolina Symphonic Choir Alumni Association at their home in Greenville. The young people who comprise the association radiated Christmas cheer and reminisced appreciatively over the fine things the Symphonic Choir has accomplished. They recalled the beginning of the chorus, the hardships and inconveniences of the early days and the days that followed before the singing group won public recognition and approval at home and abroad, especially on the northern and western singing tours.

The alumni reunion was "homecoming day" for the singers and the Bullocks, who trained and led them from obscurity in the music world to national recognition. The spirit that inspired the organizing of the symphonic choir was rekindled at the reunion in a purpose to carry on and provide good music for appreciative listeners.

The Symphonic Choir was organized by Mr. Bullock in March 1940. From the original organization there have been three North Carolina Symphonic choirs. Young people—106 of them—from 15 Eastern Carolina towns and cities, are now members of the Alumni Association.

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A Christmas Message

Babson Says, "Let Nothing Plague Us"

Baltimore, Maryland.—Christmas began with the birth of a child. Now, for a day, let us men meet life in the spirit of childhood. During the Christmas season we become less critical, more sympathetic and more joyful than at other times during the year. But this Christmas should have a deeper meaning for all of us. For the children, it will be a happy day. For us older folk, well, perhaps for a little time we can forget and forgive ignorance, brutality and selfishness.

Unselfishly Natural
Many people sincerely believe that the world is going to the dogs. They are terribly frightened of war, disease and death and of social or economic changes. War and disease wait for no man. Even on Christmas Day fighting will continue and many men, women and children will die. Families everywhere, bereaved from whatever cause, we should remember in our prayers. I ask that they be not cast down, that they rejoice in the mem-

CENTER OPEN FOR HOLIDAYS

Large Number of Service Men Expected Here

By LUCY CHERRY CRIS
For Defense Recreation Council The Service Center at the Woman's Club will be open throughout Christmas week-end, and it is the hope of the planning committee that all men in uniform who come to Greenville for their Christmas leaves may find here the "next-best-thing-to-home."

The housing committee hopes to be able to have enough invitations for Christmas Day dinner in Greenville homes to go completely around for every Service Man who comes to the Club that day. Families are invited and urged to call 4360 at any time Thursday and Friday morning, inviting men for this meal, or for any other time during the week-end. The fact that several local cafes and restaurants will be closed during the holidays makes it doubly important to try to provide meals in homes.

On Saturday night the regular weekly dance will take on extra festive air with the Junior hostesses in informal evening dress, and with the lovely setting of Christmas decorations provided by the Garden Club. The usual weekly Sunday schedule will be observed, with the club house open to Service Men from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

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Increased Activity In North African Fighting Reported Early Today

Spare Tires?

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 23.—(AP) Rubber Administrator William Jeffers said today that due to the rubber shortage, motorists may have to give up spare tires and it may be necessary to take three from cars of persons who own more than one passenger car.

Jeffers said the recent tire collection drive netted 10 million tires but about 40 per cent are scrap and from 30 to 35 per cent worth recapping. The rest are ready for immediate use.

ALLIES BREAK ENEMY LINES

Jap Lines In New Guinea Breached In Many Places

Allied Headquarters in Australia Thursday, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Japanese enemy fortifications have been breached in many places in the Buna area of New Guinea by Allied troops, General Douglas MacArthur announced today.

"Many hundred of his (the Japanese) dead are being buried by our troops in many places in the Buna area," General MacArthur said. "His situation must now be regarded as desperate."

The location of the breach in the fortifications was not stated but recent communiqués have told of heavy fighting between Buna village and Cape Endiaweit to the west both places now in Allied hands.

Other fighting has been reported to the west of Buna with Japs pocketed in the Cape Suman area sector. It is these points which Gen. MacArthur has reported intricately fortified by the Japs who are understood to be under orders of their Emperor to fight to the death.

"Our air units are active in the Buna area and northward along the coast, the communique reported.

The bombing and sinking by the Japs of the British corvette HMS Armitdale in recent action near Portuguese Timor was disclosed.

Allied bombers raided the airfield at Cape Gloucester in New Britain Island and at Jacquinot Bay in the same sector a reconnaissance unit shot down a Jap fighter and damaged two others.

The Armitdale went down 250 miles northwest of Port Darwin early in December. Two hundred survivors—about 50 men including the commanding officer—were rescued.

Company A, 30th Engineers of the United States Army, stationed in Greenville several months ago, sent the season's greetings to Mayor Bruce Sugg and the people of Greenville.

Engineers Extend Holiday Greetings

The card, sent by Capt. E. A. Sabatelli, commanding officer, from Wilson, stated: "The season's greetings for a Blessed Christmas and a Victorious New Year from the officers and men of Company A, 30th U. S. Engineers."

The engineers were quartered at the army in Greenville for some months while engaged in topographical work. They linked up with the community life, cooperated in community enterprises and made many friends among the people of Greenville and Pitt county.

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French Attack Italian Held Point and Take Many Prisoners; Increased Patrol Activity By Both Sides; American Airmen Increase Toll Of German Planes To 98

Allied Force Headquarters in North Africa, Thursday, Dec. 24.—(AP)—French soldiers attacking a position held mostly by Italians near Pont Du Fahs, 30 miles south of Tunis, captured a number of prisoners and some equipment today, an Allied headquarters spokesman said tonight.

On the British and American sectors of the front patrol activity by both sides and Allied forces increased in intensity and the Germans shelled Allied positions on the northern sector.

However, indications were lacking whether the increased action might signalize an early resumption of heavy fighting.

The headquarters spokesman asserted that a stepping up of German patrolling over preceding days was especially noticeable and that two Allied patrols had encountered ambushes.

Earlier military circles said that the enemy was most active at three points from nine to 11 miles from Medjez-Bab, 25 miles southwest of Tunis, on an arc fanning out to the east of that important town.

In the vicinity of Puchon, (which the French recently reported they had recaptured), 60 miles west of Soussa and 63 miles east of Medjez-Bab, the spokesman said there was "no change in the situation but vigorous fighting by small forces was reported."

The toll that U. S. planes has taken of the German air force was raised to 98 when American fighter pilots surprised two Junker 88's preparing to attack Allied positions and destroyed them.

Bad weather is hampering air as well as land operations.

RAF Raids Over Europe Continue

London, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Boston bombers escorted by fighter planes bombed docks at Malin, France, this afternoon, the Air Ministry announced in a communique tonight.

Other British fighters, un molested by defending aircraft, carried out sweeps over Brittany and Normandy the communique added. Earlier in the afternoon, British planes with fighter escorts, bombed targets at Denhaider on the Dutch coast.

"The raids came in the wake of heavy and widespread overnight attacks by fighter-bombers on German railway transport in France and the low countries."

Contract For Cargo Planes

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Formal approval of a contract with Andrew J. Higgins of New Orleans for production of an indefinite number of cargo planes for the army air force, was announced today by the War Department.

Apparently the planes will be built at the partially completed ship-yards at New Orleans. Construction of the airplanes began on July 18, cancelled its contract with Higgins for construction of 200 Liberty ships, on the ground that insufficient steel was available.

Saturday Will Be Holiday In City

The Police Court will not be in session Friday, the next session will be Saturday, the city manager will be holding on Monday morning. The city offices and the courts offices will be closed today and Saturday.

Saturday will be a holiday in many places and stores will be closed. The city will be observing a holiday in many places and stores will be closed. The city will be observing a holiday in many places and stores will be closed.

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Social and Personal

Miss Martha Davenport will arrive tonight from Kinston to spend Christmas at her home in Greenville.

Mrs. Fattie Forbes will spend the week-end in Washington, N. C. with her daughter, Mrs. Swanson Graves.

A. C. Ruffin, Earl Forbes and Frank Jolly will return today from the Kentucky tobacco market.

Mrs. Audrey Shackell will leave on Friday to visit her husband, Lieut. Shackell, in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. C. C. Dawson of Conover, S. C., is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Willard.

Lieut. James Davenport of Fort Bragg, and Miss Edna Davenport who teaches in Franklinton, are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davenport.

Miss Louise Kilgo will return from New York tonight to spend Christmas at her home in Greenville.

Johnnie Wooten is home from Duke University for the holidays.

Ensign George Lantares of Corpus Christi, Texas, is here for the holidays.

Mrs. Annie Rawl of Kenly, is visiting her son, Mr. E. E. Rawl, and Mrs. Rawl.

Mrs. Eleanor Yelverton of Goldsboro, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. K. B. Pace.

Ormen Dunn, who has been ill at her home on Greene street, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Elizabeth White Perkins of Raleigh, will arrive today to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. B. White.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mayo and son, Gerry, of Lenoir, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Mayo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Clark.

Forty Years Ago Today

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Christmas Eve.
Up with your stockings. Christmas trees are ripe. The boys are happy they can start their fireworks at 6 o'clock. Don't forget, that the best way to be happy is to make someone else happy.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church have sent \$50 of the amount received from the "District School" to the Oxford orphan asylum, and have used the remaining \$24 to purchase supplies to be distributed among the poor of Greenville as a Christmas offering.

Birth Announcement.
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cosby announce the birth of a son, Thomas Battle, on Friday, December 18, 1942.

Birth Announcement.
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Flowers announce the birth of a son, William Lewis, on Wednesday, December 23, 1942.

Eighth Street Christian Church.
Services for Sunday, Dec. 27, 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon by Dr. Howard Hilley, president of Atlantic Christian College of Wilson. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Eastern Star Christmas Party.
Greenville Chapter No. 149 Order of the Eastern Star, held a most enjoyable Christmas party and "love feast" observing White Christmas, also, on Tuesday evening in the Masonic Hall. A large number of the members attended and many of their friends also. The members carried gifts to lay at the base of the beautiful Christmas tree, which were then taken the next day to ten "shut-in" friends. Thomas Moore.

Jr. acted as reader for the lovely pageant, in which about 25 of the members took part. This was interspersed with Christmas carols and hymns, sung by Miss Agnes Fullilove and Mrs. Dink James, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ray Tyson. During the social hour that followed, all enjoyed good fellowship with each other and confessions of all kinds, served by the Worthy Metron of the chapter, Mrs. T. I. Moore.

Reports On Seal Sale.
Mrs. Samuel T. White, general chairman of the Christmas Seal Sale, reports that the colored schools of Greenville, through the efforts of W. H. Davenport, have turned in \$67.79 from the sale of Tuberculosis Seals.

Dr. J. A. Battle is chairman of the Seal Sale among the colored population and Prof. Davenport is vice-chairman. Mrs. White expressed much appreciation for the very fine support given the Tuberculosis Seal Sale by the colored schools.

Memorial Service Sunday.
A special memorial service will be held at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, for Lieutenant John Clayton Johnston. Lieut. Johnston is the first young man from this church to give his life in the service of our country during this war. The public is invited to this service at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Jarvis Memorial M. E. Church.
Rev. George W. Perry, Minister Services for Sunday, Dec. 27 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship Organ: "Prelude in G." Solo: "The Lord's Prayer"—Mr. E. O. Parkinson, Jr. Offertory: "Serenade." Sermon: "Qualifying to Hear God's Message." 3:00 p. m.—Memorial service for Lieutenant John Clayton Johnston. 6:30 p. m.—Meetings of the Children's Department, Junior and Young People's Fellowships. 7:30 p. m.—Evening worship. Organ Prelude: "Evening Prayer." Offertory: "Intermezzo." Sermon: "Gathering up the Fragments." Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Mid-week prayer service.

Memorial Baptist Church.
Dr. J. D. Simons, Pastor Services for Sunday, Dec. 27. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon: "Good Tidings of Great Joy." Anthem by the choir. 3:00 p. m.—Evening worship. Sermon: "The Companion of the New Year."

Presbyterian Announcements.
Advance announcement is made for the services at the Presbyterian Church for the week beginning Sunday, December 27, as follows: The church school at 9:45 and worship service at 11 a. m. The pastor, Dr. Robert E. Boyd, will speak on the subject, "What Christianity Offers to the World for 1943." This will be a "New Year's message." The following Sunday, January 3, will be "The Celebration of the Lord's Supper" at the First Church and at Meadowbrook in the evening. Due to the absence of the pastor and the assistant, Rev. Clyde Carter, for a few days, there will not be any mid-week services at the First Church until Jan. 13. On Sunday afternoon, December 27, preaching services will be held at Hollywood school house, following the usual Sunday School hour at 3:15. Preaching at Meadowbrook Church Sunday at 7:30 p. m. and prayer service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cox on Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. The public is most cordially invited to all these services. A special invitation is extended all service men in Greenville for the week-end to attend services at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday, and any week-end in the future when they may be in the city. Beginning Monday morning, Dec. 28, and continuing through Saturday morning at 8:30, the pastor, Dr.

