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GREENVILLE IS BUYING CENTER EAST CAROLINA

**Tobacco City Draws
Thousands Of Christ-
mas Shoppers; Town
Is Growing**

By CHESTER WALSH
Greenville justified its title as the "shopping center of Eastern Carolina" during the Christmas shopping days this year. Automobile tags indicated that shoppers were here from many cities and towns of the east. Greenville stores were well stocked with Christmas merchandise and extra clerks were on duty to give prompt service. The stores and their windows were more attractively decorated for the holiday than in years past. The decorations in the homes are exceptionally attractive, and this was true of homes in the suburbs and in the rural sections.

Some stores and other business places will be closed a day or two between Christmas and the first of the year to take inventory. Many persons with the Christmas spirit are remembering the police and firemen with gifts in appreciation of their fine service of protecting property and maintaining order during the year. The police department has a Christmas tree, and well-wishers have hung up a stocking for "Pop" Dancy, betogenerian traffic assistant and ticket-taker at the baseball park.

Civic, fraternal, social, religious and educational and other groups are carrying on an intensive program of providing Christmas cheer, food and clothing for deserving families and persons, and Major W. H. Stanley, commander of the local post of the Salvation Army, and his helpers are accumulating funds with which to provide Christmas cheer to deserving families here and in the county.

State Highway patrolmen and sheriff's deputies have cooperated in much of the Good Samaritan work being done this Christmas.

This Christmas will be a merrier one for the people of this and other parts of North Carolina. Social Christmas dinners will be provided at the State Prison Camp near here and the County Home. Deputy Sheriff H. K. Leggett always arranges for a nice Christmas dinner for prisoners incarcerated in the county jail.

The slogan here, there and everywhere now is: Merry Christmas!

**Oil Firm Plans
On Fuel Trains**

Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—A Southern Railway official announced yesterday the Standard Oil Company has asked railroads to work out high-speed schedules for the movement of oil trains from the southwest to the New York-New Jersey area and New England.

"As we understand it," this official told a reporter, "the railroad which is able to offer the fastest schedule will get the business."

He added that he understands the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey plans to move one "unit" weekly, consisting of 75 or 80 cars.

Carryover In Wheat

Wheat Carryover Is The Amount Of Grain Laid Aside By The Government In Event Of Poor Crops; How It Affects Each Person; Foreign Relief Is Affected

By OVID A. MARTIN

Washington—News stories about food shortages abroad and the amount of aid being supplied by this country often quote some authority about the danger of reducing the "wheat carryover" to too low a level.

The phrase "wheat carryover" has a definite meaning to the farmer, the grain merchant, the miller, the food manufacturer and the exporter. It is the quantity of wheat and flour that the country's wheat supplies with hungry areas abroad, must be careful not to empty wheat bins and leave its consumers at the mercy of a wheat crop failure next year.

The result might well be rigid bread rationing—and there's where the city housewife and breadwinner is affected by the carryover or reserve of wheat.

How much wheat should the na-



Refuses To Answer In Deportation Hearing

**Truman To Issue
Statement On
GOP Economies**

Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—President Truman will issue a statement concerning the Republican-backed anti-inflation bill, regardless of whether he signs or vetoes the measure.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross informed reporters of the plan but declined to predict how soon Mr. Truman will act or what his action might be.

Other White House officials said privately, however, they expect Mr. Truman to sign the bill and denounce what they termed its inadequacy. It contains only a few of the powers Mr. Truman asked the special session of congress to give him to deal with rising prices.

The President has 10 days from last Friday, not including Sundays or the Christmas holiday, in which to act on the legislation.

**Proceedings Brought
To Abrupt Halt As
Greek Correspond-
ent Silent To Quer-
ies As To Political
Background**

New York, Dec. 24 (AP)—A Greek correspondent accredited to the United Nations refused to answer questions in a deportation proceeding against him yesterday bringing the hearing to an abrupt recess.

The newspaperman, Nicholas Kyriazidis, 26, who the Justice Department maintains is a member of an organization advocating overthrow of the federal government, steadily refused to answer questions on advice of counsel.

Immigration Service Presiding Examiner Samuel Dorfman, who sought unsuccessfully to learn if two of the papers Kyriazidis represented were Communist, recessed the hearing.

"I will not answer," Kyriazidis kept repeating as Dorfman sought to learn his relationship with three Greek newspapers.

The proceedings were opened (Continued on Page Three)

**MOVIE-GOING DOG
IS A BUCKAROO**

Berkeley, Calif. (AP)—Theater Manager William E. O'Neill tried to usher out a dog that had followed his young master in. Bitten promptly on the right leg, O'Neill retired. Police officer M. M. Thomas took over, was bitten on the hand, also retired. Patrolman N. H. Harstad took over successfully. He used a lassoo.

In the five years before the war the wheat crop averaged about \$56,000,000 bushels. At the beginning of each harvest in these years the country had an average carryover of about \$30,000,000 bushels.

This average carryover was equivalent to about 34 per cent of the amount of grain used annually for food, livestock feed, seed and industrial uses. In normal times a carryover of this size is generally considered to be adequate.

The carryover reached a record of \$30,000,000 bushels in 1942. Normally, a reserve of this size would have been considered a burden upon the economy because of its price-depressing effects, the cost of storage, etc.

But, coming when it did, when the nation was striving to expand food production for the war, this large carryover was put to good use. It long since has been used up.

Since the war ended, carryovers have been reduced to levels considered by officials to be dangerously low. The carryover at the end of the 1946 crop year was down to \$3,000,000 bushels—or only about 10 per cent of the nation's annual needs.

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**FLORIDA CITY
SEEKING SNOW**

**Holiday Snowfall To
Be Attempted;
Snowplow Is Offer-
ed**

St. Petersburg, Fla. Dec. 23 (AP)—An offer to rush a rotary snowplow to St. Petersburg, with police escort, if the city's attempt to produce a Christmas holiday snowfall gets out of hand, was made today by Police Chief Everett Orr of Hendersonville, N. C.

An ex-OI flier, Bob Leon, will fly his Army training plane to a probable height of 10,000 feet tomorrow morning in an effort to produce the first snowfall in the city's history by seeding cumulus clouds with dry ice.

Meantime Mayor Bruce B. Blackburn received from Mayor A. V. Edwards of Hendersonville a red sled loaded with apples, packed in North Carolina snow. The sled was delivered by Walter B. Smith, goodwill ambassador from the Carolina town.

If tomorrow's sky is cloudless, it was decided, the snow attempt will be postponed a day or two but in that event it probably would be the first time planes have been grounded by perfect flying conditions.

**WHY IT'S FOOLISH
TO RUN FOR HORSE-CAR**

St. Louis (AP)—In the days of St. Louis horse cars, races between would-be passengers and the street-car steeds must have been everyday occurrences. The 29 in the old drivers' manual of the Lindell Railway Company was as follows:

"After passing Fifth street going east do not stop for passengers to get on; trot by horses east of Fourth street, if necessary, to prevent passengers from catching the car."

BRITISH FEND OFF ARAB BAND BY ARAB BAND

**Highway Near Jeru-
salem Under Arab
Fire; British Convoy
Fired Upon**

Jerusalem, Dec. 24 (AP)—British Tommies fought yesterday against Arabs who attacked highway traffic north of Jerusalem, and Arab bullets raked a Jewish funeral procession on the Sacred Mount of the Ascension.

A green-turbaned Arab in a green allover sweater led the highway attackers in a wild exchange of fire with a British convoy, army sources said. The convoy blasted hillside above Bab El Wad, from which attackers' bullets wounded a Swedish journalist and eight Jews Tuesday morning.

Arab casualties were unknown in the highway duel in which one British officer was wounded. Army sources said the convoy raked the attackers' position with 10,000 rounds.

David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish agency executive, was reported to have been a passenger in one of the convoy cars under attack.

The funeral procession on the Mount of the Ascension for Robert Clive Stern, English-born Jewish journalist who was killed Sunday by Arab bullets, was marked by an attack of snipers, some situated on the Mount of Olives. Many cars turned back under the fire as the procession neared the Jewish cemetery, hard by an Arab village.

Arab hands roamed the countryside, attacking freight trains as well as road traffic. Arabs seized a five-car cargo of cement in one attack last night. A second freight train was held up this morning, but officials said the attackers left empty-handed.

**Two Escapees
Caught After
Brief Freedom**

Two white convicts from the Pitt County Prison Camp had short-lived liberty yesterday after they escaped in a taxicab that was waiting them at a nearby lumber-loading site.

They were recaptured several hours later and the man who drove the cab also was placed under arrest. His name was not immediately made known but officials in Raleigh said he would be charged with aiding and abetting in the escape of felons.

The men jumped into the cab as they and other convicts arrived on the scene to start the day's work. They were retaken between Greenville and Washington after the driver had discharged them.

NO IFS AND OR BUTS

Springfield, Mass. (AP)—The Springfield Hotel Association has an etiquette tip for fire prevention. Each hotel in the city displays a card that commends—"Chaperone Your Cigarettes. Do not let them go out alone."

Markets To Close

By the Associated Press
All domestic security and commodity markets will be closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Commodity markets will start celebrating the Christmas holiday a half day earlier by closing various exchanges at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 24. The Chicago Board of Trade will ring the closing gong at noon, Central Time.

The New York Stock and Curb Exchanges will operate a full session, closing at 3 p.m.

**Communists To
Enter Election**

London, Dec. 24 (AP)—The Communist party has announced it will enter the forthcoming parliamentary re-election at Wigan as the first step in a campaign seeking to force the British Labor government further to the left.

Decision to enter a candidate, a spokesman at Communist headquarters declared, was taken to present the lead for a real labor government based on forces of the left.

Record Farm Profits

Past Year Has Proven Best Yet For American Farmers; Possibly Even Higher Prices In 1948; How The Farmer Has Benefitted; The Coming Problem Of Surpluses

By WILLIAM FERRIS

Chicago—The farmer never had it so good as in 1947. People earning hefty salaries and wages in urban centers bought and ate more food than at any time in the past. Grain was shipped abroad in record volume.

Result: Prices for farm products which would have seemed fantastic before the war.

And the possibility is even higher prices for some foods—meat, for example—in 1948.

Gross farm income for 1947 will total around \$34,000,000,000. Net incomes, after paying production expenses, will amount to about \$18,000,000,000. Of course, it will be an all-time high.

Price records were made during 1947 for such basic farm products as hogs, cattle, corn and oats. Wheat sold at a 27 year peak. Farm income from livestock, dairy and poultry, grain crops and cotton rose above 1946.

A few commodities received government support—potatoes and eggs among them.

Studies by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics showed the farmer now was more likely to have electricity, a telephone and an automobile—each an important item in modern living. The value of farm land has greatly increased.

In contrast, the farmer can argue that he doesn't have a 40-hour work security and usually lacks the mod-

ern life.

Our faith in the continued prosperity of this bit of North Carolina is undimmed, and we point to our ambitious program as evidence of that faith.

In the months gone by, our service has not always been what we have wanted to give; but with what we had at hand, it was the best we could give by bending every effort to a task waylaid with disheartening obstacles. With new mechanical equipment and a more experienced staff many of those problems have been laid to rest, but it is the lot of small newspapers to meet up with an apparently endless variety of Trouble in one form or another. It is this experience and knowledge gleaned from the past that tempers our otherwise ebullient optimism with determination and trust.

It is our most ardent hope, that this, our special Christmas Edition finds you in good health and good fortune during the holiday season. The Publisher and staff of the Daily Reflector join their voices with those of our family of advertisers to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

STASSEN HITS NEW NOTE ON SPECULATORS

**New Challenge To
Administration
Questions Actions
Of Other Officials**

Washington, Dec. 23 (AP)—How old Stassen has challenged the administration to say whether any present and former officials in the executive department of the White House traded in commodities prior to big government purchases in early 1947.

Stassen also asked in a statement issued yesterday whether White House and other past and present government officials made a "huge profit at the steep climb of prices which followed the governmental buying."

Reporters who asked Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross about Stassen's statement got the reply, "No comment."

Stassen first charged two weeks ago that "insiders" in the government had profited from commodity trading. His assertions then led to disclosure that Edwin A. Pauley, special assistant to Secretary of the Army Royal, had been a big market speculator.

Since then, Congress has voted for publication of names of all big traders in commodities and two committees are investigating speculation.

Stassen, former Minnesota governor and candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, attacked the issuance Monday by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson of the first list of commodity traders asked by Congress.

It contained 711 names. Stassen said it was for the purpose of "confusion and distraction."

Stassen said he did not believe the people will be fooled by a shower of irrelevant statistics, but will want answers to the questions he has asked.

**Send Immigrants
To Refugee Camp**

Haifa, Palestine, Dec. 24 (AP)—The British transport Ocean Vigor sailed for Cyprus last yesterday with about 850 Jewish immigrants from an intercepted refugee ship. Sick passengers and their relatives, 36 in all, remained in Palestine.

Passengers said the immigrant vessel, a two-masted schooner, had been at sea 13 days. She was intercepted Monday while trying to run the Palestine blockade and was escorted to the port of Haifa by two British destroyers.

**State Oil Coordinator Suggests An
Emergency Set-up For Distribution**

Raleigh, Dec. 24 (AP)—State Oil Coordinator W. Z. Betts suggested yesterday at an emergency meeting of representatives of oil wholesalers and independent dealers that they form a central office in Charlotte to assist in relieving cases of hardship caused by the fuel oil shortage.

He said reports showed the supply in the east is 15 per cent short of needs, and added that a system of conservation among dealers and consumers was necessary to remedy the situation.

The oil men agreed that "we have to start at the bottom of this problem" and work up. By that they meant the problems of the dealers first must be met, then those of jobbers and distributors. They agreed with Governor Cherry, who called the meeting, that the problem is one that must be solved locally in individual cases and by the cooperation of the state and big distributors on a wider basis.

Betts said he suggested Charlotte as a working headquarters because that is the headquarters for the major distributors.

The oil men said they already had met with instances of inability to supply oil in needy cases and that it seemed the best idea to form some sort of pool to supply those emergency wants.

The governor promised the assistance of his office in urging conservation but said there is no law to force compliance.

Betts said he believed a system of wartime rationing would do more harm now than good.

**President Signs
Appropriation**

Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—President Truman Tuesday signed a \$914,285,500 appropriation bill carrying \$522,000,000 emergency aid for France, Italy and Austria.

The measure, passed in the closing hours of the special session of Congress last Friday, also appropriates \$18,000,000 for China relief.

**A FLYING INSPECTION
OF COUNTRY SCHOOLS**

Trinidad, Colo. (AP)—Visits to the little red school houses in remote sections are made by R. D. (Dick) Murray, Las Animas county school superintendent in his own plane.

Superior of schools in the state's largest county, Murray makes a round trip to Kim—more than 100 miles from the county seat—in his plane in less time than it takes for a one-way automobile journey.

week, isn't a participant in social facilities available in cities. And what he buys has gone up in price just as thoroughly as what he sells.

But, on balance, the farmer is doing all right.

Somewhere in the future exists that old bugaboo of the nation's economy—the Farm Problem. This always has been based on too much goods for the domestic economy, and not a large enough foreign market to take care of the surplus.

Neither condition prevails as the new year starts.

The Agriculture Department is urging farmers to increase grain crop production. Grains are the easiest foods to ship abroad. The department admits good soil conservation principles demand smaller acreage in 1948, but such principles can't hold against the world's urgency for food.

However, the government wants less livestock and poultry—both items which consume a lot of grain. They also want less tobacco and peanuts.

Prices generally are expected to continue high. So high, in fact, that as the year ended the administration was urging Congress for power to clamp back price controls if that should be considered necessary or desirable.

Many congressmen felt it wasn't either.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Watson R. Coffey, of Douglas, Ga., will spend Christmas with Mrs. Coffey's mother, Mrs. W. I. Skinner.

Miss Adelaide Warren will arrive this afternoon from Richmond to spend a few days.

Mrs. Elizabeth White Perkins will arrive today from Raleigh to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. J. B. White.

La. Robert Spruill Spain, M. C. of New York, will spend Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spruill Spain.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Nash, of Brunswick, Ga., arrived Monday night to spend Christmas with Mrs. W. J. Hardee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bridgers and little son, John David, of Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilkerson of Robersonville will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bridgers.

Louis Dupree of Harvard University and, Greenville, N. C., is spending the Christmas holidays in Mexico. While there he will do field work for the department of Anthropology.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fussell of Suffolk, Va., are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Fussell's mother, Mrs. W. J. Hardee.

Mrs. R. E. Wase of Cherry Point will arrive today to spend the holidays with Mrs. Wase's mother, Mrs. W. J. Hardee.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY
6:30 p. m.—Glee Club.
SATURDAY
8:00 p. m.—Glee Club
dances at Country Club

Tommy Diener, a student at the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville, is spending his vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Diener.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Perkins and children will spend Christmas in Kinston with Mr. and Mrs. H. Frederick Jones.

Complete Recruit Training
Rudolph A. Bick, USN, of Route 2, Winterville, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., and has been advanced to second class.

Chess Club

The annual Christmas party of the Athenaeum Book Club members and their husbands was a festive occasion this year. Mrs. J. L. Winstead and Mrs. J. J. Perkins were joint hostesses Tuesday evening, December 16, at the home of the latter on West Fourth Street. The lovely home was beautifully decorated with Christmas trimmings and the merry guests seemed to live up to the cheer emanated by this holiday environment.

The guests arrived at 7 o'clock and after being welcomed were served a delicious turkey dinner with all accessories.

Since the entertainer for the meeting was ill, Mrs. Perkins took charge of the program and did a splendid job. She had questions, allowing the group twenty chances to name a certain thing or place. No one seemed to know anything except Mrs. Walter Harrington. She received most of the prizes. Tall tales were another form of entertainment enjoyed. Lee Hannah, Col. Marshburn, D. M. Clark and Walter Harrington were very adept along this line. But would it be Christmas without songs? It would not and so June Rose led the group in singing Christmas carols.

A few close friends and relatives of the hostesses were present as guests. Among the guests were Mrs. J. L. Fleming, Mrs. Winstead's mother, and Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Perkins' mother.—Reported.

Christmas Program at St. Raphael's School

The pupils of St. Raphael's school presented the following Christmas program for their families and friends on Friday night, December 19:

Action Song—Nursery.
Rhythm Band—Kindergarten.
Christmas Candles—Nursery and Kindergarten: Nell Davis, Martina Phillips, John Bynum, Buddy Dall. Recitation, Bobby Arthur.

Tableaux, Nativity Scene. Cast: Blessed Mother, Joyce Sutton; St. Joseph, Charles Cox; Shepherds, Roger Allen, Ronny Cox, Arthur Andrews; Angels, Joe Alene Eason, Carolyn Evans, Brenda Cox, Julie Dodson, Sylvia Edwards; Readers: Ann Peadar, Phil Davis; Carolers: Stevie Nobles, Francis Sailed, George Sailed, Charles Lane, Merrill Bynum, Ann Peadar, Eleanor Clark. Recitation—Joe Moye, Jr.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with the work of the children appropriate to the Christmas season. To these decorations had been added many arrangements of Christmas greens and poinsettias.

The lighted Christmas tree reaching to the ceiling and candles at the windows, shed a cheerful glow over the house. The tree decorations and lights and electric candles were given to the school by the P. T. A.

After the program and a greeting from Father Gable the guests gathered around the piano and sang familiar Christmas carols. During the social hour refreshments were served. At the close of the evening the children were happy to receive a visit from Santa Claus, who distributed favors to each child present.

The arrangements for the party were made by a committee from the P. T. A. composed of Mesdames John Sailed, R. P. Cox, Charles Lane, George Davis, Fred Sutton, Chester Allen, John Williams, Joe Moye.

The saying, "Children should be seen and not heard," has been traced back in England to the 18th Century.

40 Years Ago

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Step lively today.
Stockings go up tonight.
Tomorrow is the day of days.
Santa Claus will come tonight.
The wind also did some blowing last night.

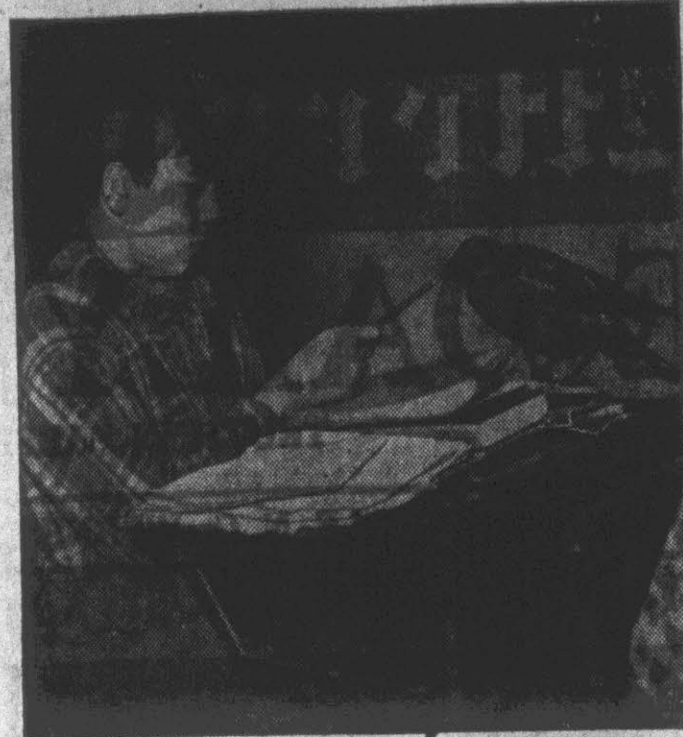
The dispensary has had its share of Christmas trade.
"What can't be cured must be endured." The chief of police saw it was useless to try to stop the noise last night, so told the kids to "go to it."

