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What We See And Hear

CHRISTMAS 1942
By Ruth Taylor

On this, the second war Christmas, home circles are broken all over this land of ours. War has touched countless families throughout our nation. We are separated from those whom we love. We are face to face with broken homes, changed lives. Christmas gaiety is far from the hearts of many of us.

But we can still keep Christmas in our hearts. Christmas is not merely a time of personal rejoicing and good fellowship, important though that is. Christmas is the one holiday that cannot be celebrated alone. Christmas is not getting, but giving—not of mere material gifts but of ourselves.

All over this world, on the battlefronts where the armies of right fight the battle of Him who sought "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"; behind the battle lines, in palace and in humble home, in crowded city and on lonely farm; deep in the conquered countries where every act of worship is watched with suspicious eyes, men are keeping Christmas in their hearts, praying that the Prince of Peace may rule on earth.

We, the fortunate ones, in this land protected by our valiant forces from the onslaught of the aggressor, have the opportunity to answer the challenge and to share our Christmas cheer with all. We who have much to give, must give much to bring comfort to the desolate and happiness to the sick at heart. We may be lonely, we may be sad, we may be impoverished. But there is none of us who cannot give in some way. Only in giving can we keep the Christmas light burning bright. Only in giving may we follow the Star.

In another war Henry Van Dyke wrote a Christmas prayer for lonely folks. In his words let us say:

Lord God of the solitary,
Look upon me in my loneliness.
Since I may not keep this Christmas
in the home,
Send it into my heart.

***For His sake, give me a cheerful
courage to endure my lot,
And an inward comfort to sweeten it.

***Though I am poor, send me to
carry some gift to those who are
poorer,
Some cheer to those who are more
lonely.

***Teach me that I am not alone,
But that many hearts all round the
world,
Join with me through the silence,
while I pray in His Name.

Amen.

BENNINGTON SOLDIER OUTSHOTS 1,000 MEN

Pvt. Harry W. Brown, Jr., son of Selectman Harry W. Brown, stationed at a quartermasters' school in the South, has won high honors for expert shooting, having made the highest score in a contest lasting from July 1 to September 30 with more than a thousand men competing. He received a medal, a purse of money from officers of the camp and a check for \$10 from Lt. Col. H. W. Gould, Q. M. C., commanding officer in Washington, D. C. Pvt. Brown is now a cadet in an officers' school.

BENNINGTON

Fred A. Knight shot a deer this season.

Mrs. Lou Stevens was not quite as well this past week.

Miss Marjory Cate returned to Concord for the Christmas season.

Miss Mae Cashion is in Manchester with her sisters for the holidays.

Mrs. Ruel Cram was reported slightly improved this past week.

Katherine Cody has been home from school this week with a cold.

Dawn Magnuson has been ill for some time with an abscess on her throat.



Bennington's One Hundredth Anniversary

One hundred years ago, Dec. 15th, the town of Bennington was incorporated. The land was formerly known as Hancock Factory Village. The Bennington Grange observed the date with a special open meeting to which the public was invited. Appropriate histories were read; the first was given by Mrs. Lawrence Parker, a direct descendant of one of the first settlers and mother of the Grange's only soldier. It was a history of Society Land and the incorporation of the town. Many interesting facts were brought out that had not been known before. Mrs. John Bryer spoke on interesting buildings and cellar holes and old roads. Mrs. Mary Knight gave several interesting facts concerning the old days, and Mrs. Mae Cashion told the history of the St. Patrick's church. This was written by Father Keane and was very interesting indeed. Miss Grace Taylor told of the building and history of the Congregational church which was built a few years previous to the incorporation of the town.

Mrs. Prentiss Weston told of the old days in the schools as compared to these days. Henry Wilson spoke of all the industries that had been in town during the years. Prentiss Weston gave a resume of the first leading library in town and the building of the present library.

Miss Frieda Edwards, Master of the Grange, gave the address of welcome and also a history of the Grange. Miss Mae Cashion gave an illustrated musical reading, "When Grandma Danced the Minuet." Mrs. Cady represented grandmother sitting dreaming, Mrs. Robert Powers danced the minuet and Mrs. Carlton Pope played for the reading and dancing.

Mrs. Carlton Pope sang "When You and I were Young, Maggie." Rev. George Driver asked a blessing on the assembly. The flag salute was given by the entire group. J. Prentiss Weston was in charge of the proceedings.

As this meeting occurred on Tuesday night and all correspondence for this paper must be in by Tuesday afternoon, it was impossible to print any details concerning this meeting before the next week. Your correspondent would be happy to receive notices of coming events, visits, illnesses, etc. from the towns people. As gas is scarce she can no longer travel about and collect such information. Please send before Tuesday noon of any week. A postal card will do.

This Grange meeting was well worth while and enjoyed by all who came. It represented a lot of work on the part of those who presented the various histories, as it is not easy to sift such histories and condense them so that they are interesting and instructive. This town has had a grand historic background and we are still adding to it with our gallant boys and girls who are in the service of their country.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES HELD AT BENNINGTON

Miss Mae Cashion and Miss Lulu Cilley had very nice Christmas parties in their rooms at the Pierce school this past week. Mr. Narramore held a party at his home for the pupils.

The Congregational Sunday School held a nice Christmas party at the vestry on Saturday afternoon. Miss Jean Traxler and Miss Margaret Edmunds were in charge. There was a nice Christmas tree all lighted with colored lights and presents, also candy for each child. Refreshments of sandwiches, cocoa and cookies were served. Games were played by the children. On Christmas Sunday the lessons were given by the teachers on the story of the birth of Jesus. On Sunday evening Rev. George Driver spoke on the Holy Lands and had lantern slides about them. A very interesting lecture, indeed. Very nice special music was enjoyed in the morning.

'Model' Prisoner
An inmate at Southern Michigan prison has built nine gasoline-powered model airplanes and looks forward to entering model races when he is discharged. One of his planes remained aloft 24 minutes, little short of the national record.

No Room In the Inn

In the form of a babe, Christ made His way
Into this world one night,
Opening His eyes in a manger of hay,
With only the stars for light.

As Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem came,
And heard the noise and din,
No room could they find, though so weary and lame,
Within the crowded inn.

'Twas a cattle shed where Christ was born,
Wrapped in His mother's love,
As a song rang out upon the morn
From angels up above.

But sad the thought, as ponder we may,
The ways of the world we're in,
To think the crowds left no room that day,
Inside the Bethlehem inn!

Yet many lives, as the years pass by,
Are filled so full of sin,
That they make to Christ the same reply,
"There is no room in the inn!"

How common now it is on earth,
The dear Lord yet to see,
Not made at home around the hearth,
As He really ought to be.

We open our hearts, O Christ Child dear,
This Christmas morn and sing!
We tune our souls to heavenly cheer,
And own Thee, Christ our King!

—William McNair Kittredge, Antrim, N. H.

BENNINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Clymer and family will move to Connecticut the first of the year as Mr. Clymer has a good job offered him.

Mrs. Francis Davy is in Connecticut with her husband, looking for a suitable house in order that they may move the family there.

A week ago Lieut. Natalie Edwards was home on leave from Des Moines where she graduated as a full fledged Lieutenant of the WAACS. She returned after a few days to resume her studies.

Mrs. Maurice Newton was away in Lowell from Tuesday until Thursday, visiting her brother who suffered a fractured pelvis the week before last. She returned after a few days to resume her studies.

The Christmas meeting of the Missionary Society will take place this week Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, to which the public is invited. It was impossible to obtain a speaker, so the president, Miss Helen Driver, arranged a program among the members.

ANTRIM LOCALS

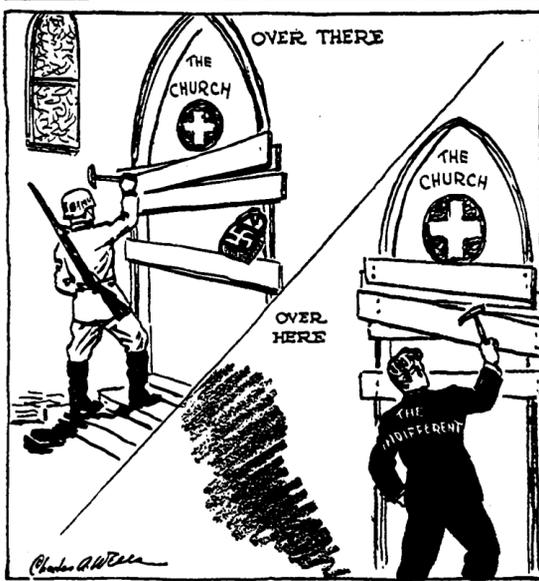
Pvt. Franklin Ordway is at home on a twelve day furlough from Dark's Dale Field, Shreveport, La.

The Girl Scouts held a Christmas party at Library hall Monday evening. Twenty-six were present.

A Christmas cantata was presented Sunday night in the Presbyterian church, under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Spencer and Miss French.

There were no morning services Sunday at the Congregational and Presbyterian churches on account of the cold. Schools closed Monday at noon and the Abbott Co. shops were not able to operate Monday.

The result of the recent Scrap Drive, exclusive of the school drive is as follows: Money received for scrap, \$194.16, of which \$37.08 was paid to the local chapter of the Red Cross and a like amount given to the U. S. O. There is nothing to prevent further scrap deposits on the local salvage dump for later sale.