Boyd, will give the devotions over WOTC. His general theme will be "Helpful Approaches to the New Year" based on the study of Philippians 3:13-15. Shut-ins especially, along with all others accustomed to listen in on this service, are invited to send a few minutes at the beginning of the day on these meditations. The First Presbyterian Church wishes to extend its thanks to the daily papers of Greenville for making possible the announcement of all services connected with the church for the past year. They have rendered a very valuable service to this church and the community in this way.

Christmas . . .

(Continued from page one) been all over the country during the past year winning legislative and other approval of the World Federation movement inaugurated by him at a meeting more than a year ago at Davis Island on the Carolina Coast, was optimistic and cheerful in his outlook on the progress of the war. He was impressed by the fine spirit of the people of his home town and county, and speaking with the knowledge of one who knows Europe, he said "we are going to win, but there must be continued sacrifices on the home front in support of the men who are fighting on the battlefronts at sea and abroad."

Judge Frank Harrington, clerk of Superior Court, reminiscing in his office at the courthouse with a group of friends, told a staff representative of the Reflector that the outstanding thing in Pitt county during the past year was the wholesome and cooperative spirit of the people in "buckling down to actual realities" and responding to all calls made upon them for the war effort.

June H. Rose, superintendent of city schools and assistant state director of civilian defense, said his impression of outstanding deeds for the war effort here and elsewhere in the county revolved around the glorious spirit of the young people supported by their parents.

Kinchen Cobb, chairman of the board of stewards of the Methodist church, a "seven-day-a-week Christian leader," as he is designated by people here, said his lasting impression of the events of the first year of the second World War centers about the grouping of individuals, groups and communities for the freedom of people, their practice of religion and their pursuit of happiness in whatever sphere of life they occupy.

W. H. Woolard, president of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, was "at home" to all callers at the bank. He was pleased with the fine response of the Pitt county people in buying war and other government bonds and the sound business principles on which individuals, firms and corporations are

conducting their affairs. Claude Ward, president of the Kiwanis Club; S. G. Wilkerson, head of the Rotary Club, and Frank M. Brown, president of the Lions Club reviewed the passing year optimistically and expressed faith in the people to do their part in helping to win the war.

Scores of other leaders in community thought and activities expressed gratification over the fine spirit of the people in responding to the war effort. They reminded that North Carolina already has more than 150,000 men in the armed forces, and Pitt county its full quota.

Nineteen hundred and forty-two was an unusual year—the first year of the war. Next year—1943—will be still more unusual. The people will be called on to make many sacrifices in support of the men in the armed forces. "The service men cannot complain of what is required of them, because they are under military rule. The folks at home must carry on with them, bear their sacrifices and inconveniences and do their part, because when the story of the war is written there will be a record of those at home who went back on the men fighting the battles to make America and the world safe for the freedom of men," a community leader said.

Since 1907 the French have spent \$65,000,000 improving the harbor of Casablanca.

Mrs. Emma Clark Is Improving Hospital

Mrs. Emma L. Clark, 83, and always cheerful, friendly and active, who turned an ankle, fell in her room and broke a hip bone at the home of her son, Police Chief George Clark, on West Fourth street, on a recent night, is improving at Pitt General Hospital.

Mrs. Clark is the mother of Chief George Clark, Highway Commissioner John G. Clark, W. C. Clark and Ollie Clark of Greenville, and James Clark of Norfolk, Va.

Good Samaritan Had Bad Luck On Road

The Rev. Frank Anthony Julian, Jehovah's Witness minister, has an insurance policy on his car. It expired on December 12. The insurance company granted him 10 days extension as a courtesy. The policy would have expired last midnight. About 10 o'clock last night, while heading toward Greenville, the minister stopped his car on the Falkland highway near the city, to help pull a local furniture truck from a shallow ditch. While Julian's car with lights burning, was parked on the road and he and others were attaching a chain to the ditched truck, a car driven by Ernest Harper, Negro, of the Greenville community, thought he could pass, but failed and collided with the minister's car, doing considerable damage to both cars. None of the occupants of the cars was injured. The minister will collect his insurance.

Highway Patrolman Leon Teague who investigated the wreck, said the owners of both cars would adjust their damages. He made no arrest.

Incidentally, the furniture truck, owned by J. A. Collins and Son's furniture store, was pulled from the ditch by Jasper A. Joyner of Greenville.

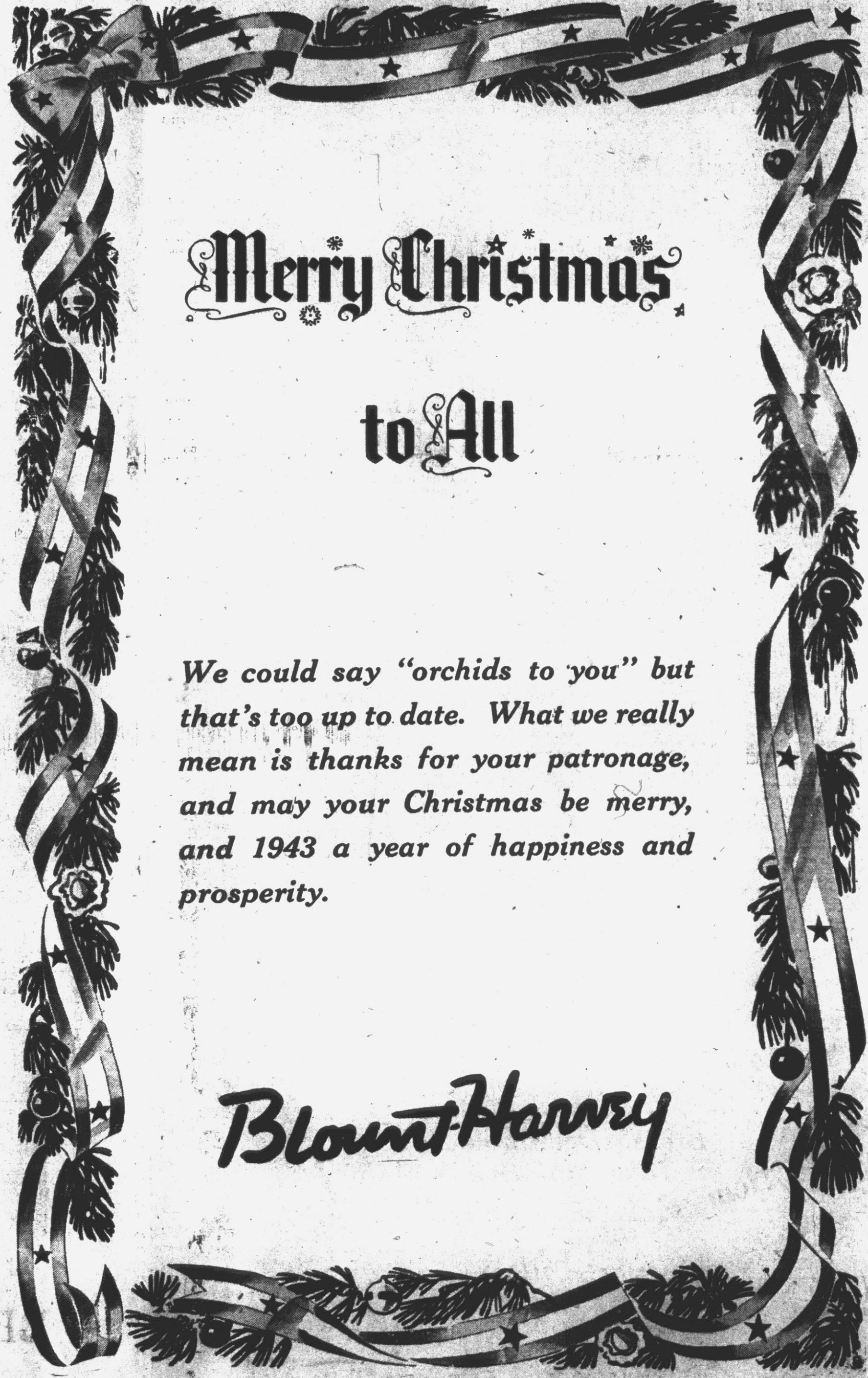
Brownies Celebrate Christmas At Party

The Brownies (Junior Girl Scouts) celebrated Christmas with a party at Brownie headquarters at Mrs. Paul Batchelor's home on East Fourth street, yesterday.

The youngsters had gifts for their parents, exchanged Christmas greetings and topped off the celebration with a radio program. Mrs. Paul Batchelor, Mrs. T. M. Watson and Mrs. Knott Proctor have charge of the Brownies.

The Georgian military road, 130 miles long, is the only paved highway suitable for heavy motor traffic through the Caucasus mountains.

Reflector Ads Pay!



Merry Christmas

to All

We could say "orchids to you" but that's too up to date. What we really mean is thanks for your patronage, and may your Christmas be merry, and 1943 a year of happiness and prosperity.

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- FRIDAY, DEC 23**
- 6:50—Sign On.
 - 7:00—News.
 - 7:05—Merry Christmas To You.
 - 7:40—Lost and Found.
 - 7:45—Treasury Star Parade.
 - 8:00—News.
 - 8:15—Organ Melodies.
 - 8:30—Morning Meditations.
 - 8:45—Christmas Carols.
 - 9:00—News.
 - 9:05—Local News and Announcements.
 - 9:15—Special Christmas Program.
 - 9:45—Rhythm and Recipes, TN.
 - 10:00—Obituary Column.
 - 10:05—Women in the News.
 - 10:10—Farmville Program.
 - 10:30—Cheer Up Gang, MBS.
 - 11:00—Headlines of Tomorrow, MBS.
 - 11:15—Karl Zomar's Scrapbook, MBS.
 - 11:30—Ayden On The Air.
 - 11:45—Christmas Music.
 - 12:30—Tune Time.
 - 12:15—News.
 - 12:25—Bestful Music.
 - 12:45—To You From Us, MBS.
 - 1:05—Hill Billy Time.
 - 1:15—Carols To You.
 - 1:30—10-2-4 Ranch.
 - 1:45—Palmer House Concert, MBS.
 - 2:00—Today's War Commentary.
 - 2:05—Robersonville on the Air.
 - 2:15—Quartermasters Choir, MBS.
 - 2:30—Mutual Christmas Card, MBS.
 - 3:30—Mutual.
 - 4:00—Traffen Roberson Commentator, MBS.
 - 4:15—Greeting From Naval

- 4:30—Training School.
- 4:30—Jungle Jim.
- 4:45—Sweethearts of the Tobacco Network.
- 5:00—Swing Session, TN.
- 5:15—Quaker City Serenade, MBS.
- 5:30—Superman, MBS.
- 5:45—Story Time Lady, TN.
- 6:00—Nation's Prayer Minute, MBS.
- 6:01—Wayne King.
- 6:15—News.
- 6:20—Musical Interlude.
- 6:30—Sportscast, TN.
- 6:45—News.
- 7:00—Ray Noble.
- 7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.
- 7:30—At the End of Day.
- 8:00—Sizing Up the News, MBS.
- 8:15—Jimmy Joy.
- 8:30—Christmas Music.
- 8:55—You and Uncle Sam.
- 9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS.
- 9:15—Christmas Music.
- 9:30—Double or Nothing.
- 10:00—News.
- 10:15—1100 Club.
- 10:30—Meet the Band, TN.
- 10:45—Dick Jurgens.
- 11:00—News.
- 11:05—Sign Off.

- SATURDAY, DEC 26**
- 7:00—News.
 - 7:05—Yawn Patrol.
 - 8:00—News.
 - 8:30—Modern Novelty Trio.
 - 8:30—Morning Meditations.
 - 8:45—Your Morning Pickup.
 - 9:00—News.
 - 9:05—Organ Moods.
 - 9:15—Milady's Music Box.
 - 9:30—Melody Time.
 - 9:45—Rhythm and Recipes, TN.
 - 10:00—Obituary Column.
 - 10:05—Women in the News.
 - 10:10—Farmville on the Air.
 - 10:30—Rainbow House, MBS.
 - 10:45—Curley Clemmons, MBS.
 - 11:00—News Roundup, MBS.
 - 11:15—Johnny Long's Orch., MBS.
 - 11:30—Ayden on the Air.
 - 11:45—U. S. Army Band, MBS.
 - 12:00—Hillbilly Roundup.
 - 12:15—News.
 - 12:25—Tune Time.
 - 12:55—News and Markets.
 - 1:00—Bond Wagon.
 - 1:05—On Guard With the Coast Guard, MBS.
 - 1:30—News From Johnson Field, TN.
 - 1:35—Lani MacIntyre's Orch., MBS.
 - 2:00—Today's War Commentary.
 - 2:05—Robersonville Program.
 - 2:15—Front Page Drama.
 - 2:30—Melody Rangers.
 - 2:45—Blue-Gray Football Game, MBS.
 - 3:30—Western Melodies.
 - 5:45—Jeanette Haddock.
 - 6:00—Nation's Prayer Minute, MBS.
 - 6:01—Sundown Serenade.
 - 6:15—News.
 - 6:20—Religion Today.
 - 6:30—Sportscast, TN.
 - 6:45—Oettinger Views the News, TN.
 - 7:00—Tommy Reynolds' Orch.
 - 7:10—Human Interest Drama.
 - 7:15—You Can't Do Business With Hitler.
 - 7:30—Melodies From the Hills.
 - 7:45—Arthur Mann, MBS.
 - 8:00—Central Prison Varieties, TN.
 - 8:30—Eyes and Ears of the World.
 - 8:45—Kay Kysor's Orch.
 - 8:55—You and Uncle Sam.
 - 9:00—News.
 - 9:15—Music As You Like It.
 - 10:00—News.
 - 10:15—1100 Club.
 - 10:30—Saturday Night Bondwagon, MBS.
 - 10:45—Shep Fields Orch., MBS.
 - 11:00—News.
 - 11:05—Sign Off.
- SUNDAY, DEC 27**
- 8:00—News.
 - 8:05—Lang-Worth Concert Orch.