Egg-nog will come high with the price of the fruit.
Don't think about the bills tomorrow, they will be enough to worry over the day after.
Let every one try to make Christmas as happy as possible. The best way is to make others happy.

Passes State Board

Miss Jennie C. Joyner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nash Joyner, of Greenville, was among the nurses who passed the state board in Raleigh recently. She received her training at Mary Elizabeth hospital in Raleigh. At present Miss Joyner is employed in the office of Dr. Herbert Hadley.

Library Closes For Holidays
Shepard Memorial Library will be closed for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



SCHOOL VISITOR—A popular visitor at the Agassiz school in Chicago is Frita, a crow, who peeks at a window to attract attention and get into the classroom. Here he tries to take a pencil away from Edward Goss.

Dies In New Bern

Mrs. Larry I. Moore, Sr., a former resident of this city, died at her home in New Bern Monday night. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Recreation Program Halted For Holidays

The Midget basketball teams and the adult recreation program has

been discontinued for the holidays. Mrs. Vance Perkins, chairman of the program, announced today. The schedule will be resumed on Monday, January 5.

In Java it is believed that if a husband will slit the wife's robe with a sharp knife from throat to hem without touching her, she will be freed of the pains of childbirth.

CHRISTMAS EVE

LATE SHOW AT STATE 11:15

STARK, SAVAGE SUSPENSE!

"When you play with murder you play for keeps!"

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LEE DON JULIE ANABEL
TRACY CASTLE BISHOP SHAW
and BOBIS TOOMEY DOUGLAS WALTON



Merry Christmas

A bright and joyful Holiday to each and everyone of you. We also add our best wishes for a very Happy New Year.



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OUR WISH TO ALL....

A Christmas Filled With Joy and Happiness...

For both young and old there are untold joys at Christmas time.

There's laughter and gaiety and warmth in the hearts of men—

there's a happiness that knows no bounds—there's a spirit

of giving that is beautiful to behold...there's a

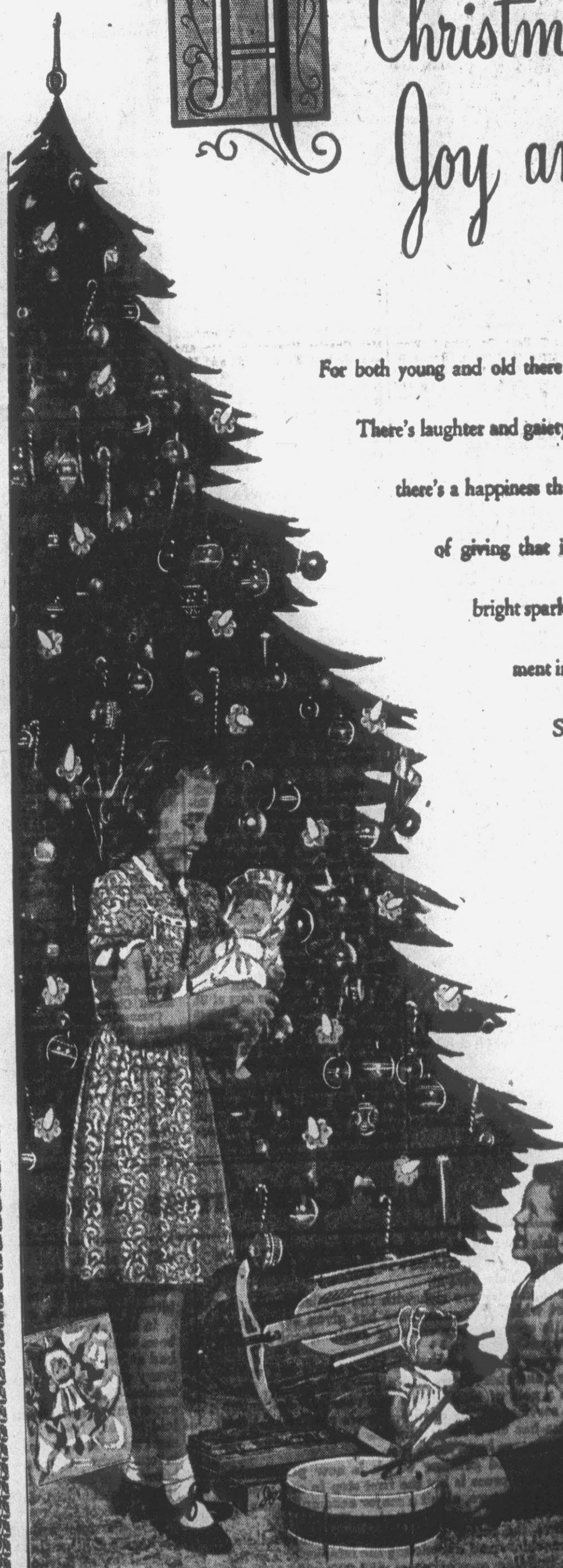
bright sparkle in the eyes of the kiddies, an excite-

ment in their little beings that only visitors of

Santa can bring. That all may expect—

ence these magic joys is our sincere

wish this Christmas....



Blount-Harvey

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Christmas Greetings

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Chairman Pitt County A. B. C. Board

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Cox Floral Service

GREENVILLE, N. C.



Listen to the beautiful melody of the bells. To one and all—they bring good cheer, happiness, health. To the world, they sound the call: "Peace and good will towards men." Go to Church Christmas day.

B. & N. Motor Sales

Mrs. Edwin Elzy Rawl Jr.



Rawl-White

In a formal candlelight ceremony, solemnized on Saturday evening, December 20 at 8 o'clock in Memorial Baptist Church, Miss Josie Barnes White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jordan White, became the bride of Mr. Edwin Elzy Rawl, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Elzy Rawl. The Reverend Richard E. Hardaway, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The church with its background of ferns and Chinese green, southern smilax, white pom-pom chrysanthemums and garza mums, formed a lovely setting for the impressive ceremony. Pew candle holders, with cathedral candles, outlined the center aisle. The seats reserved for the members of the two families, were marked with small white flowers and ribbon.

As the guests assembled, a program of nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Paul Davenport, Sr., organist and Mr. Ed Stallings, of Wilson, violinist. Prior to the entrance of the wedding party, Miss Nancy Hannah sang "Because" and as a benediction sang "Prayer Perfect."

Acting as ushers were Julian J. White, Jr., brother of the bride, Charles T. Pace, Dr. John L. Wooten, Warren M. Ficklen, Charles W. Howard, Jr., James B. Smith, Herbert White Lee, cousin of the bride and Richard S. Atkinson, of Kenly, cousin of the groom.

Miss Evelyn Foley was maid of honor. She wore a dress of peacock blue moire taffeta, fashioned with off the shoulder neckline, full skirt, with double bustle in the back, that fell into a short train. She carried an arm bouquet of gold and yellow chrysanthemums and shaded bronze gerbers, tied with bronze ribbon and showered with baby gerbers.

The bridesmaids were Miss Winifred Petty, of Wilson and Mrs. Tom Norris, of Raleigh, cousins of the bride. Mrs. Charles W. Howard, Jr., Miss Betsy Durham of Birmingham, Mich., Miss Frances Avery of Rocky Mount and Mrs. C. C. Hall, Jr., of Richmond, Va. They wore dresses identical to that of the maid of honor and carried similar bouquets.

The bride, who entered the church with her brother, Julian White, Jr., and given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown of ivory duchess satin, designed with off the shoulder neckline with a bertha of old lace, long sleeves ending in calli points and a full skirt with pannels of satin and lace ending in a long circular train. Her veil was of illusion and fell from a bandeau of satin and lace caught with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of purple throated orchids, white French lilies, white calantheas and heavily showered with valley lilies.

Mrs. White, mother of the bride, wore a dress of ice blue brocade embroidered with sequins and a corsage of purple orchids.

The bride groom's mother was groomed in aqua blue crepe with sequins. Her corsage was also of orchids.

Immediately following the ceremony the parents of the bride entertained at a reception at the Greenville Country Club for the wedding party, out of town guests and friends. The reception rooms were decorated with white candles and assorted greens. The bride's table was covered with a white satin cloth with traceries of southern smilax and centered with a four tiered wedding cake flanked with white tapers in crystal candelabra and crystal bowls of white sweet peas and valley lilies.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lee and Mr. and Mrs. James Burton James greeted the guests and introduced them to the receiving line. The receiving line was composed of Mr. Julian J. White, the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rawl, Sr., Mrs. Annie Rawl, grandmother of the groom, the maid of honor, and the bridesmaids. Assisting throughout the club rooms were Mr. and Mrs. Graham Planagan, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lipscomb, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. Ty Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles White, Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Crisp, Mrs. Pattie Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hannah, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Waldrop, Mr. and Mrs. Dink James, Mr. and Mrs. Will James, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hodges, Mr. Charles James, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. White, Mrs. Luther Moore, of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Skinner, of Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Long, Mr. and Mrs. Larry James, Mr. and Mrs. James Ficklen, Mrs. T. H. Boykin, and Mr. and Mrs. Hayes White of Raleigh. Good-byes were said to Dr. and Mrs. Winstead and Dr. and Mrs. K. B. Pace.

Mrs. Rawl was graduated from Greenville high school, St. Mary's Junior College in Raleigh and Katherine Gibbs in New York.

Mr. Rawl was graduated from Greenville high school, attended Oak Ridge Military Institute and is now registered in the school of commerce at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served three years in the naval air corps in the States and Puerto Rico.

Following the reception the bride and groom left for a trip to New York and Lake Placid. After January first they will be at home in Chapel Hill.

Following the announcement of her engagement Mrs. Rawl has been extensively and on Friday, Mr. and Mrs. James Burton James entertained at a delightful buffet supper, honoring Miss White and Mr. Rawl and on Friday evening following rehearsal Miss Lillian Wooten and Dr. John Wooten gave a most enjoyable dance at the Woman's Club. Misses Mary Rose Crisp and Nancy Hannah were hostesses at breakfast at the home of Miss Crisp for the wedding party and out of town guests, on Saturday morning and at four o'clock in the afternoon in the Magnolia room of the Proctor hotel Mrs. W. W. Lee received at a coffee hour.

VISITORS GO TO BETHELEM

Pennsylvania Steel City Displays Its Christmas Star

Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 24—(AP)—The star and lights of Bethlehem shining out above the fiery blast furnaces of this steel community have brought the greatest pilgrimage of visitors ever to crowd into America's City of Christmas.

Cars with license tags from 31 states were counted during a single day as thousands of vehicles crawled across "hill-to-hill" bridge bringing some 50,000 visitors to see the splendor of the Bethlehem star.

It was 206 years ago this Christmas Eve that a small band of Moravians gathered in a candle-lit stable beside the ice-covered Lehigh River and gave to their new hamlet the name of Bethlehem.

They were religious men—followers of one of the oldest Protestant churches in history dating back to the villages of medieval Moravia—and they founded a city that makes steel, great music, and Christmas pageantry of lights that shines for 20 miles and is known the world around.

Blazing high above the city behind the campus of Lehigh University is the 90-foot Bethlehem Star, man-created of nearly 3,000 electric light bulbs.

PARTY FOR EMPLOYEES

On Friday evening December 19, the employees of the Diana Shop were delightfully entertained by their manager, Mrs. Andrew Carigan, at her home in Hillsdale. Each were remembered with a useful gift from their hostess. After exchanging gifts, sandwiches, minis, peanuts, cakes and punch were served. Many games were enjoyed by all. Guests of the evening were Mrs. Bert Whitehurst, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Whichard, and Mrs. Frank Whichard.

Canton—(AP)—Banditry is so rife along south China's rivers that speed launches heavily armed with machine guns, now escort all passenger ships sailing south out of Canton.

and A good time was had by all.

FIRE ALARM TODAY

Fire at Curtis Clark's dry cleaning plant on Albemarle avenue, opposite the Plaza Theater today at 1 p. m., did several hundred dollars of damage. Fire Chief George Gardner said. A container of solvent in the cleaning room became ignited accidentally.

Refuses . . .

(Continued from Page One) cite previous indications of post-

ponent while U. S. officials weighed the possibility the action violated an agreement with the U.N.

Kyriazidis' attorney, Isidore Englander challenged the jurisdiction of the hearing authorities in his opening remarks, asserting that under federal law the only issue was whether the Greek is duly accredited to the U.N. and that other questions were improper.

"There are very important considerations in this case," Englander declared "not only for this man but for the press and correspondents all over the world."



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A CHRISTMAS TEXT
Let us take our meditation today
not from the Christmas stories but
from the eleventh chapter of John,
the 26th verse: "The Master is come,
and calleth for thee."

"The Master is come..." So of-
ten we think of Christmas as a
season for giving and receiving gifts.
But it celebrates the Incarnation,
the coming of the Son of God into
the flesh. For many people the
Christmas slogan is, "Give and it
shall be given unto you." This is to
take the whole of the sacred season
and bring it down to the level of
our own desires. The great teaching
of Christmas is that the Master
came. Scarcely anyone knew Him
when he arrived, but that was be-
cause the world lay in darkness.
There is no excuse for us; twenty
centuries have cried out the glad
message that he has come.

But it is not enough that we sim-
ply realize this. His coming carried
with it a challenge. He comes that
he may call us—from selfishness in-
to love, from darkness into light,
from bondage into freedom, from
sin into salvation. The greatest
question at this time of year is not,
"What is so-and-so going to do for
me for Christmas this year?" but
"What am I going to do about the
great gift of salvation which God
is every ready to bestow upon my
heart?"

"The Master is come and calleth
for thee."

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

By this time, the charac-
ters who become "Christmas
Scrooges" during the final
shopping days of the season
have been reclaimed by the
Yuletide Spirit, and are
again the worthy and cheer-
ful citizens that is their nor-
mal attitude during other
seasons of the year.

In truth, it is our odd no-
tion that Dickens' dour char-
acter may be the first re-
corded despondency into
which the pre-Christmas
shopper sinks... only Dick-
ens ascribed his behaviour to
a mean outlook on life which
existed for years prior to his
introduction in "Christmas
Carol."

Our version is that the au-
thor first observed Scrooge
while that unhappy man was
writing his shopping list, and
had been pushed around by
crowds in the scramble
for purchasing gifts... and
made a very natural error in
assuming that Scrooge had
spent years in developing
the spirit which culminated
in the words "Merry Christ-
mas, Bah!"

These past few days have
developed a lot of Scrooges,
and we've seen them walk-
ing deep in their melancholy
on our own business streets.
Theirs is a pitiful lot. On en-
tering a store, and desper-
ately searching counters for
appropriate presents that
might match their pocket-
books, they are approached
by a cheerful clerk who says,
"May I help you sir?"; it is
no wonder the victim sullenly
replies "Nobody can help
me," and under his breath
he may well be muttering
"Christmas, Bah!"

But it's all over now. Their
worries gone, the Scrooges
of yesterday are the most en-
thusiastic of all who greet
acquaintances with a "Merry
Christmas." Their souls are
uplifted with a new aware-
ness, that while the giving of
gifts is a part of the Christ-
mas tradition, there is an old-



er tradition... that of giving
thanks to their God.

And so it is that Christmas
morning is the greatest day
of church-going in the Chris-
tian world; when countless
families go to worship and
give thanks for a Child, born
in a manger.

Will we see you there?

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington — The postman who
delivers the mail to the Swedish
Embassy was one of those lucky
citizens invited to quaff a bit of
"glogg," a special holiday potion
served up by the embassy staff.

Glogg is made with a red wine
base, is spiked with Swedish equi-
valent which has somewhat the same
qualities as vodka and seasoned
with cloves, sugar, raisins and
lemons.

It is served steaming hot, some-
times from a bowl with a grill on
top where the drink is lit and
flames up with blue flames.
The embassy personnel celebrates
Christmas in a big way in observance
of St. Lucia's Day. This year the
Agricultural Attaché and Mme.
Bendz were the special hosts. The
ceremony began early in the eve-
ning, when their daughter, pretty
Miss Alno de Rettig-Bendz, ap-
peared in white robes with a crown
of candles on her head.

Toasts were drunk in the piping
glogg, and trays of fruit-shaped
"Lucia" buns were served against
the background of holiday decora-
tions.

The next morning the same per-
formance was repeated at the em-
bassy secretary, acted as St. Lucia.
Pages in native dress served hot cof-
fee and "Lucia" buns singing special
songs.

Other members of the diplomatic
corps and official Washington were
among the celebrants at the Bendz
party. A similar fete was given the
following night at the residence of
the Swedish First Secretary and

Mme. Malmhaus.

There are a number of Lucia le-
gends, according to a member of the
embassy staff. The most popularly
accepted concerns the Italian Saint
who died a martyr in the year 300.

This Santa Lucia was a noble-
man's daughter when her mother
was cured through a miracle from
a mysterious illness. She gave her
dowry in gratitude to the poor
Christians of Rome.

Her fiancé denounced her as a
Christian, urged the prefect of city
to seize her. Soldiers and citizens
allied failed to move her. They set
fire around her and she didn't
burn. She died from a stab wound.

The holidays are observed in Swe-
den in much the way as here, with
a visit on Christmas Eve from the
joyful, white-bearded gentleman
called "Julstomte." Instead of com-
ing down the chimney, he knocks
on the door.

Responsibility for opening the
door is solely on the head of the
household. When "Julstomte" asks
if there are any nice children in-
side, he can say "Why, sure," or
sadly shake his head.

Carryover . . .

(Continued From Page One)
Secretary of Agriculture Ander-
son has said he does not want it to
drop below 150,000,000 bushels this
crop year. He would like it to be
at least 200,000,000 bushels.

The Government can govern the
size of the carryover by reducing
or increasing exports. The final
figure for this crop year will be
determined largely by outlook for
next year's wheat crop. In the
spring, if the crop outlook is dark,
exports will be reduced so that a
larger carryover could be kept than
if the crop outlook is favorable.

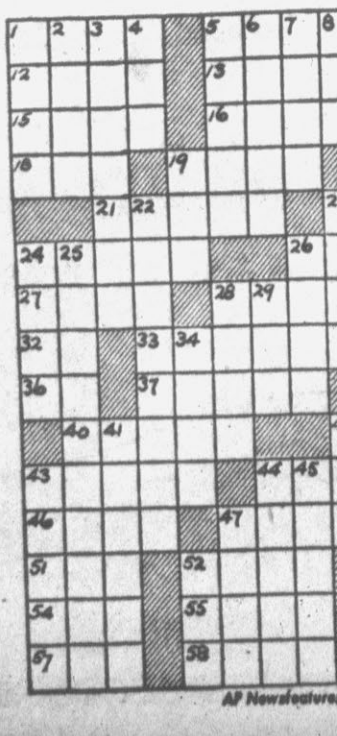
In normal times farmers do not
like to have too large a carryover,
because of its price-depressing ef-
fects. They can keep it from going
too high by resorting to crop control
programs.

BERLIN TRANSIT GETS NO HEAT

Berlin — (AP) — Berlin's elevated
and underground trains will not be
heated this winter. In addition to
saving electric power, the newspaper
Vorwaerts said it would prevent
jamming the transport system by
persons merely riding to keep warm.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Binding fabric
2. Was carried
3. Append
12. The southwest
13. Egg-shaped
14. Town in Mas-
sachusetts
15. Peel
16. Shoulder of a
road
17. Final
18. Segment of a
curve
19. Shoot
20. Makes a
mistake
21. Spike of flowers
22. Shoestring
23. Cold dish
24. Attitudes
25. Unconcealed
26. Respond to
27. Consequently
28. Elber
29. Common bird
30. At home
31. Note of the
wind
32. City in
Michigan
33. Century plant
34. Toward the
left side of
a vessel
35. Smiles broadly
36. Conceals
37. Merchandise
38. Girl
39. Underline
40. Insect
41. Timber
42. On deposit
43. Solid water
44. Galleo
45. Hebrew
measure
46. Crisscross
47. Inclination
48. Bark of the
paper mul-
berry
49. At a distance
50. Cotton fabric
51. Before
52. Redbreast
53. Open
54. Have the
courage
55. Tree
56. Sandalwood
57. Act of lowering
58. Believer in a
god
59. Nourished
60. Toward the
rising sun
61. Fine houses
62. Crazy; slang
63. Kind of rubber
64. Rave
65. Silkworm
66. Individuals
67. Red wine
68. Little
69. Stuck
70. Secured
71. White of egg
72. Web-footed
bird
73. Command
74. Arabian
seaport
75. Sassy
76. Merry
77. Tennis stroke



Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Bark of the paper mulberry
2. At a distance
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Life Expectancy Will Be Higher

New York — (AP) — In rugged pre-historic days, man's average life span was a meagre 18 years.

