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Hoey In Line To Become Senate's Top Investigator

North Carolinian Can Head Investigating Subcommittee, If He Wants It

Washington, Dec. 24—(AP)—Senator Clyde Hoey (D-NC) is in line today to become the Senate's Chief Investigator.

Senator McClellan (D-Ark) who will head the executive expenditures committee in the new Congress, told a reporter that if the North Carolinian wants it he can head the investigation subcommittee which Senator Ferguson (R-Mich) is vacating.

Thus Hoey, 71-year-old former Governor of his state, seems likely to captain the group which has evolved from the wartime investigating committee once led by President Truman when he was a Senator.

Hoey, who affects the Senate's only swallowtail coat—embellished with white carnation—for everyday wear, is a courtly Southerner of the old school.

A former member of the Democratic National committee, he kept out of the political rucus raised by States' Rights advocates over Mr. Truman's civil rights program. But he is expected to join any Southern filibuster which may crop out against attempts to bring that program to a vote in the Senate.

As chairman of the investigating body, Hoey would be charged with looking into the activities of government departments. That covers a big field, as Ferguson and his Republican colleagues demonstrated in the last two years.

The inquiries ranged from wartime plans contracts to operations of the government's foreign program.

Ferguson told a reporter that Hoey will find a clean slate when he takes over the investigating group. The committee will make a final report next week summarizing its work during the last session, Ferguson said.

The Michigan Senator expects to remain a member in his party's new minority caucus.

If the present four to three ratio is maintained, one of his GOP colleagues will have to be dropped. They include Senators Bricker of Ohio, Byrd of West Virginia and Thye of Minnesota, who have about equal seniority.

Best Present Is Gift Of Sight For Little Girl

Philadelphia, Dec. 24—(AP)—Christmas tree lights will glow for the first time this year for little Georganna Smith but her best present of all—the gift of sight—already is hers.

Two years ago when Georganna was six months old congenital cataracts dropped heavy films across her eyes.

There was a Christmas tree that year but the sparkle and tinsel was just a blue to Georganna. It was still a dark and strange world when 1947's Christmas brought her a Teddy bear and a doll that said "mama."

After that doctor's decided it was time to operate. Two times she went to the operating table for removal of cataracts and on her second birthday she began to see again.

Food Outlook For '49

Food Budget Will Still Be Something To Grumble About, But Quantity And Variety Of Foods Will Equal 1948; More Poultry And Pork; More Fats And Oils Seen

By C. BROWNSTONE

Americans will eat well in 1949 and will continue to grumble about the food budget.

One ray of light is an indication that meat prices will drop sharply toward the end of the year, and that most of the favorite diet items of Mr. and Mrs. USA will be available in abundance.

Assurance as to food supplies comes from O. V. Wells, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, who says:

"Supplies of food available to American families will be just about the same in 1949 as they were in 1948."

During the war our food consumption per person was upped to the peak in 1946, when it was 18 per cent above 1939. This year we'll not hit that high point but we'll still be 12 per cent above the average in 1939-43.

We probably shall continue to be better fed nutritionally in 1949 than in any previous year. Americans now are getting more than a fourth more iron, mescal, and riboflavin and more than a third more thiamine—thanks chiefly to the continued enrichment of white bread and flour. The quantities of vitamin A, vitamin C, and calcium in the diet have stayed well above the

AP Newsfeatures

Today the Christmas Story is interpreted this way by Fred Nagler, Massachusetts-born artist, who lives in New York in the winter and in the Berkshires in the summer. He likes to make his pictures look real, as for instance a touch of the barn in the manger scene—Madonna and Child No. 2, at right, and The Nativity, below. Few painters in our time have painted so many religious pictures as Nagler. His subjects range from Genesis to Revelation. Some museums may not find him "modernist" enough; some churches may think he's too "modern." But friendly critics see an intensity of Christian fervor in all his canvases.



Out Of Hand

Oakland, Calif., Dec. 24—(AP)—It was just a wee bonfire, built to warm the hands of working men on a frosty morning.

No wonder the crew of street workers was amazed and barely escaped when flames leaped skyward over a 200-square foot area.

Firemen found a leaky gas main right under the fire.

Marshall Making 'Good' Recovery

May Leave Hospital Next Week, But Will Require Long Rest

Washington, Dec. 24—(AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall is recovering steadily from his kidney operation and may be discharged from Walter Reed Hospital next week. He will require a period of rest and convalescence after he leaves.

Mrs. Marshall has indicated that she anticipates the convalescence may be fairly lengthy. She told reporters the generalist not recovering as rapidly as she had hoped.

A bulletin from Col. J. U. Weaver, hospital commandant, said:

"General Marshall is continuing to convalesce very nicely at the Walter Reed General Hospital. His condition is generally satisfactory. He is now sitting up most of the day and takes occasional walks about the ward."

"It is hoped that the Secretary may be able to leave the hospital some time next week. He then plans to recuperate at his home at Bethesda, N. C."

"Naturally it will be some time before he will regain his strength."

STORY OF THE AGES IN NEW ART



Holiday Traffic Hitting New High

Trains, Buses And Airliners Jammed With Passengers

By The Associated Press

Christmas holiday passenger traffic hit a new peak Thursday on the planes, trains and buses in the Carolinas.

But the rush of men, women, and children going on holiday visits is expected to be even greater today. Officials of airlines, railroads and bus lines predicted the Christmas eve traffic would reach an alltime high level.

Today's passengers made it necessary for extra cars to be added to railroads and bus lines. Regular passenger trains are hauling extra cars, while bus lines in several cases are operating with as many as three and four extra sections on regular runs. Officials of the airlines operating in Charlotte reported no extra flights have been added, but said regular flights were filled practically to capacity by bookings.

Especially heavy traffic was reported on the North-bound runs of Piedmont, capital and eastern airlines.

Several buslines were reported operating as many buses as they could find drivers for, and a number of drivers were working overtime.

The heavy travel was expected to continue next week and until shortly after Jan. 3 when the colleges resume classes.

These institutions in both states helped alleviate the traffic situation somewhat when they staggered their holiday schedules.

Another bureau to the holiday passenger service was set up when North Carolina, Clemson and Wake Forest were selected for post-season football Bowl games.

Pitt County's Charges To Get Their Share Christmas Cheer

Jail bars and prison fences will fade into the background as the county jail and the state prison farm near Greenville tomorrow, and Christmas cheer will not be lacking. The jail and the prison farm will be decorated with lights and ornaments, and the inmates will be given a special Christmas dinner.

In each of the institutions Christmas trees will be trimmed tonight.

Arrest Follows Evans St. Chase

Policeman And Bank Officials Catch Negro Forgery Suspect

By CHESTER WALSH

There was considerable excitement at the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company on Evans street shortly after noon yesterday when Frank Gray, 20-year-old Negro, of 1202 West Fifth street, tried to cash a forged check for \$400 and fled when the bank teller became suspicious about the authenticity of the signature. Police arrested him near the State theater after an exciting chase.

Joe Joyner, important functionary at the bank, gave chase and dropped out of the pursuit when Cashier J. Herbert Waldrop "passed him at a 10-second clip." Waldrop followed Gray to Five Points. The alleged forger passed two policemen, Johnnie Mobley and Paul Jewett, but they caught him near the State Theater on Fifth street and locked him up.

Gray became very nervous at the teller's window when Miss Allie Harter checked the signature with the cashier, and left hurriedly. The forged check bore the name of a prominent Pitt County farmer, who is ill at this time. When police arrested Gray and searched him they found a similar check in his possession. He told the officers that somebody "just put those checks in my pockets." Gray will eat Christmas dinner in jail.

not only with lights and ornamental decorations, but with fruits, candies and other gifts for the members of the "family circle."

At the county jail, Jailer W. G. Leary thoughtfully related the Christmas Dinner menu of baked chicken (which has replaced the traditional turkey in this time of high prices), the dressing, cranberry sauce, and all the Christmas trimmings which might be found on most any table in the land on Christmas day. And on Christmas eve, if events follow the pattern of previous years, Leggett said, members of the Salvation Army and St. Paul's Episcopal Church will visit the county jail and leave packages of fruit and candy for the inmates.

The Salvation Army will remember the people at the prison farm and the county home where small packages will be delivered to each inmate to add to the spirit of the joyous season.

Tomorrow at the prison farm, the dinner table will be piled high with turkey and all the trimmings, from the red cranberries to apple pies and assorted takes. "It will be a fine Christmas dinner, and there's no doubt about that," Captain Pat Crawford of the prison camp commented. Gifts of cigarettes, cigars, nuts and candies furnished by the Christmas Dinner menu of baked chicken will be distributed to the inmates.

Practically all day last Wednesday Superintendent D. C. Wilson at the county home busied himself killing and dressing a hog which will be part of the food which will be served to the home's 22 inmates tomorrow. "Old Tom Turkey" has lost his seat as ruler of the Christmas table at the county home; and tomorrow country hams, barbecue and baked chicken will reign in his stead at the table, surrounded by all the trimmings which used to accompany "Old Tom" in his annual Yuletide visit.

Tomorrow it will be Christmas everywhere, and for those who are in Pitt County's charge, it will be as fine a Christmas as any similar groups will enjoy anywhere in the state.

Neighbors Played Role Of Santa Claus For Family

By CHESTER WALSH

Santa Claus, good Old Kris Kringle, turned the tables, and wrote a letter to the Daily Reflector and the News and Observer about a worthy mother and four children for four years, since the husband and father of the family had been in a tuberculosis sanatorium. There is a Santa Claus, and Old Sanky this time was Mrs. Tyeve Stokes of the Stokes community. She wrote the letter about Mrs. John M. Fleming, of near Stokes, and nominated the tenant farm wife as Pitt County's "Woman of the Year."

In the Fleming house on this Christmas Eve there is a small cedar Christmas tree on a table and hanging from the mantel are four slender stockings of four small boys who are anxiously awaiting Old Santa's official visit tonight. And many of Santa's helpers good people from all parts of North Carolina who have heard the story of the Flemings, have seen to it that those stockings will be filled to overflowing on Christmas morning.

The pantry is fast filling with stores of food for the winter which kind people have sent to the Flemings, and gifts of clothing for Mrs. Fleming and her four sons have assured them warmth during the Christmas season and the cold months ahead.

For the past week many neighbors and strangers have visited the home and have manifested the Christmas spirit by bearing gifts to the Wise Men of old when they brought gifts to the Christ Child nearly 2,000 years ago. By tomorrow Santa Claus will have visited the Fleming home with an abundance of Christmas gifts, toys for the children, clothing and money to tide the courageous mother through the winter season until her husband comes back from the sanatorium.

When a reporter asked Mrs. Fleming what she wanted most for Christmas, besides the substance which has been provided, she said: "My husband always will be crippled and I will like to have money enough to have a store adjoining the house, where he could do something to help to make a living. We want an opportunity to earn our own living. Of course, I will always work and make what money I can for the family."

Mrs. Fleming, a devoted mother and willing worker, could not express the gratitude of her heart for the "good neighbor" spirit. She shed tears in humble thanks for the helping hands. Christmas Eve in the Fleming home this year is a glorious occasion, and the devoted mother could only say, "Thank the newspapers; thank everybody; and it was a touching scene when her four children clung close to her and shared in the shedding of tears of gratitude."

REPORT TREMOR

Weston, Mass., Dec. 24—(AP)—An earthquake of "moderate strength" was reported yesterday by the Boston College seismograph station about 4900 miles from Boston. The disturbance, lasting about two hours, was said to be probably near the Aleutian Islands.

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Living Costs Still Continue Decline

Toll Estimated

Chicago, Dec. 24—(AP)—The nation's death toll resulting from traffic accidents over the Christmas holiday may total 265, the National Safety Council has estimated.

The council's estimate covered only immediate traffic deaths—those killed between 6 p.m. Friday and midnight Sunday. The final toll may exceed the 165 estimate, the council said, due to delayed fatalities not immediately reported.

The estimate will be too high, the council said. If two things happen: (1) if drivers and pedestrians use extra caution, especially in mixing gasoline and alcohol, and (2) if the weather generally is so bad that drivers must use extreme caution or stay at home.

"We are not trying to put a damper on Christmas cheer with this estimate," said Ned H. Dearborn, council president. "On the contrary we feel that if drivers and pedestrians understand what can happen, based on past experience, they will make sure it doesn't happen to them. We hope this estimate is far too high."

BLS Reports For November Reveal Second Straight Monthly Decrease; Food Prices Still Higher Than Year Ago, But Slackening Off

Washington, Dec. 24—(AP)—Government figures yesterday disclosed a continued decline in living costs in November.

The index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics for mid-November was down 8-10ths of one percent from a month earlier. The fall was due to a drop in food prices for the fourth consecutive month.

The first decline from a steady 1948 living cost climb came in mid-October. So Thursday's figures recorded the second straight monthly decrease in cost of living.

The index for mid-November was prices of goods and services purchased by moderate-income families in large cities. Food is the major item in the index.

Food prices have continued to go down slightly since mid-November. That points to a third decline in the living cost index when figures for mid-December become available a month from now.

The index for mid-November was 172.2 percent of the 1935-39 average of 100. At this level, living costs were 4.4 percent above a year ago, 29.2 percent above June, 1946 when wartime price controls were abandoned, and 74.6 percent above August, 1939 when World War II began.

Food alone dropped 1.9 percent from October to November. Clothing and house furnishings prices declined fractionally.

Meats dropped most among the foods, but there were two percent declines in dairy products, fruits, vegetables, and fats and oils. The prices rose two percent and fruits of sugar and sugar products advanced a bit.

The bureau said that butter prices at 75 cents a pound averaged lower than in any month since June 1947.

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Holiday Recipe An 'Awful Mess'

Los Angeles, Dec. 24—(AP)—Yuletide recipe: Take 300 quarts of milk, 45 quarts of Tom and Jerry batter, 15 quarts of eggnog batter, 600 eggs and 40 pounds of butter. Mix them up and what do you have?

An awful mess, reported police, as they cleaned up a downtown milk truck loaded with the Christmas makings and a rubbish truck clogged yesterday.

Expect Thousand Cars Relief Food

CROP Officials Say Collections Jamming Facilities

Dayton, O., Dec. 24—(AP)—CROP officials expect to have 1,000 collections of food for overseas relief in 10 U.S. seaports by Christmas Day.

John D. Metzler, national chairman of the Christian Rural Overseas Program, made the estimate here yesterday. He said the 1,000 carloads will be approximately two-thirds of the total eventually collected in the campaign to send Christmas trains of farm produce to the hungry of 45 European nations.

Collections are lagging in some of the 24 participating states because contributions are larger than anticipated, jamming CROP facilities.

Formal shipside dedications of food gifts will be held in Seattle at 11 a.m. Dec. 25; in New Orleans at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 27; in Galveston, Tex., at 2 p.m. Dec. 27. Commodities also will leave the ports of Philadelphia, Norfolk, Charleston, Savannah, Mobile, San Francisco and Portland.

Metzler said Iowa probably will lead the states in contributions with about 275 carloads, Indiana 300 cars Illinois 150 and Nebraska 100.

CROP is sponsored by Lutheran World Relief, and Catholic Rural Life, representing the war relief services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and Church World Service, representing 21 Protestant denominations.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy with scattered rains.

North Atlantic Pact If U. S. Joins In Security Pact It Will Be Taking Farthest Step Away From Tradition Of Isolation; Washington's Advice; Implications In The Treaty

By CLARKE BEACH

Washington—(AP)—If the United States joins the union of Western European nations in a North Atlantic security pact, it will be taking its farthest step away from traditional American isolationism. Never before has this country joined European countries in a military defense agreement in time of peace. It has religiously followed George Washington's caution in his Farewell Address:

"It must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties in the ordinary vicissitudes of her (Europe's) politics, or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships, or enmities."

It was such a proposal which proved Woodrow Wilson's undoing when he sought to get this country to join the League of Nations. The Senate turnout was based primarily on Article X of the League Covenant, particular the word "pre-serve":

"The Members of the League undertake to respect and preserve against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the League."

"We have joined other American republics in defense agreements. We have linked ourselves with European nations in trade and economic pacts. But this Atlantic Union proposal is military and European. It would commit us morally to take part in World War III if it came. Its sponsors in Congress and in the State Department look upon it, however, as a measure to safeguard the peace. A strong commitment like this, followed by the necessary military preparations would serve to deter an aggressor they say, while disunion and unpreparedness on the part of the Western democracies might tempt a designing nation to seek a conquest."

George Washington's advice was sound, they say, but only as applied to the problems of his time. We have twice learned that we are inevitably drawn into any world war, even with a new danger—the worldwide threat of Communism. The consequences of our joining the Atlantic Union are freely admitted by its sponsors:

1. It would mean increased military expenditures. Formation of the union would be an empty and dangerous gesture if each country did not strengthen its forces as much as possible. There would be mutual assistance, but most of it would be

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Social and Personal

All items for this page received after 10:30 A. M. will be published the following day. Dial 2384 9:30 A. M. to Noon - 1:00 to 4:30 P. M.

Li. Col. and Mrs. F. V. Johnston and children, of Fort Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gray and daughters of La Grange, Stephen W. Johnston, of Norfolk, and Miss Margaret Johnston, of the University at Chapel Hill, are spending the holidays with Mrs. F. V. Johnston.

40 Years Ago Today

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Misses Jamie Bryan, Nellie Pender and Ethel Skinner came home Wednesday from school at Greensboro to spend the holidays.

It is more blessed to give than receive. Making others happy will make you happy. Try this for Christmas. Much of the Christmas spirit is lost in revelry and boisterousness. Would that we could learn to observe it as a season for peace, good will and quiet happiness.

Christian Church Announcements

At the Christian Church for the last Sunday in the old year and the Sunday when so many of our college students are at home there will be a "Student Recognition" service. Several students will appear on the program. James Haney will sing a solo, "I Talked To God Last Night" by Gulon. Leon Brown Fleming, Jr., Dorothy Savage, and Alef Collins will make a brief statement about their academic work and the ideals toward which they are striving. The roll of all the students who are members of the Church will be called.

The service of the Eighth Street Church will be broadcast for the month of January and the pastor has announced to speak for several mornings on the theme, "Return Ye To The Paths."

F. W. B. Woman's Auxiliary
The Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church will meet at 7:30 Monday evening in the church.

KINCHEN W. COBB SPREADS GOOD CHEER AT CHRISTMAS

Kinchen W. Cobb, prominent tobacco warehouseman and farmer and supervisor of the Greenville tobacco markets for many years when the market was getting on the map "spreads a lot of good cheer" during the Christmas holidays in company with his little grandson. Mr. Cobb knows more farmers than the average man, and has a habit of maintaining friendly relations with those he knows, his friends say.

POPULAR RESTAURANT HERE CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Brady's "Double N" Restaurant, on the Bethel highway, near the Factors road, recently observed its first anniversary. The popular "Double N" is open 24 hours a day and its patrons come from all parts of the country. Clarence L. Brady, native of Smithfield, and his wife, formerly Polly Reele of Greensboro, came to Greenville in 1938. They live at 202 West Eighth Street. They have three sons, one at ETC, another at Hargrave School in Virginia, one at Greenville High School, and a daughter at the Training School here.

Mrs. Cannon Honored At Shower Thursday

Mrs. Richard Cannon Jr., a recent bride, was complimented on Thursday evening by Miss Lois Edwards and Miss Nell McGlohon, who entertained at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Miss Edwards.

The home was attractively decorated using a color scheme of white and green. Decorating the buffet were lighted candles entwined with ivy. Chrysanthemums and ivy were used throughout the house.

Mrs. Cannon was remembered by the hostesses in her chosen pattern of crystal. Miss Joyce Ward, a bride-elect, was presented china in her chosen pattern.

Bride and groom were the winners of prizes were Miss Bratha Regan, Mrs. G. A. Taylor Jr. and Mrs. Earline Allen Rogers. During the bridge game Coca-Colas and nuts were served.

Stadium Committee Is Behind Time In Making Reports

By CHESTER WALSH
Only 12 members of the 20-member East Carolina Teachers College Football Stadium Committee had reported on their collections yesterday. Reports were to be turned in by the canvassers December 21. James S. Ficklen and Dr. Carl Adams made the most complete reports.

Other committeemen who reported are: Phil L. Goodson, Joe S. Moyer and L. M. Buchanan, Godfrey Oakley, Louis Stewart Ficklen, David C. Moore, Jr., and J. Key Brown.

Committeemen are requested to report at once to Treasurer J. Herbert Waldrop.

Chairman Ed E. Rawl, general chairman of the committee, at the meeting of public-spirited citizens who pledged their services in obtaining \$25,000 with which to start a stadium, promised President Dr. John D. Messick to try to get the \$25,000 by Christmas.

Salvation Army To Spread Good Cheer Here For Christmas

Maj. W. H. Stanley, commander of the local post of the Salvation Army, and his workers are going to provide Christmas cheer for a lot of people here. He has distributed "food checks" to many worthy families for groceries and provisions. The Salvation Army also will distribute "sunshine boxes" at the hospitals, county and city jails, county home and the state prison camp.

Christmas tree exercises will be held at the Salvation Army's hall on Dickinson Avenue, Sunday night at 7:30.

German Club Tea Dance
The German Club will give its Christmas tea dance on Monday, December 27, from 5 till 8 at the Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewer, of Washington, D.C., will arrive Friday night to spend Christmas with Mrs. Brewer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Carwile, of Kinston, will arrive this afternoon to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnson, of Willard, will spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Withers Harvey, and Mr. Harvey.

Bill Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hill, arrived Monday night from San Diego, Calif., where he has been in boot training, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Ray Stokes is ill in Pitt General Hospital.

Miss Elizabeth Kittrell, of Richmond, will arrive today to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kittrell.

Cary Warren, of Raleigh, and Miss Adelaide Warren, of Richmond, will arrive this afternoon to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. G. M. Warren.

Miss Agnes Deal, of Greenville, S.C., is here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Deal.

Harvey Deal, librarian at Baylor University at Waco, Tex., arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Deal.

Mrs. Leon Fleming is recuperating from an operation on Wednesday in Pitt General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee Clark Jr. and children, of Wilmington, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sugg Fleming, of New York City, will arrive Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Leon Fleming.

Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Bowman and daughter Barbara, of Washington, D.C., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Bowman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin C. Willard and daughter, Anne, of Radford, Va., are spending the holidays with Mr. Willard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Willard.

Leo Edwards, of Columbia, S.C., is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Edwards.

Miss Mary Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bohms, of Washington, D.C., will arrive tonight to spend Christmas in the home of Mrs. J. N. Hart.

Miss Evelyn Hart and Wayland Hart, of Washington, D.C., are here to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. J. N. Hart.

Calvin Gorman, of Washington, D.C., is spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Greenville.

I. E. Morris, Jr., of New York, arrived yesterday to spend Christmas with his father, I. E. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolla B. Holt and little daughter, Jayne Ellen, of Washington, D. C., are spending Christmas with Mrs. Holt's mother, Mrs. Walter F. Taylor.

Memorial Baptist To Observe Student Night

Student Night at Christmas will be observed by Memorial Baptist Church Sunday night. At 6:30 o'clock a supper will be given for college students and teachers at home for Christmas in the church dining room.

At 7:30 o'clock the church worship hour will consist of a program of special music and talks by students and an address by Dr. Robert L. Rumber on the subject: "Christ's Challenge to College Students." High school students will furnish the choral music and usher.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.



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Joy to All on Christmas Day!

We thank you one and all for your patronage in 1948. Come to see us again next year.

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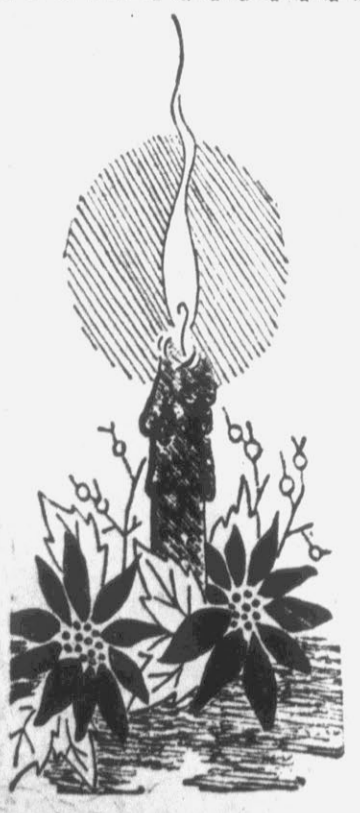
Christmas 1948



With Dancer and Prancer and all of my team, I ride into town on a bright moonbeam! Without delay I go to my task . . . and what that is you needn't ask; for I've a secret that none may know (it's about the gifts that I'll bestow). But on Christmas morn you'll find with delight that I've been working all through the night! You may not see me but I'll be there, blessing my children everywhere. So love one another . . . be of good cheer . . . may Christmas be with you throughout the year!