- 8:30—The Sunday Serenade.
- 9:00—Highlights of the Week's News.
- 9:15—Wohl's Sophisticates.
- 9:30—Bright Sun Four.
- 9:45—Organ Moods.
- 10:00—Obituary Column of the Air.
- 10:05—Birmingham Blue Class.
- 10:45—Background for News, MBS.
- 11:00—Christian Church Services.
- 12:00—Cade Taberback, MBS.
- 12:30—Sing Orchestral.
- 12:45—Letters To My Son, MBS.
- 1:00—Carols.
- 1:15—Quiet Melodies.
- 1:30—Lutheran Hour, MBS.
- 2:00—Pilgrim Hour, MBS.
- 3:00—National Championship Football Game, MBS.
- 4:30—News.
- 4:35—Musical Interlude.
- 4:45—The Conway Quartette.
- 5:00—The Song Spinners, MBS.
- 5:15—Upton Close, Commentator, MBS.
- 5:30—Boys' Town.
- 5:00—First Nighter, MBS.
- 6:30—Musical Interlude.
- 6:30—Sportscast.
- 6:45—Music Soft and Sweet.
- 7:00—We Come the War Front.
- 7:15—Silver Strings.
- 7:45—Oettinger Views the News, TN.
- 8:00—Service Men's Program.
- 8:30—Treasury Star Parade.
- 8:45—Gabriel Heatter, MBS.
- 9:00—Old Fashioned Revival, MBS.
- 10:00—News.
- 10:15—Your Next Door Neighbor, TN.
- 10:30—This Is Our Enemy, MBS.
- 11:00—1100 Club.
- 12:00—News.
- 12:05—Sign Off.

known all over the state, stated. Incidentally, it is the duty of all game wardens to confiscate quail or any other game that is caught in violation of the law or that is offered for sale.

The dove season closes December 30.

J. O. Teel is Pitt county game warden and wild life protector.

Mayor Sugg Sends . . .

(Continued from page one)

Civilian Defense groups and the Red Cross are measuring up splendidly, and there is a wholesome spirit of cooperation and patriotism among our people that gives me great pride.

"We should approach this Christmas with more loyalty to our government, be merry around our fire-arms, but not let up for a moment

in our determined . . . more than our part . . . and enable our boys who . . . arm'd forces and on the . . . iron's to come back to our hearts . . . for a more peaceful and happy future," Mayor Sugg said.

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!" the mayor said as the "idle reporter" left his office in the City Hall.

Mount Columbia, Canada, is sometimes called "the geographical center of North America."

Christmas Greetings TO MY CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS

We wish to express to you our kindest Christmas Greetings. As the year draws to a close we look back with appreciation to your fine patronage. It has been a real pleasure to serve you and we look forward to the New Year in the hope that we may serve you even better!

SCOTT'S DRY CLEANERS
Paul A. Scott, Mgr.

May Hunt Quail On Christmas Holidays

By CHRISTOPHER WALSH

Hunters will be permitted to shoot quail on Christmas and New Year's Day, according to a ruling of the Department of Conservation and Development. These are usually lay days (days on which hunting is prohibited), but the restrictions were lifted for these two days. The bag limit is 10 quail a day. The law provides a penalty of a heavy fine or imprisonment for violating the game law. The State law also prohibits the buying or selling of quail. Rumors have seeped into town that some persons have been trapping quail since there is a shortage of shells for hunters. Sportsmen who favor a fair deal for wild life have been outspoken against the practice of trapping the birds which provide the best hunting.

Quail are plentiful this year as a result of a dry summer.

"There will be hunting in years to come and its fine sport, but the birds deserve a fair chance and should not be trapped," a sportsman

A Merry Christmas to All

Most cherished among the gifts bestowed by the passing year is the memory of the pleasant relations with those whom we have been privileged to serve, so it is most sincerely that we wish you a—

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

WHITE CHEVROLET COMPANY, Inc.
Greenville, N. C.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

IT HAS BEEN OUR GOOD FORTUNE TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE FINEST FOLKS ON EARTH, AND THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON BRINGS RENEWED APPRECIATION OF OLD ASSOCIATIONS AND THE VALUE OF NEW FRIENDS.

IT IS A TIME WHEN WE WISH TO TELL YOU HOW WE APPRECIATE THE COURTESIES YOU HAVE SHOWN US IN THE PAST YEAR. WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD-WILL AND WE HOPE THE PLEASANT FRIENDSHIP THAT HAS PREVAILED, WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR.

Home Furniture Store

This Is Our Sincere Wish For Your Happy Holiday—

A very merry Christmas, and may your every wish come true in the New Year.

BELK-TYLER COMPANY
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Italy's Hold ...

(Continued from page one) If the British offensive continues, the Axis may have a Dunkirk of its own before many more weeks. There has been no real scrap since El Alamein. The British almost accomplished a brilliant coup last week when New Zealand columns swung south of the El Aghella line and closed in on

a German rearguard at Wadi Marlin, west of El Aghella. It has now been disclosed that they captured about 400 prisoners and 25 guns and knocked out 18 tanks in running skirmishes—but the bulk of the Germans fled south through the wadis and escaped over terrain with which they were familiar. Rommel has kept his main force well ahead of the British, leaving

small rearguard detachments and heavy mine fields. And there is no indication that he expected to come back again over this road of retreat. His desert landing grounds have been heavily mined. Several fighters airdromes were found plowed up by the Germans to make them unusable. The Germans planted 600 mines at Marble Arch landing ground west of El Aghella, and wired fuel barrels together so they would explode if unsuspecting Allied pilots landed there. Royal engineers had the field in use in less than 24 hours. United States and British air forces have moved up at surprising speed behind the Germans.



BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR

Carolina Dairy Products, Inc.

GREETINGS

TO ONE AND ALL

At this time, the 42nd Christmas season since the establishment of our business here, it is our happy privilege to wish our friends and patrons, old and new, throughout this section a

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Best Jewelry Company

"Eastern Carolinas' Leading Jewelers" Established 1901



TO EVERYONE

As we look back over the year now drawing to a close we fully realize the factors that have combined to make possible a successful year for us. We can think of any number of instances where your friendship, patronage and influence have been of tremendous benefit to this institution and it is with this thought in our hearts and minds that we pause to thank you for this thoughtfulness and to wish you and yours—

A Merry Christmas

And A

Happy, Prosperous 1943

VanDyke Furniture Co.

GERMAN FOOD SITUATION BAD

Goebbels Reported Staging Series Of "Pep Talks"

By EDWIN SHANKE Stockholm, Dec. 23—(AP)—With Germany's food rations generally lower than last year and the war news bad, Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels is reported to have mobilized hundreds of Nazi orators to deliver a nationwide series of "pep talks" to the German public.

Advices from Germany indicate that a program of mass meetings already is under way, with Goebbels and Dr. Robert Ley, labor leader, setting the pace.

Coincidentally the German press has begun a wide scale morale-boosting offensive, hammering home the theme that Axis setbacks in North Africa are unimportant because the war will be decided in Russia.

"No war has yet been fought without setbacks," said one editorial assuring its readers that "the United Nations still are weak for battle on the field where the decision will fall."

Adolf Hitler's newspaper, the Voelkischer Beobachter, declared the objective properly was Europe not Africa, and that after Russian resistance is wiped out "we will soon regain on the southern front what we have had to give up."

The Beobachter also lectured Germans who grumbled about the scarcity of food and clothes, reminding civilians that their sacrifices were small compared to those of the soldier who is called on "to give his blood for the homeland."

Dispatches from Swedish correspondents, however, depicted a growing shortage of goods of all kinds in German stores and indicated that the German people—already cast down by mounting casualties on the Russian front—are in for a bleak Christmas.

With the shortage of food growing more pronounced, hoarding was reported on the increase, despite the threat of severe penalties. Press reports said that penalties ranging up to three years imprisonment and fines of 20,000 marks have been imposed recently as a warning against hoarding and illegal slaughtering of food animals.

The sale of electric heaters, on which Germans have relied for the last two winters to keep warm, has been banned.

Books are rationed one to a person.

Children may have but one toy. One bright note—for Christmas each child has been granted about one-half kilogram—about a pound—of apples.



WINTER'S NO PROBLEM — Zero temperatures and fuel shortages are no problems for Miss Phyllis Smith (left), Lake Bluff, Ill., resident wintering in Los Angeles. With her is Mrs. Charles Beaman, also of Lake Bluff.

EIGHTH ARMY GIVEN PRAISE

Montgomery Sends Christmas Message To His Men

Cairo, Dec. 23—(AP)—Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery praised the members of his British Eighth Army today for their exploits in the two-month-old drive from El Alamein and expressed the hope "that 1943 will be a very happy year for each one of you."

"It is wonderful what has been achieved since October 23rd, when we started the battle of Egypt," the general said in a Christmas message

to the army. And he pledged on behalf of himself and his men to keep the enemy "on the run."

The text of his message: "The Eighth Army turned the enemy out of the famous El Aghella position and is now advancing into Tripolitania. It is wonderful what has been achieved since October 23rd, when we started the battle of Egypt."

"Before the battle began I sent you a message in which I said: 'Let us pray that the Lord, mighty in battle, will give us victory.' 'He has done so and I know you will agree with me when I say that we must not forget to thank him for his mercies.'

"It is now Christmas time and we are all thinking about our families and friends in the home country. I want to send you all my very best wishes and my hope that 1943 will be a very happy year for each one of you."

"I have received a Christmas



Season's Greetings

We wish to express to you our appreciation of the pleasant association between us, and extend our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and the fulfillment of every bright promise for your happiness in the New Year.

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.

ORDER OFFICE 321 Evans St., Greenville, N. C.



Merry Christmas To All

At this season of the year we pause to reflect upon the many pleasant acquaintances and associations that we have had during this year, and desire to extend to our many Friends and Patrons our Best Wishes for a most Joyful Holiday Season.

John Flanagan Buggy Company

"Eastern Carolina's Oldest Automobile Dealers" Est. 1866

greeting from Hull, Yorkshire, it is quite the nicest I ever received. My only regret is that I cannot answer it as the writer gave no address. But I shall treasure it all my life.

"It was intended for you as well as for me and is as follows: 'Dear Sir, to wish you and our lads of the Eighth Army a very happy Christmas. Good health, Good luck. And, by the grace of God victory in 1943. Keep 'em on the run. Monty. Best wishes from a Yorkshire lass with a lad in the army.'

"What better Christmas greetings can I send on to you than the one given change for \$10 instead of for \$25. Silve convinced him he was mistaken, and the soldier left. The check turned out to be fraudulent.

from the Yorkshire lass? "I would like to tell her for us all that we will do our best to keep 'em on the run." "Good luck to you, and in the words of Tiny Tim in Dickens' Christmas Carol: 'God bless us all each one of us.'"

Insult And Injury. Elkhart, Ind.—Ben Silve, proprietor of a sporting goods store, was dazed by the brass of a young man in soldier's uniform who bought a utility kit and paid him with a \$20 check. The young man returned later, Silve said, and claimed he had been

given change for \$10 instead of for \$25. Silve convinced him he was mistaken, and the soldier left. The check turned out to be fraudulent.

Help, Help! Kansas City—The record-breaking avalanche of Christmas parcels which swamped the Trailway terminal at Union Station is reaching staggering proportions. One 17-year-old extra hand worked 24 hours, officials said, before he could find his foreman to ask for time out.