Infant and childhood mortality were terrifically high, pulling the average expectancy down. Discovery of numerous damaged skulls indicates that violent death from clubs and battle-axes was fairly common in times not noted for social graces.

In the Roman age 2,000 years ago, the life expectancy wasn't much greater somewhere on the low side of 30, and about 150 years ago the average life span was around 35 years, says the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

In the United States in 1945, the average length of life was 65.8 years, the study shows, and the average span has "undoubtedly increased more in the past century than in all prior centuries together since the dawn of civilization."

Most of the increase has been due to saving lives of babies and children. For millennia, people have lived much longer than the averages given. The average span of adults was longer, after they had survived childhood.

"Our studies indicate," the bulletin said, "that within the course of the next decade or two, it should be possible to extend the average length of life for the population of the United States to at least 70 years."

Two Days Holiday Christmas This Year

Christmas Day (Thursday) and Friday will be generally observed as holidays here. The banks will be closed both days. City Hall offices will be closed two days. The Utilities Commission offices will be closed one day. County offices will be closed one day. County offices will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The postoffice will be closed Christmas Day. The Daily Reflector will be closed Wednesday and Thursday (Christmas Day) and will issue the regular edition of the paper Friday. The city schools will be closed until Monday, January 4. County schools will reopen Monday, December 29.

Still Have . . .

(Continued from Page One)

"We certainly are not going to spend hundreds of millions of dollars in developing the present canal or for a sea level canal at the present site, when we can not obtain bases to defend the canal in times of war."

"I shall recommend to the appropriations committee the withholding of all funds for development of the present canal site. Until such time as we obtain rights to defend the canal and I shall recommend the appropriation of money to check all former surveys of other canal sites and to make surveys for a new canal outside Panama."

There have been proposals in the past that the United States construct a canal through Nicaraguan territory. Engel did not mention Nicaragua, but said "I am sure there are other countries in Central America that would be glad to give us defense bases if we develop another canal."

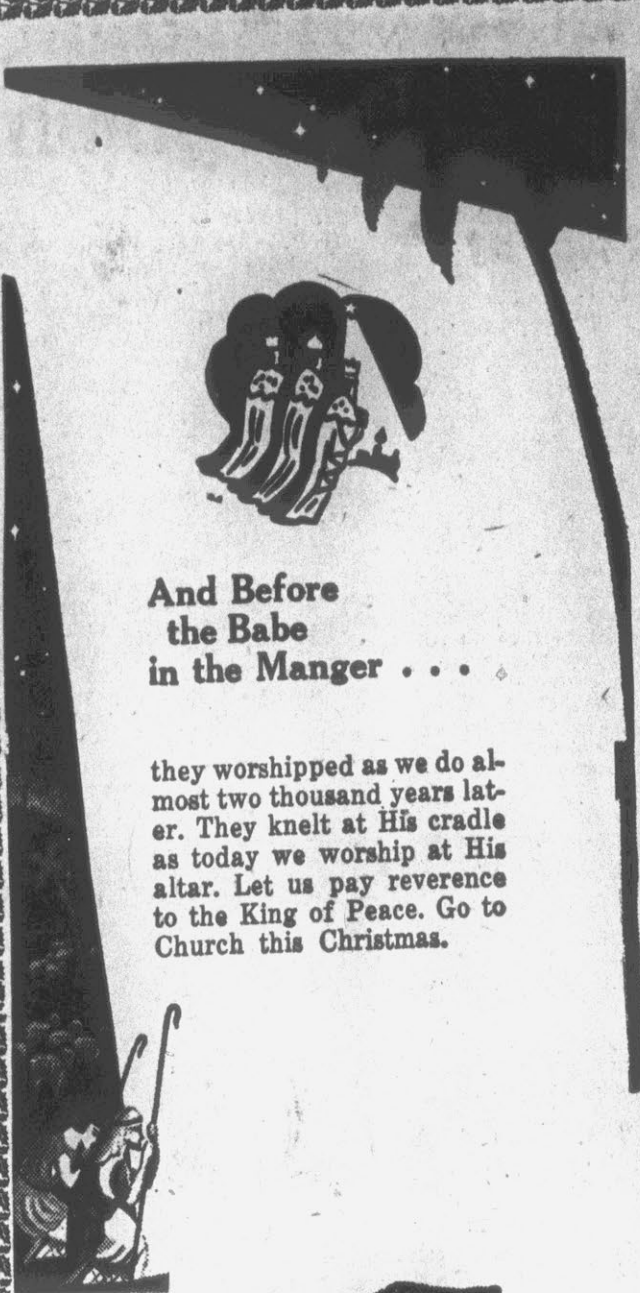
"A well defended canal is not only necessary for us but for every North and South American country that depends on the canal in times of peace and war."

Colored News

Patsy Lee Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Moore, is home for Christmas. She is a student of St. Agnes School of Nursing in Raleigh.

Christmas morning, Rock Spring F. W. B. Church, 11 o'clock, sermon by the pastor, Rev. S. Hemby, subject: "God's Precious Gift to the World. The public is invited to worship with us."

In taste, sake, the national beverage of Japan, resembles madeira or sherry wine. It is made from fermented rice.

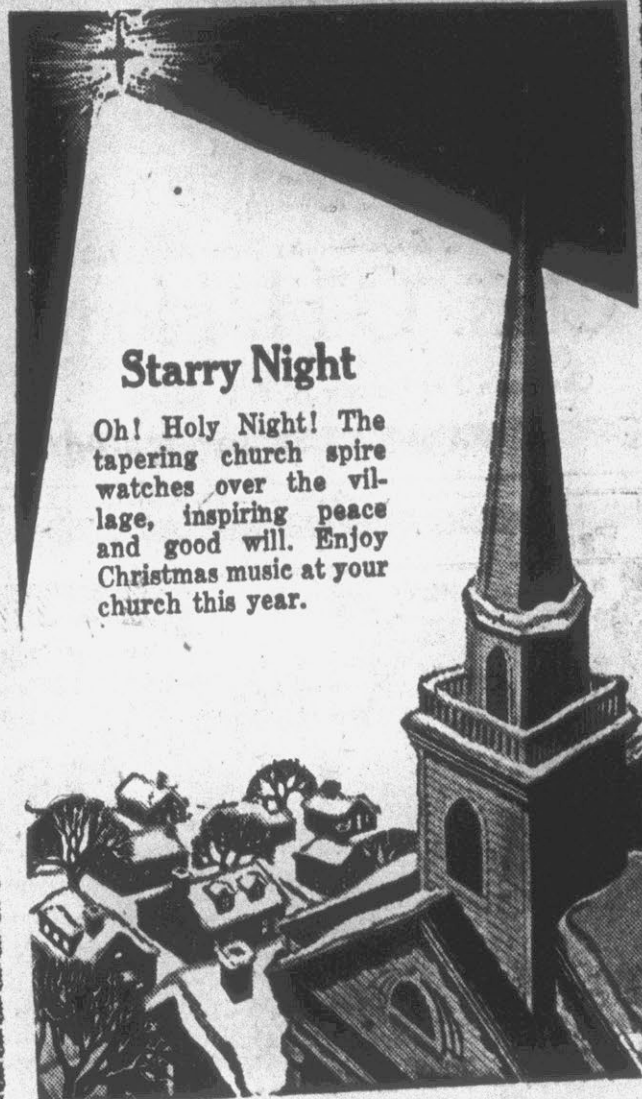


And Before the Babe in the Manger . . .

they worshipped as we do almost two thousand years later. They knelt at His cradle as today we worship at His altar. Let us pay reverence to the King of Peace. Go to Church this Christmas.



Lee's Sport Shop



Starry Night

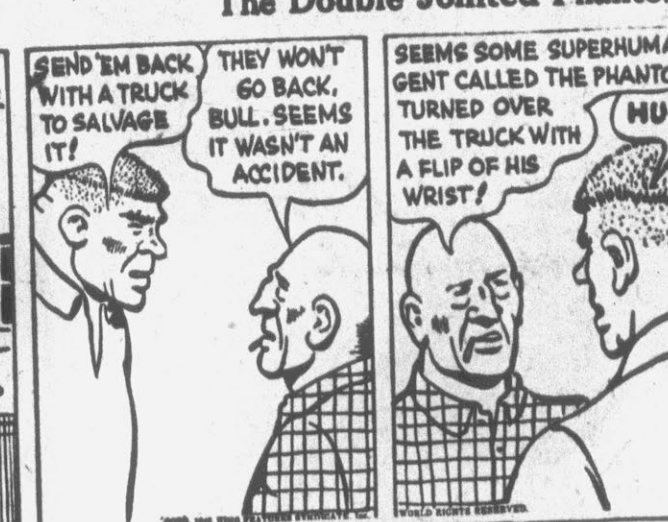
Oh! Holy Night! The tapering church spire watches over the village, inspiring peace and good will. Enjoy Christmas music at your church this year.

Mrs. Morton's Cake Shop

THIMELE THEATER — Starring Popeye



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Merry Christmas!

Christmas is the time of year when we are happiest to furnish you with telephone service. This year our wires will be carrying a record number of messages of joy and good cheer. So we suggest you spread your calls in the week between the holidays.

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'Secret' Of Making An Atomic Bomb

By FRANK CAREY

Washington—The significance of Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov's statement that the "secret of the atomic bomb ceased to exist a long time ago" depends on what he meant by the word "secret."

If he meant only that the fundamental physics of the bomb is known to all nations he wasn't dishing out anything new.

The fact of nuclear fission—that is, that uranium-235 nuclei split into almost equal parts after bombardment with neutrons—was discovered in 1938.

Then, right after Hiroshima, the famed Smyth report disclosed many of the results that had accumulated during the wartime hush-hush.

If Molotov meant that some nation or nations other than the United States actually knew how to make the actual ingredients of an A-bomb, assemble it and cause it to explode successfully—and had actually done all these things—that's

something else.

Let's see what actually has been published about the bomb.

It is known that:

1. Nuclear fission exists.

2. Energy is released in the process of fission.

3. When an atomic nucleus "splits," more than one neutron is emitted in the process and thus a "chain reaction" can be set up.

4. A chain reaction can be produced not only in uranium-235, but in the new element "plutonium."

5. In order to make a chain reaction "go," you must have a sufficient amount of fissionable material present—a so-called "critical mass."

6. If you assemble an amount of material exceeding this critical mass, you can have one of two things. If you make your system only slightly "over-critical" you get a "controlled" chain-reaction—such as takes place in the chain-reacting "ovens" or piles where plutonium is made from uranium. If you make

your system strongly "over-critical" suddenly bring together amounts of fissionable material that exceed the critical mass—you get an atomic explosion.

What has not been published?

1. No information has been released on what makes a "critical mass" for either a uranium or plutonium bomb or on how to bring sub-critical amounts of the material together within the bomb.

2. Neither have exact details on various technical processes involved in making the wherewithal for a bomb or a bomb itself.

3. Nor has the low-down been given on such things as remote-control devices used in the "pile" production of plutonium.

4. Nothing has been said about other materials in addition to fissionable material, that go into making a bomb.

Does Russia or some other country know those elements of the atom bomb secret? Molotov didn't say.

If so, does Russia or some other country have the industrial ability to build and operate the necessary factories?

A group of Los Alamos scientists

in their publication "Our Atomic World" had this to say a good year ago:

The U.S.S.R. has the raw materials, the scientists and the industry potential to make atomic bombs. The United States required four years of determined effort to apply the fundamental science and produce the bombs.

"The time it would take the U.S.S.R. or any other country to achieve the same development would tend to be less because our success has reduced the number of problems that they would have to solve."

"On the other hand the time would tend to be greater because their industrial strength is so much less."

"It is reasonable to expect that some other country willing to make a major effort will produce atomic bombs within five years."

That would be about 1951.

Last spring, the unofficial views of some anonymous officers of the Army general staff were published in a document prepared for the Library of Congress.

This document said:

"At present, to the best of our

knowledge, only the United States has developed and manufactured atomic bombs.

"Our best estimates indicate that it will take any other nation several years successfully to complete one bomb."

"For a number of years, perhaps as many as eight to fifteen, only the U. S. will possess atomic bombs in significant quantities."

They pointed out that this did not consider the possibility that meanwhile international control of atomic energy might be achieved.

WAR MEDALS GO BEGGING

Denver, Colo. —(AP)—Glittering war medals hold little appeal for Denver veterans.

Only six servicemen appeared at Army reserve headquarters during the first three days after officials through the press and radio notified veterans that World War II Victory and American Defense medals were available.

Army reserve officials had laid in a stock of 3,900 of the war mementoes in anticipation of a rush.

A Solomon Decision Averts Arithmetic

Kearney, Neb. —(AP)—It was a difficult decision a district court jury here was called upon to make.

Math Meyers whose truck collided with a car driven by Mrs. Evan Hartman, sought \$711.86 damages in a cross-petition Mrs. Hartman sued Meyers for \$91.95 damages.

After four hours deliberation the jury called it a "draw" with neither defendant nor plaintiff entitled to damages.

INVENTORS COMPETE WITH CAN OPENERS

New York —(AP)—The one-time supremacy of the old-fashioned can opener, which requires wrist action to cut around the top edge of a can, is being challenged by inventive Americans who have put on the market no less than 22 distinct, newer types according to a national wide survey made for American Can Company.

The survey showed that 996 households per thousand possess at least one opener.



FLORIDA COWBOY—Four-year-old Tommy O'Toole and his faithful horse pose on the "sea range" along the Gulf of Mexico at Pass-a-Grille, Fla., where youngsters 3 to 8 years old hold a weekly "cowboy roundup."



WINTER CARNIVAL—Coming back from a trial ski run in the hills around Great Barrington, Mass., are (left to right) Pat Bardin, Jack Ostrom, Frank Knobel and Connie Graham. The young college students were participants in the "winter wonderland" carnival of the Berkshire Hills School of Arts and Sciences.



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BUNDLING GLOVE—Something novel for informal stadium wear is this "bundling glove" designed by an American leather glove manufacturer for hand holders. It is a pigskin mitt with one palm and two cuffs.

Stricter Laws Governing Auto Owners; Licenses

By CHESTER WALSH
State highway officials estimate that there will be more motor vehicle licenses sold in 1948 than in any previous year. Licenses went on sale over the state December 1. Sales continue heavy. Officials suggest that motorists procure their license tags as soon as possible. They realize that the various selling agencies will be taxed to accommodate purchasers and they have extended the time limit of buying the licenses until January 31.

Motorists on the streets or highways February 1 or thereafter will be liable to citation to court.

In all cities and towns there are ordinances requiring motorists to procure local licenses at the same time they get the state tags. The same rule applies in Greenville. A city official said today that Greenville will go along with the state about motor vehicle licenses, but suggested that owners get their city licenses now and avoid a rush.

Incidentally, all motorists whose names begin with the letters A and B, are required to apply for driver's licenses before January 1. Beginning on that date drivers whose names start with A or B will find

that their old driver's licenses have expired and that they are liable to arrest for driving without a license. Here's another reminder to owners of motor vehicles: Beginning January 1, all motor vehicle owners are required by a law passed by the recent General Assembly, to report at stations located in various parts of the state to have their vehicles examined and tested. This is a safety measure and will be strictly enforced. A district examining station will be located in Greenville.

A State Highway official pointed out today that the intention of the State Legislature was to have motor vehicles pass the same strict inspection given to railroad equipment.

"It's going to be sad for some owners of old wrecks, but the day when any old wreck can travel the highways and endanger life and property will be gone when January 1, 1948 arrives," a patrolman said.

LONG MAY IT WAVE
Chicago—(AP)—Angeline Scaramella has tresses to go with the low-hanging skirts of the latest fashion. Her hair is 34 inches long. The little seven year old girl is only 49 inches tall.

Metroplis Says 'Howdy Neighbor' In Yule Season

By HAL BOYLE

New York—(AP)—This is the season when the "Howdy Neighbor" spirit comes to Manhattan, and there is no black market in howdy. It is one time in the year when a sucker has a chance for an even break, and every bum gets a hand-out.

The big grim city throttles down in its stilted hurry and becomes the biggest small town in the world wearing its heart on its sleeve like a friendly badge. The cold Broadway chiseler remembers his mother with a telegram of greeting—even if it is sent collect.

Christmas begins here long before the sound of Santa's reindeer rings across Park Avenue on the way to the Bowery. It comes in little ways and small surprising courtesies.

One day somebody in the subway bumps into you with a gaudy bundle and halts to say "excuse me," and nobody falls dead of surprise but everybody in hearing just gives a startled grin—and good will grows from face to face. Then you know it: Christmas is coming.

The same thing, of course, is happening everywhere in the Christian world. But somehow it has a special meaning when the slow relaxing of tension and tempo begins here, where high-blood pressure is as normal as a sunburn is in Florida. Nowhere else does the change come so dramatically.

In recent years the biggest signal of the advent of Santa Claus is the erection of a gigantic Christmas tree by neighbor John D. Rockefeller, Jr. at the edge of his ice pond in the heart of Radio City.

It glows with a thousand electric tapers and indes the season for the skyscraper towers are spires of diamond splendor. Color softens the harsh stone with luminous grandeur.

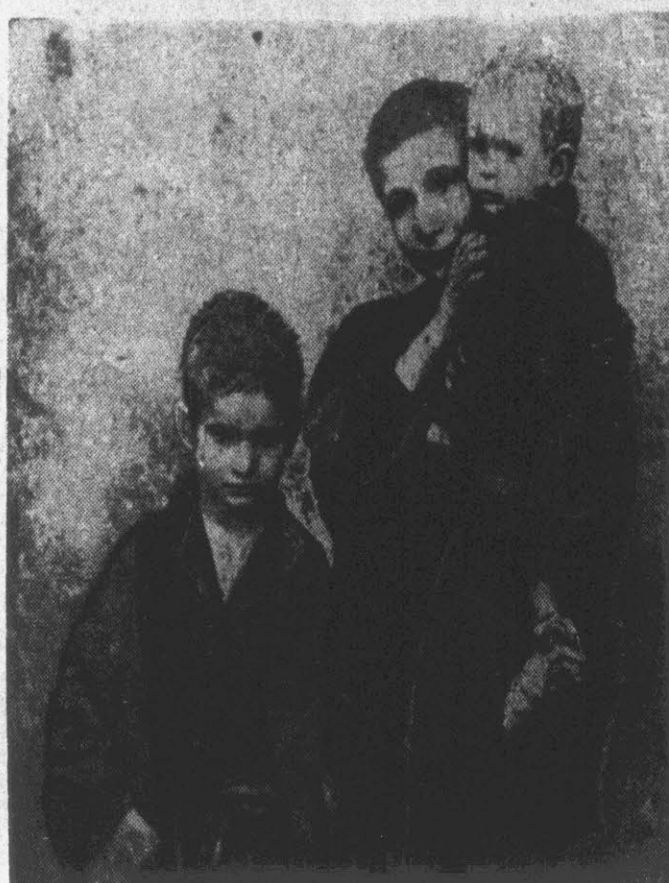
Store windows are bright wonderlands of visible plenty lacking in other lands. There are no windows in the world to equal them, and people come hundreds of miles each year just to stare at them—these mirrors of how we'd like the American way of life to be all year round, instead of just one brief season.

A European farmchild set down before a blazing Fifth Avenue storefront would think he had suddenly arrived in heaven. It is a land of heaven while it lasts.

The starch goes out of the boss and the time rage dies down in the breast of his frustrated stenographer. The boy from the stockroom comes in with a bit of mistletoe and brazenly kisses the old maid file clerk, and everybody in the office laughs. In the newspapers the elderly reporter comes in with liquor on his breath and the had-hearted assistant city editor gendly forbears to sniff. Press agents send along a bottle of liquor and hopefully wrap it in the story they know nobody will print.

Yes, gladness is emperor and

Make Them Smile — Give!



Orphaned and homeless children like these wander throughout Europe today; theirs will be a dismal Christmas. You can help them today by depositing some canned food items in the collection baskets stationed in numerous grocery stores and markets in Greenville.

the city takes its feet off the necks of people who live in it and love it. Down in Greenwich Village folks who don't know each other from Molotov gather in Washington Square and sing carols. Even the Communists join in, and if their fingers are crossed it's too dark to see.

Ride across the bay by ferry at dusk now and you swear the whole island is on fire. And it is—with every window holding a star for all who have eyes to see it.

A Good Car, While Spare Parts Last

Litchville, N. D.—(AP)—John Ogaard of Fort Ransom isn't quite sure what's going to happen the next time he drives his car.

En route to Litchville recently to pick up his son, a back wheel of his Model A Ford flew off. He couldn't find it so he put on his spare wheel.

He resumed his journey and soon his bumper fell off.

