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Disclose Plan To Battle CIO Suits

U. S. Chamber Of Commerce Swinging Into Action As Claims By Workers For Back Portal-To-Portal Pay Grow

Washington, Dec. 24—(AP)—The United States Chamber of Commerce disclosed plans yesterday to marshal its 2,000 member organizations behind a drive in Congress to relieve employers from possible "portal-to-portal" pay liabilities dating back to 1938.

Spurred by the snow-balling claims of workers in mass production industries for pay—at twice normal overtime rates—for travel and other non-production time not hitherto paid for, the Chamber will submit a referendum Friday to its entire membership.

It is this act which makes the back-pay suits possible. It established a 42-hour work week for two years, then a 40-hour week after 1940 for employers engaged in producing goods for interstate commerce.

Earlier this year the Supreme Court—in a case involving 1,200 CIO United Pottery Workers at Mt. Clemens, Mich.—held that employees are entitled to pay for time spent preparing for their jobs on company property.

(This became known as the portal-to-portal decision, because of the contract arrangement John L. Lewis won for his coal miners, covering pay for time spent in traveling from the pit mouths to the scene of actual digging operations.)

In the Mt. Clemens case the court ruled that the pottery workers had been putting in more than 40 hours a week since 1940 and hence had

extra time coming to them at overtime rates. Under the law they automatically are doubled when the employee has to go to court to collect.

The arrangements to the Fair Labor Standards Act which the Chamber of Commerce hopes to present to Congress with the overwhelming support of American business would:

1. Limit to some period, less than eight years, the time during which employers could be held liable retroactively.

2. Define clearly what occupations are in interstate commerce and thus covered by the act.
3. Validate compromise settlements with groups of workers for back pay under the decision.

Last June, the high court ruled that the Mt. Clemens were entitled to pay for 28 minutes daily spent punching a time clock, and preparing for work. Under the doubling provisions of the law this amounted to time and one half for 56 minutes a day.

It is under that interpretation that Lewis's chemical workers sought huge sums from DuPont Dow and other firms with District 50 contracts. Similar suits now have been taken up by the big CIO unions in the mass production industries. The steel-workers, headed by CIO President Philip Murray, have started suit in Pittsburgh for \$120,000,000 against Carnegie-Illinois and National Tube Companies.

Until Friday

With this issue The Reflector will suspend publication until Friday afternoon to give our employees a well deserved few days' rest and an opportunity to enjoy the Christmas holidays. The entire management and personnel wish all our readers a joyous Christmas season.

NOVEL GIFTS FOR SHOPPERS

Zoo Director Willing To Help Out Last-Minute Buyers

Chicago, Dec. 24—(AP)—Did you cut off your Christmas shopping until the last minute? Would you like an unusual gift—something no one else is likely to give?

Then Robert Bean may be the man you should see.

Bean is director of the Brookfield zoo. He isn't advertising himself as Santa's helper, but he has some merchandise for sale, and if you want to buy it and give it to a boson buddy, that's your business.

Bean has for instance:

Alligators at reasonable prices—\$1 a foot if the gator is less than five feet long, \$2 a foot if over five feet. Ideal for making strangers stay away from your friend's swimming pool.

A male baboon, between five and eight years old, weighing 150 pounds. Might make an excellent wrestling partner. Price \$85.

A genuine crab eating monkey for \$300. Or pig-tailed monkeys at \$40. A pair of wildbeests for \$500. A wildbeest is a deer-like animal with horns. Could substitute for reindeer in pulling a sleigh, if there were any snow.

A nyala, for \$350. A nyala is a striped antelope. Something for the practical joker to turn loose in the parlor near the end of the party.

Bean says there is nothing unusual about his offerings. Zoos come by surplus of certain items, which they sell to provide money to buy scarce merchandise, he explains.

Immortal Art Tells the Christmas Story



ARRIVAL AT BETHLEHEM
By Luc Olivier Merson (1846-1920)



THE NATIVITY
By Antonio Van Dyck (1599-1641)



SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS
By Albert Edelfelt (1854-1905)



ADORATION OF THE MAGI
By Conrad Loib (15th Century)



MADONNA ADORING CHILD
Antonio Coreggio (1494-1534)

Plan Mobilizing In Event Of War

South Has Peak Year In Industry

Past Progress Brings Expansive Plans To Industrialize Dixie

By C. W. GILMORE

Atlanta — Industry in the traditionally agricultural south has brought forth elaborate expansion plans for 1947, both to take advantage of cheap money and protect the current employment peak.

Cotton in particular and agriculture in general still remain the backbone of southern economy, and most segments of the farming industry continued to ride high on the strength of bumper prices in 1946.

But industrial expansion, particularly in cotton textiles, captured a full share of the spotlight. All in all, 95 textile industry expansion projects already have been mapped in nine states, providing an estimated 22,975 new jobs.

Cotton producers, despite a series of price breaks, and tobacco growers, despite a record crop, came out of the old year with more money than ever. Only in Florida did the farmer suffer when torrential rains did multi-million dollar damage to the truck crop.

A price of better than 30 cents a pound for cotton in December was gratifying to tenant and plantation owner alike, although the mid-October crash sent the fiber down from 39.10 cents.

At the end of 1945 traders in the New Orleans exchange considered 24 cents a fair price but

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Army-Navy Munition Boards Setting Up Detailed Blueprint To Mobilize Industry In Event Of Atomic War; Two-Year Task Will Be Completed Next Fall

Washington, Dec. 24—(AP)—The army and navy munitions board expects to complete by next fall its two-year job of drafting the government's detailed plan to mobilize industry in the event of an atomic war.

Richard R. Deupree, the board's civilian chairman, said, however, the precautionary blueprint is being sketched in the light of world war II experience and hence will be subject to continual revision.

It contemplates creation of another war production board or similar agency under civilian control but streamlined to avoid some of the loose play that marked the early stages of the American war effort after Pearl Harbor.

Deupree, a Cincinnati industrialist, told a reporter that the 1947 industrial mobilization plan "actually will be just a first postwar edition."

"With munitions and industry changing so fast, it will have to be revised annually like the dictionary," the chairman said. "Today we have to figure on high octane gas for bombers, but tomorrow it might be low octane kerosene or atomic power."

Already some 2,000 of the 4,000 or more plants owned or financed by the government have been turned over to the War Assets Administration for disposal.

The three score or more for which the army and navy must obtain funds from congress to incorporate into their arsenal and shore establishment systems include 11 aircraft plants. They also include some basic explosives and shell-loading facilities.

Still to be decided is the fate of the synthetic rubber industry which currently is under study by the government's rubber reserves corporation and a committee headed by William L. Batt, wartime WPB vice chairman. Of the more than 60 of these plants involved, WAA has sold one, offered another for sale and is preparing to offer still others as they are declared surplus.

Disposals will follow the War Assets Administration's recommendations.

Industrial leaders who had leading roles in the wartime operations of WPB and other emergency agencies are contributing their ideas.

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Blum Warns French Assembly Indochina Strife May Worsen

GEORGIA FEUD UP TO COURTS

Death Of Talmadge Starts Fight Over Arnall Successor

Atlanta, Dec. 24—(AP)—The unprecedented death of a governor-elect has thrown Georgia into another political feud which will go into the courts for final decision.

The showdown will come January 13 when the General Assembly convenes. It was to declare Eugene Talmadge governor but death last Saturday removed the colorful veteran who was to serve a fourth term.

Never before has a Georgian died between the time of his election and the taking of office as governor. The new constitution provides that the lieutenant-governor should succeed in the event of the governor's death. But it is vague on what happens should death occur before inauguration.

Some argue that the legislature can choose between the two receiving the highest write-in vote—which they agree would be Herman Talmadge, son of Eugene Talmadge.

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Gen. LeClerc Dispatched To Scene Of Fighting; French Troops Attack Viet-Nam Positions In City Of Hanoi

Paris, Dec. 24—(AP)—President Leon Blum has declared the "serious" situation in Indo-China may worsen in the next few weeks, and announced he was dispatching Gen. Jacques LeClerc, armored warfare specialist of World War II, to the troubled outpost of empire.

Blum, addressing the National Assembly, promised a policy of firmness in dealing with the Viet-Nam forces, currently battling French troops in Indo-China.

Paris, Dec. 24—(AP)—French troops attacked Viet-Nam positions in the city hall and postoffice and the Indo-Chinese quarter of Hanoi today in the swelling battle for control of the battered capital of the Viet-Nam republic, the French press agency said.

French authorities were quoted as saying 29 French civilians, including 11 women, had been killed in the fighting and that their bodies were

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CONGRESSMEN WANT INQUIRY

Indicate New Probe Of Army Courts Martial Lies Ahead

Washington, Dec. 24—(AP)—Congress members showed an inclination today to make their own investigation of the army's court martial system although generally applauding the report from an American Bar Association inquiry committee.

Senator Revercomb (R-WVa) told a reporter that in the light of the report and the complaints reaching congress, "it is clear that an overhauling of the court martial system definitely is required."

"Congress should make a thorough investigation, giving attention to this committee's report, and see that we get a court martial system that is unquestionably fair," Revercomb added.

The Bar Association report, made public Saturday night, said there is evidence to sustain in some instances

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SAAR ACTION ANNOYS CLAY

"Unilateral Action" By French Criticized By American

Berlin, Dec. 24—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Deputy American Military Governor, expressed annoyance yesterday at what he called the "entirely unilateral action" of the French in separating the Saar from the rest of Germany with a customs frontier.

Lt. Gen. Joseph Pierre Koenig, French Military Governor, placed 1,200 customs officials on the boundaries of the rich coal region with Baden and the Rhine-palatinate yesterday to "prevent the exporting of food products from the Saar and an influx of currency into the Saar."

Clay said the matter had not been presented to the allied control council. Other American officials said privately the French had made a single-handed move to gain a settlement of French demands regarding the Saar, outside the four-power councils.

The French are understood to desire at least a close economic integration with France and its separation from Germany in some fashion.

Clay said the Americans learned about the French intention only a few hours before Koenig posted his customs officials. Clay said he would report to Washington.

The British and Russian occupation zones extended their international trade quotas until next April 1 in a "stop gap" agreement announced Sunday. The Russians were committed to supply 10,000 tons of grain a month and the British agreed to furnish 25,000 tons of iron and steel.

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Christmas Pageant Was Musical Event

By CHESTER WALSH

An overflow audience attended the presentation of a Christmas Pageant, "Thou Shall Call His Name Jesus," at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, First and Greene streets, Sunday night. It was an elaborate production. The music was superb, the singing faultless, and the scenery and illumination combined to make a perfect living picture of the scene at Bethlehem nearly 20 centuries ago.

The pageant was presented by the Negro Youth Council of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church. It was under the direction of A. L. Norcott and P. A. Barnhill, Mrs. M. G. Thompson was the accompanist.

Three scenes: the Annunciation, the Adoration of the Shepherds, and the Visit of the Kings.

The following participated: Herman Walters, Mrs. Catherine Smith, Miss Jean Johnson, Joseph Tait, Jr., Elwood Streeter, Nathaniel Corbett, Herman Spell, Linwood Darden, Johnny Taylor, Levy Tyson, William Wilks and Joseph Little. Preceding the pageant Miss Jean Johnson sang "O Holy Night," with the Youth Council mixed chorus in pantomime. The pageant was one of the musical events of the Yuletide season.

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Famous Kilroy Housing Victim

Exeret, Mass., Dec. 24—(AP)—As far as the American Transit Association is concerned, the identity of the elusive Kilroy of "Kilroy was here" fame has been established, and in token of this recognition a street car was shipped today to James J. Kilroy of Halifax, Mass.

The street car was lifted with a huge crane to a big trailer at the shops of the Boston elevated railway and started for Kilroy's home 30 miles down the south shore. There it will be attached to the Kilroy dwelling, scene of an acute housing problem, to provide living quarters for six of nine little Kilroys ranging in age from six months to 15 years.

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A Potential Market

Russia Eyes American Goods; Long Credit Terms Wanted As Big Scale Customer; Tremendous Possibilities In Agreement; Could Get Along Alone

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, Dec. 21—(AP)—From a purely business point of view the Soviet Union looms as one of the greatest potential markets in the world for American goods.

There is much evidence that Russia needs millions of dollars worth of things the U. S. is making or can make and that she is willing to buy them.

Recently concluded economic agreements with Sweden, Uruguay, Norway and Finland indicate the desire of the Soviet Union to do business on an international basis. There is a desire here also to do big scale business with the United States.

Some things the Russians need badly in their post-war reconstruction and five-year plan—things they believe the United States could supply them almost immediately—are machinery, machine tools and also bearings; electrical equipment,

and so forth.

Premier Stalin has said that Russia would like a loan from the U. S. and many Russians tell you very frankly the bigger it might be the better.

Russia unquestionably—and, for a country damaged as she was by the war, understandably—wants a long-term credit, perhaps for from 20 to 30 years. She would like low interest, perhaps between two and three per cent.

How is Russia going to pay? She certainly can pay in gold and she has an almost unlimited supply of furs—two items the U. S. desires in.

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Tips To Santa Claus

"Streamline Your Stock" Says AP's Famous Correspondent, Who Advocates Doing Away With Whiskers And Red Suit; Offers 1947 Model Gift List

By HAL BOYLE

New York, Dec. 24—(AP)—Dear Santa Claus:

Yes, there is a Virginia. She believes in you. So do I. You don't think I throw away these five-cent airmail stamps on a myth do you?

But if your best friends won't tell you, I will, old-timer. Get wise to yourself. Modernize. Shave off those unsanitary old whiskers. Climb out of that red flannel suit and buy yourself some dinner clothes. And quit whipping those reindeer. The S.P.C.A. doesn't like it. Get yourself a supersonic jet chariot.

Most of all, get out of the peppermint candy business. You still have the kids sewed up, but you're sure losing out with the grownups. You've got to take inventory and streamline your stock.

Olive 'em something new for a change. For example, here's a gift list that will take you out of the

- kiddle car class, and win you more fans than Frank Sinatra.
 - Mohandas K. Gandhi—a pin-striped zoot suit.
 - John L. Lewis—an oil buring eyebrow warmer.
 - The three blind mice—a seeing eye cat.
 - Fred Allen—a portrait of Jack Benny.
 - Jack Benny—a portrait of Fred Allen.
 - Ingrid Bergman—my telephone number—gramercy 7-8959.
 - The man with the hoe—a tractor.
 - The man in the iron mask—a can of metal polish.
 - Ladies in waiting—what they're waiting for—men.
 - Lana Turner—a suit of armor (no more sweaters, please).
 - Tommy Manville—a commutation ticket to Reno.
 - Hirohito—a copy of "Twilight of the Gods."
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Christmas Gift Fatal To Wife

Washington, Dec. 23—(AP)—Albert Bailey always had admired that rifle. That's why John Kunzman thought it would make a nice Christmas present.

Bailey, who lives in Dillon, S. C., married Mrs. Kunzman's sister Mae. The two brothers-in-law had taken many hunting trips together. The Kunzmans planned to visit the Baileys this Christmas. The gift of the rifle was to be the surprise.

All other Christmas presents had been wrapped, so last night Mrs. Kunzman said she'd better wrap the gun. Kunzman said, yes, and kept on with his reading.

A moment later a shot rang out. Police said today the gun had to be broken down to be wrapped. Evidently that was when Mrs. Kunzman tripped the trigger.

She was dead when they got her to the hospital. There was a gap in wound in her throat.

The King Of Glory

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Saviour of the world is here!
Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for Heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer; and love, and joy.
Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

George Weissel—1642

Young People Sing Christmas Carols

An old Yuletide custom was revived in Greenville Sunday night when young people in three trucks assembled at Eighth Street Christian Church to sing Christmas carols over the city. The singers parked at Five Points and sang Christmas carols, then they divided into three groups and went to different parts of the city to sing the joyful tidings of the Birth of the Savior at Bethlehem.

The carolers attracted a large crowd at Five Points and elsewhere. It was an enjoyable venture in carrying for the part sharers and they spread joy and good cheer among the hundreds who heard them sing.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Jablonski, of 34 N. Court Street, Steubenville, Ohio, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Sutton, of near Grimesland.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolla B. Holt of Washington, D. C., will arrive today to spend Christmas with Mrs. Holt's mother, Mrs. Walter Taylor.

Miss Rachel Fleming, who is employed in Danville, Va., is home for the holidays.