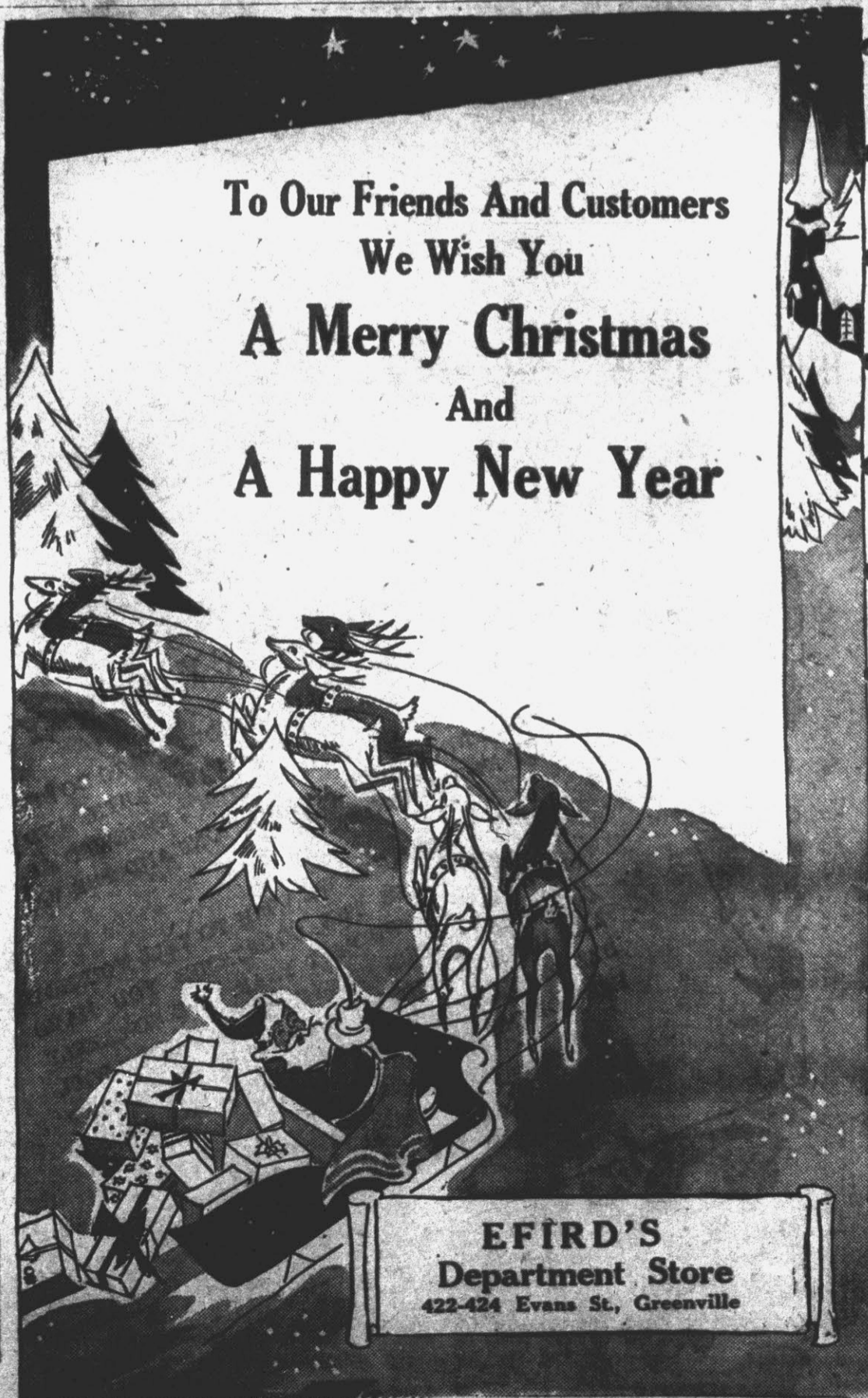
GREETINGS!

—Not just because it's the custom, but with a sincere appreciation of our pleasant associations throughout the past year—we extend to you our best wishes for a—

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

J. E. Winslow, Co. Inc.

To Our Friends And Customers We Wish You A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year



EFIRD'S Department Store 422-424 Evans St., Greenville



MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

It's been our job to keep you "rolling merrily along." It was a pleasure, and to our patrons and friends we wish Christmas Happiness.

BROWN'S GULF STATION

Corner Evans and Tenth Sts.



IT'S CHRISTMAS!

may it be a
MERRY ONE

and a

HAPPY, PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

H. L. HODGES & CO., Inc.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

—and a—

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Ellwanger Funeral Service, Inc.

—and—

Ellwanger Mutual Funeral Asso.

Phone 2506
1212 Dickinson Ave. Greenville, N. C.



The Officers, Board of Directors, as well as the entire personnel of this Bank join in wishing you—

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY, PROSPEROUS 1943

State Bank And Trust Co.

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

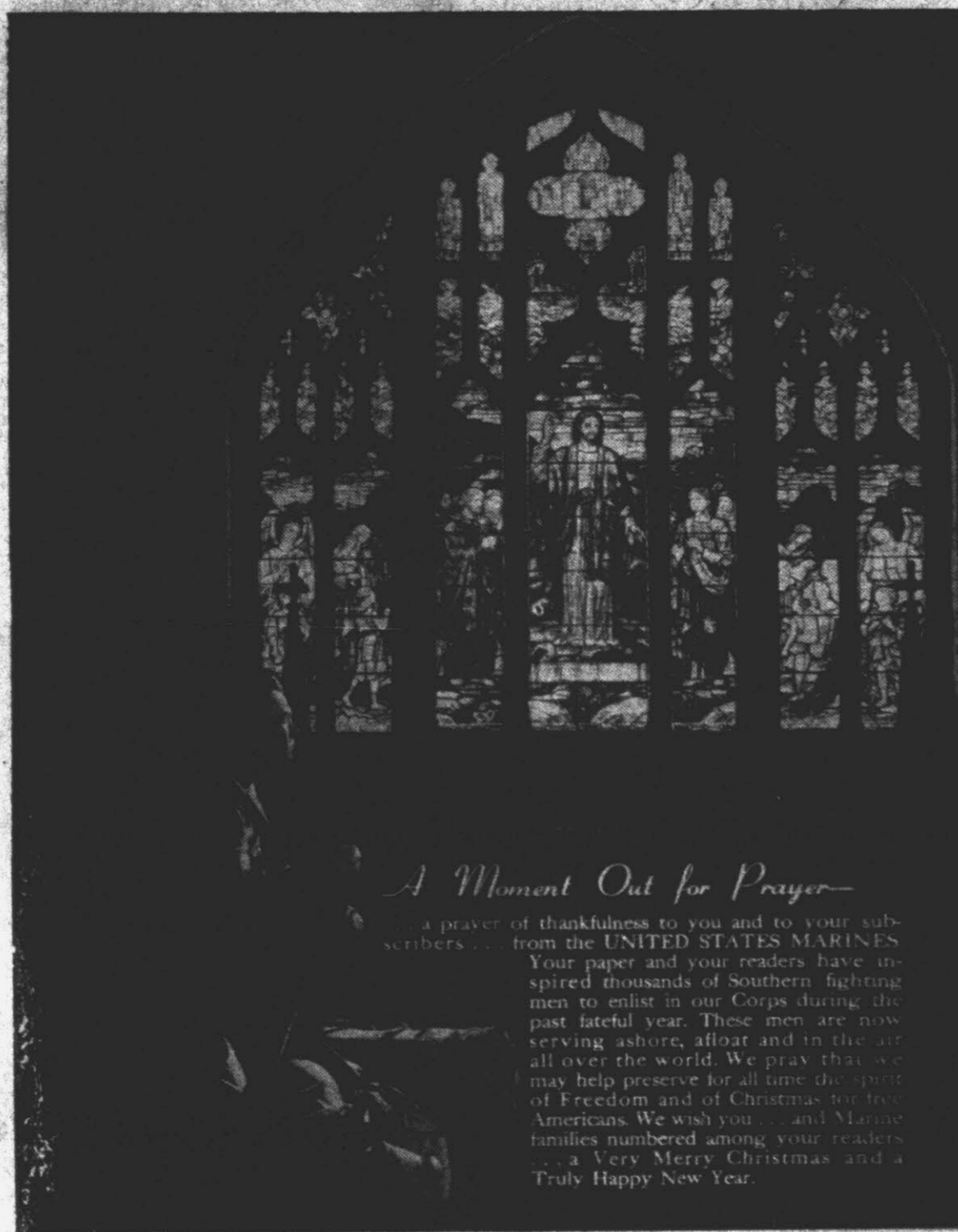


A Very Merry
CHRISTMAS

With Peace and Prosperity
Through the New Year For All
Of You, Is Our Wish.

**BAKER-DAVIS
HARDWARE CO.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS



A Moment Out for Prayer

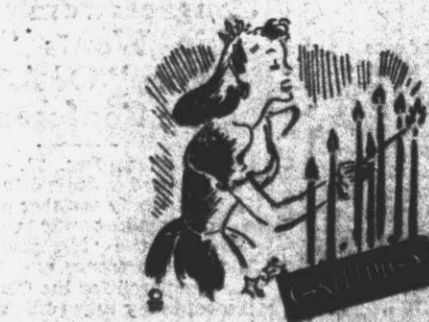
a prayer of thankfulness to you and to your subscribers from the UNITED STATES MARINES. Your paper and your readers have inspired thousands of Southern fighting men to enlist in our Corps during the past fateful year. These men are now serving ashore, afloat and in the air all over the world. We pray that we may help preserve for all time the spirit of Freedom and of Christmas for free Americans. We wish you and Marine families numbered among your readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Truly Happy New Year.

From The Marines



—and warm greetings for the holiday season and the New Year to come, from the executives and employees of—

Greenville Tip Company



MERRY CHRISTMAS

to our

FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

is the sincere wish

of

Greenville Nehi Bottling Co.

J. CARROLL WALDROP, Prop.



Wishing You a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Kares' Brothers

Restaurant



HELLO, NEIGHBORS!
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

J. KNOTT PROCTOR
Sheriff of Pitt County



May joy and happiness be with you during the Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

J. FRANK HARRINGTON
Clerk of Superior Court



MAY THIS GREETING

—serve to express our appreciation for your patronage and carry the wish that your Christmas be merry and the New Year be all that you desire!

**GARRIS - EVANS
LUMBER COMPANY, Inc.**
L. B. Garris, President and General Manager



**A Merry
Christmas**

To Our
Friends and
Customers

We extend our very best wishes for a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

ASKEW'S MARKET

and

ASKEW'S FRUIT STAND

DICKINSON AVENUE

GREENVILLE, N. C.

WARN AGAINST FAKE "G-MEN"

Hoover Says Many Folks Impersonating Officers

By KENNETH L. DIXON
Washington, Dec. 23. — (AP) — Don't look now, but that gabby "G-man" you met in the barber shop may be an impostor who is trying to (1) get some extra gasoline; (2) borrow some money or cash a bad check; (3) thrill his girl friends; (4) find out war secrets for the enemy; or (5) fool his wife so he can go out nights.

Federal Bureau of Investigation officials said today that numerous fake G-men are springing up all over the country, and reminded the public that Director J. Edgar Hoover "instructs all agents to exhibit their credentials."

Such credentials include an identification card with the agent's picture and the signature of Hoover and Attorney General Biddle.

The most popular fraud of the moment is the "G-man" who wants extra gasoline, they said.

A dry cleaner told his board that he needed extra gasoline to carry on his "FBI investigations on the side." He isn't even dry-cleaning any more.

One honest-to-goodness agent tried to buy gasoline at an eastern station and found it had been closed to regular business by a "G-man." The attendant said that when the station's supply of gas was getting low, the alleged FBI agent told him to hang up the "no gas" sign—and then came around regularly to fill up his own tank.

As they talked, the fake showed up and the real G-man asked him for a job with the FBI.

"You wouldn't like it," said the fraud. "It's a tough racket."

"Oh, I like it all right. You meet such interesting people," replied the real McCoy—and arrested the station-closer.

Then there was the much-wedded man who wooed women with his G-man talk and showed scars "suffered in gunfights" with desperadoes. He married in Iowa, again in Wisconsin and was about to do

COLONY
SUNDAY
LUM and ABNER
BASHFUL BACHELOR

CROSBY, HOPE PLAY SHIEK SHENANIGANS



Ginger Rogers isn't a kid...she's just kidding in "Major and The Minor" which co-stars Ray Milland, Pitt Christmas and Saturday.