OVER THERE AND OVER HERE By Charles A. Wells

Every additional report of increased persecutions against religion in the Nazi dominated areas brings cries of denunciation from the lips of many Americans. But these same Americans are often guilty of another kind of persecution against religion—the persecution of indifference. They have not sent their pastor, priest, or rabbi to a concentration camp but they have just as effectively walled him in by neglect and inadequate support. We are fighting in a war to protect religion "over there," while we destroy religion "over here" by our worldly unconcern for the spiritual values that are the foundations of a decent society. Moreover, persecution does not really destroy religion; it only drives its roots deeper under ground. Neglect and indifference can kill religion at its roots. (Reprinted by special permission.)

Miss Mildred L. Rice Bride Of Corporal Elof Dahl

Antrim and Hillsboro friends of Corp. Elof "Vic" Dahl, of Winchendon, Mass., formerly of Antrim, will be interested to read of his marriage to Miss Mildred Lillian Rice of Winchendon, Mass., the double ring ceremony being performed Sunday afternoon at the bride's home by Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, pastor of the North Congregational church of Winchendon.

The couple were attended by Frank Dahl of Fitzwilliam, brother of the groom, and Miss Althea Rice, niece of the bride. Only members of the immediate families were present.

Mrs. Dahl is a graduate of Worcester Commercial high school. She is a member of the North Congregational church, the church choir, Winchendon Grange, and the Besse Hatch Burns class of the church. Corp. Dahl is a graduate of Murdock high school of Winchendon and for nine years was employed at the office of the Antrim Reporter. He entered military service last May and at present is stationed at Columbia, S. C., where he will report for duty on Saturday of this week.

ANTRIM LOCALS

Frank Quincy has gone to work for the Lambeth Products Co.

Miss Amy Butterfield is at home from Plattsburg, N. Y., for the Christmas vacation.

William Congreves has gone to Connecticut to spend part of the winter with his daughters.

Norman Stacey and Marvin Cuddihy have been inducted into the army and are at Ft. Devens.

Miss Barbara Fluri is at home from Plymouth Normal school and will assist in the fruit store during vacation.

Arthur N. Harriman of New Bedford has been a guest for a few days of his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Whittemore.

Miss Jane Hurlin and David Hurlin are at home for the holiday vacation from their schools at Boston and Mt. Hermon.

The Boy Scouts held their Christmas party, roll call and inspection at their hall in the Engine House Tuesday evening.

Miss Isabel Butterfield arrived home Wednesday for vacation from her studies at the New England Conservatory of Music.

The men of the Presbyterian church served a supper last Wednesday night. The attendance was not large, but the supper and the service were very creditable.

DEERING MINISTER ACCEPTS CALL TO NASHUA CHURCH

Rev. Whitney S. K. Yeaple of Deering has been named pastor of the First Congregational church, Nashua, to replace Rev. Earl F. Nauss, who is serving as an Army chaplain.

Rev. Mr. Yeaple, a native of Dayton, O., was ordained to the ministry in 1918. He served as a chaplain in the World War.

A former pastor of the Lake Avenue church Rochester, N. Y., Rev. Mr. Yeaple is a graduate of Shurtleff college, Alton, Ill., where he received his Ph.D. degree, and the Colgate-Rochester Divinity school. He is the author of several books.

Antrim School News Items

The first and second grades have decorated their tree and it is very pretty.

Those who had a hundred in spelling in the third grade are Barbara Shea, Nelson Fuglestad, Joan Cummings, Earl Moul, Elaine Fournier, Donald Dunlap, Barry Proctor, Kenneth Paige; fourth grade, Beverly Sizemore, Anna Edwards, Mary Ellen Thornton, Nancy Stacy, Leilon Olson, Donald Wallace, Joey White, Bruce Cuddihy. The fourth grade is studying about Norway in geography.

The fifth and sixth grades have chosen committees for their Christmas party. They are hosts, Arnold Clark, Herbert Werden; gift givers, Norma Cuddihy, Charles Butterfield; refreshment committee, Irene Nazer, Leona Allison, Arnold Clark; clean-up committee, Heather Haslam, Francis Allison, Norman Wallace.

On Wednesday, the Dramatic club put on a play entitled "Little Darling." Those taking part were Jessie Burton, Thelma Zabriskie, Eleanor Burton, Shirley Fuglestad, Viola Burton, Jane Pratt; Juniper, the maid, Edith Moul; Lew Manders, Bernard De Foe; Mr. Burton, Winslow Coughney.

The seventh and eighth grades are presenting a play, "Shepherd Lads," for Christmas. The cast is John, Robert Dunlap; James, Kenneth Blood; Esah, Robert Allison; Girl, Barbara Stacey; Mary, Catherine Furlong; Joseph, Frederick Roberts; Kings, Charles Zabriskie, Maurice Cutter, Donald Bryer; People, Norma Fuglestad, Nancy Hall, Richard Wallace, Robert Warren.

Rationing of Foods May Not Be Too Great Hardship

As rationing gets further under way the amount and the number of items one can buy will become less and less. Old timers won't be disturbed much about it. They will all recall when the grocer's shelves and the dry goods merchant's shelves did not offer nearly the variety one finds today even with rationing at its height. In recent years we have accumulated a lot of eating habits which may or may not be as good as those our grandfathers knew. Our grandfathers got their vitamins from rolled oats and corn meal mush. They were much cheaper than the fancy packaged breakfast foods that we have come to look upon as a necessary part of our breakfast menu. Food value considered, some of the prepared foods cost more than the best cuts of meat, fish or other choice foods.

HILLSBORO

Pfc. Thomas Seymour and Mrs. Seymour are home from Portland, Me., for the holidays.

Walter Davis has been promoted to corporal and is serving at a southern army cantonment, expecting an early transfer to active service abroad.

Hillsboro was visited by some real winter weather this week when the temperature dropped to 26 degrees below zero on one morning and to 20 below on other mornings.

William Dumais has been promoted to corporal of the auxiliary police connected with the civilian defense. He was formerly an airplane spotter at the observation post in Deering.

WING to the over-crowded mails, we take this means of sending to all our friends in New Hampshire the season's best wishes.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Hard-Fought Battle for Air Supremacy Holds Key to Control of North Africa; Italians Fret Over British Air Raids; Gains in New Guinea Mark Pacific War

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



United States soldiers cross a stream in the Gona-Buna area of New Guinea. The occupation of Gona by Allied forces, directed by General MacArthur, left the Japanese pinned down in a narrow strip of coast in the Buna area, 12 miles south.

NORTH AFRICA: Air Battle Grows

Cheering word of ever-increasing Allied air strength in North Africa came from London and the Morocco radio as swarms of American and British planes in Tunisia provided cover for land operations.

Press reports tell of ground commanders telephoning for air coverage "as casually as calling for a taxi."

Chief battleground for the opposing forces had been Tebourba, a strategic junction 20 miles west of Tunisia and 35 miles south of Bizerte. Here a series of rapid action tank battles took place, with the key town changing hands as battle fortunes shifted.

Continuing efforts were made to extend and equip new airfields from which Allied planes could operate. Reports reaching the United States stressed the importance of the many American Commando transport planes now available. They are described as 50 per cent faster than the JU-52s and are capable of moving jeeps, small field guns and up to 98 soldiers.

On the opposite side of Africa, the British Eighth army was reported allowing Marshal Rommel's army no rest in the El Agheila area. The official communique spoke of patrol and artillery action. British military sources in London had warned that the "real" offensive was not yet under way and that when the Eighth army strikes, the blows will leave no doubt as to its strength.

RUSSIA: Central Front

Although Nazi forces have been hard pressed in Russia, military observers were quick to warn against undue optimism. Despite a grave strain on their communications, German forces were said to be showing no signs of faltering in defensible positions.

Generally speaking, news was good. The Red army drove seven miles deeper into enemy lines on the central front near Velikie Luki, recapturing 13 settlements, while the Germans failed in their drive to regain the initiative on the Stalin-grad front.

On the central front the Russians attacked with ski troopers supported by tanks painted white. This front extends northwest of Moscow, roughly from Rzhev to Velikie Luki. Russian reports said the Nazis were trying not only to smash the Soviet offensive but also to start one of their own, evidently in the belief that the Red army is exhausted after their continuous attack.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

WASHINGTON: Newspaper men covering this wartime capital need about 40 press passes to get them into the various buildings and offices around the city. Up until stricter measures were taken to guard against spies, saboteurs or traitors—one pass, that admitting the bearer to the White House, would get newsmen almost anywhere they wanted to go.

NEW ORLEANS: Andrew J. Higgins, shipbuilder extraordinary, is definitely going to build 1,200 cargo planes for the U. S. army. Contract for this number of aircraft was signed some time ago and the planes are to be built largely of non-critical metals.

ALGIERS: U. S. doughboys in Africa are now getting a weekly edition of their own newspaper, the Stars and Stripes. This North African edition is the product of combined efforts of the London staff of the Stars and Stripes in Britain and the staff of Yank, army magazine.

JAP DEFEAT: In South Pacific

When Allied forces, directed by General MacArthur, occupied the Gona area of New Guinea, the Japs lost the northern anchor of their ever-diminishing beachhead in Papua, which already has been badly sliced by veteran American and Australian jungle fighters.