Capt. and Mrs. Louis Wilkerson are spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Wilkerson. Following a brief leave Capt. Wilkerson will be stationed at Camp Jay, Governor's Island, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bostic and daughter, Mary Sue, of Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hodges and children, Ann Palmer and Rex, Jr., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Berry Bostic.

Miss Mary Harrison of Orlando, Fla., will arrive today to visit Miss Evelyn Hart.

H. E. Ragsdale has returned from Covington, Tenn., to spend Christmas.

Miss Lois Brandt, who is attending school in Virginia is spending Christmas at home.

A. C. Ruffin has returned from the Kentucky and Tennessee tobacco markets.

Julian White, Jr., who is attending V. M. I. in Lexington, Va., is home to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hudson of Chapel Hill are spending Christmas with Mrs. Hudson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kilgo.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Marshburn of Andalusia, Ala., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Marshburn's mother, Mrs. Travis Hooker.

Mrs. W. W. Phelps, Miss Florence Phelps and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Phelps will leave tonight for Morehead City to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hicks.

Entertain Wedding Party

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Briley and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Whitehurst entertained last night at an informal after-rehearsal party and cake cutting at the Briley home on Harding street honoring Miss Mary Ann Harris and James Briley, their wedding party and out-of-town guests. The wedding will be solemnized this afternoon at five o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church.

The guests were greeted at the door by Mr. and Mrs. John Ray Hardy, Miss Alleen Cain of Fayetteville, N. C., and Mr. Leonard Briley assisted in receiving. The living room was decorated with both the Christmas motif and the bridal motif. A built-in chest of wall shelves displayed the nativity scene, Santa with his reindeer and sleigh, and the Christmas dwarf helpers. The mantel had a miniature bride and bridegroom under an altar before a large mirror, Christmas greens and berries were banked with white tapers in crystal holders. At the north end of the living room punch was served by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Briley of Raleigh, N. C. The table was covered with a lace cloth, centered with the crystal punch bowl and an arrangement of white bridal flowers and ivy, flanked with white tapers in crystal holders. Above the table, the chandelier was showered with silver bells.

In the dining room, the table was covered with a crocheted lace cloth made by the bridegroom's mother. An arrangement of white bridal flowers in a silver bowl, flanked by white tapers in silver holders, centered the table. A three-tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom was cut at one end of the table, and molded ice cream in green and white bridal motif was served from a silver platter at the opposite end of the table. Mrs. Ruth Harris, mother of the bride, served the cake after the bride and couple cut the first slice. Mrs. Rosa Briley, mother of the groom, served the ice cream. Mrs. W. B. Harris of Chapel Hill, N. C., Mrs. Norman Warren of Rocky Mount, N. C., Miss Harriett Stancil, and Miss Mae Briley assisted in serving. Individual iced cakes were passed. Wedding bells tied with white satin ribbon and entwined with ivy and tulle hung from the chandelier over the bride's table.

Goodbyes were said to the hosts. Approximately fifty guests were received.

"X" Sideris Visits Home

"X" Sideris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Sideris of Greenville, a student at Bulles Preparatory School, Silver Springs, Md., near Washington, D. C., is in the city spending the Christmas holidays with his parents. Sideris was a star player last year on the Greenville High School football team.

Mrs. Cobb Luncheon Hostess

Mrs. Charles Cobb was luncheon hostess on Saturday having as her guests her mother, Mrs. H. W. Tobias, of Washington, D. C., and her sister, Mrs. R. E. Murphy, of Boston, Mass. The home was lovely with Christmas decorations. The table in the dining room was centered with greenery, Christmas balls and red candles. An attractive arrangement of fruit was used on the serving table.

Mrs. H. C. Suex and Mrs. C. H. Edwards, assisted by Mrs. Ray MacKenzie and Mrs. Hugh Winslow served a delightful buffet luncheon.

UNATTACHED?

New York, Dec. 22—(AP)—A unique opportunity for persons with a desire for strong attachments is offered by the War Assets Administration which is willing to part with 43 surplus mobile mooring masts. There are three types available, at prices ranging from \$240 to \$1-

Social Calendar

THURSDAY

8:00 to 10:00 p. m.—Miss Annie Turner will be hostess at a floating shower at her home, 202 E. 14th street, honoring Miss Grace Taylor, bride-elect.

FRIDAY

9:00 p. m.—German Club dance at the Country Club.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR

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Christmas gift.

Fireworks directly.

Get your stocking ready.

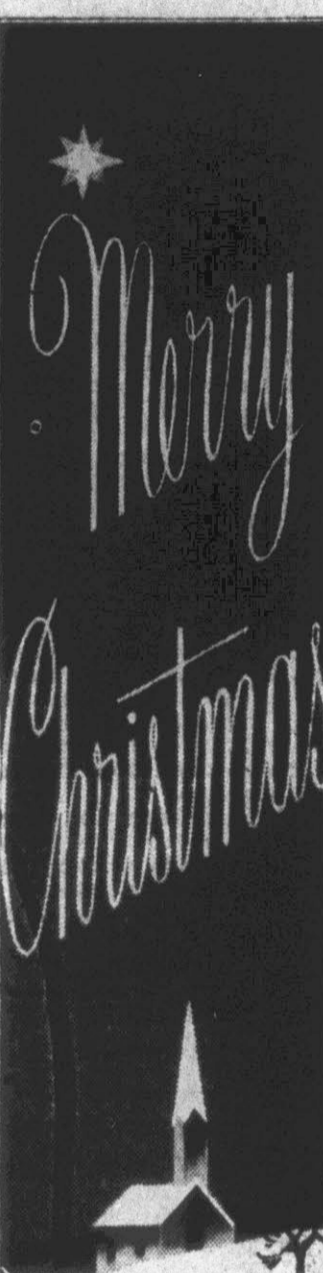
There was a light snow Sunday.

Be careful with the fire works and do no damage to person or property.

Sometime in the early hours of Monday morning robbers broke in the A. C. L. depot at Winterville and blew open the safe. The robbers got about \$200.

000 each. They can be seen at 10

naval air stations around the country and despite last-minute Christmas shoppers can order by mail.



To one and all go our sincerest and best wishes for this Yuletide season. Happiness, good health, good cheer and the merriest of Christmases to everyone.



Women in the Church

The newly-formed 140-year nursing course of the Vellore Christian Medical College of India, supported

by a dozen Protestant mission boards of the United States and Great Britain for the training of doctors and nurses, has been recognized by Madras University as of college grade and will lead to a nursing degree. This is the only such nursing course under Christian auspices in India.

Methodist women, meeting at the annual sessions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, at Buck Falls, Pa., passed resolutions

including these: "We recommend that a careful examination be made into the practices of segregation with a determined effort to work for its elimination. We concur in the action of the United Council of Church Women, in urging that a united impact be made on all segregation practices in the community life of the nation, giving particular emphasis to the following: the enforcement of Civil Rights Laws in the states having such laws; the interpretation and enforcement of

the Supreme Court rulings on transportation, education (including equalization of teachers' salaries and higher education for all groups), and the right to vote in states having separation laws and voting restrictions; the breaking of the pattern of segregation in the nation's capital.

"We recommend that we seek to secure a wider use of the ballot through more intensive education of the people to the issues before them; by abolishing the poll tax as a pre-

requisite to voting; seeing that all citizens of the community exercise their voting rights without intimidation or restriction; and support of citizenship education programs for new voters. That we support pending legislation as follows: Anti-Lynching Bill; Federal Aid to Education; Maternal and Child Welfare Act; provide adequate medical care for all people, including the mentally ill. That Woman's Society members be encouraged to write broadcasting companies protesting

misrepresentations in radio liquor advertising; also that we commend the wholesome aspects of radio, movies, newspapers, etc. We urge the enforcement of existing state and local laws with regard to alcohol."

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is experimenting with a new fiber made from peanuts. Hand paper making is still a sizable industry in Japan.

IT WOULDN'T BE CHRISTMAS WITHOUT OUR BEST WISHES TO YOU

Have you ever found you forgot to send yuletide greetings to some good old friend — and experienced the apologetic regretfulness that follows? Multiply it a thousand-fold, and you know how we'd feel if we overlooked saying "Merry Christmas" to you. We're saying it now; we're saying it here; and you'll feel the spirit of it over and over, each time you enter our door, until the last Christmas light dims out.

Blount-Harvey
"Eastern Carolina's Shopping Center"



Christmas Greetings

Mistletoe and holly — sleigh bells and candle light — the Holiday season at its most glorious.

Happiness and joy — health and prosperity are our sincere wishes to you and yours for —

CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR

Belk-Tyler Company

Greenville,

North Carolina

Tips To Santa . . .

Bing Crosby—a race horse that runs on all four legs.
Walter Winchell—a door with two keyholes.

Our war veterans—anything in the world they need.

Dr. James B. Conant—a toy
The National Association of
Manufacturers—an erector set.
Henry Ford—a new car.
Henry Kaiser—any car.
Milton Berle—a new edition of
Joe Miller (he knows all the old ones).
Hollywood—criticism.
The radio—criticism.
My wife—patience.
Harry Truman—earnuffs.
Joe Louis—some competition.
Joe Stalin—ditto.
Winston Churchill—an iron curtain-pull.
The high cost of living—a greased toboggan.
My mother—a nosegay of forgotten-ness—and an evergreen remembrance.
Happy Chandler—a Mexican belly laugh.
Greta Garbo—lend her to me. She said she wants to be a loan.
The wolf at the door—a bone and a new address.
And, no kidding on this one, Santa, for the people of this weary earth—mutual understanding and endless peace. They're got it coming.
Yours at the wishing well,
Hal Boyle.

CHRISTMAS BELLS



will ring so merrily . . . bringing in a wealth of good cheer and happiness. We offer our sincerest hope for a joyous Yuletide season.

We wish to thank each and every one for their patronage and hope we can serve you in 1947.

We will be closed Christmas day and Thursday.

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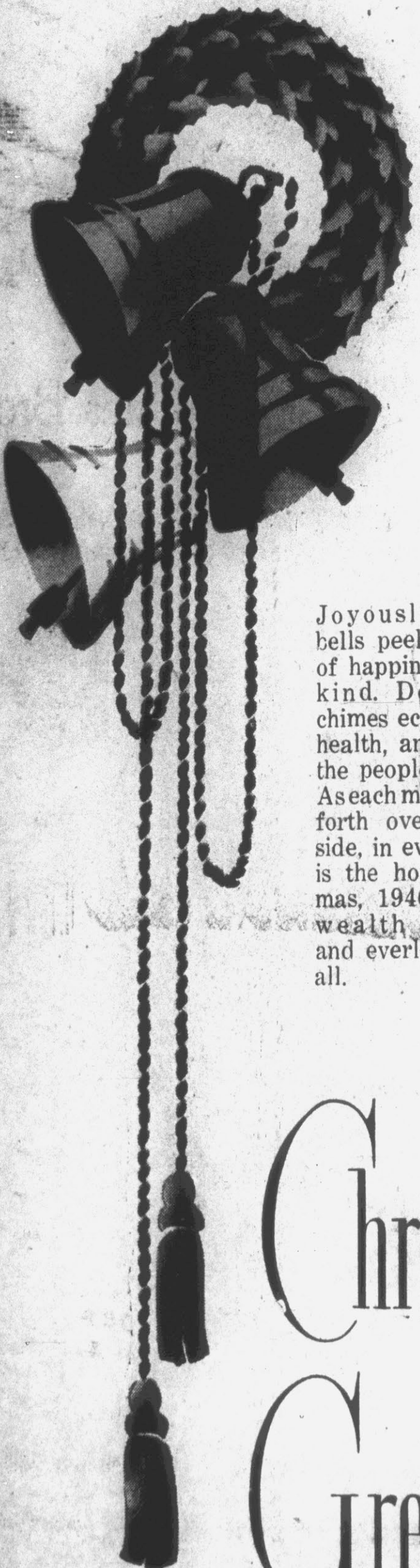
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NO STAYS GRANTED
Jerusalem (AP)—When Jerusalem Corsetmaker Hanna Grün was convicted of overcharging for corsets and bras, the magistrate's court decided Palestine's "Defence Emergency Regulations" had been violated, fined her \$120.



Sponsors for the Esquire Club's annual Christmas dance to be held at the Country Club Wednesday night. Left to right: Miss Josie Barnes White with Mr. Ed Rawl, Jr., Miss Rosalie Taylor with Misspinner Bill Lee, Jr., Miss Katherine Van Nortwick with Mr. John Wooten, Miss Shirley Warner with Mr. Charles Pace, and Miss Ione Bradsher with Mr. Ralph Garrett, Jr. The Esquire club, Greenville's six-year old dance sponsoring organization, holds dances at Christmas, spring, and fall. Music for Wednesday night's dance will be furnished by Hal Thurston.



Joyously the Yuletide bells peel their message of happiness to all mankind. Deep resonant chimes echo a prayer for health, and prosperity to the peoples of the earth. A seach mellow tonerings forth over the countryside, in every heart there is the hope that Christmas, 1946, will bring a wealth of contentment and everlasting peace to all.

Christmas Greetings

Best Jewelry Company

Established 1901 Eastern Carolina's Finest Jewelers



Merry Christmas...

and may all your dreams come true

The sweet trust with which children turn to Santa for fulfillment of their wishes, is the very essence of the season's spirit. In sharing the dreams of childhood and bringing them to life your joy is ours!

Every facility of our business and every effort of our personnel is directed to your protection the year round.

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INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE

Greenville, N. C.

Local Midgets Aim At Bringing Home Trophy

Greenville's Mighty Mites, losers of the East Carolina Midget Conference champions by the score of 13-7, will play Goldsboro December 23, 2 p. m., at Goldsboro in the annual midget bowl game.

The boys have been in high spirits and are looking forward to a win. They have been working out daily at the Third Street field, and are shaping up fine, even though the weather has been unpleasant.

Two players will be missed in Thursday's line-up; Bobby Bradshaw, who will be away at the time of the game, and Higgs Kirkpatrick, who has been a main-stay in the forward wall and is on the injured list.

Bill Umphlett who has been a demon to the opposition at tackle, will be a doubtful starter. Bill was hurt in the last practice and was taken to Pitt General hospital where X-rays were made. However his condition was not serious and the squad is hoping for his return in time for

the big game. The Mites are using a mixture of the "T" and single wing formations. Julian Vainwright who looks like Lujack himself, is quarterbacking the club. Kent Lee, who played end in previous games, has been shifted to right half.

Billy Wooten, an unsung hero, is doing a fine job at center. He plays guard on defense and center on offense. New Bern's Bears made the statement "he hits like a ton of bricks."

Johnny Aman will be in one of the guard slots and will be tough for Goldsboro. The Sideris boys are showing their old touch in practice; in fact, the boys look like a new team, and expect to bring home the midget bowl trophy.

Boys making the trip include: Ends—Gardner, Fly, Hux; guards—Rowland, Aman and Wooten; center—Wooten; tackles—Moore, Umphlett; Stocks; backs—Vainwright, S. Sideris, G. Sideris, J. Sideris, Aycock and E. Farley.



LOVELY LINDA DARNELL In role of cafe singer in John Ford's "My Darling Clementine" at Pitt Thursday and Friday.

some Japanese were among the guards killed defending the Hanoi residence of the Viet-Nam President, Ho Chi Minh, when it was stormed by French troops Dec. 18.

South Had . . .

Continued from Page 1 The bullish talk of 40 and 50 cents, coupled with short crop predictions, sent the speculators on a buying spree. The end came Oct. 19 when bankers called for more margin against the loans they had made. After three trading suspensions, cotton fell more than \$50 a bale.

Meanwhile, a tipoff on textile mill expansion came through a report that the consumption of new cotton in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana had increased six per cent over 1945.

Mergers within the industry, and the now-fulfilled prospect that price controls would be removed precipitated an unprecedented inflation in cotton mill securities. Some common stock issues boomed up as much as \$600 and more per \$100-par share as several million spindles passed from southern to northern ownership. However, most southern mills remained in southern hands.

The latter part of the year finally brought expansion announcements totalling \$23,000,000 in the hosiery knitting industry and \$300,000,000 in the spinning and weaving industries.

The year was a record breaker, too, for the tobacco industry—both for the manufacturer and for the grower. Farmers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia sold 1,328,940,286 pounds of leaf—164,000,000 pounds better than in 1945—at an average price of around \$47 per hundred pounds or four and a half cents above last year.

