

Canadians Take Town Of Ortona

Nazi Died At Their Posts Rather Than Retreat From Einter Line Anchor; Americans Take Mt. Cassino

Alled Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 23.—(AP)—American troops driving in a flanking move from the east captured 3,000-foot Mount Cavallo and from that lofty vantage point began shelling the fortified village of Ortona, only eight miles from Cassino. Allied headquarters announced today that the Fifth and Eighth armies passed their attack over rain-soaked Italian terrain. French units participating in the afternoon assault on Cassino, scored their first important strategic victory of the Italian campaign when after three days and nights of ferocious fighting they won possession of a key mountain pass near the site of the American advance. Cassino, a major highway and rail junction guarding a wide valley 70 miles from Rome, now was within Allied artillery range from the southeast, east and northeast. American forces driving up the Liri valley from the southeast and northeast were still cleaning out nests of bitterly resisting Germans on the outskirts of San Vittore, six miles from Cassino. "Casino infantry after three days of house to house fighting cleared the Nazis from all but the northwestern corner of the ancient cathedral town of Ortona on the Adriatic coast. The Germans defending this fortress with fury commensurate with its importance to their winter line even used parachute troops as infantry to battle the Canadians through its streets. Many Nazis died at their posts rather than retreat. With Ortona's fall, the Canadians were expected to cover the remaining miles into the port of Pescara in a matter of days faster than they took time to solve Ortona's elaborate defenses.

Island Lake Named For Beauty Queen

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Marine Corps Lieut. James P. Hackett of Rumson, N. J., formerly an editor at the Associated Press, has had a lake in far-off Bougainville in the South Pacific named for a girl in Brooklyn. "If I don't go down in history, I know I'll go down in Geography," said Miss Kathleen Reynolds, 22, once a beauty queen at New York University, when told about Lake Kathleen. Hackett wrote her that ever since he landed with his amphibious outfit, he had been after the coast and goodie mapmakers and he finally persuaded them to name the lake for Kathleen. It was officially named December 8 by the Coast and Geodetic Survey and Marine Corps, army and navy officials and the name was accepted by the Australian government representatives.

Not Good Enough

Fort Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 23.—(AP)—A drafted giv'g this reason, in writing, for asking deferment. "Considering from a traumatic personality of the flexor digitorum sublimis in profundus muscle at the metacarpophalangeal joint." The army said no, a sore finger wasn't a good enough excuse.

Two Tar Heels Among Internees In Sweden

By JOHN H. COLBURN
Falun, Sweden, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Nineteen Allied airmen including 66 Americans have discovered internment boredom is tough. Interned by neutral Sweden, they live in a fraternity-house atmosphere in three former rest homes of Falun, one of the country's scenic spots. All crashed or parachuted or made forced landings on Swedish soil after raids against Germany or Norway. With few military restrictions and no routine, they lead the life of vacationers. But all would go back tomorrow to combat operations. Their only chance of getting back is through the exchange of an equal number of Allied and German airmen who were forced down in Sweden. Four American fliers now await an exchange. Two are pilots of a famed Liberator group which made special missions from Britain and North Africa, including Ploesti and Neustadt. These flights and other thrillers are flown and refloated in conversation during Sweden's 18-hour winter nights. There are continuous hot arguments over the relative merits of Flying Fortresses and Liberators. A typical winter day for the internees starts around 8 a. m. when they form a breakfast line. It is just getting light then. After breakfast they hike or ski through the snow blanketed woods. Hockey players and ice skaters get workouts at nearby lakes. Lunch is served cafeteria style but

NAZI WEAPON NOT A BLUFF

Britons Show Little Concern Over Reported Rocket Gun
New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Allied officials regard Germany's rocket secret weapon as "no bluff," says Allan A. Michie of the Reader's Digest magazine. Arriving here by trans-Atlantic clipper yesterday, Michie said: Allied officials in London have been gathering information from refugees and agents for five months on the secret weapon the Germans are talking about. They have enough information to know that it is no bluff. He said the Allies are reasonably sure of the broad outlines of the weapon. "It is a rocket-type projectile weighing approximately 50 tons," he declared. "It can be shot from the French coast into England." Michie said that after a recent rain on Peenemunde, agents reported that 5,000 workers, including skilled technicians, had been killed and many blueprints and much machinery destroyed. "The secret weapon has not yet been used," he added, "you must draw your own inference."

Service League Will Provide Christmas

Through the influence of the Service League numerous local clubs and groups—religious, civic and fraternal—will provide baskets and Christmas cheer for deserving families and individuals—white and colored—of Christmas. The Elks Lodge, Kiwanis Rotary and Lions clubs, American Legion, fraternal organizations, churches and others are sharing in the privilege of being Santa Claus for those in destitute circumstances. The Salvation Army, from their Christmas kettles and other sources, will provide good, cheer, food and clothing for many families. It might be remembered that in this era of war prosperity there are still with many persons and families in unfortunate circumstances who need fuel, clothing and food for wartime comfort. "Clip in" some money today for the Salvation Army kettles, contact the Service League, the police or others and find out where you can spend a few dollars to help somebody to have Christmas, Mayor Bruce sugg said today.

Santa Checks In At Army Air Base



Santa Claus steps from a jeep at the main gate of the Army Air Forces Training Center No. 10, Greenville, N. C., to have his pass examined. Pvt. William P. Brass (left) of Los Angeles flirts the pass okay and gives Santa a hearty welcome. (Associated Press Photo from Army Air Forces.)

VETERANS TO GET NEW JOBS Odds Against Generals Being Made President

Only Five Life-Time Soldiers Have Been Discharged Soldiers Do Not Have To Take War Jobs
Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Menpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt, declaring that returning veterans must be given "every possible assistance," made it clear today that honorably discharged servicemen don't have to take war jobs if they don't want to. "Regardless of local manpower programs which give essential war plants first call on workers, the veterans will be helped to find jobs to their liking," he said. "That goes for both men and women. About 100,000 now are being discharged every month. "It can be assumed that the majority of returning veterans will prefer war jobs but no restriction will be placed on anyone who chooses to accept other work, particularly work promising greater permanency," McNutt said.

June Rose Praises Spirit Young Folk

By CHESTER WALSH
"No Greenville High School boy has requested me to help him to be deferred from service in the armed forces," City School Supt. June H. Rose, told a Reflector reporter this Christmas Eve when he asked the school official for an expression on what has been accomplished here during the past year. "Our boys have asked me how they could get into the service and have been anxious to enlist in the armed forces," he said. "The youth of Greenville is fine in a positive way and the leaders of the community are interested in making juvenile delinquency much less of a problem here than elsewhere through a constructive juvenile community program. The juvenile delinquency problem in Greenville is being efficiently and intelligently handled and the attitude of the boys and girls to cooperate is commendable," he said. Rose complimented the Welfare Department for their intelligent and cooperative work. "Help we are getting from the Welfare Department staff is sympathetic, positive, worthwhile and unceasing. The juveniles who come up for correction are given every chance. The job of the welfare department is to rehabilitate, construct and lend a helping hand, and they are doing it in a fine way," Rose said.

Economic High Points Of 1943 Babson Reviews A Few Basic Factors

Babson Park, Mass., December 24.—In my Annual Forecast of the Business and Financial Outlook for 1944, which will be published in this paper next week, I shall make some very definite predictions regarding business, politics and the war. Now as 1943 draws to a close and particularly on this day before Christmas, I wish to point out that it has been a good year. This compares with 1942 when we received \$114,000,000,000 in income received solely by individuals. Money in people's pockets and hide-aways per person at the end of 1943 amounts to about \$150 compared with \$104.94 for December, 1942. When realizing that these figures apply to every man, woman and child—in postwar spending power of this free cash is tremendous. These vast sums of money are responsible for our rising retail trade. This has reached an all-time peak in 1943. Total sales of retail stores for the year will approach \$62,900,000,000 as compared with \$57,784,000,000 in 1942. But remember that although this money has been once "spent" it has not been destroyed or locked up but will be spent over and over again until the final collapse. Stores and customers have felt the lack of many civilian goods, but plans are now under way to manufacture items which have not been produced for months. These consist mainly of household goods, although the government list to date contains some 700 items. Production and War Costs Our wartime production boom may have reached its peak this

Legion To Provide Food For Soldiers

The County Post No. 39, American Legion, has arranged to provide food for service men at the USO center at the Woman's Club Sunday. This action was taken, Commander Paul A. Scott stated, after it became known that some eating places in the city will be closed during the holidays. It added, however, that all evidence so far shows that a relatively small proportion of women now at work will voluntarily withdraw from the labor market after the war and asked that full employment be designed to include all women now at work—those in uniform as well as civilians.

Chinese Gains In Rice Bowl Region

Chungking, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Chinese, making further comeback after having cleared the Japanese of half of the rice bowl in the Tungting Lake area, pursued fleeing enemy troops and reached the vicinity of Sungtze, a Yangtze port midway between Shasi and Ichang, the Chinese high command announced tonight. The Chinese also reached the neighborhood of Kungang, a Japanese base 30 miles southwest of Shasi. Those of us at home, safe and surrounded by conveniences and many luxuries, should appreciate that there is still a war—in fact should be no let-down in our home-front battles. War as such is unknown to the vast majority of us. To most families and individuals, it is a remote state of affairs which

Unions Reject President's Offer Arbitrate Wage Case

NEW BLOWS ON JAP TARGETS Cape Gloucester And Wewak Blasted By Allied Bombers

Advanced Allied Headquarters in New Guinea, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Allied Liberator bombers have dropped 153 more tons of bombs on oft-battered Cape Gloucester, key Japanese air-drome and supply base on the western end of New Britain Island. This latest raid, one of a series which have hammered the area with around 2,200 tons of explosives since December 1, was staged Wednesday, setting fires which were visible 40 miles away. General Douglas MacArthur's communique today reporting the raid, also said that Japanese had attacked again through the air at Arava, New Britain, where American troops were consolidating their positions, dropping 150 bombs which caused but little damage. The attack was Thursday night, two days after another aerial assault which cost the enemy 16 planes. Low-flying Mitchell medium bombers had a field day in a Wednesday assault on the Japanese air-base and shipping at Wewak on the northeast coast of New Guinea. The bombers scored two direct hits each on two 6,000-ton transports and a 3,000-ton freighter. Lightning fighters flying escort, peeled off into 30 enemy interceptors knocking down 14 and probably destroying two more. Two of our fighters were shot down and one of the Mitchells was badly damaged in the battle which was furiously fought over land and sea.

Not Quite Yet



Mrs. Helen D. Longstreet (above), widow of Confederate General James Longstreet, says she's not quitting her riveter's job at the Bell bomber plant near Atlanta, Ga., even though the Atlanta Journal reported that plant officials planned to ask for her resignation because of her age. The Journal said she is the "real old lady" which a CIO publication said is responsible for "an awful uproar among workers." Mrs. Longstreet here relaxes with a book in her trailer home near the aircraft plant.

Chances Of Averting Nationwide Rail Strike Grow Dimmer As December 30 Deadline Nears

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Three big rail unions rejected tonight the offer by President Roosevelt that he arbitrate their wage case in order to head off a nation-wide strike scheduled for December 30. "This the chances for the nation's 'Christmas present' which Mr. Roosevelt had asked—assurance by the holiday that there would not be a strike—went glimmering although the railroad managements and two operating unions agreed to the arbitration proposal. Rejecting the offer were the Order of Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and the Switchmen's Union. Accepting it were the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Neither flatly rejected or accepted so far as the 15 non-operating unions whose representatives said tonight they expected their conferences to go over until Monday. Under the terms of Mr. Roosevelt's offer, the parties would have to agree in advance to abide by his decision. The President asked leaders of the operating brotherhoods and railroad management representatives if they would permit him to make the final decision when they reported to the White House this afternoon that their negotiations were deadlocked.