This new defeat left the Japs hemmed in a narrow coastal strip centering on the Buna area, 12 miles to the south.

First announcement of the Gona victory was made by Prime Minister John Curtin, who gave the news as he was conducting a review of the war before the house of representatives in Canberra, Australia. His announcement was made 16 days after an Allied headquarters communique had announced the original Australian entry into Gona.

The Japs had landed at Gona on July 22 and from that area launched their invasion drive which took them across the Owen Stanley mountain range to within 32 miles of the Allied base at Port Moresby.

COMPLAINTS: From Italy

"Why do the British bomb our towns now instead of German towns? After all it was the Germans who bombed London."

That was one of the many complaints reported originating in Italy during the past 30 days. Well-informed diplomatic quarters have reported ever-growing discontent in Italy over the war. Mussolini's people are weary. They do not like the arrogance of their German Allies. Already they are dazed by repeated British bombing attacks. And every Italian knows the immediate future is black.

But the same sources also report that Italy has little chance of breaking away from German domination and seeking a separate peace. A steady stream of German air, anti-aircraft and land forces, all under Gestapo supervision, is pouring into Italy. Most of the land forces are said to have been drawn from the few reserves in Germany. Russia's new offensive makes withdrawals from the Eastern front practically impossible.

The almost incessant bombing of Turin, northern Italian industrial center, continued unabated. The smoke and fire of one raid was not dissipated before another wave of British bombers returned to spread new destruction. It was evident that the RAF did not intend to give city authorities even time to restore public utilities.

CHICAGO: Three Nazi sympathizers, under sentence to die January 22, were granted a stay of execution while the U. S. circuit court of appeals studies the findings of their recent trial. They are Hans Max Haupt, father of Herbert Haupt, executed Nazi saboteur; Otto R. Wergin and Walter O. Froehling, friends of the Haupt family.

LONDON: Continuance of the German reign of terror in Bohemia and Moravia was charged by the exiled Czech government, a spokesman for which said that 35 more Czechs had been executed by the Nazis. Twenty-nine men were shot on one day for allegedly possessing arms and explosives and participating in anti-Nazi activities, the Czech spokesman said. Six Czechs accused of being ringleaders in a sabotage and terror gang were executed in Prague. In Yugoslavia one official report said that guerrilla warfare had taken almost half of that country.

News of 1942 Tells of Churchbells in England, Gray Hair, 'Steaming Stars,' and a Breath Holder

By CLIFF LANGE

Released by Western Newspaper Union. During the past year news of the Allies battling the Axis, war production, conscription, wage-price-labor control measures, all have shoved many stories to the back pages. Stories that might have been "played up" more if they happened during peacetime. The following is a quick summary of some of those many news-shorts, and human interest stories.

JANUARY

Dr. Howard E. Wilson in an address in New York city said that most Americans are guilty of "geographic illiteracy" and that Hitler's successes were made possible because of his knowledge of the geography and economics of the nations he intended taking under his "protection."

Later on two Boston, Mass., doctors, Herbert D. Adams and Leo V. Hand reported that a man, operated on for a lung ailment, whose heart had stopped beating for 20 minutes, was brought back to life and in good condition. They had kept his brain and the rest of the body supplied with oxygen.

FEBRUARY

Many of you have seen in the movies, or heard on the radio the personality known as the "Voice of Experience." He was Marion Sayle Taylor. "Was" is the correct verb, for he died February 1 at the age of 53, from a heart attack, in Hollywood.

In a middle of the month meeting, Dr. John W. Studebaker, U. S. commissioner of education, told a meeting of 1,500 educators in the East that schools must modify their course of studies. Schools should add technical courses, stress health education and Latin America.

Down in Puebla, Mexico, the Astrophysical congress was told that the Milky Way system is 180 million billion miles from the sun. Scientists meeting at Columbia university, New York, were told by Prof. Roger Williams, University of Texas, that an abundant supply of vitamins promotes "intellectual keenness" and also are "capable of fostering morality."

MARCH

Hold your breath on this one: Eugene J. Frechette Jr., 20, New Haven, Conn., junior at Wesleyan university, Middletown, Conn., brought honors to his Alma Mater by establishing a record by holding his breath for 20 minutes, 5 seconds in a



These are said to be the graves of four of the six Nazi saboteurs who landed on Long Island and Florida beaches. Neither friends nor relatives claimed the bodies.

laboratory test. OK, let out your breath now. What did your wife say when you told her that one?

A New Jersey building contractor, Claude Habberstad, tried out some new wooden tires he had made. He drove 75 miles an hour on a concrete highway and said the tires should last for 12,000 to 15,000 miles if the speed was kept down.

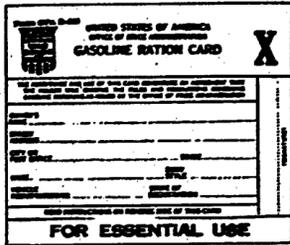
APRIL

Somehow or other, as the files are scanned of this year's news, it seems that vitamins received more than usual amount of news-coverage. For instance: The para-amino-benzonic acid of the vitamin B complex known as paba, (easier to say, too) was given to 30 gray-haired prison inmates. It restored the original color of the hair in more than two-thirds of the cases in eight months. The "libido" in almost all of the cases, varying in age from 29 to 57, was greatly increased.

"In a marriage between German and Jew the German would get by far the better of the bargain."

Dramatic Critic's Selection of 10 Best Plays

Burns Mantle, New York Daily News drama critic, listed the following as his choice for the 10 best plays of the season, ending June: "Junior Miss," by Jerome Chodorov and Joseph Fields; "In Time to Come," by Howard Koch and John Huston; "The Moon Is Down," by John Steinbeck; "Angel Street," by Patrick Hamilton; "Jason," by Samson Raphaelson; "Blithe Spirit," by Noel Coward; "Can-



If you haven't got one of these cards, you aren't driving your car—at least legally.

gain." That is what Dr. Ashley-Montague, Philadelphia, had to say before a meeting of anthropologists at Harvard. Another blast at the Nazi racial theory "myth."

MAY

Here are a few of the Pulitzer Prize winners, as announced by Columbia university: Meritorious public service by a newspaper prize went to the Los Angeles Times; best national reporting award went to Louis Stark of the New York Times; local reporting prize to Stanton Delaplaine of the San Francisco Chronicle; Ellen Glasgow's novel, "In This Our Life" also took first award.

On the 25th anniversary of his consecration as bishop, Pope Pius broadcast to the world, appealing for peace. He said, in part: "The family is sacred; it is the cradle not only of children but also of the nation, of its force and its glory. Do not let the family be alienated or diverted from its high purpose assigned to it by God."

JUNE

According to the U. S. census bureau, more than 38 million persons 25 years old, or older, completed at least eight years of grade or elementary school. More than 18 million in the same classification had finished high school.

And another thing, said Dr. McLaughlin of the University of Michigan, "exploding" stars don't actually explode. They just merely "let off a little steam." At the end of this month the nation faced a shortage of 50,000 teachers, especially in mathematics and physics. The draft, higher wages in industry were the cause of many schools deciding to close in 1943.

JULY

Russian composer Shostakovich's Seventh symphony which he dedicated "to our struggle against Fascism, to our future victory, to my native city, Leningrad" was heard for the first time in the U. S. when



Amazing Ways to Do Amazing Things Shown in Record of 1942 Accidents

In the topsy turvy year of 1942 one bit of Americana remained unchanged. Unusual accidents kept on happening as usual.

A roundup by the National Safety Council, Chicago, Ill., of dizzy mishaps for the year reveals that war or no war, a lot of people found time to do amazing things in amazing ways. For instance:

Saleslady Bessie Swank of Bridgeton, N. J., tried valiantly to fit a small girdle on a plump customer. She tugged so hard she was taken to the hospital with a severe back injury. The customer took the girdle.

Eugene B. Grabbe of Denver has never been a circus trapeze performer, but he could be. Washing windows on the seventh floor of the U. S. National Bank building, he started to fall as the buckle on his safety belt gave way. Grabbe hurled himself backward with such force

played by the NBC symphony orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini in New York city.

Dr. Grinnel Jones, and co-worker Dr. Juda, both of Harvard, announced the perfection of a new fire-resisting chemical which can be sprayed or painted on wood to make it practically fire-proof. OK for plastic planes?

AUGUST

This sounds as though it is not meant to be, but it is all in earnest. A witness, known only as Mr. Murray, testified before a senate military sub-committee on making concrete cargo-carrying submarines to save steel. In case you have doubts, remember that Sen. Josh Lee said he is convinced of the plan's feasibility.

Yale university announced the award of 19 scholarships to labor union leaders. They'll start to school next February and undertake a research project on the development of trade unions. There was no statement as to whether the "continuous membership" and "check off" clauses were in the awards.

SEPTEMBER

Along comes this month and you are told, according to London AP reports, an unpublished Sherlock Holmes story, "The Man Who Was Wanted," was found by Adrian Conan Doyle, son of the writer. He said his father didn't want it published because it just wasn't up to "scratch."

You old-timers remember the Police Gazette, don't you? It has been barred from the mails by the post office department. Lascivious, lewd material was the reason given.

OCTOBER

The Sister Elizabeth Kenny method of treating infantile paralysis by hot applications, massage and exercise, which has caused so much furore in the medical world, is to be taught in six New York hospitals. Sister Elizabeth Kenny, an Australian, is director of a University of Minnesota clinic.