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"Eastern Carolina's Shopping Center"



Season's Greetings

To one and all we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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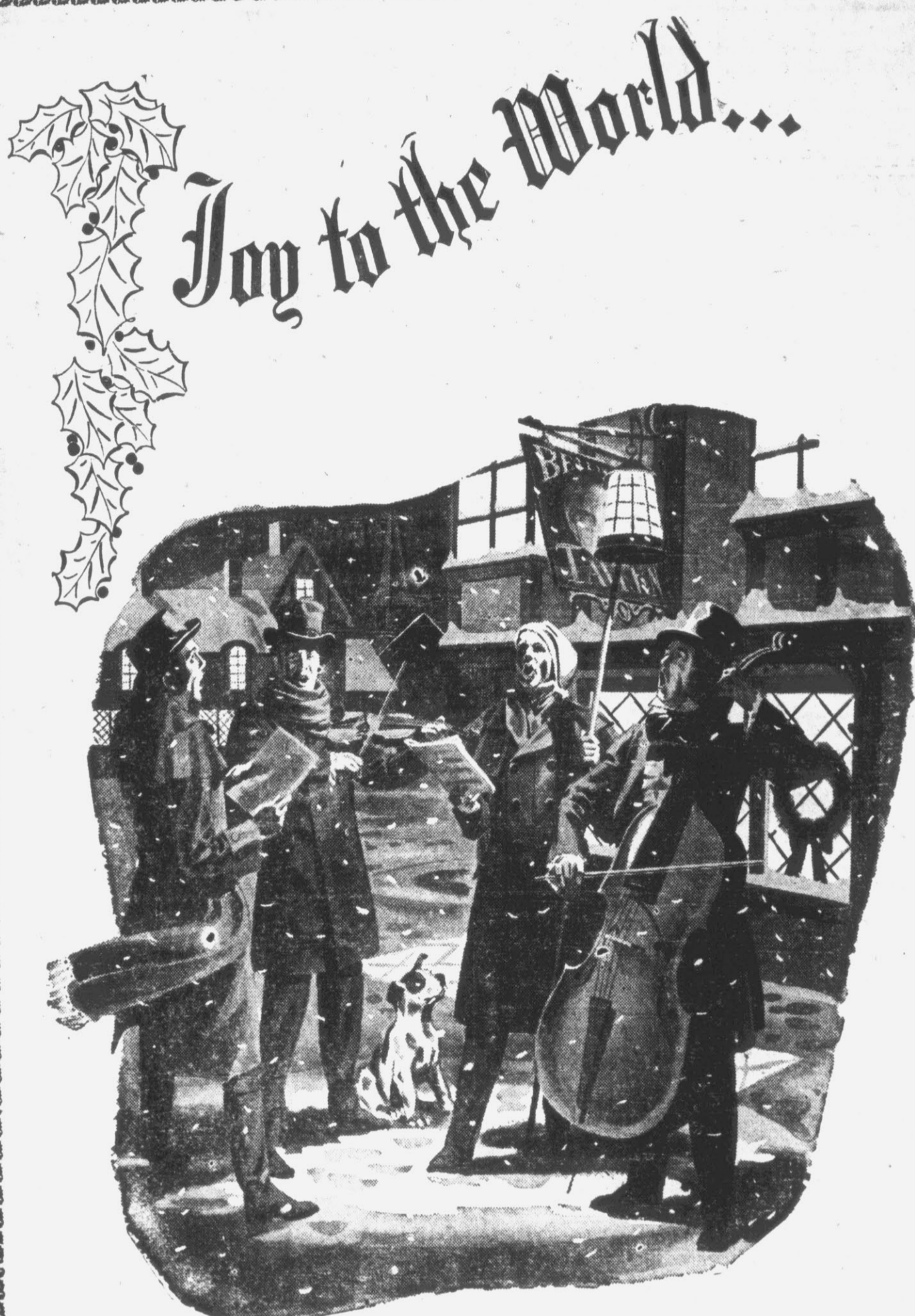


MISS IONE HOOKER BRADSHER



MISS VIRGINIA GAYLORD

The four young ladies shown above will make their debut at the annual Terpsichorean Ball in Raleigh Memorial auditorium on December 29. Miss Ione Hooker Bradsher, daughter of Mrs. Owen Marshburn, Ralph Garrett, Jr., chief marshal. Miss Dorothy Suggs Ormond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ormond, Judson Blount, Jr., chief marshal. Miss Eleanor James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. James, Herbert White Lee, chief marshal. Miss Virginia Gaylord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gaylord, W. M. Scales, Jr., chief marshal.



To everyone — we wish all the joys of the Christmas season —
its warm and gay spirit, a rich and beautiful fellowship,
the spiritual goodness of its festive flavor. And may the
New Year be one of continued happiness and good health.

Brown-Hawkins
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hawkins announce the marriage of their daughter, Edith Louise, to Mr. Leon Samuel Brown, Jr., on Saturday, December 18, 1948.
After a trip to Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Brown will be at home near Stokes.

Birth Announcement
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allen announce the birth of a son, Charles Hebr., on Wednesday, December 22, in Pitt General hospital.
Mrs. Allen is the former Miss Lillian Dunn.

Julian White Host To Boys And Girls At Christmas Party

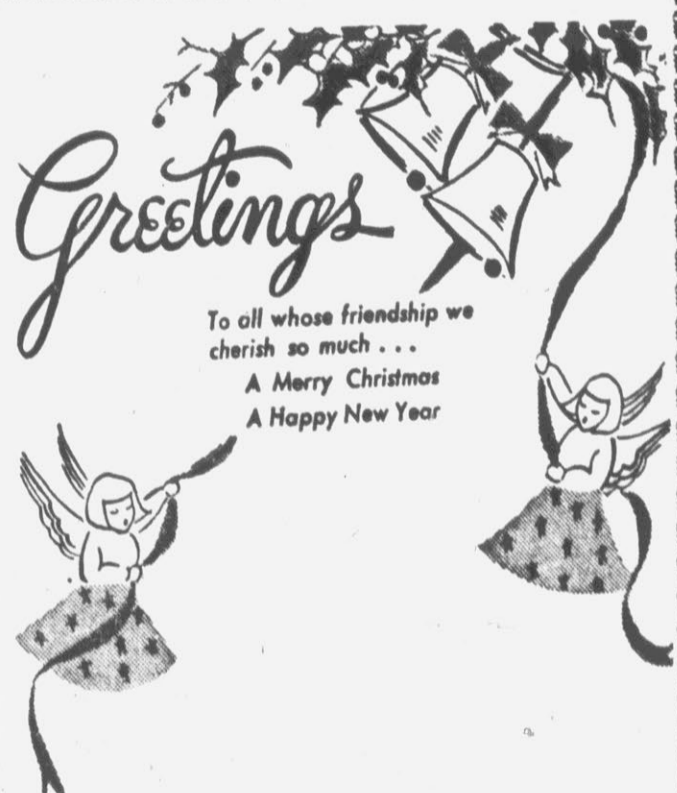
About 700 boys and girls of Pitt County were guests of Julian J. White, head of the Greenville broadcasting station, at WGTC's annual "Christmas party" at the Pitt Theater this morning. President White and Manager Billy Hodges and the other grownups at the theater appeared to enjoy being with the smiling children as the youngsters did

it witnessing a program of short motion picture "comics."
The children were lined up for several blocks when the theater doors were opened.

DIED AT CARROLLTON, GA.
W. B. Witherspoon, linotype operator at the Daily Reflector received a message yesterday that his brother, G. C. Witherspoon, lumberman of Statesville, N. C., died yesterday morning of a heart attack at Carrollton, Ga. Surviving are five children and other relatives. Funeral services will be held in Statesville Friday.

Fail To Agree In Ybarbo Trial

Marburg, Germany, Dec. 24—(AP)—Three military court judges failed to agree yesterday on a decision in the trial of Mrs. Wilma Ybarbo for the slaying of her American soldier husband. She must wait until after Christmas for their judgment.
The court announced the deadlock late in the day, after 20 hours of deliberation. It will not meet again until Tuesday.



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FIRST CHRISTMAS EVE

On the night before the first Christmas, the world was about as dark as it had been in human history before. There was peace throughout the Roman Empire but it was peace produced and maintained by a bludgeon. As Joseph and Mary came to the crowded inn to receive word that there was no room for them, they must have felt that life is hard and the world dark indeed.

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Boyle's Column

By HAL BOYLE
North Pole, Dec. 24—(AP)—He's off.
Santa Claus is on his way at last! The jolly old saint and his famous reindeer are soaring through the Arctic skies right now, heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight.



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antly. Then he said, surprised: "Why what are you penguins doing up at the North Pole anyway? You're supposed to be at the South Pole."
"We're on a vacation," said one of the penguins. "We're looking for Florida. Have you seen it anywhere?"
"Climb aboard, climb aboard," boomed Santa. "I'll drop you off there. But I must say this is the first time I ever picked up three hitchhikers wearing tuxedos."
Just then Mrs. Santa Claus came running out waving a long piece of paper.

"You almost forgot your list of good children," she said.
"Never mind," said Santa. "I don't need it. This year I am going to give a present to every little boy and girl, good or bad. The bad ones will feel sorry then, because they know they don't deserve a nice present. I'll make 'em try harder to be good next year."
"That isn't according to Hoyle," said Mrs. Claus, who likes to play bridge. "But it does make sense you old sootie."
Santa stood up to crack his whip in the air—the signal to be off. But then he heard a small voice crying: "Wait, please wait."
It was Cluny's Santa's favorite little elf. The other elves gossiped about Cluny and said she was clumsy at making toys. But Santa knew it was only because she was so young.

"Here," said the tiny elf, holding up a small shiny figure.
"What's this? What's this?" grumbled Santa. "You're too late. My pack is already loaded."
"It is only my present to the world," said Cluny. "I made it at night in my room—all by myself."
Santa took the little figure from her hands. It was a beautiful angel with butterfly wings and a robe of purest white. In her hand the angel held a small magic wand.
"It is the angel of peace," explained Cluny.
"Why, Cluny!" said Santa. "This is better than all the other gifts put together. I'll see that your angel waves her hand for one day at least every home in the land." And he picked up Cluny and gave her a big whisker-ticky kiss on her cheek. Then he picked up his long whip again and cracked it sharply in the frosty air.
"Ho, ho, ho, here we go!" he roared. "Ho, ho, ho! Here we go!" The eight reindeer leaped forward and the big sled began sliding through the snow. Faster, faster,

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Ornament with raised work
5. Small liquid measures
13. Diminutive feminine name
14. Saffron
15. White insect
17. Witnessed
18. Negative
19. Swab
21. Enclosed
22. Seed covering
24. Full up
25. Hermit
26. Like a hare
27. Fished out
31. Slows

DOWN
32. Get away
35. Endless duration
40. Playful
41. Uncertain
43. Peer Gynt's mother
44. Goes up
45. Bitter vetch
46. Palm lily
48. Dickens's pen name
49. Japanese volcano
51. Near
52. Locomotive
54. Withdraw
55. Ocean deity
57. Merchant
DO'VN
1. Glossy paint

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle
1. Snow-white mineral
2. Rate: abbr.
3. Palm leaf
4. Unfeigned
5. Bristle
6. Fiftieth Psalm
7. Turkish decree
8. At present
9. Among
10. Very small
11. Tallied
12. Soft food
13. Legislative bodies
14. Acoustic
15. Civil injuries
16. Intervening law
17. Set forth in detail
18. Bureau
19. Conditions
20. Trigonometric function
21. Affirmative
22. Awe
23. Long abusive speech pertaining to the day last past
24. Town in Maine
25. Cardinal point
26. Large American wood sorrel
27. Southern state
28. Short for a man's name

Tonight Santa Cometh

WGTM Schedule

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FRIDAY P. M.
6:00—The Lone Ranger
6:30—Milt Henth Trio
6:40—Joe Overman, Jr.—Weather Report
6:45—Bill Jackson—Sports
6:50—Interlude
6:55—U. P. News
7:00—Boys' Christmas Carols
7:15—Dinner Date, MBS
7:30—Robert Hurligh, News (MBS)
7:45—Johnny Greene's Orch.
8:00—Great Scenes From Great Plays, MBS
8:30—Leave It to the Girls, MBS
8:55—Hy Gardner—News (MBS)
9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS
9:15—Carusel of Christmas
9:30—Bill Henry—News (MBS)
10:00—This Holy Night, MBS
11:00—Bostown Choir, MBS
11:15—Benny Strong's Orch., MBS
11:30—Henry Jerome's Orch., MBS
11:55—World News (MBS)
12:00—Mutual's Choral Parade, MBS

SUNDAY
7:58—Sign On
8:00—News
8:05—Sunday Serenade
8:45—A Program of Canada
9:00—Veterans' Four
9:15—Gems from the Light Classics
9:45—Pilgrim Chorus
10:00—Obituary Column
10:15—Ellington Bible Class
10:45—Spiritual Pible
11:00—Church Services
12:00—David Rose Show
12:15—News
12:30—Melody Lane
1:00—Quiet Melodies

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SATURDAY
7:00—U. P. News
7:05—The Bill Jackson Show
8:00—U. P. News
8:05—The Bill Jackson Show
8:45—Morning Devotional Period
9:00—U. P. News
9:05—Highlights on the Air Today
9:15—Calling All Girls
9:30—Front Page Drama
9:45—The Jubilaires Quartet
9:55—Obituary Column
10:00—Christmas Choral Music, MBS
11:00—Wilson News
11:05—Piano Musings
11:15—Dance Orch. MBS
11:30—Kiwani's Christmas Party, MBS
12:00—Manhattan Melody Time
12:15—St. Luke's Chorists
12:30—News Report
12:35—Joe Overman, Jr., Weather Report
12:40—I See By The Papers
12:45—Dance Orchestra
1:00—Neighborhood Movie Round-up
1:15—Bing Crosby's Christmas Album
1:30—Ferry Commo's Christmas Album
1:45—Dance Orch.
2:00—First Church of Christ Scientist, MBS.
2:15—Warner Ruhl's Orch., MBS
2:45—Blue Vs. Grey Football game, MBS
5:30—Frank Luther & J. Crawford
5:45—Twas the Night Before Christmas
6:00—Royal Quintette
6:15—Church Directory
6:30—Vincent Lopes Orch.
6:40—Joe Overman, Jr., Weather Report
6:45—Bill Jackson—Sports
6:50—Interlude
6:55—U. P. News
7:00—Charlie Spivak Serenade
7:15—George Wright at the Organ
7:30—Fred Waring's Christmas Story
7:45—Law White
8:00—Twenty Questions (MBS)
8:30—Take a Number, MBS
9:00—True or False, MBS
9:30—The Big Boss—Guy Lombardo (MBS)
10:00—Chicago Theatre of the Air (MBS)

SUNDAY
7:30—U. P. News
7:35—Theaterus Sabon Orch.
7:50—Eastern Star Quartet
8:00—The Old Fashioned Revival Hour
9:00—Sunday Morning Concert
9:30—The Voice of Prophecy
10:00—The Radio Bible Class (MBS)
10:30—The Wilson Chapel Four
10:45—Obituary Column
10:50—Your Harry Horlick Serenade
11:00—Morning Worship Service
12:00—Your American Music
12:30—News Reporter
12:35—Joe Overman, Jr.—Weather Report
12:40—Reports
12:45—Guest Star
1:00—William L. Shirer (MBS)
1:15—Luncheon Serenade
1:30—American Radio Warblers
1:45—Ralph Ginsburgh's Orch.
1:55—U. P. News
2:00—The Air Force Hour (MBS)
2:30—The Lutheran Hour
3:00—Michael O'Duffy (MBS)
3:30—The Good Cheer Program
3:45—The Darden Sunday Evening Hour
4:00—House of Mystery (MBS)
4:30—True Detective Mysteries, MBS
5:00—Here's To Veterans
5:15—Afternoon Moods
5:30—Quick as a Flash (MBS)
6:00—The Roy Rogers Show (MBS)
6:30—Nick Carter, Master Detective (MBS)
7:00—Proudly We Rail
7:30—Behind The Front Page (MBS)
8:00—Bill Jackson Sports
8:05—Interlude
8:10—U. P. News
8:15—Mischa Borr's Orch.
8:30—Voice of Strings, MBS
9:00—Under Arrest, MBS
9:30—The Novatores
9:45—The Novatores
10:00—Secret Missions, MBS
10:30—Starlight Moods (MBS)
11:00—William Hillman Report (MBS)
11:15—Dance Orch. (MBS)
11:55—World News (MBS)
12:00—Sign Off.

Frankfurt Startled By Ad For Uniform

Frankfurt, Germany — (AP) — After three years of re-education and de-militarization, people in Frankfurt were astounded when they read the following announcement in the local "Neue Presse":
Foreigner wants to buy uniform with breastplate and helmet for 7-year-old boy.

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Rev. Richard E. Hardaway, pastor.
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School, E. R. Conway, superintendent.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.
Quartette. "Alleluia" (Saint Saens) Harper Darden, Bobby Odum, Danny Odum and E. T. Odum.
Sermon by the pastor, subject: "Joseph, the Husband of Mary."
6:30 p. m.—Supper for students and teachers.
7:30 p. m.—Evening Worship.
A service for college students with an address by Dr. Robert L. Hamber, subject: "Christ's Challenge to College Students."
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Prayer service.
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Friday, 11:30 p. m.—Choral Holy Communion with a Christmas message and Christmas carols.
Saturday, 9:30 a. m.—Holy Communion.
Sunday Services
8:00 a. m.—Holy Communion.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Prayer and sermon.
The Junior choir will sing. This will be a family service and Christmas carols will be sung. There will be no church school on this Sunday.
2:00 p. m.—Holy Baptism.
Wednesday 10:00 a. m.—Holy Communion.

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Rev. R. B. Crawford, pastor.
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school, Herman Nobles, superintendent.

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Tuesday, Dec. 28, 3-5-7-9 p. m.
"PUDDIN' HEAD"
Judy Canova
Added Attractions

Greenville Police Force Is Compared With 'Average'

(Special To The Reflector)
(Fast News Service)

New York, Dec. 24—Police department statistics, gathered from 877 cities through the country by the International City Managers Association for the Municipal Year Book, show that Greenville employs fewer police, in proportion to its size, than do most cities.

As of the early part of this year, the figures show, there were 24 full-time police employees on the Greenville payroll, or 1.66 for every 1,000 residents. This is less than the national average for cities larger than 10,000 population, which reported having 1.89 per 1,000 people. It compares unfavorably also with other cities of its size group 10,000 to 25,000, whose average is 1.77 per 1,000. Some cities, it is noted, appear better and others worse than they really are with respect to police protection because of unusual traffic or other special conditions.

Patrolmen in Greenville start on the force with an entrance salary of \$2,100 a year, compared with \$2,250 in other cities of its size group. Nationally, the beginning rate for policemen averages \$2,305.

David Risio, secretary and favorite of Mary, Queen of Scots, was born in Turin, Italy, and came to Scotland in the train of the ambassador from Piedmont.

Diplomats Watch China Civil War

Lake Success, Dec. 24—(AP)—Diplomats here are watching the Chinese crisis closely because of China's important position as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

Any change in China's government may lead to a revision of her foreign policy and that, in turn, may vitally affect the U.N.

It is assumed that if China comes under complete Communist domination, she will align herself with Russia. This would represent the first significant change in the political lineup of the U.N. since its birth more than three years ago.

In the Security Council, the voting alignment would be 8 to 3 on most questions instead of the customary 9 to 2. There would be two permanent members of the council in the minority instead of one, and each has the veto power.

Russia already is able to thwart a majority decision by the veto—and has done so 29 times—but she would have the moral advantage of having another big power join her in each future veto. At present Russia is supported in the council only by the Soviet Ukraine.

Routine Day For Airlift Workers

Berlin, Dec. 24—(AP)—Americans flying the airlift will get turkey and all the trimmings Christmas Day—but they'll have to grab it between flights to this blockaded city.

Round-the-clock flights are scheduled for operation vitally on Dec. 25, U.S. Air Force officials said today.

Berlin's aerial lifeline to the west, hard hit by fogs during most of November, can't shut down for holidays. Air Force officials pointed out. For in a 24-hour period of good weather, American and British pilots can ferry over 4,000 tons of supplies to this Soviet surrounded city.

So Christmas will be just another day of routine flights from western Germany to Berlin and back again for the airlift crews.

But a sumptuous meal will be awaiting American officers and enlisted men as they pull their lumbering C-54s into Wiesbaden, Rhein-Main, Tegel, Gatow, Celle and Fassberg airports. British airlift crews at Fassberg will eat Christmas dinner with the Americans.

Besides roast turkey, the airlift crews will eat: Shrimp cocktail, turkey and rice consommé, turkey dressing, giblet gravy, candied sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, asparagus, baked corn, Green peas, Green beans, Waldorf salad, celery hearts, cranberry sauce, cauliflower, olives, mince pie, apple pie, ice cream, tea, coffee or milk, grapes, oranges, hard candy, mixed nuts and fresh pears.

And there'll be free cigarettes and cigars to puff on the next flight.

Divorceless Yule Season Results Pleases Judges

Hamilton, O., Dec. 24—(AP)—Judges who haven't granted a divorce during the Christmas season for nine years say the plan is so successful they're going to extend it to the Easter season.

Judges Fred R. Cramer and P. F. Boll has announced they will hear no divorce cases from a week before Easter until the day after Easter.

The judges started their Christmas divorce moratorium "in hope that some estranged couples would be moved by the Yuletide spirit to the extent of reconciliation."

Judge Cramer said that in the nine-year period there have been at least 30 reconciliations because of the Moratorium.

Nine Mentioned For Committee

Washington, Dec. 24—(AP)—Names of at least nine Democrats entered Capitol Hill speculation to-

day on possible choices for membership on the House Ways and Means Committee, key posts in the party's organization in the next Congress. Among those mentioned for the six places to be filled are Reps. King of California, O'Brien of Illinois, Boggs of Louisiana, Albert of Oklahoma, Combs, Fisher and Wilson of Texas, Hedrick of West Virginia, and Stanley of Virginia.

Postpones Trial 'For Justice'

Charlotte, Dec. 24—(AP)—Alfred Leroy Parks wants to attend the North Carolina - Oklahoma Sugar Bowl football game in New Orleans Jan. 1. His lawyer explained that in federal court in asking a postponement of trial. Parks is accused of operating a liquor still.

"That's all right with me, I'm for Justice," replied Judge D. E. Henderson in granting postponement. The judge pointed out he was referring to North Carolina's All-American Halfback Charlie Justice as well as to the legal kind.

Digging wasps feed their brood on captured other insects, storing them away in cells along with the wasp's egg.



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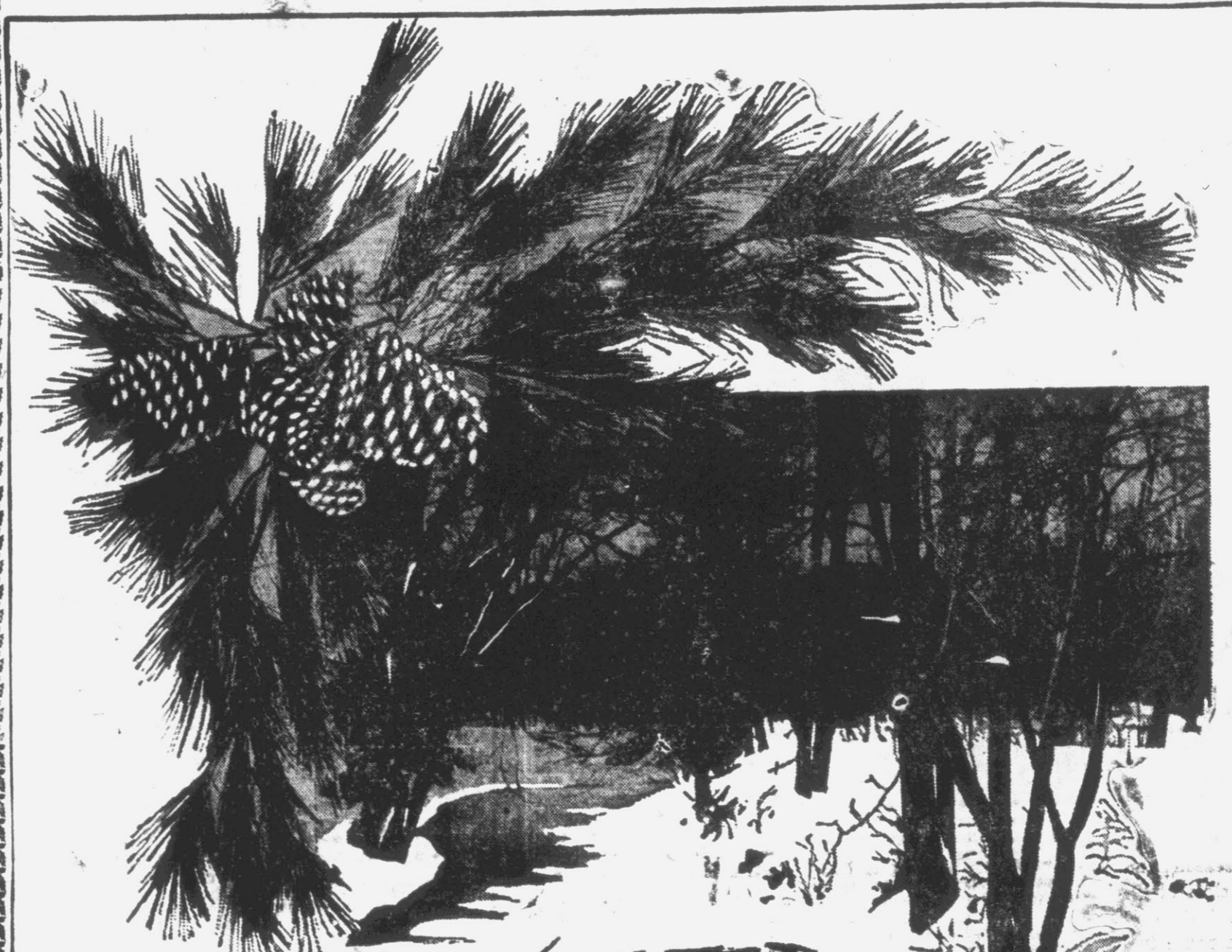


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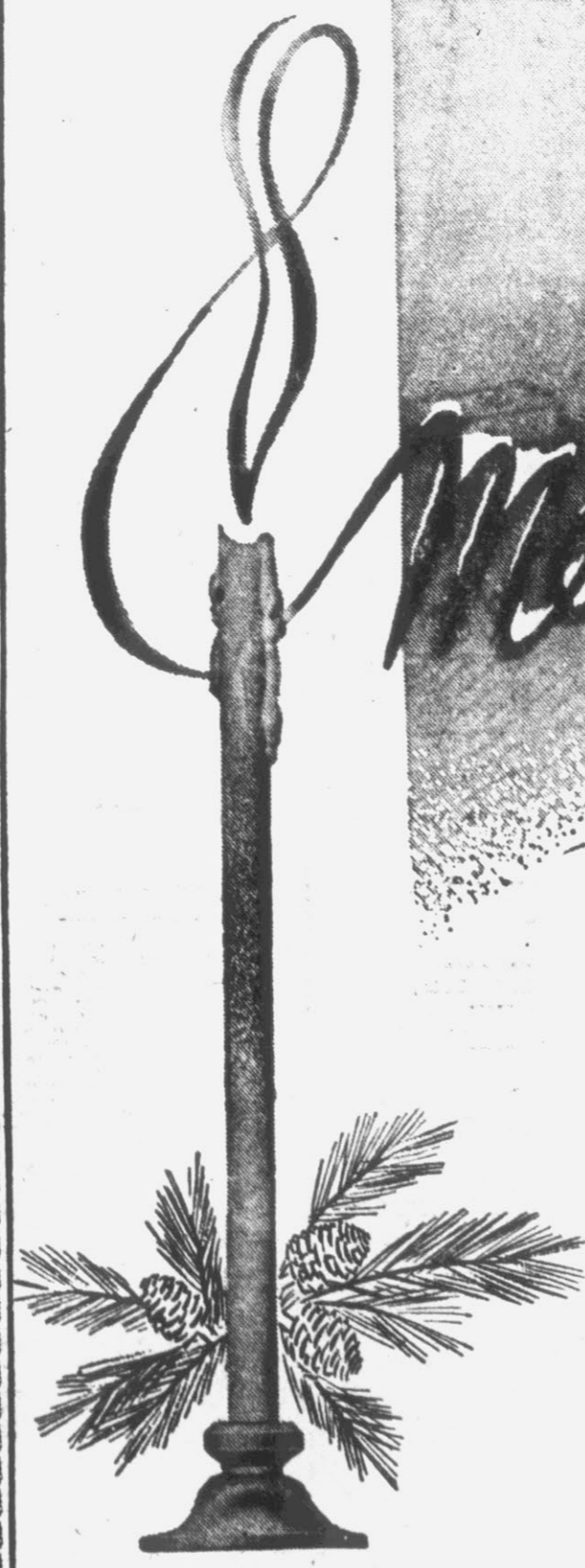


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GRABLE AT COLONY



Betty Grable in "Mother Wore Tights" technicolor musical is coming to the Colony Sunday.