Report Landing British Forces

London, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A landing of British naval forces in the Azores, Portugal, was reported today by the Berlin radio. While it said "there is no concrete evidence yet that the report is true," the International Information Bureau, Berlin propaganda agency, added: "The main object of this occupation is to guard Churchill's future plans of resistance." It speculated that the British Prime Minister, recovering from pneumonia, "intends to spend the winter in Madeira to restore his health completely." The British have established bases in the Azores, also Portuguese-owned.

Entertain State Guard Members of the Greenville County of the N. C. State Guard, Capt. Jasper L. Jones commanding, have been invited by Manager T. Y. Walker to be his guests at different times during the holidays at the Pitt theater. Manager Walker made the announcement at the drill Tuesday night.

Until Tuesday

With this issue The Reflector takes a holiday until Tuesday afternoon, when our next issue will appear. The management, staff and entire personnel of the organization extend warmest wishes to our readers and friends wish for them a happy Christmas holiday. (Continued on Page Four)

Entertain State Guard

Military Committee Pleased With Long Range Bomber

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Development of a new super-bomber was disclosed today by Rep. Sparkman (D-Ala.), chairman of a house military aviation subcommittee, on his return from a 10,000-mile inspection tour of aviation plants and army air force installations in eight states. "Other than that it will 'surprise and hurt' the enemy and soon will be in large scale production, Sparkman said he could disclose no definite plans." (Continued on Page Eight)

Christmas Reflections By Greenville Citizen

By CHESTER WALSH
When the Christmas season and the New Year approach all of us feel inspired to spread some good cheer and as Rev. Father Maurice said yesterday morning in his regular religious radio broadcast, in an eloquent and impressive Christmas and New Year's sermon, "We want to start all over again," as children say in their games. Tomorrow is Christmas Day, the most important in all of the history of the world. There lingers in the bosom of every human being something spiritual that reminds that December 25th is not only a holiday, but a time for appreciation in outward manifestations of the birth of the Redeemer in Bethlehem nearly 2,000 years ago. The "Merry Christmas" greetings cheerily passed along at this time are spontaneous. They are manifestations of that instinctive knowledge of Christ and His mission in this world to save souls. The impulse to give, lend a helping hand, spread good cheer, does not simply happen. The Christmas spirit is God and His Blessed Son. Our customs and practices, our gestures of generosity and hospitality, and our tendency to be the "Good Samaritan" come from that inborn knowledge that these things we are prompted to do during the Christmas season. We celebrate Christmas because we are Christians, and in the love of God our fellowship overflows in good deeds, kindly acts, friendly greetings, and charity to all. The people of Greenville and Pitt county have been blessed by the

Honor Coach Farley High School Monday

The Greenville High School athletic teams and Coach "Bo" Farley will be guests at a banquet at the high school Tuesday night, December 28 at 6:30, in honor of the popular coach, who has endeared himself to the young people of the community through the years. Pitt County Chapter of the Duke Alumni Association will meet with the group, June H. Rose, superintendent of city schools, stated. Coach Farley will leave on the morning of the 28th for Fort Bragg, where he will be inducted into the armed forces. At the conclusion of the banquet there will be a free showing of a motion picture of the Duke-Carolina football game. The picture is free and the public is invited to see it.

Weather

Partly cloudy and continued cold.

SHOPPING DAY LEFT... AND I HAVEN'T GOTTEN A THING FOR THE REMINDER... OR NEW BELLS FOR THE... Buy Christmas Seals

RATION DEADLINES
Meats: DEF. Jan. 20.
Meats: LMNFQ Jan. 1.
Sugar: Sugar '29 3 lbs. Jan. 1.
Gasoline: No. 8-A coupons, Feb. 8.
Fuel Oil—No. 1 coupons, Jan. 3.

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Merry Christmas
And
A Happy New Year

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Social and Personal

Sgt. and Mrs. Quinn Bostic and little son of Fort Bragg, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Berry Bostic.

Mrs. Harvey Turnage of Washington, D. C., arrived yesterday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Galloway.

Miss Betty Lou Turnage, a student at Salem Academy, is spending the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. W. S. Galloway.

Lt. Ty Wagner of Corpus Christi, Texas, is here to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Eleanor Yelverton of Goldsboro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. K. B. Pace.

Miss Mary Holland left yesterday to spend Christmas at her home in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards and Mrs. Milton White are spending Christmas in Hertford.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Gulley left yesterday to spend the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. John Raper and family, in Lexington.

Mrs. R. E. Pittman will leave today for Gatesville to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Aubrey Shackell of Washington, D. C., is spending several days with her mother, Mrs. Hortense Moye.

Mr. John Glenn of New York City, is spending the holidays here with his family.

Mr. Jack Moye has returned from Kentucky where he has been on the tobacco market.

Chatham Book Club Meets.
The Chatham Book Club held a most enjoyable meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. C. Lanier as hostess.

The Lanier home was festive with holiday arrangements of greenery and red berries. On arrival the guests were invited into the dining room where from a beautifully appointed table, Mrs. W. P. Moore and Mrs. Earl Forbes served mince meat pudding, salted nuts, mints and coffee.

Mrs. Forbes, the president, called the meeting to order, and a short business session was held. A report was made on the club's participation in the Christmas packed stockings for the soldiers at Camp Lejeune.

Mrs. L. T. Shotwell, who had charge of the program, delighted those present when she presented some of Mrs. J. H. Rose's plays. These young talented artists dramatized "Guest at the Inn," by Marlon Holbrook. Those taking part were Misses Eleanor James, Muriel Shotwell, Katherine VanNoywick, Ione Brodcher and Nancy Hannah.

Mrs. J. B. Kittrell and Mrs. Katherine Adams of Smithfield, were guests.—Reported.

Immanuel Baptist Church.
There will be a special Christmas day service at the Immanuel Baptist Church at 10 a. m., Sunday, at which time there will be a special recording of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" on this 100th anniversary of the writing of this masterpiece.

There will also be a number of beloved Christmas carols sung by the congregation. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

Share Your Christmas.
Share your Christmas with the boys at the service center by taking in a plate of cookies, cakes or candy for the sugar plum tree.

If you cannot go to the club Friday afternoon with your sweets, call 2582 and a canteen worker will call at your home for your contribution.

Christmas Eve Service.
There will be a midnight Christmas Eve service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 East Fourth street, beginning at 11:30 Friday night.

On Christmas Day there will be the Low celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11 a. m., and at 7 p. m. the church school will have the.

The 8 o'clock service on Sunday morning will be omitted.

Christmas Program.
St. Paul's Church School will have its Christmas program and party Saturday evening, Dec. 25, from 7 until 8 o'clock. A short service will be held in the church beginning promptly at 7. From the church we will go to the parish house where a real Christmas party will be in store for all. Members of the church school are urged to be present and bring their parents, members of their families and friends.

GOOD CHRISTMAS FOR CLARK FAMILY

The family couldn't all be together because Uncle Sam had prior claim, but at the same time it will be a good Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. John G. Clark, for they have one of their sons home from military duties and another son, John Clark, Jr., talked to them from Panama last night, telling them that all was well and wishing his friends back home a merry Christmas. John has just been promoted from staff sergeant to the rank of warrant officer in the coast artillery. He has been in the Canal Zone for some time.

Lt. Charles Clark, U. S. Army Air Corps, arrived last night from Craig Field, Alabama, to spend the holidays here.

GREENVILLE MAN IN ARMORED DIVISION BAND

This Calif., Dec. 23.—Whether it's 5 o'clock in the morning or 7 at night, it's a dark life in the desert wasteland of the California-Arizona maneuver area. The moon and stars lift the black veil a bit, but they cannot alleviate the chill.

Brightening such an existence among the troops of the 11th Armored Division is the division band—a unit of 60 musicians who begin their cadences and melody before the dawn and complete their day's tour of duty late at night, with many hours of combat training, range firing, battle inoculation, obstacle courses, police details, K.P., and an assortment of other assignments, crowding their days.

The versatility of the band—which may be broken into three dance combinations, two large swing bands and two concert or military ensembles—is highlighted by its musicians. They are qualified in their personal weapon, and they've crawled and crept over assault courses while machine guns fired low over their heads, but they once performed in bands where the only assault was the scramble for autographs.

Included in this organization is a former Duke University lineman and trumpeter in Johnny Long's band, Technical Sergeant James G. Robeson of Greenville, N. C.

Germans caught by censors mentioning air raid damage are subject to penalties ranging up to the death sentence.

C. HEBER FORBES

SEASON'S GREETINGS
To One And All!

At this time, the 43rd 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
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Christmas Eve.
A regular jam on the streets. Some big pop crackers were going again last night.

The register of deeds reports a heavy run for Christmas marriage licenses.

The policemen were doing business early this morning and had it lively throughout the day.

The boys are itching to touch off their fireworks. The fun will begin at 6 o'clock.

The fellow who gets in the lock-up today may have a quiet Christmas tomorrow.

Toads are a gardener's friend, destroying cutworms and other pests.

Greetings.
From The Entire Staff
We Wish You All A Very
Merry Christmas
AND A
Happy New Year

Blount-Harvey



**CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS!**

At this Yuletide we cannot feel quite free
 To wish you "MERRY" Christmas—when your tree
 Perhaps holds one bare bough for one that's dear
 While your brave heart smiles—though he's not here
 To share—with all the little tots—their joy:
 Inwardly your thoughts are with your boy:—
 Who's somewhere in strange lands that he
 May help this bleeding world be ever free.

Christmas means more than worldly gifts that we
 Wrap daintily in tissue:—lovely to see:—
 It marks the birth of One who gave His youthful life
 That men might live in Peace, instead of strife—
 His principles were the self-same law
 Your absent son, or daughter, now fights for.
 So on tomorrow's dawn when you will hear
 Carols like—"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear,"
 We know He who came to save mankind that day,
 Will protect those you love who are away.

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Strength FOR THE DAY By EARL I. DOUGLAS

ON STREET AND BATTLEFIELD When the Scots Guards, during the British war in South Africa were drawn up in line at Windsor one day, their colonel asked for volunteers for an exceptionally dangerous expedition. He explained the cause and then requested that volunteers step forward. In the meantime, he turned to speak to a fellow officer, and when he looked again, he saw the line unbroken just as it had been before. "What!" he exclaimed. "No volunteer among the Scots Guards?" "Sir," replied a junior officer, "the whole line has stepped forward." What acceleration there would be to genuine world progress if the whole line of abled-bodied and abled-minded men and women, confronted with the challenge for human betterment, would step forward as eager volunteers. We are held back by our selfishness, by our preoccupation with ideals which are not of the highest, and personal principles which spring from shallow motives. When any considerable portion of a nation's people step forward heroically to volunteer for a tough job, that nation is being earmarked by destiny for big things. These facts especially do we need these days. We live in an age which calls for heroism, and courage of this variety is needed amid the commonplace of civilian life just as it is needed on the battle field. All Rights Reserved— Babson Newspaper Syndicate

CHRISTMAS The sky can still remember The earliest Christmas morn, When in the cold December The Saviour Christ was born. No star unfolds its glory, No trumpet wind is blown, But tells the Christmas story In music of its own.