NOVEMBER

As for Stalin, over in war-torn Russia, things might have seemed a little brighter when he was told that Sergei, acting Patriarch, has conferred the official blessing of the Russian Orthodox Church on him. Sergei is a native of Polish territory taken over by the Russians. Josef Stalin was called "the divinely anointed leader of our armed and cultural forces."

Celebrating the British victory in Egypt, church bells in England rang between 9 a. m. and noon on Sunday, November 15. Some of them rang for the first time since Dunkerque in June, 1940, when it was decreed that they should be rung only as an invasion warning.

DECEMBER

Charles Van Hefly, a Chicago war plant engineer, served as an example to hundreds of other motorists in that city, and cities all over the nation. He had hoarded 85 gallons of gasoline just before the recent gas rationing went into effect. Neighbors kicked. Police investigated. Firemen supervised his pouring the gas down the sewer while they shot streams of water after it. Hefly was out 16 bucks.

CHURCHES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Frank A. M. Good Regular morning worship 10:30; Sunday school. Regular sittings may be obtained through Mrs. Cora Seruton.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Edwin E. Young pastor. Two preaching services on Sunday, 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Courteous members. Nittings free. Sunday school 11:45 a. m. Week night service, Thursday night, 7:30 p. m.

LODGES

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THE Secret OF THE MARSHBANKS

BY KATHLEEN NORRIS

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THE STORY SO FAR: An orphan, Charlotte (Cherry) Hawkins knows almost nothing of her early history when, according to the wishes of her guardians, Judge Judson Marshbanks and Emma Haddock, she becomes the secretary to Mrs. Porteous Porter, wealthy San Francisco invalid. Busy as she is, Cherry sees the judge from time to time and meets the members of his household; his dictatorial old mother; Amy Marshbanks, debutante daughter of his dead brother, Fred; and Fran, his gay young second wife. Shortly afterward Cherry learns, through Emma, that her mother (never married) had been Emma's sister, Charlotte; that her father had been the judge's brother, Fred—Amy's father—and that, shortly after Cherry and Amy were born, Cherry's mother had switched the two babies! Poor Cherry Hawkins is really the rich Amy Marshbanks. The judge confirms the amazing story, but to protect Amy his mother burns certain papers that would have proved it to be true. Meanwhile, Cherry had fallen in love with Kelly Coates, a young artist (who for a time had been infatuated with Fran Marshbanks); and Amy is determined to marry Count Mario (Gogo) Constantino. Cherry is jealous when Fran intimates she had lunch with Kelly at his Sausalito studio, but he tells her he hasn't seen Fran in weeks. Old Mrs. Marshbanks tells Cherry she resents her presence in the house. Judge Marshbanks is shot to death in his library and everybody in the house is under suspicion. Kelly finally convinces Cherry that he is over her infatuation for Fran and she agrees to marry him. Amy marries Count Gogo in Reno. Cherry discovers there are gunpowder marks on Fran's negligee. The police find love letters Kelly wrote to Fran.

Now continue with the story.

CHAPTER XVI

"This is the first I've heard of this," said the old woman, in a voice of desperate resignation. "I only knew of it myself yesterday. I'd put them in a place that seemed absolutely safe. They ferreted them out."

Cherry had finished. She went to take the chair opposite the older Mrs. Marshbanks at the fire.

"Hello, everyone!" Kelly Coates stood in the doorway.

Cherry's heart gave a great spring, began to tremble with fear and pain. Oh, she did not want to see Kelly this morning, not after Fran's story of the letters, not after the wonderful day he and she had had together at Topocote!

She would have escaped, but there was no escape. He came in, greeting Fran and old Mrs. Marshbanks and Gregory, catching Cherry's hand as he stood beside her, but with no other look or greeting, and spoke at once of Amy's elopement. He hoped it had not too much distressed her grandmother.

"I don't know any good of him!" Mrs. Marshbanks said of Count Gogo, visibly touched by Kelly's solicitude in spite of her stiff manner.

"At all events, Amy is a determined young lady and knows her own mind. She may mold him into just the husband she wants," Kelly said comfortingly. And then to Fran: "You telephoned that you wanted to see me about something?"

"Could we talk for a few minutes, Kelly?" Fran asked, rising. "Something has happened." Cherry heard her say as they went away together, "and I don't know how serious it may be."

Cherry's own heart sick with apprehension, she went through the gloomy big halls up to her own room a few minutes later. It seemed to Cherry that life would never be right and happy again. She was trying to master her tears when May came in with the message that Mr. Coates would like to see her a moment.

Kelly looked at her a moment, then squared her gently about with his big hands and asked her why she had been crying.

"I've felt—so horrible!" Cherry faltered, fresh tears welling in her eyes. She could not face him.

"What about, now, Marchioness? Nerves? Is all this beginning to get you?"

"Oh, Kelly, I'm so wretched about those letters! I knew—of course I knew," Cherry faltered, "that you were fond of Fran; I knew that just as soon as I met her, or you! But it hurts me so—it hurts me so—when I was so happy thinking that you and I would be together—to have this happen now! To have the police get them and the newspapers; it spoils everything!"

"Why does it spoil everything?" he asked gravely, still holding her lightly with both hands behind her shoulders. "Look at me, Cherry. This doesn't spoil anything. Do you mean that you don't want to come to Sausalito now?"

She smiled up at him through tears.

"Oh, Kelly, but it makes it all so horrid!" she said, even though hope was dawning in her voice.

"Cherry, you just said that you knew I'd cared—or that at one time some months ago, I thought I was crazy about Fran. I never asked her to come to Sausalito and run me; I never thought of her doing any such thing."

"Didn't she tell you about the letters?"

"Of course she did."

"You—you comfort me by just s-saying anything!" Cherry said, laughing with wet lashes. She seated herself in a big fireside chair, and Kelly came to sit on the broad arm, holding tight to her hand.

"Let's have it. What about the letters?"



I had to tell them, Kelly she said breathlessly, apologetically.

"She had them, Kelly. And a day or so ago the police found them."

"So what?"

"So what?" she echoed dazedly. "Can't they use them, Kelly? Can't they make it seem that perhaps if you loved her . . . ?"

"Why," Kelly said, "what on earth do you suppose was in those letters, dear? Plans for murdering Jud Marshbanks?"

"You comfort me," Cherry whispered, her eyes shut. "You don't know how you rest me, Kelly!"

He twisted about a little so that he could get an arm around her.

"What was in them?" she asked faintly.

"Well, I suppose the usual thing. That I was—oh lord—perhaps that I was happy in my new friendship for one of the most fascinating women I'd ever known," Kelly said, half amused and half impatient.

"There must have been more than that because she was so frightened."

"I'll be damned if I know what scared her," he said, in a genuinely puzzled tone. "She was beside herself. 'Kelly,' she said, 'it isn't for my sake but yours! Your career is ruined. And she wanted me to take her away. Take me away and marry me!' she said over and over again."

"And what did you say?" Cherry asked, paling.

"I said that I loved you."

Her eyes filled again. Cherry could not speak.

"Then she said that I didn't know what might happen," the man pursued, still in the tone of one completely bewildered, "and I asked her what on earth she was afraid of. She said, 'You don't know, you don't know how they sound! You've not seen them for months.' It was the darnedest thing I ever knew." But as for the police and the press exploiting them and landing me in jail, why, it's just silly."

"And you really don't think there's anything dangerous in those letters?" Cherry asked on a long sigh.

"I know there isn't. What gets me is that she thinks there is."

"It's clearing, Cherry. Get on your coat and rubbers and tie something over your head. We'll go for a walk."

"If I can keep my feet on the ground!" she said, adding in a long tone, "Oh, Kelly, it'll be so good to get out of this house some day and into the free, open air and to forget everything that's gone on here!"

"Don't you think sometimes of the fact that if things had gone just a little differently you might be a rich woman, Marchioness?" he asked, as they walked along the wet sidewalks, leaning against the wind.

"No; I never thought of it, really. I wouldn't want it. I'll feel so rich as your wife, Kelly," Cherry said, "that it would just be a bother to me. Just to be over there, alone with you," she continued, gesturing towards the far hills, "there's no money in the world that could tempt me to give up a minute of it!"

"It's going to be a great adventure," Kelly said.

"It's going to be heaven! I can't believe it yet."

They paced along together, facing the wind.

"Oh, I'd forgotten, what with Amy and everything," Cherry said suddenly. "Yesterday when I was in Fran's room, and she was showing me the overnight case that the police had broken open when they got your letters, she went into the bathroom to take a shower and while she was there the wind blew in through her closet—and I went in to close the window—and one of her dressing gowns blew against my hand, and Kelly—she'd wiped a pistol barrel on it! No mistake. Grease and gunpowder, and it was all puckered up."

"What are you talking about?" the man demanded, interrupting. "Fran had wiped the barrel of a revolver on one of her dresses?"

"One of those negligees she wears. And that was what she had on when she ran downstairs that night—when we'd all heard the judge shouting and we all ran to our doors. The minute I saw it I remembered it, although I'd forgotten it until then."

"Forgotten what?"

"That that negligee was what she had on."

"But someone would have seen

her if she'd picked up the gun."