When he stopped in Litchville, he lost the switch key.

He got the car going again, but after driving a few miles the car quit completely.

A neighbor took Ogaard and son home.

A CHILD SHALL LEAD

Casey, Ill.—(AP)—A father has succeeded his son as pastor of the Cumberland Methodist church of East Casey, Ill. The Rev. Mark Haley took over pastoral duties when his son, Ezekiel, became pastor of the Methodist churches of the Annapolis-West York circuit.



To all of you, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Healthful New Year.

Airport Inn

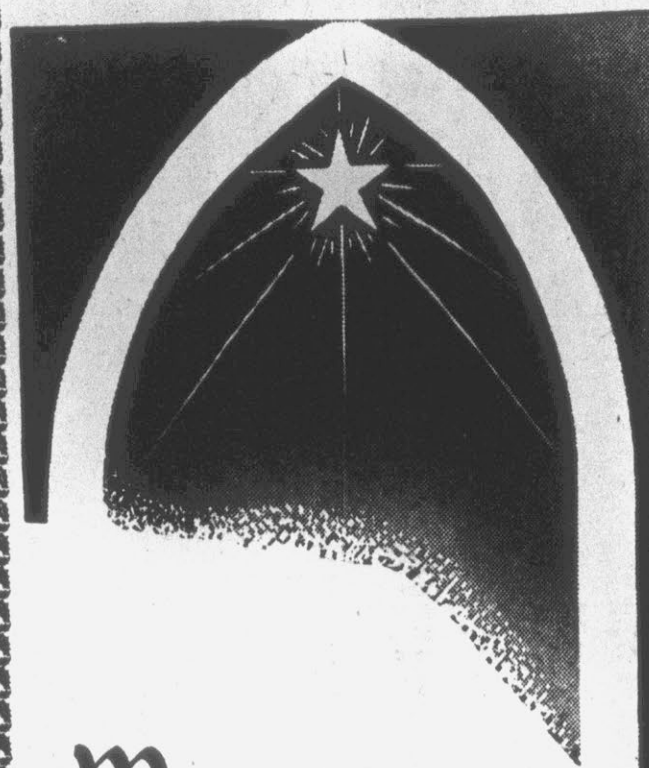
"A Good Place to Eat"



A HAPPY NEW YEAR

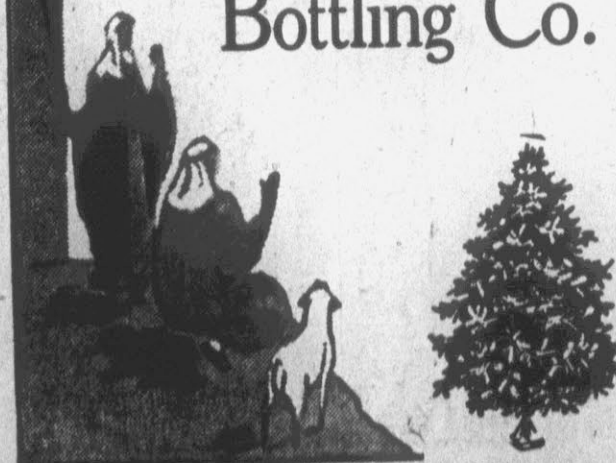
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Greenville, N.C.



May Christmas bring you many blessings and much happiness

Pepsi Cola Bottling Co.



Season's Greetings

Best wishes for a joyous Christmas, a bright and prosperous New Year.



SCOTTS MOTOR SALES and SCOTTS SERVICE STATION

Best Wishes
FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

JAKE HADLEY
"INSURANCE"



ITALIAN ARMORED CAR—An armored car moves down a street in Terlizzi, near the Italian airport of Bari, as the government sought to put down widespread disorders.

by the club members and guests present. Mrs. J. Brantley Speight led the recreation hour. The refreshments carried green and red as the color scheme including: jello with whipped cream, cookies and nuts.

Pierce Home Demonstration Entertains at Luncheon
The Pierce H.D.C. had their husbands as special guests at their annual Christmas buffet luncheon which was held at the Pierce Community Building on Dec. 18th. Mrs. Barrett Sumrell, club president, met the guests at the door and in turn introduced them. The table was adorned with a center piece of greenery sprayed with aluminum paint and red candles on either side. Turkeys with dressing, cranberry sauce potatoes, string beans, beets, celery, carrots and cake with hot coffee was the luncheon menu. Christmas carols were softly rendered throughout the luncheon.

—Mrs. Mack Allen, Secretary

Falkland Club Enjoys Christmas "Family Night"
The Falkland Home Demonstration Club held its annual Christmas "Family Night" in the Falkland School lunch room on Dec. 19th. Betty Ann Nelson led the group in singing Christmas carols as the opening music, after which the president, Mrs. J. T. Baker, turned the program over to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Russell who led the group in recreation. Refreshments consisting of punch, cookies candies and nuts were served. The refreshment table was covered with a white cloth, and the punch bowl was banked with greenery. Candles burned on the table throughout the refreshment hour.

—Mrs. Jesse Baker, Secretary



To the citizens of Pitt County I extend sincere good wishes for all the joy of a very Happy Holiday Season and a Most Prosperous New Year.

Ruel W. Tyson

Sheriff of Pitt County



Here's to a Merry Christmas and a New Year studded with old-fashioned sentiments: happiness, tranquility and prosperity!

Elbert Hutson W. C. Stokes
B. T. Batson Amos Hutson

And The

Palace Barber Shop

Corner East 5th and Cotanche Sts.
Greenville, N.C.



ZION LEADER—Dr. Chiam Weismann, venerable Zionist leader, and Mrs. Weismann are shown as they sailed from New York for Europe. Dr. Weismann has been mentioned as possible head of the new Jewish state in Palestine.

red, and white. Cookies were served which were made in various shapes and colors. The occasion was enjoyed by all.

Our January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Roy Worthington on Thursday afternoon January 15 at 2:30 o'clock. Our club will meet during the year 1948 on every third Thursday.

—Reported by Mrs. L. A. Stokes

Clarke's Neck Club Has Christmas Party

Clarke's Neck H.D.C. held its first Christmas party on Dec. 17th at the home of Mrs. Billy Dawson.

Yuletide decorations of holly, cedar, red berries red candles, and the Christmas tree created a festive atmosphere throughout the home. Gifts which were all made by the club members were drawn from a decorated box.

Mrs. Chester Elks, recreational leader, and Mrs. E. B. Stirling, recreational leader from the Red Banks Club, led active games. Every member took part and enjoyed the fun. Refreshments of Russian tea, cream cheese sandwiches, stuffed dates, and candies was enjoyed by all present.

—Reported by Mrs. J. W. Andrews

Remston-Nobles Club Entertains at Christmas Party

The Remston-Nobles Home Demonstration Club was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. C. Davenport on Dec. 18th at the home of Mrs. G. W. Pead with Mrs. Joyner acting as co-hostess.

The home was attractively decorated with a manger scene on the coffee table and the Christmas tree with gifts arranged below. Games and Christmas carols were enjoyed.

Our Farm Folks

By
MRS. VERONA LEE J. LANGFORD
VERNA BELLE LOWERY
MAJORIE SHEARIN
Home Demonstration Agents

The December meetings were the finest ever held by the Pitt County Home Demonstration Club members. These meetings were more or less a summary of the year's work. The officers of 1947 and the officers of 1948 of the local clubs were hostesses. All meetings carried out the idea of a Christmas luncheon, tea, or party. In each case the home or club house was beautifully decorated with Christmas tree greenery and candles. Each hostess graciously greeted the guest at the door. When they were served, the Agents rejoiced to see that the members had successfully put into effect what they learned at the Training School on "Christmas Buffet Luncheons and Teas." It was also noticeable that the hostesses were putting into practice the June demonstration on "Simple Entertaining" and the October meeting on "Heating the Farm Home."

The members of the clubs who were not officers also had responsibilities and showed results of the monthly demonstrations given during 1947. They came attractively and properly dressed for the occasion. It was obvious that the monthly demonstration in September on "Accessories for the Fall Wardrobe" had been of much value to them. Then, too they brought their homemade gifts as was suggested at the October meeting. Some of them led the singing of Christmas carols and the recreation which was well planned and directed. The attendance was good throughout the month at all club functions.

Seven Pines Club Entertains
The Seven Pines Home Demonstration Club members were graciously entertained at the home of Mrs. Ichabod Allen, Route 1, Farmville, with Madames L. E. Garris,

Lyman Heath, Clifton Ellis, Roy C. Jones and Jasper Morgan at a buffet luncheon on Tuesday December 16th.

The house was pretty with its Christmas decorations. The mantle was banked with cedar and burning red candles. The lighted Christmas tree was beautiful. Attractively wrapped gifts covered the Christmas tree trunk.

Mrs. Bert Little directed the guest into the dining room where they were served roast chicken with dressing and giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, mixed vegetable salad, potato souffle, garden peas, pickles, hot rolls, date cake topped with whipped cream and hot coffee. After everyone had finished the delicious meal they gathered in the living room to exchange home-made gifts and to sing Christmas carols. This was our first luncheon given by our club and everyone enjoyed it very much.

—Mrs. Ichabod Allen, Sec.

Sweet Gum Grove Club Gives Tea
The Sweet Gum Grove Home Demonstration Club entertained at an informal tea on Dec. 16th at the home of Mrs. Linwood Bailey in Bethel.

The attractive home was beautifully decorated with a Christmas tree, lighted candles, and a colorful centerpiece on the dining room table. Our program consisted of the singing of Christmas carols, a special number by five club members, and a Christmas poem, which was enjoyed by all.

We exchanged home-made gifts by pinning a name on each as they came in, and putting a name on the gifts. Those holding the names of Santa's reindeer pulled the sleigh of gifts into the living room, while the ones holding Santa's name drove the sleigh and Mrs. Santa followed. Mr. and Mrs. Santa passed out the gifts. All gifts were beautifully designed and wrapped. The one that wrapped the prettiest package received a prize.

The hostesses served delicious refreshments, among which were cream cheese sandwiches in Christmas designs—trees, stars and others—in the Christmas colors of green.



Peace on Earth

Christmas is more than a day or a season. It's spirit lasts forever with an ever deeper, stronger faith in "Peace—Good Will—To all Men."

Merry Christmas to one and all.

Milady Beauty Shoppe

EAST FIFTH STREET

Greetings

May the Good Cheer and Peace of Christmas be with you on this day and always.



SAIEED'S

A Bright, Merry Christmas

At this time, most wonderful season of the year, we wish to extend to each and everyone our very best greetings, and abundance of health, happiness and prosperity. It's our pleasure to say, we wish you everything good that you may desire.

Greenville Equipment Co.



A Christmas Message

from

Owens Beauty Salon

A Merry Christmas

I am thinking of you today because it is Christmas, and I wish you happiness, and tomorrow, because it will be the day after Christmas.

I shall still wish you happiness, and be on clear through the year. I may not be able to tell you about it every day, because I may be far away, or because both of us may be very busy, or perhaps I may not be able to pay the postage on so many letters or to find time to write them, but that makes no difference, the thought and the wish will be here just the same. In my work and in the business of life I mean to try not to be unfair to you or to injure you in any way. In my pleasure, if we can be together, I would like to share the fun with you, will make me glad without pretense and in plain words. Good will to you is what I mean in the spirit of Christmas.

Greek Family Is Reunited After Many Years

By CHESTER WALSH
This Christmas Day will be the happiest the Paul Nixon family has spent in ten years. Nixon, manager of the Dixie Lunch, near Five Points, known to nearly everybody here for his generosity as manager of the cafe in each year during the war giving one day's cash receipts to the Red Cross, through cooperation with the Greenville Service League, had not seen his family

since he came to the United States. His wife, Mrs. Helen Nixon, and three children, Annie, 16, Mary, 15, and Sam, 10, lived at Vini, in Epiria, Greece. Paul came to this country many years ago and succeeded in business. He became an American citizen in 1926.

The communists raided the Nixon home in Greece, expelled the mother and children, and they spent many years in a refugee camp 30 miles from their home. They suffered indescribable hardships. During the war there was little communication between the husband and father and his family and for a long time Nixon did not know whether they were living or dead. After the war communication was established through the American consul at Athens, and arrangements were made for the family's transportation to the United States on American passports. Nixon met them on arrival in New York and there was a happy reunion. They are now in Greenville, and will shortly move into their home on Fairfax Avenue.

In ancient Egypt, a mixture of animal fat was considered a cure for baldness.

Poland has exported 100,000 tons of cement to the Soviet Union in six months.

Cases Tried In Police Court Monday Morning

Judge J. W. H. Roberts disposed of the following cases in Police Court Monday morning:

Marvin Tyson, temporary larceny of an automobile, \$50 fine and he was placed on probation for five years.

Reckless driving: James Knight, colored, 90 days on the road; George H. Cutler, \$20.

Eddie Spell, colored, was fined \$20 for frivolous prosecution.

Illegal possession of liquor for sale: Samuel T. German, colored, motion for jury trial granted.

Fornication and adultery: Melcy Brewington, Margaret Lynch, Jasper Brewington and Willie E. Carr, all colored, each fined \$25; Charles Brewington was not guilty.

Speeding: Lex Plyler, \$20.

Driving while drunk: Kirby W. Moore, \$100 and costs, and his driver's license was revoked for a year. Moore paid \$25, costs deducted for illegal possession and transporting whiskey.

Arthur McCloud paid \$25 for assault on a female.

Andrew Jenkins, colored paid \$25, costs deducted, for assault with a

deadly weapon and was placed on probation for four years.

Drunk: Charles J. Smith, Jesse J. Stancill, Frankie Wilson, Sam H. Harris, John H. Phillips, B. F. McLeone and Lennie Everett, each paid \$15; Edward E. Carey, colored, \$15; Sophia Fugh, colored (and profane language), \$15.

Court will be held Friday morning, the day after Christmas, as usual.

Christmas Meeting Held By Rotarians

By WYATT BROWN

The Rotarians had their Christmas meeting Monday night with J. B. Kittrell presenting a program with religious emphasis. Each Rotarian brought a gift which will be distributed to less fortunate persons during Christmas.

Mr. Kittrell opened the program with the reading of the scripture telling of the coming of the Christ child which was followed by the reading of an appropriate poem pitched in the same key. This was followed by prayer.

Next Johnny Overton led the club in the singing of "Silent Night"; then "J.B." read the story of "Why the Chimes Rang." He closed with reading of another prayer and then Bob Bradshaw dismissed the group

with a brief prayer.

There were two visiting Rotarians last night: C. J. Jackson of Wake Forest and T. T. Hammock of Bristol, Tennessee. Guests of the club were Al Hughes of Atlanta and Sidney Johnson of Greenville. Bob Bradshaw, club president, presided. Anyone interested in why Sergeant-at-arms Lawrence Stroud did not collect the fine from four of the members who arrived late—for which there is a penalty exacted by the Rotarians—might ask him. Bob Bradshaw explained it by referring to their being "so low" which June Rose indicated meant that they crawled in on hands and knees

Kiwanis Club Meets Friday Night 6:30

The Kiwanis Club will have its supper meeting Friday night at 6:30 and the program subject will be "appreciation." Officers and members will be recognized for special attendance during the past year. Chairman J. Archie Rogers will have charge.

On Monday night, December 29, President-elect Nathan C. Brooks will have a special meeting of his committee chairmen at the Rotary building at 7:30.

New officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

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FRIDAY SATURDAY

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Merry Christmas

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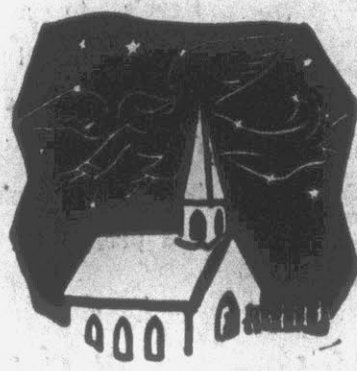
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Little Features—
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Greetings

To all our friends we wish the merriest of Merry Christmases and the happiest of Happy New Years.



The Watch Shop

H. B. Gaskins, Prop.



A Joyous

Holiday Season

How glad we are that we can wish you a joyous holiday season again at the close of Nineteen and Forty-Seven. We sincerely wish that this Christmas will be the most enjoyable one until the next one rolls around. We thank you all for your past favors and solicit again for the future year Nineteen Forty-Eight.



Cor. Dickinson Ave. at 9th St.



A Christmas Greeting

To each and every one of our friends and customers we want to thank you all for helping us be successful in our thirty-five years in the furniture business under the same management. We are grateful to you for the past favors and ask that your patronage for 1948 be continued. We also wish you all

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Quinn-Miller & Stroud

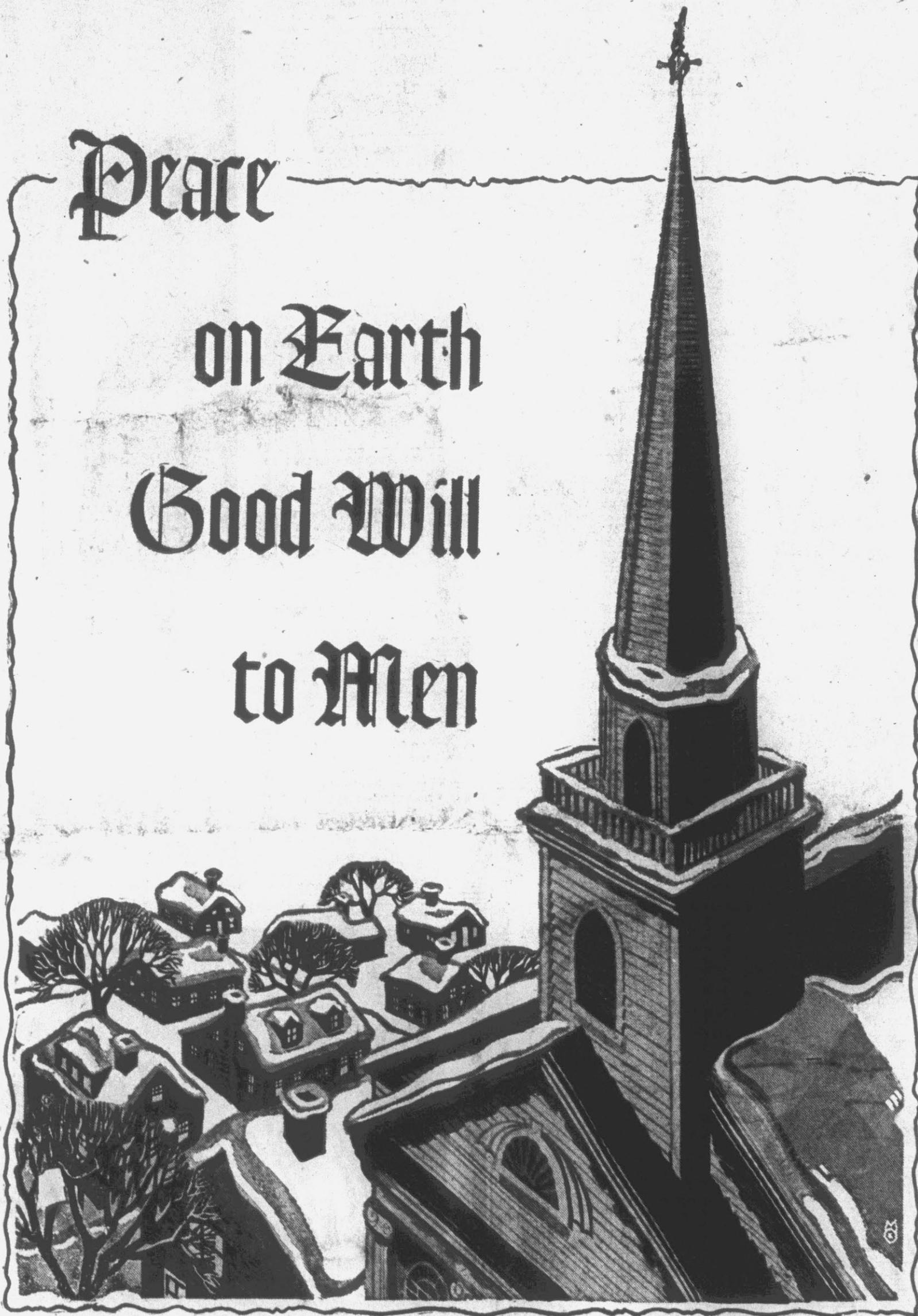
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GREENVILLE, N. C. Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1947

Peace on Earth Good Will to Men



It's the church steeple, so prominent in every American city, town and village, that preserves our friendly Christmas spirit so essential to joyous living —

When church steeples re-appear in every hamlet, village and city throughout the world — and its citizens realize it is the Almighty and not the almighty dollar who can save the world — then will come a lasting peace —

May this be a very happy Christmas for you and yours —

BELK-TYLER COMPANY

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Greenville, North Carolina





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

Diana Shops

Greenville, N.C.

Nobody Saw Him Fall; But Some Paused To Watch.... And Pray

By HAL BOYLE
New York—Nobody saw the old man fall.