O never-fading splendor! O never-silent song! Still keep the green earth tender, Still keep the gray earth strong. Still keep the brave earth dreaming Of deeds that shall be done, While Children's lives come streaming Like sunbeams from the sun. Angels sweet and splendid, Throne in our hearts and sing The wonders which attended The coming of the King: Oh we too, boldly pressing Where once the shepherds trod, Hail Bethlehem's Hill of Blessing, And find the Son of God. —Bishop Phillips Brooks (All Rights Reserved— Babson Newspaper Institute)

Christmas . . . (Continued from Page One) Wisdom and philosophy, reminded us before this war is over "we will all find it good to cooperate and be closer together." Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, new pastor of Davis Memorial Methodist church, preaches a closer union of religious peoples and a brighter future when we emerge from the shadows of war. Conley, superintendent of county schools, rejoices in the wonderful spirit of cooperation of students and parents under war conditions. The spirit of Christmas prevails in unusual manner this year. There will be fewer frills and frivolities, there will be more of the spirit to "like the man who lives in the house by the side of the road and a friend to man." This is a practical Christmas. He celebration, as evidenced, this. The incarna-



tion is to heed the injunction. "I bring you tidings of great joy." Many things have happened here since last Christmas. There will be numerous changes as time goes on. The hope and prayer now is that before next Christmas "Peace and good will to all men" will prevail throughout the world.

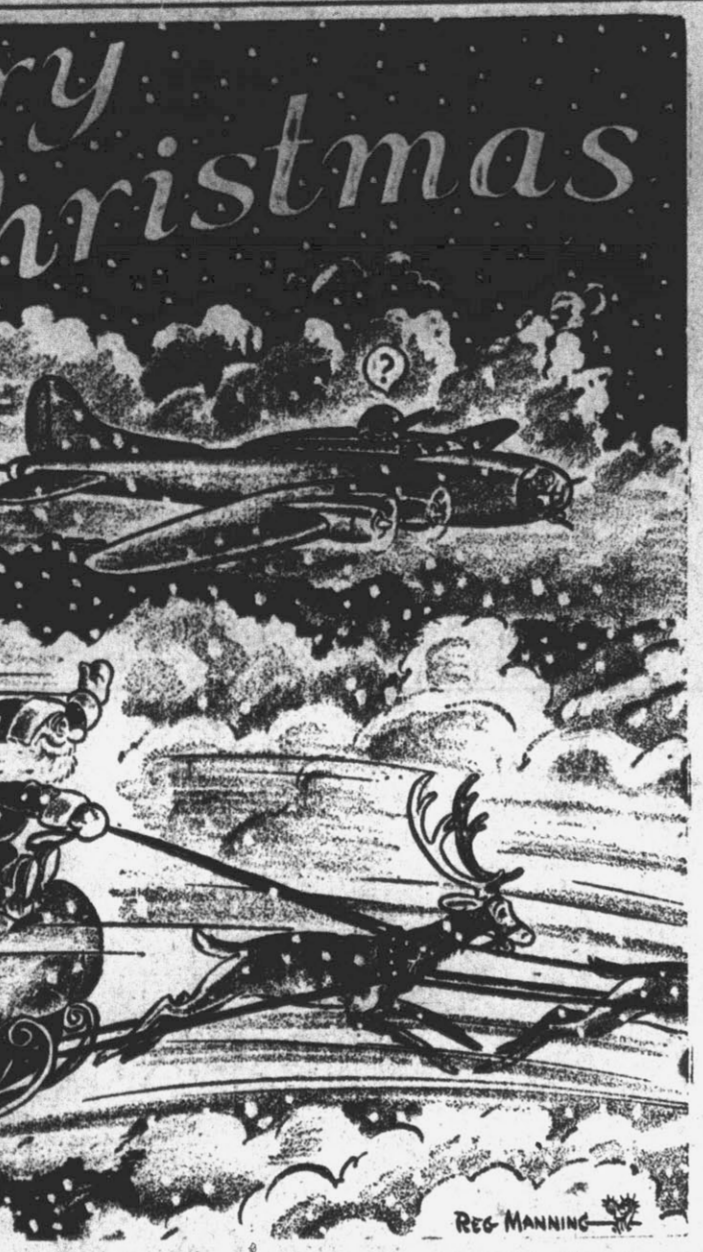
Russia and Poland Can Work Together

Moscow, Dec. 23—(AP)—Russia and Czechoslovakia, linked in a 20-year friendship pact, sincerely believe they can "come to a settlement and an assured peace also with Poland." President, Edouard Benes of the Czech government-in-exile declared last night. He described the new agreement as part of "a general system of security," and said "the intentions of the Soviet Union toward Poland are the same as they were to us—to see an independent country strong and democratic, and in full cooperation."

Wants To Go Back Home For Christmas

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 23—(AP)—She's only five years old and she's homesick for the eastern Kentucky mountains which she had never left until she was brought to an orphanage here recently. All the children at the orphanage

One Side, Boys



were writing letters to Santa Claus. A nurse offered to write for the little mountain girl and here's the letter the homesick orphan dictated: "Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll to play with, a suitcase for my clothes and a mule to ride back home on."

Getting Better

London, Dec. 23—(AP)—A brief statement from 10 Downing Street today said Prime Minister Churchill "continues to make steady progress."

New Era Ahead For The South

Atlanta, Dec. 23—(AP)—Look for the postwar south to beat its plowshares into wheels of industry, says the man who helped start the fight for industrial equality with the north and east. E. D. Rivers, former Georgia governor, organizer of the original southeastern growers' conference, and now a private lawyer, believes the south is on the eve of winning its long fight for equalized freight rates. And that, he continues, will open the way for long-delayed industrial development. Rivers, in an interview, said the southern governors' conference would play a leading role in shaping this post-war progress. Its planning program may in-

KEEP ON Bashing the Attack! WITH WAR BONDS

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1. Away 4. Tender suitable 9. English letter 12. Nothing 13. Indian millet 14. River; Spanish 15. Howling 17. Demon 18. Design of scattered objects 19. Still 20. Youth beloved by Galatea 21. Self 22. Continued story 23. Type of electric current; abbr. 27. Exist 29. Contemptible 30. Player at children's games 32. Spanish instruments for marking musical rhythm 35. Pippen 36. Complete 37. Three prefix 38. Broth 39. Beam 40. Bondage 42. Among 43. Fish 44. Spike of corn 45. Short for a man's name 46. Expert 49. Cluster of fibers in wool 51. Particle 52. Luzon native 54. Alack 57. Compliment of a bolt 58. Sky 60. Make lace 61. Edible bulb 62. Collection of facts 63. Some emperors 64. Former emperors 65. Period of time DOWN 4. Town in Ohio 5. Task 6. Sign of the zodiac 7. Defense 8. Light brown 9. Heater 10. Likeness 11. Soaks up 16. Ambassador 20. Help 22. Early English money 24. Oriental commodity 25. South American monkey; variant 26. City in Luzon 28. Amuses 29. Operated a writing machine 31. Furtive 34. Blunder 35. French coin 38. Moving body of water 40. Undermine masculine name 43. Jewel 47. Crazy 48. Minute groove 50. Entreat 51. Architectural pier 52. Cupid 55. East Indian money; account 56. Remain 58. Scandinavian measure of length 59. City in Belgium

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ARMY ARMEN PLAY SANTA

Carrying Christmas Cheer To Men On Battlefield

By CHARLES C. HASLET Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Santa Claus, dressed in olive drab and flying an Army Air Force plane, is bringing Christmas to United States troops in icy, barren northern areas, the battle fronts of Europe and the sun-baked, lakes or dripping dim jungles of the Pacific. The War Department has reported that hundreds of evergreens, tons of cigarettes, candy, cake, radios and recording machines marked "hold until Christmas" have been flown to isolated outposts which are inaccessible in winter except by air. The Army Santa Claus began deliveries four months ago and will continue until every soldier in the most remote station has received his packages. Fifteen tons of Christmas mail were moved by air when ice blocked surface shipping. An Army transport plane will drop mail bags in the snow sometime this month at a tiny weather station in the Bering sea. It will be the first mail there in four months. On Thanksgiving day, soldiers in the Aleutians tasted their first fresh fowl since arriving in the islands. They will have it again Christmas—turkey—with olives, shrimp and rolls, all flown in by their air force buddies. Even isolated gun positions have received Christmas trees, food and packages, dropped from passing combat aircraft. Combat planes, transports and troop carriers are taking Christmas mail and packages to the southwest Pacific. The mail has been reaching Australia at the rate of several thousand tons weekly. Troops on the front line get their mail about a week after it reaches Australia. From there it goes to New Guinea and is transferred to other planes which carry it through mountain passes and over jagged mountains.

Soldiers Play Santa For French Children

Algiers, Dec. 23—(AP)—Officers and men from the headquarters of the 12th Fighter Command will play Santa Claus this week-end, adopting 56 French children from a local orphanage long enough to give them a Christmas eve party, American style. Following a Mickey Mouse film in French, Santa Claus, played by Sgt. Royal M. Bolduc, Augusta, Me., entertainer at headquarters, will distribute woolen clothing, toilet articles, candy and toys. The following day, the airmen will furnish the children a dinner at the orphanage. The shortest tenure of the presidency was that of William Henry Harrison, who died one month after taking office.

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We take this method to announce that we close Friday night, December 24, for one week in order to make minor repairs to machinery, and to give our help a well-earned vacation. We thank you for your patronage and hope to serve you more efficiently in the future.

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Season's Greetings On This, Our "First Christmas" On our first Christmas, among the good people of Greenville and Pitt County, we'd like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the patronage we have enjoyed during these past months—and assure you that we will make an even greater effort during the coming year to merit your continued good-will. C. and S. BAKING COMPANY OPERATING MRS. MORTON'S BAKERY 1602 Dickinson Avenue Greenville, N. C. J. W. SWEARINGEN ODELL CALHOUN Serving Greenville, Pitt County, and Eastern Carolina with that famous BUTTER-FLAKE and ALPHABET-BREAD WITH THAT GOOD OLD-FASHIONED WHEAT FLAVOR!



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You are giving more this Christmas than ever before. You are contributing toward lasting peace for the entire world by working longer hours, by doing without to buy War Bonds, by even offering your lives. Christmas this year has a deep meaning for

you, because the joy of giving which means sacrificing is yours.