Television Will Bring School To Listeners' Home

New York, Dec. 24—(AP)—Television is getting ready to carry the school room into the home. And the sponsors promise the class work won't be dull. Plans for the televised child education—described as the first major venture in the field—were announced jointly yesterday by the National Broadcasting Company, the National Education Association, and the Boards of Education of New York City, Philadelphia and Baltimore. The announcement said the programs, to be instituted early in 1949, will cover a wide range of subjects, including geography, history, government, science, literature and music, with emphasis on the entertainment aspects of each.

ROOF DEAL PUT ON ICE Columbia Falls, Mont.—(AP)—Mayor John O'Connell spared the treasury in a deal with 15 high school students. They put a roof on the new town hall and he arranged to have a skating rink flooded for them.



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Series of Parties Honor Bride-Elect

Mrs. Vernon Cox was a gracious hostess when she entertained members of her bride club and invited guests, honoring Miss Annie Sue Hunsucker, bride-elect.

The living room was beautifully decorated with late fall flowers. Covers were laid for 12 guests. On arrival the guests found their places. Mrs. Cox, assisted by Mrs. Roy T. Cox, served a delectable three course turkey dinner. The honoree's place was marked by a lovely corsage.

After several progressions of bridge were enjoyed, prizes were awarded Mrs. R. P. Wheelless and Mrs. Dixie McGlohon. Miss Hunsucker was presented silver in her chosen pattern.

Mesdames Wayland Hunsucker, Nelson Hunsucker and Haywood McLawhorn entertained at 12 tables of bridge and a surprise kitchen shower honoring Miss Annie Sue Hunsucker, bride-elect, at the Winterville School Lunchroom. The room was attractively decorated with mandarin berries, scarlet sage and ferns.

Upon arrival guests were presented tallies in the shape of rolling pins by little Misses Sandra and Sue Ellen Hunsucker and Masters Richard Hunsucker and Thomas McLawhorn. The bride-elect's place was marked by a lovely corsage of white carnations.

After several enjoyable progressions, red checked gingham covers were laid. A delicious salad plate with Russian tea was served. Miniature plastic pots and pans were used as nut cups and favors.

Carrying out the kitchen motif, appropriate table prizes were awarded. High scorers for the evening were Mrs. Vernon Cox and Mrs. Elbert Smith. Floating prize went to Mrs. Vernon White and consolation to Mrs. Linwood Rouse. Miss Hunsucker was presented a silver bread tray and aprons by the hostesses. She was also the recipient of many other attractive and useful gifts, given by the guests.

Mrs. Henry Halslip, a recent bride, was remembered with crystal.

Mrs. J. Preston Corey and Miss Alice Graves Hunsucker were hostesses on Dec. 9 at a dessert bridge, complimenting their sister, Miss Annie Sue Hunsucker, bride-elect, at the home of Miss Hunsucker.

The living room, dining room and hall, ensuite, were beautifully decorated with pink roses white narcissi and ferns. The bride-elect was presented a corsage of pink roses.

Covers were laid for eleven tables and each table was centered by a pink candle, tied with greenery and silver ribbon. A delicious dessert of stuffed angel food cake and saited nuts was served. Several progressions of bridge were played after which a quiz pertaining to a wedding was enjoyed.

The hostesses, assisted by Mrs. Ernest Spain and Mrs. Wayland Hunsucker, served sandwiches, puffs, nutty fingers and hot spiced punch.

Prizes were awarded Mrs. Gram Olive, Mrs. Druid Hobgood and Mrs. T. W. Worthington.

The bride-elect was presented a place setting of china in her chosen pattern. Mrs. Henry Halslip, a recent bride, was remembered with a lovely vase.

PANELESS PHEASANT HUNT Denver—(AP)—George K. Smith went hunting but it was Mrs. Smith who bagged the family's only pheasant. A low-flying bird crashed through the living room window in the Smith's south Denver home. It was a pretty expensive pheasant dinner, Smith said—\$9.85 for a new window.

The word "robot," used to describe mechanical devices, is derived from the Czech word "robit," meaning work.

TODAY And CHRISTMAS DAY

Advertisement for 'LASH LA RUE' and 'FUZZY ST. JOHN' featuring 'DEAD MAN'S GOLD' with names Peggy Stewart, John Cason, Terry Frost.

Also "Sea Hound" No. 14 Comedy - Cartoon

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Advertisement for 'Greetings TO ALL OUR FRIENDS' from 'Friendly Beauty Shop'.

Advertisement for 'Christmas GREETINGS' from 'The Watch Shop' by H. B. GASKINS, Owner.

Large advertisement for 'EFIRD'S Department Store' featuring a Santa Claus illustration, the text 'Merry Christmas', and the slogan 'The foundation of all business is friendship'.



May there be Happiness tied up with every Gift on Your tree!

Five Points Grill

BOB HOPE "THE PALEFACE" COMEDY RIOT



Bob Hope gives the gals a break — he thinks, in this scene from "The Paleface" showing Monday - Tuesday at Pitt.

It's Up To Police To Save Stranded Fish

Vevey, Switzerland—(AP)—Whether they like it or not Swiss police in this area are going fishing. A

dry fall left the streams in this region so low that the bigger trout are finding it difficult to stay in water deep enough to support them. The police have been ordered to catch them alive and set them free in the Lake of Geneva where there is plenty of deep water.

Shoeshine Boy Is Now Prosecutor

Baldwin, Mich.—(AP)—A former shoeshine boy is now prosecuting attorney of this Lake county seat taking office as of Jan. 1. He is Percy Langster, a Negro the first of his race to take the oath of office in the United States as a duly elected prosecutor, according to the records of the American Bar Association.

The 58-year-old Langster won his distinction last Nov. 2 by beating a White opponent by 1,138 to 986 votes. It was perhaps inevitable that his campaign should have been marked by some anti-Negro sentiment. The Negro attorney chose to overlook most of it. But he answered one report, that Negroes would "run wild" in Lake county if he were elected, with effective scorn. "There is no more reason to believe," he said, "that Negroes will run wild when I am prosecutor than to say that White persons ran wild during the administration of Mr. Cooper (his predecessor)." The law treats all persons alike and law violators among my race will be prosecuted as quickly as White violators.

Food Outlook . . .

(Continued from page one) the same. Canned fruit juice supplies will be ample. Supplies of frozen foods are swinging upward, with packers attempting to meet consumer demand for such basic items as fruits, vegetables, fish and poultry. And it looks as if there would be more frozen strawberries for shortcake all the year round. No one is making any predictions about what the price of frozen foods will be. More fresh vegetables for the family table this winter is the word. Plenty of white potatoes and dry beans for the winter but supplies of sweet potatoes are smaller this year than they were. Canned vegetables, in ample supply will help make menu-planning easier. No one with a sweet tooth need worry. In 1948 our diet had a little more carbohydrate than it did two years ago because we got plenty of sugar . . . and supplies ahead are ample.

North Atlantic . . .

(Continued from page one) inevitably come from the United States. Estimates of the cost to us of military supplies for the Western nations in the first year range from \$1,000,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000. Our own armed forces, say diplomatic sources, should not be weaker than planned in last year's military program. And some experts now say that the \$15,000,000,000 defense budget which the President is said to contemplate would not provide money enough to make possible the expansion which was planned last year. 2. We would be committed to resist aggression in Europe. This doesn't mean that we would pledge ourselves to go to war, as that could be unconstitutional. We can go to war only when Congress has declared war. It is likely, according to well informed officials, that the U.S. will agree to a pledge similar to that made with the American republics at Rio de Janeiro on Sept. 2, 1947. That agreement provided that "an armed attack by any state against an American state shall be considered as an attack against all American states." And in case of attack, all the nations would immediately join for consultations as to the next step. The idea of U.S. armed resistance to foreign colonization or invasion of any independent Western Hemisphere nation is not new. It was implicit in the doctrine which President Monroe laid down in his message to Congress in 1823. It was broadened in the Act of Chapultepec in 1945, when the American Republics as a group agreed to look upon an attack against any of them as an attack upon all.

Babson . . .

(Continued from page one) Railroad labor, leagued with labor in other industries, is immensely more powerful politically than railroad shareholders. Railroad employees as a class are as worthy of their hire as laborers in any other industry. I feel nevertheless that railroad treasuries are just as vulnerable to labor greed today as they were vulnerable in former times to the avarice of looting capitalists,—such as Jay Gould and Jim Fiske. Railroads And Next Depression Advancing costs have lifted to the highest point in history the level of activity that the railroads must maintain to avoid deficits. This implies that the carriers will be more vulnerable than ever during the next depression. A decline of 10 per cent in gross earnings could eliminate all dividends and income bond interest in the case of some roads. Before the recent Presidential Election, the Interstate Commerce Commission showed an inclination to boost rail rates sufficiently to offset successive wage advances. It now seems logical to expect that the ICC will pay some heed to the "mandate" of November 2 and proceed more slowly when authorizing rate boosts that run counter to Mr. Truman's campaign against high prices and further inflation. Recent Supreme Court Decision Current plans of many businesses to relocate near sources of supply, or to decentralize in order to cut distance to markets, reveal two more unfavorable influences on railroad traffic volume. This movement will be hastened by the Supreme Court decision on Base Point Pricing. The railroads will always be with us and will always offer the best means of transportation for bulky heavy freight. But for the sort of traffic they can definitely retain from their competitors, the railroads are overbuilt. Hence, a long period of deflation appears in prospect for their junior securities, with nationalization a possibility.



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.

Scott Motor Sales Scott Service Station



Hope, Love and Peace . . . the true splendor of Christmas. Let us make those words live . . . with an open door . . . a warm handclasp . . . a gift token of the Day a ringing of Merry Greetings and most important of all . . . attendance at Church.

Carolina Dairy Products



Greetings and best wishes to our friends and patrons for a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Palace Barber Shop

W. C. STOKES B. T. BATSON ELBERT HUDSON AMOS HUDSON



Jolly Old Santa pops up to say, MERRY CHRISTMAS

Collins Grocery Co. West Ninth Street



Greetings

To all of our customers and friends, old and new, we express our deep appreciation for your patronage. May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Jewelry Co. "Your Jewelers" Since 1901

It's All Greek

Athens—(A)—So you want to learn Greek? It's very easy, the Greeks declare. Especially, if you know whether you wish to write your girl

friend or a diplomat; or whether you want to discuss philosophy or order apples from the corner grocer. You simply must know these

things they say, to keep from being crossed up on such everyday items as your shoes and bread. If you're asking for bread, you call it "psomi." If you write it, it's "artos." If you mail an order to your shoemaker, your shoes are "ypomidama." If you telephone him, they're "papoutsia." (English characters substituted for the strange Greek alphabet.)

Many persons, including foreigners here, talk fluently but can't puzzle out a newspaper headline. Others can read the gossip columns, but can't digest the editorials. A lot of scholars can understand Homer and then can't call for a glass of water. The man in the street speaks a language of his own, full of Turkish and Italian words. He can neither read nor write and never heard of grammar. The politician knows how to talk to him when he's after his vote. And, if you're going to buy your own apples, you'll have to learn, too.

The stilted official language mostly written, preserves much from the ancient, and would appear familiar to Socrates or Plato. It is employed in documents of state, newspaper editorials and learned articles. The remainder of the newspaper is in the breezy highbrow conversational medium of the upper and middle classes.

of Urals trackage passenger trains; now announced in "Izvestia" that electric passenger trains are continued to run on steam. It is between Chelyabinsk and Zlatoust ready running.

A Parade Of Holiday Hits!

SUNDAY — MONDAY

THE MOST EXCITING
*Seafaring
Adventure*
OF YOUR LIFE!

AUTHENTIC THRILLS...DRAWING ACTION
and a STRANGE ROMANCE
BORN OUT OF VENGEANCE!



ALYCE LOUIS · JAMES CARDWELL
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Also Latest News — Cartoon — Comedy

FRIDAY — SATURDAY
William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy
in
"STRANGE GAMBLE"

For That Last Minute Shopping Give Theatre Ticket Books—

\$1.00 — \$2.50 — \$5.00

To you, our friends and patrons, from the management and the entire staff, we wish every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Gene
AUTRY

in
"CAROLINA
MOON"

With
SMILEY BURNETTE

Also
"TEX GRANGER" No. 9
Cartoon — Comedy

Wednesday—Thursday

Johnny
Mack Brown

In His Newest
Western Thriller
"HIDDEN
DANGER"

With
RAYMOND HATTON
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It's That Rare
Roguish, Rollicking
5th Ave. Story.



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"IT HAPPENED ON
5TH AVENUE"

Cartoon Fun—
"DON'T LOOK NOW"

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Betty Grable Dan Daily
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Technicolor
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CHRISTMAS CHEER

A BAG FULL OF HAPPINESS
FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY—

Christmas Day
And Sunday



They call it
LOVE!
You'll call it the
year's **HAPPIEST**
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Joan FONTAINE
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"YOU GOTTA
STAY HAPPY"
with EDDIE ALBERT

ROLAND YOUNG · WILLARD PARKER · PERCY KILBRIDE

THE FUN
IS TERRIFIC!!
ALSO NEWS
OF THE WORLD

Holiday Prices ... 44c Adults All Day
Children — 69c



Tuesday — Wednesday
BOB HOPE JANE RUSSELL
in riot of fun "THE PALEFACE"

For a very
Merry Christmas

None of us is so young that we cannot understand the beautiful meaning of Christmas and none of us so old and worldly that we cannot be reminded of the first message of Christmas, "Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men". For we all come to realize that the good things in life emanate from the desire to serve our fellow man. It is in this spirit that we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HOME FURNITURE STORE
1926
Corner Dickinson Ave. & 8th St. Dial 2879

"Come all ye faithful.."

As the glad notes ring out, and the young voices of the choristers blend in joyous unison, we extend our heartfelt greetings for the Yuletide. May the spirit of Christmas bless you throughout the New Year!

Many thanks for your past favors and we hope you will favor us again in 1949.

Quinn-Miller, and Stroud

Merry Christmas to You!

As our gift to you . . . we're proud to pledge continued, faithful service!

First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n.

Thanks, generous friends, for your patronage!

J. Hicks Corey

Thanks for the good gift of your patronage!

Nicholl's Market

May you enjoy your holiday with the same heartfelt pleasure we take in serving you!

Folger Buick Co., Inc.

The best of wishes to the best of people . . . our customers!

J. Bryan Brown

Pure Oil Dealer

It's been fun serving you throughout the year.

Tadlock's Mutual Ins. Agency

Your friendly patronage is warmly appreciated.

The Bootery

Holiday happiness, for now and evermore.

Pete Freeland Service

The best of wishes to you and yours.

Saslow's

It's a tradition we like . . . wishing good friends well!

Rainbow Cleaners And Laundry

It's been a privilege to serve you through 1948.

Wyatt Brown's
Cascade Laundry

We wish this greeting were a hearty handclasp for each of our good friends.

D. H. Conley

Supt. Pitt County Schools

Please count among your many gifts, our continued friendly service!

Brewer Insulation Service, Inc.

J. B. BASS, Rep. — Dial 2842

We're all wrapped up in wishes for your happiness!

Ruel W. Tyson

Sheriff Pitt County

We consider your patronage a generous gift. Let us reciprocate with a whole New Year of grateful service!

Saad's Shoe Shop

Next to College View Laundry

Belgian Children Always Get First Visit From Santa

By WILLIAM ANDERSON
Brussels —Belgian children, unlike their counterparts the world over, are not awaiting the coming of Santa Claus. They already welcomed him on Dec. 6.

This date is the name-day of St. Nicholas, patron saint of children, from whose name the Anglo-Saxon words "Santa Claus" are derived. The 6th, in Belgium, is purely for children. Adults have little to do except the good man.

In Belgium the shops start very early with decorations and other signs of the times. From the beginning of November, the big chain stores devote most of their window-space to the legendary figure in his bishop's hat, staff and long flowing red cloak.

Every shop pays tribute to the "bonhomme" according to its class of business. Pastry shops are full of traditional sugar pigs, chocolate santas and chocolate donkeys carrying sacks of sweets. One department store this year devoted much of its window-space to a panorama of the "Enchanted Forest" where good represented by St. Nicholas, fights evil represented by a witch. The "good" part of the forest was full of dancing fairies and frolicking mechanical animals. The witch's domain featured such necties as children-eating trees, dragons, and a most life-like snake.

Another large store devoted itself to the Nursery of 2000 A. D. In this piece of mechanical ingenuity, one nurse, herself a robot operates a switch panel which controls the washing, feeding, spanking, teaching and even "diapering" of dozens of little dolls.

Every store has a Santa Claus. Some indeed have several. Each store employs different means of proclaiming the arrival of its Santa. Bang up to date was the much-publicized arrival in Brussels of one chain store santa. He came down from heaven—where the Belgian santa lives—with the help of the Belgian Airways and a Dakota. On arrival at the airways terminal, he stepped into an old mail-coach, decorated for the occasion and to fanfares from accompanying trumpeters, toured the streets of Brussels. Hundreds of children attended this particular arrival.

In the schools, teachers are telling and retelling the story of Saint Nicholas. The children learn how the bad butcher captured the three little boys and turned them into bacon. How the all-knowing saint got to know of it, and pretending to be a customer visited the butcher. The latter, the story goes on, realized who his customer was and prayed for forgiveness. Santa forgave him saying his conscience would punish him enough. All over Belgium little faces light up when by a miracle the good man restores the three boys to life and happiness, thus proving that good will always triumph over evil.

However the big night for grown-ups in Belgium is still New Year's. Greeting cards and presents are exchanged and everyone is on holiday after a meal which may last for

hours. Belgians get down to their feet upon Surprip-1948 reuorppen intersperse with dancing, singing and parlour games till the morning.

19,000 Refugees In Europe Hunt For New Homes

Geneva—(P)—A total of 19,224 refugees left Germany, Austria, Italy and other European countries for new homes in Europe and abroad in September and 1,210 more were repatriated, mostly to Poland, the International Refugee Organization says.

Canada offered homes to most of the refugees, receiving 5,888. Palestine took 3,811, Venezuela 2,100, Argentina 1,813, France 1,155, Australia 1,032 and the United Kingdom 814. Smaller numbers of these homeless victims of the war went to a score of other countries.

The total number of refugees re-established since IRO began operations July 1, 1947 is now over 300,000. At the end of September 555,300 refugees were still receiving IRO care and maintenance.

Sweden Losing Its Millionaires

Stockholm—(P)—The number of Swedish millionaires is decreasing. At the end of 1947 Sweden had 809 millionaires (a million crowns is \$278,000) against 1,018 a year before.

Persons with a half and a third million crowns were also fewer, while all the smaller categories, owning from 20,000 to 300,000 crowns had become more numerous.

Fliers Jibe At Soviet Promises

Berlin—(P)—The men of the Allied airlift who fly food and fuel to western Berlin over the Soviet blockade are jibing at the Russians through their own newspaper, the "Task Force Times."

The American and British fliers are laughing, particularly, at Russian propaganda promises to supply the entire city food and coal. One such jab purports to repeat a joke said to have originated in Russian occupied Saxony. This says: "Americans are supplying Germany with food by air, the British by ship while the Russians send their supplies by radio."

AFE STACKS COINS

Sydney, Australia—(P)—Tang, Melbourne Zoo's orang-outang, is orderly. On holidays Tang is offered many coins by visitors. Recently his keeper found a neatly stacked pile of pennies in a corner of his cage. Tang's takings for the day amounted to \$1.48.

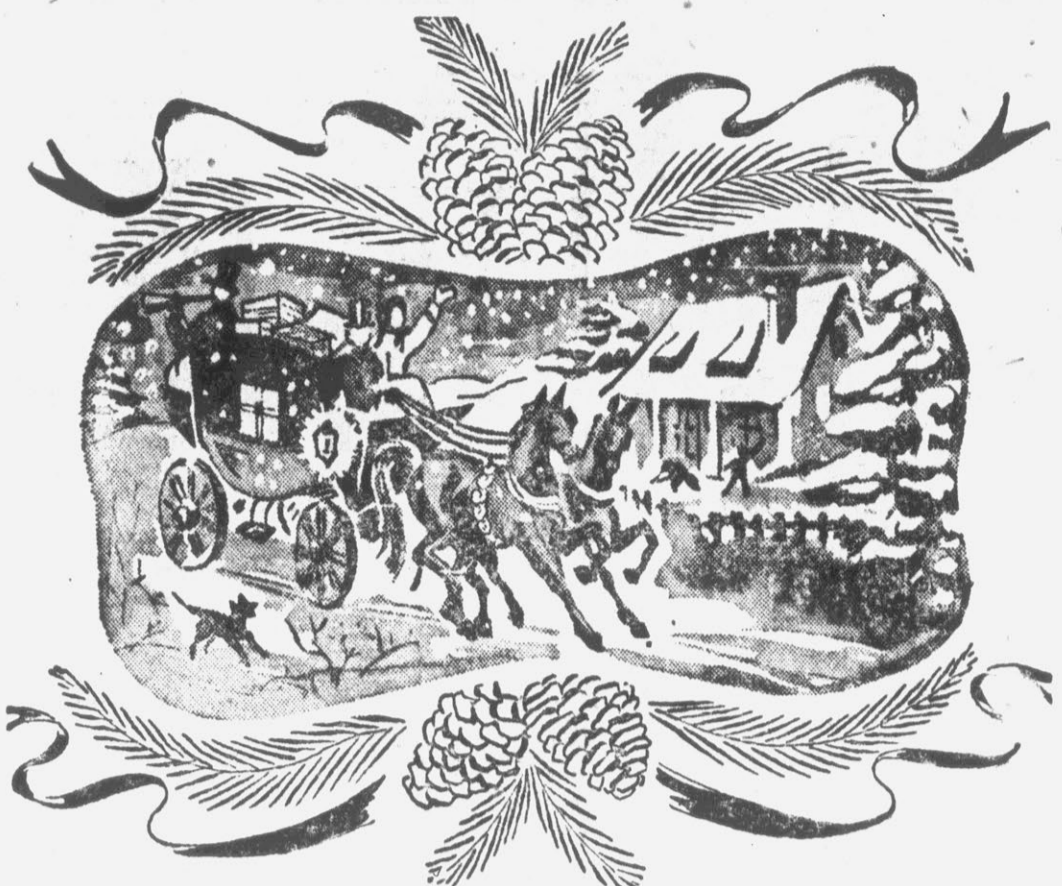


Season's Greetings

A warm and friendly wish of cheer, For Christmas and the coming year.