THE MINOR HAS MAJOR PLANS IN NEW FILM



Joyous Holiday Movies

ASKS THAT ALL FACTS BE TOLD

Congresswoman Rankin Wants "Full Story" Of Atlantic Conference

Washington, Dec. 23. — (AP) — White-haired Jeannette Rankin, (R-Mont.) only member of Congress to vote against war with Japan, called for the "full story" on the Atlantic conference and, in a statement prepared for the Congressional Record, today asked this question:

"Astounding as the Pearl Harbor attack was to the American public as a whole, if it was secretly anticipated and even played for, why did the President permit our forces at Pearl Harbor to be taken by surprise?"

She said that President Roosevelt imposed "self-acknowledged war-provoking" economic sanctions against Japan immediately after the meeting at sea with Winston Churchill.

At another point she cited the report by the President's special commission which investigated the Pearl Harbor attack that warnings to be alert had been sent to army

and navy commanders in the Pacific before the attack took place. Then she observed:

"Indeed, do not the frequency, urgency, the very wording of these warnings indicate in themselves that the Pearl Harbor attack came as no surprise whatever to the President?"

The representative obtained consent of the House before the 77th Congress adjourned to insert her statement in the Congressional Record. She gave it to newsmen for publication today.

Miss Rankin, who also voted against declaring war on Germany in 1917, said "The American people are willing to struggle for the four freedoms, but we realize that we must retain them at home if we are going to give them to others."

In her own words a "belligerent pacifist," she reviewed at length her version of events leading to what she called President Roosevelt's change of policy after his Atlantic conference with Winston Churchill.

On the basis of quotations from English authors, she said that "three years before Pearl Harbor Britain's imperialists had figured out just how to bring the United States once more to their aid" by getting their country "embroiled" with Japan.

She contended that this nation's "requirements" of September 3, 1941, that Japan accept the principle of non-disturbance of the status quo in the Pacific was the equivalent to asking Japan to guarantee the inviolability of the white empire in the Orient, of which the British Empire comprised approximately 90 per cent in both arms and population.

Expert. — Roy Mason, who handles 20,000 oysters a week, was explaining how to spot one that contains pearl.

"Look for one with a bump on the shell," he said. "Now here's



one with a lot of bumps." Grabbing a knife, he half-shelled the oyster, and out rolled 73 pearls.

Mason says he never got more than \$3 for a pearl, but he's going to have the 73 appraised when he has time.

Singers Hold ...

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Greenville is represented by four singers, Elizabeth Bridgers, Elizabeth Pollard, Dow Waters and James Ray Pittman, all members of the 1942 symphonic choir.

Goldboro has seven members; Washington, four; Kinston, seven; Snow Hill, 34; Ayden, 20; Winterville, 10; Farmville, nine; Williamston, four; Tarboro, one; Bethel one; Princeton, in Johnston county one; Picketville, one; Wallace, one and Hookerton, two members.

Margaret Long of Goldboro, a member of the 1942 Symphonic Choir, is president of the Alumni Association; Pat McLawhorn of Ay-

den, member of all three choruses is vice-president, and Elizabeth Bridgers of Greenville, member of the 1942 choir, is secretary and treasurer.

Only five of the 106 singers have been members of all three symphonic choruses. Pat McLawhorn of Ayden, Patsy McLawhorn of Ayden, Jimmy Moye, Malcolm Hill and Wayne Carraway, all of Snow Hill.

The Alumni Association of the North Carolina Symphonic Choir publishes a monthly bulletin of interesting news concerning the members and music. Members of the choir wear an emblematic pin.

It is singularly interesting that since President Roosevelt said "a singing community is a working community" that 16 former Symphonic choir members are now in the country's armed forces. Several more are to enter the service in January. Incidentally, Warren Kinlaw of Ayden, former tenor soloist in the 1940 and 1941 choirs, is with the armed forces in India, and several girls of the choruses have married. Director Lewis Sidney Bullock stated to a staff representative of the Reflector.

In the short space of three years the North Carolina Symphonic Choir has been developed from students of small class C schools, with little or no musical training or experience, to one of the country's outstanding "A Cappella" choirs. On three tours of principal cities of the country, as North Carolina's official "ambassadors of good will," appointed by Governor Broughton; the Symphonic Choir has traveled more than 15,000 miles in 22 states, from coast to coast, presenting more than 100 concerts. The symphonic choir has also made scores of concerts over the radio, including three coast-to-coast hookups over the mutual and National Broadcasting companies.

Lewis Sidney Bullock, with Mrs. Margaret Bullock, efficiently coordinating, and the North Carolina Symphonic Choir, representing

North Carolina, have won signal national recognition. The Symphonic Choir sang with Kay Kyles and his band on Catalina Island, California, and on the Fred Waring program in New York.

The young singers, under the direction of Mr. Bullock, have presented "good-will" and "victory" concerts at the White House in Washington, the New York World's Fair and at Carnegie Hall in New York, the most famous concert hall in the world.

British Determined ...

(Continued from Page One)
at the Andaman Islands, farther north, and both the Americans and British have held the principal Japanese centers and communication lines in Burma itself under almost daily attack for weeks. The Japanese, obviously nervous over the prospect of a major offensive by General Wavell's Indian army, are striking back as best they can having raided Calcutta for three nights running and sent their planes several times to seek out the bases not only of the Indian army in the east but those of the ferry service maintained chiefly by American pilots across Assam and the Himalaya foothills to China.

Apparently the British army's thrust into western Burma last week is not the beginning of the major offensive which Wavell has promised sooner or later to redeem Burma and reopen the road for real help for China. Although it has made good progress down the Arakan coast and was last reported approaching Akyab, it seems to be merely part of the ground-clearing phase. The overland route from India into Burma, which the British and Stilwell's Chinese traced in that bitter, agonizing retreat of last spring, is so difficult as to make it highly unlikely that Wavell will depend on it when the time comes for the real thing. A force of sufficient size to expel the Japanese from Burma probably must be largely transported and certainly supplied by water. That explains why the British navy is ranging the Bay of Bengal.

It is still too early to tell whether the United Nations or the Japanese will hold the initiative in this campaign. Early indications are that it may be fought on two major fronts with the Japanese on the defensive against the British and Americans in the west and on the offensive against the Chinese and Americans in the east. They already have attacked at two points on the southwestern rim of China's Yunnan province, but neither thrust was strong enough to indicate their plan of campaign. Quite likely the real Japanese drive, if the Allies do not forestall it by the diversion from India, will fall on China from some other direction, possibly from French Indo-China.

"I can't have gas to travel."
—Says the Rationing Board.

"I can't have merchandise to sell."
—Says the Manufacturer.

"I can't evade the income tax."
—Says the Government.

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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

ON WATCH ALWAYS

There have been a great many stories written about the way people have encountered opportunities to do good and have not reorganized them. There is a whole saga of some of the stories coming out of past centuries and some written today, which tell how the Master of all good life appealed through some needy person for help and was thoughtlessly dismissed, so that the person who was approached lost the privilege of doing good to a fellow man and receiving the gracious benediction of God.

The Bible speaks about knowing not the time of our visitation. God is constantly making His appointments to our hearts. If He sent a bright angel every time, we would be overwhelmed and would respond immediately. But we would respond only because we were overwhelmed and not because our hearts were touched with a sense of compassion. Christ once said that inasmuch as His disciples did some act of mercy for the least and most humble of His brethren, they did it for Him. He comes in the guise of needy people, sick, hungry, sorrowing; and we turn them away because we are too busy or because we think they are not worthy or perhaps just because we have cold hearts. We know not the time of our heavenly visitation.

The Bible tells us to be "always on the watch"; to treat every needy person as though he were the Christ. And we are further commanded to treat every commonplace moment as though it carried within it the priceless gems of unlimited opportunity.

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NEVERTHELESS TRUE

By EARL L. DOUGLASS, D. D.
Tanks, machine-guns, wreckage, stark bodies freezing in the snow or rotting under the tropical sun—and across the centuries the voices of angels as they sing of peace and good will.

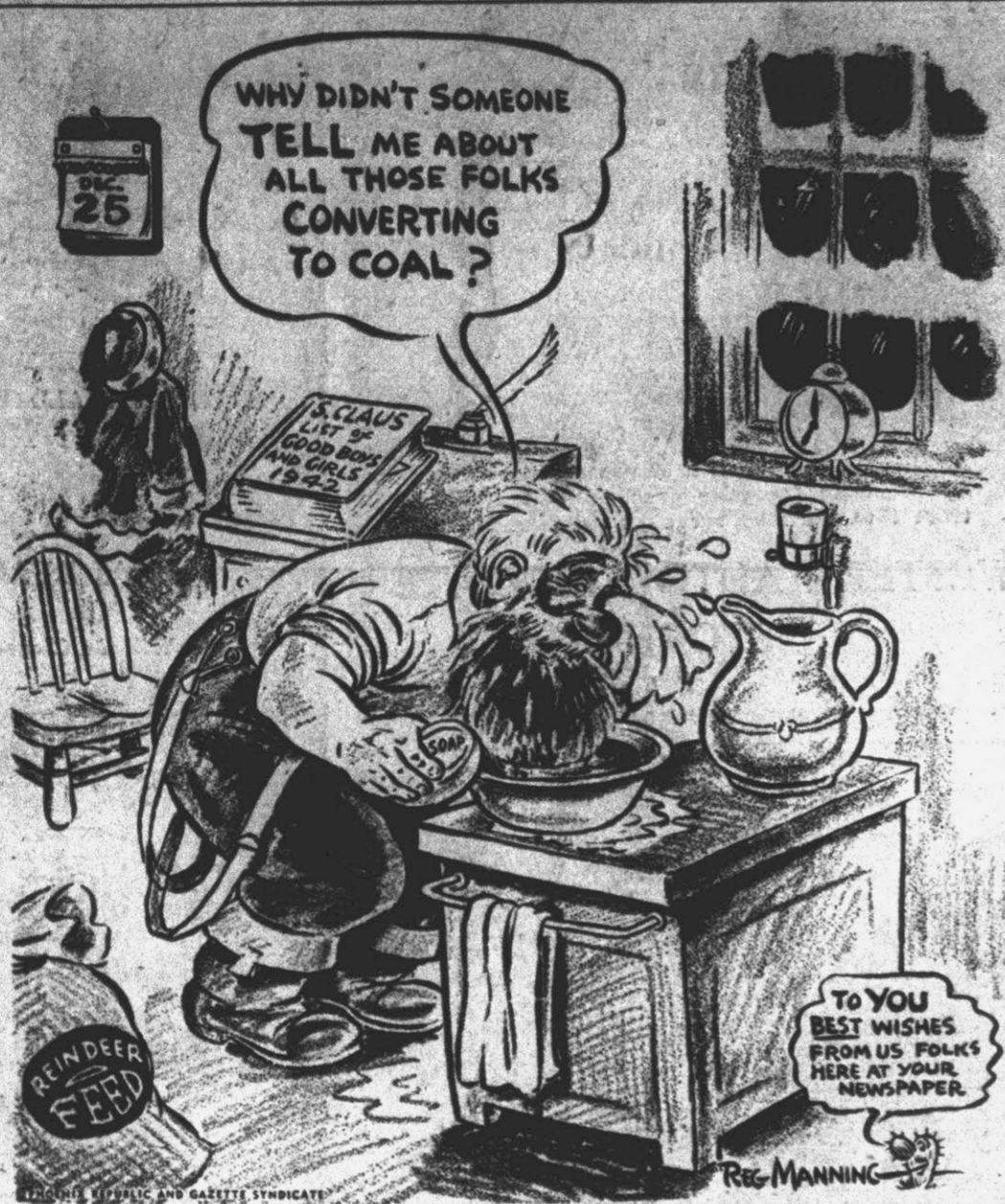
Is this a contradiction? Does this register failure for the Christian religion? Not at all. It indicates the failure of those to whom the great opportunity of peace has been offered. And of this we can be sure—the present circumstances are ephemeral and will pass away, but the promise made on a bleak Palestinian hill twenty centuries ago was the veritable voice of the Eternal.

Our religion is our comfort today. Thousands of people, as they smile over the joy of Christmas, will smile through tears as they remember those who are far away. But we should thank God that the world loves peace so much that it is willing to pour out its last drop of blood and its last ounce of treasure to help fulfill the promise of peace.

Upon those who started this war rests the solemn responsibility for trying to impede the onward march of the Eternal. Those who are opposing all such have slipped their hand into the hand of destiny and plighted themselves to a future about which the angels sang.

Sentries on duty, warships on patrol do not alter the fact that Christ came to bring peace, and neither the evil of wicked men nor the

The Morning After



faltering faith of those who only half believe will prevent this.

WASHINGTON IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

Washington—In mid-January, the Senate's Small Business Committee is going to hold here a big powwow with 50 representatives of more than 300,000 small and medium business all over the land "to formulate a program."

If anything has been more talked about and less attended to since the United States went into high wartime production gear, it has been the plight of small business. Some legislation has been enacted and some pressure brought, but it is infinitesimal compared to the damage that has been and is being done in a great many areas.