"Not necessarily. We were all so frantic! But, Kelly," Cherry went on impressively, laying a gloved hand on his shoulder, "this is the strange thing. Fran did have that negligee on at first, but when the police and the doctor and all the others got there she didn't. She had on only her nightgown, for she was shivering with cold, and one of the maids went and got her an overcoat from the hall closet."

"Ha!" Kelly said, his brow knitted. "Sure of that?"

"I'm absolutely sure. The first thing I saw when I opened my door was that the halls were lighted, and May and Molly and Helene, the other maid, were coming down from the upper floor, and Fran halfway down the stairs saying it was nothing, that we mustn't get excited, and wearing that negligee. But when the doctor and the police got there, she didn't have it on."

"She could have run upstairs, hung it up, and gone down again without anyone's noticing?"

"Easily—it was a madhouse for a while. And nobody was watching or checking."

"She wiped that revolver on the first thing that came handy, a fold of her dressing gown," Kelly formulated it slowly. "And then it occurred to her that the stain would be a hard thing to get rid of. She couldn't count on anything she had to clean it with . . ."

"She grabbed that gun instinctively and cleaned it before she realized that if those smudges were discovered matters would be worse than ever," Kelly continued. "So she took the boldest course and as it turned out the safest one. We're not far from Fisherman's Wharf, Cherry; how about an oyster stew?"

"Oh, Kelly, I'm starving!" She laughed her old joyous laugh as he caught her arm tightly in his, and they went along together at a walk that was almost a run.

The restaurant was as plain as coarse linen and cheap chairs could make it, but the fragrance of the boiling crab kettles outside scented the place appetizingly.

"Honestly, Kelly, is there one chance in the world Fran did it?" the girl presently said.

"I don't think so. I'd swear she didn't have the nerve. But it strikes me—it's seemed to me all along—that her position is that of someone who knows something, or thinks she does; she's protecting someone. But who? Amy? The old lady? I don't know . . . Here are our oysters."

"It's just one o'clock," Cherry said, "and I think I'll telephone home that I'm not coming."

When she came back she sank into her chair, gripping the table, trying to speak.

"Cherry, what is it? What's the matter?" Kelly stammered, catching at her hands.

"It was Mullins," she whispered. "They want us to come straight home. She said—she said she and Jud had quarreled—over you. Fran has confessed!"

When they went out onto the wharf looking for a taxi, Cherry held Kelly's hand tightly.

"Fran's confessed, eh?" he said more than once. "I wonder what that means? Why does she drag me in? She knows darned well that whatever she's up to I'm not in it."

"But—she could say you were!"

"Yes, but that's not enough."

"Kelly," she said, when they had signaled a cruising taxi and were on their way, "promise me something."

"Anything," he said.

"Promise me that no matter what happens now, no matter how tangled things get, you and I are—forever and eternally—bound to each other!"

"Why, my darling, my darling," he said, "my life is your life now. Here we are! He finished abruptly, as the cab drew up at the imposing Marshbanks doorway. "Now we'll try to see what all this is about."

There were four officers there now, instead of the usual one or two; Fran was there, too, silent, very pale, tragic-looking, with her white skin and raven-black hair.

"I had to tell them, Kelly," she said breathlessly, apologetically.

"I'm sorry. I thought for a while that we could hide it. But I had to tell."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Washington Digest

Higher Prices Asked for Extra Effort by Farmers

Time and a Half for Factory Workers' Overtime, Manufacturers' Cost-Plus, Proves Demands Not Excessive.

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There is a package in Washington addressed to the farmers marked "Do Not Open Until After Congress Convenes." It may never be delivered, but the people who are doing it up at this writing think it will be. It will make a nice New Year's present. It is labeled "Higher Farm Prices."

Several straws indicate that the wind is blowing in this direction. The house early this month unanimously passed a measure which directed that the cost of all farm labor be included in computing parity prices.

Since the election is over, nobody can attribute purely political motives to the congressmen who supported the measure. As nearly as I can find out, the vote reflected the mail—the opinions expressed in the letters that the congressmen have been getting since the election—plus a belief on the part of many people in the administrative as well as the legislative branch that if we are to ask the farmer to increase his production effort from 20 to 50 per cent, we will have to give him the incentive of higher prices.

One official said to me: "When you go to a contractor and say that he has got to double his production or get it out in one-half the ordinary time, you are not surprised when he expects a bonus. When you ask the farmer to raise more than he ordinarily does—he is usually raising all he thinks he can anyway—it is natural that he expects some sort of material reward. Time and a half for overtime has not been abolished, manufacturers are guaranteed against loss by the cost-plus system. Why shouldn't the farmer get his share?"

These are some of the arguments which you hear these days when the question of raising farm prices is discussed. This is quite a different attitude from the one taken when the country was demanding that something be done to prevent inflation. Proponents of higher ceilings claim that they are not inconsistent. They say: "There is no danger of uncontrolled inflation when you permit a stipulated limit to the rise in costs."

Subsidies Not Popular

Already it has been found necessary to subsidize the cheese markets. If you expect to get all the dairy and pork products you need, the argument runs, it will be necessary to pay the farmer a little bit more for his milk and hogs. Subsidies are not popular. If another way can be found, so much the better.

There is, however, another important consideration in connection with the whole food and fiber production program. This is a growing demand that processing and distribution be strictly regulated. Secretary Wickard, as food administrator, has the power to set up such regulations.

Officials who served in the department of agriculture through the last war will testify that although there was efficient food distribution, a lot of smart processors and middlemen feathered their nests at the expense of the farmer and the public. Farmers know this. One congressman said to me: "The folks out in my district do not object to working twice as hard and producing twice as much if they can. They do think, however, that they ought to get a little more money for their extra effort and they also feel they ought to have the guarantee that no speculator is going to make money out of the increased production the way many did in the last war."

The appointment of Secretary Wickard, with his powers over the processing and distribution of food products, was partly a result of opinions such as expressed by the farmer whom my congressman friend quoted. It is argued that since the department of agriculture is responsible for getting enough food and textiles to fill the domestic, army and navy and lease-lend demands, this same agency ought to have control over the preparation and distribution of these products as well.

Not Mr. Wickard's View

There are some, of course, who take an extreme view of this subject. They would like to see the government take over the whole processing and distribution industry, at least for the duration. This is not the view of Mr. Wickard.

Naturally, there will be strong opposition to increased farm prices from the Office of Price Administration and various other bodies, which are supposed to speak for the consumer or which represent the strong anti-inflationist views.

The President has made it plain that he will be the arbiter when such conflicts arise. The formula for parity cannot be altered without legislation since it is already defined by law. Even if the senate concurs with the house and agrees to include all farm labor costs in the parity formula, the President would still have the power to veto such a measure and the administration could probably muster enough votes to support the veto.

Secretary Wickard, who moves slowly and conservatively, has been gaining power as he advanced. There is more and more evidence of a return to influence of the old line departments as against the wartime agencies like the OPA. The former have more influence with congress and apparently the people have more confidence in them.

The department of agriculture will be there when the mushroom agencies have stratted their hour and disappeared.

Japan Must Learn

"Japan must not only be defeated but crushed . . . maimed and left helpless for a long period."

Speaking not, he says, in the voice of wartime emotionalism nor as the retired colonel or a sedentary editorial writer, Nathaniel Peffer, Far Eastern expert, makes the above statement. "Japan," he says, "must be taught a terrible lesson, a lesson that cannot be conveyed by defeat in itself."

I know Mr. Peffer, have known him since I heartily disagreed with many of his ideas, clear back in college days. I know the great respect in which he is held by the wise men of the East—and the West—today. I know his hatred and contempt for the militarist. So I seized upon the above quotations from his latest book, "Basis for Peace in the Far East" (Harper & Bros.) in the hope that I would be able to tear his new tome to shreds in a pleasurable frenzy of humanitarian sadism and delight my pacifist friends. But later on, as I read this highly enlightening book and absorbed Mr. Peffer's program for post-war treatment of Japan, I saw I would have to temper my opinion of the author's unchristian preachment in the first chapter.

I discovered that Mr. Peffer was merely an old fashioned parent who believes in administering chastisement to a bad child.

Two sets of obstacles interfere with a healthy Japan that can live peacefully in the family of nations, Mr. Peffer explains. One group are external, one internal, self-made.

The external are lack of natural resources of her islands. Therefore, he says, after her period of repentance, the opportunity to buy raw materials and the opportunity to sell the finished products must be established. Internally, Japan cannot function like modern communities such as Detroit or the Ruhr or Lancashire, and at the same time operate a system in which people live in medieval villages. The terms under which we will help Japan rebuild the devastation which our bombs and shells will wreak upon her, will be the removal of internal obstacles to a more balanced social system.

No reviewer can adequately deal with another man's book. If he could he might just as well write it himself. I have offered these brief excerpts in the hope that the apparent paradox in point of view will whet your curiosity—for unless you read "The Basis for Peace in the Far East" you won't be able to discuss intelligently the basis for peace anywhere, when the time comes for it to be established.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

The maritime commission has approved names of 24 Liberty ships submitted by the nation's school children in connection with the recent school salvage campaign. Included among the names suggested by children in 24 states are those of Presidents, a vice president, senators, famous Indians, surgeons, Colin P. Kelly Jr., an archbishop and an aviatix—Amelia Earhart.