These all time highs were matched by the tobacco manufacturers themselves, who produced 335,000,000,000 cigarettes by the end of the fiscal year, June 30. This was better by 7,000,000,000 than the wartime peak.

The great Birmingham valley which harvests its iron ore and bituminous fuel from the same rolling hills, found coal production had been reduced by one-fourth under 1945 due to strikes. Steel production also dropped in the face of orders even heavier than during the war. Some finishing units were booked solid for two or more years ahead.

A major expansion in the steel industry was under way in Alabama with one additional open hearth under construction and a cold reduction sheet mill being built at Fairfield.

Shipbuilding dwindled rapidly although the giant works at Pascagoula, Miss., had enough orders to last through 1947.

As the year came to a close, citrus growers wondered how they would dispose of an estimated 102,000,000 box crop. Prices were lower than 1945 and the state's citrus commission learned that there were 17,000,000 cans of fruit products left over from last year.

Christmas In Europe Will Be Gay For The Rich; Have-Nots Starve

London, Dec. 24—(AP)—There will be Christmas gaiety and even plenty in Europe for those who can pay. But for Europe's hungry, destitute multitudes there is no room in the inn.

Though the shadow of war has lifted, the dreariness of cold hearths and bare cupboards remains. And for the have-nots of the have-not and defeated nations Christmas will be just another day.

In Paris, windows are stuffed with appealing scarves, purses, jewels, silken underthings, fur coats, perfumes and other rich gifts, but prices are fantastic. And many a child can only stare and long for pretty toys.

Paris foodshops, too, are burdened with delicacies—silver-wrapped pate de foie gras, at \$9 to \$14 a pound; turkeys and geese at up to \$30; and champagne at prices which are not even mentioned out loud.

Christmas trees are plentiful. Flowers are a sight to see, but prices

are soaring and a boutonniere for Christmas will cost as much as one dozen roses in November. Night clubs and large restaurants will have special shows for those who want to toss away a month's salary in a night.

Rome presents the paradox of stores bursting with luxury goods, while most of the capital's masses would be content with an extra ration of spaghetti. Italians fortunate enough to have lire can buy, but prices go up and lire goes the other way.

In Britain the outlook was for continued austerity, but Englishmen could look forward to sharing about 11,500 tons of turkey, puddings, sweets and imported fruits. Rationing still is severe, but largely respected, so that everyone gets his share, little though it may be. Prices are four times higher than in prewar days and there's a 100 per cent tax on luxuries.

Similarly, Senators Wiley (R-Wis.), Brewster (R-Maine) and Stewart (R-Tenn.), also interviewed, said they feel there is a definite need for improved procedures.

Jury Indicts . . .

Continued from Page 1 engaged in the operation of a hotel which had no outside fire escapes, well knowing that the probable consequences might endanger the lives of guests.

Georgia Feud . . .

Continued from Page 1 made and his campaign manager, and James V. Carmichael, whom Talmadge defeated in the democratic primary. The ballots are sealed and the count won't be known until the legislature meets. Carmichael has announced he would not serve even if elected. That might leave the field to Herman Talmadge, around whom his father's friends will center their efforts.

Authoritative sources claim Gov. Ellis Arnall, bitter foe of Talmadge who is barred from a second successive term by the constitution, will hold office until the courts decide the issue.

Congressmen . . .

Continued from Page 1 es, the oft-repeated charge of discrimination between officers and GI's in army courts martial. This "seriously impaired" morale in some cases, the report added.

Senator McClellan (D-Ark.) described as "on the right track a recommendation that the law member of each court and the defense counsel be members of the judge advocate general's department and be appointed by it. At present, they are named by the commander who orders the trial.

McClellan said he agrees with Revercombe that there is "something wrong" at present and "plenty of room for improvement."

Navy Star Says Crowd Caused Game's Mix-up

Miami, Fla., Dec. 23—(AP)—Pete Williams, the navy's No. 1 left half-back, said here today that he didn't know whether he was out of bounds on the last play of the thrilling Army-Navy football game and explained that any blame in these last confusing seconds should go to the crowd and not the officials.

The former Miami high school star, home for the holidays, gave the Miami Herald this version of the most widely discussed play of the 1946 football season:

"There were 35 seconds to go when I took the ball on the last play. I knew it wouldn't take that long for one play, so when I was tackled on the five, I jumped up to run another play, not taking time to notice if I was in or out of bounds.

"As the huddle was forming, I saw Billy Earl, my sub, coming on the field and I ran to the sidelines. "By this time the crowd had practically swarmed to the line of scrimmage, and the official couldn't see Earl. Consequently, he didn't stop the clock as he should have when a substitution came in.

"Leon Bramlett, our captain, was hitting the official on the back, trying to show him Earl so we'd get another chance, but the official's attention was on the crowd.

"I stood on the sidelines watching the clock tick away the last 10 seconds, and knew that with all those spectators on the field, it was all over.

"Those last ten seconds—not getting the chance I figured we should have had—and the loss will be the biggest sore spot in my memory."

"It was tough to be so close and miss, but even in defeat we won something."

"Here's why I say that: The

Army cheering section was yelling and it wasn't the "hold that line" yell I heard. Believe it or not, they were chanting "score, Navy, score."

"That was something—cadets cheering for us. If we had scored, it would have ruined their clean three-year record. Still they were cheering for us."

Two-Man Davis Cup Team Chosen

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 23—(AP)—The United States will send a two-man team into the Davis Cup challenge round here this week for the first time since the days of Bill Tilden and Bill Johnston, a quarter of a century ago.

Ted Schroeder of Glendale, California, will take on John Bromwich, ace of the Australian forces, and U. S. Champion Jack Kramer of Montebello, Calif., will face Dinky Pails in the opening singles matches Thursday.

This was announced today after Walter Pate, U. S. captain, and his Australian counterpart, Gerland Patterson, drew the names from the cup and it was learned authoritatively that the two Californians also would handle the doubles assignment for the U. S. team.

Plan Mobilizing . . .

Continued from Page 1 However, Donald M. Nelson, former WPB chairman, is making an independent survey of possible standby plants at President Truman's request.

Presumably his findings will serve as a check against the munitions board plans, to try to prevent undue disintegration of munitions production capacity such as came after World War I.

Deupree said the armed services propose to retain and operate 60 to 65 plants from the multi-billion dollar war-born munitions industry which the government owns or finances. In addition they hope the government in selling or leasing more than 250 others will provide that the facilities must be available for arms orders in the event of another war emergency within the next two decades.

The munitions board, Deupree said, is prepared to recommend that at least half the industry's million-ton-a-year top capacity be retained in operation or standby status.

Blum Warns . . .

Continued from Page 1 brutally mutilated.

The French onslaught was opened with bombardment by planes and field guns on Viet-Nam troops in a strongly fortified barracks which formerly housed Indo-Chinese guards, the news agency said.

Viet-Nam batteries were reported shelling the French-held citadel with old 75 millimeter guns which Japanese took previously from the French.

French armored units and infantry battled for possession of the Rue Coton, main thoroughfare of the Indo-Chinese district to the north of the capital. Other French troops were reported advancing down the Boulevard Gambetta, south of the downtown district.

French engineers struggled to repair the damaged power plant and restore electrical service. The city also was described as without water.

The French news agency announced the proclamation of a state of siege in Tonkin and northern Annam.

French official circles, the agency said, announced that the bodies of

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Expert Advisor On Quadruplets

Philadelphia, Dec. 24—(AP)—Joseph Cirimello—Philadelphia's expert on the subject of quadruplets—is going to serve as unofficial advisor to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henn, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., who joined the exclusive quad club last night.

Papa Cirimello, whose wife gave birth to three girls and a boy November 1, 1944, had been aware of the Henn's multiple expectations for the last two weeks.

"The Hens wrote us," Cirimello said, "asking for advice in advance, so we knew the quads were on the way. We're glad they're here and hope they'll be as well as ours."

As his first bit of advice to the Baltimore couple, Cirimello warned the Hens to "be careful what you say. People shouldn't regard quads as freaks."

Less than 10,000,000 people live on the island of Sumatra.

The Movies Today

Pitt: "NOCTURNE" starring George Raft, Lynn Bari. State: "WESTERN GOLD" with big cast. Also sport reel.

Potential Market . . .

(Continued from Page One) They say they like to see prosperity in the United States with firm, friendly and mutually beneficial ties with the Soviet Union, and they express belief that their country is going to prosper.

Persons in the foreign trade delegations that have been here this fall and have expressed mild amazement that no loan arrangement nor new economic agreement exists between the Soviet Union and the United States.

Although Russia would like an American loan and would like to do business with the U. S., Americans should not get the idea that Russia cannot get along without it.

CHRISTMAS DAY — THURSDAY BLAZING ADVENTURE

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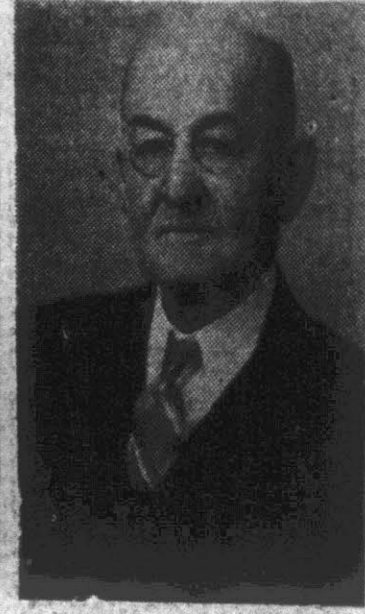
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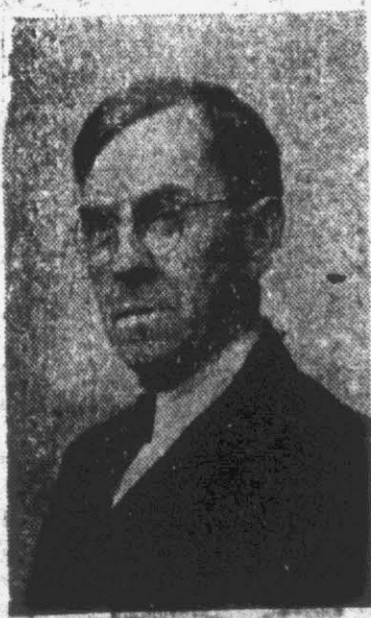
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A Very Merry Christmas
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Willie I. Wooten



Louis Corey

Prices Decline In Farm Produce; Significance

By CLARKE BEACH

Washington — Does the recent break in prices of farm products signal the start of the widely predicted business recession?

The general level of farm prices declined nearly 6 per cent in late November and early December, according to Agriculture Department statistics. Between October 15 and November 15, moreover, the department's index number of average prices received by farmers dropped from 2.73 to 2.63.

In addition, quotations on futures are in many cases far below the current prices, indicating that traders expect prices to continue their downward trend.

Some economists have predicted that a consumer reaction against high prices would cause a break in the present sellers' market and start a chain of events which would develop into a downward business spiral.

When the demand dropped, they reasoned, producers and distributors would retrench and fire a lot of employees. As unemployment grew, consumer demand would continue to diminish, sellers would have to retrench still further, and the spiral

would be well started. But economists at the Agriculture Department see no such significance in the drop in farm prices. They regard it rather as a healthy development, a needed adjustment. Prices have been unjustifiably high, they believe, and they are settling to a more realistic level.

It is similar to the interpretation given by many business analysts of the stock market decline last fall. In their view, business conditions are sounder than they were last summer as a result of the price adjustments in the stock list.

Farm prices are still relatively high, the economists point out, and producers are getting more than a fair return for their goods. Average prices to farmers are still 24 per cent above the parity level, which is the price the government estimates the farmer should get if the amount is to be fair both to consumer and producer.

The present level of farm prices, moreover, is 84 per cent higher than when the U. S. entered the war, and 29 per cent above the level on V-J day.

The area of Norway is a little larger than that of New Mexico.

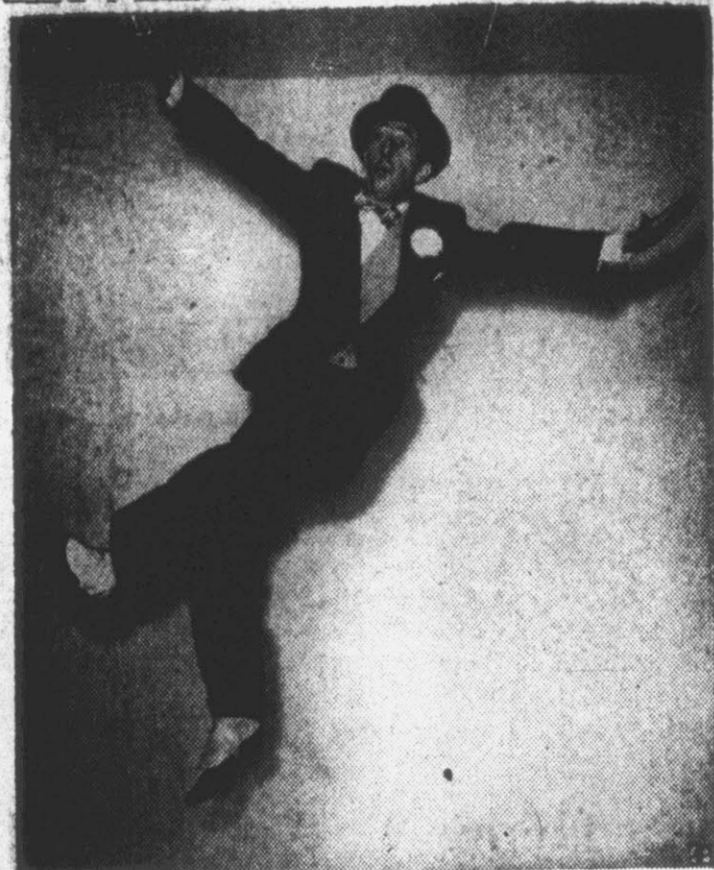
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Friends,
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
1946



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of Christmases past and gone gladden your Christmas celebration this year. We wish for you all the good things for which Christmas has always stood.

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A
Merry
Christmas
TO YOU
1946

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CHRISTMAS should be a time of joy, and we hope that this Christmas of 1946 will be rich in good cheer and true happiness for all who read this message.

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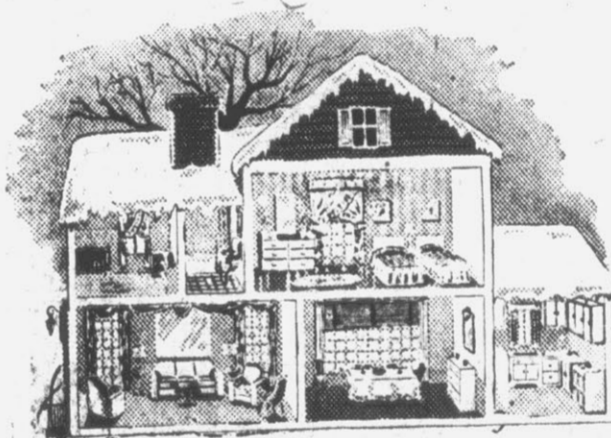
BRINGING HOME THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Sincere Wishes for a Merry Christmas

LET'S ALL BE HAPPY!

Christmas is likely to become too prosaic to many of us grownups, but to boyhood's eager eyes it is a time of preparation and expectancy . . . an enchanted season when the woodland is hushed and even ordinary tasks take on the glamor and joy of dragging home the Christmas tree. May your Christmas of 1946 be in this spirit.

Bostic-Sugg Furniture Co.



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

Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

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Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1946

SWISS FEAR MARMOTS ARE NEAR EXTINCTION
Basel—(AP)—Switzerland's mountain marmots are in danger of extinction, the Basel zoological

garden has advised hunters. The annual kill has doubled during the last decade to meet an increasing demand for marmot fat, used in the manufacture of salves.

THE Season's Greetings



Greenville Funeral Home
M. F. Clark, Manager

"If I Had A Son--"

By HAL BOYLE

The Christmas season is the time of year when old maids, middle-aged bottle-fed bachelors and childless married couples wish they had some kids.

Count me among the yearners. When the shadow of Santa Claus shows on the horizon, I begin to look through rose-colored glasses at the posterity I don't have.

But in my time I've been one of the best baby sitters in the business. The young couple's best pal—that's me. While they trot off to the movies I stay home and watch their small fry. And I don't mind bending an elbow over joint patting myself on the back over how good I am at raising other people's saplings. I have yet to see the baby I can't quiet by cramming a bottle of warm milk in his kisser and threatening, "Shut up—or I'll sell you to Brooklyn."