He tumbled down the last few stairs and lay, stretched silent and meager on the narrow platform of the Wall Street subway station.

It was the noon hour, and people are in a hurry then along the street where the world buys and sells. Some stepped over the small sprawled figure and others walked to the other side of the stairway, passing only for a quick glance.

A subway track walker and a young well-dressed man who looked like a broker saw the old man. The subway worker bent and lifted the old man to a sitting posture. The well-dressed young man, heedless of a pool of spreading blood, knelt to feel the feeble pulse.

"I can hardly feel it."

Someone ran upstairs to the change booth to summon help.

The other two men gently laid the old man back down and put a newspaper under his head. The color drained out of his wrinkled face like a thermometer, leaving the skin as colorless as his white mustache and thin hair.

"What happened—he fell," said a bystander, and climbed on up the stairs when the young man nodded his head.

The subway worker and the well-dressed young man watched alone as a glaze came slowly over the blue eyes looking up from the platform. The mouth gradually gaped open as slack facial muscles let go forever.

"This man is dead," said the subway worker.

"Yes, there's no more pulse," agreed the young man. "All we can do is pray."

So there on the station platform with cars coming and going, carrying heedless hundreds on the errands of life, the young man knelt by the side of death and lifted up his voice:

"Our Father, who are in heaven . . ."

The grimy subway worker knelt, too, and joined him:

"Hallowed be thy name . . ."

Frightened women moved away from the scene, but half a dozen men halted. At first self-consciously, they took off their hats, and knelt on one knee—with the other leg ready to be gone.

"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done . . ."

And the others picked up the ancient chant:

"On earth as it is in Heaven . . ."

Give us this day our daily bread . . . the voices became fuller.

The young man led them then in a "Hail Mary" and then they chanted after him . . .

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

Someone said, "d'Griseo h'v."

Someone said, "God rest his soul."

And as if that were a signal to release them, the crowd melted back into the daily routine of their lives.

But the two original Samaritans—the trackwalker and the young

man—covered up the dead man's face and stayed to keep him company, while subway cars rumbled past in strange requiem.

Death isn't always as lonely as life in the endless flow of Manhattan.

Music Lover

New Orleans —(AP)— Butch, a pup half Collie and half Spitz, makes a stab at playing the piano.

Mrs. Frank Froeba his mistress, says:

"How does Missie play piano?"

He leaps to the stool, faces the keys, places his left paw on the bass and his right paw on the treble, and bang!

When Mrs. Froeba plays "Love's Old Sweet Song" Butch lays his head down to the right and beats three notes over and over, in time.

"He likes soft music and classics," Mrs. Froeba says.

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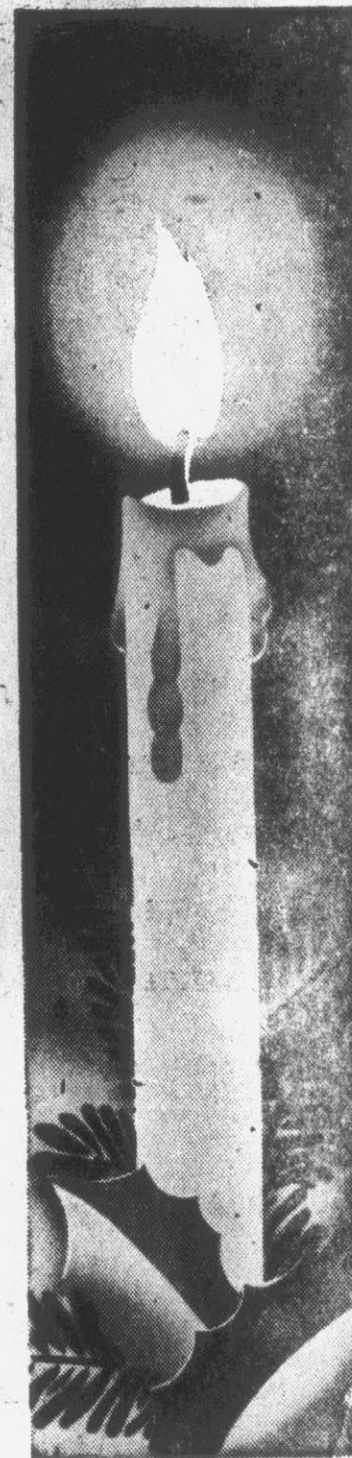
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Greetings



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

VanDyke Furniture

Store, Inc.

Greenville, N.C.



Yes! We can feel the pulse of the whole town . . . as we operate our business each day. We know couples who are marriage-bound, newlyweds setting up housekeeping . . . students cramming for exams . . . proud grandparents and grandmas, the brand new dads and moms . . . even the fellow who wants to write poems someday . . . That's why we're taking time off from the routine of service to tell you we're at home in saying, "Merry Christmas to you, one and all!"

White Chevrolet Co., Inc.

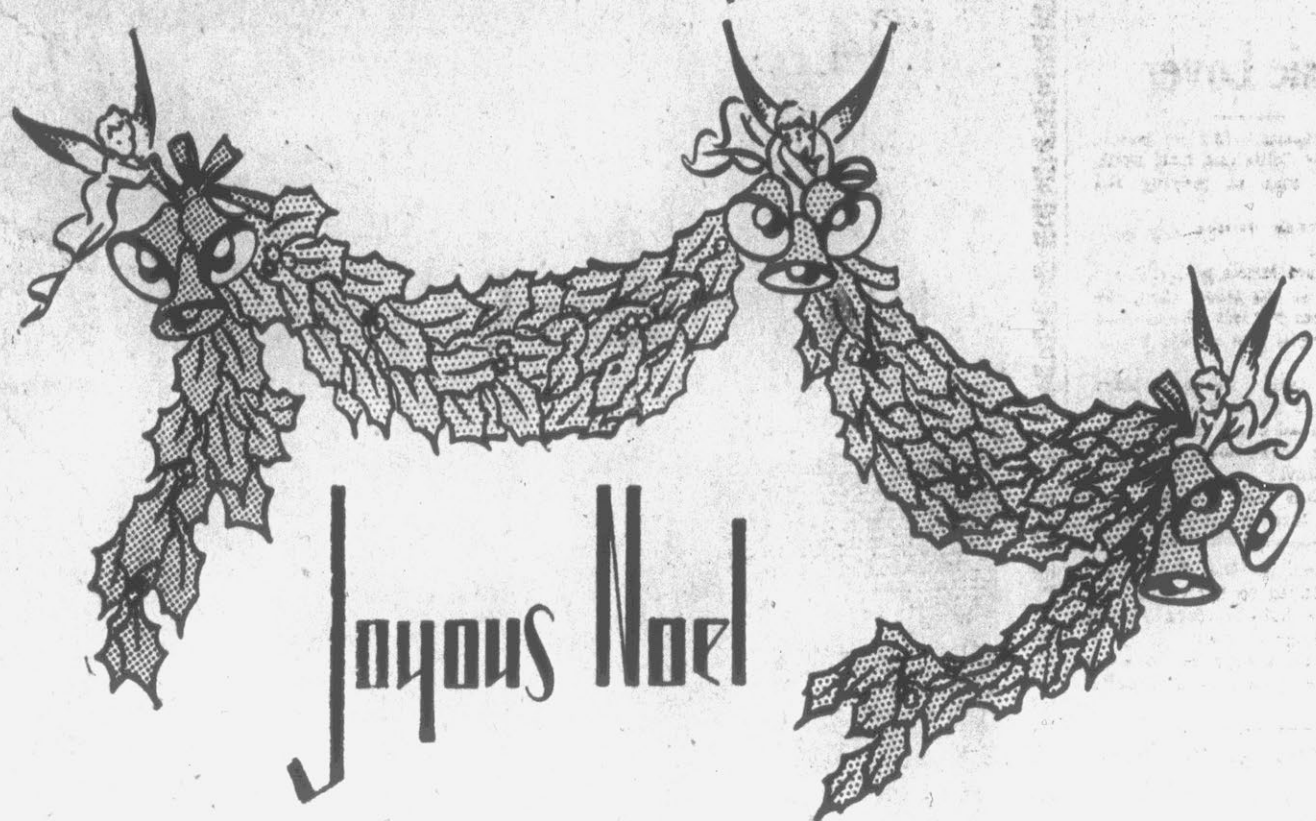
Greenville, N.C.



THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS ring out, filling the air with their sweet, melodious tones . . . filling men's hearts with overwhelming joy. Voices are lifted up in happy unison. Bells and people join in chorus—pealing out—singing out the merriest greetings of the Christmas season. Familiar music to all ears—music that proclaims "unto us a Savior has been born"—music that inspires happiness . . . music that carries from one to the other the very best of wishes—good health, good cheer, good fortune and above all—a message for a most wonderful Christmas.

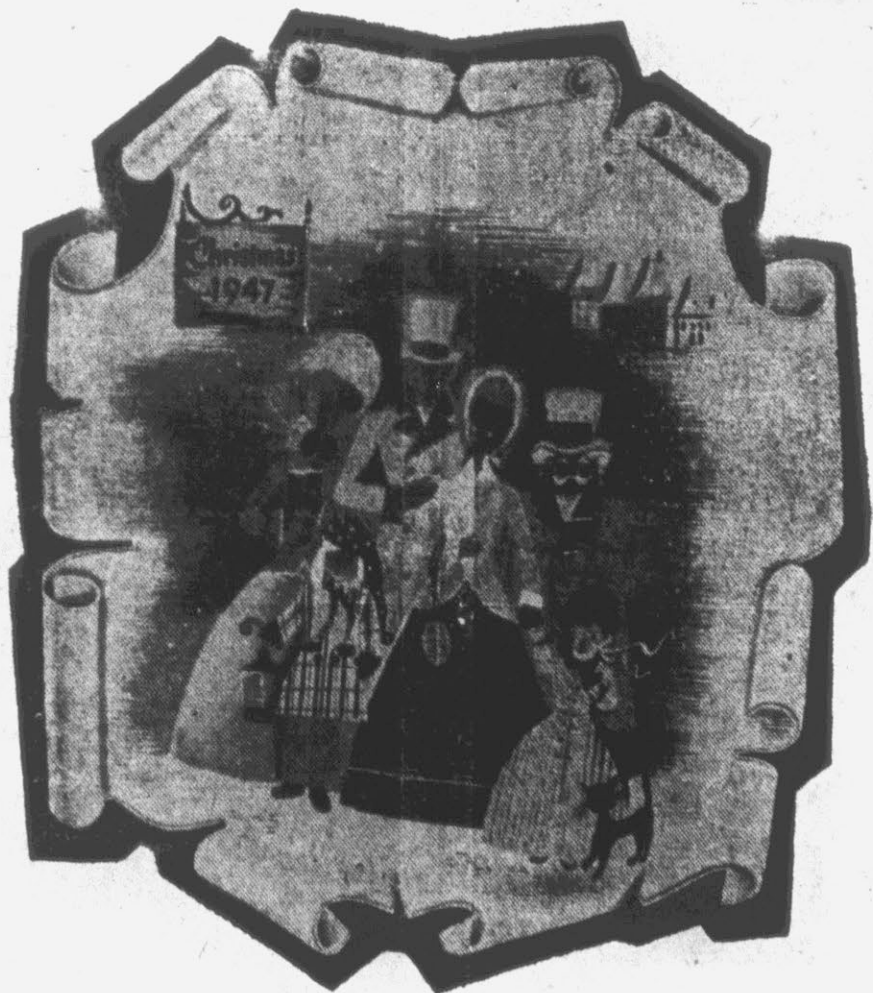
GLAMOR SHOP

Greenville, N.C.



Santa's heading in your direction with wishes from us for a glorious and joyous yuletide.

College View Cleaners & Laundry
"The Modern Plant"



Season merriment clings to every hearth and to this joviality we add our personal wishes for all-time Christmas happiness and a Happy New Year.

Garris - Evans Lumber Company

Greenville, N.C.

Dress Designer Says 'NewLook' Can Be Overdone By Women

By DOROTHY ROE

Associated Press Fashion Editor
New York — After a round-the-world trip during which he observed the "new look" in England, Hawaii, Australia, Singapore, Calcutta, the Fiji Islands and most of the major cities of the U.S.A., Pierre Balmain, young French designer who is credited with being responsible for much of the current fashion furore, admits that the thing can be overdone.

"Pausing between public appearances in New York, Mr. Balmain mopped a damp brow and said:

"Some women seem to be overdoing the 'new look,' wearing their skirts too long and too full and making themselves look ridiculous. They go out in fancy dress, instead of using restraint.

"Are you against the 'new look,' now that you have seen it in operation?" he was asked.

"No indeed," said Mr. Balmain firmly. "You have to remember, after all, that any look would look bad on some people."

The best dressed women he saw in his world travels, Mr. Balmain said, were in America. He explained:

"In the United States you get the new styles faster than anywhere else. For instance, I saw one of the best models from my collection worn on the street in New York, Dallas, Boston and San Francisco. It had been bought by a New York manufacturer, reproduced to sell at a modest price and stocked by stores all over the country.

"In France we have a few superlatively dressed women, but the others cannot afford clothes by the top couturiers, and they do not buy ready-made dresses because the wholesale dress industry in France is very bad."

The "new look" is just starting in Australia, Mr. Balmain said, and he didn't notice any discernible change in the hemline of the Fiji Islanders.

The French designer, who has come into prominence in the last few years, believes in restraint and simplicity in dress. His idea of a well-dressed woman is as follows:

"When you forget to look at a woman's dress that means she is well dressed. You should get the impact of her personality first, receive a pleasing impression of an attractive woman. The dress shouldn't shriek at you.

"I don't like to have someone say to me—'Your dress looked wonderful on Mrs. So-and-So last night.' I'd rather hear—'Mrs. So-and-So looked charming last night.'"

LUSATIAN SORB LEADER DIES IN PRAGUE

Prague—(AP)—Juri Cyz, 43, one of the foremost Lusatian Sorb leaders, died recently in Prague.

The Lusatian Sorbs are the last remnant of a Slav population of Germany which in the Middle Ages reached as far west as the Elbe.

The Sorbs are asking full minority rights under a German peace treaty.



BATH—Gumdrops IV, pigmy hippo in the Washington zoo, gets a bath from Keeper Ralph Norris. Gumdrops weighed 10 pounds at birth. His mother is Hannah and his father is Billy, presented to the zoo by President Coolidge.

Basic Training

Parris Island, S. C.—(AP)—Marine Staff Sgt. Charles C. Allen, drill instructor, is wondering when he'll be hearing from his Congressman.

Sgt. Allen had been accustomed to giving his platoon smoking periods at regular intervals.

All recruits are issued cigarettes in the Post Exchange.

After the break for the third such period, one of Allen's recruits came into the drill instructor's room.

"Sir, I smoked two cigarettes, but I just can't smoke this third one."

"Don't you smoke, lad?" the drill instructor asked.

"No, sir, but I thought we had to, so I tried them a couple of times."

They call it basic training.

U. S. SENDS AUTOS AND TRUCKS TO PORTUGAL

Lisbon—(AP)—The United States supplied Portugal with the majority of its motor trucks during the first half of this year, furnishing 1941 of the 3,088 total imported. Britain came next with 869 and France with 220. Italy sent 24 cars, Sweden 19, Canada 12.

The United States also led in the light car market with 2,346 out of 5,643 which came into the country. Britain sent 2,237; France 1,238.



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Thanks to all for their kind support during 1947.

Gammon Supply Co.

Greenville, N.C.



Merry Christmas

To Each One Of You

Our wish is Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity and that your Joys will be everlasting.

Globe Hardware Co.

Greenville, N.C.



Catching Up On Homes Is Near Reality

By ROBERT GEIGER
Washington — The rate at which America is building new homes has almost caught up with the rate at which new families are being created.

These cold government statistics might be taken to indicate the housing shortage will end within four years.

But government experts are making no such flat prediction. They say, it may last longer because among other things:

1. Nobody has yet invented an adding machine that will compute the whims of romance.
2. Human beings can change their minds awfully fast.
3. Nobody knows how much folding money the head man of the family is going to have a year hence.
4. It's a question how much pressure it might take to make him invest in a new home of his own.

All this, and more, will have its influence on the housing demand, the experts say.

But here's how the figures add: Families Vs. Building.

The Census Bureau estimates new families are being established at the rate of about 2,800 a day. This rate is expected to start downward soon.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that in September new homes were completed at the rate of 2,563 a day. This rate is going up.

Sometime next year a point will be reached where the number of new homes completed daily will exceed the number of new families created on that day.

From then on the excess of new homes will begin eating into the backlog of demand for new homes that has been building up since the depression.

The experts don't agree on the size of this backlog because of the human element.

In 1940 there were 1,846,000 families "doubling," or living in the household of someone else. In 1947 there were 2,764,000 families "doubling."

How Many?
The controversy is over how many of these families will "undouble" when houses become available.

"If you ask Joe, who owns the house if he wants to live alone he will probably say yes," one housing expert explained.

But if you ask Fred, his brother-in-law, who is living with Joe and cutting his expenses in so doing, he may tell you he isn't anxious to change the situation. So there you are.

Assuming that all of the people who have doubled since 1940 would move into their own home if they could get one, they would create a demand for 800,000 new homes.

If the present rate of "starts" on housing continues, about 1,000,000 units will be completed next year.

Wasted Logic

Lewiston, Me.—(AP)—A woman returned her new electric iron to a store with a complaint that "it doesn't hold heat properly."

The service department tested it, found it in good order, and suggested that she have her home's wiring checked.

"Oh," she replied. "I don't have electricity. I take the iron across the street to my sister's home, plug it in until it gets hot, then take it home. But it doesn't seem to hold the heat long enough for me to do much ironing."

But this would leave an excess of 325,000 homes over the number of new families expected by the census bureau.

On that basis it would take about three years for the supply to meet the demand of families who want to undouble.

But some government experts say many of the 1,846,000 families who were "doubling" in 1940 would have moved to their own quarters, too, if they could have.

Family Decision
So the decision to double or not to double will be an important one in determining the length of the housing shortage.

On top of all these factors is another complicating question — the economic situation.

Officials say if the employment rate remains high the demand for houses will remain longer at a peak. But if there is a decline in employment more people probably will remain "doubled."

The great U. S. migration of the past few years also will have its influence. Tens of millions of Americans have joined this movement which has been in swing since Pearl Harbor. Where and when they will finally settle is a big factor in the housing picture.

Some areas of the country, notably the rural areas, have a surplus of housing. The big pinch is in metropolitan areas.

"MERCY KILLER," 73, GETS SEVEN MONTHS

Banska Bystrica, Slovakia.—(AP)—Jan Pazur, 73, was sentenced to seven months in prison on a "mercy killing" charge.

Pazur told the jury he killed his friend Stefan Abraham, who was suffering from an incurable disease and begged him to cut his throat. Pazur said he did it with a kitchen knife.

The defendant's story was supported by several witnesses who testified that Abraham implored all visitors to kill him.

SAO PAULO AIRPORT
Sao Paulo, Brazil.—(AP)—A new airport has been prescribed for Sao Paulo by U. S. air technician Col. Clinton Bell who, at the invitation of the government of the State of Sao Paulo, studied the project to amplify the city airport of Congonhas.

In 1946 more than a trillion dollars in checks were handled by U. S. banks.

BEST WISHES

The doorway to hospitality opens cheerfully to admit the spirit of Christmas! We welcome all our friends to partake of the many joyous greetings we extend on this happy occasion.