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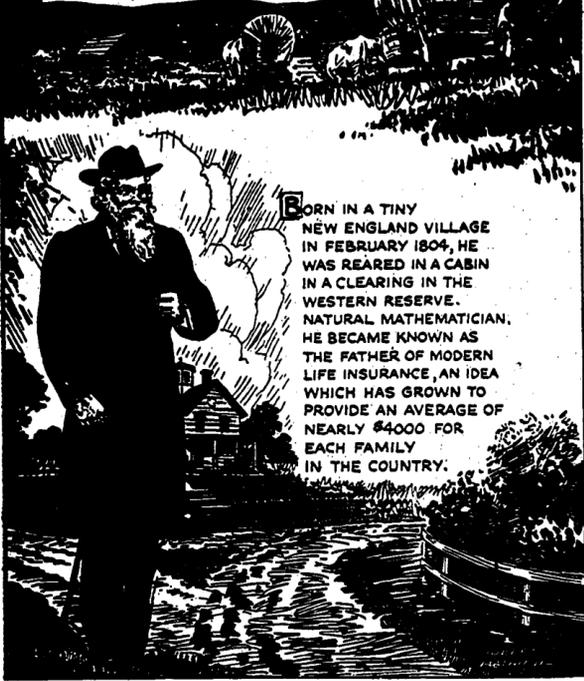
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A Burglar for Christmas
by Rolana Flagel

IT WAS midnight on Christmas Eve. Seven-year-old Jack, having baffled the sandman since eight o'clock, tossed back the covers and crept downstairs.

Now, at long last, he would learn the truth about Santa Claus. Man or myth? Chimney sweeper or a lovable old red-nosed gentleman?

When the clock struck one Jack was still sitting patiently in the chair by the fireplace, watching the embers glow and wane. Tinsel on the nearby Christmas tree glistened. It was all very exciting, but where was Kris Kringle?

The noise Jack heard a moment later might have been Santa but it didn't come from the chimney.

Quickly the boy jumped back in the shadows while he heard the dining room window raise slowly. A gust of cold air, heavy footsteps, and then Jack heard the window close.

Frightened, he crept forward until he could see where blue moonlight filtered into the dining room. There Jack saw—not Santa Claus but a masked burglar, systematically looting the silverware! Seconds later his softly slipped feet carried the lad upstairs into his parents' bedroom. The boy shook his father.

"Dad!" he whispered loudly, eyes blazing. "Dad! Wake up!" "Grummph," came the sleepy answer.

"A burglar, Dad! Wake up! Call the police!" Not waiting, Jack reached for the bedside telephone himself. His mother still slumbered.

"Operator?" he asked. "Send the police over to our house right away! There's a burglar downstairs!"

By that time it was out of Jack's hands. His parents were wide awake now, clinging to their hero



Jack reached for the telephone himself.

son and listening. During the next two minutes they heard a stark drama—downstairs the dining room window opened and closed. In the distance, growing ever nearer, was the hum of a motor which they knew would be the police car.

They heard it stop outside. Then came a shout. "Stop thief!" A brief scuffle, and they knew the burglar was captured.

Next morning Jack was awakened by his father.

"Son," he began, eyes twinkling. "I forgot to ask last night how you happened to hear that burglar."

Jack blushed. "I was downstairs. Dad, waiting for Santa Claus. Wanted to see if he really does come on Christmas eve."

His father laughed heartily. "But Jack!" he protested. "Don't you know that Santa Claus never comes when little boys and girls are watching? I'll bet he's been here by this time, though. Let's go see!"

Downstairs Jack's surprise was divided between two equally fascinating subjects. Around the Christmas tree were more presents than he'd ever seen before, including a brand new bicycle!

But off to one side was a jolly looking, blue-uniformed policeman. "Sonny," the copper began. "That burglar you captured last night was 'Lightning Pete,' a most notorious house breaker."

Jack's jaw dropped. "Best of all," the policeman continued, "there's a \$500 reward for his capture, and it all belongs to you. Here's the check."

Jack could barely say "Thank you," so amazed was he.

"I guess," he finally mumbled, "that Santa Claus is wearing a blue uniform this year."

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Christmas in Sweden. Sweden celebrates her Christmas December 24 with fish and rice porridge.

Santa Comes to Pierre
By Jules Bevan

OLD MARIE didn't quite understand about Santa Claus, but her little Pierre did. Pierre went to school with the other boys while Old Marie sewed dresses in the sweat shop. It had been that way ever since Jacques died, two years after they left sunny France and came to New York.

"Mamma!" little Pierre would ask her at night, "Please, Mamma, will Santa Claus bring me the violin from Rubens' pawn shop this Christmas?"

Then he would stare expectantly while Marie tried to find an answer. She usually promised him Santa would, for little Pierre wanted the violin so badly. But as Christmas grew nearer the groceries and coal



Pleez, M'sieur, a penny! She cried to the passers-by.

and shoes used up all her savings—there was nothing left for Pierre's violin.

Marie was usually stolid, but she felt sad when she left the sweat shop Christmas eve. Little Pierre would be home waiting for Santa Claus and the violin. Pierre had seen it in the window at Sam Rubens' pawn shop only yesterday, a big five-dollar price tag tied around its neck. How sad he would be if this Santa Claus fellow forgot him!

Marie was swept along in the Christmas Eve traffic, downhearted. But despair gave way to triumph, for a plan suddenly came to her amid this confusion: She would beg for alms like her gran'pere had done back in Paris! These Americans—they seemed happy enough to help her on Christmas eve!

"Pleez, m'sieur, a penny!" she cried to the passers-by on Broadway. "A penny for my leetle Pierre's violin!"

Marie had collected seventy-eight cents before the big Irish policeman saw her.

"Here now, old gurrull!" he protested. "Don't yez know ye can't panhandle here? Come along now to th' station!"

A few minutes later old Marie was pouring out her story to the gruff desk sergeant. She was confused.

"Thees panhandling," she complained. "You say I cannot do it. But I only try to get money for the violin, so your Santa Claus weel come to my leetle Pierre. See?"—she held out her money—"I only need four dollars and twenty-two cents more!"

"Well, now, that's different," the sergeant replied. "Come boys!"—he addressed the policemen gathered around his desk—"let's kick in the five dollars to buy a violin for Marie's little Pierre! Sure now, and where's your Christmas spirit?"

A few minutes later a grateful old Marie was hurrying down the snow-covered side street to Sam Rubens' pawn shop. But alas! Sam was just handing the violin to a well-dressed old gentleman as Marie stormed in.

"Pleez, m'sieur!" she cried. "You mus' not buy it. The violin, she is for my petit Pierre. See? I have five dollars!"

The white-crested purchaser was dumfounded.

"But madame," he answered. "I have just bought it for my grandson's Christmas."

"N'importe!" Marie protested, adamant now. "You mus' sell it to me. The policeman, they have given me the money, see? My leetle Pierre, he will be so disappointed!"

The old man looked at Sam.

"Have you another violin?"

"For seven dollar I got a better one." Sam's eyes lighted up. It looked like another sale.

"All right, madame," the gentleman spoke to Marie. "Here's your violin. Give me the five dollars."

"Merçi, m'sieur!" Old Marie cried. "My Pierre, he will be so happy!" With that she dashed out into the night, happy at last.

Pierre was asleep when she arrived home, but he found the violin on the table next morning. It glistened like new inside the weather-beaten case.

"Mamma!" he cried with glee. "Mamma! The violin! But how—where—who gave it to me?"

Old Marie's eyes filled with tears. "Santa Claus brought it, Pierre. Of course—Santa Claus. Then there was the policeman and the kind gran'pere."

But Pierre didn't hear the last. He only knew Santa Claus hadn't forgotten!

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Church Notes

Furnished by the Pastors of the Different Churches

Baptist Church

Rev. Ralph H. Tibbals, Pastor
Sunday, December 27
Church School, 9:45.
Morning worship, 11. The pastor will preach on "Why Christian Education?"
Union Service, 7, in this church.

Presbyterian Church

Rev. Wm. McN. Kittredge, Pastor
Thursday, December 24th
The mid-week service will be omitted.
Sunday, December 27th
Morning worship at 10:30 with sermon by the pastor from the theme, "At the Turn of the Year."
The Bible School meets at 11:45.
The Union Service at the Baptist church at 7 p. m.

Antrim Center Congregational Church

Service of Worship Sunday morning at 9:45

Bennington Congregational Church

George H. Driver, Pastor
Bennington, N. H.
Sunday, October 4, 1942
11:00 a. m. Morning worship.
12:00 m. Sunday School.

St. Patrick's Church

Bennington, N. H.
Hours of Masses on Sunday 8:15 and 10 o'clock.

Classified Ads.

STOVE FOR SALE
Large Round Oak Stove—with oil burner, automatic feed, all in good condition and will be sold at a low price. Can be seen at Clark's plumbing shop.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two steam heated rooms, upstairs, on Grove street. Tel. 9-21, Antrim. 45tf

Administratrix' Notice

The Subscriber gives notice that she has been duly appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Kenneth E. Roeder, late of Antrim in the County of Hillsborough, deceased.

All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment, and all having claims to present them for adjustment.
Dated December 16, 1942.
5-7e ETHEL E. ROEDER

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Hillsborough, ss
Court of Probate

To all persons interested in the estate of Ida S. Brown, late of Wallingford, in the County of New Haven, and State of Connecticut.