That Yale professor who learned about children by window-peeping through nurseries may not agree, but from ten years of serving as substitute watchdog for the neighbors' heirs and heirlooms, I've come to a few conclusions on how to raise—not "rear"—the nation's potential Presidents.

Now if I had a son—
The first thing I would do is try to teach him not to be afraid of the dark. If he turned out like his old man he would be living in the dark most of his life.

I would subject him to a full course of "Mother Goose" and the fairy tale books so that he could live up to his ears as long as he could in that imaginative realm that keeps children children. When he finally asked with dawning suspicion, "Just who is this guy Santa Claus peppy," I would send him to his mother. Women are supposed to break men's hearts.

I would make him take up a hobby, save a dime out of every dollar he earned, learn to typewrite and play one musical instrument, and learn to speak one foreign language as well as he did his own. In the world ahead of him, an intelligent man with only one language will be a man walking on one leg.

I would give him a pet—and teach him to care for it. I would make him learn first aid and how

to use a saw and hammer. I would never punish him by making him go sit alone in his room. I would whale the devil out of him for only three things: (1) Starting a fight; (2) Stealing and (3) Showing disrespect to his elders.

At twelve I would give him a camera and pay his entry fee into the Boy Scouts so he would discover the wonderland of field and forest; if he skipped the Scout meetings, I would put him on the corner selling newspapers so he could learn about the two-legged wild animals of the city.

I wouldn't let him play high school football. (If I couldn't make the team—and I didn't—why should he show me up?)

Sometime during these years I hope he would write a poem and like me well enough to show it to me.

When he began to get pimples and ogle the girls, I would send him to a public university in another state. For four years he would be too painful for a fond father to look at.

Upon graduation I would pray that he would go on and study medicine, start his own business, or become a farmer. These things are for men. But if he wanted to be a newspaperman I would give him a one-dollar bill, disown him, adopt another boy—and start all over again.

PRUDENT HABIT

Atlanta, Ga.—(AP)—The Georgia State Library has its budgeting figured down to a fine point. State Auditor B. E. Thrasher, Jr., says its expenditures were \$18,992 in 1944, \$18,955 in 1945 and \$18,989 in 1946.

89-CENT PARASOL A BARGAIN AT \$3 CUT FROM \$8.95

Syracuse, N. Y.—(AP)—Mrs. Esther D. Malmgren's six-year-old, 89-cent umbrella, which she left in a department store a month ago, somehow became an \$8.95 model.

After having inquired several times at the lost and found desk, Mrs. Malmgren spotted her umbrella in a sales rack of "shopworn" parasols. It bore a tag marked down from \$8.95 to \$3.

She identified it by its broken handle, worn paint and missing tip, and got it back without paying the "bargain price."



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Happy New Year

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A Christmas Greeting

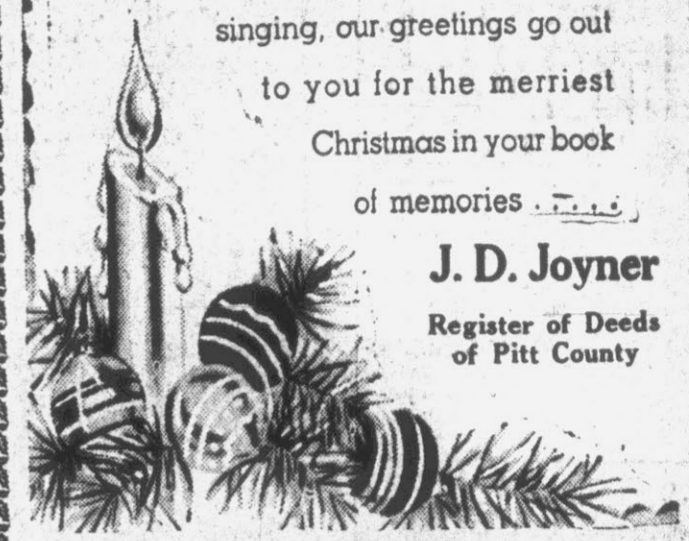
The joy of Christmas is upon the world radiating happiness to all hearts young and old. Let this Christmas be the brightest, merriest and most prosperous!

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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER
O God, our Heavenly Father
whose tabernacle is with men, and
who in thy mercy didst send unto
us thine only begotten Son, give, we
beseech thee, at this season, the
light of thy love and knowledge to
our minds and hearts.
Illumine, we beseech thee, our
minds which have so long dwelt on
earthly things that the stealing of
thy presence into our midst is
often unperceived. Help us to know
that of all thy great gifts thou
didst give the greatest at this season
of the year in the gift of thy Son.
Stir up our minds anew that we
be not overcome with the affairs
of this world. Make us agents
of mercy, that the displaced
peoples of the world may know
gladness, that injustice may everywhere
be overcome, that righteousness
may prevail over men's selfish
desires.

And to our hearts give that light
which causeth us to know that we
belong to thee, indeed. Thou didst
send thine only begotten Son. Let
this season mark the opening of
our hearts to thee with a fullness
and joy that shall outlast the years.
In Christ's name, we ask it, Amen.

OUR BEST WISHES

As we reach the Christmas
Season and approach
the end of another year we
wish to acknowledge our
grateful appreciation for
your patronage that has
made this one of the best
years in the history of our
business, and to our friends
and readers throughout the
community we wish to extend
our best wishes for a
Merry Christmas and a New
Year filled with Health,
Happiness and Prosperity.

While this year has been
one of the biggest we have
ever had, we have labored
under the difficulties of a
severe shortage of labor,
newsprint and adequate
equipment and we realize
that on the whole our service
to you has been lacking in
many respects and has
been far inferior to the kind
of service we would like to
have rendered. We appreciate
your kind consideration
in bearing with us
through these difficulties
and we hope that in the very
near future we will be able
to repay you with better
service and a larger and better
paper. We hope for improvement
in the labor and newsprint
situation early in the
new year and we are
now in the process of remodeling
our building preparatory
to the installation of
additional badly-needed
equipment and the modernization
of our present equipment.
We have on order a
new linotype machine and a
16-page rotary press and
other equipment, which
when installed and in operation
should make it possible
for us to render a better job
for the community. Our
expansion program for the
coming year is far beyond
our immediate needs but we
have the same faith in the
continued growth and prog-



ness of Greenville as was
shown by the founders of
this paper more than 60
years ago and therefore we
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selves now to adequately
take care of the newspaper
needs of the community for
several years hence.

WASHINGTON LETTER

**AUTHORITATIVE KEEPER OF
MACE IS 'MR. FISHBAIT'**
By JANE EADS
Washington—“Sure my name's
Fishbait,” said W. Moseley Miller,
assistant sergeant-at-arms of the
House of Representatives, his candid
gray eyes giving me a good
once-over from behind his specs.
“When I was a tot of 15 down in
Pascagoula, Miss., on the coast, I
didn't weigh 75 pounds. Down there
everybody fishes with shrimp, and
I, being a shrimp, was called Fish-
bait.”
“Up here when any and every-
body calls me on the phone, I just
say ‘Fishbait speakin’ and they
know right off they got me on the
other end of the wire.”
Miller said he now weighs 200
pounds. He works, or rather has a
desk, in the office of William M.
Golmer, Democratic representative
from his own Sixth District. He
uses it, he says, as a place to “come
in to from the cold.”
He said his duty consists of staying
on the floor of the House, where
he is responsible for the conduct of

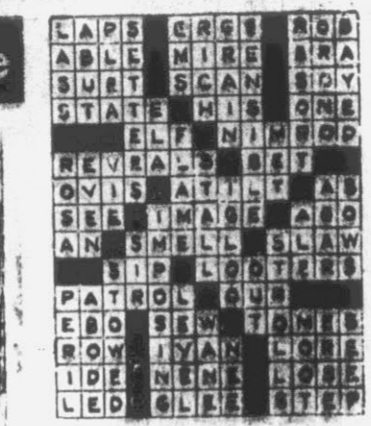
members. He also takes care of the
mace and appears at funerals of
deceased members.
In addition, he has “the privilege
and honor” of leading the Cabinet
to the floor during joint sessions of
Congress.
Miller said he knew he was going
to lose his job when the Republicans
take over Jan. 3.
“But,” he said, “for your informa-
tion, I'm trying to get a minority
employee's job—on the floor—
where I can go on being Mr. Avail-
able.”

The mace is the symbol of federal
government authority. It's as old
as the government itself, having
been provided for in a resolution
adopted by the House during the
first Congress in 1789.

Ever since, it has served as the
active symbol of authority of the
Sergeant at arms. It's Roman
counterpart was used to beathead
citizens who got out of line.
It is always on hand when the
House is in session. Miller used to
bring it in from the Sergeant's of-
fice downstairs in the Capitol build-
ing about 15 minutes before meet-
ing time.
The mace weighs 18 pounds, is
46 inches high and consists of a
bundle of thirteen ebony rods, rep-
resenting the 13 original states.
It is placed on a cylindrical ped-
estal of polished green marble at
the right of the Speaker's desk.
When the Speaker raps for order
it begins to play a silent but im-
portant part in the day's proceed-
ings. When the gavel resolves itself
into a committee of the whole the
mace is removed to a lower estab-
lishment.
The mace is used by the Sergeant
at arms to restore order when other
means fail. It is hurried to the
scene of hostilities when battling
members fail to calm down.
Fishbait used it once during a
debate on the FEPC last year. He
saw tempers flaring between two
members, stepped up the aisle with
the mace and got between the two
men, “ready to collar 'em both.”

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
1. Irrational mathematical quantity
5. Rodent
8. Expense
11. Fresh-water porpoise
14. Notion
18. Former error
19. Prophecy
21. And. Latin
23. Salt of nitric acid
24. Indian mulberry
25. Mountain in Colorado
26. Familiar name
28. Bantu
29. Hairy
30. Head covering
31. Goddess of harvest
31. Therefore
32. Pharmacy
33. Give back
35. Outcast
40. Superior publication
41. Baking chamber
42. By way of
43. Novel
44. Very old
45. Part of a triangle
46. Bitter witch
47. Hop hills
48. Conjunction
49. Gift
50. That man
51. Pertaining to a wall
60. Rivers
62. English school
63. Sick
64. Sacred image
65. Love to excess
66. English letter
67. Grant
68. Grant
69. Mending implement
70. Log boat
71. Idolizing
72. East Indian gateway
73. Quote
74. Poem
75. Mystical word
76. Biblical word
77. Greenland settlement
78. Between
79. Breakfast
80. Scoundrel
81. Phobos
82. Sensitive
83. Tropic river
84. Air comb
85. African
86. Begin
87. Saints collectively
88. Pronoun
89. American Indian
90. The elbow
91. Serp
92. Eistedd
93. Pertaining to physicians
94. Went at an easy pace
95. One of the Muses
96. Kind of timber
97. Measures of length
98. Anglo-Saxon slave
99. Decapose
100. Solid water



Solution of Yesterday's Puzzles
DOWN
1. Location
2. Open
3. Long narrow light
4. Mending implement
5. Log boat
6. Idolizing
7. East Indian gateway
8. Quote
9. Poem
10. Mystical word
11. Score
12. Greenland settlement
13. Between
14. Breakfast
15. Scoundrel
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CLAPS FOR ALARM
AND-AND- AND A NEW CAR- AND A NEW HOUSE- AND LOWER TAXES- AND HIGHER WAGES AND-AND.

Color Of Truth In Advertising

Chicago—(AP)—They're putting the finishing touches on the picture of postwar railroad passenger comfort—fittingly enough—with paint brushes.
Ralph Haman, color and design engineer, is using a lot of color in cars the Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing company is building for the Illinois Central train, City of New Orleans.
Light shades of yellow, green and blue will predominate on ceilings and walls. Seats will be in tones of cedar or red; floors in blues, greens or reds.
“Entering one of these cars, the patron's first concern is selecting a seat,” Haman says in explaining the decor. “The depth of color makes them stand out, inviting, almost beckoning. After being seated, however, the eyes travel to the walls and ceilings, which are peaceful and quieting. The car seems larger, brighter and brings out full powers of relaxation.”
Color blind passengers can just curl up with a good book.

Poles Extend Time For Foreign Claims

Warsaw, Poland—(AP)—The Polish government is expected to grant a further extension of time to foreign interests for the presentation of claims for compensation in connection with Poland's nationalization of basic industries.
November 30 had been set as the deadline for the filing of claims, but the newspaper Glos Ludu said that “it will not be possible to complete all the work connected with the nationalization of industry by December 31, the date provided for in the law nationalizing industry.”
The journal added recommendations had been submitted to the council of ministers proposing amendments to the nationalization law and providing that the publication of lists of industries to be taken over by the state be extended to March 31, 1947.

BIBLICAL CUSTOM OF GLEANING IS LEGAL

Chichester, Eng.—AP—Gleaning behind the reapers, as in the biblical story of Ruth, is still legal in England.
“The public has a perfect right to go gleaning when sheaves are not left stacked in the fields,” Justice of the Peace A. Alwyn ruled in a juvenile court.
Acquitting two boys accused of combing a farmer's field for wheat to feed chickens, Alwyn, himself a farmer, said: “When a farmer wants to rake his field he leaves two sheaves standing, which is another way of saying, ‘Keep off the grass.’”

GS TO TREAT BERLIN CHILDREN ON CHRISTMAS

Berlin—AP—Preparations for American military and civilian personnel in Berlin to celebrate Christmas with German children are in full swing.
Donation boxes have been set up in mess halls, post exchanges and clubs to collect money, candy and other gifts for children at Christmas parties.
The money is being collected to buy relief parcels, toys and possibly shoes, through the International Red Cross in Switzerland.

MARYLAND'S CHALLENGE IN A SKIN GAME

Cambridge, Md.—(AP)—Muskrat-skinning and oyster-shucking competition will be held here late in January. Emmett C. Andrews, contest chairman, said local prize-winners might challenge Louisiana in a demonstration of the finer point of skinning a muskrat.

THIMBLE THEATER STARRING POPEYE Now Hang Up Your Stocking.



BLONDIE — By Chick Young Maybe He's The Modest Type!



Just A Gay, Young Blade!



Old Fashioned Yuletide Greetings



— FROM —

Overton's Grocery

● It isn't always stylish to be old fashioned, but there are times when it's very genuine—and Christmas is one of them. Yes, folks, we wish you an old fashioned Christmas this year ... the best one of them all!

HOME OWNED AND OPERATED
BY
Vance Overton

Christmas, A Season For Youth And Adults

By CHESTER WALSH
"Christmas!" There's something inspiring about the word. When we say "Christmas" we think of children. The youngsters who give the inspiration to the grownups to be human and remember the birth of the Redeemer at Bethlehem nearly 2,000 years ago. "Christmas"—the Yuletide season—is here.
What would we be and where would we be, if it were not for the children — those youngsters who reach out to us and ask about the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments and other things about religion.
The approach of Christmas reminds us to be the Good Samaritan — on the Jericho road. To be neighborly, to remember others not so fortunate as we. Old Santa Claus and his spirit is here and there and everywhere—reminds us that there may be some person (and he or she may not hang up a stocking) in your neighborhood or in the place where you work—who needs a little good cheer to get them over the Yuletide holidays.
Look about you—make a check-up and without splurging or wrapping some novelty in a gaudily decorated package—find out what he or she needs. It might cost a dollar—probably two, but that's the way to approach Christmas. Don't wait until Christmas Eve. Pass along some

generous offering for Christmas before Christmas comes.
What a joy it will be to you if you do something like this before Christmas comes! That's what Santa Claus told this reporter.
I LOVE A PUB, SAYS THE VICAR
London—(AP)—A clergyman who "loves" saloons is the Rev. J. Dumphy.
"I love a pub," the vicar of St. Philip's church here told the Fulham and South Kensington Licensed Victuallers Association.
"The public house is a place where all creeds and conditions meet to enjoy happy fellowship, friendship and a bit of fun."
"There is no evil in a public house except the evil that is created in the minds of malicious people."
STANDS UP FOR RIGHTS TO A SIT DOWN JOB
Orangeburg, S. C.—(AP)—Lever Metts, Orangeburg barber, is opening a jewelry and gift shop because he is tired of standing up at his work.
"I have to stand up all the time at this job," he said while cutting a customer's hair. "I've been doing it for 23 years and now I think it is time to quit."