J. H. Boyd, Jr.

Mayor of Greenville



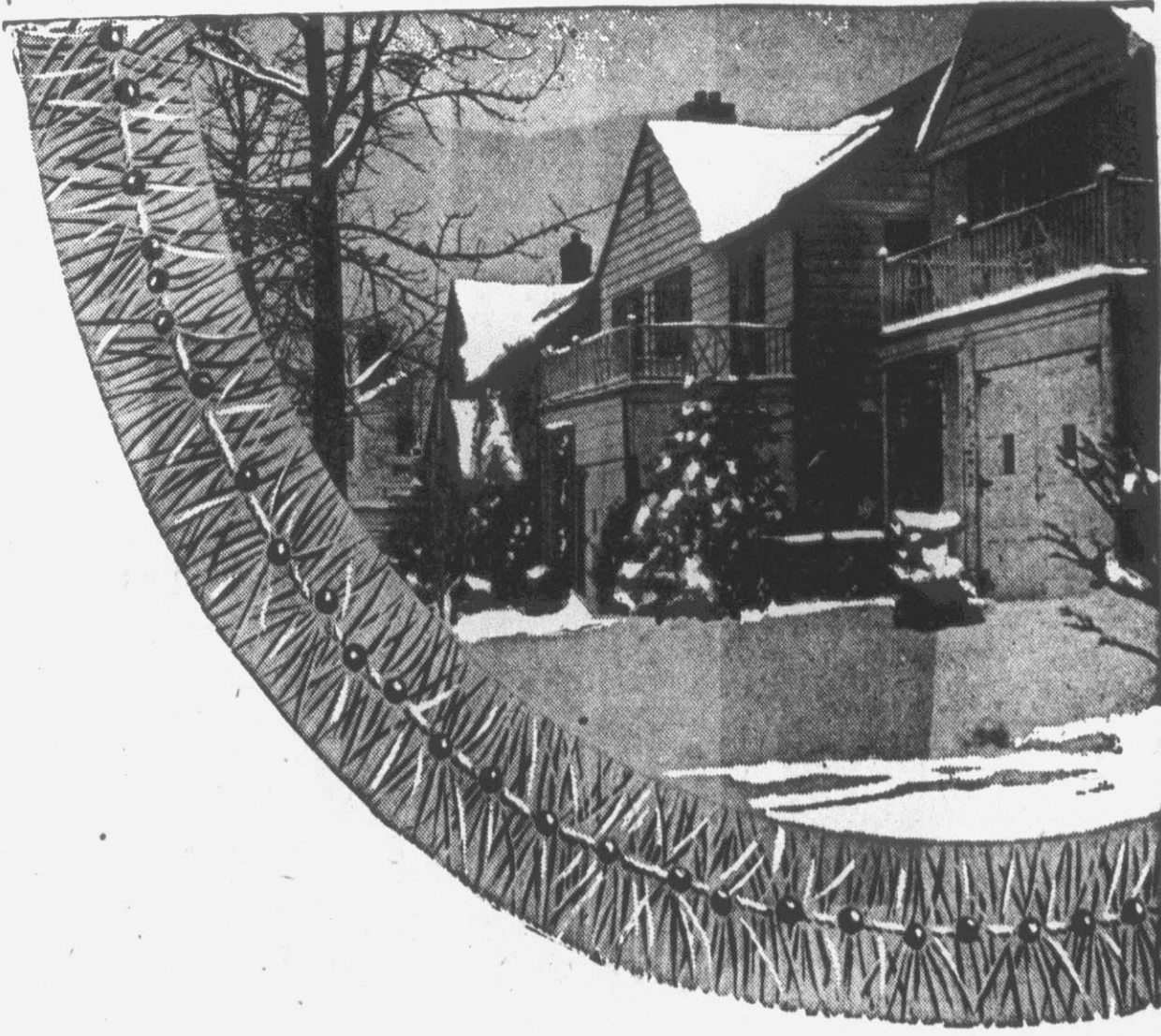
Season's Greetings

The merriest Christmas and the happiest New Year ever is the very best we can wish our friends, one and all. May the Yuletide season bring you every joy and happiness!

Bostic-Sugg Furniture Company
Greenville, N.C.

Greetings

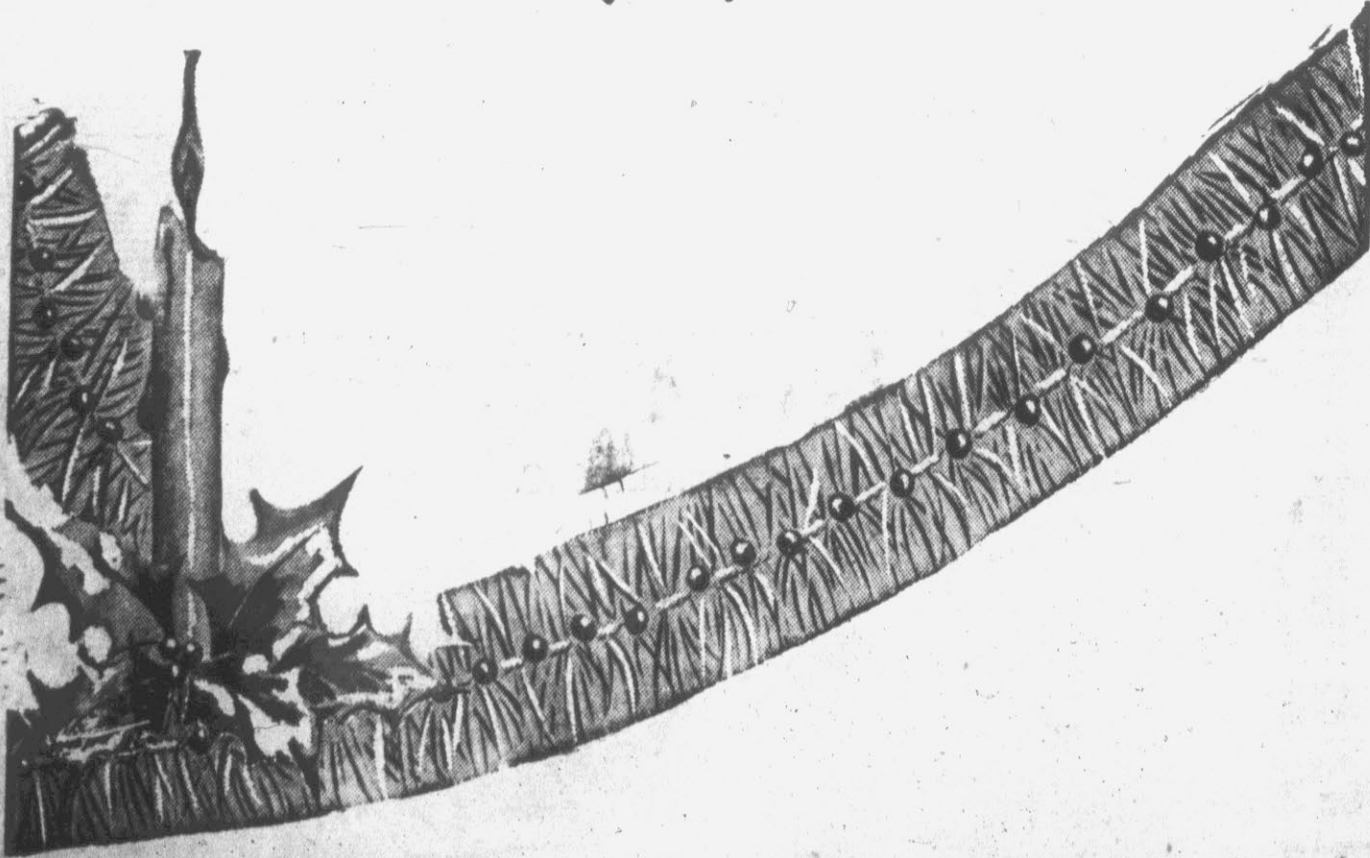
Each joyful greeting we send carries with it good wishes to add to your Christmas cheer. Each lit candle and sparkling trimming on the tree reflects our fond thoughts of you throughout the year.



BLACKWOOD'S

GARRIS BROS., Owners

Greenville, N.C.

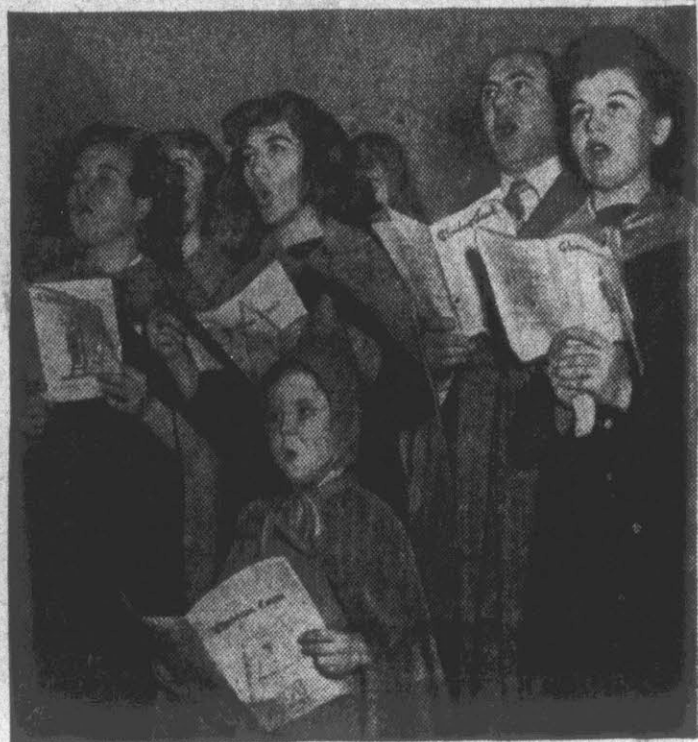




It is our sincere wish that each and every Christmas will be more merry and that the New Year will bring health, happiness and prosperity.

Brody's

Forty Thousand Carolers To Sing In St. Louis; Cover Every Block



GIRL CAROLERS are joined by Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann of St. Louis in opening Christmas caroling week.

By ROBERT SUITS
St. Louis—(AP)—Approximately 40,000 St. Louisans, or nearly six times the population of the town of Bethlehem, are continuing a 36-year-old tradition by singing Christmas carols through an organized citywide endeavor.

No. 1 caroler is 77-year-old William H. Danforth, who is chairman of the board of the Ralston-Purina Feed Company. He has been affiliated with the St. Louis Christmas Carolers Association since its inception in 1911 and its president since 1926.

St. Louis, he says, is the only major city which has organized Christmas caroling on a large scale.

The 40,000 carolers, who disregard such things as creed or color barrier, cover nearly every block in the city on Christmas eve. One group visits the mayor's office where a brief interlude of carol singing officially opens Christmas caroling week.

From then on other volunteer groups, wearing identifying red hoods and capes, sing carols in hotel lobbies and restaurants, department store tea-rooms, the library, union station and many other public spots.

Then on Christmas eve these 40,000 rehearsed carolers of all age groups, move along residential streets while St. Louisans invite with lighted wreaths in their windows the familiar strains of the beloved carols.

The city has taken the project into its heart. Singing groups are welcomed into homes along the way. Entire families move to their porches to listen until the strains die away down the street.

Contributions are accepted, but not solicited, and last year the carolers turned in more than \$30,000 in what Danforth refers to as "little money," nickels, dimes and quarters.

Collections, which have totaled more than a quarter of a million dollars since 1924, go to approximately 35 charity groups. The money provides for new crutches, milk for undernourished children, dental work, eye glasses, braces and summer camps.

Churches, fraternities, sororities, business men's luncheon clubs, high school glee clubs and similar groups register with the association's office for singing assignments. Hostesses accompanying each group are the season's current debutantes and members of the city's Junior League chapter.

A volunteer committee of housewives, business executives, bankers, clergymen university professors meets monthly from October through January to plan the Christmas week activities.

This year for the first time groups of carolers are appearing in a week-long series of television broadcasts.

TRAFFIC ARRESTS NET LAWYER AND JUDGE

Carbondale, Ill. —(AP)— This southern Illinois town made a "drive" on traffic offenders. As a result, among the first day's arrests of 58 were a doctor, lawyer, student and a former municipal judge. Charges were dismissed on pleas of first offense or ignorance of the parking violations.

Australia has 300 species of birds.

Class One railroads in this country have about 37,000 steam locomotives in service.



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.

Home Building And Loan Ass'n
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Efird's takes this opportunity to wish each and everyone a very joyful Christmas and a very prosperous New Year. It is our sincere wish that all your Nineteen Forty-Eight desires will come true...

EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE

AND ENTIRE PERSONNEL





May all the dreams
you've harbored become
happy realities the com-
ing New Year!

Godfrey P. Oakley
INSURANCE



Our sincere wishes for
the very merriest of
Christmases and the hap-
piest of New Years go to
one and all.

Wyatt Brown's
Cascade Laundry



The chant of Christmas
Carols echoes our mes-
sage of joy, good will
and happiness to all.

**First Federal Savings And Loan
Association Of Greenville**



Bright as your home-fire . . .
sincere as a child's smile are
our wishes of Merry Christ-
mas and a Happy New Year
to you and yours.

Tadlock Mutual Insurance Ag'y



'Along with Christmas holly
. . . may health, wealth
and happiness deck your
home!

Norfolk Shoe Shop
Cotanche St.



May your home and your
loved ones be blessed by
the Holy Spirit of Christ-
mas.

D. H. Conley
Supt. County Schools



The Christmas snowman thaws
and vanishes at the sign of the
sun. May the joy you feel this
Christmas never melt through-
out the entire New Year.

Dee's Clothing Store



The tree in the window sym-
bolizes all that's beautiful
about Christmas — including
our sincere wishes for your
happiness.

J. Hicks Corey



May your Christmas and
New Year be filled with a
radiance of happiness for
you and your dear ones.

Proctor Hotel Barber Shop



Old and traditional as Christ-
mas itself are our new and
bright wishes for a sparkling
year of health, wealth, good
cheer and happiness.

Nicholl's Market



With each beautiful note of
the organ as it peals forth
Christmas music, goes our
best for a Happy, Happy
Yuletide.

Saslow's



Into every chimney of ev-
ery home—we're dropping
a package of best Yuletide
wishes for everyone.

D. T. House Jr.
Clerk of Court



We sing out to you, all our
heartiest good wishes for a
wonderful Christmas and a
New Year full of happiness.

Teel's Dry Cleaners



May the holiday season
and the New Year be
filled with joy and se-
renity for you.

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



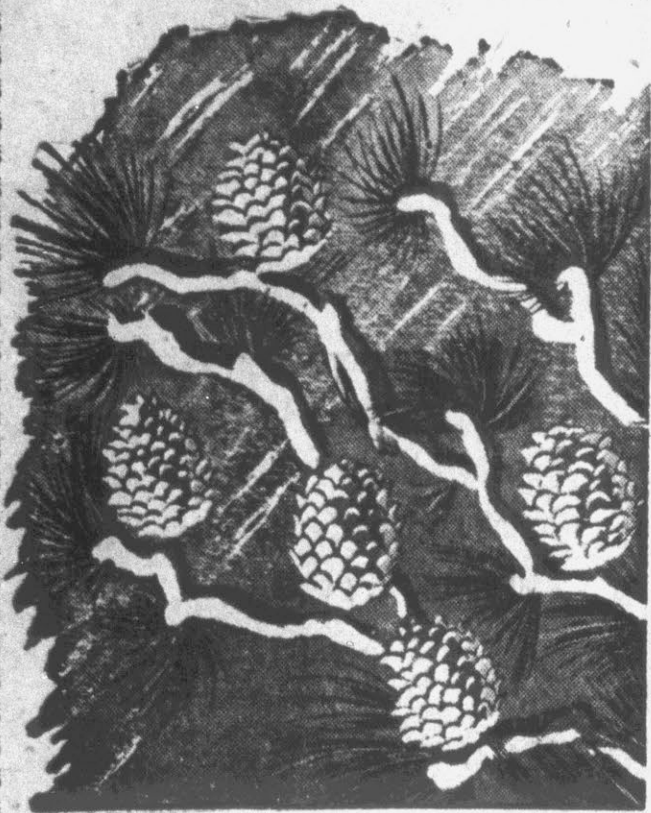
An abundance of health,
happiness and good cheer
is our Christmas wish to
you and yours.

Colonial Ice Co.

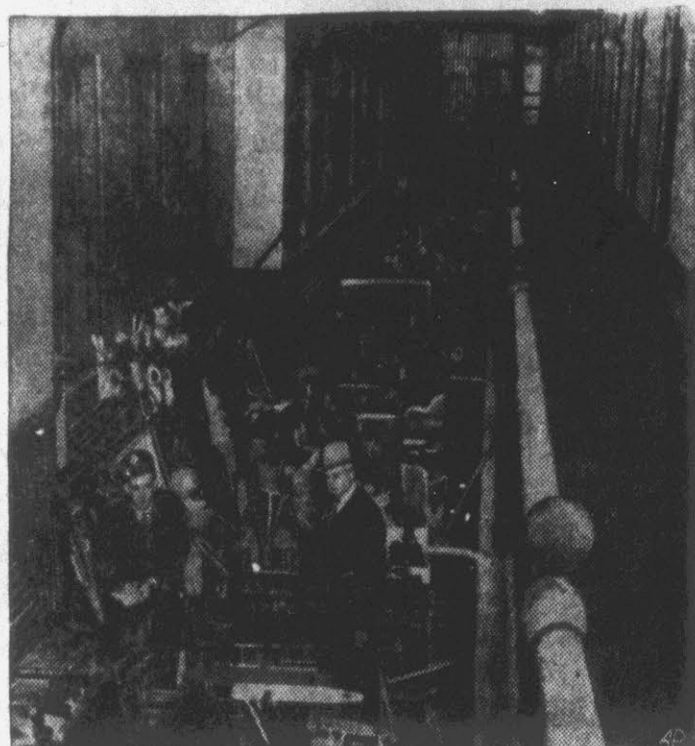


May the warm glow of yule
log burning in your fireplace
be symbolic of our warm wish-
es for the yuletide and the
New Year.

Rainbow Cleaners



Prisoners Help Santa Remember Children



CELL BLOCK full of toys inspected by Warden John Henry, right, and Lt. Millard Berry of Butte Mont., Active Club, one of civic groups distributing the rebuilt toys.

Deer Lodge, Mont.—(AP)—Warden John E. Henry and his boys at state prison, along with civic groups throughout the state are seeing to it that no underprivileged child in Montana will be without a few surprises from Santa on Christmas morning.

The civic clubs collect hundreds of used toys, a group of prisoners rebuilds them like new and they are distributed to needy children on Christmas by members of the clubs participating in the plan.

Warden Henry, who began the project last year, says it's the only one of its kind among the nation's penal institutions. He hopes the idea will spread.

The work is especially good for the men, too, says Henry.

Handicapped by lack of materials, the prison workers have rebuilt or repaired more than 1,800 dolls, pandas, teddy bears and animals of all descriptions in an old 160-foot long cell block.

BURGLARS ARE FINICKY ABOUT HOUSEKEEPING

Billings, Mont.—(AP)—Burglars who stole a rifle, two pipes and a can of tobacco from Joe Wersal's house took time to cook themselves a snack and coffee.

Wersal was a bit less put out when he found the men had also stayed long enough to rinse off their dirty dishes and sweep the floor.

Grasshoppers destroyed crops in the United States valued at \$400,000,000 from 1936 to 1945.

Where's Kilroy?

Stockholm—(AP)—The Stockholm police urgently desire a serious interview with a certain Mr. Kilroy or with the person who has taken the liberty to paint that mysterious gentleman's signature on the walls of Stockholm lately.

Some weeks ago Stockholm-ers for the first time were mystified by the message: "Kilroy was here" on one of the busiest streets. Since then Kilroy's impersonator has been active here and there.

The climax was reached when his message early one Sunday morning was discovered on Stockholm's newest bridge a few hours before the formal opening was to take place. Workmen did their best to rub it out.

BRAZIL HAS LOCUSTS

Rio De Janeiro —(AP)—Reports from the town of Cangucu say it was invaded by a swarm of locusts which are appearing again in the interior of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, in southern Brazil, with great loss to farming.

NOTHING LIKE REALISM

Chico, Calif.—(AP)—Three boys, 11 to 13, played cops and robbers almost daily for two months—then Police Chief Jim Evans discovered they were using real guns. Sometimes loaded, too, and occasionally fired, although no one was hurt.

SEASON'S
Greetings
May good cheer and
contentment be yours
on this joyous holiday.

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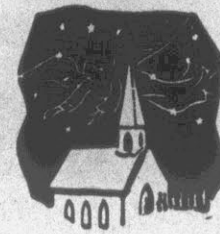
"Buy Here With Confidence"



Greetings
We express to you Yuletide wishes as bright and
gay as the lights on your Christmas tree. And a
very happy New Year, too.

PEOPLE'S BAKERY

Greenville, N. C.



Our Message To All...

We take this time each year to send our message to you expressing our gratitude and thanks for your kind appreciation for our efforts during the past year.

We sincerely hope that we can even serve you better during the coming year and promise to make every effort to do so.

We should all strive to do our best towards our fellow man, that he too can receive the blessings and good will, that we can have peace on earth and good will toward men.

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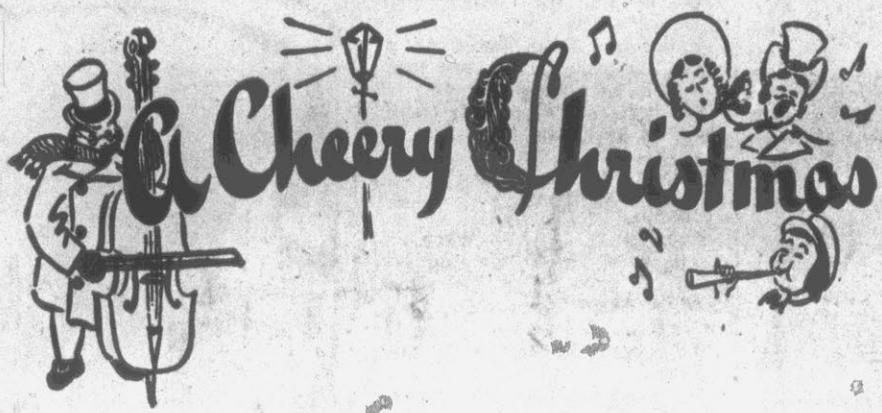
Merry Christmas

And A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Greenville Utilities Commission



To be able to wish you a Merry Christmas is a privilege we are grateful for. It is our sincere hope that you and yours will enjoy the blessings of this one great day. That custom has so continuously been our desire to remember all of our friends and customers.