Whereas Marshall S. Brown of New York City, in the County of New York, and State of New York, Executor of the will of said deceased, has filed in the Probate Office for said County of Hillsborough, his petition to file an authenticated copy of the will of the said Ida S. Brown under the provisions of Chapter 298 Section 13, of the Public Laws of said State of New Hampshire, the said petition being open for examination by all parties interested.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Court of Probate to be holden at Manchester, in said County, on the 19th day of January, 1943, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

Said Executor is ordered to serve this citation by causing the same to be published once each week for three successive weeks in the Antrim Reporter, a newspaper printed at Antrim, in said County, the last publication to be at least seven days before said Court, and by causing a copy of said petition and order thereon to be served upon the State Treasurer fourteen days at least before said Court.

Given at Nashua, in said County, this 18th day of December, A.D. 1942.

By order of the Court,
WILFRED J. BOISCLAIR
4-6 Register.



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All advertisements appearing under this head 2 cents a word; minimum charge 35 cents. Extra insertions of same adv. 1 cent a word; minimum charge 20 cents. PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Wood stove, also 5 pigs, 5 weeks old. Clifford Murchison, Center road, Hillsborough, N. H. 51-52*

FOR SALE—Dry and green wood. Telephone 173, Walter Gay, Hillsborough. 52tf

FOR SALE—Canaries, males \$5.00 females \$1.00. Ethel C. Sargent, Bradford. m

FOR SALE—Three very attractive home farms in Henniker. One fine farm with good sugar orchard, also two pleasant home places in East Washington. Harold Newman, Washington, Tel. Upper Village 9-22. 51tf

FOR SALE—20 single iron beds. Also line new mattresses. See A. A. Yeaton, Hillsboro. 35tf

—Rubber Stamps for every need made to order, 48c and up. Messenger Office. 2tf

FOUND

FOUND—A sum of money. Loser can have by paying for this advertisement. Al Mills, Hillsboro.

FOR RENT

—Tenement for rent. Modern improvements. Heat with wood, coal or oil. Louise E. Casey. 43tf

HELP WANTED—MALE

MAN WANTED—Inquire at Hillsboro Feed Co., Tel. 52-4, Hillsboro.

—Christmas cards, especially to send boys in the service, also personal and box assortments and every day greeting cards for all occasions. For sale by Lisabel Gay, The Cardteria, 47 School St., Hillsboro. 42tf

CHECK BALDNESS—If you have dandruff, itching scalp, thin hair; dry, brittle or oily hair. Call at

MATTHEWS' BARBER SHOP

Main St., next to Crosby's Restaurant

Every Child Likes To Decorate Tree

Child development experts say that children will enjoy Christmas more if they help in getting the house ready for the coming of old Saint Nick. One of the most important duties, especially to a child, is that of decorating the tree.

A little boy or girl will love the opportunity to cut out cardboard stars, then dip them into a thick mixture of water and laundry starch



Even the united efforts of these children couldn't budge the huge Christmas tree selected for their schoolyard — but they had a good time trying to help.

and finally, sprinkle them with artificial snow. Small gourds, seed pods and pine cones can be treated in a like manner, after they've been painted with quick-drying enamel, or with aluminum paint.

Much pleasure will be derived by a child if he or she is allowed to make strings of cranberries, popcorn or small pieces of stale bread to hang on a special Christmas tree for the birds. Later children can string them about a shrub or tree in the front yard, and watch the birds enjoy Christmas, too.

Buhl Furniture

Buhl furniture is a style of furniture which was invented and made by Andre Charles Buhl or Buhl, cabinet maker to the court of Louis XIV. It is richly inlaid with gold, copper and tortoise shell, under the last named of which a crimson fabric is often placed.

Legal Notices

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Hillsborough, ss

Court of Probate

To the heirs at law of the estate of Georgia E. Boynton, late of Hillsborough, in said County, deceased, intestate, and to all others interested therein:

Whereas George W. Boynton, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has filed in the Probate Office for said County, the final account of his administration of said estate:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Court of Probate to be holden at Hillsborough in said County, on the 29th day of January, 1943, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

Said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by causing the same to be published once each week for three successive weeks in the Hillsborough Messenger, a newspaper printed at Hillsborough, in said County, the last publication to be at least seven days before said Court.

Given at Nashua, in said County, this 3rd day of December A.D. 1942. By order of the Court, WILFRED J. BOISCLAIR Register.

50-52s

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Hillsborough, ss

Court of Probate

To all persons interested in the trusts under the will of Sarah E. Wallace, late of Weare in said County, deceased, testate:

Whereas Alfred Osborne, trustee under the will of said deceased, has filed in the Probate Office for said County the fifth account of his trusteeship of certain estate held by him for the benefit of Good Will Institute, Nashua, N. H.; N. E. Woman's Christian Temperance Union for Boylston Home; and The Salvation Army, Manchester, N. H.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Court of Probate to be holden at Manchester in said County, on the 19th day of January, next, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

Said trustee is ordered to serve this citation by causing the same to be published once each week for three successive weeks in the Weare Sentinel, a newspaper printed at Hillsborough in said County, the last publication to be at least seven days before said Court.

Given at Nashua in said County, this 16th day of December A. D. 1942.

By order of the Court, WILFRED J. BOISCLAIR, Register.

52-1s

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Hillsborough, ss

Court of Probate

To all persons interested in the conservatorship of Roswell A. Whitcomb of Hillsborough, in said County, under the conservatorship of Doris E. Whitcomb.

Whereas said conservator has filed in the Probate Office for said County her petition for license to sell the real estate of her said ward, said real estate being fully described in her petition, and open for examination by all parties interested.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Court of Probate to be holden at Manchester, in said County, on the 19th day of January next, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

Said conservator is ordered to serve this citation by causing the same to be published once each week for three successive weeks in the Hillsborough Messenger, a newspaper printed at Hillsborough, in said County, the last publication to be at least seven days before said Court.

Given at Nashua, in said County, this 14th day of December A. D. 1942.

By order of the Court, WILFRED J. BOISCLAIR, Register.

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Metronome Now Teaches

Rookies How to Drill

CAMP CALLAN, CALIF. — That gadget that used to stand atop the piano during practice hours and tick out the one-two-one-two rhythm, now is teaching Uncle Sam's rookies how to drill.

Having no music to guide the maneuvers, Lieut. Col. Manly B. Gibson hit upon the idea of hooking up an electric metronome to the battalion public address system.

Now the troops keep perfect time.

British Tailors Seek

Ways of Saving Cloth

LONDON.—Britain's tailoring chiefs have secret talks, trying to devise a "coupon suit."

The idea of the "coupon suit" would be to save material. Suggestions that trouser cuffs, pocket flaps and jacket lapels should be abolished were being considered. But the verdict, for the time being, is a secret.

Weekly Letter by George Proctor Fish and Game Conservation Officer

Are you interested in getting a higher bounty on the quill pig? Bills to that effect are to be introduced into this coming January Legislature. It's 20c paid on a head. With shells high and quillpigs on the increase something must be done to remedy the situation.

We are still hunting for something for Christmas in the line of dogs. If you have something or know of them get in touch with us at once. We want Irish or English setters, Airedales, Boston Terriers and Collies. Must be puppies weaned.

Deer hunting in a blinding snow storm is not what it's cracked up to be. It's a woman we picked up beside her car Sunday afternoon. Her mittens were froze and she was about the same. We took her home with her cannon, an old fashioned 45/90. We asked her if she had fired the gun and she said "No." She left a note for her husband that she had gone home with the wind.

Don't let your deer pelt waste this year. Every one is needed for war work. The best place to send them is the Saranac Glove Co. Littleton, N. H. They will pay cash or send you a nice pair of mittens or gloves. Then the Boy Scouts in Rindge want them. Do something with them, don't let them rot behind the barn.

Last week we got a nice lot of clothing from a party in Milford and Temple which we handed out where it will do a lot of good.

Got a nice scare Monday about noon time. Two planes came down over my house so close. Well it was close enough.

Two more bobcats were seen in the highway on the 101 route Monday morning by deer hunters but too far off for a shot. \$40 went up the road at a high clip.

Have you seen any of the winter birds yet?

To you dealers in minnows. Let me know if you have any to sell this year. We have people asking where they can buy small suckers, red fins and minnows for ice fishing.

It's against the law to set a trap within 25 feet of a muskrat house. Nor can you disturb or destroy or place a trap inside a house occupied by a muskrat.

One of these days we are going to make a test case in some nearby police court and see if we can't impress upon some of these hunters and fishermen that the license shall be prominently displayed on the front of the outer garment. I found a fellow last Sunday who had the license badge pinned to his suspender under about five thickness of clothing. I thought he would freeze before he found it. Then a lot of them pin it to the back of their caps which is not legal. One man was very much peeved that I made him take it out of his pocket and pin it to his coat. He was not very complimentary to our state Solans when he said the Guy that made that law was crazy. He thought I made it. I told him I did not make the laws I only tried to enforce them. I have at least 30 first offenders that I warned the next time they could tell it to the Judge.

The deer season for Southern N. H. closed Tuesday night at one half hour after sunset. It was a good season but all in favor of the deer. It did snow a little Sunday but too late for the boys out that day. Monday it was wonderful tracking but most of the hunters were busy on defense work. With 1500 men and most of them deer hunters missing from my district you could not expect a big kill this year. Gas and tires kept many familiar faces across the line at home. The exact number has not been recorded as yet. We will tell you more when we get our final figures from Concord. The North Country kill was the biggest ever a record.