Batchelor Brothers
"Most Value For Your Money"

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



and thanks

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME WHEN OLD LOYALTIES ARE NOT ONLY STRENGTHENED BUT REMEMBERED. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN US, AND HOW EARNESTLY WE WISH FOR YOU A VERY JOYOUS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

The Bootery

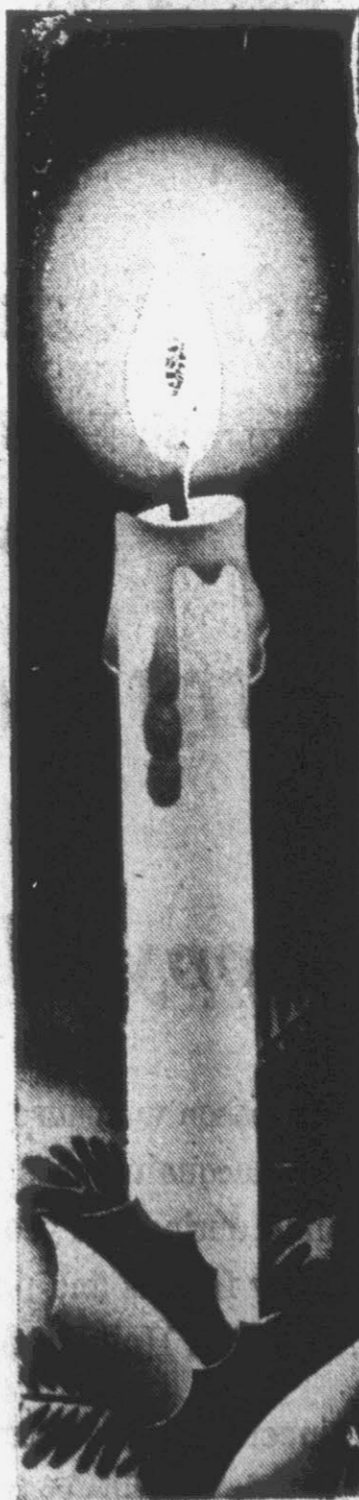


Merry Christmas

All of us are wishing all of you the best the season has to offer! That covers good health, good friends, good times and good fortune!



C. Heber Forbes



Greetings

The candle's bright gleam casts a shadow of beauty over all the house ... the spirit of Christmas is one of brightness and cheer ...

We too want to share that spirit with you on this joyous holiday by extending you our sincerest wishes for a

Merry Christmas to All

College View Cleaners & Laundry



Merry Christmas

"OUR CHRISTMAS ODE"

Came the week before Christmas
 And all through the store
 Not a bicycle was left there
 And no sign of more.

The children who nestled all snug in their beds
 Had visions of bicycles locked in their heads
 Your dealer was sorry and offered regrets
 That Santa had used up the allotment he gets.

The loss of a sale had made such a dent
 And we had sold all the makers had sent
 So many a child who dreamed of a bike
 Had the kind of awakening none of us like.

But hopes never die for the young at heart
 And maybe the new year will see a new start
 If we at Lee's get all that we need
 From suppliers responding when we start to plead
 For enough to assure that production won't vary
 You can bet that next Christmas all will be merry.

Lee's Sport Shop

Your Bike Dealer

Only 51,000 Veterans Draw Quota Of \$20 Readjustment Allowance

By ROWLAND EVANS, JR.
 Washington—Only 51,000 veterans of World War II have drawn their full quota of the \$20 a week readjustment allowance provided under the GI Bill of Rights.

Under the law, veterans who served ten or more months pay draw the allowance for the maximum 52 weeks. Veterans who served less than ten months but more than 90 days may draw the allowance (sometimes called unemployment pay) a proportionately shorter length of time.

The 51,000 who have already exhausted their R. A. benefits are only about four-tenths of one percent of the more than 14,000,000 World War II veterans, almost all of whom are eligible. Of those who actually began drawing allowances—soon enough to have exhausted them—they are 2.2 per cent.

Actually few of the 14,000,000

could have exhausted their right to the allowance. The demobilization program was just getting underway a year ago and didn't reach its peak until mid-winter. Other veterans may now be well on the way toward using up their benefits.

To date the readjustment allowance program has cost taxpayers 1 1/2 billion dollars. That's almost half as much as the total cost of the World War I veterans' bonus. Last summer well over \$100,000,000 every month was paid to unemployed veterans.

To be eligible a veteran must be out of work, looking for work and able and willing to take any "suitable" job offered him.

California has the lowest percentage of used-up benefits. Only slightly more than one out of every hundred veterans discharged a year ago has drawn the full duration al-

lowance. Tennessee has the highest state percentage. Almost five out of every hundred Tennesseans who were veterans a year ago have used up the works.

But the record shows that Tennessee—far behind Puerto Rico. More than 40 per cent of Puerto Rican veterans who have been out a year have used up their allowance. Low wage scales in Puerto Rico are given as one reason.

Largest single month's expenditure in the program occurred in April, when unemployed veterans received \$160,071,000. During the first week in November the number actually drawing the allowance fell below the million mark. Effects of the coal strike and consequent work stoppages may reverse the downward trend.

PENICILLIN FOR GERMANS

Hamburg. — (AP) — Supplies of penicillin are now sufficient to enable it to be made available to Germans and displaced persons in the British zone, the Control Commission has announced.



To All Of You

From

All Of Us Here

— at —

Taft Furniture Co.

We Wish For You and Yours

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.

We sincerely appreciate the patronage you have given us during this year.

From the Entire Personnel of

Taft Furniture Co.

49 Years of Continuous Furniture Service

Greetings

We send our warmest greetings to all our patrons for a very happy Yuletide holiday.

Williams'

"The Ladies Store"



Merry Christmas

Once again Christmas is here and it gives us great pleasure to wish each one of you our sincere blessing for good health, happiness and prosperity forever and ever.

LOWE'S



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.

Note - Our plant is closed until January 15th for the purpose of remodeling and installing new equipment.

Double Cola Bottling Co.

Greenville, N. C.



RING OUT, JOYOUS BELLS,

ring out the glad tidings! Ring loudly, like a host of angels' voices singing,
that your mighty echo may touch the hearts of all men and lift them unto the splendor of
this joyful celebration! Ring clear your message to the
world that Christmas has come! And, with deepest eloquence, ring
out our wishes to all that good health, good cheer and good fortune fill their cups
to overflowing to make this the cheeriest,
happiest and most wonderful Christmas season ever!

Friendly Furniture Co.

Rufus Dunn

Robert Elks



Emily Bissel, Mother Of Christmas Seals

By ADELAIDE KERR
AP Newsfeature Writer
"Help us, Emily!" pleaded young Dr. Joseph Wales on a bleak afternoon a few months before Christmas, 1907. "Otherwise we'll have to turn out those poor sufferers to die."

For the last hour, he and his cousin, Emily Bissel, Wilmington, D.-I. social worker, had been reviewing the dogged daring experiment of a group of Wilmington doctors who sought to cure tuberculosis, the No. 1 killer of the times. In an age when people believed the white plague doomed its victims to certain death, they had assembled eight charity patients in a little shack on the banks of the Brandywine in which they paid Alfred Dupont a dollar a year rent, and were trying the effects of fresh air, rest

and the right food. The patients were making progress but the funds had run out. So Dr. Wales appealed to his cousin for help. That's how the Christmas Tuberculosis Stamp was born. Most people would have quailed and quit before the problem. What Emily Bissel did started a bill-rolling that has amassed in 39 years \$165,000,000 which has been used to battle the disease back to seventh place among the killers. Today both the annual stamp sale and the battle are conducted by the National Tuberculosis Association. This year the fight is being waged with renewed vigor because tuberculosis is still the biggest killer of young people from 15 to 35 who are working to acquire an education, start a career and build a home.

Only \$300 was needed to carry on that early battle on the banks of the Brandywine, but Emily Bissel racked her brain for days before she found an answer.

"Then I remembered a story by Jacob Riis of a Christmas stamp that originated in Denmark," she recalled recently. "It was sold to raise money for a sanitarium for tubercular children. I thought, 'Why not get out a stamp to raise money for the shack?'"

So she began. She waded on through a forest of discouragement. Many considered fresh air a threat in those days of closed rooms. Others were horrified at the idea of coupling "Merry Christmas" with the most effective killer of the time. Still others said a penny stamp could never raise enough to make a difference.

But Emily Bissel continued to blaze her trail and people began to help her. She drafted the crimson and white design for the first stamp—a wreath around the word, "Merry Christmas"—and an artist

whipped it into shape. Two women friends gave ten dollars each to help. A printer did the work and agreed to take his pay when it came. The Wilmington postmaster permitted stamps to be sold in the postoffice lobby.

Sales were fairly slow at first, but Emily Bissel gave them a push by taking her story to a Philadelphia newspaper. It did a series of stories. The stamps began to sell like hot cakes. At the end of the season they had brought \$3,000—ten times the goal. Last year they raised \$15,500,000. The funds are used to educate the public, operate clinics and nursing services, train personnel.

Most of the money amassed by the stamps to fight tuberculosis has come from the little people who could give from 10 cents to \$1 each. Miss Bissel has pinned her faith on them since the days of the first sale when a grimy little newsboy pushed into the office and dropped a penny on the counter: "Gimme me one," he said. "Me sister's got it!"



The bells ring out their melodious greetings for all far and near.

Saslow's



Here's our personal wish to you for a season of gay revelry.

W. L. ALLEN
Distributor Gulf Products



A Bright, Merry Christmas

Brilliant and bright is the star you fasten atop your Christmas tree! And to that star is hitched our wagon full of friendly wishes for a jolly holiday and many other days rich in good things, good friends and good times.

White Chevrolet Company

SEASON'S GREETINGS ...And Best Wishes

Christmas is the time that we should rededicate ourselves to better and more useful living and to a greater interest in the well-being of our fellowman, looking toward the future when our lives are here spent and to a happy landing in a better land.

It has been a source of pleasure and gratification having the privilege of serving you during the past year, and we dedicate ourselves to a continuation in the effort of making our services all that they should be.

We should all strive, and in our striving place our hope and faith in Him, who is the giver of all good gifts and who exemplified the good life, that we may truly have PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

And in appreciation for your fine cooperation and friendship and in the hope that we may merit your continued confidence through the years to come, it is most sincerely that we wish for all of you and yours a most —

Merry Christmas
And A
Happy New Year

Greenville Utilities Commission





A Letter To Santa

A Prayer For Eyes . . . That Will Wring Tears From Your Heart And A Thanks To God That We May See, Though Not As Well As This "Grown-Up Little Boy"

By The Associated Press
Cpl. Chester R. Perkins, hopelessly blinded by a land mine in Germany and a patient in Valley Forge hospital for 21 months, has written his first letter to Santa Claus—

"If God chooses, let me find beneath my Christmas tree two bright, shiny blue eyes—so that the memory of the last Christmas I saw may be blotted forever from my mind."

After many examinations, a doctor asked:

"Soldier, do you want it straight?"
"That's the way I want it," Perkins replied.

"You'll never see again."

That was early in the 21-year-old corporal's stay here.

"I cried long and hard," he said, "then developed the philosophy that here is a situation, admittedly not the best, but one to be coped with and whipped."

Perkins, a former Indianapolis high school athlete, wrote to the Indianapolis News that he planned to study journalism at Butler University, and enclosed the following letter, which the News copyrighted:

Dear Santa Claus:

Aren't we all children? Can't all of us, though some of us are adult in mind, ask for the things which we want most in life? I can't remember ever writing to you before, but I have found it so increasingly difficult to obtain this thing which I want, that I thought perhaps you could help.

As a small child, I can remember wanting playthings and candy; as a teen-aged youth I wanted smart clothing and athletic equipment; now, I want something entirely different, not as childish as a piece of candy, nor as ostentatious as smart clothing, or as energetic as athletic equipment. It is practical. Most people would think it a necessity, it isn't. Only the person who doesn't have it can understand that. He knows, it is a God-given luxury.

In asking for this, I have to think of you as an intermediary between God and me, for I have already said that it is God-given. He gave it to me once before, when I was born, but I lost it. I have missed it so much, and would like to have it back.

Dear Santa, if God chooses, let me find beneath my Christmas tree two bright, shiny eyes brimming over with good health and true vision. Let me place them in my head, then let me look out through the window at the snow lying deep and crisp and even, as far as those beautiful eyes can see. Let me drink in the looks of joy on the faces of those who love me, who have seen me groping and stumbling in the dark for so long. Let me hold those eyes aloft to the Christmas star that I might not forget the true meaning of Christmas. Let me see all these things so that the memory of the last Christmas I saw might be blotted forever

from my mind. Replace the screaming of shells, the rumbling of tanks, the sound of tired marching feet with the singing of hymns, the laughter of little sisters, and the voices of thankful people. Replace the filthy, smelly mud of battle and the drawn faces of dying men with the cool feeling of fresh, clean sheets and the hopeful faces of men born anew.

Bring me those eyes for these purposes, and I will be grateful forever to him who once gave them to me. If, on Christmas morn, I should not find them there, I won't really mind, and I will still be grateful to God, for haven't I still a good mind, a strong body, friends who love me, and a desire to justify the reason for my existence? After all, aren't these the important things in life?

So, Santa, there it is. That's what I want for Christmas. Please try, won't you?

From a grown-up little boy,
CPL. CHESTER R. PERKINS

Nuns Undertake Study Of Cancer

AP Newsfeatures

Duluth, Minn.—Two, white-robed young Catholic nuns, Sister Petra Lenta and Sister Agatha Richl, are at work on a long-term cancer study.

They teach school for half days from Monday to Friday, inclusive, at the College of Saint Scholastica, and then spend the rest of each day, and all day Saturdays, in a new cancer laboratory fitted out by the college.

They work with living cancer tissues, both human and mouse. With these malignant tissues, in test tubes, the sisters study a little-known phase of cancer metabolism. This is the production of hydrogen by the tissues. Hydrogen release, in small amounts, is a normal event in all living tissues. It is one of the steps by which living things absorb part of their energy from food.

Malignant growths in some cases may differ from normal in hydrogen release. But whether the hydrogen production is the same or different, the facts are important for those who seek to understand and cure the disease.

This study is part of a cooperative work directed by the Institutum Divi Thomae, in Cincinnati, under Dr. George Spertl. The work is of the sort that cancer experts have been urging for years. No time is set for the finish.

Kelp, which is a marine plant that is edible without being reprocessed, is being used in the Orient as food and is also being processed into paper pulp, insulation material, and fertilizer.



In all the centuries during which man has conceived plots to be woven into story-telling, no more remarkable, exciting or inspiring tale has ever been told than the true story of the Babe in the Manger. This Christmas, 1946 A.D. all the children of the earth can find in it the keynote for everlasting peace.

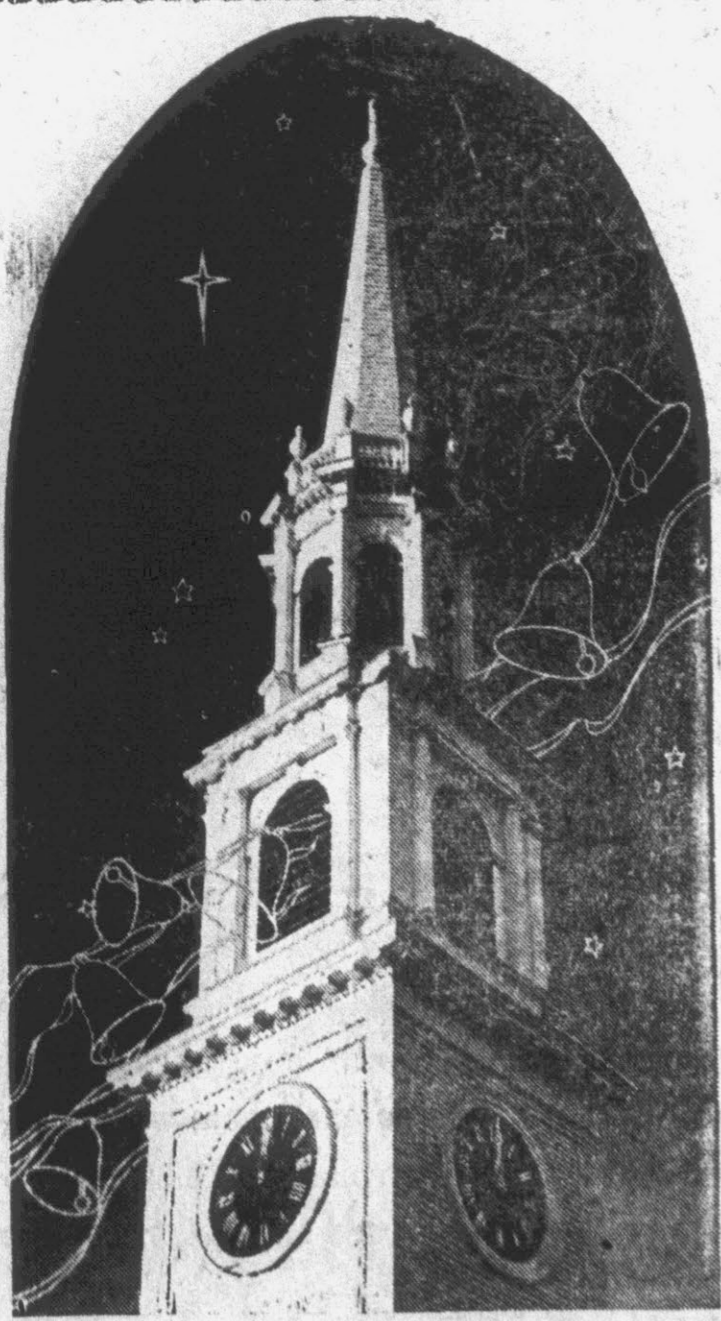


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Christmas cheer is in the air! Christmas joy is everywhere! Add our wishes that this be the merriest holiday season ever!