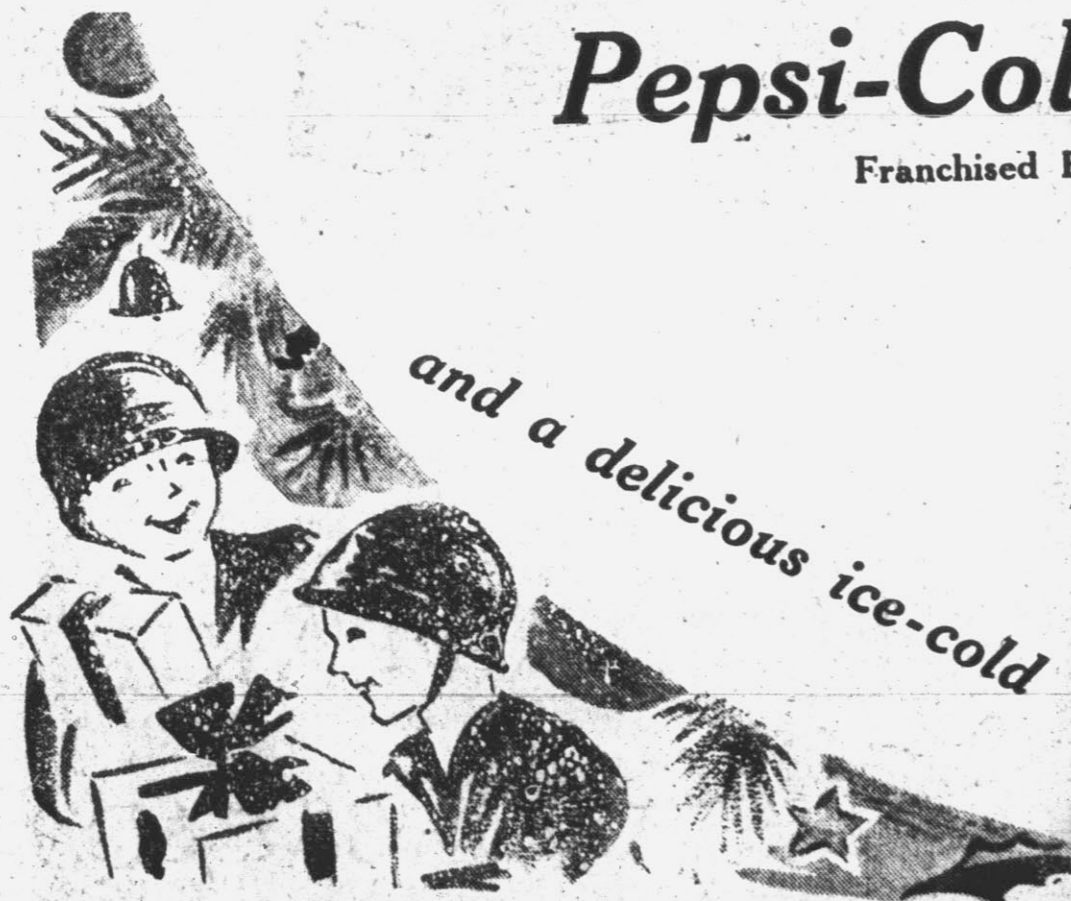
We at Pepsi-Cola, too, have rolled up our sleeves and pitched in to do our bit — and if at times you have been unable to enjoy an ice-cold Pepsi-Cola because your dealer was short — please call for this “double-enjoyment” again — remembering, also, that by sometimes doing without, we make it possible for our men and women in service to add to their own pleasure with a refreshing, invigorating bottle of sparkling Pepsi-Cola!

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Christmas Around The World

AP Feature

Christmas is Christmas—but not always at the same time.

Here are some of the varying dates upon which the Yule season is celebrated among nations and racial groups:

Nov. 11, St. Martin's Day is celebrated in Belgium and in the same as the U. S. marks December 25, with a figure dressed as a bishop traveling from house to house giving children presents.

Def. 4, for the Netherlands and Bohemia, is St. Nicholas feast day. Jan. 1 in France and Quebec is far more festive than December 25 with present-giving, visiting and banquets.

Jan. 5 on the Hatteras island of North Carolina is the date for Santa Claus.

Memorial Baptist Church. Sunday services at the Memorial Baptist Church will be as follows: At 9:45 a. m., Sunday school; morning worship at 11 o'clock, and evening worship at 8 p. m.

German Club Dance. The German Club will entertain at a dance on New Year's Eve at 9:30 at the Country Club. Guests will be Marine officers and their wives of the third air wing.

New York introduced 3,594 bills in its state legislature last year, more than any other state in the Union.

Presbyterian Announcements. Since Christmas comes on Saturday and holidays run from Friday night to Tuesday morning, there will be every reason for us to gather in our respective places of worship to meet as usual. At the preaching service, Dr. Boyd will speak on "The Amazing Gift." Children in the instruction class will meet at 10 a. m. and those desiring to unite with the church will be received Sunday morning, January 2. The New Year's observance of the Lord's Supper will be the second Sunday in January.

Albemarle presbytery will hold its mid-winter, one-day session at this church Tuesday, Jan. 11. Lunch will be served by the women of the auxiliary. The meeting is "self-entertained." The young people of the church will have special programs on Sunday night and next Sunday night at 6:30, with former members who have been away at college participating.

At Hollywood Church, Sunday at 3:15 there will be a special program of songs and songs for all ages. B. Keck will lead the singing. Several solos and duets will be featured. Appearing on the program will be Mrs. Dink James, Miss Virginia Allgood, Misses Katherine and Iona Rouse, Emily Ida Bauer and Estelle Bright, and Mrs. Ola Tucker and others. Mrs. T. Roberson will give a Christmas story. The Christmas carols will be sung, and time will be given for your favorite. The public is invited.

At Meadowbrook Church the young people will meet at 7 p. m. Miss Arlita Cox will have charge of the program. Dr. Boyd will preach at 7:45. Mid-week prayer service will be held Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cox.

Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church. There will be regular services at the Methodist Church Sunday, as follows:

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning worship at 11 o'clock. At 6:30 p. m., there will be a social hour by the young people honoring Rev. R. W. Bradshaw, and at 7:30 p. m., evening worship services will be conducted.

Church of God. The Church of God, on Broad street, will hold Sunday services as follows: At 10 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., morning worship; 6:30 p. m., young people; and 7:30 p. m., regular evening worship.

Two Tar Heels . . .

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serve a colorful Swedish Christmas in Falun homes.

Sometimes the boys have to do a little explaining to the police for boisterous activity but Falun residents credit them generally with excellent behavior. Restricted to quarters is the penalty for a breach of regulations.

The war is naturally the main topic of conversation but there also is keen interest in American politics.

"Here is Sweden," Brandon says.

"they're getting a different slant on the situation and all are becoming international-minded. The biggest desire of all is to get the European phase of the war finished quickly so they can get out of internment and go to the Pacific theater to help clean up there."

Some of the boys tried to learn Swedish but found difficulty in practicing, for the townspeople want to learn English. Many cab drivers practice pronunciation on their English-speaking fares.

Nourishing meals and the fact that the airman must buy food in cafes and restaurants in order to get liquor—it is a universal Swedish regulation—is adding inches to many waists but some of the Americans don't care for the frequent dishes of fish and boiled potatoes. Generally there are few complaints but the internees would like more reading material and they wish the folks back home would write oftener.

Among the internees is Capt. Willie B. Wearnt, China Grove, N. C.

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Last June was the high point of 1943. Since then production has been leveling out along with total war costs. If the war should temporarily go against us, armament production will be hiked again, but this does not now appear likely. Total industrial output, which includes both production for war and for civilian requirements, stands at the highest point in history.

War costs were about \$146,000,000,000 on November 30. This is

about \$3,500,000,000 under what individuals will receive in income in 1943. If it were possible for everyone in the country to donate their even on war costs to date. When Germany is defeated, war costs can be cut sharply. The center of war activity and civilian inconveniences may then be on the west coast.

Food and Employment A year ago the supply of foods was really short and the war outlook was not so good. Government purchases for military needs were taking about everything in sight. However, we have got along pretty well under point rationing. The War Food Administration is now, however, releasing millions of cases of canned goods. The Office of Price Administration even says the country can look forward to more meat.

in 1944. The black markets have probably had their best days.

Like raw materials and consumers' goods, labor may soon be more available. Manpower has been a tough problem this year after many wartime industries, including the railroads, it is still a headache. But cancellations of war orders have risen sharply in recent weeks. These total in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000,000 and have, of course, thrown a lot of people out of work. Resumption of civilian goods production will absorb most of these. The hump in unemployment will come when demobilization starts. Returning service men should have first call on all jobs. Then will come the time for us, who have remained well fed and safely at home, to show these men the real Christmas spirit.



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Christmas 1943

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Of 'Peace on earth, good will toward men,'
May you and those you love be blessed
With all that makes you happiest."

We are doing our best to serve you during these trying times. Let us be friends.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
6:59—Sign On.
7:00—Early Risers Club.
7:15—Yawn Patrol.
7:30—Melody Mustangs.
7:45—News, TN.
8:00—Musical Clock.
8:15—Modern Novelty Trio.

8:30—Morning Meditations.
8:45—Strictly Instrumental.
9:00—News.
9:05—Design For War Time Living.
9:10—According to Record.
9:15—Milady's Music Box.
9:30—Boys Town.
9:45—Obituary Column.
9:55—Names in the News for Christmas On Santa.
10:10—Musical Interlude.
10:15—Farmville on the Air.
10:30—Rainbow House, MBS.
11:00—News Roundup, MBS.
11:15—Vivian Denning Presents, TN.

11:30—Hello Mom, MBS.
11:45—Ayden on the Air.
12:00—News.
12:15—Dinner Music.
12:30—Tune Time.
12:55—News and Markets.
1:00—Hibbilly Time.
1:15—Christmas Program.
1:45—Afternoon Fiesta.
2:00—News and Business Review.
2:15—Christmas Music.
2:30—Mutual Goes Calling, MBS.
3:00—Today's War Commentary.
3:05—Musical Interlude.
3:10—Places in the News For Christmas On Bethlehem.
3:15—Tex Street.
3:30—Army-Navy Houseparty, MBS.
4:00—Lang-Worth Christmas Program.
4:30—Days Siring Time, MBS.
5:00—Navy Bulletin Board, MBS.
5:30—American Eagle in Britain, MBS.
5:45—Religion Today.
6:00—Sports Cast.
6:15—Put County Medical and Dental Society.
6:30—Hawthorn Calls, MBS.
6:45—Sundown Serenade.
7:00—News.
7:15—Deep River Boys.
7:30—A Soldier's Christmas Letter Home.
7:45—Confidentially Yours, MBS.
8:00—World Brife, TN.
8:30—Musical Varieties.
8:55—You and Uncle Sam.
9:00—Chicago Theater of the Air, MBS.
10:00—News.
10:15—1100 Club.
10:30—"Let There Be Peace."
11:00—News.
11:05—Sign Off.

9:10—According to Record.
9:30—Leslie We Forget.
9:45—Names in the News.
9:50—Musical Interlude.
9:55—Canning for Victory.
10:00—Obituary Column.
10:15—Women in the News.
10:30—Shady Valley Folks, MBS.
11:00—Arthur Gaeth, MBS.
11:15—News and Kentucky Carnival, MBS.
11:30—Lang Worth Military Band.
11:45—Ayden on the Air.
12:00—Hank Carter, MBS.
12:15—To Be Announced.
12:30—Tune Time and Markets.
12:55—News and Markets.
1:00—10-2-4 Station.
1:15—News Value.
1:30—Luncheon With Lopez, MBS.
1:45—Afternoon Fiesta.
2:00—Cedric Poster, MBS.
2:15—To Be Announced.
2:30—Carolina Farm Features.
2:45—Mutual Goes Calling, MBS.
3:00—Today's War Commentary.
3:05—Musical Interlude.
3:10—The Woman's World.
3:15—Miracles and Melodies.
3:20—Yankee House Party, MBS.
4:00—Walter Compton, MBS.
4:15—Requestfully Yours.
4:30—Full Speed Ahead, MBS.
5:00—Sydney Moseley, MBS.
5:15—The Black Hood, MBS.
5:30—Chick Carter, MBS.
5:45—Treasury Star Parade.
6:00—Sports Cast.
6:15—Lanny and Ginger, MBS.
6:30—World's Front Page, MBS.
6:45—Sundown Serenade.
7:00—News.
7:30—Starlight Sonata.
7:45—To Be Announced.
8:00—Your Musical Nightcap.
8:30—Music As You Like It.
8:55—You and Uncle Sam.
9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS.
9:15—Gracie Fields, MBS.
9:30—To Be Announced.
10:00—News.
10:15—1100 Club.
10:30—To Be Announced.
10:45—To Be Announced.
11:00—News.
11:05—Sign Off.