Bell's Coal & Wood Yard



Season's Greetings

It is the "wealth" of good will, and the "strength" of good fellowship that make for a Merrier Christmas and a Happier New Year.

People's Bakery



Greetings

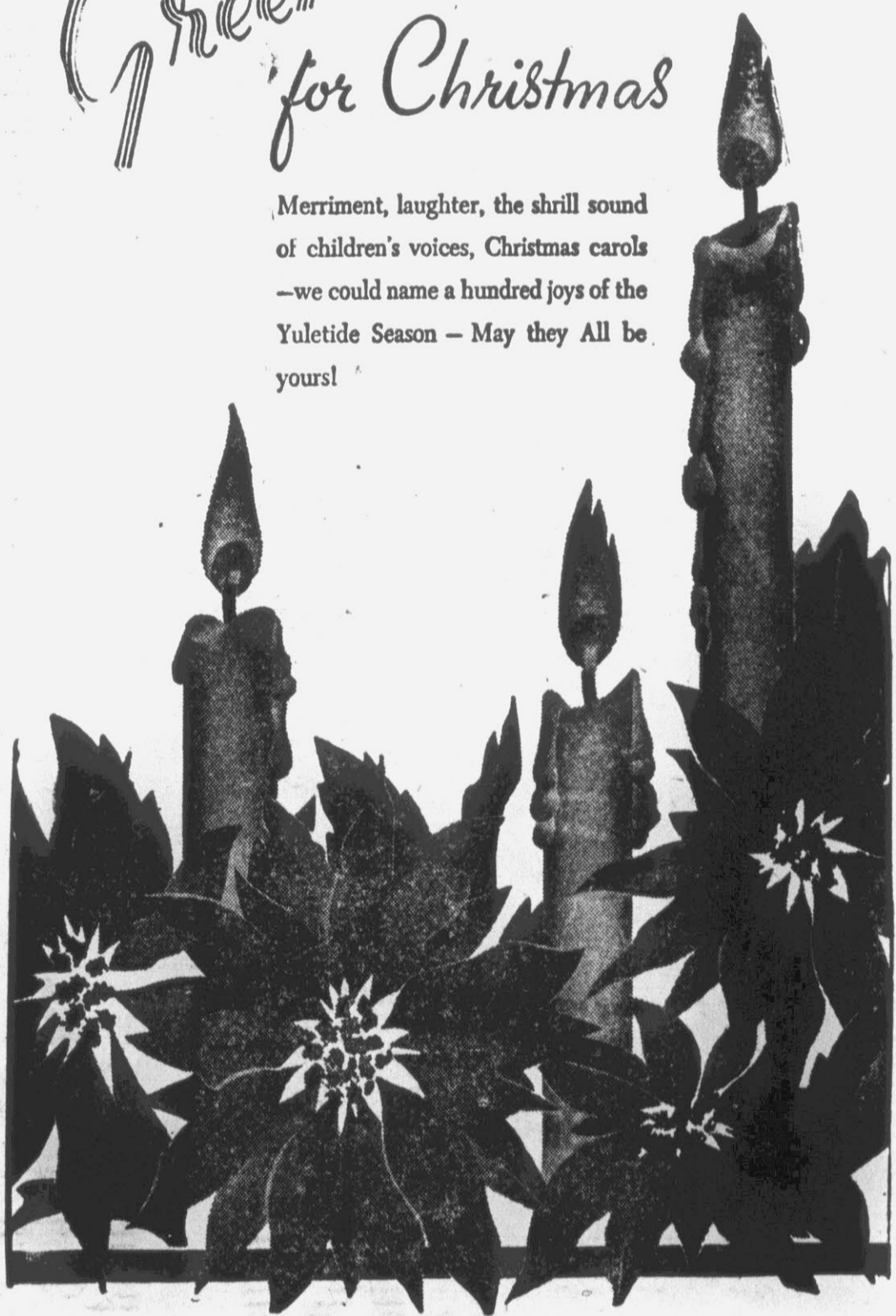
To our many friends—old and new—May the spirit of Christmas linger with you to brighten every day of the New Year.

Southern Supply Co.

Firestone

Greetings for Christmas

Merriment, laughter, the shrill sound of children's voices, Christmas carols—we could name a hundred joys of the Yuletide Season—May they All be yours!



College View Cleaners & Laundry

Carols Survived Ages Of Censure . . . Modification

By GERARD TETELY
(AP) Newsfeatures

Carols, dear to everyone at Christmas time, because of the simple emotions they evoke, are among the oldest forms of music. The first of them was the carol of the Heavenly Host over the plains of Bethlehem (Luke 11, 13-14) but the earliest manuscript of a carol is found in the British Museum in London executed in the thirteenth century.

The carol is perhaps the earliest form of the song and dance known to man, the derivation of the word itself being somewhat uncertain.

The more accepted derivatives are cantare, the Latin word for "to sing," and rola which is a joyous interjection. Some musicologists, however, find a different interpretation and contend that the word stems from the early wrd for chorus. Even more intriguing is the belief by some students that there is a relationship between druidical rites at Stonehenge in England, that mystic ring of monoliths. Carol is seen to be a vulgarization of Koroll, a circle, which same to mean a ring dance. Early records contain references to Stonehenge as the "carol."

The first book of carols was "auctorised by my lord of London" in 1562 and bore the title page "Christenmasse Carowies." Some of these were legendary and were drawn from the Coventry Mystery Play "Joseph Was an Old Man," also from some of the English folk tunes used as the vehicle for words relating to the Christ Child.

There seems little doubt that there is a pagan throwback to the carols carried into the Christian church. Religious dances were of record in Spain in the fifth century when the choir boys equipped with castanets capered, singing, around the lectern.

Carolling reached its musical height during the days of the Tudors although there is an historic reference in 1528 to the fact that when Henry VII lay very ill he forbade "carols, bells and merry-making."

The Puritans endeavored to do away with carols, holding that they had no religious significance and the Scottish people at an even earlier date had tried to suppress the lighter carols considering them "popish" and "pernicious."

As time went along, there was a tendency to widen the horizon of the carol and some of the good old drinking tunes were employed for the sacred words denoting the birth of Christ—no irreverence being intended, since carols were usually regarded as festive music.

The custom of singing carols from door to door is almost as old as the carols themselves. The first form was that of the watch maintained in nearly all

English mediaeval cities. The men of the watch would sing carol accompanied by a flageolet and they would collect pence from the gentry. In the West Riding of Yorkshire today children parade from house to house with "milly" boxes (mildy boxes) in which there is a crib and a recumbent babe and into which the money offered them is placed.

Rated among the most famous Christmas carols is "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks by Night" written by Nahum Tate in 1703.

Charles Wesley in the eighteenth century wrote "Hark How All the Welkin Rings" later paraphrased to "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Good King Wenceslas" which denotes the Christmas charity of the Bohemian Monarch, also ranks high. The repertoire increased as the carol custom spread through Europe to become known as Noels in France, and Wiegengled in Germany.

Donald Duck Has Easier Time In Dodging Censors

Singapore—(AP)—Donald Duck and his associates are about the only actors immune from Malaysia's film censor. That's because the censor, Jack Evans, has a soft spot for them.

"They're lucky, for under state of emergency regulations the censor is cracking down on moviedom. He has orders to cut out blood-and-thunder epics which might inspire trigger-happy terrorist elements to greater activity. Singapore's movie audiences favour serial dramas. They sit through 25 to 31 reels at a time without squirming.

Generally there's less serious gun-play in serials than in ordinary feature films on crime, censor Evans explains, so they can usually be passed. Dick Tracy beats Mrs. Miniver at the box office any day. But he has to compete with Donald.

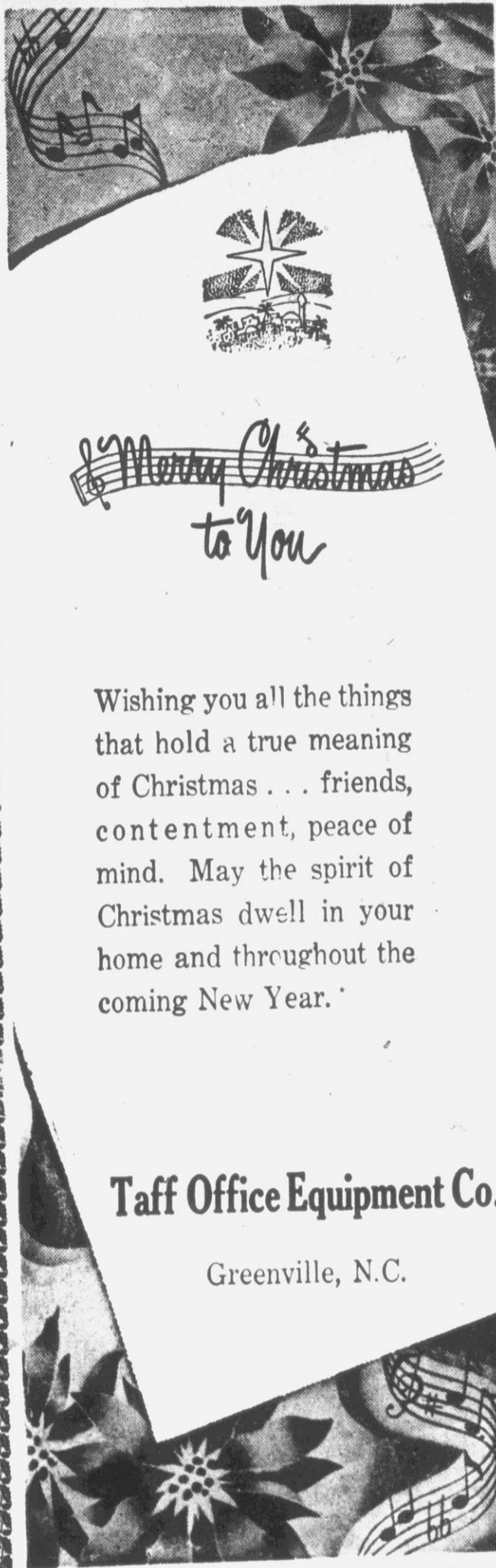
NEGLECT WAR MEDALS

London—(AP)—Talk about the Englishman's traditional reserve: The Royal Air Force says only one person in every five who are eligible to wear campaign stars and war medals have so far entered claims for them.

Ration Coupons For Food Forged

Hanover, Germany—(AP)—More than half the butter ration tickets handed into food shops in this city are forged, the ration authorities stated. In some shops more than 80 per cent of the coupons were forgeries.

The fakes are so good it is almost impossible to tell them from the genuine article, an official said.



Wishing you all the things that hold a true meaning of Christmas . . . friends, contentment, peace of mind. May the spirit of Christmas dwell in your home and throughout the coming New Year.

Taff Office Equipment Co.

Greenville, N.C.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

To Everybody--Everywhere

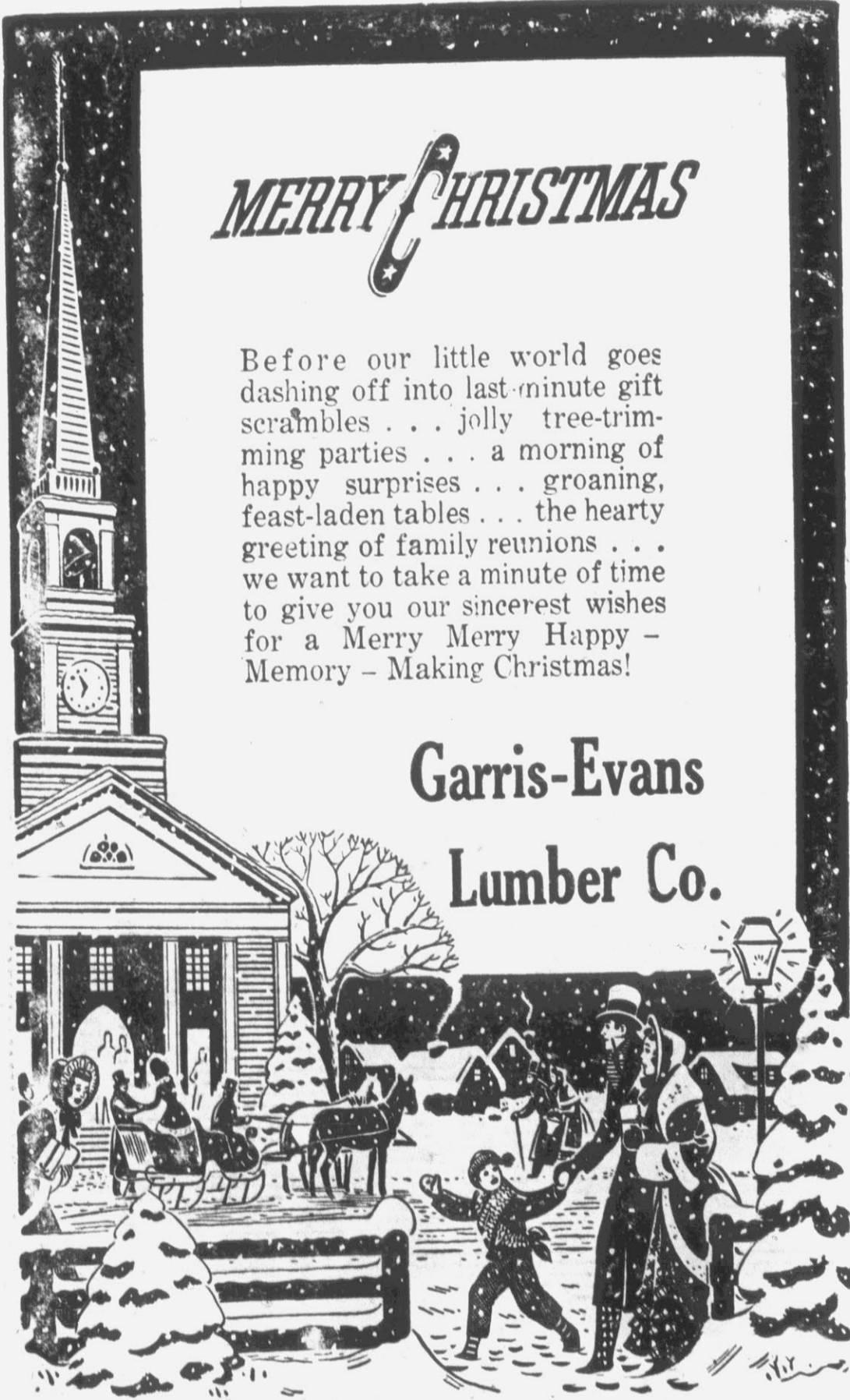
Home Building & Loan Association

Greenville, N. C.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Before our little world goes dashing off into last-minute gift scrambles . . . jolly tree-trimming parties . . . a morning of happy surprises . . . groaning, feast-laden tables . . . the hearty greeting of family reunions . . . we want to take a minute of time to give you our sincerest wishes for a Merry Merry Happy - Memory - Making Christmas!

Garris-Evans Lumber Co.



—and a prayerful hope that the "peace on earth" we are now enjoying will continue for all the Christmases to come . . . that "good will to men" throughout the world will be a heartening reality during the coming year—and that you, our friends and patrons, will have the health and happiness you deserve.

Honeycutt's Market

More 'Dads' Needed For Ailing Dolls Claims Fixer

By ELLIOTT CHAZE
 Denver—John McCourt and his wife Lucinda opened their doll hospital prior to the advent of the plastic kidney, the magic skin, the lovable skin, and the vulcanized panty.

Lucinda recalls that 21 years ago when they started the business in the garage of their Denver home, repair work was simply a matter of installing new arms, legs and eyes. Occasionally a doll developed a ache or lost a finger, but these were not run-of-the-mill ailments.

That, Lucinda emphasizes, was then.

This year's Christmas rush has flooded the downtown hospital with 2,500 ailing dolls. Many of them require new plumbing peculiar to the biology of the modern product. Mothers of the dolls not only insist that their "babies" drink water and milk; they want them equipped to drink "at the same rate of speed they did before they became ill," Lucinda says. She adds:

From the bottom of our hearts we wish for all four good friends a Yuletide brimming over with merriment and all the good things.

"The mothers have become as complex as the dolls. They sulk if we don't refer to their Susie as a "baby." They demand we hold the babies properly, bracing the spine with the flat of the hand.

"They phone at all hours with questions and advice: "Susie all right now? She eating? That baby wouldn't eat a thing at home. Whatever you do don't keep her in the dark. She hates the dark."

Lucinda has found that the doll's hair must be combed gently in the parent's presence. And when a new wig is required the mother has been known to instruct: "When you pull the old hair out, don't pull it out hard."

John McCourt sniffs audibly when Lucinda goes dreamy over this mother-love business. He says that nowadays many a perfectly good doll is orphaned, replaced by some costlier creature with more advanced bathroom babies. He says the only time he was ever really impressed by a child's affection for a doll, was when he repaired one for a 12-year-old boy.

"The boy's mother had died," John says. "About the only thing she left behind was a big old doll with a cracked plaster head. He brought it to me and when I told him how much it would cost to fix it the big

tears began rolling down his cheeks. He said he only had a dollar, offered to do any kind of work for me if I'd only please fix it.

"I'll never forget the look on that kid's face when he saw the completed job. He picked it up and danced around the shop with it, hugging it to him. Mind you, he was a big husky boy, and not a sissy. He danced around and around and then he held the doll away from him and started bawling real hard. "Isn't she beautiful?" he said. "Isn't she beautiful." Then he sat down on a bench and held the doll on his knee a long time. He just sat there looking out the window and holding the doll."

John McCourt, says more dolls need fathers like that. The mothers are getting too fickle for his taste.

Old Continental Is Found In Book

Berlin—(AP)—It was an ordinary looking book but the title interested Capt. Richard H. Lake. He paid three marks and took the book home.

Lake noticed a piece of brown paper pasted on the inside of the back cover. He tore it off. In a little receptacle gouged out of the cover lay a one-dollar bill issued in 1779 by the Continental Congress. It guaranteed the holder one dollar credit in the United States of America, then three years old, and in the middle of a whacking war.

Lake hasn't any idea what it is worth as a collector's item today, if anything. "But it cost me only three marks. That's 90 cents. And it guarantees me a dollar. So I stand to make a dime," he said.

Sweden's King Is Due For Pension

Stockholm—(AP)—Ninety-year-old King Gustaf of Sweden will receive 1,000 crowns in old age pension a year, if he sends in an application. Crown Prince Gustave Adolf will be entitled to the same amount next year.

According to the new census registration regulations all Swedish citizens must be registered and all registered citizens are entitled to old age pension from the age of 67.

The king and the crown prince have so far not applied for the pension.

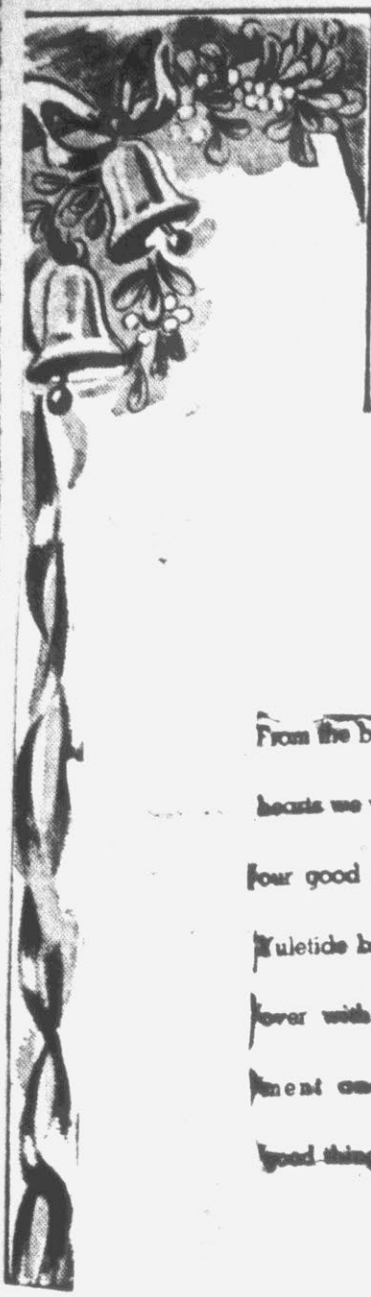
PARCEL POST HELD UP
 Bern, Switzerland—(AP)—Parcel post from Switzerland to the Russian zone of Germany and all sectors of Berlin has been suspended indefinitely as a result of "transport difficulties," the Swiss post office says.

Housewives Run After Dinner

Pocklington, Eng.—(AP)—The people of Pocklington, housewives included, tore off in pursuit when fat steers—local meat ration for the week—jumped a slaughterhouse fence and headed for the Yorkshire moors.

They caught them all—the last one three villages, ten miles and eight hours later.

Said a tired housewife: "What would you do? That was our Sunday dinner."



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

One of the real pleasures of Christmas is the genuine joy of wishing happiness and good health to our many friends.

Saieed's

Askew's Market And Askew's Fruit Store



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.

Bostic-Sugg Furniture Co., Inc.



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.



Globe Hardware Co.

Father Takes Up Dead Son's Work With Children

Indianapolis—(AP)—At the age of 73, Louis H. Reynolds thought his life's work—days were behind him, until he remembered the work his son left when he died. Thinking back over the things Police Capt. Golden A. Reynolds had told him about the juvenile aid division, the retired railroad man offered his services free to the juvenile court's probation department. Today he's a volunteer worker in the Marion County Juvenile Center.

"I was always so busy rearing a family that I didn't have time to consider the problem of unfortunate children," Reynolds said. The son had built a reputation as a friend of neglected children while he served as head of the juvenile aid division. Six weeks after Capt. Reynolds' death, his mother died. Louis Reynolds, left alone, remembered what his son had said:

"There are so many kids who have never had anyone who really and honestly cared about them."

Father Reynolds found he got along fine with the boys at the juvenile center. He'd been a school teacher before he went into railroad work.

"Maybe I can get them straightened out again," he said.

He was given hearty welcome in his new job. Juvenile Court Judge Joseph O. Hoffman and Charles Boswell, chief probation officer for Marion County, issued a joint statement:

"We feel that the more association the delinquent children have with mature persons, the better their chances of getting straightened out." Reynolds is happy just to "carry on for Golden."

Asserts English Need Scientists

Stafford, England—(AP)—Britain needs at least 200,000 scientific and technical workers—twice as many as it has now—says Dr. C. P. Snow, wartime director of scientific appointments for the government. Opening new electrical training laboratories at Staffordshire county technical college, he said that "the scarcity of scientists is a problem more vital than the shortage of raw material."

At present Dr. Snow is director of technical personnel for the English Electric Co. at Stafford. The company contributed \$40,000 worth of equipment to the college and gives its apprentices time off to attend the school.

CHORUS GIRLS WANT MONEY

London—(AP)—British chorus girls want more money. Through the actors' trade union, Equity, stage lovers are demanding a minimum weekly wage of \$32. Present minimum is \$20.

Swap In-Laws!

London—(AP)—Marriage going on the rocks because you have to live with your in-laws?

Then swap with another couple and live with their in-laws.

Ninety-six young couples at suburban Hendon says it works. They're doing it until they can find homes of their own.

This way, says W. F. Gow, of the local housing committee—which organized the exchange—everybody's happier. Young couples feel they're "independent tenants" instead of "being in the way," have fewer domestic tiffs through mother-in-law butting in, and take better care of the furniture.

List Extent Of Aid For Greece

Athens—(AP)—More than one and a half million tons of relief and aid supplies have been brought into Greece under the American mission and European Recovery programs since August, 1947.

The Economic Cooperation Administration mission announced a total of 1,529,611 tons of supplies were imported here between August 21, 1947 and October 31, 1948.

The supplies included 352,075 tons of military cargoes; 724,506 tons of food stuffs; 85,729 tons, coal; 289,139 tons, petroleum products; 42,742 tons agricultural supplies and equipment; 32,309 tons industrial raw materials; 2,556 tons, sanitation supplies and equipment; 424 tons, medical and pharmaceutical supplies; 114 tons supplies and equipment for construction work, and 17 tons, automotive tools and equipment.

Ad Pointed Up House Shortage

Torquay, England—(AP)—Mrs. M. L. Andrews advertised a house for rent.