Pitt Hardware Co.



Wherever a Church steeple rises to pierce the blue skies of daylight, and commune with the stars of night—there is Peace. And as we enter our Church this Christmastide, the full spirit—meaning—and essence of the word shall enter our beings and inspire each of us to fulfill our own small roles in achieving for all time Peace on Earth: Good Will to Men.

Cozart Auto Supply Co.

812 Dickinson Ave.

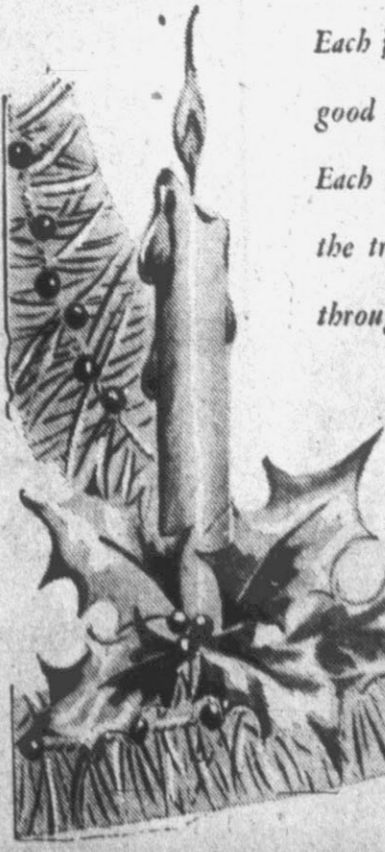
W. B. Cozart & Son

2105 Dickinson Ave.



Greetings

Each joyful greeting we send carries with it good wishes to add to your Christmas cheer. Each lit candle and sparkling trimming on the tree reflects our fond thoughts of you throughout the year.



Goodson & Flanagan

"INSURANCE"

Hope For The Hopless In Rehabilitation Work

By ADELAIDE KERR

Hannah Detman's crutches tapped uncertainly along the New York City street and her heart beat fast in her thin body. She was going on an errand which she had long since despaired of making again. Twenty years of arthritis—12 of them in a wheel chair on home relief and eight in a city hospital, had left her, at 40, a woman who looked much older than her years, neurotic, fearful, uncertain—and almost drained of hope that she could work again.

Yet here she was, after an operation, heading toward the Rehabilitation Center for the Disabled at the doctor's suggestion. Her hands shook as she placed her crutches on the Center's steps but, under her threadbare coat, her heart was singing a faint little song of hope.

Three days later she was seated at a sewing machine in the Center, her gnarled hands at work on repairing sheets.

Ten weeks later she had a job doing sewing machine repair work on sheets and pillowcases in a big New York hospital—a job in which she did not have to face much youthful competition and which gave her one good hot meal a day. She kept the job.

Hannah was one of 152 people who came to the Center last year

for work therapy designed to make self-supporting, self-respecting workers out of disabled, broken, unemployable men and women. The Center operates under the direction of the American Rehabilitation Committee, founded in 1922 by the late Dr. Fred H. Albee, famous orthopedic surgeon who saw in his practice ample indication of the need for such service.

In the operation of the Center women as well as a number of men have played a part. Mrs. Louella Albee, Dr. Albee's widow, is president of the Center. Dr. Madge C. L. McGuinness, New York physician, serves on the executive committee and Mrs. Grace Maxon Heagen acts as executive secretary.

"Years of experience have taught us that neurosis plays as big a part as physical disability in keeping these people from working," said blue-eyed, pink-cheeked Mrs. Heagen as she sat at her desk the other day. "The average person who comes here has been idle for about two and one-half years, as a result of illness or accident. While they are at home they sit and think about themselves, their illnesses and their problems. Many develop a neurosis which must be broken down.

"Our function is to train them and recondition them physically

and mentally so that they are ready for employment. Training equips them for a new kind of job if they are no longer able to handle the old one. We give training here in printing, proof-reading, metal lathe work and drill press operation. We study the person carefully and adjust our facilities to his vocational needs. Here we vary from other groups, who put everyone to work on sewing machines or on flower making to give them manual dexterity.

"Reconditioning is developing their physical strength, emotional stability and ability to work an eight-hour day. It also means helping them to overcome inhibitions which prevent employment. Wood work and other work fall in this class.

"We keep the people busy and point out their successes. They think about a great deal besides themselves and see people who are worse off than they are. They use the tools of the trade they are going into, so they know they can do their job. The training and reconditioning are given them free. The average stay here is eight weeks. Eighty percent of those who leave here are rehabilitated and three-quarters of the 80 percent remain on the job.

"I am convinced from what I have seen here in 20 years that 75 percent of the people who are dependents because of disabilities could be rehabilitated and earn their own living."



The spirit of Christmas . . . the thrill of opening gay packages under the traditional evergreen . . . the soft glow of candlelight on the noble boughs . . . holiday joy breathing its way into heart and home once again. This is the season when we extend to everyone our sincere wishes for health, prosperity, and happiness throughout the Holidays and the coming year.



Our holiday wishes go forth to greet you! Merry Christmas, everyone, Merry Christmas! May the new season glow with an abundance of all good things!

Carolina Dairy
Products' Inc.

Home Building & Loan Association



Merry Christmas

To All of You From All of Us—

And may we add our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses that you have shown us in the past. Because of your consideration the past year has been an enjoyable experience, one in which we have had the confidence and esteem of the people whom we serve. We only hope that we may continue to merit your good will and patronage, so our policy of friendly, helpful service to all may be maintained. We also extend our best and sincere wishes for Peace on Earth and a Prosperous New Year.

Scott's Dry Cleaners

Our Plant Will Be Closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 25 and 26
Greenville's Modern Plant
PAUL A. SCOTT, Owner

Was He Hero, Or Cruel Despoiler? Cortes' Bones Found, Stir Disputes;

By ROBERT N. COOL
New York, Dec. 21—Time has given the last laugh to the ghost of Hernando Cortes, and revived an old dispute.

Was the 16th century Spanish conqueror of Mexico a hero spreading civilization, or a cruel despoiler of native Indian culture?

The recent discovery in Mexico City of a casket, which scientists say undoubtedly contains the bones of Cortes has stirred the historic controversy.

In life, the bearded adventurer tricked and outbluffed the Aztecs of Mexico City, finally fastening the yoke of gold-hungry Spain upon Montezuma's people. Survivors of a proud race damned his memory down the centuries, because of his reputed torturing and ruthless extermination of the Aztec leaders.

His Elusive Ghost
Three hundred years after Cortes conquered it, Mexico rebelled against Spain and became a republic. During bloody anti-European riots that swept the capital in 1823 Cortes' tomb was in danger of being despoiled. But just as the old conquistador had escaped from Aztec ambushes in earlier days, a descendant managed to spirit his remains to a secret hiding place.

Another 123 years passed, and the location of the bones remained a mystery. Last month they were reported discovered in Mexico City—long after time had softened the revolutionary fury that had endangered them.

Through a panel in an ornate gold-and-crystal casket, a skull which was declared to be that of Cortes could be seen for the first time since those who carried it off had secretly immured it in the capital's ancient Hospital de Jesus.

But though the bones of Cortes have been found, the question of his position in Mexican history continues to be disputed. By and large, those of Spanish inclination are pro-Cortes, while the more revolutionary, nationalistically-minded Mexicans preserve the grudge which their ancestors bore him. It has been remarked that no public monument to the conqueror stands in all Mexico.

History indicates that the swarthy politician-general who sought gold and adventure in the New World was a master of strategy. That his methods were cruel and avaricious with no regard for Aztec culture, is also a matter of record.

Bold Venture
On November 18, 1518, Hernando Cortes sailed from Cuba with ten vessels, 600 soldiers, 18 cavalymen and a few pieces of artillery. Almost immediately his superior attempted to call him back and cancelled his commission, but Cortes pushed on. He landed in Mexico and founded the city of Vera Cruz, having himself elected its captain-general.

With this questionable authority, and an army small even for those

days, he burned his ships behind him to prevent desertions and set out to conquer the highly-developed Indian civilizations. In his march toward the lofty Aztec capital, Mexico City, Cortes quickly found that he had two axes: the disunity of the native states and the terror which was inspired by his horsemen who were believed to be gods. The Mexicans had never before seen horses.

Playing upon the doubts and fears of the people, Cortes soon reached the capital where he held the Aztec king, Montezuma, for ransom.

When Cortes learned that the king had sent a force to attack Vera Cruz, Montezuma was compelled to deliver up his secret task force. Cortes burned them all at the stake. Then he learned that a Spanish expedition was on its way from Cuba to deprive him of his command. So Cortes marched east, defeated his countrymen and returned, strengthened, to the capital.

There he found the Mexicans in revolt. Enraged hordes of Indians swarmed to obliterate the Spaniards, but incredibly Cortes managed to withdraw again to the coast. His luck and courage filled the Mexicans with baffled awe.

On July 7, 1520, an unexpected victory on the plains of Otumba completely turned the tables. Cortes broke the back of effective resistance and consolidated his conquests with bloody ferocity that drove the Indians to despair and new revolt.

Then, the usual payoff: Though he had won a rich treasury for his country, Cortes found himself shoved aside when he finally returned to Spain.

He died on December 2, 1547, and his body was buried in a family vault at Seville. However, his son brought it to Mexico City in 1562 for interment in the Monastery of San Francisco.

There it remained until the Mexicans freed themselves from Spain—undoing Cortes' work. But the casket's secret removal to a hiding place that was not found until this year prevented any desecration of the conqueror's remains.

Churchill War Maps Exhibited in Museum
London — (AP) — Three-dimensional maps which Winston Churchill had made during the war and used constantly, and the brightly polished tin hat which he was supposed to use—but didn't—during air raids, are on show at the Imperial War Museum which has reopened for the first postwar exhibition of its property.

The four maps, of South East England, the Channel coast, Greece and Burma, show every hill.

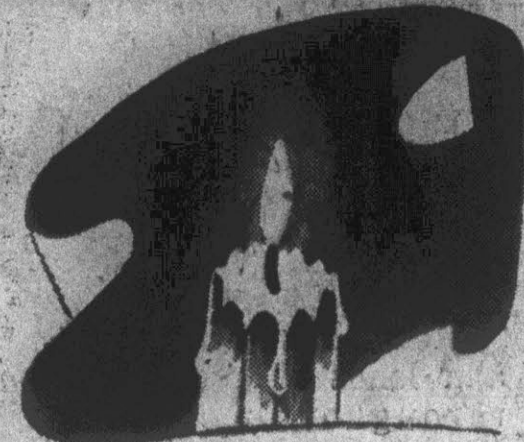
One exhibit shows the arrangement for exploding 40 gallon oil drums on roads in the path of the enemy had invasion come.

EXPERT ON WEDDINGS NEVER TRIED ONE
Salisbury, Md. — (AP) — Marriages made in Salisbury with a bride groom, minister and Claude Collier through a church window to take the missing organist's place with Dorman.

He has "helped out" at 229 weddings in the last half century, as a best man, usener, and general back-stage hand, one time climbing through a church window to take the missing organist's place with Dorman.

"Love You Truly."
It's a hobby. Window display is his vocation.

decorates the church, designs the bridesmaids' dresses, drapes the wedding veil and arranges the bride's train.
When a protocol problem comes up, "Call Claude" is the answer. He Oh yes, he's a bachelor.



Christmas Greetings

To everyone living in this community — to the business men and housewives; to the employees of our retail stores and industrial plants; to babes in arms—Merry Christmas, one and all.

Askew's Market
and
Askew's Fruit Store



Holiday Greetings

WITH OUR BEST WISHES

To one and all go our heartiest wishes for the happiest Yuletide ever. May good cheer and good health be yours for all of 1947.

OLDE TOWNE INN
Gentry Galloway, Manager

BAR-B-CUE INN
Jack Whitley, Manager



Season's Greetings

Up hill and down dale
go our Christmas wishes to all
our friends and patrons.

This is the time of year when the cup of good cheer is its fullest, hospitality is its cheeriest, and our thoughts of you are warmest!

Collins Grocery Co.
404 WEST 9TH STREET

Christmas Greetings



We're thinking about all our friends as the season's spirit fills the air. We want to extend our best wishes for the most wonderful Christmas of all, to all!

The Frank Wilson Store



May yours be a Merry Christmas

Just as simple, straightforward friendship is a fine relationship — there is no finer way to say what we feel than is expressed in these simple, straightforward words: "Merry Christmas"!

Efird's Department Store
Outfitters For The Entire Family



The very best of health; happiness unbounded; much prosperity are the very best wishes we know this happy Yuletide season.

Respass Bros.

Barbecue Stand

Repatriate In Service To Help Foreign Lands

By ADELAIDE KERR
AP Newfeature

On Christmas morning, 1942, in Japanese-occupied Manila, Elisabeth Concepcion, American citizen, carefully measured six little scoops of horse corn that were breakfast rations for two and set them on the stove for a two-hour boil. As she worked she planned the Christmas dinner she would prepare for herself and her husband, M. de Gracia Concepcion, Philippine writer. It was to be a finger-sized piece of dried fish and some soup made by boiling chicken bones.

That night the Concepcions and their friends gathered in a little secret celebration of the birthday of the Nazarene. They had no Christmas tree, no gifts, no candles and no feast. The holiday fare was simply courage, but a high light of faith and hope lit the board.

"There must be millions like us tonight," thought Mrs. Concepcion, as she glanced around the circle. "And if I ever get out of this war alive, I'm going to do something to help them."

Today Elisabeth Concepcion, who was repatriated May 2, 1945, devotes her time to making life happier and more comfortable for those who live

in countries devastated by war. As head of the Material Aid Project of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association, she directs a national program of assembling food, clothing and other things for Belgium, Holland, France, Czechoslovakia, Italy and the Philippines. The work is done by local YWCA groups of business and professional women, housewives, factory workers and teen-age girls' clubs all over the country. Eighty-four thousand pounds of shoes, 21,575 pounds of clothing, 66,393 pounds of food and 7,864 pounds of bedding have gone overseas.

For the last few months Mrs. Concepcion and the rest of the Material Aid Project workers have concentrated on making Christmas happier for those in devastated areas.

"One of the most interesting things the project has done is to make giant candles which give off heat as well as light," said Mrs. Concepcion. "We are sending them to Holland, where there is such a shortage of these things. The teenage girls have made 600 of these candles. First they collect milk can or milk cartons—some of them quart size. Then they collect scraps of tallow and pour it into the carton, holding a good sized cotton string "wick" in the center. If they are melting candles of different color, they make a layer of each one and let it cool before they apply the next layer. As a result some of the candles look like bricks of ice-cream when they are

finished."

Thousands of gifts were made of materials fished from scrap bags. They included stuffed animals made of bright wools, mittens made of old coats and blankets, lingerie made of discarded sheets and baby booties cut out of old felt hats.

The project also has tens canned milk, powdered eggs, chocolate drinks and many boxes of buttons, pins and needles to countries where such things are still not on the market.

As she superintends the work Mrs. Concepcion pauses every now and then to remember that cheer-bearer Christmas of 1942, and the two that followed it, and to breathe a prayer of thankfulness for many things.