5:45—Manning Brothers.
6:00—Sports Cast.
6:15—Lanny and Ginger, MBS.
6:30—World's Frontpage, MBS.
6:45—Sundown Serenade.
7:00—News.
7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.
7:30—Moonlight Rhythm.
7:45—Confidentially Yours, MBS.
8:00—Mrs. Rose's Radio Actors.
8:15—Szath Myris Presents.

8:30—Your Musical Nightcap.
8:45—You and Uncle Sam.
9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS.
9:15—Gracie Fields, MBS.
9:30—American Forum of the Air, MBS.
10:15—News.
10:30—1100 Club.
10:45—To Be Announced.
11:00—News.
11:05—Sign Off.



Holiday Greetings

May this greeting serve to express our appreciation for your patronage and carry the wish that you have a—

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to the
People Of Greenville

From the Personnel
of the
**Marine Auxiliary
Air Station**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
8:00—Sign On.
8:01—News.
8:05—Lang Worth Orch.
8:30—Your Sunday Serenade.
9:00—Young Peoples Church of the Air, MBS.
9:30—Voice of Prophecy.
10:00—Obituary Column.
10:05—Elington Bible Class.
10:45—News.
11:00—Church Services.
12:00—Dinner Music.
12:30—News.
12:45—Do You Remember This?
1:00—To Be Announced.
1:15—Symphonic Swing.
1:30—Lutheran Hour, MBS.
2:00—Pilgrim Hour, MBS.
3:00—To Be Announced.
3:30—Christ for the Crisis, TN.
4:00—To Be Announced.
4:30—Voices From the Southland.
4:45—Cote Glee Club.
5:00—The Quiet Hour, TN.
5:30—The Harmonizers.
5:45—Melodic Moods.
6:00—Highlights of Weeks News in Review.
6:15—Roy Spray.
6:30—Upton Close, MBS.
6:45—Songs of the Islands.
7:00—Old Fashion Revival.
8:00—Service Men's Program.
8:15—Lang Worth Military Band.
8:30—Modern Melodies.
8:40—You and Uncle Sam.
8:45—Gabriel Heatter.
9:00—Cleveland Symphony Orch, MBS.
10:00—News.
10:15—Dream Time in Dixie.
10:30—1100 Club.
10:45—1100 Club.
11:00—News.
11:05—Sign off.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
6:59—Sign On.
7:00—Early Risers' Club.
7:15—Yawn Patrol.
7:40—Lost and Found.
7:45—News, TN.
8:00—Musical Clock.
8:15—Treasury Song Parade.
8:30—Morning Meditations.
8:45—Spotlight on Rhythm.
9:00—News.
9:05—Design for War Time Living.
9:10—According to Record.
9:15—Milady's Music Box.
9:30—Organ Moods.
9:45—Names in the News.
9:50—Musical Interlude.
9:55—Canning for Victory.
10:00—Obituary Column.
10:05—Women in the News.
1:10—Musical Interlude.
10:15—Farmville on the Air.
10:30—Shady Valley Folks, MBS.
11:00—Arthur Gaeth, MBS.
11:15—News and Shady Valley Folks, MBS.
11:30—Lang Worth Military Band.
11:45—Ayden on the Air.
12:00—News.
12:15—Hank Lawson, MBS.
12:30—Tune Time.
12:55—News and Markets.
1:00—Deep River Boys.
1:15—News Value.
1:30—Luncheon With Lopez, MBS.
1:45—Afternoon Fiesta.
2:00—Cedric Poster, MBS.
2:15—To Be Announced.
2:30—Carolina Farm Features.
2:45—Mutual Goes Calling, MBS.
3:00—Today's War Commentary.
3:05—Musical Interlude.
3:10—In the Woman's World.
3:15—Todd Grant Gets the News.
3:30—Yankee House Party, MBS.
4:00—Walter Compton, MBS.
4:15—Requestfully Yours.
4:30—Full Speed Ahead, MBS.
5:00—Sydney Moseley, MBS.
5:15—The Black Hood, MBS.
5:30—Chick Carter, MBS.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
6:59—Sign On.
7:00—Early Risers' Club.
7:15—Yawn Patrol.
7:30—Melodic Moods.
7:45—News, TN.
8:00—Musical Clock.
8:15—Cote Glee Club.
8:30—Morning Meditations.
8:45—Spotlight on Rhythm.
9:00—News.
9:05—Design for War Time Living.
9:10—According to Record.
9:15—Milady's Music Box.
9:30—Organ Moods.
9:45—Names in the News.
9:50—Musical Interlude.
9:55—Canning for Victory.
10:00—Obituary Column.
10:05—Women in the News.
1:10—Musical Interlude.
10:15—Farmville on the Air.
10:30—Shady Valley Folks, MBS.
11:00—Arthur Gaeth, MBS.
11:15—News and Shady Valley Folks, MBS.
11:30—Lang Worth Military Band.
11:45—Ayden on the Air.
12:00—News.
12:15—Hank Lawson, MBS.
12:30—Tune Time.
12:55—News and Markets.
1:00—Deep River Boys.
1:15—News Value.
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4:00—Walter Compton, MBS.
4:15—Requestfully Yours.
4:30—Full Speed Ahead, MBS.
5:00—Sydney Moseley, MBS.
5:15—The Black Hood, MBS.
5:30—Chick Carter, MBS.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
6:59—Sign On.
7:00—Early Risers' Club.
7:15—Yawn Patrol.
7:30—Melodic Moods.
7:45—News, TN.
8:00—Musical Clock.
8:15—Cote Glee Club.
8:30—Morning Meditations.
8:45—Spotlight on Rhythm.
9:00—News.
9:05—Design for War Time Living.
9:10—According to Record.
9:15—Milady's Music Box.
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10:15—Farmville on the Air.
10:30—Shady Valley Folks, MBS.
11:00—Arthur Gaeth, MBS.
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4:30—Full Speed Ahead, MBS.
5:00—Sydney Moseley, MBS.
5:15—The Black Hood, MBS.
5:30—Chick Carter, MBS.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
6:59—Sign On.
7:00—Early Risers' Club.
7:15—Yawn Patrol.
7:30—Melodic Moods.
7:45—News, TN.
8:00—Musical Clock.
8:15—Cote Glee Club.
8:30—Morning Meditations.
8:45—Spotlight on Rhythm.
9:00—News.
9:05—Design for War Time Living.
9:10—According to Record.
9:15—Milady's Music Box.
9:30—Organ Moods.
9:45—Names in the News.
9:50—Musical Interlude.
9:55—Canning for Victory.
10:00—Obituary Column.
10:05—Women in the News.
1:10—Musical Interlude.
10:15—Farmville on the Air.
10:30—Shady Valley Folks, MBS.
11:00—Arthur Gaeth, MBS.
11:15—News and Shady Valley Folks, MBS.
11:30—Lang Worth Military Band.
11:45—Ayden on the Air.
12:00—News.
12:15—Hank Lawson, MBS.
12:30—Tune Time.
12:55—News and Markets.
1:00—Deep River Boys.
1:15—News Value.
1:30—Luncheon With Lopez, MBS.
1:45—Afternoon Fiesta.
2:00—Cedric Poster, MBS.
2:15—To Be Announced.
2:30—Carolina Farm Features.
2:45—Mutual Goes Calling, MBS.
3:00—Today's War Commentary.
3:05—Musical Interlude.
3:10—In the Woman's World.
3:15—Todd Grant Gets the News.
3:30—Yankee House Party, MBS.
4:00—Walter Compton, MBS.
4:15—Requestfully Yours.
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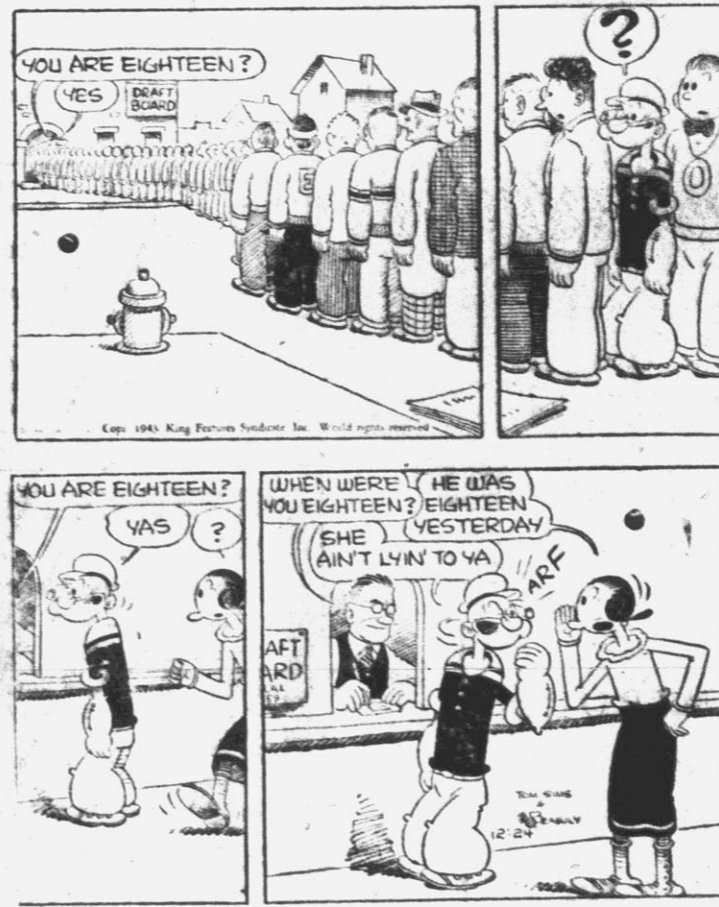
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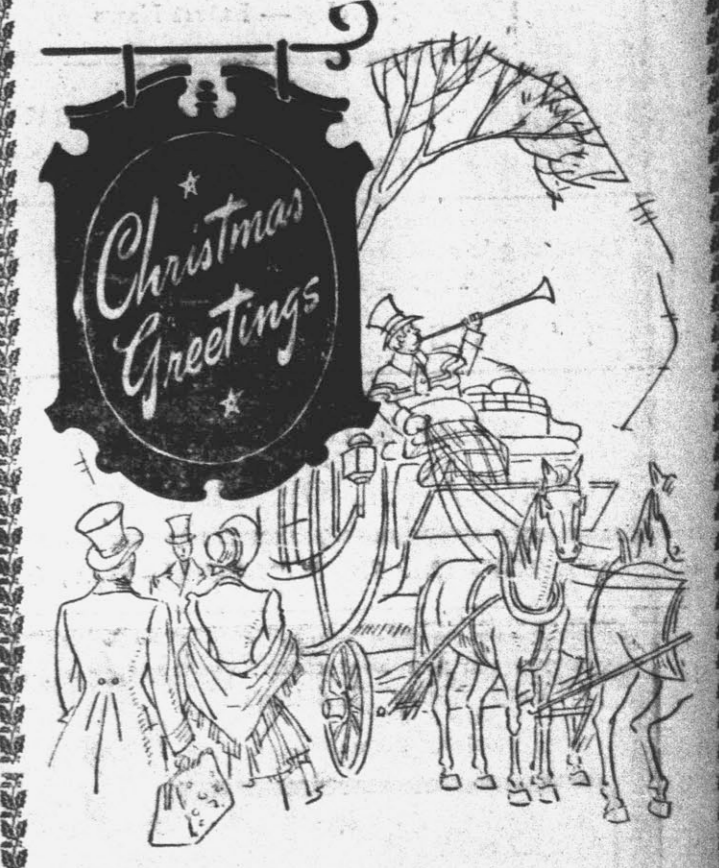


THIMBLE THEATRE — Starring Popeye



DECORATED—Maj. Gen. William Kepner (above) of Bankers Hill, Inc. commander of the 8th Army Air Force Fighter Command, has received the Legion of Merit award in England.