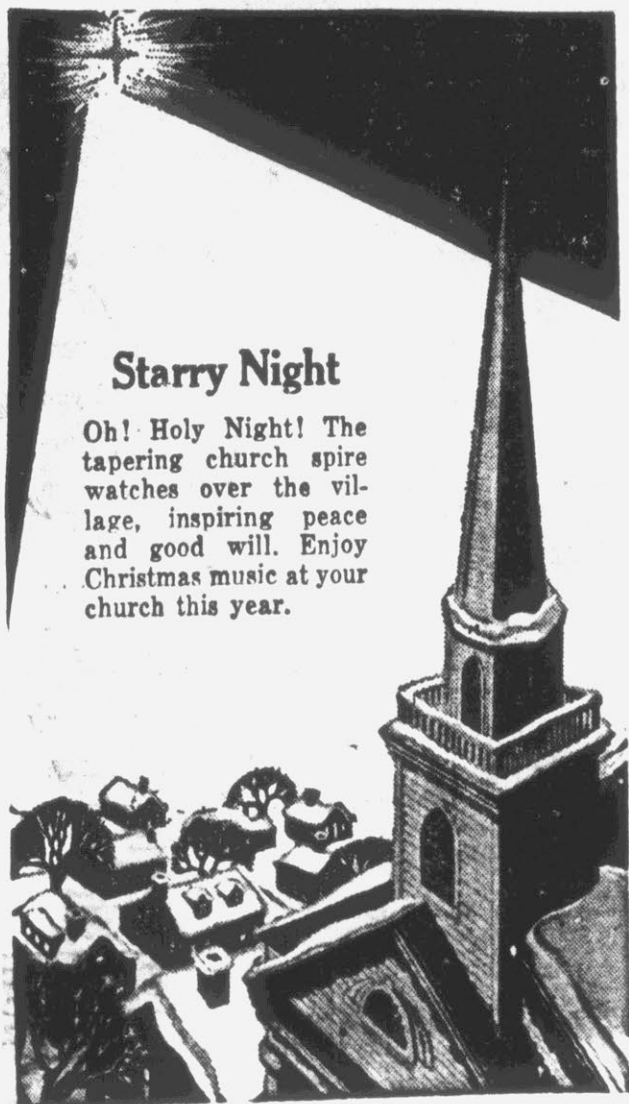
A few minutes after the paper hit the street the first (and successful) applicant arrived by taxi—followed by 90 others, right up to midnight. Two telegrams came. Next day the mailman staggered up with 300 letters.

Said Mrs. Andrews, appalled: "I'm afraid to answer the door."

Argentina Ends Quiz Prize Issue

Buenos Aires—(AP)—Quiz program directors here don't have to rack their brains any more to think up new prizes. And manufacturers won't get any more free publicity out of supplying them, either.

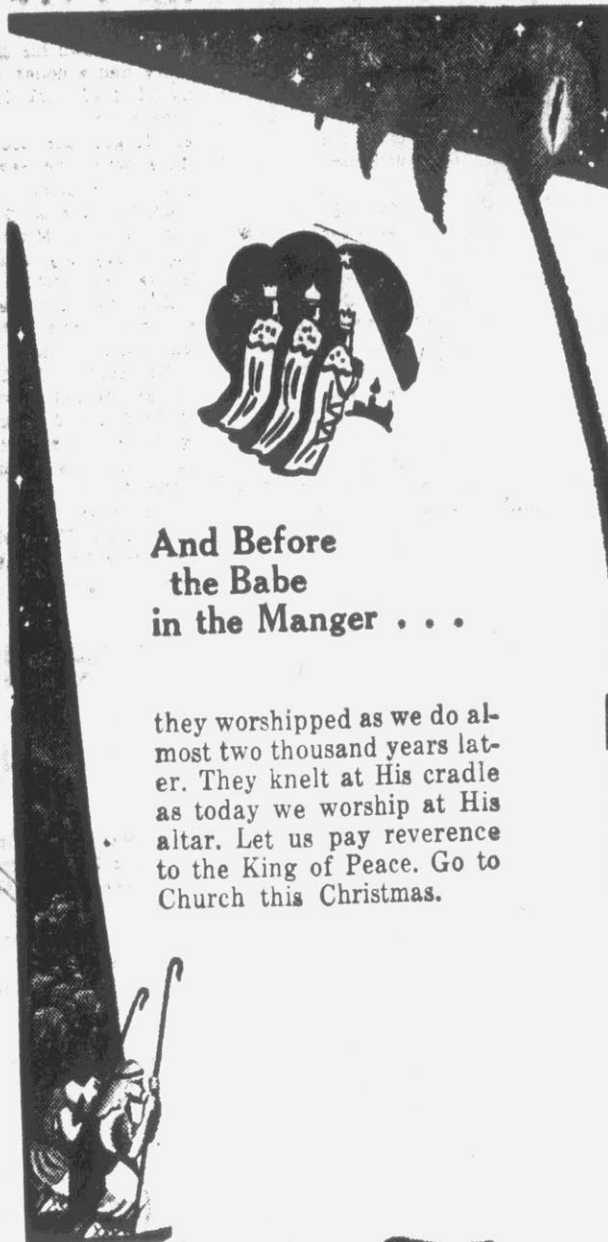
The federal government has come out for same prize giving. Its definition of same is "postal savings bank certificates, postal savings stamps, school books or school equipment." Other prizes are banned.



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.

Kittrell's Texaco Service Station

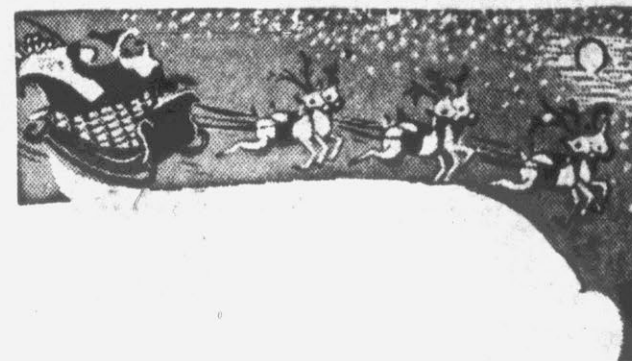


And Before the Babe in the Manger . . .

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.



B. & N. Motor Sales Company



Greetings

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



State Bank & Trust Co.



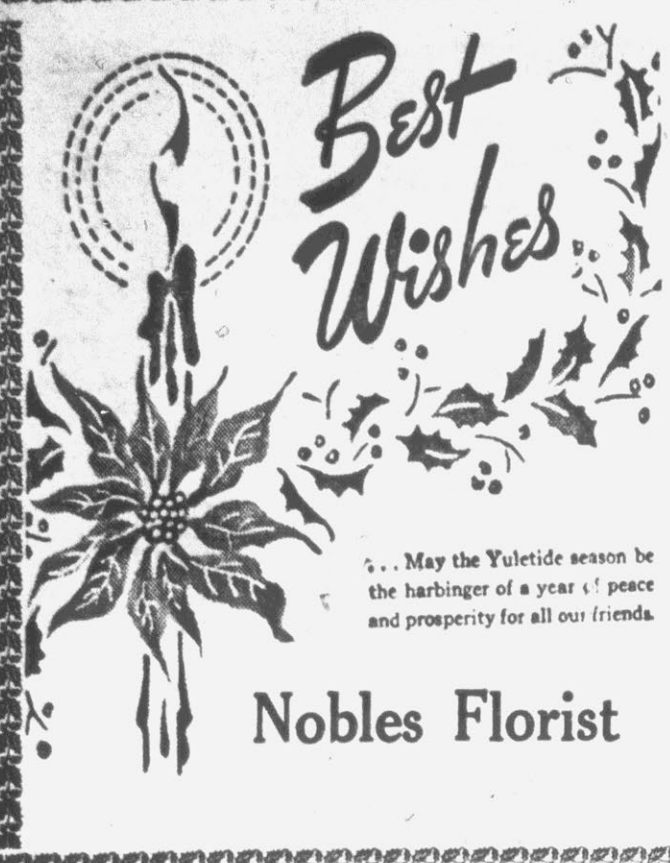
Merry CHRISTMAS

And A Very Prosperous New Year To All.
C. Heber Forbes



Season's Greetings
to you and your family
FROM
YOUR CHEVROLET DEALER

White Chevrolet Co., Inc.



Best Wishes

... May the Yuletide season be the harbinger of a year of peace and prosperity for all our friends.

Nobles Florist

Record Number Graduates Earn College Degrees

New York—(AP)—A record breaking number of degrees were earned by college graduates during the year 1947-48.

According to Robert C. Story, Educational Statistician, U. S. Office of Education, approximately 314,000 degrees were conferred during this period. This exceeds the previous record, set in 1939, by almost 100,000.

Of the group, 173,000 men and 95,000 women received the bachelor's degree and 46,000 advanced degrees.

On the bachelor's level most degrees conferred in business and commerce; in engineering and in education. The leading fields of study on the master's level were education, engineering, and business and commerce in the order named.

The universities granting the largest number of degrees included: New York University, 7,500; University of Minnesota, 6,359; University of California 6,307; University of Michigan 5,801; University of Illinois, 5,791; University of Wisconsin, 4,731.

Ancestral Home Is Up For Buyer

London—(AP)—Hunstanton Hall, ancestral home of the Lord High Admiral of The Wash is to be sold because of the "impossible burden of taxation." Home of the Le Strange family since the 13th century, this old landmark stands on the Norfolk shore of the Wash—a great bay between Norfolk and Lincolnshire. It was damaged by fire in 1853 but many priceless tapestries and old paintings still hang on its walls.

Its owner, Bernard Le Strange, the Squire and hereditary Lord High Admiral of The Wash, says he is obliged to sell the hall and gardens because of heavy taxes but will keep the rest of the estate.

The title "Admiral of The Wash" was conferred upon an ancestor of the 46-year old owner by King John for protecting the shore against invasion. With the title went the right to everything washed ashore on a ten mile stretch of coast.

Le Strange has moved his family to a stone stableman's cottage on the estate.

Americans own 75 per cent of the world's automobiles.

One-Fifth Of Students Go To Only 20 Institutions

New York—(AP)—Twenty percent of all college students in the United States are enrolled in 20 colleges and universities, says the U. S. Office of Education.

The figures, just released, are based upon returns from practically all of the Nation's 1,800 institutions of higher learning. Those show that out of a peak enrollment of 2,410,000 students, 486,267 are studying at New York University, (47,647); University of California, (43,469); City College of New York, (28,567); Columbia University, (28,000); University of Minnesota, (27,243); University of Illinois, (25,920); Ohio State University, (23,929); Northwestern University, (23,788); University of Indiana (23,191); University of Southern California, (22,740); University of Wisconsin, (22,353); University of Michigan (21,002); Syracuse University, (19,898); University of Texas (19,676); University of Pittsburgh, (19,526); University of Pennsylvania, (18,644); Boston University, (18,617); Wayne University (18,455); Temple University, (17,212); University of Washington, (16,550).

New York, says the office of Education, leads all other states again this year in number of persons enrolled, with a total of 123,912. California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio Texas and Michigan follow, with each registering total college enrollments of over 100,000.

Want Unification In Traffic Signs

Geneva—(AP)—European traffic experts have worked out a formula for giving motorists in most of Europe traffic signals and warnings in the same size and color, if not in the same language.

Working under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe, a working party on road traffic conditions has drafted recommendations. Some of the puzzling and hair raising signs now in use will be scrapped.

The experts also reached agreement on traffic light systems and a routine of signals for traffic policemen which will mean the same thing in any country. At present, the notions of traffic policemen are interpreted variously and a "go" sign in one country may mean the opposite a hundred miles away.

The recommendations of the working party are now being mailed to all governments of Europe for consideration. It is planned to include a uniform system in the international convention on road traffic now being drafted by the commission.

The traffic experts agreed that warning signs, such as those at crossroads, should be triangular in shape with a red border and with dark symbols on a light background. Prohibitory or mandatory signs, used for one-way streets and prescribed routes, would be circular, with a red border and white lettering on a blue background. Informative signs will be rectangular, with each country closing its color.

Holiday Greetings To You



We are adding our Season's Greetings to the many we are sure already surround you in warm Holiday spirit. Our best wishes to you and yours for a joyous Christmas... a Happy New Year—and a sincere hope that we may continue to serve you during the coming year!

Guaranty Bank & Trust Co.




Greetings

Best wishes for a very merry and joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Godfrey P. Oakley
INSURANCE

Merry Christmas to All



Dixie Lunch

Missionaries In Burma Retarded

Rangoon—(AP)—American missionary leaders are concerned over immigration laws which they say are hampering the scope of foreign missionary work in Burma.

Under Burmese law, a foreigner is forbidden residence in the country for a period of more than three months, except with permission of the Controller of Immigration. Extension, on application, is given only if the Controller is satisfied the presence of the foreigner is not detrimental to Burmese interests. This clause was introduced mainly to safeguard jobs. But no one is sure how it will be interpreted.

According to Forrest Smith, treasurer of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, the law is affecting missions, who are apprehensive that new men brought out from America may not be permitted to remain in the country after three months elapse. Smith pointed out that the only foreign missionaries now in Burma are the men who worked the field in prewar days. These returned to the country before the immigration laws were introduced and are unaffected.

He said representations to have the law changed have been made to the government.

Electricity For Russian Farms

Moscow—(AP)—Soviet collective farms have put into operation already this year more collective farm hydroelectric stations than were previously put into operation during the past thirty year.

The total capacity of the two thousand small power installations which use water power resources to furnish electricity to collective farms and which have been completed during 1948 is 105,000 kilowatts. This is equal to the capacity of a giant electric power station furnishing power for a large city.

On the eve of World War II, automobile registrations totaled 32,500,000 in the United States.

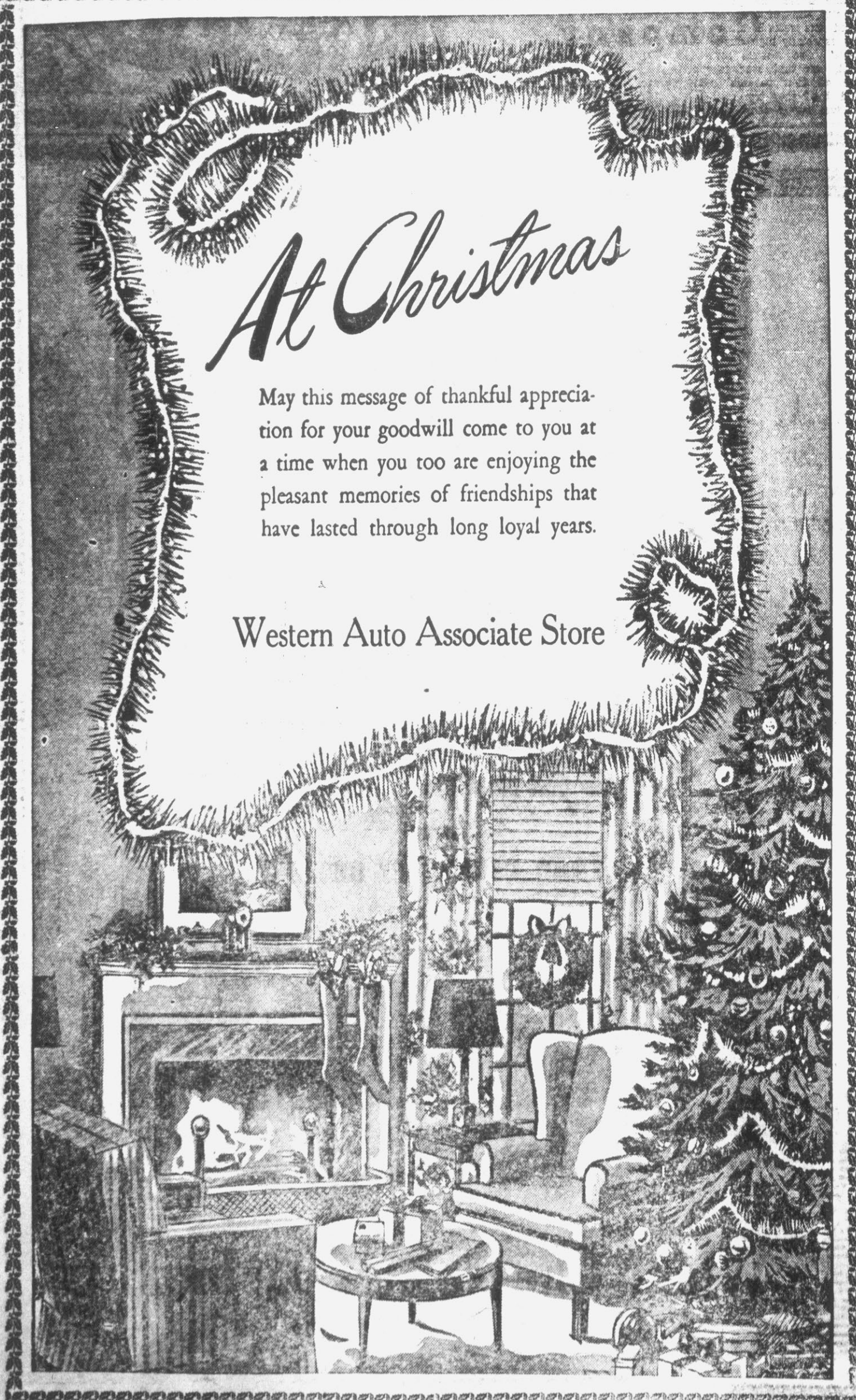
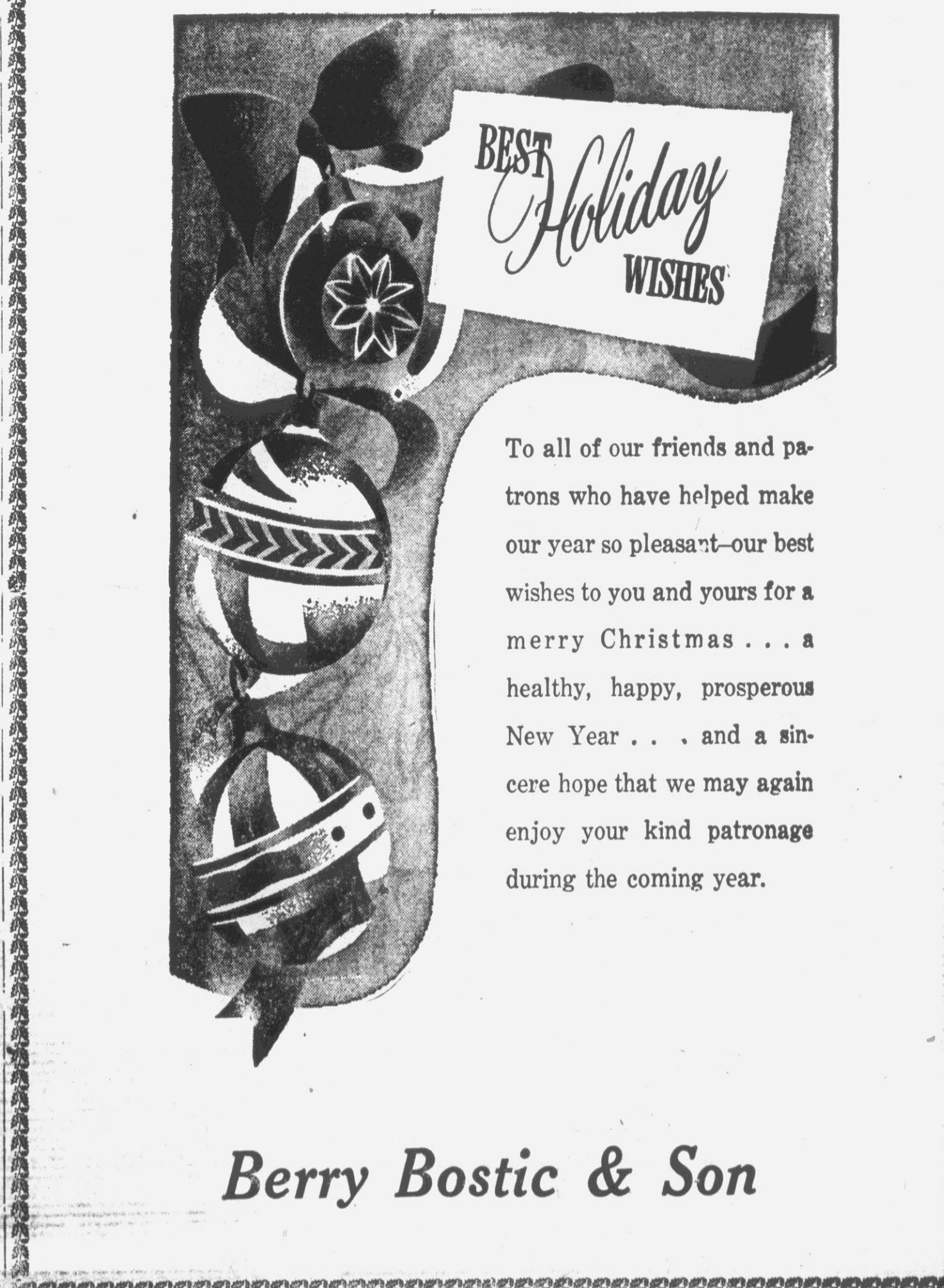
January brings coldest temperatures to the United States, but snowfalls average deeper in February.

Chicago averages about 58 snowfalls a year while New York has an average of about 35.

At Christmas

May this message of thankful appreciation for your goodwill come to you at a time when you too are enjoying the pleasant memories of friendships that have lasted through long loyal years.

Western Auto Associate Store

BEST Holiday WISHES

To all of our friends and patrons who have helped make our year so pleasant—our best wishes to you and yours for a merry Christmas... a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year... and a sincere hope that we may again enjoy your kind patronage during the coming year.

Berry Bostic & Son



Season's Greetings

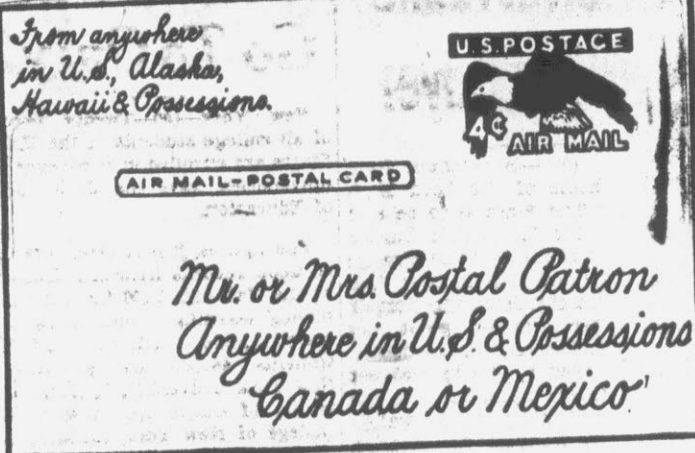
Best wishes for a joyous Christmas, a bright and prosperous New Year.



Hooker & Buchanan

"INSURANCE"

New Air Mail Postal Cards



To accommodate users of airmail, the U. S. Post Office Department will issue 4-cent air mail postal cards starting Jan. 10, 1949. The new card pictured here, will be of the regular postal card size with the new 4 cent stamp arranged horizontally in the upper right corner. The stamps will be printed red on a cream colored card. Collectors desiring first day cancellations may submit an order to the Postmaster, Washington 13 D. C. for not more than 5 postal cards, plainly indicating the full name and address for each card. The new card will NOT be enclosed unaddressed in outside wrappers. These new cards will be available at post offices throughout the country starting Jan. 11, 1949, or as soon thereafter as distribution will permit.

Active Organized Reserve Members Earn Retirement Benefit Credits

Members of the Organized Reserve Corps, who are participating in Army active reserve activities, are earning retirement benefits credits, according to a ruling by the Judge Advocate, Department of the Army. The announced ruling, which must be finally approved by the Comptroller General, has set the beginning date for earning retirement benefit credits as June 29, 1948.

Third Army officials at Fort Monmouth have pointed out that there are many army reservists in the Atlanta area. Those who are presently participating in Reserve activities are listed as Active Reservists. Those who are not participating in Reserve programs, or who are not affiliated with a Reserve organization, are carried on the inactive reserve roll.

Inactive reservists may be transferred to the active reserve list and begin to earn retirement credits, army officials have pointed out. While the basis for retirement credits to be awarded for membership in the Active Reserve, for active duty and for participation in scheduled drills and assemblies are obvious, no announcement can be made concerning full details until final agreement between the services on the subject.

It has been pointed out, also, that it is important that accurate records be maintained covering hours and dates of training of all types which may later become a basis for credits toward benefits. Application forms are in the process of being mailed to reservists who have submitted requests therefor and are tentatively considered eligible for retirement benefits. Upon receipt of a request an application form will be mailed to those individuals who have reached the age of

Holiday Safety Goes To School

Chicago—(P)—A nation-wide campaign has been launched here to help college students survive the Christmas holidays. Editors of 776 college newspapers, and magazines have been invited by Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company, in cooperation with the National Safety Council to conduct safe-driving campaigns aimed at students heading for Christmas vacations.

H. L. Kemper, company president, said the contest was designed to help flatten the top of the traffic fatality curve which usually reaches its peak during the holiday season. For all drivers, accidents during the holiday period are more than 50 per cent above average.

"Accidents involving young men and women of college age are considerably above the general average at any time of the year," he said "and the records show that they are especially high during the holidays." Two reasons for this, he said, are that students have the use of their parents' automobiles and that they try to cram a lot of fun into a short vacation.



Christmas is the time of the year when we can all best express our thanks for a year of plenty. Let us all open our hearts and help our not so fortunate neighbors.

Williams

"Ladies' Store"



A MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

It's Christmas again and we thank each and everyone of you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous patronage during this year. We owe our success to you and it is our sincere wish that this Christmas will bring you good health, happiness and prosperity.

From the Entire Personnel Of

Taft Furniture Co.