U. S. Christmas To Be In Japan

By TOM LAMBERT

Tokyo—This land of lotus blossoms, in which Santa Claus is a comparative stranger, will be a land of Christmas observances, festivals Christmas trees and occidental celebrations as hundreds of Americans mark their first Yule season in Japan.

This is the second Christmas in this country for Allied occupation forces, but the first for hundreds of wives and children who began streaming out here immediately after the army cleared their way—and still are arriving.

Dependents are spread from Hokkaido on the north, to Kyushu the southernmost island; from bases along Japan's Pacific shoreline to camps fronting on the Japan sea.

Many are assured of snow for

the "White Christmas" touch, but Hokkaidoans will have most. Snow on that island sometimes engulfs the houses.

Here in Tokyo there will be special midnight Masses, Christmas parties and fir trees sparkling with decorations.

The Red Cross, checking by telephone more than 150 army installations throughout Japan, reports Christmas and holiday plans being drafted—with emphasis on parties religious observances, whopping big meals of turkey and trimmings, and many special gatherings sponsored by soldiers who will pay St. Nick for Japanese children.

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented by joint American-Japanese choruses in many cities in which Americans are living. In Yokohama a 500-voice group will render the familiar Yuletide favorite.

Elsewhere, soldier groups are planning Christmas eve renditions of old carols.

Guam has an indigenous population of 23,000.



A Merry, Merry Christmas and loads of good cheer throughout the coming year.

Airport Inn

Bethel Highway



Greetings

Now that the Christmas Holidays are with us again, it gives me joy and satisfaction to wish each and every one of our citizens a Merry Peace Time Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. H. BOYD, JR.

Mayor of the City of Greenville

A Joyous Christmas to all

May every moment of this joyous holiday season sparkle with gaiety and happiness for you and yours. For your kind patronage of the past may we extend our appreciation and express our desire to continue to serve you faithfully in the future.



Carefree HOLIDAY SEASON

Right now it's time to lay aside business cares and all that is complicated and get down to simple things. A little boy on the floor under the Christmas tree watching his electric train whizz past, the happy faces of little girls singing Christmas carols, boys coasting down the hill. Let's catch that spirit! Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!

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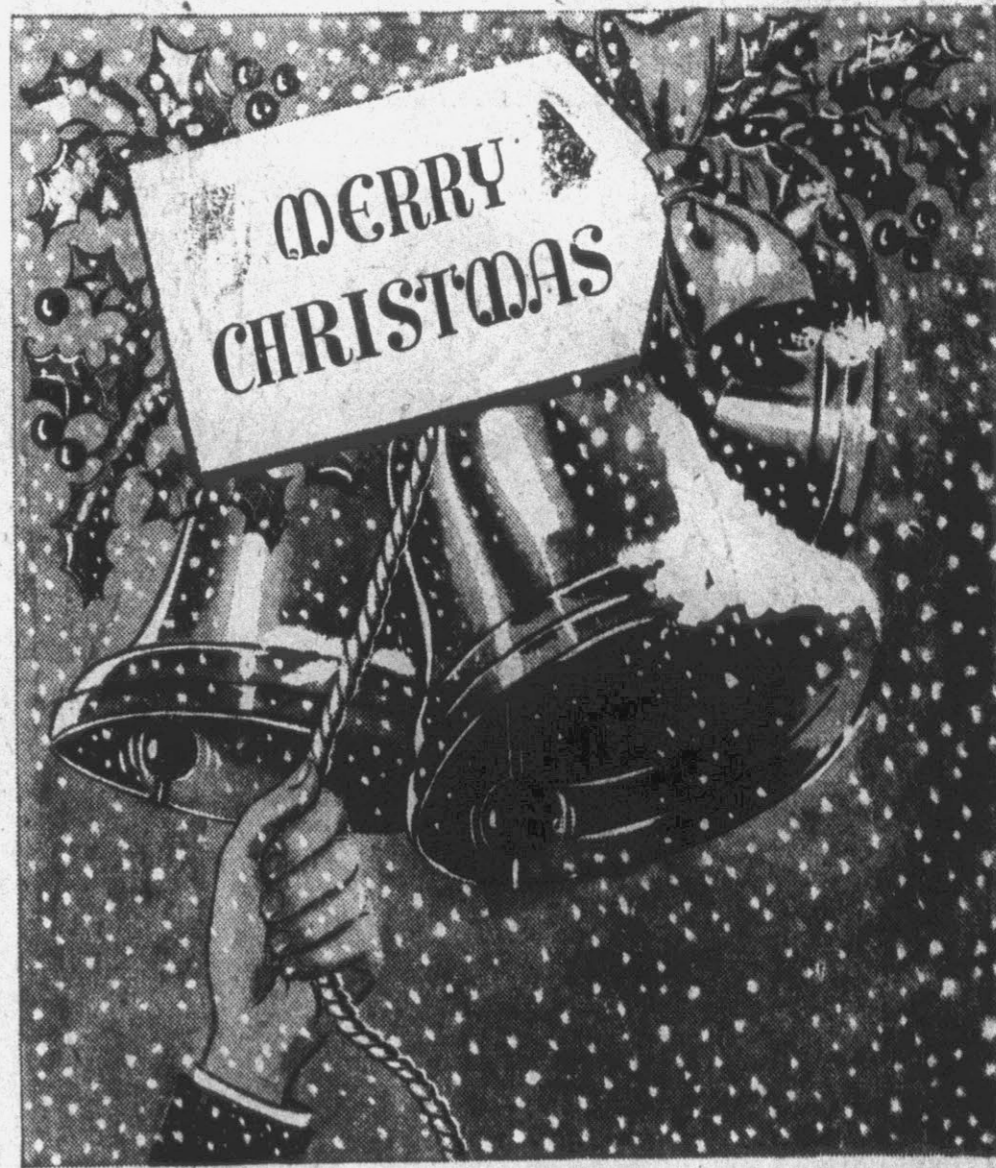


MERRY Christmas

Christmas is the one great event that transcends the bounds of any one country and embraces the whole world. In much the same way there is no limit or bounds to our good wishes for you for a Merry Christmas.

Band N Motor Co.

Dodge — Plymouth



Greetings are pealing your way, for we are tolling the golden bells of the Yuletide Season to wish everyone the Merriest, Gayest and Most Jubilant Christmas ever.

Greenville Equipment Co.

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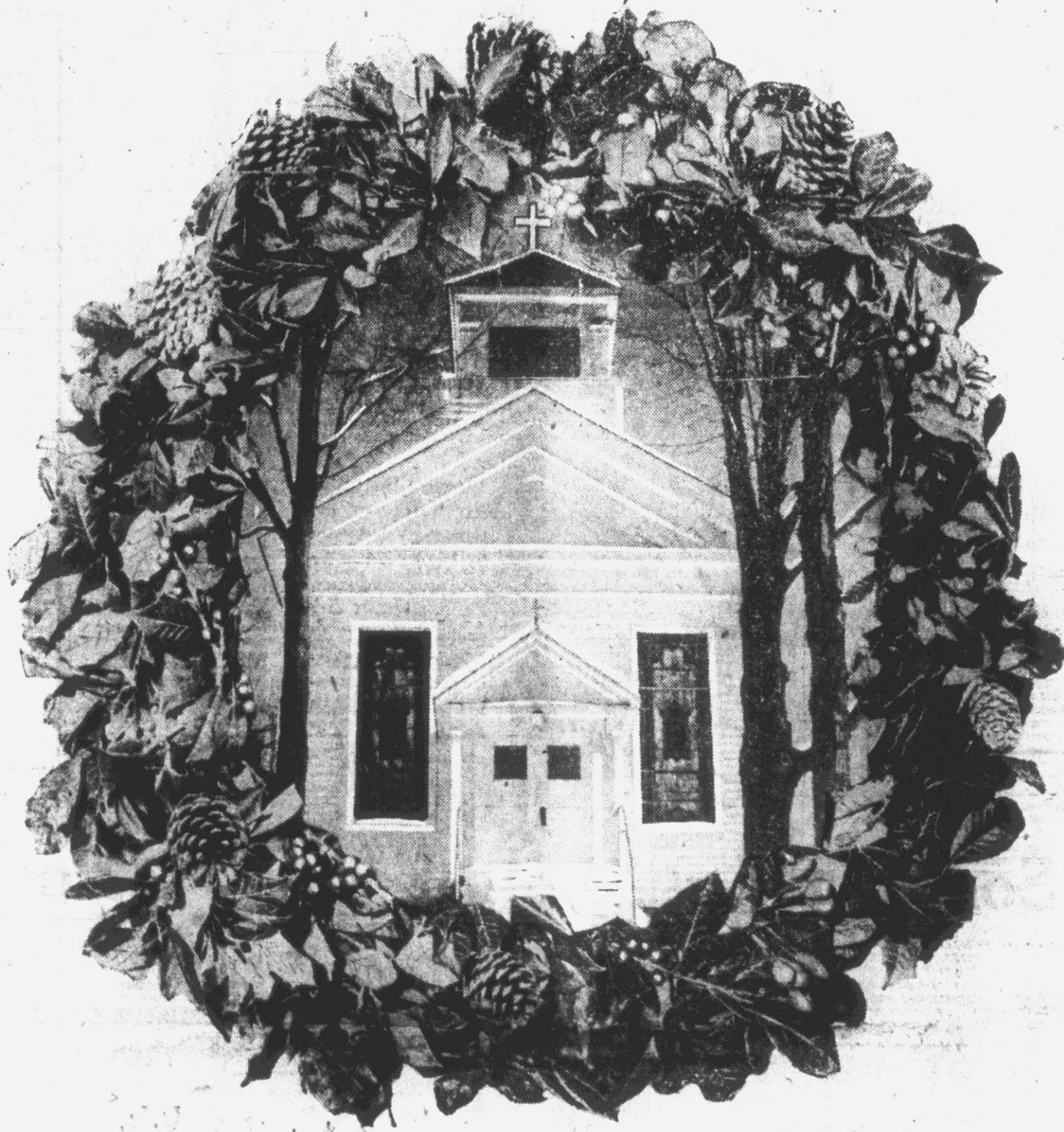
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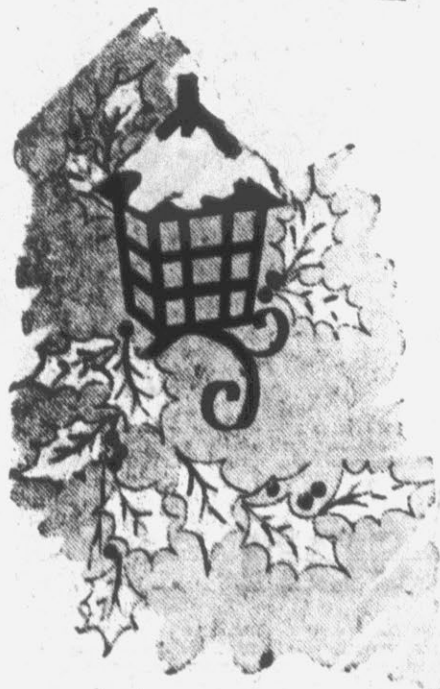
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For every berry on your holly wreath . . . for every sweet note in the hymn you sing . . . for every bright light on your Christmas tree, there is a wish from us that your holiday be happy and crowded with merriment. And that wish comes from every person in this organization who has had the pleasure of serving you during the past year.

GLAMOR SHOP

Trailer-Housed Married Veterans Take High Grade Honors In School

Bloomington, Ind.—Married veterans who live in trailers are taking the high grade honors at Indiana university.

Students living in Woodlawn, a trailer camp on the campus, are leading all groups with an average of B, which is good.

Almost 20 percent of these veterans, however, were slightly below A, which is excellent, and eight of the 300 finished the first semester with a straight A average.

Fatherhood also must be an urge to do well in the classrooms because of these eight, five have children living in the trailers with them.

"Being away from this country for a long time makes men appreciate advantages of the United States," is the opinion of John Holly of Indianapolis, who made straight. As in his economics courses. "Also being out of things for quite a while makes us want to make up for lost time."

Max M. Marsh, also of Indianapolis, a senior studying chemistry said: "The veteran studies harder than before because he now has a clearer picture of what he wants to accomplish."

"Veterans are able to schedule their time to better advantage and don't fall into the habit of wasting

time," is the opinion of Donald R. Cressey of Fergus Falls, Minn., graduate student in sociology.

All of the veterans agree that being married helps. The married veteran has more time to study because he doesn't spend so much time in extra-curricular activities, observed C. Sharp Cook, graduate student in physics from Columbus, Ind.

Birds Suspected As Carrying Diseases

Johannesburg — (AP) — The possibility that migratory birds are carriers of tuberculosis, the virus of yellow fever and malaria parasites is being investigated at the South African Institute for Medical Research.

Dr. B. de Mellion, entomologist at the Institute, says it is not known how yellow fever spreads, and they are probing every possible cause. Airplanes were once suspected, but they are now rigorously sprayed all down the African routes and the fever is still spreading.

"If the new theory is proved," said Dr. de Mellion, "it will necessitate wholesale slaughter of migratory birds."



MAKE GOOD CHEER FOR

Christmas

One need not be told it is Christmastime. The glowing faces of friend and stranger alike bespeak it. It gives us the same thrill as of old to wish all our friends, and those who are still to become our friends, a very Merry Christmas.



The story behind Christmas is one that has given the Yule holiday force and direction for over a thousand years. Hearts are made over on this day.

It gives us great pleasure during this holy season to extend our best Christmas wishes to all our friends.



Ho! Ho! for Christmas!

Merrily, merrily, jolly good friends, and a grand and glorious holiday to you all!

J. B. Oakley & Son

Kares Restaurant

Hooker & Buchanan

"INSURANCE"

Greetings . . .

How glad we are here, to extend our sincere Christmas greetings to each and everyone. The season is touching with the crisp winds that bring fond recollections back from our early childhood. 'Tis Christmas once again. Enjoy Yuletide blessings of all the good things that you may desire.

We thank you thousands and thousands of times for your past consideration and thoughtfulness, and we hope that it will be our pleasure to serve you again through 1947, with our very best wishes for a

Merry Christmas



Season 1946

GARRIS GROCERY COMPANY

American And German Children Sing Carols

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
AP Newsfeatures

Berlin—This Christmas, for the first time since the war, American and German children will sing carols together.

These groups are now rehearsing weekly for appearances during the holiday week in Army hospitals and other American institutions.

The American children are teenagers, 14 to 18 years old, dependents of soldiers and military government personnel stationed here. They are a group without a club name, organized by Mrs. Robert A. McClure, wife of Brigadier General McClure, chief of the American Military Government's information control section.

Mrs. McClure organized the young group at the request of the American Women's Club of Berlin, of which she is a member. Its social activities include a monthly dance at which young people of the Allied nations are guests.

Now the American group, numbering about 50, has formed a choral group which has joined with about 20 members of the German Madrigal choral group for Christmas singing. They practice every Tuesday afternoon under a German singing instructor at an American-occupied hotel here.

Their main holiday appearances will be on Christmas Eve, when they

will ride about the city on sleighs or hayracks supplied by the American 16th Constabulary Squadron.

The German singers selected for the joint group also are teenagers.

Tomorrow's Farmer Is Big Businessman

Philadelphia — (AP) — The farmer is on the verge of becoming a big business man, in the opinion of Charles W. Moore, director of market research for the SKF Industries, Inc.

"Industrial progress is gradually transforming farming into a luxurious way of life for those who practice it shrewdly," says Moore who specializes in industrial forecasts to guide his company's production of anti-friction bearings.

"Farm machinery is being improved so rapidly," he explains, "that combined with crop specialization and diversification it is lifting farming from the drudgery stage to the rank of a skilled profession."

"The farmer of tomorrow will be a professional man in overalls—a business executive in boots. He will work less and worry more like any management official."



For us oldsters, it is memory that makes up Christmas—memories of the old days when grandma managed the Christmas feast, and friends dropped in for a chat.

We are happy to say that among our most treasured memories are the many Christmas celebrations we have seen come and go, and the friends we have kept with us during all the years. A Merry Christmas to all of you!



Merry CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1946

Christmas lights shed a glow unknown at any other time of the year. The same lights, after Christmas, have lost their charm, so, you see it is really the Christmas spirit that lights our homes! We wish you every happiness this Christmas season of 1946.

JOIN WITH US

Let us toss our cares out the window. It's Christmas! Join with us in celebrating the glorious holiday.