As one observer put it, "Everyone seems ready to die for little business but very few are willing to sit down and work out constructive proposals that are in line with reality."

The senate committee's invitation indicates that this group, headed by Senator Murray (D-Mont.), has a worthy ambition. At one point, the invitation says: "Today, an ill-planned war program is not only cutting off the fat, but is also in some sectors, cutting into the very bone of our civilian economy." Some economists here think "the bone of civilization economy" (as well as the sinew of our middle classes) is small business and that unless something is done to save it from going down in the deluge of priorities, price controls, rationing, inventory controls and manpower shortages, our entire economic and even social system will undergo a

change from which it will never recover. Let it be said now that some economists, big business, men and labor leaders think this would be a good thing. That and the inertia of the protectors of little business (with perhaps, little business' lack of organization) is what has brought its present plight—a plight, serious enough to force a senate committee to call a three-day session to see what can be done about it.

Recently, I talked to a newsman who had just returned from the southwest and middle west. "Figuratively," he said, "I saw hundreds of closed doors of small businesses which had signs hung on them—'Gone to Texas' or 'Gone with the War.' It has happened like this in the country since the post-Civil War depression when so many small merchants folded and left signs on their doors, 'Gone to Texas.'"

One interesting slant of the situation came the other day from a government official who asked that his name not be used. "The little business man," he said, "is not suffering nearly as much as is made out. Many have had the ingenuity or fortune to get in on war contracts. Others have gone into war industry, and are making more money as workers than they ever made running their own business."

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(Continued From Page One) and say things for which a few hundred years ago we would have had our heads chopped off. Nations make mistakes just as individuals do, but I have faith even in my enemies. My children and grandchildren will happily be doing business with these Germans and Japanese. Like most individuals, all nations, including our own, will get back again on the right track. Most of us have thought Russia a terrible place. Now she is again recognizing the churches. She has pulled

Crossword Puzzle

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 - Eternity
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 - Sufficient poetic
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Solution Of Yesterday's Puzzle

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- Old musical instruments
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- Measure
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- Kind of dance
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- Silly
- Roman road
- Flower container
- Formerly
- Allowance for the weight of a container
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us sit tight and trust God for final results.

Great Problems Ahead
There is in effect little that we can do except that which we believe is in accordance with our Christian teachings. There is no panacea; no short cut to the cure. Much of the world has been ill for a long time and now we are taking our medicine. But for this Christmas week, I should like to forget the drastic purges; forget the stock market, wages and hours; forget labor leaders, politicians, priorities and restrictions. Even forget on Christmas Day the great global war itself and all of the current day-to-day situations which rise to plague us. Surely Christmas is worthy of being set apart and observed in faith as an antidote to our confused times and lives.

Should the war end tomorrow, we would have great opportunities. The United Nations are to both win the war and win the peace. The leadership which will devolve largely upon the United States at the war's end is a wonderful responsibility. At the peace table, I can see Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill. Very probably Mr. J. Stalin will be the dominating character. Mussolini will be absent but a real representative of the Italian people will be there; Japan may have no direct representation; but all the United Nations will be out in force. It may even be difficult to house them all!

Our Real Hope
It is my hope that the constructive business interests of all countries may be represented at the peace table. Also that this time some true men of God, with courage and vision, may help to lead us all out of the wilderness. Truly we live in grand times. In the last analysis, it is our religious faith, of whatever creeds, that will bring the world back to sanity and to useful work and purpose. This is my 1942 Christmas message.

An American four-engined bomber is composed of approximately 315,000 parts.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of Ola L. Tucker, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent, to exhibit itemized, and verified statements of account to the undersigned or her attorney, on or before the 22nd day of December, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the administratrix or her attorney.

This the 22nd day of Dec., 1942.
HELEN L. TUCKER, Administratrix of the estate of Ola L. Tucker, Deceased.
Arthur B. Corey, Atty.
Dec. 24-17w-6wk.

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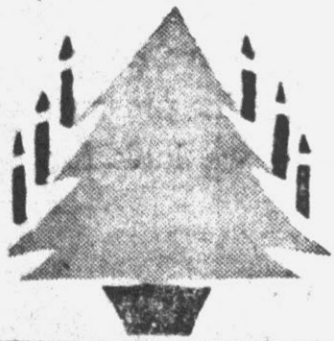
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CHRISTMAS Greetings

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North Carolina General Assembly



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FOR A
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PACIFIC PATROL

BY ELEANOR ATTERBURY

Chapter Six
Dan Makes Progress
 In the interval that it took Lloyd to cross the crowded hotel dining room, Mary hovered between laughter and tears. She'd never provoked him to anger before. She wasn't at all sure just what he would do. "Smatter? Seeing a ghost?" Dan asked, his back to the doorway, his blue eyes intent on her face. "No, just Porter," she tried to reply calmly but there were butterflies in her throat. "Oh-oh, caught in the act. Will he shoot me on sight, d'ya think?" Dan grinned, teasing her, and she flushed. "Don't be ridiculous. Why should he?" "He knows a rival when he sees one." Dan said calmly, pushing back

his chair, turning to thrust a hand toward Porter Lloyd. "Hello, fellow Glad to see you. Sit down."
 Porter shook the hand courteously. "No, thank you, Sherman. I'm lunching with a committee. Sorry." Then he turned to Mary. "Hello dear. I'd hoped you would be at home taking a beauty sleep by now."
 "Oh, don't be stuffy, Port," she laughed, trying to keep her embarrassment hidden behind nonchalance. "He's afraid I'll fall asleep at his mother's party tonight," she explained carelessly to Dan.
 And then would have given anything to have the words back. Porter was always so considerate, so very much the gentleman, she was ashamed to be behaving like a spoiled child. He'd hate this sort of thing.

Porter's expression didn't change as he turned to Dan and said, courteously, "Mother is receiving all our friends this evening in honor of Mary. I know she'd be delighted if you could come, Lieutenant."
 And now Mary was undone! Porter would never forgive her for forcing him into inviting Dan Sherman. She caught Dan's glance, shook her head faintly, formed a soundless "No" with her lips.
 Dan's eyebrows slanted wickedly and he smiled as he thanked Porter. "Of course, I'd be delighted to come. Thank you for your invitation."
 Mary's look would have slayed "I didn't know your stay here was to be so long," she murmured.
 "Oh, I have two weeks furlough." Dan beamed at her. "I was planning to spend several days of it here."
 "Good. And now if you'll excuse me—" Porter nodded to Dan, smiled about at Mary. "I'll call for you about eight, then."
 Defeated
 Mary saw the forgiveness in his eyes even before she asked for it and felt suddenly, unaccountably, a

little disappointed.
 What had she done, anyway! She certainly hadn't intended to make a scene or challenge Dan to a duel or something! After all, Porter's unflinching courtesy had been one of the things she'd first liked about him.
 "Right. See you later,"—and tried to set things right again with her smile.
 "There goes a perfect gentleman." Dan said with candor as they watched Porter limp across the huge dining room to a table marked "Reserved." "If you were my girl and I caught you dating a wif, I'd beat you both."
 Mary's flush deepened. "How fortunate for me, then, that I am engaged to a man who is a gentleman and not a jealous brute."
 Dan's grin vanished behind sudden gravity. "Do you love him?"
 Mary stiffened. "Well—really that's none of your business."
 "Do you?"
 "No you don't," he contradicted flatly. "He's a nice guy. You feel a little sorry for him that he's had the rotten luck to be injured so he can't get into uniform. You admire him for the sportsmanlike way he is doing what he can to help the fight. You respect him because he's the kind of guy your mother wants you to marry. But you don't love him."
 Mary's eyes flashed angrily. "Don't you think you've said about enough."
 "Almost—not quite," he continued calmly, his eyes never leaving her face. "The rest is—that you do love me."
 Amazed, Mary stared at him. "Are you trying to be funny?"
 "Not at all. It's true. You don't know it yet, but you aren't in love with Porter Lloyd. You're in love with me."
 Mary pushed back her chair, reached for her coat. And for words with which to put this cocky, conceited smart-aleck sailor in his place. But anger tied her tongue and humiliation that she'd allowed herself to be caught in a corner like this. She might have known better. Porter had every reason to be hurt and angry that she should spend any time with a fool like Dan Sherman!
 "If you'll excuse me, I'd like to go now."
 "Wait a minute, Mary." Dan caught her arm, the laugh-lines around his eyes crinkling again.
 She flung off his arm. "Goodbye," she said pointedly and walked quickly toward the door.
 Telling Him Off
 She wasn't quick enough to lose him, of course. And all her outraged hauteur felt a little silly as Dan swung along beside her, opening doors, smiling pleasantly.
 "You looked so darned cute when you're mad," he said, easily matching his long stride to her quickened steps. "I was hoping you had a temper. I'd hate to think you were so damned civilized you couldn't stir up a good mad. Over something important, of course," he amended, still smiling as if this were some huge joke.
 "I'm not mad," Mary said, her anger boiling furiously, "and you're certainly not important."
 "You are mad. And I am important. Very." He motioned to the driver of the one taxi waiting in the curving drive. "See you later my sweet."
 Mary climbed into the cab, her lips quivering, her eyes full of hot tears. "I loathe you," she said as Dan put his head in at the open window. "I shall dread having to see you again—ever."
 He looked at her, those blue eyes suddenly very tender, the smile almost gone. "At least I've made you realize I'm alive, Mary. You've got to admit that's a little progress. If you really don't want me to come to the party tonight, I won't."
 "What you do isn't of the slightest concern to me," she said and prayed that the driver would get going before her tears spilled over. "Really mean that?"—almost wistfully.
 "Certainly."
 "Bye, then."
 She didn't answer, didn't look up as the car rumbled out of the drive. And she didn't let go of the tears either. No use getting herself all worked up over something that was absolutely of no importance. If Dan Sherman wanted to make a fool of himself, that was his business. The sooner she forgot about the whole thing, the better.

Chapter Seven
You Can't Fool Dan
 But of course she didn't forget the incident. Dan's amazing impudence was her last thought before she dropped into deep sleep that afternoon. It was her first thought as she awakened when a wintry sunset spilled reflected glory into her bedroom for a few moments before evening drew deep gloomy shadows over everything.
 Mary stretched luxuriously, yawned, and tried to laugh at Dan's preposterous idea that she wasn't in love with Porter Lloyd. If he'd said that the moon was made of green cheese, he couldn't have been more absurd.
 She slipped out of bed, drew a warm bath. And she was truly sorry that she'd hurt Porter. She took a new gold persey evening dress from her closet, unwrapped gold slippers from their black swaddling clothes, laid out her new brown Persian lamb coat.
 She was glad she had consented to her mother's buying her all these things. She thought now. It had seemed extravagant and unimportant only last week. To be spending money for a wardrobe when there was a war. But, Dan had been right about at least one thing. Porter was deeply conscious of the fact that he couldn't be in uniform. If there was anything that she could do to keep him happy, she was glad. And looking her prettiest might help.
 Porter sent orchids as usual. Lovely yellow blossoms with tongues of soft brown. Mary tucked them into the roll of curls on top of her head and loved the picture she made in the long mirror on her closet door.
 "Oh, my dear, that is lovely," her mother said, as Mary stopped to say good night. "I knew that gold would be becoming. And Porter's orchids are in such excellent taste. You are very lucky, my dear."