Goodson & Flanagan
"INSURANCE"

Grain Loss Due To Fires Spurs Preventive Program

New York — A nation-wide campaign among local fire departments to aid the grain saving movement by checking the number of fires in flour mills and grain elevators through inspections has been launched by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Losses of "several million bushels in two elevator fires last December and two grain and flour mill fires in the early months of 1947 are cited in a bulletin distributed to fire departments.

"With an emergency relief demand of 100,000,000 bushels of grain for the starving people in the war swept areas, and the need of maintaining a fairly normal supply for the people of the United States, immediate action to prevent destruction by fire of grain and grain products becomes of vital importance," the bulletin states.

Local fire departments are urged to start with complete surveys of fire hazards in elevators, grain and feed mills, bakeries, groceries and feed stores.

"The fire department should advise these places to undertake a self-inspection service by some of the staff competent to undertake the work," the board urges.

"Self-care may often prove of more value than outside inspection and supervision, and for that reason it is essential that all establishments storing, handling and processing grain and grain products should be vitally interested in a self-inspection service," the bulletin explains.

Fire departments are urged to call local meetings through chambers of commerce and insurance agents' associations to explain the need for constant self-inspection to all business men involved in the grain business.

Citing cleanliness as the best safeguard against grain dust explosions, the board announces that it has pamphlets available without cost to fire departments on the following subjects: No. 63 Prevention of Dust Explosions in Industrial Plants; No. 64 Dust Ignitions in Country Grain Elevators; No. 91 Blower and Exhaust Systems for Dust; No. 92 Water-proofing of Floors and Drainage; No. 13 Sprinkler Equipment; No. 61 Starch Factories, Terminal Grain Elevators, Flour and Feed Mills.

Forms also have been printed for use in self-inspections in grain handling, mercantile establishments and industrial plants.

"Fire was a major weapon in the defeat of our enemies in World War II," the bulletin reminds. "Shall we be allowed to continue this destruction of the materials and commodities so essential to the peace of the world?"

HONOR AMONG THIEVES?

Berlin—(AP)—Plagued by thieves who were stealing their garden produce as fast as it grew, a group of Germans put up signs around their garden plots reading "Thieves are asked to leave something."

A Man's Castle

Lausanne, Switzerland—(AP)—A man cannot be forced out of his dwelling just because he loses his wife, the supreme court has held.

The ruling was in the case of a man who married in 1944 and was given a permit to rent an apartment in Lausanne. He and his wife divorced. Then came a housing shortage. The housing authority of Lausanne tried to oust the divorced man on the grounds that an unmarried man should not occupy an entire apartment.

The tenant appealed to the supreme court, which upheld him.

Migrants Paying \$972 To Fly To Australia

Sydney—Hundreds of Europeans—chiefly Greeks and Italians—are migrating to Australia in specially chartered airplanes.

Some charter airlines are putting all available planes on the lucrative migrant runs, mainly from Greece, Singapore, and Hong Kong to Sydney.

In two weeks alone, 26 Greeks are scheduled to come to Sydney in a chartered Trans-Oceanic Airways Sunderland flying boat, and 46 more Europeans are due on three Intercontinental Air Tours aircraft. The trip on the Sunderland will cost the migrants \$972 a head for both adults and children.

A newly formed Sydney company, European Air Transport Pty. Ltd., is preparing six Lockheed-Hudson airliners for the migrant runs to Greece.

A Hong Kong company, Cathay Pacific Airlines, made two trips from Singapore to Sydney recently, and returned to Singapore for more migrants.

SCHOOL DAYS WITHOUT MISSING A BATTLE

Jogjakarta, Java—(AP)—Front-line schools will be established so youthful fighters of the Indonesian Republic can keep up with their studies during combat lulls, the Indonesian Ministry of Education announced.

STREET HOW WOMEN DESIGN SOME HATS

Chicago—(AP)—"Why" somebody remarked at the Arden Shore benefit fashion show, "those hats look good enough to eat."

So they were. A turban displayed by one woman was trimmed with peppermint sticks. Another wore a heart-shaped box filled with bonbons. Other trappings included candy canes, lollipops, kisses, and chocolate drops.



It's our wish that this Christmas will be more joyful than last and the next more joyful than this one.

H. L. Hodges & Son, Inc.



It's Christmas again and another spirit of another holiday, all combined to make you and yours happier and more contented with the blessings of the one that we dedicate this day to.

HONEYCUTT'S MARKET

209 East 5th Street



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This Greeting of Good Will is our pleasure to extend to everyone from the cradle to maturity.

Lautares Bros.

JEWELERS
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To one and all — we wish the joys of the Christmas Season. Good cheer, good health and much happiness.

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Sirius Steals Some Thunder Christmas Night

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Note to Yuletide stargazers: That bright star you're likely to notice in the east on Christmas Eve isn't the Star of Bethlehem. It's Sirius, a winter star the brightest in the sky and the one which uniformly catches the attention of people who confine their astronomical observations to Dec. 24.

Star experts, amateur and professional, are accustomed to hearing Christmas Eve reports of a brilliant star in the east which "just must have been the Star of Bethlehem." But the only reason it isn't reported at any other time is that nobody pays much attention to stars in the east during the rest of the winter—except the people who know what they're seeing.

It has never been satisfactorily explained why so many persons have the idea a yearly appearance is made by a star which religious tradition says was sent especially to guide Wise Men to the crib of an Infant Saviour nearly 2,000 years ago.

Some astronomers have theorized the Star of Bethlehem was in reality a close conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn — perhaps accompanied by a nova which is a sudden and temporary flare of light from a previously faint star.

Mathematicians have calculated the two planets were very near each other as seen from the earth in May, October and December of the year 7 B.C. By itself, Jupiter is an extremely brilliant object when well placed for observation. Saturn is not so bright but the two of them together probably provided quite a spectacle.

Old Christmas Is Due Jan. 6

Rodanthe, N. C. — (AP) — Old Christmas will be observed here on the night of Jan. 5, which really is Old Christmas Eve. The chief of the Chicamococo Lifeboat Station wrote some mainland friends to this effect.

He also remarked that Old Buck himself probably would visit the villages of the banks as usual, punishing the faithless ill-spirited and skeptical.

Old Buck lives in Trent Woods 364 days in the year, where he is often mistaken for a wild steer. To some irreverent observers Old Buck greatly resembles a moth-eaten bull hide and skull, but the creature is inextricably linked to Old Christmas.

The retail cost of building materials in the United States is about double their production cost.

Tank cars for liquid gases are like huge thermos bottles on wheels.

Hamlet 'House'

Tokyo — (AP) — Shakespeare isn't doing so well in Japan. Theaters showing Japanese dramas are packed, but "Hamlet" plays in an almost empty house in the downtown Imperial theater.

The cast of "Hamlet" got so tired playing to nobody that it walked out of the theater and staged it in a public square.

Bethlehem Has Christmas Three Times Each Year

By EDWARD CURTIS

Bethlehem — (AP) — Celebration of three Christmases each year is part of the official duties of Issa Effendi Bandak, Christian Arab mayor of this hilltop village where Jesus Christ was born.

Use of different calendars by western Christians, the Greek Orthodox and the Armenians, account for the three dates. But the mayor himself hangs his stockings but once, on the Christmas of his own church, the Greek Orthodox.

"Preparations for these great occasions when the Church of the Nativity and the Manger Square in front of it is jammed with people, are not difficult," says the mayor. "For years traditions and customs have established set ceremonies which are carried out rigidly."

The mayor, who says he is "fond of collecting things about the Holy places," keeps a detailed diary and in his first year in office quickly became acquainted with the rigorous schedule of Christmas duties.

Bethlehem, a Hebrew word meaning "House of Bread," is the home of 8,000 Christians and 2,000 Moslems, all of them Arabs, and many of them believed to be descendants of the Crusaders across the Square from the Church of the Nativity is the Mosque of Omar, a smaller version of the Islamic shrine of the same name in Jerusalem.

The Christmas observance of the three largest Christian groups in Palestine, Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Armenian, begins with the procession of their respective patriarchs from Jerusalem on the six-mile winding road along the top of the hills.

The mayor meets them in Manger Square and escorts them in solemn procession to their respective sections of the Church for Christmas Eve services.

NUTS TO CHOCOLATE!
SAYS THE SQUIRREL

Child's Meadows (A. L. Lassen) Calif. — (AP) — Every day C. W. Wilson put salted peanuts into the fork of a tree for a friendly squirrel.

When his supply ran out, he tried some chocolate covered peanuts. The squirrel grabbed eagerly, then his head jerked up, he spat vigorously, kicked the remaining chocolate tidbits out of the tree and sped away, scolding terrifically.

Candy Canes Providing Jobs for Veterans

New Orleans — (AP) — Two veterans, who decided that one over-head was better than two, have pooled their resources and now are making Christmas "stick" candy canes, fruit cakes and other southern confections.

The two captains of the candy kitchen are Carl Smith, Jr., and Bryan Bell, Jr., who decided to go into business together to take advantage of special allotments of sugar the government made available to veterans. Now they are using in 15 days what comprised a whole year's allotment under rationing.

They opened their business in Nov. 1946, and called it "Tasso Plantation." Today they employ 24 persons, mostly ex-GI's who have learned to be experts at baking the fruit cakes and shaping caramel praline.

The ex-GI's are employed with the help of the government's on-the-job training program.

The partners estimate they turn out a ton of candy a day and at least 1,200 pounds of fruit cake.

The oldest commercial synthetic rubber was made about 15 years ago.

Australia has more than 60 kinds of toads and frogs.

HOME OWNERSHIP IS TEMPORARY JOY

Rapid City, S. D. — (AP) — Maj. William I. Wilson, a B-29 pilot at the army air field here, spent six months hunting a house. Meanwhile, he and Mrs. Wilson lived in tourist cabins.

At last they found and bought a house. In triumph they had their friends in for a housewarming.

The next day Wilson was transferred to Spokane.

DOESN'T PAY TO PUSH THE LAW AROUND

Fargo, N. D. — (AP) — When the car ahead of him at the stop sign failed to move after the signal changed, Overt Loberg didn't press his horn.

He nudged the car gently with his own. The other car, Loberg later complained, as he brandished a traffic ticket, was a police car.

MAKESHIFT MILK FACTORY RAIDED IN HONG KONG

Hong Kong — (AP) — A raid by members of the health department disclosed a source of danger to the public health in a makeshift factory for the illegal manufacture of reconstituted milk.

Health Inspector C. Strange said the milk was manufactured from powdered milk and condensed milk with ordinary water and stored in a bucket. A bacteriologist's report showed innumerable organisms in the milk.

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Season's
Greetings



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Pitt Hardware
Company

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All signs point to a
Very Merry Christmas

From top executive to every employee, we send you our best wishes. May you enjoy the full beauty of this most joyous of seasons.

"Merry Christmas"

And A

Happy New Year

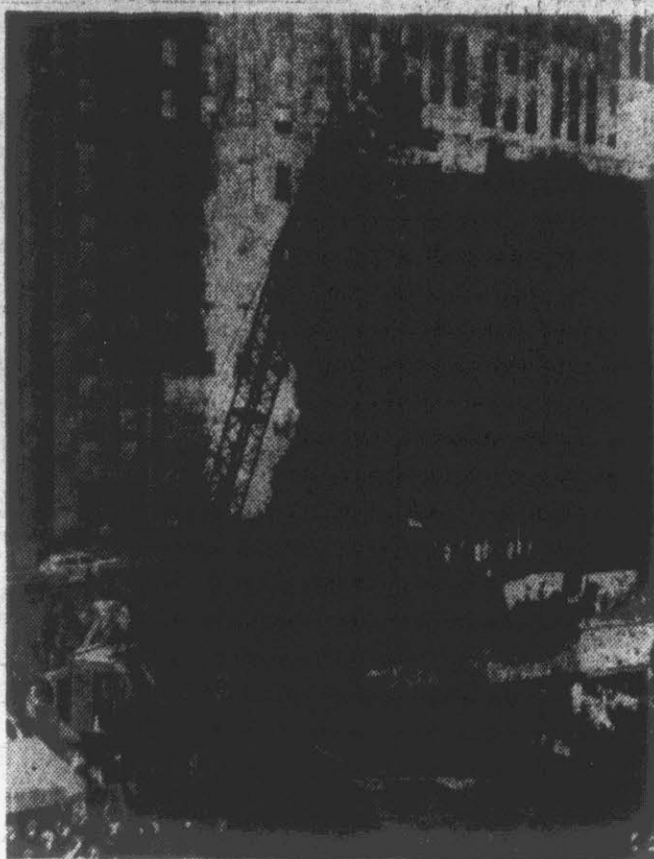


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WILLIAMS
"THE LADIES' STORE"



SEASON'S GREETINGS — Rockefeller Plaza's annual Christmas tree, 65 feet high, is lifted into place in New York. It will wear hundreds of ornaments and electric lights.

'Better Board Of Santas' OK'd Commercial Angle

Hollywood — (AP) — Hollywood still believes in Santa Claus, even though he comes kinda high—\$15 to \$25 an hour.

The idea is Robert Strauss' gift to starry-eyed kids and out-of-work actors. His busy agency has been supplying in any number, or so-called Kris Kringle, fully briefed on junior's good and bad habits.

They do not climb down chimneys except for a much higher fee. Strauss, an actor himself, never played St. Nick before, but he's sold on the role now.

"It all started when a friend of mine asked me a few weeks ago to lay Santa for his children," Strauss related. "He was afraid they'd recognize him. I got to thinking about it, and decided I'd go a step farther. Why not make this a better Christmas for other actors, who like myself do not work all the time?"

His first move was an advertisement in a newspaper: "Santa in search of your home, office, school factory or artist. Your child will thrill to a visit by Santa now... approved by the Better Board of Santa Clausmen."

Then he signed up with a telephone service. Calls began coming in before Dec. 4.

"All our Santas are bona fide actors," Strauss asserted. "They wear fine costumes and their make-up is supervised by a film studio. We go to homes mostly, and we get our information in advance—names, ages, habits, likes and dislikes of

the children.

"Then Santa shows up with a big order book. He knows the names of all his customers' pets and dolls. He conducts his interview. He reads 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'."

"Since Dec. 4 we have been charging for this service \$15 per half-hour. Sometimes it's \$10. If it's a church or a private school. All our Santas are movie radio or stage actors, and they know their stuff."

How To Travel At No Expense

Memphis, Tenn.—(AP)—If you're enterprising, it's possible to take your wife on a year-long trip to the tropics at no expense.

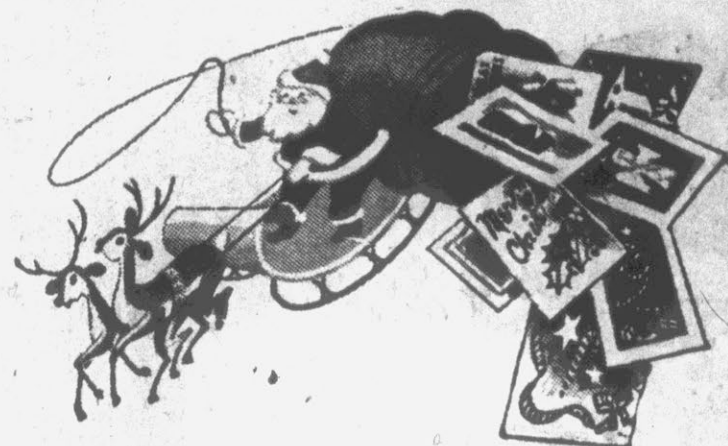
Catching their breath here before heading southward again, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McBride, of Los Angeles, told how they did it.

In a small boat they traveled down the California coast. The boat was sold in Mexico for "a big price." With that stake they went prospecting.

The gravel deposits of British Guiana paid off with about 80 ounces of gold and 250 carats of diamonds, McBride said. That balanced the books.

The Chinese term for asparagus, "hung hai tsai," means "dragon's whiskers vegetable."

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Merry Christmas

And A

HAPPY NEW YEAR



To all our friends, far and near, we wish the season's best. Good health, happiness and a year of prosperity.

Ernest Willard & Webb Agency
"INSURANCE"

We all join in Wishing you a
MERRY CHRISTMAS

And

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our greetings go out to you for the merriest Christmas ever. May yours be a holiday overflowing with happiness and good cheer. With our Yuletide greetings and best wishes for a happy New Year go our heart-felt thanks for your kind patronage of the past—for your continued patronage in the future.



Garris Grocery Co.

Best Wishes for a Joyous Christmas



FOLGER BUICK CO.

To Be Happy But Married Read Here

Salem, Ill.—(AP)—A southern Illinois couple married 72 years has been flooded with inquiries on how to stay wedded happily that long. Noting a news story on the unusual anniversary of J. W. (Bill) Arnold nearing 90, and his wife Sarah 66, a Boston lawyer wrote: "I would appreciate your writing to me such suggestions that you may have for young people who desire to make their marriage permanent and successful."

Too abashed at first to assume roles of marriage counselors, they finally answered. Arnold the more talkative of the two said: "There would be fewer divorces among young people if they would stay out of taverns and not stay up late drinking and carousing. If wives stopped looking at other men, and husbands wouldn't look at other women."

"And if wives would go to bed early, then get up and get a good breakfast for their husbands to work on instead of staying in bed."

"My wife always has meals ready when I come home. She stays home and tends to her knitting. We share in handling the money. Young couples should be careful in this spending wave; they shouldn't spend beyond their incomes. Debt always causes arguments."

"If we get to quarreling, I just walk away. It takes two to make an argument."

Mrs. Arnold chimed in: "Everything he says is all right. I agree."

She added: "Young couples should do everything possible to keep their love light glowing. Real love has nothing to do with age. I think we are as much in love as we have always been." (They eloped to St. Louis when he was 18 and she was 14.)

Arnold said: "We always had the same tastes and liked the same things. We share in the house work, washing dishes and such."

"My motto on getting along is—Always pay your debts and tell the truth at all times, even to your wife."

Thieves Remove Weighty Booty

Butte, Mont.—(AP)—Thieves in the Butte area have added a Paul Bunyan twist to their operations. Mining equipment, weighing from 12,000 to 14,000 pounds, has been disappearing in large quantities in recent weeks.

Undersheriff William T. Dee said specialized knowledge of the machinery, a crane and some heavy duty trucks were probably needed to cart off the machinery.

So far, Dee says, officers have had no luck in tracing the machinery. The Solomons are estimated to include more than 10,000 islands and islets.

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!

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Greetings

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Merry CHRISTMAS!

We're filled with Christmas cheer and fond thoughts of our good friends, as we send this little greeting all around the town.....
Merry... merry Christmas!

PITTFCX

Greenville, N.C.



Merry Christmas

We cheerily add our greetings to the many in store for you.

Lowe's

New Mountain War In Japan Born During

Tokyo—(AP)—A 1,300-foot mountain, formed by volcanic action nearly four years ago in a peaceful northern Japan farming section, has just begun to attract attention of Japanese scientists, reports the Kyodo news agency.

The reason the hill had not been publicized earlier, Kyodo says, is that news of the development was suppressed by the military. The superstitious connected the volcanic eruptions and quakes with adverse war events of the period, the news agency said.

The hill began to form on a stretch of flat farm lands in the area bordering Uchiura bay, north-west of Muroan on Hokkaido island, in January, 1944.

A series of daily earthquakes preceded the slow rise of the land at a rate of about one-eighth of an inch daily during the early part of the year. In June, 1944, the growth was accelerated by the eruption of a volcano in the east chain of the Yazu mountains. Other eruptions followed.

The hill continued to grow until December, 1945, it reached its present height, Kyodo said. A railroad crossing the area was tilted, farm houses tipped up and farmland ruined by cracks and a thick covering of volcanic ash.

Saemontaro Nakamura, terrestrial physics professor at Hokkaido University, was quoted as saying: "It is not amazing for an eruption to occur and a hill to be created, but I think this is the first time a mountain actually has been born before one's eyes."

A Kyodo reporter who visited the hill said it was quiet and that the houses and villages on its slopes were being built.

The government report did not specifically lay the blame on troops of the four occupying powers but noted that Austrians were involved in only 25 per cent of the murder cases and an even smaller percentage of the robberies.

The report emphasized the "absolute inadequacy" of the armament of civilian police authorities. It said that since the end of the war 112 policemen have been killed on duty and many others have been severely wounded.

Too Romantic

Berlin—(AP)—The manufacture of toys out of lead, such as trappers, Indians and bison, has been forbidden by the ministry for economic planning in the Russian zone province of Brandenburg. The reason given was the "unjustified robber and Indian romanticism" of such toys in the education of children.

School Kids Get Carolina Reader

Columbia, S. C.—(AP)—A third-grade reader, "Gateway to South Carolina," based entirely on state material and produced in the state, is believed by its authors to be unique in its field.

Mrs. Mary C. Simms Oliphant and Mrs. Mary Simms Oliphant Furman, her daughter are the authors. In story form, the state theme is carried through Indian lore, nature study, history, geography, state recreation facilities and industry.