And Merry Christmas TO YOU

Carolina Dry Cleaners

Dee's Clothing Co.

Ernest Willard & Webb Agency



GREETINGS!

Music and song and happiness everywhere! Lighted windows, green trees brilliant with glowing bulbs, all contributing to the grand sum total of Christmas.

It's fine to celebrate Christmas again this season of 1946, fine to have finished another year in this community of happy homes and friendly people.

To Each and All We Wish

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
Peoples Bakery



Joy to the World
Christmas

● Christmas is not all tinsel and tissue or colored lights and merriment. It has a deeper significance, rooted in the long gone past, which sets it high above all other holidays of the year.

● It is our hope that this blessed season will bring to your home not only the festive joys of Yuletide but that deep inner peace which is essentially a part of Christmas.

HONEYCUTT'S MARKET

209 East 5th Street



Our heartiest good wishes to you for a wonderful Christmas—a full, Happy New Year.

H. L. Hodges And Co.



In this most joyful season, we want to express our sincere wishes for your happiness.

D. H. Conley
Supt. County Schools



Here's to a wonderful Christmas to you and yours. A Happy New Year, too.

J. Hicks Corey



Again this year we wish you one, we wish you all the joys and pleasures of a happy Christmas holiday-season.

Tripp Gulf Station
1201 Dickinson Ave. Dial 4031



With old-fashioned fervor we wish you a Happy Holiday.

D. T. House Jr.
Clerk of Court

ITALIAN OPERA GOES ON ROAD

Truck Caravan Takes Care Of Traveling Theatre

Rome—A Fascist innovation which drew no criticism from the sternest Anti-Fascist has been taken over by the new Italian Republic to help restore Italy's tarnished prestige abroad.

It is the "Carro Di Tesspi Lirico," a caravan of giant trucks which in pre-war days took popular-priced opera, with all the trimmings, to towns and villages lacking opera houses.

With some of the nation's brightest singing stars going along to tread its boards, the elaborate traveling theater—sole survivor of five which used to cruise Italian highways—was shipped out of Genoa recently for an extended tour of Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina.

If current negotiations succeed the west coast of South America, Cuba, Mexico and California may be added to the tour.

Under the baton of Oliviero De Fabritis, with occasional assistance from Nino Stucco and Ottavio Zilner, some of Italy's best-loved operas



will be presented. The repertoire includes Tosca, La Traviata, La Boheme, Madame Butterfly, Cavalleria Rusticana, Pagliacci, the Barber of Seville.

Aida and La Gioconda. The mobile theater will have virtually everything modern opera houses provide—a demountable stage, dressing rooms, elaborate scenery and props, a generator to light stage and theater, and thousands of seats for the audience.



In the spirit of Christmas, we wish you all happiness, health and unbounded joys.

Merit Shoe Store



To one and all, we wish you the merriest Christmas ever with a Happy New Year to come.

Waldensian-Pitt Baking Co.
1602 Dickinson Ave.



To every home in our town, we extend our wishes for a Merry Christmas — a Happy New Year.

Wyatt Brown's

Cascade Laundry



Have a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year. Thanking you for your patronage.

Pete Freeland's Service Station
Dickinson Ave., Dial 2323



May your Holiday be as bright as our Christmas lantern—that's our wish for you.

Johnson's
"The Best in Music"



Once again Christmas is here and it gives us the greatest of pleasure to wish each one of you our sincere wishes for the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year ever.

Carolina Grill
Corner 9th and Dickinson Ave.
Hassen Barakey & George Saad, Props.



A wealth of health, happiness and prosperity is our wish for all our friends. Thanks for past patronage.

Palace Barber Shop
Corner West 5th and Cotanche Sts.



May cheer and good will be yours always in your home — in your heart.

Tadlock Mutual Insurance Ag'y



Our personal gift to you this Christmas is a host of good wishes for a wonderful Holiday.

Greenville Machine Works
810 Clark Street
Electric and Acetylene Welding
Pattie Clark, Owner — C. E. Maiden, Manager



CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

- It's in the music of the cherished carols hovering like a benediction over the bustling crowds.
- Time for us to send you our best wishes for the happiest Christmas you have ever known.

Taff Office Equipment Co.

119 East 5th Street — Dial 2374

SANTA CLAUS GETTING MAIL

Indiana Post Office Busy During Yuletide Season

Santa Claus, Ind.—Just turned 100, Santa Claus knuckled down to a giant-sized job of postmarking Christmas letters and packages today. Besides taking on a new brood borrowed from Mother Goose.

The wartime slump is over for this tiny southern Indiana hamlet, and most of the population has already gone to work on the mail mountains in the two-room postoffice and the toy shops that began bustling long before Thanksgiving.

Postmaster Oscar L. Phillips hopes to sandwich in enough time to get out his white-furred red suit, but he said the loads of mail coming in for Santa Claus postmarks are "far larger than ever before." Even before Thanksgiving, seven helpers were on the job handling thousands of letters and packages from toy firms, youngsters impatient for the sound of reindeer hooves and whimsical givers. Those children's "Dear Santa" letters that have return addresses are answered by the American Legion post at Tell City, Ind.

Founded in 1846 as Santa Fe, the village slumbered without distinction until 1895, when the postoffice department asked for another name,

to avoid confusion with another Santa Fe in Indiana. The postal rush has grown with the years and widening popularity, but only in recent years have toy makers capitalized on the unique name of the village.

Opened for the first time this year is a "Santa Claus Land" gift and toy shop opened by Louis J. Koch, Evansville manufacturer, with an "enchanted trail" of sculptured storybook characters—one-third of a mile long—of such notables as spider-frightened Miss Muffet, Bear-stalk-climbing Jack, Little Boy Blue and Humpty-Dumpty.

Under construction is a second miniature railroad, designed with a 59-foot train to haul loads of 30 children on a blitz tour of the "Pyramids," the "Swiss Alps," the "Grand Canyon" and even across the "Atlantic Ocean."

Before the war, the Santa Claus mail volume reached half a million pieces in a one-room post office in Annie Martin's general store, and visitors came in throngs as big as 6,000 at the height of the yule season. Now, with the postoffice set up in its own two-room building and toy vendors, reproducing the imagery of childhood, Postmaster Phillips foresees new life for Santa Claus during its second hundred years.

AT 4 PER CENT COMPOUNDED

TWOULD BE NEAR \$32.

Scranton, Pa.—AP—Paul W. Gardner, bank officer and secretary of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, is a man who can hang on to a dollar.

His prize trophy is a dollar bill issued in 1861 in the first pay his uncle, James Gardner, received as a soldier in the Civil War.



Santa's back with a fuller pack of Christmas cheer. All good things to you and yours.

Ruel W. Tyson
Sheriff of Pitt County



It is good to know that Christmas is here again . . . good to celebrate it, as in the past, with so many fine people with whom we are happy to be associated in this community, and to whom we now send

Our Most Hearty CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Jackson's Shoe Store

511 Dickinson Avenue



THE HAPPY SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS DEEP IN OUR HEARTS. LET IT ECHO IN THE STRENGTH OF OUR VOICES AS WE GREET OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI FORESHADOWED THE CHRISTMAS-GIVING OF TODAY.

A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT THAT DOES MORE TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERLY LOVE THAN ALL OTHER INFLUENCES COMBINED.

Jones, Harris and Bullock

J. Raymond Bullock, Mgr.



MAY TRUE HAPPINESS IN ALL ITS FULLNESS BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMASTIME

Mrs. Morton's Cake Shop



JOYOUS YULETIDE

Here's wishing that the light of the season's cheer will glow through all you do, adding greatly to your Christmas happiness.

Appliance Sales & Service Corp.

511 Evans Street

"Mrs. Santa Claus" Working Hard At Christmas Florida Postoffice

Christmas, Fla.—Here in a land of sunny winter days—where most people have never seen snow upon a rooftop nor heard the jingle of a sleigh bell—"Mrs. Santa Claus" has been working overtime for weeks.

She is Mrs. Juanita Tucker, comely postmistress in this little community fringed by marshland, live oaks and towering palms.

People in all of the 48 states and in many foreign countries send Yule mail to her to be stamped with the "Christmas" postmark and returned.

The Christmas, Fla., postoffice was set up June 27, 1892, just 57 years after the community was founded. Although there is a Christmas Cove in Maine, this is the only plain Christmas postoffice in the United States.

Back in 1835 a company of United States soldiers came down to help the small group of apprehensive settlers battle the Seminole Indians. On Christmas day the fort, built of cabbage palm logs, was taken over by the settlers and the name Fort Christmas came into being.

The settlers were of rugged stock with Anglo-Saxon names like Tucker and Roberts and Barber whose descendants still dwell in this section.

"Mrs. Santa Claus" is glowingly proud of her work and her stamp.

Despite the heavy rush, she sees that each piece of mail gets special attention. The official "Christmas Fla." postmark is stamped carefully so that it will not blur. A cachet reading "Good Will Toward Men" also is stamped on the envelope.

The postoffice is in a country store on Mrs. Tucker's property. There is no railroad and the town lies a half-mile off the main highway and 25 miles from Orlando.

Mail is dispatched by automobile. This season will be one of the busiest, if not the busiest, in history, Mrs. Tucker believes. By the time Christmas day rolls around she wouldn't be surprised if the outgo exceeded 150,000 pieces of mail.

"Although Christmas is just a little country village with no business center, I think it is the spirit of its people which makes it a place of beauty," the postmistress commented. "They are kind and simple folks who help each other in time of sickness or disaster. They are generous in sharing what they have with those in need."

GOOD FORGERIES

London—(AP)—Maurice Utrillo, French painter, asked by the police if pictures bearing his name were forgeries, said: "They are so good I can hardly tell."



Christmas has a very special and personal meaning for each of us—but we all unite in singing mighty praises to Him for the good things that have come to us.

In the jubilant mood of this Christmas season, we extend our fondest, cheeriest greeting to all our friends.

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5 Points



May this Christmas be the merriest ever—your every wish fulfilled.

J. H. Coward

Pitt County Auditor



ALL OF OUR
FOLKS ARE HOPING
THAT ALL OF
YOUR FOLKS WILL
SPEND A MIGHTY
Merry Christmas

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AND BEST WISHES

It is with the deepest sincerity that we extend our best wishes to all our friends this glorious Christmas. May your every wish be fulfilled and may the joys that fill your hearts serve as happy memories in the many months to come.

Farm Machinery
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Dial 3470

W. B. Peel, Owner

206 E. 5th St.



For every star in the sky we have a Christmas wish for you... wishes for happiness, health and prosperity everlasting.

Proctor Hotel Barber Shop



The sweet notes of Christmas carols to you this glorious Yuletide. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Nicholl's Market



Bright as the stars and sweet as the sugar cane on your Christmas tree are our wishes for you this holiday season.

Norfolk Shoe Shop

Cotanche St.



Our wishes for the most glorious Christmas ever and for a New Year filled with health, happiness and prosperity are unlimited.

Baker And Davis

Christmas Songs Date Back To Early Custom

Associated Press Newsfeatures By GERARD TETLEY Voices heard on the frosty air the night before Christmas go back to the 16th century, when the Waits made their rounds in England. The Waits actually were watchmen, or the nocturnal policemen of the day whose duties are defined in an old book of customs as those who nightly pipe the Watche within this court fower tymes.

On Christmas Eve, the watchmen would collect and reap a neat profit: Christmas by playing tunes on such instruments as clarionets, lutes, viols, hornpipes, anones and harps—usually passed for agratuity which was divided among the players.

Carols came later, and in rural England were heard first on Christmas morning usually starting at the manor house. These were omnit sung by well-tutted children carrying holly on the end of a pole.

Carol is derived from the Latin 'cantare' to sing and 'role,' a joyful interjection. A vulgarization of the two words produces the terminology as we know it today. The carolers on Christmas Eve usually were taken into the kitchen of the big house and provided

with bread, cheese and small ale before moving on to the next stand. By the time the evening's rounds were over, there was a full measure of spontaneity and cheeriness about the Christmas music.

Carols were first noted in the United States before 1639 when the Massachusetts legislature, evidently influenced by the Puritans of England, passed a law forbidding any observance of Christmas. The feeling of derision manifested by the Quakers against elaborate observation of the birthday of Christ found expression in the sneer of "Yuletide is Fooltide." But as in England, it was not long before the puritanical restrictions were voted out and Christmas became a festive season for rejoicing.

At Boston it was the custom in early colonial times for the householders on Beacon Hill to place a candle in the window, and where-ever the carolers saw a candle they stopped to sing. The serenaders also were, at first, night watchmen but as years went by trained bands of musicians took their places and the idea of the candle-in-the-window spread to become today an accepted Christmas rite and decoration. Carols in their earliest form were

identified also with mummers' parades and even dances which has caused historians to opine that all of the Christmas singing has a pagan background and that in some mysterious way Christmas rejoicing is a perpetuation of the Roman Saturnalia or the Goths' old festival connected with the winter solstice.

In the fifteenth century dancing was allowed in the churches of Europe on Christmas Eve usually around cribs or manger scenes that were known to the French as "cheeches."

The mummers were dressed in weird garb. The usual form was a Crusader who joined a Turk in mock battle and slew his foe.

But there is admittedly a great deal about Christmas music and carolling which lacks a full understanding.

Christmas Season In Korea For U.S. Army

AP Newsfeatures Seoul, Korea—Approximately 50,000 U. S. troops in Korea will celebrate Christmas and New Year's holidays on the company level with unit commanders responsible for arrangements. An extra ration of turkeys is planned for all army messes on each of the two holidays.

The 300 children under ten years old in the 650 army families in the occupied area will have local fir Christmas trees, like the ones they knew at home, and presents imported by parents.

Special church services will be conducted in all Army chapels and Korean churches on Christmas and New Year's.

Koreans observe the holidays much as Americans do, with church attendance, Christmas trees, municipal decorations and family dinners. This will be their second Christmas since their liberation from the Japanese, who banned observance of the holidays by Koreans during the war.

Korea's holiday weather usually approximates that of the northern United States—snow with temperature around zero.

STETTIN'S UNUSUAL TRANSFORMATION

Szczecin, Poland. — AP—This once great German port city, formerly called Stettin, is almost completely Polish. Authorities estimated 100,000 Poles now live here and all but 9,000 Germans chiefly aged men and women and children, have been expelled to Allied zones in Germany, and the 9,000 will be repatriated soon.

'FLUONOMIST' IS DE LUXE CHIMNEY SWEEP

London.—AP—People have allowed themselves to be "bewitched by words," Robert R. Hyde, director of the Industrial Society, said in an address in which he told of a chimney sweep who called himself a "fluonomist" and charged about 10c more than an ordinary sweep.

Average per capita income in the U. S. South rose from \$337 in 1940 to \$791 per year in 1945.



Merry Christmas TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Styles change, methods change, but Christmas—never! Beneath it all is the same old love of man for his folks and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

So now in that changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors, as so often before, with that timeworn message of cheer and good fellowship, MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Ever bright is the star of Bethlehem. Ever bright is our wish for you; for the most joyous Christmas ever.

Jane's Shop

Sutton Service Centers



Mr. Snowman joins us in wishing one and all the merriest Christmas ever and a Happy New Year.

Radio Sales And Service

1023 Evans St.

VanDyke Furniture Co



We wish to extend our personal greeting and to wish one and all the Merriest Christmas and happiest New Year ever.

Colonial Ice Co.



We wish to extend to one and all sincere wishes for a happy holiday and our heartfelt thanks for your considerate patronage.

L. W. Redd



Our wishes for you this Christmas are as bright as the star-dusted candles that light up your tree.

Greenville Nehi Bottling Co.

J. C. Waldrop, Proprietor



Happy holiday to all. Our sincerest wishes for a Christmas filled with joy—for a New Year filled with happiness, health, prosperity.

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BEST WISHES TO ALL

It is with sincere gratitude and personal appreciation J. A. Collins & Son and every employee of this firm wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, one filled with joy and good health.

"Peace on Earth and good will towards Men" is our wish for an everlasting life . . . We thank you the people of Greenville, Pitt County and vicinity for the generosity you have shown us, and without it our success could not have been possible . . . 1946 has come and now waning, soon it will be 1947, and another year to look forward to, as even a more prosperous and happier one . . . We shall make every effort to improve our stocks, our service and our responsibilities . . . Again we say, A Merry Christmas and we only hope your wishes and desires shall be fulfilled in a most generous manner.

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