30 Years Continuous Furniture Service

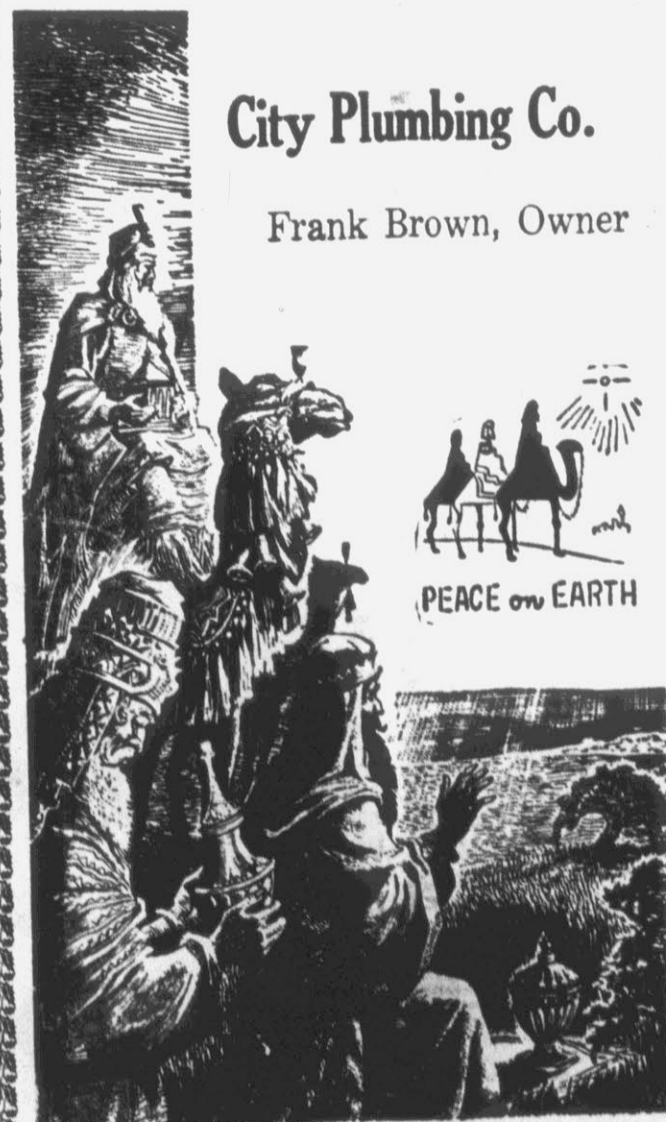


May the coming New Year bestow upon you good health, happiness and friendship—the most important possessions in life that money alone can't buy!

Diana Shops

A Joyous Noel

May the star of the wise men which shone from above, reflect down the years bringing goodwill to all men.



City Plumbing Co.

Frank Brown, Owner

Schacht Tried And Tried Again By German Courts

Berlin—For almost a half century, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht couldn't stay out of banks. Now he can't stay out of courts. The high-collared, bellicose banker is in a fair way to becoming the most-tried man in history. The Stuttgart deNazification Ministry says it will try him again as a major Nazi "offender." He was Hitler's minister of economics and president of the Reichsbank. He was convicted once and sentenced to

eight years. A German appeal court set that aside. The minister of deNazification appealed from the appeal and has the power under the deNazification law to keep trying a man as long as it doesn't like the decision.

Theo Hall, chief of the American deNazification branch for military government says the U. S. official position is that it is playing hands off in the Schacht affair. Never-

Judy's 'All Wrapped Up' In Christmas



FOR IT'S GOOD OL' SANTA TIME
Sings Judy Canova as she makes with the Yule spirit and starts wrapping her gifts.



THOSE DURN FIGTAILS
Always in the way. And how do you wrap ribbon around a round box anyway asks our heroine.



SHE STUCK WITH IT
Poor Judy finds herself all done up in cellophane tape. The box? It still has to be wrapped. But don't worry.



There'll Always Be a Hammer
And is Judy glad as she nails her Christmas spirit. Next year she'll know better.

AN OL' SWEDISH CUSTOM was said that this custom would Sweden originated Christmas help them live together happily custom of the family placing their and without quarreling during shoes together Christmas Eve. It the following year.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

There's no time like Christmas time to wish all of our friends—Good Cheer, Good Health and Peace.

Harrison Drug Co.



May gifts galore grace your hearth, may joy rule in all your hearts!

Jake Hadley



Riddle Roofing & Heating Co.

theless, Charles M. LaFollette, U. S. military governor at Stuttgart, hailed German ministry's decision to retry the banker as a good thing. He said it showed a German determination "to stamp out" Nazi taint. Schacht is out of jail for the first time since 1944. The banker now in his seventies, still possesses the mental and physical vigor that carried him to the top of the financial world of Europe many years ago. He is the man who pulled Germany out of her unbelievable financial chaos in the early 1920's and Hitler's logical choice for his cabinet in 1933.

Schacht says he stopped playing Hitler's game in 1938. It is true he shut off more funds for armaments then. Soon he was out as president of the Reichsbank. Walter Funk took it over and now is serving life as a war criminal.

In 1944, the Nazi security police took Schacht into tow as politically unreliable and threw him into Flossenburg concentration camp. He was liberated by American troops, only to go into the jug again as a war crimes defendant. At Nuernberg, in the trial of the "big 21", Schacht won an acquittal. As soon as he moved to Stuttgart, the Germans grabbed him and he was in jail again for trial as a Nazi.

Schacht has maintained the most bristling kind of defense. He said he was anti-Nazi, usually shouted it. His fierce temper cuts loose at will with a fine disregard of whom it is aimed at.

The Germans don't particularly like Schacht, but they don't quite understand how he can continue to be going on trial all the time. To them it is an unnecessary stirring up of past issues. It also is a little baffling to them as they see their own neighborhood Nazis back in the neighborhood.

HELLO FOLKS!

Looky, it's me! I wish I could be Santa Claus just for today. I'd fill your stocking to overflowing and heap your Christmas tree with toys and precious gifts and all good things to eat. I'd make sure there'd be a lot of happiness all the New Year through, for you, your friends and loved ones.



I wish and wish these things for you...

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

WALDENSIAN THE BAKERS OF

Sunbeam Bread

Best Wishes

For a --

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

SEARS CATALOG ORDER OFFICE

321 Evans Street

Greenville, N. C.



When Merry Christmas Rules the heart Every toy is a gift apart Every gift is a precious thing Lovingly tied with enchanted string!

Merry Christmas . . . Happy New Year To Everyone!



Stauffer's

"Jewelers"

Sure... There's A Santa; Just Ask Tony Navarino

Paterson, N. J.—Anthony Navarino, who wanted to sell one of his eyes to give his five kids a good Christmas, is 30 years old, but he believes in Santa Claus.

Until Dec. 12, Navarino was desperate. Bills were piling up. The electricity and gas had been turned off. He had no job. And, worst of all, his brood faced a miserable Christmas.

That did it, he decided. The only way he could think of to get money was to offer one of his eyes for sale for \$10,000 to be surgically transplanted.

Today, though, that's all just a bad memory.

After reading of his plight, more than 50 persons and business firms contributed to the flood of gifts that poured into his drab, four-room flat.

Now he has: A job (the president of a glass company paid him a personal call to offer him work. Four other firms also offered him jobs.)

A complete layette for his three months-old daughter, Anna (from a woman who lost her child at birth. Two tons of coal for the winter (from a coal company). A station-wagon load of preserved foods and staples (from the Volunteers of America.)

Two chickens and milk for the children (from, respectively, a grocer and a milk company.)

Besides that, an anonymous donor offered to pay all back bills plus the rent through March "to carry him over the winter."

No Santa Claus?

Chile Plans New Antarctic Base

Valparaiso, Chile—A handful of airmen are making ready to nail down Chile's disputed claim in the Antarctic with a third base.

They are scheduled to leave soon to plant the air base "for purely scientific purposes." Its site has not been announced. But it is expected to be somewhere near the navy base on Greenwich Island, in the South Shetlands, and the army base on Grahamland.

President Gabriel Gonzalez Videla forecast establishment of the new base on his return last February from his trip to the Antarctic, where he dedicated the Army base.

The two existing bases are weather stations, from which the personnel also go out on exploration trips.

These Chilean outposts are in territory also claimed by Great Britain and Argentina.

Chile and Argentina agreed early in 1948 to negotiate a settlement of their own Antarctic boundaries and defend their claims jointly against third parties.

Both have rejected a United States suggestion for international control of the region. Aside from Argentina, Chile and Britain, other countries directly or indirectly interested in the Antarctica include France, Norway, Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

Serpent's Split Personality Has Careful Nursing

Stockholm—(AP)—An adder with one wicked and one gentle head is living on the dole in the Stockholm Forestry Institute.

Without human assistance the monster could not exist as the two heads are unable to cooperate. The right head always strives to the right and the left head to the left. Meeting an obstacle on their path the right head will go around it to the right and the left head to the left. With the result that the rest of the adder is hopelessly caught.

The snake was just a babe when it was found in September and its protector Dr. Goesta Notinl fears that it will die in spite of careful nursing. If it survives it will be an interesting object of study for animal psychologists.

The two heads react very differently. The right head attacks quickly and fiercely when teased, but the left one tries to escape. Both heads have fully developed poison fangs.

YULE SPINACH

Armenians believe spinach was eaten by the Virgin Mary so the custom is to eat it on Christmas Eve.

Jail Inmate Nets Profit; Sold At Public Auction

Columbia, S. C.—(AP)—The city jail is rid of its most complacent prisoner. He was an aged brown mule that munched city hay for ten weeks.

Police found the old fellow on a vacant lot and advertised him in a lost and found column but nobody claimed him. So finally on order of Police Chief L. J. Campbell an auction was held in front of the jail.

Auctioneer E. M. Dupre proclaimed that the mule was "good and strong and would cost \$75 anywhere else." The two bidders examined the animal's teeth and agreed he was more than 14 years old.

The bidding started at \$5 and ended at \$25. As the mule strolled away with his new owner, a policeman commented:

"That was a \$2.50 profit. He ate up the rest of his price in hay and mule feed."

MARY CHRISTMAS

In Ireland an old custom was that Christmas candles could only be snuffed by a girl named Mary.

Fire Safety For Holiday Season

Five simple fire safety rules can safeguard homes here from Yuletide disaster, Fire Chief George Gardner warned today.

The Christmas season brings special hazards, Chief Gardner emphasized. "Each year Christmas trees start fires in thousands of homes. Christmas lighting is responsible for many other blazes. Dwellings, stores and clubs are all menaced by flimsy decorations made of flammable material."

Fire Chief Gardner offers five suggestions to eliminate or reduce seasonal hazards. "Make sure the tree is solidly placed, to avoid upset. Keep the tree standing in water to increase its fire resistance. Have an approved fire extinguisher handy at all times. Inspect Christmas tree lights for frayed wires or loose sockets. Remember to put Christmas tree lights out before going to bed." The chief fireman also reminded club managers and operators of public places to guard against fire. "Fire in any crowded public building may lead to panic, where exits are inadequate to take care of so many people in a hurry. Aisles and exits should be kept unobstructed. Fire is an uninvited guest—keep it out."

GET MORE RADIOS

Prague—(AP)—The number of radio sets in Czechoslovakia has doubled in a year, and about 20,000 sets a month are going into homes in this country. A recently issued report says that there are 2,042,000 sets in the country, which has 12,000,000 inhabitants.

U.S. Supplies In Austria Schools

Vienna—(AP)—Supplies and equipment valued at more than \$20,000 have been purchased by American Army Headquarters here for Austrian schools in the American occupied zone. Purchases were made from a congressional appropriation for the rehabilitation of education in Austria.

The equipment includes seven film projectors, 15 sewing machines, 10 wood working and 10 metal-working lathes, 97 desk and chair units, and 28 other types of classroom furniture.

Witness Reveals Black Markets

Darmstadt, Germany—(AP)—Witnesses waiting outside a courtroom to testify against a black market dealer were started when a prosecution witness offered to sell black market sausage.

When another witness reported this inside the courtroom, the prosecutor rushed out but the black market salesman had left.

RABBIT JUMPS TO MENU

Taunton, England—(AP)—A wild hare made a frantic jump in the wrong direction when startled out of a bush here. It landed in the arms of Jack Summers, proprietor of the Gardeners Arms Hotel. Added starter on the menu of the Gardeners Arms—hare.

Approximately 8,000 species, subspecies and varieties of ants are known to science.



Christmas means splendor to everyone. It's brightly lighted trees, shopping for presents, singing carols, children hanging stockings, gaily decorated shops and windows, midnight mass . . . these and countless others that make a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

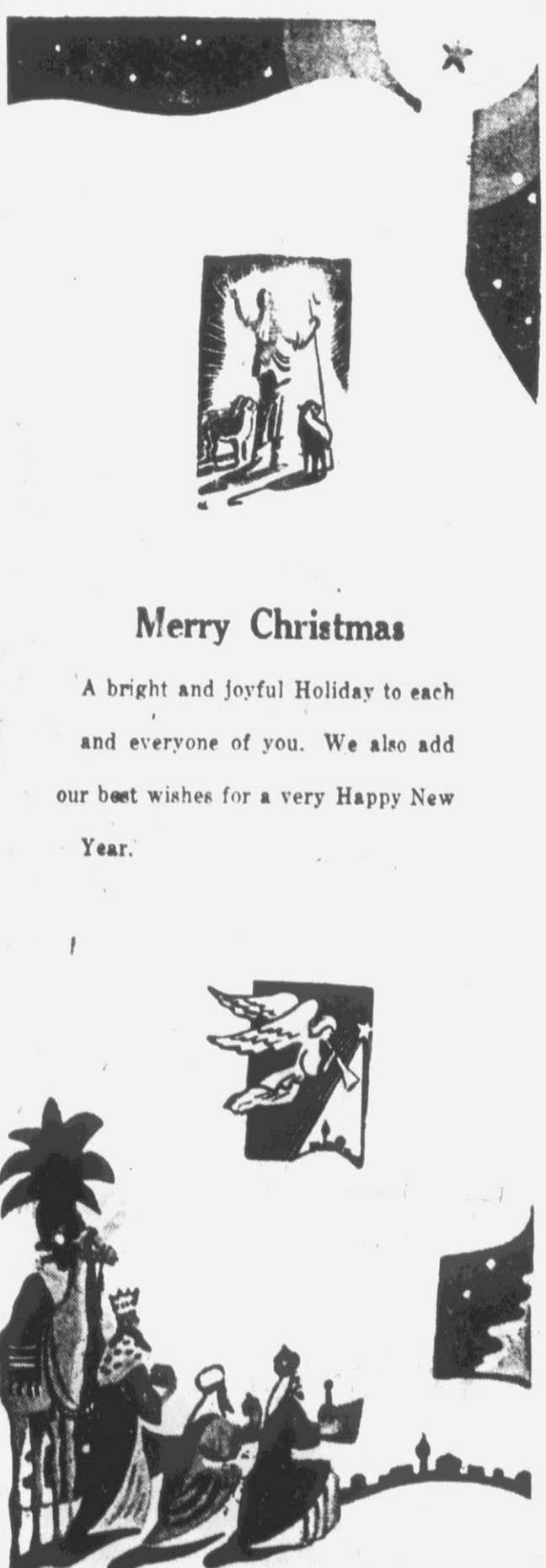


Pitt F.C.X.



May the divine Magic of Christmas be with You Always!

Proctor Hotel Barber Shop



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.

Blackwoods



A REFLECTION OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

The jolly smile on Santa's face, the twinkle in his eye, the goodness in his mellow voice reflect the good wishes in our hearts for a joyous Yuletide for each and every one of our friends.

Pitt Hardware Co.



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.

W. B. Cozart & Sons



Christmas is the time of the year when people all over the world rejoice with their family and friends. May this Christmas prove to be a joyous one and the New Year bring an abundance of good health and prosperity to all.

Cozart's Auto Supply

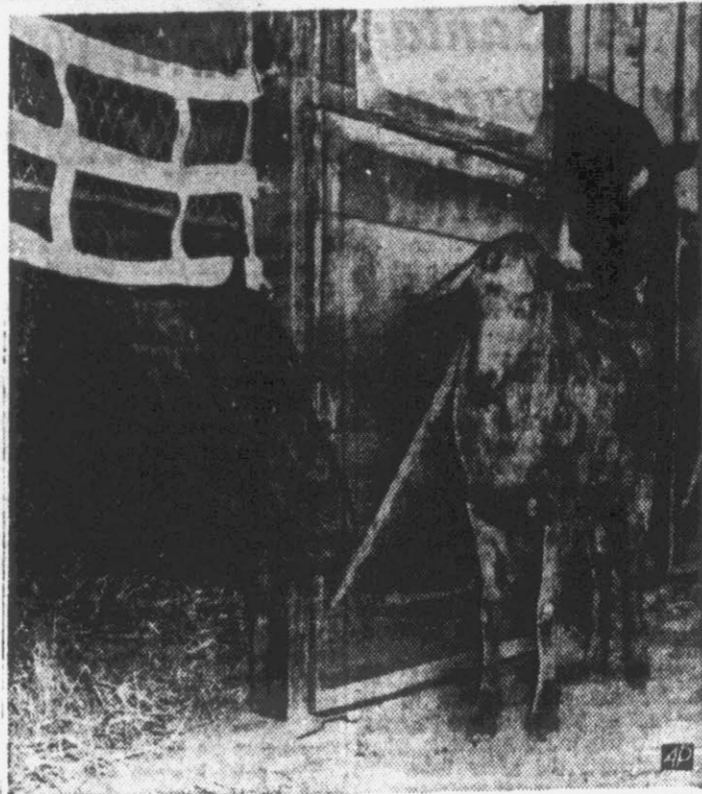
Greenville



Merry CHRISTMAS

May there be a "Song in your Heart" all through a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Appliance Sales & Service Corp.



STABLE MATES — Billy, stable mascot, visits Lilly Valenti (left), a filly, at New Orleans Fair Grounds.

Demilitarized, But Dress Army

Berlin—(AP)—Germany, which according to the Potsdam agreement is supposed to be demilitarized, has never stopped producing army uniforms. But now they are being made for the Russian army.

German press reports say that some of eastern Germany's biggest clothing and textile factories have long been busy with Red army orders. The Socialist press claims that the big Peek and Cloppenburg firm, one of the best known in Berlin, has been working for the Red army since 1945 at full capacity. Its cloth for these uniforms is reported to come from German mills in Saxony.

Captured Tanks Melted Down

Moscow—(AP)—German tanks captured during the war are being junked here and melted down. "Evening Moscow" said the tanks—many of them the huge 60-ton Tigers—have been on exhibition in the capital but have now been sent to the junk heap.

The announcement said the same fate awaits all other German tanks, mobile guns and other armament which have been on exhibition.

SANTA'S GOAT In Sweden, the Julbock, or Christmas goat, takes the place of Santa as gift giver, it is said. It is a straw animal given to children and is believed to distribute presents around the room on Christmas Eve.

Baby With Outside Liver Is Patched Up

London (AP) A girl, born with liver and intestines outside her body, has made an "uneventful recovery" from an operation—carried out two hours after birth—to put these organs in their normal place.

Two London doctors, B. S. S. Acharya and R. W. Burslem, reported the case in the "British Medical Journal." They said they believed the child "was the youngest to be anesthetized successfully with cyclopropane."

FULL STOCKINGS

The Dutch settlers brought to New Amsterdam the custom of having a burgher dress as old St. Nicholas and distribute toys and sweets to the children.

Feared Surgery, So He Ran Away

Chatham, England—(AP)—The hospital nurses were pretty, but 13-year-old John Coe decided he just didn't want an operation. So he ran away in his pajamas.

He sprinted through half a mile of busy streets to his home, but pursuing attendants got there almost as quickly in a taxi. They persuaded him to return to the hospital. John's mother said he has had the operation now and is getting along fine.

CANT OUTFOX STREETCARS Stockholm—(AP)—Among the reported victims of Stockholm's streetcars, the city's streetcar company noted: killed, one fox. And within city limits too.

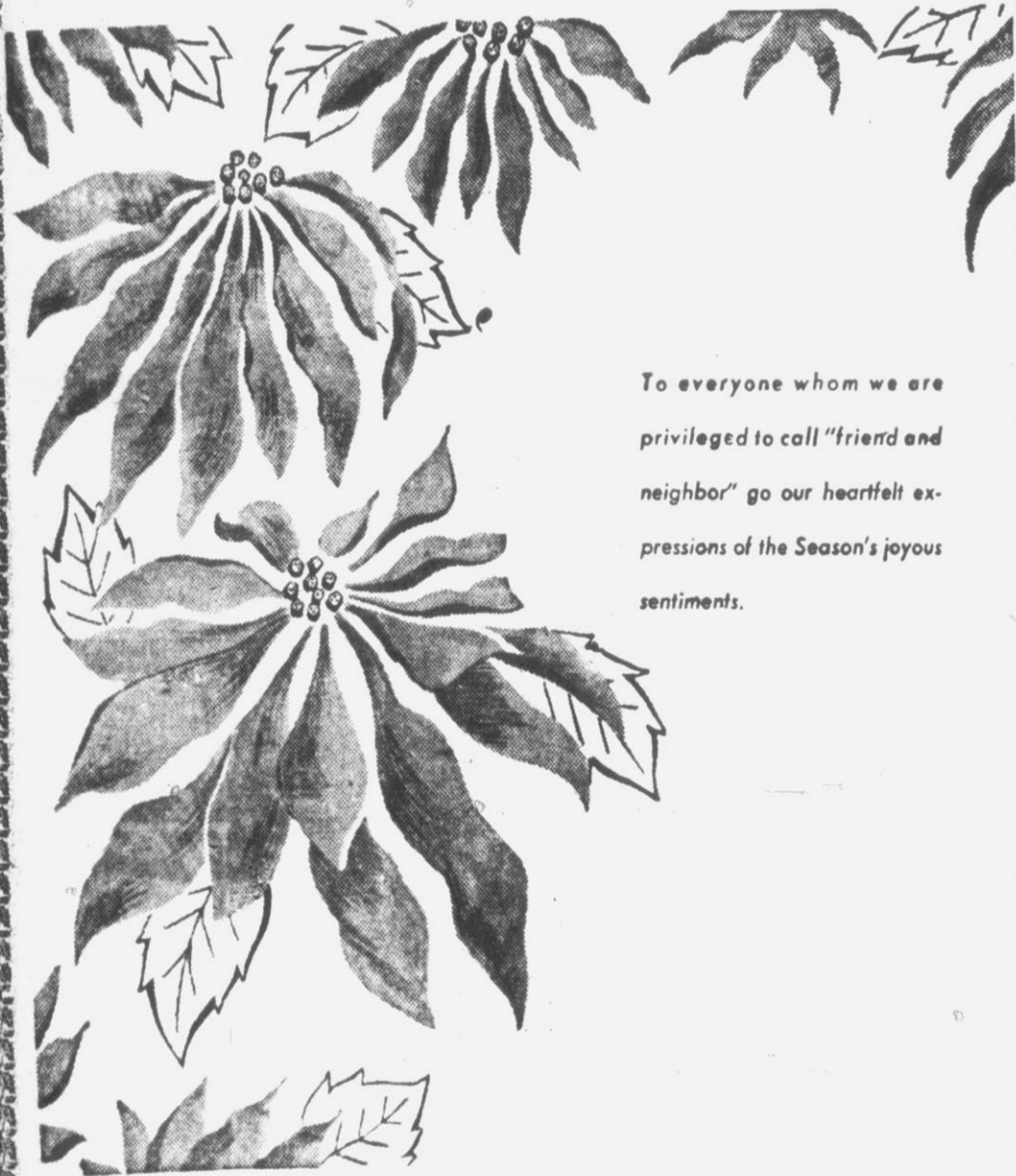
Some students of Robin Hood stories believe he was a Saxon

Christmas Greetings to All



To each and everyone of our customers and friends we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

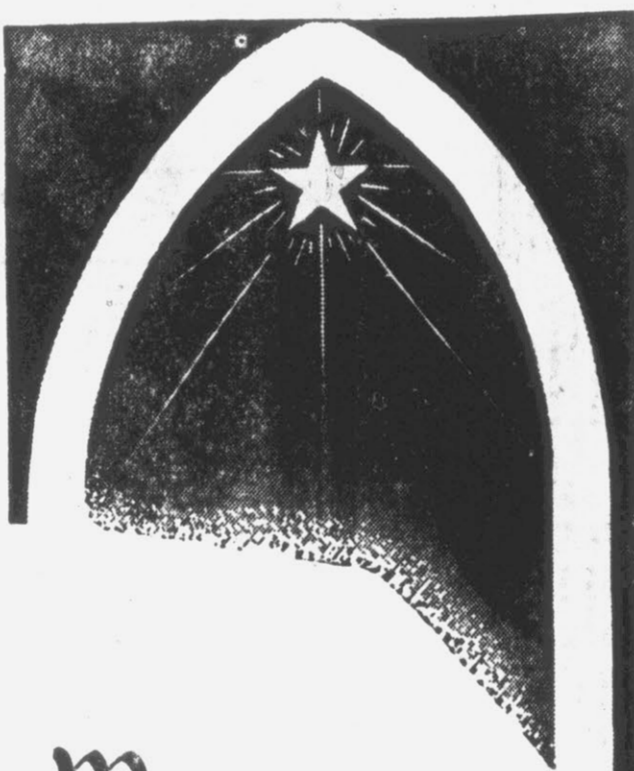
Carolina Dry Cleaners



To everyone whom we are privileged to call "friend and neighbor" go our heartfelt expressions of the Season's joyous sentiments.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Ernest Willard & Webb Agency "INSURANCE"



May Christmas bring you many blessings and much happiness

Drums Hatchery & Feed Store



AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

VanDyke Furniture Store Inc.

Greetings



From big cities to country villages . . . wherever "His" teachings are taught . . . people will gather to worship our Lord on his day, Christmas.



Stafford Oldsmobile Co.