Mrs. Furman explains that the text is developed in words most pupils learn in the second grade so that the third graders will not be handicapped.

The book is extensively illustrated. It is being distributed through the State Textbook Commission.

Beware Of Toys That Might Start A Fire

New York—(AP)—Safe toys for Christmas are urged by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, pointing out that fire is the leading accidental killer of children in the home.

Fire annually takes the lives of 2000 children under 5 years of age, the board reports.

Toys requiring alcohol, kerosene, gasoline and carbide lamps are declared hazardous for juvenile hands. Parents are urged to supervise any playing with electrical toys.

GOOD OLD DAYS ALSO HAD THEIR HIGH LIVING COSTS

Chicago—(AP)—If you think prices are high now, just stop and look backward.

Purple-dyed wool fetched as much as \$175 a pound in Cicero's time (106-44 B.C.).

"There were no rent controls in 1849, when gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill, California," says Edward L. Throm, social studies editor of the World Book Encyclopedia. "Shacks rented for \$100 and up a week. A night's rest on a simple cot cost as much as \$15."

And in the midst of the gold rush in the late 90's, he adds, eggs sold for a dollar a piece in Skagway, Alaska, and a plate of ham and eggs set the diner back \$10.

HOW LIGHT IS SPREAD BEHIND IRON CURTAIN

Berlin—(AP)—Some factories in the Russian zone, plagued by the theft of electric light bulbs, now require workers who wish light at their work benches to bring their own bulbs.

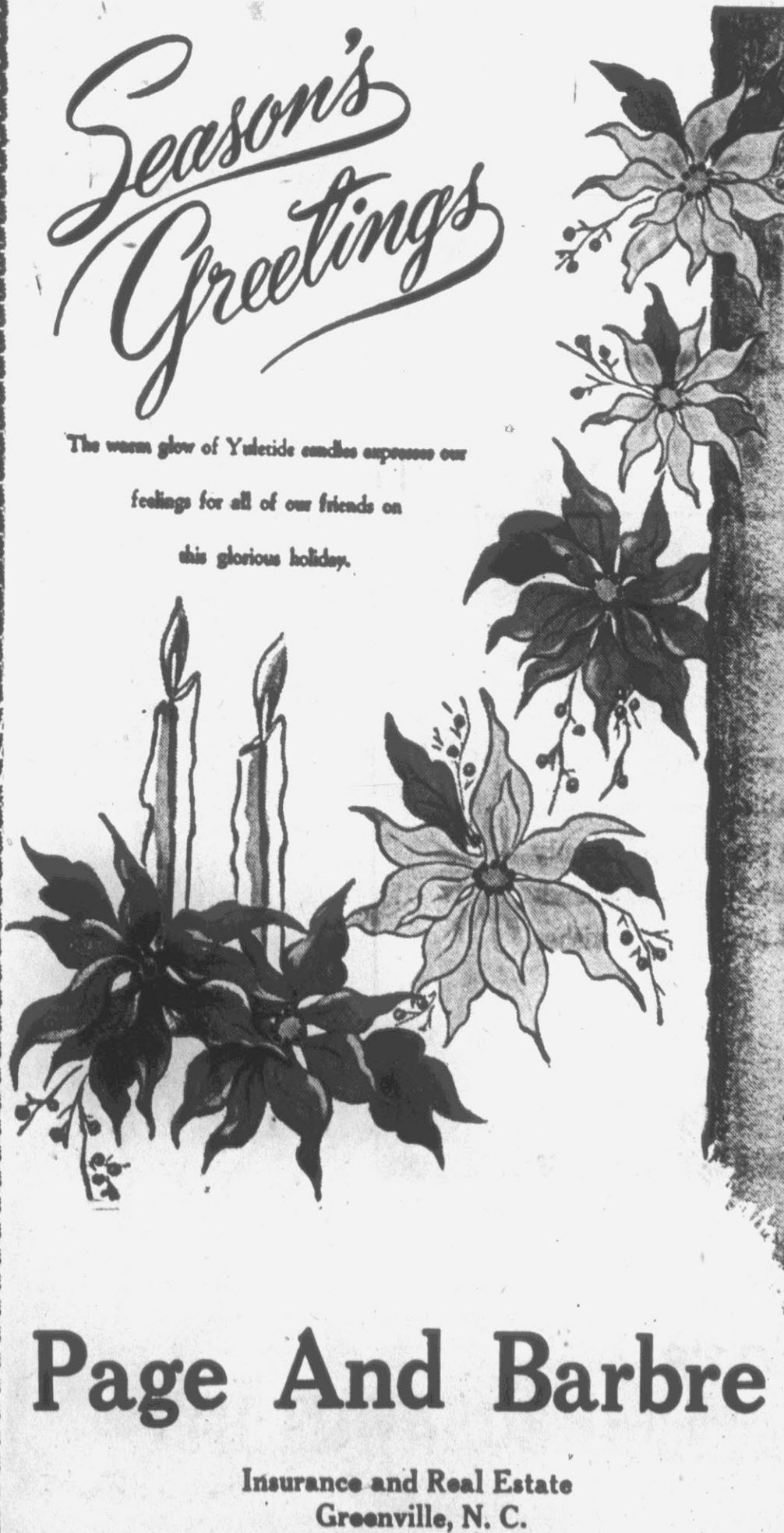


To Greet You

We wish you all the joys of the Christmas season and a very happy New Year too!

Curtis Perkins

"Things Men Wear"



Season's Greetings

The warm glow of Yuletide candles expresses our feelings for all of our friends on this glorious holiday.

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Merry Christmas

"May the Yuletide season and the days to follow glow with an abundance of good things" ... is our wish to one and all.

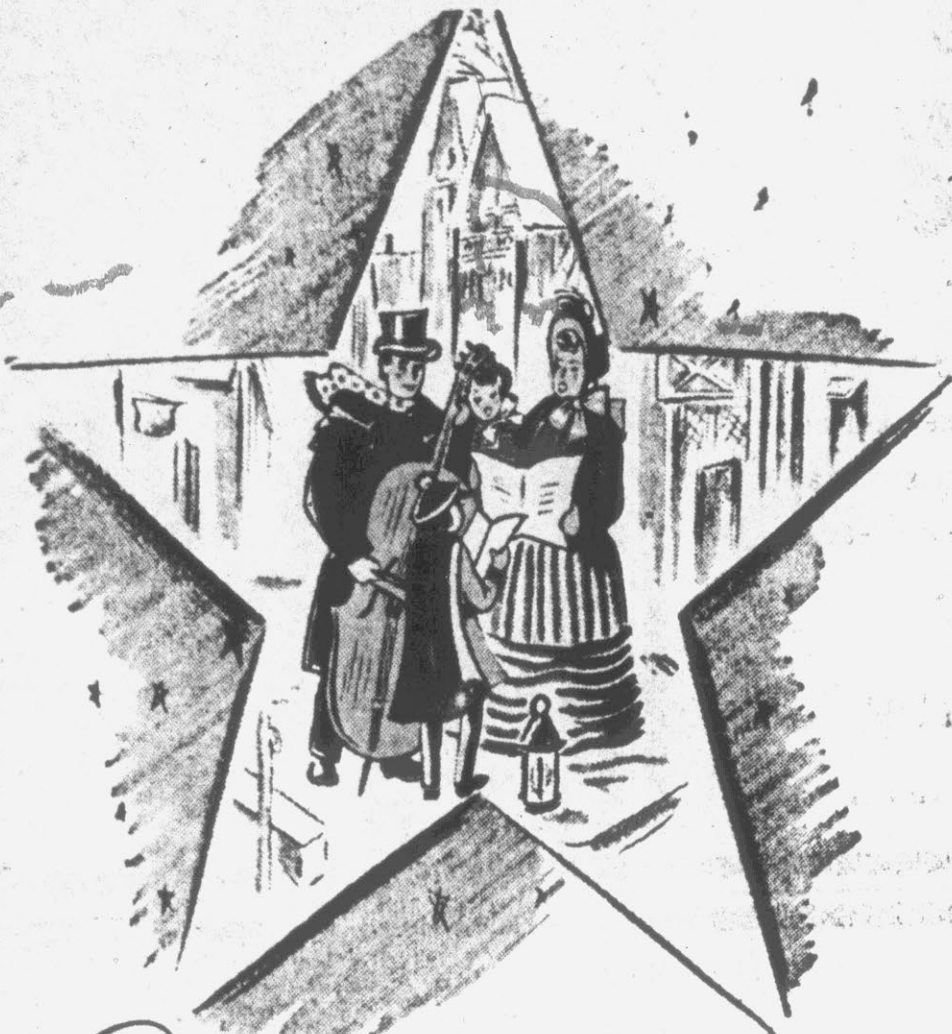
Askew's Market
And
Askew's Fruit Store



Best Wishes for the Season

May your Christmas Day be gay, and many the gifts that come your way. And as the New Year follows through, we wish you joy and warm friendships too.

Carolina Dry Cleaners



Merry
Christmas

Our hearts are filled with song and happiness
on this glorious day when He was born. May
the coming year be a good one for all.

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Service Joins Plea For Safe Driving In 'Letter From An Anxious Father'

The Army Recruiting Service, in cooperation with the State of North Carolina's Safe Driving Campaign, submits the following letter from an anxious father:

Dear Driver:

Today my daughter, who is seven years old, started to school as usual. She wore a dark blue dress with a white collar. She had on black shoes and wore blue gloves. Her cocker-spaniel, whose name is "Scout," sat on the front porch and whined his canine belief in the folly of education as she waved "Good-bye" and started off to the halls of learning.

Tonight we talked about school. She told me about the girl who sits in front of her—the girl with yellow curls—and the boy across the aisle who makes funny faces. She told me about her teacher, who has eyes in back of her head—and about the trees in the school yard—and about the big girl who doesn't believe in Santa Claus. We talked about a lot of things—tremendously vital important things; then we studied

spelling, reading and then to bed. She's back there now—back in the nursery—sound asleep, with "Princess Elizabeth" (that's a doll) cuddled in her right arm. You guys wouldn't hurt her, would you? You see, I'm her daddy. When her doll is broken or her finger is cut, or her head gets bumped, I can fix it—but when she starts to school—when she walks across the street, then she's in your hands.

She's a nice kid, she can run like a deer and darts about like a chipmunk. She likes to ride horses and swim and hike with me on Sunday afternoon. But can't be with her all the time—I have to work to pay for her clothes and her education. So please help me look out for her. Please drive carefully, please drive slowly past schools and intersections—and please remember that children run from behind parked cars.

PLEASE DON'T HURT MY LITTLE GIRL.

Signed
An Anxious Father

E.C.T.C. To Participate In U.S. Marine Program

East Carolina Teachers College will participate in the Platoon Leaders Class of the U. S. Marine Corps and in 1948 will have openings for four students to be enrolled in the officer candidate program, according to an announcement by Dean Leo W. Jenkins of the college. Notification was recently received by Dean Jenkins from Colonel J. P. Mahan of the Officer Procurement Section at Headquarters in Washington.

Those selected at East Carolina will be members of the freshman sophomores, or junior classes of the college and will be enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps (inactive). The program is nation-wide and includes students from selected accredited colleges and universities from all parts of the country.

The four East Carolina students chosen as Platoon Leaders will have either one or two periods of summer military training at the Marine Corps schools at Quantico, Virginia. They will be enlisted as corporals and, after completing successfully the required summer military training and after graduating college with the baccalaureate degree, will be eligible for appointment as commissioned rank as second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve or if qualified, in the regular Marine Corps.

Liaison officers of the Marine Corps visited the college during March, April, and May of this year and will probably return in February 1948 to continue a recruiting drive for the Marine Corps Reserve.

There are 112,000 street and traffic lights in the New York City boroughs of Manhattan, Richmond and the Bronx.

BUCKING NIGHTMARE THROWS RODEO CHAMP

Split Rock, Wyo. —(AP)— Phil Leckenby, Split Rock cowhand and top notch bronc stomper, came through a rugged rodeo season okay but was thrown by a nightmare—and broke his collar bone in the resulting fall from bed.

IZAAK WALTON NEVER TRIED A LASSO

Kalispell, Mont. —(AP)— Three Kalispell fishermen came home from a fishing trip with a buck deer—and they didn't have a fun along. DeWitt O'Neill, Shirley Anderson and Elaine Hoover were trolling for trout on Flathead Lake when they saw a deer swimming. O'Neill lassoed the animal after six tries.

MAKES AIRFIELD GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

Denver, Colo. —(AP)—To eliminate unsightly weeds and increase city revenue, the Denver Municipal government has contracted with a farmer to plant 240 acres of wheat between runways at Stapleton airfield. Based on the present market, Denver expects about \$5,000 annually as its 35 per cent share of the farmer's yield.

TOKYO MAY FACE SHORTAGE OF BATHS

Tokyo —(AP)— Looks like three-fourths of Tokyo's population may go without a bath this winter. Anyway, there are 785 public bath houses using electricity which may have to close down because of the power shortage, and that's where three-fourths of the Japanese in this capital bathe.



In the same old friendly way,
On the same old friendly day—
We extend our very best wishes
For a very joyous Yuletide,
And a very Happy New Year.

Hooker & Buchanan

"INSURANCE"
Greenville, N. C.

Season's Greetings to you and yours

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 Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26

Greenville's Modern Plant
PAUL A. SCOTT & SONS



May you and all those who share your health enjoy the best Christmas ever! Happy New Year!

Carolina Grill

HASSEN BARAKY — GEORGE SAAD
Proprietors



We extend our most heart-felt wishes to one and all for a Christmas and New Year . . . unprecedented in joy and wish-fulfillment!

Merit Shoes

419 EVANS STREET



GIVES UP PET — Chuckie Datz, 3, got "Quack," a pet duck, as an Easter gift but now Quack has outgrown the back yard. So Chuckie has turned his pet over to Walter Busby, head gardener at Olson Park, Chicago.

Veterans Cautioned To Safe-Guard Interests In Selling Their Property

Ex-servicemen and women who have used GI loans to buy homes were advised by the Veterans Administration today not to sell their property without making certain that their interests are protected.

A veteran may be inviting trouble, said Charles H. Ball, loan guarantee officer for VA's North Carolina region, if he consents to any sale of his property whereby the purchaser merely takes over the existing loan in such case, Mr. Ball pointed out the veteran remains personally responsible for payment of the loan.

The VA official asserted that a veteran is surrendering a valuable privilege if he disposes of a home he has bought with a GI loan merely because of some small profit he may make.

Whenever an ex-serviceman sells a home financed by a GI loan, said Mr. Ball, he should demand that the purchaser either pay cash or arrange a loan in his own name. Then the veteran should see that his own note is marked paid and that the lien on his property is marked satisfied on court records.

which is guaranteed, and the veteran will then owe the Government. If part of the remaining debt is not guaranteed, the veteran will continue to owe this to the lending institution.

ANGELS ARE HELP FOR TRAFFIC POLICE

Hamburg — (AP)—Pretty school-girls between 12 and 14 years old dressed as angels helped Hamburg traffic policemen during road safety week.

Stationed at busy junctions, they helped old ladies, cripples and children across the road and warned youngsters to obey traffic rules.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Chicago — (AP)—There was something different about the young hitchhiker who stood on the edge of the stream of southbound traffic. He used neither voice nor thumb. Instead, he held up a large cardboard sign. It read: "Outer Drive and Grand Ave."

DISARMED BY TRAIN

Indianapolis — (AP)—Thomas Delaney, detective for the Belt Railroad, saw a man lurking near a box-car and called out. The man fired at him once, then stumbled and lost both his gun and his right hand under the wheels of a moving train.



May happiness and fulfillment visit you and those you hold dear . . . this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Harrison Drug Co.

908 Dickinson Ave., Greenville, N. C.



Gay with sincerity and brightness are our gala Christmas wishes for you and yours. May this Holiday be the finest ever. May your New Year be the happiest in all the world.

Riddle Roofing & Heating

Greenville, N. C.



For each and every one of you we sincerely wish the best wishes in all the world on this happy, joyous Christmas season.

Claude D. Tunstall

INSURANCE AGENCY
Greenville, N. C.



The Star over Bethlehem shining over your home brightens our sincere wishes for your happiness.

Jane's Shop

310-A EVANS STREET



Greetings OF THE Season

We wish you everything—
good at Christmas time and through
the year to follow. Make every
minute ring with fun and contentment—
enjoy every day in holiday spirit!

C. H. EDWARDS Hardware House

"Where Quality Tells"

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Be glad that it's Christmas because of the pleasure you derive in giving — and the delight you feel in receiving gifts that tingle with the spirit of this great holiday season.

Be glad that it's Christmas because holly and evergreen, mistletoe and candlelight make a cheering sight — and greeting cards are a joy to collect! Here is our message to add to your collection —

"Merry Christmas!"

Southern Supply Co.

Firestone
Greenville, N. C.



Santa's Bag Disillusions Mob Of Kids

Glen Cove, N. Y.—(AP)—Santa's bag wasn't exactly empty when he paid a pre-Christmas visit here, but his "gift" packages were — and it took seven husky police to get him safely away from more than 1,000 disgruntled youngsters.

The kids were all aglow with anticipation when Santa arrived by train, with a 100-piece band on hand to greet him, but the affair began to take on the proportions of a riot not long afterwards.

Santa, whose name was not disclosed, was transported to the business district on a fancy sleigh-float burdened with mountains of "gift" parcels fancily done by Chamber of Commerce workers, who sponsored the event.

However, it was necessary to move the float because of the peril to children from plate glass windows in the jammed area and Santa hopped down. The excited children bowled him over and trampled him. Rescued by police, he smilingly passed out great loads of candy.

That wasn't enough. The kids thought they were to get the packages also. Santa demurred (because the empty boxes were fixed up only as decorations), and tried with a dropping smile to cover up with a vague reference to "presents for disabled veterans," drowned in the shouts and cries.

The youngsters snatched the boxes off the sleigh and feverishly tore them open. In great wrath they hurled them back at Santa upon finding them empty and gave him a mauling before police, led by the chief himself, spirited Kris Kringle to the safety of the police station.

Muttered one enraged and disillusioned lad: "Santa Claus is a liar."

NO FLIES ON MAIN ST.
Lebanon, Ind. — (AP) — When spider webs appeared on parking meters, city officials protested traffic hadn't been that dull. Exploring with screwdrivers, they found spiders had crawled into the coin slots to escape cold weather, jamming the mechanism.

LONG ARM OF TAXES
Tokyo — (AP) — U. S. civilians working for the Army and Navy in Japan have been notified their income taxes will be deducted from monthly salary checks beginning Jan. 1. There are 64,931 of them in Japan.

OH, MY HAT!
Hamburg — (AP) — An 18-year-old Hamburg student won a bet by walking two miles through the crowded city streets clad only in underwear and a bowler hat. A notice around his neck bearing the date 1950 forecast how the Germans would be dressed in that year if the shortage of new clothing continued.

Stork Far Ahead Of Grim Reaper In Italy

Rome — (AP) — Italy, whose excess population is already one of its biggest problems, still has nearly twice as many births as deaths.

In the first six months of 1947, the Central Statistical Institute has reported, live births totaled 811,806 against 278,760 deaths. In the same period of 1946 the figures were 513,595 and 281,853.

Marriages in the 1947 half-year numbered 204,882, compared with 178,528 in the 1946 period.

Greek Army Given Mutton For Beef

Athens — (AP) — The army group of the American Mission for Aid to Greece will save approximately \$2,000,000 in the purchase of rations for the Greek national army by substituting mutton for half of the beef now being provided, Dwight G. Griswold AMAG chief, announces.

The saving will be held as a reserve against future increases in the prices of food.

I'm Going A-Milking, Said The Truck

Dublin, Ark. — (AP) — A farm truck is doing the milking for Roland Faulkner, partially disabled World War II veteran near here.

Faulkner has 13 cows and a milking machine but no electricity is available to operate the machine. He overcame this difficulty by—

—tapping a half-inch hole in the truck's intake manifold, attaching a vacuum tube, connecting it with the milker and the milker to the cows, then stepping on the starter.

He reports he now milks his herd in 32 minutes "with vacuum to spare."

Bartenders Soaring As New Guest Stars

New York — (AP) — "Guest stars" are an old custom in the night club field, but the practice was carried to an extreme here when Stanley Scott, head bartender at one of the swanky Manhattan hotels, was invited to be "guest barmen" at the opening of a new cocktail lounge in Bermuda.

Scott, who is vice president of the International Bartenders League, hopped an airliner, made a one-night stand and returned to his New York post with the loss of only one working day.

FRANK ON PRANKSTERS GOES IN REVERSE

Livingston, Mont. — (AP) — Annoyed at pranksters, a Livingston householder crept outside, connected a hose, waited silently in the dark and when he heard footsteps turned a stream of water—on a woman neighbor come calling.

While the irate woman gave him a tongue-lashing, some children sneaked behind him and cut the hose.

There are 130,000 hairs on the head of an average human being.



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