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And A
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Olde Towne Inn Had Hundreds As Guests

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Manager J. Leroy Wheatley for his southern hospitality (and he's from Maryland). The social affairs were entirely informal. Officers and enlisted men of all branches of the armed service were generous in their praise for the courtesy extended. Service men, including officers, from 26 states and the District of Columbia, were guests at the Olde Towne Inn during the two evenings of entertainment. The "Welcome South, Brother" hospitality of the management won friends for the

restaurant, Greenville and the section. Charley Whedbee, veteran radio announcer, contributed much to the success of the events. Manager Wheatley this afternoon "topped off" his Christmas spirit, gesture by entertaining at turkey dinner scores of newboys who carry half a dozen different papers and then welcomed every white dinner shine boy to a good turkey dinner who had his city license with him. Fourteen Reflector carriers wepe his guests. The youngsters came away with bags of fruit, nuts, candy, etc. The Olde Towne Inn exemplified the Chamber of Commerce's slogan, "Our Greenville, yours if you come," and made friends for the city and Pitt county, a well known business man said after observing the festivities.

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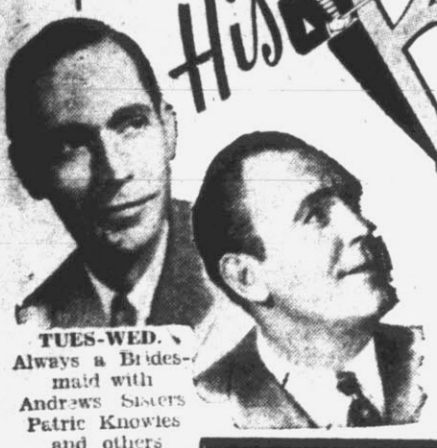
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Nazi Weapon ...

(Continued from Page One) Although there is not even enough interest to engender much waggering, the curbsome odds are even money that no rocket shell lands inside the London area.

The people haven't much doubt that a rocket bomb might be lobbed across the channel to English soil, since the southeast coast has been snielded frequently in the present war by channel guns.

But at no time has any great accuracy been attained by guns, and rocket projectiles, fired from an open chute like a touth of July rocket, have even less chance of hitting Piccadilly Circus on the nose.

A few who went through the blitz here and who are pessimistically confident that anything might happen aren't fazed. They just display a "we can take it" attitude.

The average person, asked about his feelings on the rocket says "I haven't thought much about it"—even though recent Allied raids on mysterious "military objectives" in northern France have evoked front-page newspaper speculation that they might be rocket emplacements.

The question leads, along with all others, into the beginning of a conversational cul-de-sac—"You don't know where I can get a turkey for Christmas or a bottle of whisky, do you?"

Super Plane ...

(Continued From Page One) tails of the new bomber because the army itself has not yet made any announcement about it. It probably will be used extensively in the Pacific theater, he said, because of its long flying range.

Sparkman said the five committee members who accompanied him on the trip were "pleasantly surprised" at the headway being made by the aviation industry in meeting and exceeding production schedules and by the thoroughness and rapidity with which the army is training combat crews.

The Alabaman said he felt certain, after talks with plant execu-

tives in Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, California, Utah, Michigan and Kansas, that combat plane production, now averaging 9,000 units per month, he said, will reach or exceed 10,000 in 1944.

"Some of the larger plants are just reaching top speed and efficiency," he declared, "in an interview. "Morale is high among the workers and production quotas, once thought to be fantastic, are being exceeded."

Sparkman paid tribute to women who he said comprised the major part of the working force in many of the plants inspected.

"They are really doing a fine job," he said. "They have fitted into every position where they were needed and in many places are holding jobs that only men previously were believed capable of handling."

Sparkman was accompanied on the trip, made by train and automobile, by Representatives Kilday and Thomson, Texas Democrats and Clason (R-Mass), Eiston (R-Ohio) and Martin (R-Iowa).

Colored News

Arthur Teel, Jr., died at his home in Belvoir township on Tuesday at 2 p. m. Funeral services will be held on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Primitive Baptist church near his home.

He leaves a wife and five children, three brothers, one sister and his father, also a host of friends.

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It has been our rare privilege to do business with the good people of this section for many years, and the spirit of the season brings renewed and sincere appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends, with the hope that our pleasant relations will continue throughout the coming year.

Although we made every effort to render you service during the past year, it was not always possible to secure just the merchandise you may have desired, and the gracious manner in which our patrons cooperated with us during these trying times will be long remembered.

As we gather around our firesides this Christmas, let us not forget to say a prayer for our boys over there, and by our continued purchases of War Bonds, which after all, is the best investment on earth, hasten the day when our loved ones will safely return to us.

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We desire to use this method to convey our appreciation to the wonderful people of this community for the generous patronage which we have enjoyed during this year now fast drawing to a close. You have made it a very pleasant and satisfactory one for us.

We hope our services have met with your approval. You know as well as we that at times it was impossible for us to have just the merchandise you wanted and preferred, but under the circumstances we have tried to render you the very best service we could, securing at all times the best merchandise available.

This Christmas many a family circle will be broken; yet, to you and to all we wish an early reunion.

Merry Christmas and a Happy 1944



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Christmas Eve In Bethlehem

By WILLIAM McGAFFIN

Bethlehem, Dec. 24, 1943, A. D.—Thousands of Twentieth Century pilgrims, many of them in khaki, follow the path of the three wise men tonight to worship with rejoicing hearts on the hallowed ground five and a half miles south of Jerusalem where the Prince of Peace was born nearly 2,000 years ago.

Their hearts are full of hope and they sing with exceeding joy as a backed-out world observes its fifth Christmas of the war. For this year there is a promise in Allied victories that it will not be long before an angel's message can be reaffirmed: "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Even the stars in the eternal heavens, once brilliant with wondrous tidings, seem to shine more brightly as the glad refrains of the old songs float up from the cheerful mortals below. "Hark the herald angels sing," they carol as they crowd about the ancient stone Church of the Nativity which Constantine built on the site of the Holy Manger in the year 330.

Greatest News Story
For this is the anniversary of a miracle, the greatest news story the world ever has known. And it marks the nearing emergence of the world from its greatest war. "Silent night, holy night." The winter air is crisp and their breaths come white as they stand singing on this hill of Judea about the weather-

beaten gray stone church which is built in the shape of a cross. Let us enter the church. You must stoop low there for it is but a tiny door, the "Eye of the Needle" they call it. It was made small, they say, to prevent rioting crowds from sweeping inside on their camels and donkeys to continue their fights within. The Holy Land, you are reminded, is a sacred place to more than one religion.

The air is heavy with incense. As you look up you see that the church is roofed with wood. Along either side of the nave are heavy marble columns. Moving about in the lights and shadows are long-bearded priests. The Greek Orthodox (which observes Christmas 12 days later), Armenian and Roman Catholic churches share this holy structure and the three adjoining convents.

Let us go forward to the choir now and descend the stone steps to the grotto below, which is hallowed out of solid rock. In a gray marble recess on the right hand side as we enter is a silver star sunk in the floor. This marks the actual place of the birth and is in addition symbolic of the star which guided the three wise men.

A few feet away on the left is another marble recess marking the place of the manger where Jesus was laid. The grotto is hung with oil lamps and red tapestries and religious pictures. The original manger is now in Rome, you are told. Rome—the war—your thoughts sweep back. Then you resume your reverie over the Christmas story.

"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn."

There is no inn in modern Bethlehem. In nearby Jerusalem, however, there are fine hotels, but it is almost impossible to get a room in them. Two thousand years later and still no room in the inn. There has been progress, though, for this time, if it were happening again, Joseph and Mary could go to a marvelous modern hospital, the Hadassah Rothschild University hospital, on Mount Scopus.

There are various reminders of the American influence in this holy city, aside from the soldier tourists—whose favorite purchases, according to the shopkeepers, are Bibles bound in mother of pearl, and rosaries. There is, for example, the white shell which the shopkeepers prize as the finest shell for the manufacture of souvenirs. It comes from California. And there is the model of the Church of the Nativity, painstakingly constructed out of 15,000 pieces of mother of pearl and intended for exhibition at the New York World's Fair—a project doomed by the war.

Modern Bethlehem.
If Christ were to return today to His city He would find many changes as might be expected after 2,000 years. But his spirit still prevails and never more so than today on this fifth—and most hopeful—Christmas of the war.

The little shops which crowd the quiet, narrow streets about the Christian Church of the Nativity are mostly run by Arabs—but they are Christian Arabs.

The physical appearance of Bethlehem today is interesting. The Church of the Nativity on Manger Square stands resolute guard over the Holy Grotto beneath it. But round about have sprung up the modern trappings of any town. Directly across the street is a grocery store. Cater-cornered from the church is a beautiful new police station.

"The Nativity Store" on Manger Square announces that it engages in "Manufacture of Mother-of-Pearl—Best Souvenir of Bethlehem." Mother-of-pearl manufacture, incidentally, has become Bethle-

hem's major industry. Much of the pearl comes from the Red Sea.

Radio Plays Arab Music
Walking from Manger Square toward Star Street you hear a radio playing Arab music and you pass in turn, a taxi ramp ("Two dollars to Jerusalem, Mister"), an ice cream and lemonade stand, and an Arab mosque with a stately minaret.

These are the external signs of any modern town.

Iron ore was discovered on the west slope of the Alleghenies in 1792.

Rag Doll Has Face Lifted

AP Feature

Columbia, S. C.—The rag doll, a glorified version of the kind little girls played with when grandpa was a youngster, is back in style.

The nation's doll-playing habits, led by a revival of Raggedy Ann, are being changed radically as a result of the war.

"The rag doll has replaced composition dolls as fast as the war economy has bitten into manufacturers' materials," says Mrs. John S. Averill, one of the nation's thousands of avid doll collectors. "But the rag doll we're getting is a glorified creature compared to the 'black mammy' dolls so popular years ago."

The Columbia matron became in-

terested six years ago in "dollology" (doll collecting, in the glossary of those engaged in the hobby). Now she is adding the new rag dolls to her collection—not the mere cloth-stuffed-with-cotton items of years ago, but glorified specimens with eyelids, eyelashes and glamorous costumes.

The principal classifications of rag dolls are effigies of world leaders such as Churchill and Roosevelt, movie stars, and characters such as the Kentucky colonel, the black mammy, the farm boy and others.

"There are also plenty of soldier dolls," Mrs. Averill says, "and dolls in the costume of nurses, sailors and civilian defense workers. The war is having a double effect on our playthings."