Record Orders For CARE Food Packages Continue

New York—Record quantities of CARE food and clothing textile packages are being ordered by Americans to help meet the winter needs of cold and hungry people in Europe and Asia, Executive Director Paul Comly French disclosed today.

"However, those needs are still so great and so widespread, however, that in countless cases lives will be in danger unless enough aid in the form of good food and warm clothing reaches them in time," he added. He based his statement on findings in a recent trip to Europe.

CARE orders in December are keeping pace with the record \$50,000 sales of December, 1947, Mr. French reported. The probability that this month will pass that mark is indicated by the fact that in November orders totaled 340,756, second highest monthly volume in CARE's three-year history. "CARE is deeply heartened by the continued magnificent support of the American people," French said. "Most important of all is that during the holiday season it will bring to many thousands of cold and hungry people overseas new evidence that the American tradition of generosity toward those in need is running as strong as ever."

CARE's latest expansion is sending the \$10 woolen suiting, blanket and knitting wool packages to Japan in addition to the special Oriental food package. The CARE turkey package (\$15) originally intended to provide holiday dinners for European families, is now being offered on CARE's regular list because of the demand for its especially valuable contents. It may be ordered from CARE, 89 Broad Street, New York 4, for guaranteed delivery in Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Germany (American, British and French zones), Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland and Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland). The parcel costs \$17.50 in Berlin, since it must be taken to the blockade city by airdrop.

Swiss Rap Allied Red Tape System

Zurich, Switzerland—(AP)—The allied liberators of Austria have turned into bureaucrats, the Zurich paper "Die Tat" complains.

"The American taxpayer will tear his hair when he realizes what sense and nonsense the Allied Control Council is up to and for what he must lay out his taxes," the paper said.

"Die Tat" said a Swiss citizen could travel to the United States in 48 hours, but he had to wait four weeks before he could cross the border 25 miles away into Austria.

"The Austrian government of today can hardly make a mark on paper without getting from the Allies one of the hundred thousand usual permits," the newspaper said. "Austria cannot even say who can travel to Austria or by whom the trip is forbidden."

Businessmen trying to get to Austria must apply to the Allied Control Council for permission and the Austrians have no influence on the council's decision, the paper said. Even in emergencies such as death or serious illness it still takes four weeks, it was said.

The paper referred to Austrian officials as "letter carriers for the liberators."

"The reconstruction of Europe doesn't begin with bureaucracy, but with freedom," "Die Tat" said.

Jail Girl After Working In Mine

Kiel, Germany—(AP)—No German law forbids women from working in mines—but a girl who tried it in male disguise landed in jail for three months.

A poster of the German Ruhr Coal Mines Administration calling on the homeless German youth to come to work, gave her the idea. She decided to become a miner. The American and British-sponsored enlistment program provided for better living conditions—clothing, better and higher food rations, tobacco and liquor rations.

Ursula and her old ailing mother had not had any of this since they had fled from their hometown of Koenigsberg in East Prussia, now Kaliningrad in Soviet Russia. For two years they had lived in a slum-like refugee quarter in a small Schwywig-Holstein village. Coffee, cocoa, bacon and an adequate wage with which she could support her mother and provide medical treatment for her made her decide quickly, she told the judges.

She put on slacks, cut her hair,

bandaged her breasts and enlisted at the labor office for the Ruhr coal mines as Peter Kienkies.

None of her "buddies" down in the pit recognized Peter as a member of the weaker sex. She worked four months, but fell ill and had to leave her job.

When she returned to her mother, the police got wind of "Peter" and summoned her to court, on charges of "document forgery and illegal name change."

A three-months' jail sentence was the lowest punishment the court could find for the offense.

Tragedy In Blitz Again Revived

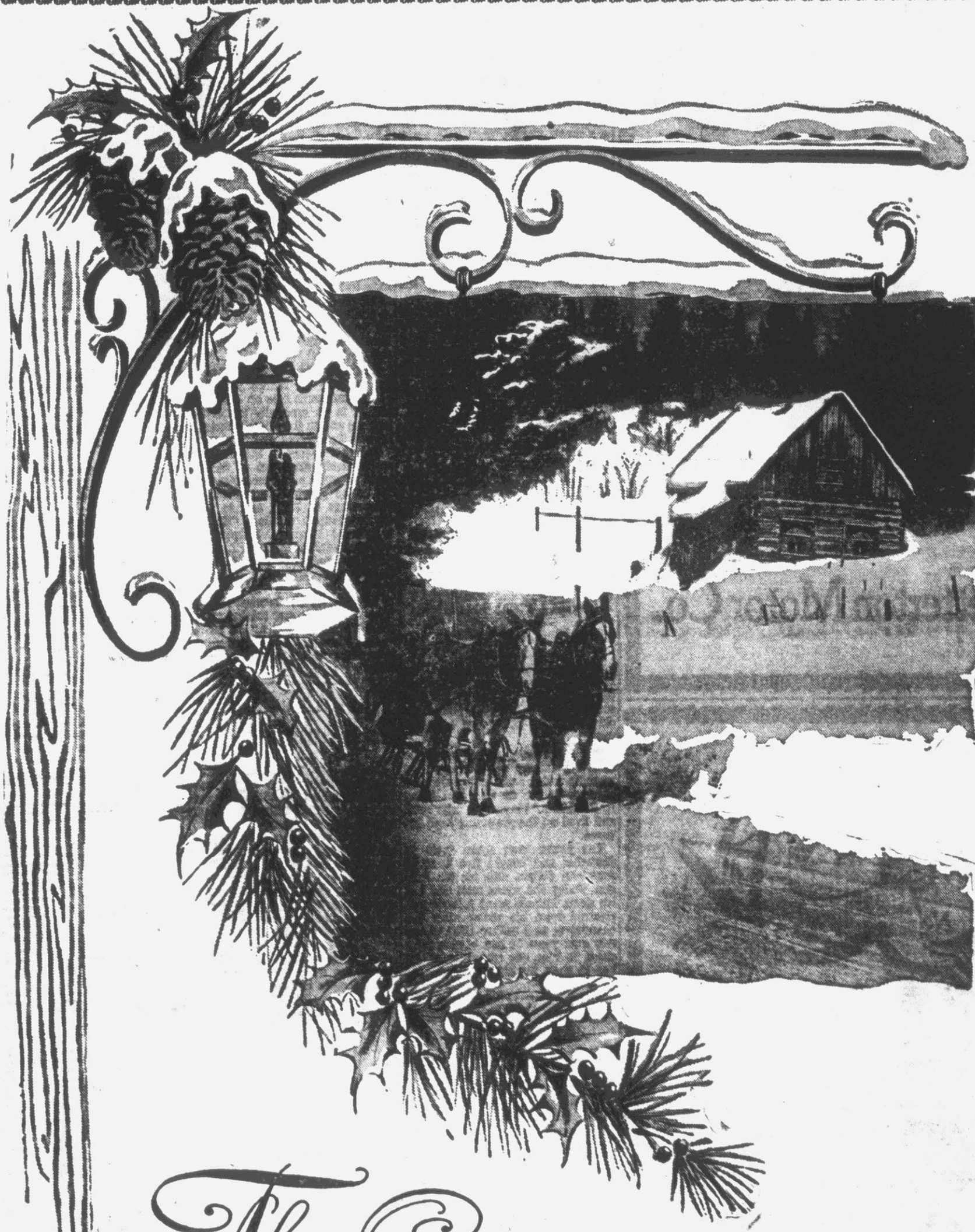
London—(AP)—One of the worst bombing disasters of the London blitz was recalled when the St. Pancras borough, corner, W. Bentley Purchase, held four inquests without bodies.

A direct hit killed 154 persons in a public shelter in 1940. Ten of the victims were unidentified. When preparations for a memorial were started recently relatives sent in the names of four presumed victims. The Home office ordered an inquest. The coroner ruled that the four died in the wreckage as a result of war operations.



West Third Street Grocery Co.

Speight Wadford and Thelma Vincent



The Season's Best Wishes

The Yuletide season with its multitude of joys and manifestations of good cheer, is with us again. Once more it offers us the opportunity to set aside the routine of every-day business and in real sincerity wish all our friends the blessings of A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Friendly Furniture Company

Rufus Dunn

Robert Elks



The Season's Greetings and all best wishes

To our many good friends and patrons, we extend our warmest greetings. May this Christmas be the best you have ever had—a forerunner of many happy days to come, of wonderful friendships and achievements well done . . .

Home Builders Supply Co.

At the Underpass

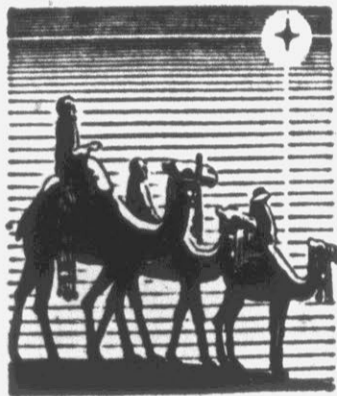


Merry Christmas

To Every Man, Woman and Child Everywhere

Charles O.H. Horne

Chairman ABC



May the divine magic of Christmas be with you and yours always.

Tetterton Motor Co.



A Christmas Message

From

OWEN'S Beauty Solon

(Henry Van Dyke)

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 so 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. Whatever joy or success comes to you will make me glad. Without pretense and in plain words, good will to you is what I mean, in the spirit of Christmas.

Intercepting Codes

By CLARKE BEACH Washington (AP)—Government cryptographers got a bad jolt when they learned that decoded messages had been taken from the State Department files in 1937 and 1938 for delivery to Russian agents.

The microfilmed documents which Whittaker Chambers hid in a pumpkin on his Maryland farm and then turned over to the House Un-American Activities Committee might have furnished priceless clues to foreign code experts.

Coded messages sent by radio or cable are easily intercepted by interested governments. If they can get possession of the same messages decoded, they can go a long way toward breaking an entire code system.

One or even several messages might not do it, great many usually are obtained over a long period of time. For codes are frequently alternated—hourly, daily, monthly or yearly.

But any decoded message might fill in the final gap in a code-breaking job which might have been going on for years.

Breaking American codes would have been much easier before the war than now. Early in the war the State Department and armed services began to make a widespread use of code machines. With these a great many more code systems can be employed, and they can be changed more frequently.

Code making and code breaking is an age-old war between cryptographers and cryptoanalysts. The former devise the codes, and the latter try to break them.

American cryptanalysts achieved a gigantic victory when they broke the Japanese and German codes before the last war. What they had done was revealed in the Congressional Pearl Harbor investigation in 1945.

After years of arduous effort they devised a machine which decoded messages that might have lost the war for the Japanese. Next to the atomic bomb project it was perhaps the most secret operation of the war.

With the machine our government learned of Japanese preparations for the attack on Pearl Harbor and facts about Japanese activities which led to our victories in the Coral Sea and at Midway. It directed U.S. subs in attacks on Japanese convoys. It revealed the messages from the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin, sometimes telling what Hitler had said of his war plans.

The Japanese didn't change their code all during the war. It would have been difficult for them to do so because of the complexity of their language.

Whatever might have been learned from Riches To Poverty In China Is An Easy Step

Shanghai (AP)—Short story. In 1946 two men held ten million of the government's former inflated currency—the "CNC". One was an old man. The other was a young man.

The old man, a retired employee of a big foreign oil company had what he called faith in the Chinese government "to do the right thing by its money." He put in the bank and lived on the gratifying high interest.

The young man came down to Shanghai and bought five hundred American dollars with his ten million. Today the young man still has his stake. "The old man? A letter was received from his widow after the changeover at 3 million CNC to one new gold yuan. It had been a fatal shock to him, she said, that all he had to show for his life's work was three dollars.

London (AP)—Yugoslavia is a national monument out of the cave from which Marshal Tito commanded his national liberation army against the Germans.

"Tito's cave" is near Drvar in Bosnia some 200 miles west of Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital. A broadcast dispatch of the Yugoslav news agency "Tanjug" heard in London, said trees are to be planted around the cave and concrete steps will lead to the entrance.

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Racial Unity For Hawaii In Future Says Sociologist

Honolulu (AP)—A university sociologist foresees the day when Hawaii, the melting pot of the Pacific will have no racial groups. There will be no caucasians, Japanese, Chinese, Filipinos or Koreans, the groups that now compose the Islands' population, one of the most heterogeneous in the world.

In an address, Dr. Andrew Lind, of the University of Hawaii, said there is already evidence of a "growing tendency towards a single people."

"The time is not far off," he remarked, "when it will not only be impossible to maintain racial distinctions, but will be desirable to use a different basis for classification." Even now, he said, it is becoming increasingly more inaccurate to refer to separate racial groups.

Estimates of the territorial board of health gave the following breakdown of Hawaii's 525,477 population on July 1, 1947: Caucasian, 22.9 per cent; Japanese, 32.7; part-Hawaiian, 12.8; Filipino 10.3; Chinese 5.8; Hawaiian 2; all other 3.5. But current calculations, Dr. Lind points out, indicate that more than half of Hawaii's population within the next half century will be mixed. This is because of an increase in inter-racial marriages.

Twenty-five years ago only about 14 per cent of Hawaii's marriages were between persons of different races. Today inter-marriages equal about 39 per cent, Hawaiians, Dr. Lind commented, have intermarried more than any other group: Japanese and Caucasians the least.

Language Issues Raised In India

New Delhi (AP)—Warning of a possible disintegration of India on the language issue has been given by a member of the constituent assembly. T. T. Krishnamachari, a delegate from Madras, says if North India in its exuberance for a national language wanted to force Hindi on the whole of India, "the chances are South India which knows little Hindi will like to cut off from the rest of India."

Hindi is spoken or understood by the majority of India's 325,000,000 but in the South it is an alien dialect. It is so especially in Madras province and in the princely states of Mysore, Travancore and Cochin.

The controversy in the constituent assembly arose out of the demand of some of its members from the united province to conduct the proceedings in Hindi and to draft the constitution in Hindi. "Without a national language, independence will be meaningless," they asserted.

The past hatred in South India for the English language as being foreign had gone with the departure of the British, Krishnamachari says. "The impatience and intolerance of the North is starting a new hatred though Hindi is ultimately destined to be the national language of India."

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The Pay-Off

Laramie, Wyo.—(AP)—Howard Trevathan started something when he gave a child candy because he had a good report card. Now about 100 youngsters line up for report card inspection every six weeks by the grocery store owner, an ex-Marine injured on Guadalcanal. If they have good grades, Trevathan gives them candy or bubble gum.

Ghost Of Kaiser Bill Still Walks

Berlin (AP)—The ghost of Kaiser Bill still hovers over Berlin. There is Kronprinzenallee, a wide boulevard named for former crown prince Wilhelm. And Hohenzollernstrasse, another broad street commemorating the house that ruled Germany from Bismarck to the Versailles treaty. There is a Prinzregenten street which needs little in the way of translation, a "Kaiser alley" and a "Kaiser platz."

These names lived through a dawdling Weimar Republic that lost the confidence of all Germans and was booted out. They lived through even Adolf Hitler.

"These names of the past make one think of the good old days," says an oldtime Berliner. "Regardless of one's political convictions Germany's best days were under the Kaisers. Heaven help the government that tries to change those names."

It would seem logical that changes would be made in the Soviet sector of Berlin where the Communists rule and monarchial ideas in any sense are supposed to be heresy. But even there the Kaiser plazes go on being Kaiser plazes.

Competition In Music Planned

Geneva (AP)—Geneva's international music competition will take place from Sept. 19 to Oct. 2 1949, the organizing committee decided recently.

Prizes totalling 11,000 Swiss francs (\$2,570) will be awarded to the best performers in singing, piano, and violin. Singapore florists who packed their plants for the air voyage in light wooden crates covered with cloth, said the sealed tins would have "disastrous" effects.

Evans Seafood Market

West 9th Street

Home Electric Co.

Joyous Christmas to Each and Every One of You!

Taylor Beverage Co.

Tarboro, N. C.

Pakistan Halts Plant Shipments

Singapore (AP)—Singapore florists have stopped sending orchids and rare plants by air to the United Kingdom because of a new regulation from the Pakistan government.

Village Is A Good Place . . . To Be From

Clatworthy, England (AP)—This village of 120 residents hasn't a single telephone. If fire breaks out or a doctor is needed, a bicyclist takes the message to a neighboring town.

Europeans Stir The Melting Pot In East

Singapore (AP)—Europeans today intermarry with other races more than other race in Singapore. Of 615 European married between Jan. 1, 1947, and July 31, 1948, 12.2 per cent married other races, mainly Chinese and Eurasians, official figures show. Of 1,628 Chinese married in the same period, only 5.6 per cent married other races, mainly Europeans and Eurasians.

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Advertisement for H.L. Hodges & Co. featuring a large illustration of a doorway and the text 'BEST WISHES'. The text reads: '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.' Below the illustration is the name 'H.L. Hodges & Co.' and a small illustration of a person.

Advertisement for J. H. Boyd, Mayor of Greenville. It features a large illustration of a nativity scene with the text 'The First Christmas' written across the top. Below the illustration is the text: '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.' At the bottom, the name 'J. H. Boyd' is written, followed by 'Mayor, City of Greenville'.



Season's Best

GREETINGS

May all the joys and pleasures of the Yuletide be yours this Christmas.

And may the New Year be one of abundant good health and good fortune.

Business Rents Ten Saint Nicks

Rockford, Ill.—(AP)—Grant E. Biddle of Rockford rents Santa Claus to deliver children's toys, with merry bell-ringing and jovial laughter, in their homes Christmas Eve.

Biddle employs 10 St. Nicks who in everyday life are lawyers, retired firemen, salesmen, machinists or truck drivers. On Christmas Eve, they shed their prosaic jobs to play Santa in bright red suits and carefully marcelled white whiskers and hair.

Biddle books appointments for his Santa Clauses at any time but the bulk of engagements are made in December. They will visit any home in this city for a fee. All arrangements for Santa's visit are made in advance and kept a secret from the children. The toys and gifts are hidden in a laundry bag outside the house on the porch or in the garage.

The night before Christmas, Santa picks up his bundle. Ringing cowbells, he announces his arrival by stamping on the porch and opens the door with a loud "Merry Christmas, everybody!" Three trips may be necessary to bring in all the gifts which may be anything from bulky doll house to a kitten that scratches.

The idea of renting Santa came to Biddle two years ago when he wanted his son, Jack to have a personal visit from the jovial gent. Other parents must feel the same way, Biddle thought.

Tricks Of Trade Are Included In Magician's Book

Folkstone, England—(AP)—Magician Will Goldston's secrets did not die with him. His will, just published, left three locked books full of them to a friend, Thomas Harris Derby.

When Harris dies, the will said, the books are to go to the British Museum in London. They tell about tricks Goldston learned from Houdini, Ho. Golding and other great magicians.

Harris said "I want them to peek. Goldston, founder and president of the Magicians' Club, died here last February.

Wolves Scatter Reindeer Herds

Stockholm—(AP)—A reindeer-herd of about 3,000 animals was recently scattered by wolves in the northernmost part of Lapland in Sweden, far above the Arctic circle.

After the attacks the Laps who are dependent for their lives on the reindeer could only assemble 400 of the frightened animals. Many had been killed or wounded, and the others had run away in alarm. It will be hard work for the Laps on their bringing them together again.

New Cure?

Livingston, Mont.—(AP)—Mrs. O. T. Osen of Big Timber and her brother, Pete Egeland, were hustling her son, Albert, to a hospital for treatment of an appendicitis attack. Their automobile struck a cow and overturned. Mrs. Osen suffered head injuries and Egeland's back was hurt so they required treatment at the hospital. Albert not only escaped injury in the wreck but all signs of the appendicitis had vanished by the time they reached the hospital.

Parents Warned Poor Driving Copied By Kids

Chicago—(AP)—Traffic experts are stressing psychology in an effort to save some of the estimated 4,000 lives lost annually in this country through automobile accidents involving teen-age drivers. Ideas of speed and safety they hold, are developed before youngsters actually begin to drive.

"You can teach teen-age boys and girls the mechanics of operating an automobile," declares H. G. Kemper, president of Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Co., "but their ideas of driving responsibility are formed long before them." Kemper cautions parents to be especially careful when driving with children in their cars.

Much of the blame for our high accident rate, he believes, rests on the shoulders of parents who set bad examples for their children.

London Extends Subway System

London—(AP)—London's sprawling giant of a subway system is taking its biggest stretch in 31 years. The underground, as it's called, is opening 10 miles of new life and nine new stations in the northeastern and northwestern suburbs.

That will give it 243 miles or line and 278 stations—more railroad than in all of Paraguay and enough to reach from New York to below Washington. It's the biggest extension at one clip since 1917. It was accomplished by electrifying old steam tracks—the underground runs on the surface in the outskirts—that it has cost \$8,000,000 dollars.

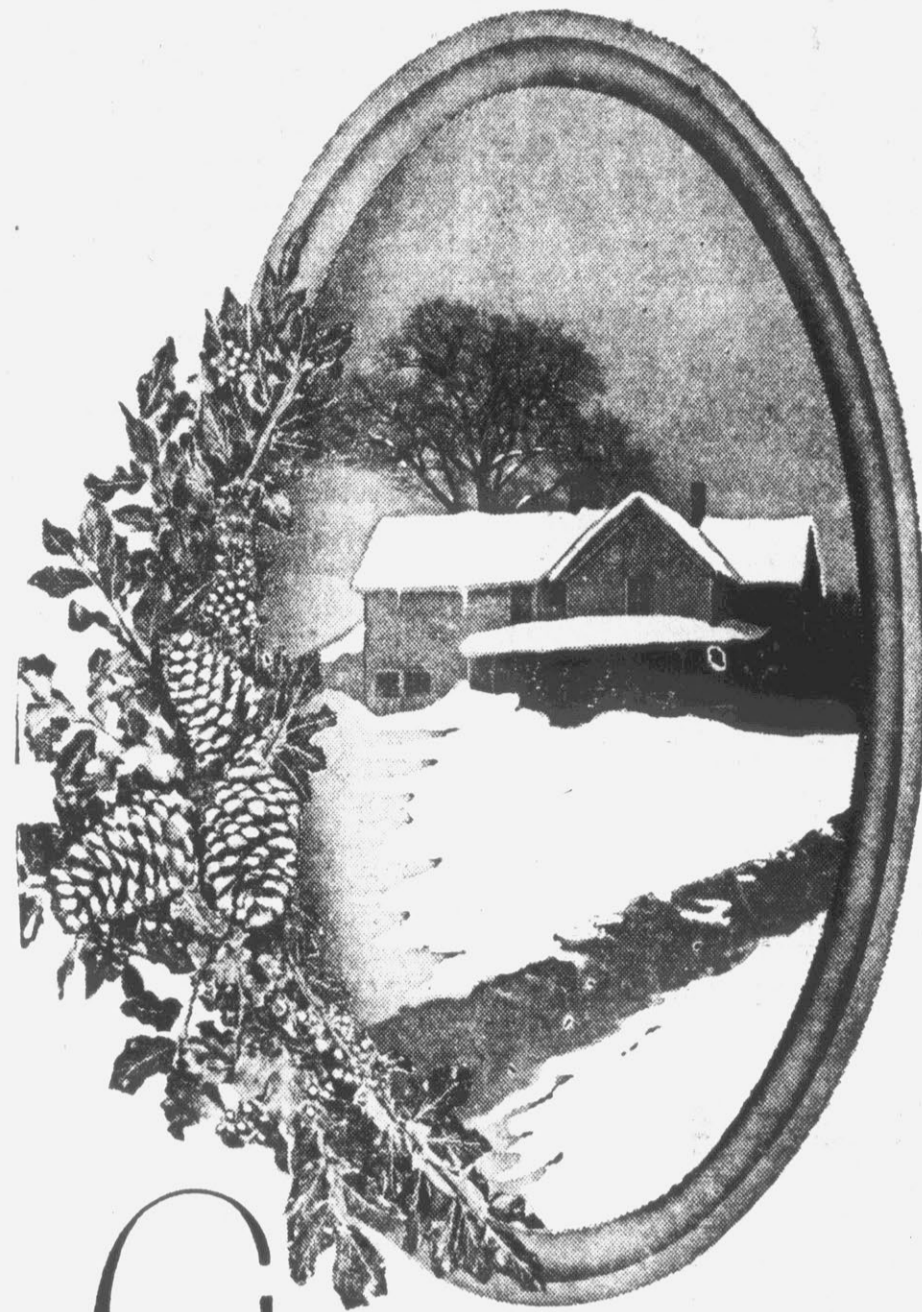
Bach Society Protests Movie

Schaffhausen, Switzerland—(AP)—The executive committee of the International Bach Society here has protested the contemplated production of a film based on the Matthew Passion of Johann Sebastian Bach.

The committee said Bach's work, written for choir, orchestra and organ, was "one of the most solemn works in all music and should remain untouched." Ernest Marischka, Vienna producer, was reported to be planning production of the film.