Mrs. Garthwaite, in a boucquet of palest blue velvet, made a lovely picture herself surrounded by the luxuriant pillows of her chaise-longue. She put down her book, held her hands out to Mary.
 "I hope you have a lovely time tonight, dear. I know you will. The Lloyd's are such fine people. And Porter is just the kind of man I'd always hoped you would marry."
 Mary's smile faltered a little.
 "You respect him because he's the kind of guy your mother wants you to marry. But you don't love him," that Dan Sherman again. She tried to thrust aside the thought.
 "I'm glad you like Porter too. Mother and my dress. I'll tell you all about the party tomorrow," she promised, and escaped before her mother could see the uncertainty that must show now in her eyes.
 "Unexpected Event"
 Was it because Porter Lloyd was the only son of one of Santa Philippi's oldest and finest families? Was it because he was already wealthy in his own right? Was it because he was successful and polished and expensively educated? Was it because Mary Garthwaite as Mrs. Porter-Lloyd III would be the heiress to her mother-in-law's position as social leader, the most envied girl in town? Did any of that have an influence on her loving Porter?
 The questions nipped at the heels of her thought as she went down the stairs to the great hall below. Foolish questions, she tried to believe and brushed them aside. There was a big florist's box on the hall table. She glanced at the name on the card. For her! But she'd already received Porter's—
 She pulled open the box. Red

flowers. An armful of them. And—she searched carefully—no card! She drew the crimson velvet blossoms out of the long box. Lovely lovely roses. Who could—Dan Sherman, of course! She thrust them back abruptly. Trying to apologize for his rudeness. And how typically "gorgeous" of him to send red roses—for love!
 She stood a moment, irresolute. Then, quickly gathering up box and flowers and all, she dumped the whole into a waste basket.
 "There," she murmured aloud. "That's how much I want your flowers, Dan Sherman."
 The doorbell rang that instant so on her way to the front door, she stopped before a mirror long enough for a last-minute check up.
 She flung the door wide and instantly her welcoming smile faded. The tall man waiting there was not Porter—but Dan Sherman!
 "Smiling imperceptibly, he stepped past her into the spacious hall closed the door behind him.
 "Hello. Have I kept you waiting?" His glance travelled boldly from the topmost orchid to the tip of her gold slipper.
 "Aren't we beautiful tonight, Mary my darling? Like a dream walking."
 "What do you want?" she demanded coldly.
 He smiled into her eyes. "You." She tried to ignore that. "You don't really mean to accept Porter's invitation for this evening, do you?"
 "Why not?"
 "Haven't you any pride—any discretion?" she countered scathingly.
 "Sure, I'm so proud of you I could make speeches about it, but I'll be so discreet not even Porter

will suspect I love you." He laid his officer's cap carefully on a table pulled off his greatcoat.
The Doorbell Rings
 Dan Sherman was certainly built to wear a uniform, Mary thought brudgely. The navy blue and the gold braid were immensely becoming. And—she added wryly—undoubtedly he knew it.
 With growing misgivings, she watched him across the long drawing room to the fireplace, stand there calmly filling his pipe.
 He caught her glance, grinned. "Don't worry, sweet. won't smoke it at Mrs. Lloyd's reception." He tamped the brown, fragrant tobacco into the bowl. "I thought we'd have time for a cosy little chat here by the fire before the enemy arrived." He caught her hand, pulled her down beside him on the pretty down-cushioned love seat. "Now, isn't this nice?"
 Mary couldn't help laughing at him. You simply couldn't stay furious at a man like Dan. That smile of his smoothed the way for any of his absurdities. If she just didn't bother to take him seriously—
 "That's my girl." He still held her hand, leaned back against the cushion now, pulled at his pipe while he watched the leaping flames. "I like an open fire. We'll have a fireplace in our ranch house, too. You like ranching, don't you?"
 "Oh, of course."
 "And horses?"
 "And horses."
 "Good. I'll teach you to ride on a western saddle."
 "I know how to ride with a western saddle," she retorted dryly. "Porter adores riding. He taught me," she added, pointedly.
 "Freight silhouetted Dan's profile. A strong profile, well-proportioned."
 He nodded agreeably. "Well, invite him up for a week-end sometime. Nice fellow, Porter."
 Mary jumped up. "Really, I wish you would go."
 "I will," he stood up instantly. "If you insist."
 He followed her out to the front hall, accepted the hat she handed him. She had her hand on the doorknob when she heard Porter's step on the porch, the soft chime of the door bell.
 To Be Continued



Merry Christmas To All— and HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 1943

At this Yuletide season we pause to reflect upon the pleasant associations and contacts of the year. We sincerely appreciate the new friends and customers we have made and send them the season's greetings.

Christmas greetings to all of our friends and patrons in Eastern Carolina, and to the men in the armed forces at home and on the battlefronts.

Mrs. Morton's Bakery

Makers of Famous "Butter Flake" Bread
Greenville, N. C.



A Merry Christmas To You

- The greatest pleasure of the year comes in telling good friends like you that they are appreciated.
- Our Christmas would not be complete without a word of thanks for your friendship and good will which have meant so much to us throughout the year.
- We deeply appreciate the fine spirit of cooperation shown by you when rationing of raw materials and rapidly changing economic conditions curtailed our production, and we face the coming year with a firm determination to do everything possible to continue to justify your faith in us.
- May this Christmas be a happy one for you, and may the coming year bring you the very best of everything.

Double Cola Bottling Co.

Greenville, N. C.

Mary's eyes flashed angrily. "Don't you think you've said about enough."
 "Almost—not quite," he continued calmly, his eyes never leaving her face. "The rest is—that you do love me."
 Amazed, Mary stared at him. "Are you trying to be funny?"
 "Not at all. It's true. You don't know it yet, but you aren't in love with Porter Lloyd. You're in love with me."
 Mary pushed back her chair, reached for her coat. And for words with which to put this cocky, conceited smart-aleck sailor in his place. But anger tied her tongue and humiliation that she'd allowed herself to be caught in a corner like this. She might have known better. Porter had every reason to be hurt and angry that she should spend any time with a fool like Dan Sherman!
 "If you'll excuse me, I'd like to go now."
 "Wait a minute, Mary." Dan caught her arm, the laugh-lines around his eyes crinkling again.
 She flung off his arm. "Goodbye," she said pointedly and walked quickly toward the door.
 Telling Him Off
 She wasn't quick enough to lose him, of course. And all her outraged hauteur felt a little silly as Dan swung along beside her, opening doors, smiling pleasantly.
 "You looked so darned cute when you're mad," he said, easily matching his long stride to her quickened steps. "I was hoping you had a temper. I'd hate to think you were so damned civilized you couldn't stir up a good mad. Over something important, of course," he amended, still smiling as if this were some huge joke.
 "I'm not mad," Mary said, her anger boiling furiously, "and you're certainly not important."
 "You are mad. And I am important. Very." He motioned to the driver of the one taxi waiting in the curving drive. "See you later my sweet."
 Mary climbed into the cab, her lips quivering, her eyes full of hot tears. "I loathe you," she said as Dan put his head in at the open window. "I shall dread having to see you again—ever."
 He looked at her, those blue eyes suddenly very tender, the smile almost gone. "At least I've made you realize I'm alive, Mary. You've got to admit that's a little progress. If you really don't want me to come to the party tonight, I won't."
 "What you do isn't of the slightest concern to me," she said and prayed that the driver would get going before her tears spilled over. "Really mean that?"—almost wistfully.
 "Certainly."
 "Bye, then."
 She didn't answer, didn't look up as the car rumbled out of the drive. And she didn't let go of the tears either. No use getting herself all worked up over something that was absolutely of no importance. If Dan Sherman wanted to make a fool of himself, that was his business. The sooner she forgot about the whole thing, the better.

Chapter Seven
You Can't Fool Dan
 But of course she didn't forget the incident. Dan's amazing impudence was her last thought before she dropped into deep sleep that afternoon. It was her first thought as she awakened when a wintry sunset spilled reflected glory into her bedroom for a few moments before evening drew deep gloomy shadows over everything.
 Mary stretched luxuriously, yawned, and tried to laugh at Dan's preposterous idea that she wasn't in love with Porter Lloyd. If he'd said that the moon was made of green cheese, he couldn't have been more absurd.
 She slipped out of bed, drew a warm bath. And she was truly sorry that she'd hurt Porter. She took a new gold persey evening dress from her closet, unwrapped gold slippers from their black swaddling clothes, laid out her new brown Persian lamb coat.
 She was glad she had consented to her mother's buying her all these things. She thought now. It had seemed extravagant and unimportant only last week. To be spending money for a wardrobe when there was a war. But, Dan had been right about at least one thing. Porter was deeply conscious of the fact that he couldn't be in uniform. If there was anything that she could do to keep him happy, she was glad. And looking her prettiest might help.
 Porter sent orchids as usual. Lovely yellow blossoms with tongues of soft brown. Mary tucked them into the roll of curls on top of her head and loved the picture she made in the long mirror on her closet door.
 "Oh, my dear, that is lovely," her mother said, as Mary stopped to say good night. "I knew that gold would be becoming. And Porter's orchids are in such excellent taste. You are very lucky, my dear."



GREETINGS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to each and every one for their patronage during the year, and wishing everyone a MOST HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

MERIT SHOES

417 Evans Street



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 May We Wish You a Real Old-Fashioned MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS 1943

BELL'S WOOD & COAL YARD
 G. J. BELL



For a Merrier Christmas

Our Season's Greetings And Best Wishes

We view the passing years with profound appreciation for the privilege of having served you, and among the gifts is your friendship and your generous cooperation in our efforts to make our services efficient. So it is most sincerely that we wish for you a—

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

the entire personnel of the

GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION



May our appreciation of your good will during the past year be expressed in this wish for you, a Christmas of joy and ever-increasing happiness in the New Year.

Carolina Grill

Dickinson Avenue Greenville, N. C.



TO MY FRIENDS
THROUGHTOUT PITT COUNTY
JOHN H. COWARD
County Auditor



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A MESSAGE TO YOU AT CHRISTMAS TIME

In true appreciation for the patronage that you have extended us in the past year let us express our wishes to you for a

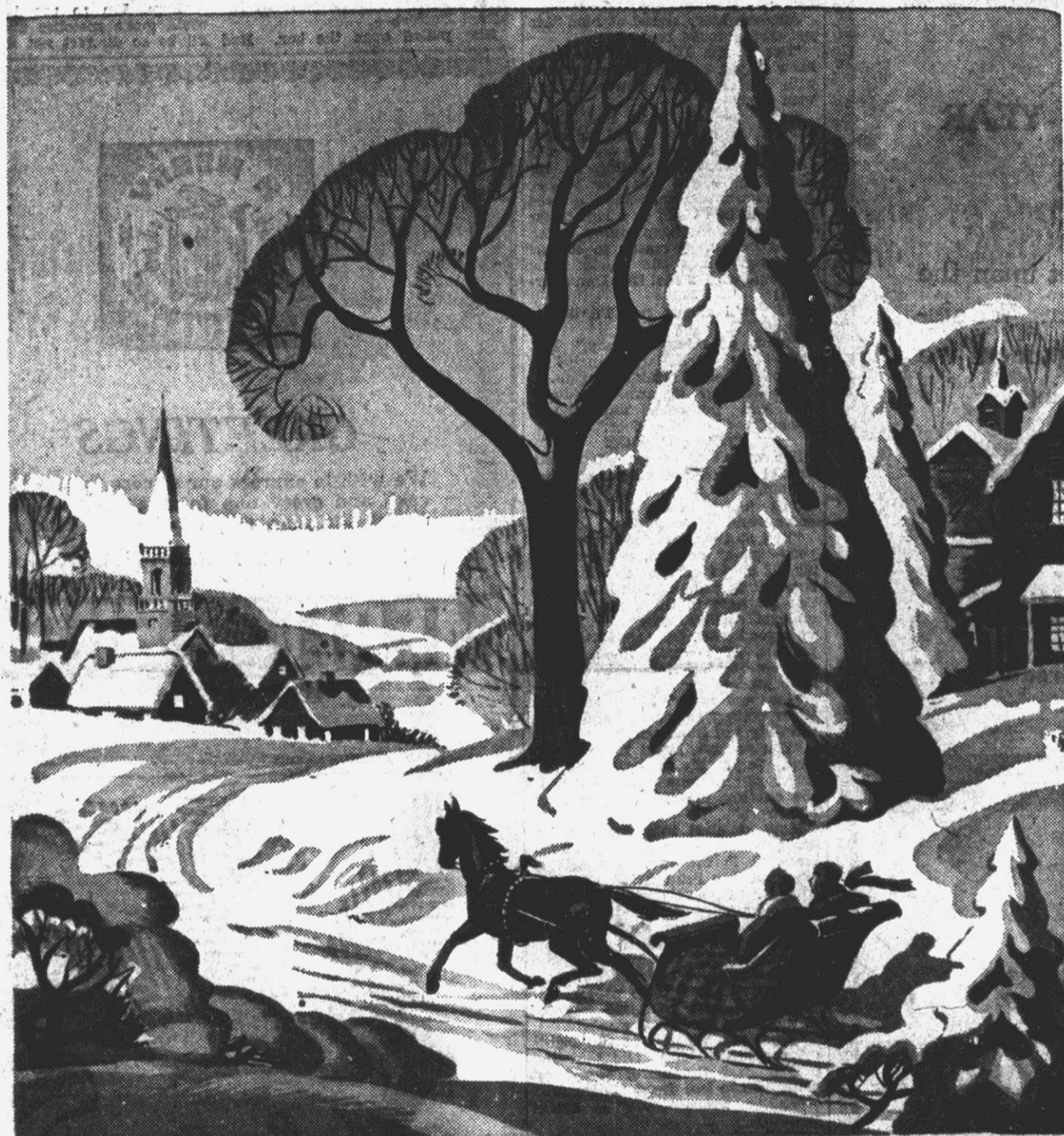
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—and a—
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

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"The Ladies' Store"



**MAY HAPPINESS AND JOY
ATTEND YOU THIS CHRISTMAS AND
MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU
PROSPERITY!**

ROY T. COX
REGISTER OF DEEDS



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



While We're On The Subject—

just wanted to express our most sincere appreciation for your patronage—and wish for you a—

MERRY CHRISTMAS
—and a—
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!
HOOKER-BUCHANAN, Inc.