The steel output of Chile is estimated at 20,000 tons a year. Its pig iron capacity is 14,000 tons.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
— 1943 —
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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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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.

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Merry Christmas

AND A

Happy, Prosperous New Year

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GREENVILLE, N. C.

Christmas GREETINGS

MAY THIS BE THE HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS YOU HAVE EVER KNOWN!

D. H. CONLEY

Superintendent of Pitt County Schools



MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

Let's Win the Victory in NINETEEN FORTY-FOUR

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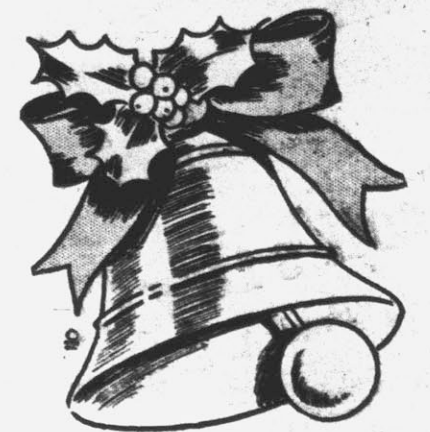
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Our sincere hope for you is that you will have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR

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See-Saw Battle For The Rice Bowl Continues

By HERMAN R. ALLEN
 Washington—In central China, to the west and south of Lake Tungting, sprawls the "Rice Bowl," a system of fertile valleys and plains half as big as Texas.

Its principal cities are Changsha, to the south of the lake, and Changteh, 120 miles west of Changsha. The Japanese have big bases at Yo Chow, northeast of the lake, and at Ichang, some distance up the Yangtze river.

Four times the Japs have pushed into the Rice Bowl and four times they have been pushed back. Just what their object is has been a puzzler.

In October, 1939, the Japs drove down on Changsha from Yo Chow but were driven back without reaching the city.

In September, 1941, they succeed-

ed in taking Changsha but were forced out after three days.

Disastrous Campaign

In January, 1942, in one of their most disastrous Chinese campaigns, 120,000 Japs succeeded in reaching Changsha, with 80,000 Chinese melting before them. The "melted" Chinese, however, spread out in the hills on the Jap flanks and suddenly became quite solid again. They cut the Jap supply lines and when the Japs were thus forced to retreat they swarmed down and attacked them from both sides. The Chinese claim to have killed or wounded 45,000 Japs.

This year the Japs finally got smart. They had been defeated three times at Changsha by troops sent from the Changteh area. So they decided to get Changteh first. Then move east and get Changsha. They sent their troops west from Yo Chow along the north shore of Lake Tungting and then south.

The campaign started last May, was stalled during the summer, regained fury in November. The fighting was so heavy that the Chinese claimed to have killed 10,000 Japs between November 20 and 29, and the Japs claim to have killed 18,497 Chinese between November 2 and December 5. The battle was notable for the important part played by American flyers and for the fact that the Chinese accused the Japs of using poison gas.

See-Saw Affair

The Nipponese broke into the outskirts of Changteh November 2, but were driven out December 1. Since then the fighting has been a see-saw affair, with the Japs re-entering the city and the Chinese then driving them out.

You can get three opinions in Washington from persons who are acquainted with China as to what the Jap strategy is:

1. That the Japs are interested only in carrying off as much rice as they can and destroying the rest, do not wish to hold the area because to do so would extend their lines too far.
2. That these campaigns represent serious effort to capture and hold communication lines between Hunnan province (the rice bowl lies in Hunnan and Hopei provinces and Czechwan province) where Chungking, the provisional capital, is located.
3. A compromise opinion which admits that the Japs want to destroy the rice crops but that they would also like to hold the territory if they could do it with the forces sent on the expedition.

In other words, this opinion contends if the Japs really wanted to move in on the area, and hold it, they could do so by sending a lot more men. Apparently they don't think it's worth a major expedition, but would be very happy if they got a good break and could hold it with the relatively minor forces which they have been employing.

Actually, the first opinion seems to have the most support here. One military man, discussing the present campaign, told me "It looks as though this will follow the same pattern as previous years. That is the Japs will get in, get what rice they can, and get out."

Movie Whispers

Make A Racket

By ROBBIN COONS

Hollywood—Edward Arnold, the grand vizier of Bagdad, was entertaining Ronald Colman, the beggar-magician, for a scene in "Kismet" and the dialogue was bouncing along.

But Jimmy Plaster the sound man, removed the lucite "beeps" from his ears and shook his head. "Arnold's going to blow," he whispered to us.

And Arnold "blew"—instantly. He stumbled on the word "Hassir," the mythical land of which Colman is supposed to be a prince.

We hailed Jimmy Plaster as a prophet, asked him whence came his mysterious power.

"We always know," he chuckled. "I could tell because Arnold started speeding up. We can tell usually, about two lines ahead because the actor speeds up, apparently involuntarily, as he approaches a line he's not sure of."

So we picked up some more items of contemporary science while the actors prepared to go through the scene again. A sound technician, said Jimmy Plaster, will know if a player needs a drink of water if he has new bridge work, even if his tummy grumbles.

"Sometimes," he said, "a player's mouth will become dry but he won't ask for a drink of water because he doesn't want to hold up production, or because he doesn't know it's affecting his tones. We often have to suggest they take a drink."

And there are times when the sound man must be also a diplomat. One day Plaster suggested to a distinguished character actor that his "teeth seemed chattery."

"Oh," said the actor, unflustered by Plaster, "it must be my new dentures. I'll use my old ones." He made a quick change and the sound track no longer picked up unexpected clicks.

The sound man's enemy is the whisper. No matter whether it conveys the latest gossip or the most innocuous trivia, the whisper is hard on the technician's disposition and the movie's budget—for a whisperer, says Jimmy, actually carries much farther and picks up more readily than ordinary conversation.

Of all the women with whom he has worked, Jimmy rates Hedy Lamarr easiest to record. She has excellent diction and enunciation and, because English is not her native tongue, she keeps trying for perfection. Colman ("precise speech, almost chiseled") and Arnold ("his

voice is so rich—so schmaltzy") are among the top male voices in his catalogue.

It cost one company, Plaster recalls, several hundred dollars before one combination of words, innocuous in type, came through properly. The expression was "new disarmament." It insisted on coming through as "nudist armament."

bearing a gold cup of wine," and said "Waes hael, Hlaforð Cynhug."—"Be of health, good King."

4. According to the Bible, St. Nicholas was born in the thriving port of Patara, opposite the island of Rhodes in Lycia, an Asia Minor province of the Roman Empire.

5. Christmas candles are supposed to guide the Christ child to your

doorstep, an Austrian legend says.

6. It is believed that Yule is derived from an old Norse name for one of the winter months.

7. Legend has it that St. Nicholas took pity on three daughters of an impoverished merchant, and surreptitiously gave them dowries. That's how the custom of giving secret gifts on the even of St. Nicholas

Day (Dec. 6) originated. The date was moved to December 25.

8. A long clerical robe, like a bishop's—traditional Netherlands garb for St. Nick.

9. A white horse—in Belgium and the Netherlands.

10. Kris Kringle is a corruption of the Teutonic "Christ-kindel," or "Christ-child."

Christmas Quiz

AP Feature

Chances are you know your Christmas customs backwards and forward—but did you ever stop to think about the why of all the merry holiday activities? Here are a few questions to test yourself—

1. When you perch precariously on a ladder hanging holly and mistletoe, do you know what they signify?
2. Why is the Yule Log traditionally associated with Christmas?
3. When you gather 'round the wassail bowl, will you know what wassail means?
4. Where was Santa Claus born?
5. Are Christmas candles just decorations, or do they mean something?
6. Where does the word Yule come from?
7. Why are gifts exchanged on Christmas Day?
8. If you were playing Santa Claus in the Netherlands, what kind of costume would you wear?
9. What form of transportation can Santa use, in addition to a sleigh?
10. St. Nick is sometimes called Kris Kringle. What does the name mean?

Answers

1. Evergreen decorations derive from the pagan belief that they are symbols of good luck, and from the medieval legend that all trees and growing things in the forest blossomed and bore fruit on the night of the Nativity.
2. In days of yore, the Yule Log was the chief emblem of the English Christmas, following the ancient tradition that the fire on the hearth symbolized the center of family life.
3. The expression originated in the fifth century in England when the legendary Rowena came into the presence of King Vortigern

The only known U. S. source of tantalum is in the Black Hills of South Dakota.



Merry Christmas
 To All—
 and
 HAPPY NEW YEAR
 FOR 1944

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 Cake Shop

314 Evans Street

Season's Greetings
 One of the real joys of Yuletide is the opportunity to put aside the routine and customs of every day business and in real sincerity wish you a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and a
 VICTORIOUS YEAR

Scott's Dry Cleaners
 Paul A. Scott, Mgr.

Season's Greetings

Just as surely as there'll always be little boys and girls, and big boys and girls, too (especially around Christmas time) — that surely there will always be a Christmas.

Our wish to you is a

Merry Christmas

AND A

Happy New Year

REID'S STORE

Merry Christmas



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"

Established 1866



A Very Merry
CHRISTMAS

With Peace and Prosperity
Through the New Year For All
of You, is Our Wish

Lautares Brothers
Jewelers

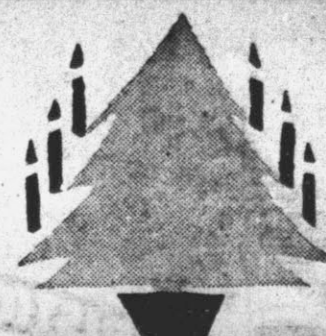


Joyous GREETINGS
MAY THE SPIRIT OF THE FIRST CHRIST-
MAS ENTER ALL OUR HEARTS, NOW AND
THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR.

C. H. Edwards
Hardware House



TO MY FRIENDS
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
JOHN H. COWARD
County Auditor



With our holiday greeting goes
the promise of our continued
fine service to you through 1944.

Clark's Service Station
Just Across the River



It's the same old wish, but it
never grows old, and we say
it in all earnestness—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU AND YOURS
and may the coming year
bring to each of you Health,
Happiness and Prosperity.

J. G. Clark

Agent

SINCLAIR REFINING COMPANY



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL**



MAY HAPPINESS
be with you and yours—
at Christmas and throughout
the New Year!

L. W. REDD

109 West Ninth Street Greenville, N. C.



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



We salute YOU, American service-
men and civilians, for your part in
helping to bring happiness to the
entire world. We salute you with
a holiday wish heartier than ever
before.

Please accept our earnest wish for a

Merry Christmas
AND A

Happy New Year

Hooker-Buchanan

Inc.

INSURANCE



**Christmas
Greetings!**

To The Citizens of Pitt County
and
Best Wishes for Health, Success
and Happiness in the New Year

RUEL W. TYSON

Sheriff of Pitt County



Wyatt Brown's

Cascade Laundry



SEASON'S GREETINGS

In troubled times the old Christmas greet-
ings have a very special significance. To
all of you we wish a happy Christmas and
peace and prosperity in 1944.

ERNEST WILLARD
INSURANCE AGENCY

123 East Fifth Street Greenville, N. C.



IT'S CHRISTMAS!

may it be a
MERRY ONE
and a
HAPPY, PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

H. L. Hodges & Co., Inc.



Wishing you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Kares' Brothers
Restaurant**



BEST WISHES TO YOU—
EACH AND EVERY ONE
for a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

COBURN'S
"YOUR SHOE STORE"



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.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

and a

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**



At this time we wish to express our sincere
appreciation for your past patronage and
trust that we may serve you during 1944.

**WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE
STORE**



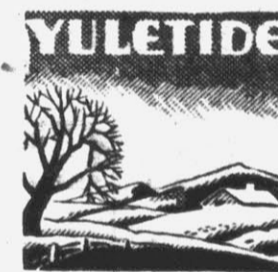
MERRY CHRISTMAS
to our
FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS
is the sincere wish
of

Greenville NEHI Bottling Co.
J. CARROLL WALDROP, Prop.

**Christmas
GREETINGS**

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



GREETINGS...
AND AN ABUNDANCE OF
CHRISTMAS CHEER

In advance—we give you our promise
for friendly, dependable service dur-
ing the year 1944.

Proctor Hotel Barber Shop
GEORGE BROWN, Prop.



**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

MERRY CHRISTMAS
—and a—
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

WILLIAMS'
"The Ladies' Store"



**TO OUR
FRIENDS
and
CUSTOMERS**

WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE
PATRONAGE ACCORDED US THIS
YEAR. ACCEPT OUR BEST WISHES
FOR A

MERRY CHRISTMAS
—and—
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Clark's Coal And Wood Yard



MAY HAPPINESS AND JOY

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

ROY T. COX
Register of Deeds



May joy and happiness be with
you during the Christmas sea-
son and throughout the New
Year.

J. Frank Harrington
Clerk of Superior Court

Nazis On The Road To Bombing Ruin

By W. W. HERCHER

London—Behind the promise of the industrial center of Cologne, Kassel has been ruined economically, and the shattered cities of Dusseldorf, Duisburg, Essen, Mannheim and Ludwigshafen furnish stark examples of what the air marshal meant when he spoke of emasculation.

Few cities in the history of warfare have been smashed as thoroughly as the port of Hamburg or Berlin's turn came last month.



PIN-UP—New York service men voted Rosalind Russell (above) "whiffa woman"—a pin-up girl even fully clothed.

Now thousands of anxious eyes are lifted to the sky in other German cities as the population wonders not, "When are we going to get it?" but, "When are we going to get it again—like Berlin?"

The highest circles in the Royal Air Force believe that the aerial bombardment of Germany has now reached a point where even the destruction of a pot and pan factory will shorten the war. That is not to say the war can be won by air power alone. It is rather a statement that the war in the air is achieving all that its advocates claimed for it.

Size of Attacks Increases

The RAF's heavy bombardment is done at night and its technique is saturation. It pours an overwhelming load of high explosives and incendiary bombs on one spot in the shortest possible time. If the attack is successful, there should be nothing left of the target area when the big four-engined Lancasters and Halifaxes and Stirlings go home.

All this year the size of the attacks has been increasing, not only because the RAF has more planes, but because authoritatively it has discovered the bigger the force it can put into the air the less its percentage of loss becomes. Great forces of bombers can overwhelm the present German anti-aircraft defense. The RAF has not announced percentage losses, but they are reported unofficially to be phenomenally small.

As German cities crumble, the Nazi transportation system breaks up with them. Bombings not only destroy war plants but level work-

ing homes and send tens of thousands of Germans wandering through the country seeking shelter.

Through aerial reconnaissance and a marvelous system of espionage the RAF is able to watch the Germans' dwindling war potential and thus drop its bombs where they will do the most harm. Only a certain amount of damage to a factory is necessary to stop the flow of supplies to the home front, and the armies in the field, they have found.

Enemy Civilians Vulnerable

For years before the war the German domestic economy was based on guns instead of butter. The Reich went to war with a superbly equipped army and a civilian population that was getting by on bare necessities. As the war spread there was less and less to spare for the home front.

Now the RAF is in position to know that German civilians need not only food and clothing but many other simple things without which life is very hard—pots and

pens to cook with, beds to sleep on. Houses are limited to two or three electric light bulbs.

The time has come when part of Germany's industry must be devoted to civilian needs. That's why the RAF believes the leveling of a pot and pan factory can shorten the war. Its loss means another war factory somewhere else must make pot-saic things like cooking vessels.

On the military side the RAF knew, of course, that the German Air Force had a great reserve of planes when it flew to war in 1939. It lost little in the Polish and French campaigns. The first big bite in its equipment was taken during the Battle of Britain. Great losses were sustained in Russia and later in the Mediterranean fighting.

Plane Factories Smashed

Planes were not only burned up in aerial combat and blasted to pieces on the ground. American precision bombers went directly to the factories where German planes, particularly fighter planes, were made and destroyed them at the source.

These were the raids on Marienburg, Regensburg, Wiener Neustadt, and on the vital ball bearing plants at Schweinfurt.

In the opinion of the RAF, the Luftwaffe now has no central reserve and is therefore one of the most vulnerable points in the Nazi military machine. Its sources of supply have an exceedingly high place on the emasculation program. "The day will come," one highly placed RAF staff officer told me, "when your aircraft and ours will be able to go over Germany without opposition from fighters in the air. And then the war will be won."

Practically all of the anthracite coal deposits in the United States lie in Pennsylvania.

Get 24 for 23 out of your CHRISTMAS savings—invest in WAR BONDS. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

BEST WISHES



for a
Merry Christmas
and a

Happy, Prosperous New Year
BROWN'S GULF STATION

Corner Evans and Tenth Streets



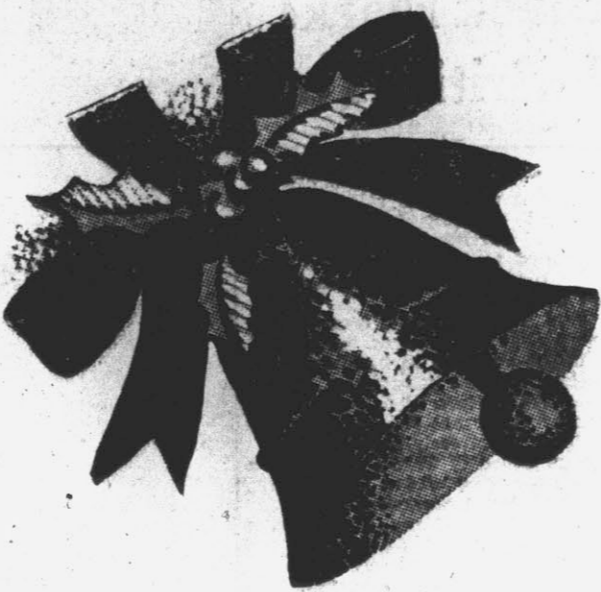
TO EVERYONE

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

Happy, Prosperous 1944

VanDyke Furniture
Company



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 co-operation 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



Season's Greetings

With Best Wishes For a

Happy Holiday Season

and a

Prosperous New Year

First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n
Of Greenville

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Nast Father Of Santa Claus

By ZACHARY TAYLOR
AP Features Writer

Now that you know all about Santa Claus, Virginia, how would you like to hear about his daddy? What's that? Did a stork bring Santa Claus?

Well, you see, Santa was found in an ink bottle. Not even his daddy knows how Santa got there. But this is the story:

Once upon a time, many years ago—87 years to be exact—there was a little six-year-old named Tommy who came to America from Germany. His father was a musician. He played trombone in big bands.

Tommy didn't want to be a musician. Tommy liked to draw. His

best friend was a dealer in crayons who would let Tommy have broken ones that people wouldn't buy.

Of course Tommy went to school, but he was such a good little artist that oft-times the teacher said: "Go ahead and finish your picture, Tommy—you'll never know much about arithmetic and grammar anyway."

Just before Tommy came to America, a college professor, Clement C. Moore, printed a book of his poems. One was that which starts: "Twas the night before Christmas—"

It tells about St. Nicholas riding his sleigh through the Christmas sky and sliding down chimneys to bring gifts. Everyone loved the poem. Soon even babies everywhere were lisping it.

But no one knew what Santa Claus looked like. It was just 100 years ago that an artist first tried to draw the Santa Claus of the poem. But gosh—he was such a dried-up, skinny-looking little fellow. Other artists tried to draw him. Most of those Santa Clauses looked like tubby little dwarfs or hunch-backs.

So, when Tommy grew up and became an artist who drew for a big magazine, he decided in 1863 to draw a Santa Claus. He drew two. One was the Santa Claus who visited Civil War soldiers (even President Lincoln loved him), and the other was a dwarfish, fat little Santa on a chimney.

Although they apparently didn't satisfy Tommy, they were jolly and full of Christmas spirit. Sons and daughters and mothers and fathers all loved them. So Tommy resolved to draw a Santa every Christmas.

That's how Tommy found Santa Claus in his inkwell just 80 years ago. We might say that this Christ-

mas is Santa's 80th birthday.

The remarkable thing was, however, that Tommy kept trying to make a better picture. By the time he was a famous artist, 25 years later, his Santa Claus was the big, hearty, fur-suited old saint that everyone knows today.

Tommy's name was Thomas Nast, and he was one of the very greatest newspaper artists that ever lived. The elephant that stands for the Republican party, and the donkey that stands for the Democrats both came out of Tommy's inkwell, too. He was a friend of many presidents. One of them, President Theodore Roosevelt, made him consul general in Ecuador, where he died in 1902.

Tommy lived in New York City and at Morristown, N. J. He had five children—and they all loved Santa Claus.

One of Tommy's friends, Albert Bigelow Paine, who wrote a book about Tommy's life, one day asked about drawings for pictures in the book.

Do you know what Tommy Nast replied?

He said just this: "I should like to put in some of my Santa Claus pictures."



Black Market In British Toys

AP Feature

London—Fantastic profits are being piled up by the sale of flimsy toys at absurdly high prices to British parents patriotically determined to see that their youngsters have some sort of playthings for Christmas.

And there doesn't seem to be much that can be done about it by officials absorbed in handling more serious wartime controls.

Metals, paints, dyes, cloth, and rubber either are denied to makers entirely or severely rationed. The Board of Trade, which set a blanket ceiling of \$10 for any toy, allowed toy manufacturers to increase output 25 per cent for the holiday demand but even then the supply of sturdy—mainly wooden—toys at reasonable prices remained hopelessly short.

While the legitimate manufacturers did their best and reputable merchants sold toys at reasonable levels, the door was opened wide to fly-by-night makers and unscrupulous sellers.

In an effort to expose the heartless racket, The Daily Express published a series of pictures and stories showing thrown-together toys sold at high prices. For a pictured Humpty-Dumpty doll, a reporter paid about \$1.75 and the paper listed the materials in it—all cloth—worth about 20 cents.

A locomotive which cost \$1.10 was made of cylindrical cardboard food carton with halves of wooden spools for wheels, another spool for smokestack and a cork for a bell.

Australia, Brazil and the Belgian Congo are the chief sources of tantalum metal.



May Songs of Good Cheer

BE IN YOUR HEART THIS CHRISTMAS.
OUR SINCEREST HOPE FOR A JOYOUS
YULETIDE SEASON FOR YOU!

Goodson & Flanagan
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Here's Wishing You a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy 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.

FOR THE ENTIRE PERSONNEL OF

Taft Furniture Co.

"46 Years of Continuous Furniture Service"

GREETINGS!

Our wish is that Christmas may bring to you and those dear to you the things you most earnestly long for, and that the coming New Year will abundantly supply you with all the good things of life.

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Greenville, N. C.