Mrs. Morton's Bakery

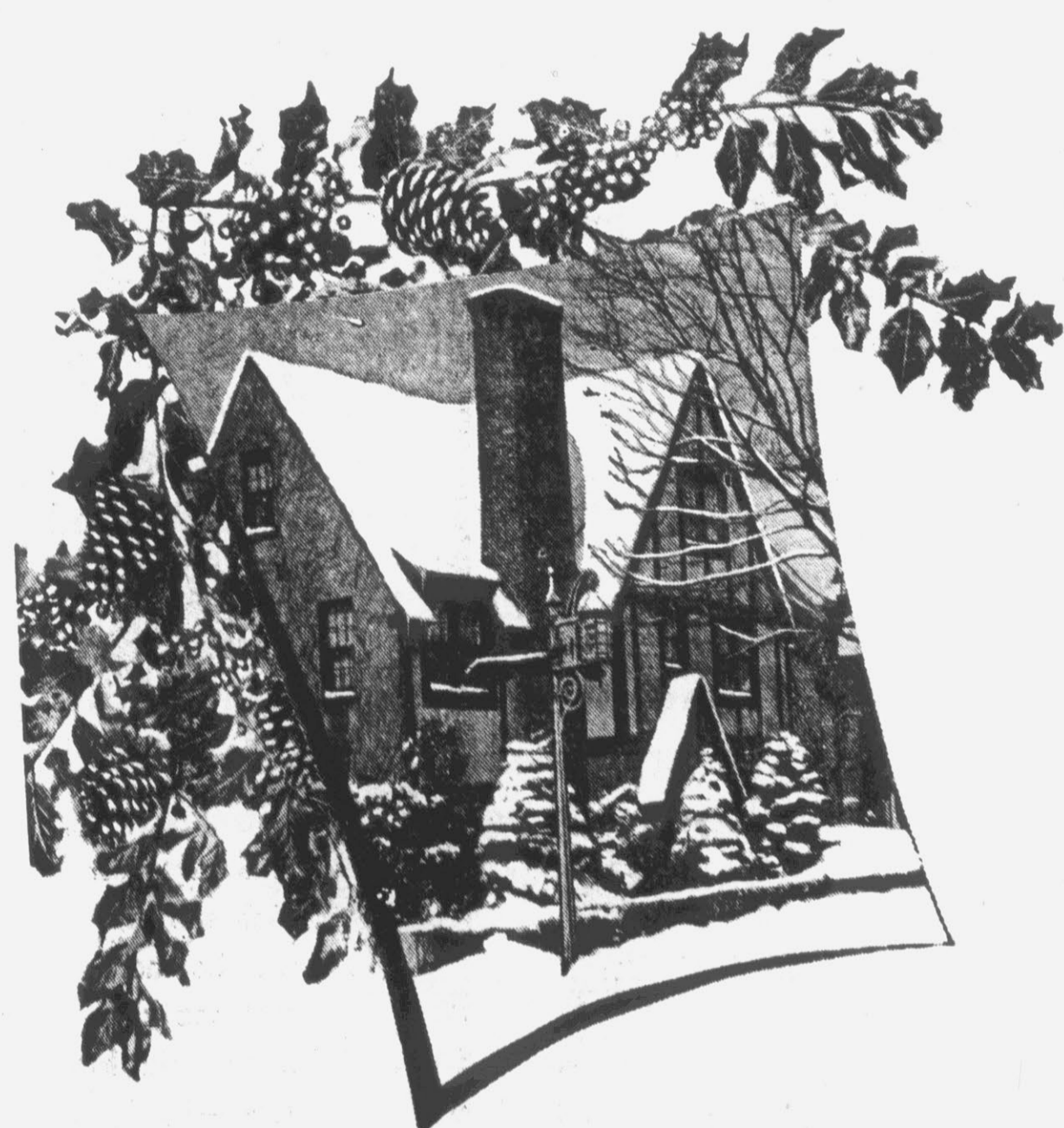
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Greetings

Once again it is Christmas... May it bring you peace, good health and happiness throughout the year.

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Merry Christmas
And A
Happy New Year

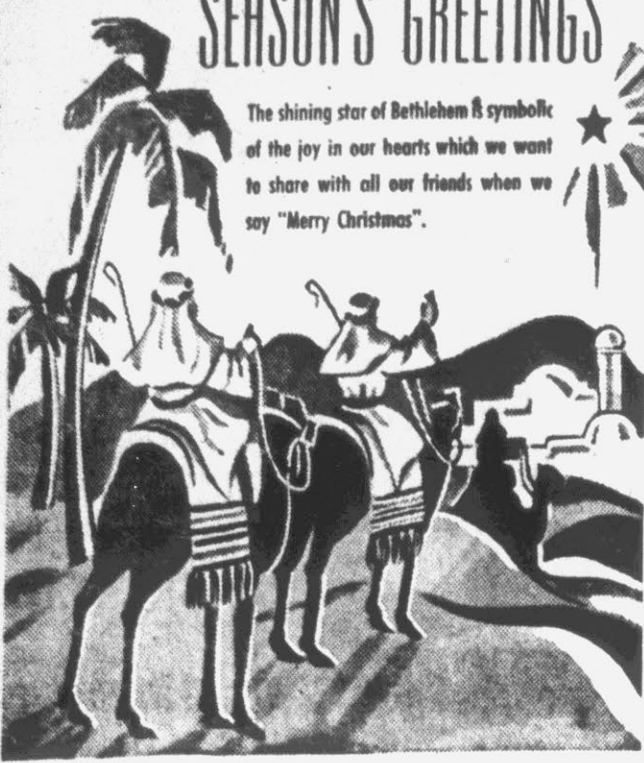
May your Yuletide be gay,
Your family near,
May your table be laden with food.
May all our good wishes extended today
For happiness, health and good cheer
Bring you and your friends and those you hold dear—a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

We Always Appreciate Your Friendship

GARRIS GROCERY COMPANY

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The shining star of Bethlehem is symbol of the joy in our hearts which we want to share with all our friends when we say "Merry Christmas".



Merit Shoes

Christmas Wishes

May the blessings of good cheer, good health and good friends visit you this Christmas.



Hendrix-Barnhill Equipment Co.

Christmas Greetings



Charles Gaskins

Register of Deeds of Pitt County

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

At this happy time of the year it is our great pleasure to extend to one and all sincere wishes for a joyous Yuletide.

Bunch's Shoe SERVICE



Handwork Solves Shut-Ins Christmas Gift Problems

By DAVID G. BAREUTHER
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Thousands of patients in hospitals, sanatoria and other institutions throughout the country have been busy making Christmas gifts.

Short of funds in most cases, because of their medical expenses and enforced unemployment, these patients are finding with the guidance of instructors they are able to make gifts by hand that often prove more attractive than mechanically manufactured articles.

They are tooling and stitching leather wallets and purses, fashioning elaborate book covers, hammering silver costume jewelry, knitting and sewing wearing apparel, making toys and molding bricabrac. And they are having a lot of fun in their work.

Doctors look on approvingly. They see this work helps to cure their patients. It raises thoughts and interests above present handicaps. The doctors call it occupational therapy—a healing by working.

In many cases the work goes far beyond mere diversion and recreation. It helps to fit the patient for a new job. Such rehabilitation has long been successful among the blind and in large veterans' hospitals. It is being extended steadily among all types of temporary and permanent invalids.

One of the most interesting extensions has been achieved in the treatment of tuberculosis—a disease that requires long periods of supervised rest. Since compulsory idleness can bring about what is called "institutionalitis"—a fear of leaving a sanatorium—the creation of new interests among tubercular patients becomes highly important.

A big proportion of the funds raised when you buy the Christmas seals of the National Tuberculosis Association is used for such work in fitting TB victims to enter the world of work again.

An interesting example of how this is done is offered by the workshop at Trudeau Sanatorium, Saranac Lake, N. Y., which was the first institution of its kind in America. Here all instructors have been selected from the patient group. Convalescents, who exhibit talents in craftsmanship and teaching ability often are enabled to earn their

board and medical expenses by working part time on the rehabilitation project directed by Miss Alma Pierce. When considered cured, some remain as full time instructors.

They go from bedside to bedside teaching foreign languages, book binding, lettering and illuminating, encouraging young artists in every field and even showing men how to knit. In the past year close to 300 ambulatory patients and more than 100 bed patients at Trudeau were instructed in 14 crafts.

The workshop at Trudeau is used for a try-out and exploration of skills and abilities, training in arts and crafts, and in development of work tolerances under medical prescription. The medical staff calls the workshop a necessary instrument in treatment — emotionally, spiritually, creatively, physically and vocationally.

In addition to solving the Christmas gift problem for hard-pressed patients, this workshop contributes to the Adirondack Craftsman's Show staged at Saranac Lake every August. This is a miniature world's fair of hand work turned out by the many sanatoria in that area, including Trudeau, Will Rogers' Memorial, Raybrook State Sanatorium, Tupper Lake Veterans' Hospital, and various private institutions and rest homes.

WAC's May Now Enlist For OCS

Young women enlisting in the WAC may now enlist for the sole purpose of entering OCS, announced Capt. R. W. Ferrese of the USAF Recruiting Station here today. The WAC Officers Candidate School is held at Camp Lee Virginia, and is of six months duration. While attending the school candidates will hold the grade of Sergeant. Upon successful completion of the course the young women receive commissions in the Organized Reserve Corps, upon agreement to serve at least two years on active duty. They have the opportunity to compete for commissions in the Regular Army.

To qualify for OCS training, an applicant must be between the age of 19 and 28, be citizens of the United States, be unmarried, have no dependents, have two years of college education or be able to pass a test equivalent to that education and pass certain screening tests before an OCS board. If you are interested in obtaining a commission as a WAC, and enlisting directly for OCS training, see your local recruiting sergeant at 401 Evans St in Greenville, who will gladly provide you with any information you desire on the subject.

New Homelands Become A Habit

Vienna—(P)—Two wars and the resulting border changes within two generations have made citizenship in any Central European country a very temporary possession.

For instance: An employee of the Vienna bureau of The Associated Press was born in Bodenbach in what is now Czechoslovakia in 1906. Since Bodenbach at that time was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, he was an Austrian citizen—until—1918. At the end of World War I, his residence made him a Czech. In 1938 when the Sudetenland was ceded to Hitler, he became a German citizen. In 1945 he became a stateless person because he had moved to Vienna to work, and could no longer return to Czechoslovakia. Last year he regained his original Austrian citizenship—through naturalization.

His wife's case is similar. She was born in Feher Templom, Hungary, in 1914. Born within the empire, she was an Austrian citizen. Her father later moved to Czechoslovakia and in 1918 she suddenly became a Czech. In 1938 she became a German, in 1945 a stateless person. When her husband was naturalized she too regained her original Austrian citizenship.

She could not be repatriated to Feher Templom—that is now part of Romania. However, even if she had returned to the city of her birth she would have been expelled as a German.

USSR Lists Student Enrollment Figures

Moscow—(P)—This year there are 730,000 full-time students in higher educational institutions in the Soviet Union. In primary and secondary schools of the nation there are now 34,000,000 pupils. Both of these enrollment figures are official—have been printed in the Soviet press and were repeated by Foreign Minister Molotov in his speech on November 6—and both represent the highest enrollment to date recorded in the Soviet Union.

REPORTS POPULATION

Canberra—(P)—Australia's population at June 30 1947, was 7,579,358. This is the final figure shown after the count of the census taken on that date.

Poles Plan For New Building In Wrecked Warsaw

Warsaw—(P)—The war-ruined city of Warsaw has made so much progress in salvaging and rebuilding what the Germans demolished that accent in the future is to be placed upon "new building." Poles, working day and night, and often without the aid of machinery, have cleared hundreds of thousands tons of debris and rubble from the city and rebuilt living places for the present day population of 600,000. In 1919, a total of 1,289,000 Poles lived here.

Now, says Dr. Stefan Jedrychowski vice-president of the Central Planning board, the city is passing "from rebuilding to new building. Among the Warsaw investments planned for 1949 are new works representing 83.6 per cent of the total plan. Only 16.4 per cent is listed for rebuilding."

Border Talks By Swiss, Austria

Rorschach, Switzerland—(P)—Negotiations were begun here between Switzerland and Austria recently for the renewal and amendment of agreements for control of the 20-mile reach of the Rhine River forming the Swiss-Austrian frontier. Swiss and Austrian delegation opened a preliminary discussion of the manifold problems involved in the control of traffic across and along the river and supervision of the frontier.

A full-scale Swiss-Austrian conference to settle these problems is expected to open in Vienna early next year.



At the Yuletide season we like to reflect upon the year about to close, to count its blessings and to express in some measure our thankfulness.

In so many ways it has been a good year, we live in a country abounding in all the good things of life and enjoy more of the privileges granted to free men than any place else on earth.

Our lot in the world of human activities is one of providing services that are most vital to the health, progress and well-being of all our people, and we accept this responsibility seriously and humbly.

We are deeply grateful for the many blessings of the year and cherish the privilege of having served you and pledge our best efforts in the years ahead to provide ever better service.

So from all of us to all of you, may your days be cheery and bright and may all your burdens be light, and to you

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Greenville Utilities Commission



Holiday Greetings

We wish you every Christmas Joy . . . and may '49 be a glad New Year for you!

Milady Beauty Shop



TO ONE AND ALL

Peace, Happiness and Good Will and a Very Merry Christmas.

Teel's Dry Cleaning Service



WE EXTEND TO OUR FRIENDS

The Season's Greetings

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Many Lives Saved At Sea By Doctors' Broadcasting

Rome—(AP)—Scores of lives have been saved at sea by Rome's little known International Radio-Medical Center (CIRM).

Prof. Guido Guida, director of the "Medrad" as merchant navy centers call it, says his organization founded in 1935, has given free medical advice to hundreds of merchant ships asking for help. He has at his disposal, for consultation, a group of 40 doctors and specialists, all of whom give their services free.

When a ship asks for help in a case which is beyond the master's medical knowledge, a specialist in the disease or injury involved radios his advice to the ship. In many cases, when the sailor is too seriously ill, Medrad advises the master to transfer him to a passenger ship or put into the nearest port where he can get hospital treatment.

Similar services exist in the United States, Belgium, Great Britain, Sweden and Norway. Argentina also has organized a special medical service for ships in South Atlantic. The advice is mostly broadcast by coastal radio-centers. Some other services, Prof. Guida says, have the inconvenience of not using the proper language. Moreover requests they receive are turned over to the hospital nearest the radio station. There it is examined by the doctor on duty, who leaves when his tour is over. Thus the patient may be treated every day by a different doctor. With Rome medical center, the doctor who first prescribes for the patient, follows him throughout his illness.

Prof. Guida advanced some ideas to improve medical facilities aboard merchant ships. One was for internationalization of medicine chests. Ships of some nations, he said, have only a restricted quantity of medicines and drugs, and those of others carry products unknown in most states.

Few Namesakes Left By Hitler In Native Land

Vienna—(AP)—The self-styled "Greatest of All Austrians" is leaving only a few namesakes in his native land. Even after Adolf Hitler took over the country in the 1938 Anschluss, his first name was not popular with new parents. The 100 per cent Nazis liked the nordic names of Horst, Dieter and Siegfried. Non-Nazis wanted nothing to do with the name.

A recent survey by government officials shows that parents are avoiding the name "Adolf" as they would the plague. The trend now is to forget the new-fangled nordic appellations and give offspring such old Austrian favorites as Franz Josef, Leopold, Karl and Hans. The survey also shows that few girls are being named Karin and Edda, as they were during the Nazi occupation. Those are the names of Herman Goering's first wife and daughter.

Necessity Made Her Doll-Making A Real Business

Seattle—The Keenan Kids, Sweetie Marie and Sonny Boy—brother and sister dolls—are the original creations of Ann Keenan's doll family.

"Necessity is the mother of invention," said Mrs. Keenan, who now has a flourishing doll business here.

Five years ago at Christmas time Mrs. Keenan said, she had presents to buy for nieces, but no money. The girls would want dolls. So she made them. Some cloth and cotton stuffing; a dress for the girl doll; and pants for the boy doll. A little paint here and there on a cheek and there were the dolls.

The girls began to take the dolls to bed with them, Mrs. Keenan said. They were cuddly and warm. The soft cotton wouldn't lay hard underneath the girls while they were asleep.

Friends saw the dolls; they wanted some. A salesman was among the friends, and that is how the dolls joined Santa Claus in the department stores.

A Seattle department store ordered 120 dozen. Then a Tacoma store ordered. The orders started Mrs. Keenan in a doll shop.

In 1947 Mrs. Keenan visited a toy fair in New York City and had her dolls on exhibit. A toy representative wanted to handle the sales for her. Other salesmen took the Keenan Kids to other parts of the United States. Now the dolls are numbered in the thousands.

With such success for the Keenan Kids, Sweetie Marie and Sonny Boy requests came for other brother and sister dolls. Soon Mrs. Keenan had Dickey Boy and Betsy to join their older brother and sister.

Now Mrs. Keenan has several women helping her make the dolls.

Big Headlights Banned By Swiss

Bern, Switzerland—(AP)—Automobiles with sealed-beam headlights will be banned in Switzerland, from Jan. 1, 1949.

Swiss road regulations were amended in 1946 to permit the introduction of American automobiles fitted with sealed-beam lights. After a two-year trial, the Swiss government decided that the lights were too powerful for conditions on the narrow Swiss highways where cyclists and pedestrians outnumber the automobiles.

A new government order forbids the registration of new cars with sealed-beam lights after Jan. 1. All such lights already in use must be replaced before the end of 1948.



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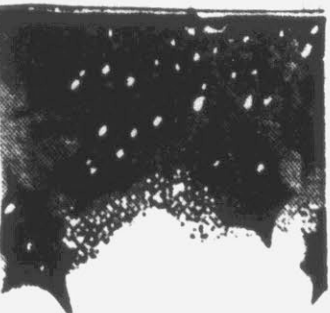
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'Operation Noel' To Bring Happiness In German Zone

By BRACE CURRY
(AP) Newsfeatures

Frankfurt—Old Santa has some special Christmas treats in store for thousands of Europe's needy children.

War orphans and DP children will frolic at scores of Yuletide parties given by Americans in Germany. There'll be warm meals and goodies for all. Many will receive toys and clothing.

Throughout the U. S. zone in Germany, generals and GIs are pitching in with American civilians to collect food, toys and clothing for luckless kids.

And not even the Russian blockade of Berlin has stalled their plans. The U. S. Army's European Command has set up a plan to handle and transport Christmas gifts for Berlin from army personnel.

It's called "Operation Noel."

Boxed collections from military posts will be shipped by rail to Gliessen and stored until the air lift is ready to deliver them to Berlin.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Commander, has allotted air lift space to handle the Christmas donations.

Clothing is coming in from the United States and other parts of Germany. From individuals in England and the Scandinavian countries sledges of more than \$1,000 have arrived unsolicited. They heard over the American Forces Network the story of the Berlin Christmas party and drive.

In Berlin itself, every American contributed for the Christmas parties. The \$17,350 raised so far assures a Christmas dinner party

for some 76,000 German children. Thirty tons of food are required for the Berlin dinners plus four tons of candy. Capt. Philip J. O'Neill, German Youth Activities officer there says.

"The hope — which at first seemed fantastic — that our community would be able to provide 76,000 children with a Christmas party, including a dinner, candies and entertainment is now a reality.

"We are now assured that not a single needy child in the American sector of Berlin or those within its orphanages and hospitals will be without a Christmas dinner and we shall be able to give some institutional children in other sectors a share."

In addition to the drive for funds, various GYA units in Berlin have been collecting clothing and making toys. So some 22,000 toys will be ready for Christmas distribution.

In the Frankfurt area, Yule parties are planned for 150,000 German and DP children. Brig. Gen. Robinson Duff, commanding the Frankfurt Military Post, says the goal is to "enable every German and DP child in the post area to participate in some way in Christmas celebrations."

Even Clarence the Camel is going to bat for the kids. The noted mascot of the U. S. Air Force's 88th Fighter Wing at Neuberg Air Base is touring Army installations in Germany to collect funds. He's snared more than \$900 to finance Christmas parties in Munich and Berlin.

At Heidelberg the American Women's Club has gathered 4,000

pounds of gifts—food toys and clothes. They will be flown to Berlin.

Americans in nine states have sent gifts to Bremerhaven for Yule parties. And more are aboard ships en route.

In Stuttgart, U. S. Military government officials have started a campaign to make Christmas a little merrier for more than 60,000 needy children in the state of Wuerttemberg-Baden. They hope to raise \$4,600 for Christmas parties.

Old City Ruins Found In Crimea

Moscow—(AP)—The ancient city of Ulurat mentioned by Ptolemy has been discovered. "Evening Moscow" said the Bosporsk Archeological Expedition, using the writings of Ptolemy, unearthed remains of the city about ten feet below the surface in a hilly area not far from Kerch, in the Crimea.

The ruins of Ulurat are now being talked of as a "Kerch Pompeii." The discoveries are said to be the most historically significant found in army years in Russia.

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WAA Closes Up Office In Hawaii

Honolulu—(AP)—The War Assets Administration's Hawaii office is closing after having sold for \$72,000,000 materials which originally cost \$360,000,000.

Glen Taylor regional director who supplied the figures, said only \$750,000 was still owing the WAA for goods and that the local office had taken in \$6 for every dollar spent.

Neighbors Find Lost Borderline

Geneva, Switzerland—(AP)—The lost border between France and Switzerland has been found and marked and everybody is happy again. Some farmers who thought they were Swiss are paying France taxes now and some who thought they were French now find their farms are in Switzerland. The correction was made after more than 100 years of uncertainty along the Jura mountain frontier of western Switzerland. It involved a stretch of about fifteen miles.

The frontier was fixed in 1824, but the Duke of Neuenberg on the Swiss side and his Imperial French colleagues neglected to mark it for posterity. Peasants in the region have been asking themselves for years whether they really were in Switzerland or France.

Now the people who worry about such things finally have cut a path twelve feet wide through the woods and weeds to mark the spot.

School Teachers To Get Houses

San Salvador, El Salvador—(AP)—School teachers in this Central American capital now have one less worry—there is a good roof over their heads.

President Salvador Castaneda authorized turning over to them 30 houses built by the social welfare department. The teachers will pay for them on a long, range basis, according to their salaries. To settle the question of who gets a house first, lots will be drawn.



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.

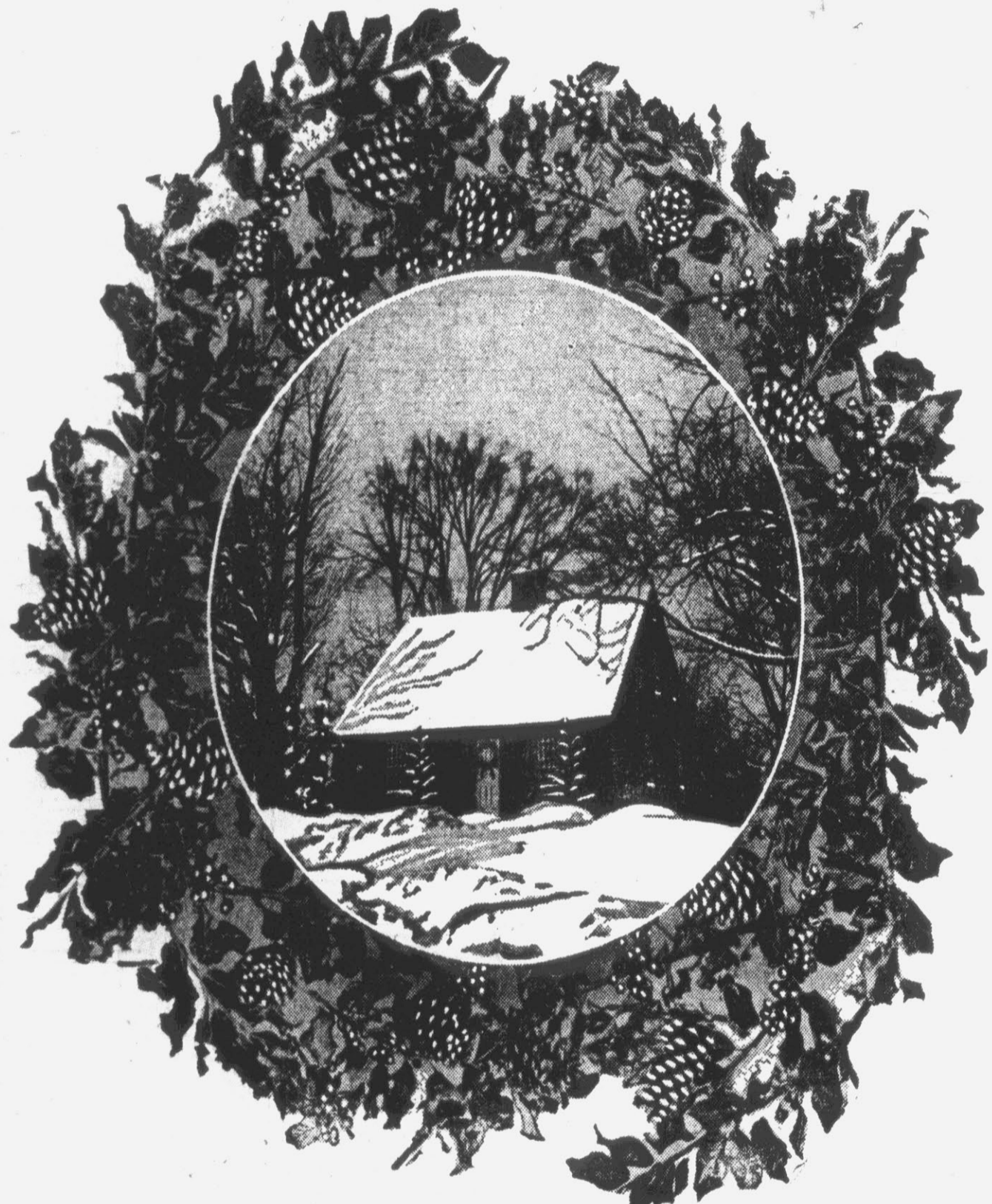
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