**MAY SONGS OF GOOD CHEER
BE IN YOUR HEART THIS CHRISTMAS.
OUR SINCEREST HOPE FOR A JOYOUS
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Superintendent of Pitt County Schools



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AND AN ABUNDANCE OF
CHRISTMAS CHEER**

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Our sincere hope for you is that you will have a
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a

**HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
PEOPLES BAKERY**



Whatever we have accomplished during the past year has been made possible through the courtesy, cooperation and loyalty of our Friends. Please accept our sincere thanks and our wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

HONEYCUTT'S MARKET

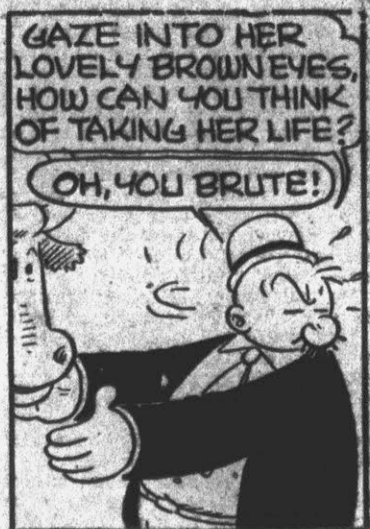


Another Christmas — another occasion when we can express to you publicly the good will we feel to our customers who have bestowed upon us so fully their faith, interest, and patronage. May the coming New Year bring to you and yours all the good things in life.

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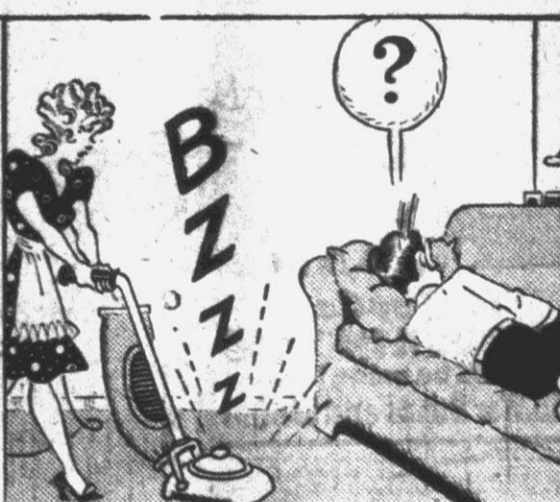


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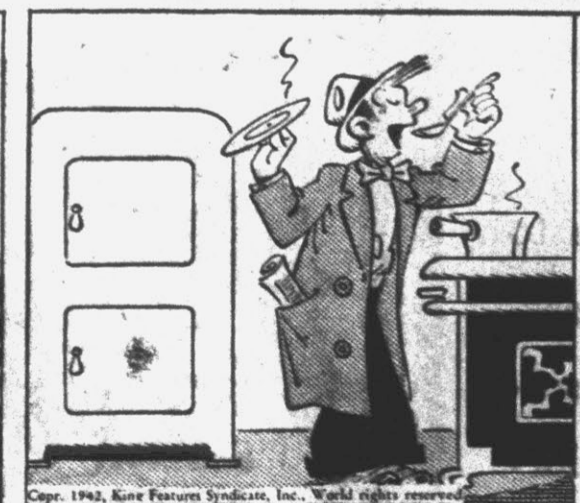


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Winnah Take All!



It Sticks By The Ribs!



Off His High Horse!



Season's Greetings



AND BEST WISHES

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Reid's Stores

WILLIAMS IS HEAD MAN IN BATTING RUNS

Also Led in Receiving Bases On Balls

Chicago, Dec. 24. — (AP) — Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox was the leader, without a close rival, in batting in runs and receiving bases on balls during the 1942 American League season, official statistics showed today. Thus Ted had these honors to add to his leading batting average of .356 and his high totals of 141 runs scored and 36 home runs.

The nearest anyone came to Williams' total of 137 runs batted in was Joe De Maggio of New York, who had 114. Other high R. B. L.'ers were Charlie Keller of New York, 103, and Bobby Doerr of Boston, 102. Di Maggio was the top man last year with 125 and Williams was fourth with 120 behind Cleveland's Jeff Heath's 123 and Keller's 122.

Williams received 145 bases on balls, with the next best marks being 114 by Keller and 106 by Les Fleming of Cleveland.

Gordon, Yankee second baseman, struck out the most times, 86, and grounded into double plays the most times, 22. Keller, in hitting into twin killings only five times, tied the league record for the fewest in 150 or more games.

Frank Crosetti of the Yankees, who was hit by pitchers more times than by any other player for the six straight years, only to yield this battered crown to Phil Rizzuto in 1941, won back the title last season when he was winged nine times. The Yankees, in their surge for the league pennant, won the team title for runs batted in with 744. The Red Sox tied the league record for hitting into the fewest double plays with 94 over the season. The Philadelphia Athletics, who hit into five twin killings in one game against the Yankees August 14, are believed to have set a new record.

Bowl Highlights

Edgewater Park, Miss., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Tennessee today moved into its Gulf Coast training center here, only a few miles along the beach from its Sugar Bowl rival, Tulsa, now working out at Bay St. Louis.

Bay St. Louis, Miss., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The University of Tulsa, nursing two injured players from football training here, was pronounced another dose of scrimmage in today's workout. Coach Henry Frank sent the boys through a 30-minute offensive scrimmage yesterday and Glenn Dobbs, N. A. Keithley and Clyde

SANTA And The SKEPTIC

By LUCRICE HUDGINS

THE STORY SO FAR: Having caused Santa Claus to be very sick by starting false rumors, Michael Woffington Bartholomew now is determined to bring Christmas to Poopo-Poona. But no one will believe there is a Santa Claus. In one last effort, Michael tries to deliver a big Christmas tree, but falls asleep. Good fairies then take the tree on to the city.

Chapter Sixteen Christmas Eve in Poopo-Poona. All day long Michael slept under the coverlet of twigs and leaves. When he awoke he was not surprised to find the big fir tree had disappeared.

He thought, "Some woodsman dragged it off to chop into firewood." And he was very grateful to the woodsman for covering him with leaves to keep him warm. "I should have frozen to death otherwise," said Michael to himself and then he thought, "Perhaps it would have been best if I had died."

For he remembered how he had

before hit ends and backs regularly with their passes that a reserve team couldn't stop.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Contact work of the highest sort continued to top the schedule for the Boston College football squad as Coach Denny Myers sent his Eagles through two more workouts.

The Eagles' Orange Bowl opponent, Alabama, is expected to arrive Sunday, in time to get in a little practice before the New Year's Day clash.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Alabama Crimson Tide faced its final heavy workout on the home field today with Coach Frank Thomas ordering regulation scrimmage against Boston College plays as run by reserves.

The squad is scheduled to taper off tomorrow, take a full Christmas holiday, and leave Saturday for Miami, Fla., and the Orange Bowl.

Atlanta, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Georgia Tech's gridgers have scattered to their respective homes for a brief Christmas interlude, but will reassemble here Friday and Saturday, 35 strong, to depart for their Cotton Bowl engagement with the University of Texas at Dallas.

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Georgia's Bulldogs won't have any severe scrimmage before the Rose Bowl game, Coach Wallace Butts said today. He indicated his team would brush up on attack and defense take care of itself. Frankie Siskwich, the Georgia hurling ace, limped noticeably through a strenuous passing workout. He had a splint on his left ankle.

failed to get the tree to the Public Square and how his falling meant that Santa would die and Christmas would never come again. Slowly, with bowed head, he walked back to the Kingdom of Poopo-Poona. It was quite dark and for a long while he had only the stars to guide him. But suddenly he neared the Gates of the Kingdom, the way became much brighter and, looking up, he saw that the Kingdom was all alight. Great bonfires burned on every hilltop and from the Public Square there rose such a glow that it could be seen for miles around.

"What can it be?" wondered Michael, quickening his steps. "It is way past time when everyone in Poopo-Poona usually goes to bed. Perhaps the whole Kingdom is on fire!"

He rushed into the Kingdom Gates and immediately he found himself in the midst of a throng of people who were singing and cheering and running towards the Public Square. Michael was pushed along with them.

"What is it? What's it all about?" he wanted to ask. But of course he could say nothing, and, even if he had, he would not have been heard for the shouting and singing drowned out all other sounds. At last the throng rushed into the Square where great crowds of other people were already standing. And there, right in the center of the Square was the giant fir tree Michael had chopped down!

It towered far above the rooftops and there were so many colored lights and silver stars on its branches that it lit the whole Square. Michael stared at it in astonishment. Then he realized that people were singing Christmas Carols and with joined hands were dancing around the tree.

Never had such a Christmas Eve celebration been seen before in Poopo-Poona! There was joy on every face. Everyone was sharing fruits and candies with his neighbors and even the naughtiest children were behaving themselves and taking care of their little brothers and sisters.

"What has happened?" wondered Michael in astonishment. Just then someone slapped him on the back and shouted: "Sing, lad sing! For Christmas has come to Poopo-Poona!"

But Michael could not sing for he couldn't even speak. Instead, he stole out of the Square and went alone towards his own home.

"I suppose it was the woodsman who covered me with leaves and carried my tree to the Square and decorated it for all the people," he thought. "But that doesn't mean Christmas has really come for I failed Santa and he will die tomorrow."

And he went into his house and got undressed and went to bed in the dark. Chapter Seventeen A Merry Christmas. To all For a long time Michael lay in his bed listening to the sound of shouting and singing in the Public Square many blocks away. But he could not sleep because he was worrying about Santa Claus. It was past midnight and early Christmas morning when Michael heard the clatter outside of his window.

"Michael!" called a voice. "Michael Bartholomew Woffington!" Michael sprang out of bed and ran to the window and there, right in his own back yard, was a wonderful sight.

There was a sleigh drawn by eight grand reindeer. The sleigh was packed full with bags of toys and standing under Michael's window was Santa himself! But how different he looked than when Michael had seen him in Santa Land! Now he was smiling and full of laughter. His voice was rich and hearty and jollier than any voice Michael had ever heard.

Trembling with excitement, Mi-

chael pulled on his shoes and trousers and ran out into the yard. He was so happy that Santa was well and had come to Poopo-Poona that a great big lump filled his throat and he couldn't even try to speak.

But Santa was doing all the talking anyway. He said, "I watched you from Santa Land. I watched you decorate the streets with colored paper. I watched you fill every house with good things to eat. I watched you cut down the fir tree and saw you fall beside it when you could drag it no further."

Michael hung his head because he was ashamed for having failed. "But you didn't fail," said Santa gently. "I decided that if there was only one child in all the world who believed in me, if he believed hard enough to do all the things you have done to keep Christmas on earth, then I could never die."

"It doesn't matter how many children believe. So long as just one child believes in me with all his heart there will always be a Christmas."

And then Santa chuckled. "So," he said, "I sent my fairies to take your fir tree to the Square. And I filled my sleigh with all the toys the elves could finish. And now I must be off for there is much work ahead of me this night."

But just before he climbed back in his sleigh he handed Michael a magnificent silver horn. "Here's your Christmas present, lad," said Santa. "I made it especially for you."

It was a beautiful horn—the most beautiful one Michael had ever seen. But he held it behind him and didn't blow it at all. Santa climbed in his sleigh and said, "Blow your horn."

But Michael just stood there. "Santa has forgotten that I cannot speak," he thought. "And when I blow the horn and only smoke and hot air come out it will make him feel very badly."

Santa said again, "Blow your horn, Michael." But he had to say it twice more before Michael finally raised the horn to his lips.

He blew ever so softly so there wouldn't be too much smoke. But instead of smoke and hot air, the horn gave a wonderful silvery blast!

"Oh!" cried Michael in amazement. Santa burst into laughter for Michael had really said "Oh!" and not just hot air. "Merry Christmas, Michael!" cried Santa, driving his reindeer into the sky. "Merry Christmas!"

The boy blew one more silvery blast on his horn and waved at Santa who was now high in the sky. Then, his heart bursting with joy, Michael ran madly towards the Great Public Square.

"Merry Christmas!" he shouted when he saw the crowds. "Merry Christmas to all!" And his voice was louder and happier than all the rest. THE END

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Merry Christmas TO ALL

And A

Happy, Prosperous New Year

At this season we pause to reflect upon the many pleasant acquaintances and associations that we have had during this year, and desire to extend to our many friends and patrons our best wishes for a most joyful Holiday Season.

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Happy Holiday Season
 and a
Prosperous New Year

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