Here is a nice long letter from Fred D. Paro better known as Danny. He is over down under and has been out hunting the wild animals over there. He says to tell the boys back home (if any are left to tell) that the kangaroos are about five times faster than a New Hampshire deer. Danny will be remembered as one of the Star basketball players of the local high school a few years back. It was a (V) mail letter and very interesting. Come again Dan. If you want to get a good laugh and a big kick you want to see a copy of the "Yellow Jacket" published in Moravian Falls, N. G. Boy but does that editor talk from the shoulder. He is a Townsendite 100%.

Now that the deer season is over for 1942 don't forget to send in your deer coupon within ten days from the date it was killed. You can keep your deer meat till Dec. 25 and then you must have a special permit from the Director to keep it longer.

Here is something very important. When you apply for your new fishing and hunting license be sure to bring your own license container as the supply is exhausted and no more can be had owing to the shortage of that kind of metal.

I have a few more trappers who have not sent in Concord their copy of their land permits. This is a direct violation of the trapping laws and you may lose your license to trap unless you conform to this law.

The pheasant tags are still coming in. These should have been sent in at once as soon as the season closed. If you have any on hand send to me, or direct to the Concord office. Please cooperate in this matter.

Last week was big game week. A moose was seen in Temple by a truckdriver from New Ipswich. He was a big one and headed towards Temple village. The next day a big bull elk was seen in Brookline by L. G. Ingraham of that town. He was near the Massachusetts line. Both these men know their big game animals so there must be something to it.

I know where there are a nice lot of raccoon born last June that are for sale cheap. If interested get in touch with me at once.

Never in all my years of traveling the back and front roads have we found them as bad as right now. Believe it or not but last Saturday I got held up on some roads I have traveled a lot in the past. Big wide ruts made by some big wagon just made that road impassable for the little "Nash." The only thing to travel those roads is a Model T Ford or an army Jeep. But I was not the only one who could not travel those roads.

That snow storm of Sunday brought out a large number of wild birds to my feeding stations.

People living near the swimming pool in Peterboro got a big thrill Saturday when five deer crossed the 101 route near the pool and disappeared into the MacDowell Sanctuary. Five minutes later a big buck followed the five. They know they are safe there.

We have at hand a nice long letter from Paul T. Doherty who is stationed at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va. He is in the Construction Battalion of the Navy and expects to sail for parts unknown soon. He likes the work and is real enthusiastic over it. Paul is a gun sharp, having one of the best collections of any one I know of. Paul sure writes a nice letter.

Well, we still have a few friends that are saving tinfol for us. C. Bradley Frost of Milford 17 pounds. Pvt. Russell E. Garabrant of East Jaffrey now in the Army. Lesley King (Beauty Shop), Peterboro. McElwain Shoe Shops, Manchester. Robert Killkelly, home town.

The other day Station Agent Sawtelle of Peterboro met me on the road and asked if I wanted some 30/30 shells. Well later I picked up 12 at the office of Town Clerk Holt of that town. Boy was I lucky to have such friends. These shells are scarce as hen's teeth.

Speaking of deer you should see the big 266 pound buck that Elmer Holt of Greenfield got the other day. It had 20 points. One side had 14 and the other side which had been broken off in a fight had only six. It's the best and biggest one I have seen to date. Two years ago his wife got a 16 pointer which weighed 240 lbs.

Old Dobbins is back into his own again and many firms are using him instead of the trucks.

It won't be long now to the New Year and all permits and licenses expire Dec. 31.

Speaking of raw furs I never saw such large strings as the trappers have got this year. Nearly every one I have seen have gone in the hundreds of dollars worth and one trapper will receive up in the five figures for pelts he caught since Nov. 1.

The three best deer I have seen this season were hung up in the ice house of Ernest Ross of Lyndeboro. One big doe (largest I have seen this year) 177 lbs., was shot by Stephen Sherman, age 14, and a big buck by Ernest Ross.

One day last week I attended the funeral of my cousin, Louis Trow of Milford. His sudden death without a moment's notice was a great shock to his host of friends. He was an expert at raising wild game, his specialty being black foxes and ringneck pheasants. He will be greatly missed at the Grain Store where he was employed. A 100% sportsman.

Believe it or not but the other day I went to Milford on business and Chief Tostevin told me more news about my own town that I had not heard. Funny you have to go out of town to learn about your own town. Harry got a big kick out of that story telling.

A tip to some of you trappers. Change your time of visiting your traps and you may run into Johnny Sneakem. These fellows know your visiting hours. Change them and surprise this fellow. This man Sneakem if you never heard of him is the fellow who is tending your traps and taking the fur and sometimes trap and all.

New Year's is most with us and only one calendar for 1943 received to date. This from Gingras of the home town, the well digging contractor.

Sure I have done my bit the past week. I have given seven soldiers a lift who were going home or back to duty. Never refuse a man with a uniform on and go a bit out of your way to accommodate him. We can't do enough for these men.

In reply to a lady who wants to get her husband a Game magazine I would suggest you subscribe to "Modern Game Breeding & Hunting Club News," edited by J. Allen Gandy, Doylestown, Pa. One of the best "Game" magazines on the market. He will enjoy it. Your Newsdealer can get it for you.

What to get a soldier boy in the service is a problem that many are trying to figure out. It must be small and to the point. The best way out of this is to ask him what he wants. I did.

Try a For Sale Ad. It Pays!

GRANITE STATE GARDENER

By J. R. Hepler, Associate Horticulturist, Durham, New Hampshire

The habit of thrift is an important one and those of us who saved string, old boxes and burlap bags, and were laughed at for our pains are having our innings now. There is an old Yankee proverb which says to save everything because you'll need it at least once every seven years. That seventh year is now here. All our old iron scrap, rubber tires and rubber shoes, old boxes, burlap bags, and other things just too good to throw away, are useful again. In fact, many things cannot be bought new.

I would particularly urge the vegetable gardener to save every box and every bag he can get for use next year. Grain sacks, of course, may be returned to be used over and over again. Boxes should not be burned. They should be taken home, repaired, and stored. I am told that the box shortage is likely to be critical this next year. Fruit growers are greatly worried about the supply of containers.

The vegetable gardener who needs 50,000 or 100,000 boxes may have a hard time buying them. If you have a box maker in your local community, it will be a good idea for you to be foresighted enough to anticipate your needs and

have your boxes made up and nailed now.

Perhaps the home gardener, who needs very few boxes and who does not need a standard box, is fortunate in this respect; but, he also should save all his standard boxes and give them to his commercial gardener neighbor who can make excellent use of them.

Things made of iron are greatly restricted. It's almost impossible, for instance, to buy a new bee smoker, and a smoker is certainly a very handy and almost indispensable appliance in the apiary. If you have a bee smoker that you are not using, why not sell it to somebody who will use it. If you have a wheel cultivator that isn't in use, sell it to your neighbor who needs it.

On the other hand, your hoe, rakes, shovels, and all other gardening tools should be gone over and fixed up for next year's use. The least you can do to any of these tools is to put them where they are dry and where they will not rust. Then, why not put new handles in your old hoes, tighten up the nuts on the wheel hoe or the garden cultivator, and fix up all your tools. You'll be doing yourself and your country a service by doing so.

FIRE PREVENTION TAKES SOME KNOWLEDGE

Successful fire prevention requires two kinds of knowledge. First, we must know what materials constitute a fire hazard. Second, we must know how to store and handle those materials so that the danger is minimized to the greatest possible extent.

This is particularly important for business and industrial establishments of all types. Some man in every such establishment should be given the responsibility of reducing fire dangers. Materials which ignite readily, which burn quickly, or which are hard to extinguish, should be kept in as small a quantity as possible. They must be stored in the proper kind of container. As the National Board of Fire Underwriters puts it, "The storage and handling of combustibles usually involves the simple matter of segregation so as to prevent a large mass of material becoming involved in a fire."

A similar principle can be applied to home fire prevention. One of the worst domestic hazards is accumulations of old papers, furniture, rags and other junk. Every home should be given periodic inspection, and thoroughly cleaned out. Special attention must be given to closets, basements and attics, which are the starting points of many fires. And in the home, as in industry, great care must be used in handling and storing inflammables such as gasoline, paint and cleaning solvents. Still another protection of great importance is the regular inspection and repair of heating and lighting appliances—and it must be done by an expert.

Fire defense today is a definite part of national defense. Every fire, great or small, is of service to our enemies. Fire can be licked—it must be licked.

KEEPING WELL IS CONTRIBUTION TO WAR

Our ability to wage war is determined by our ability to produce the instruments of war. And that, in the long run, will be largely determined by the health of the civilian population.

Maximum war effort involves many unavoidable health hazards. Men and women are working harder and longer, and at jobs to which they are not accustomed. Millions of people are leaving homes and offices for factories. Unless the fullest possible protection is given their health, an impairment of war production due to fatigue will occur. And fatigue paves the way for dread diseases, such as tuberculosis.

American medicine is devoting much of its energies to this problem. And the doctors are giving advice which all should follow. Proper food and proper rest are Number One essentials. If any real physical maladjustment puts in an appearance, consult a physician. Don't take it for granted that nature will take care of you—and don't pin your faith on patent medicines and quack remedies. Keeping well is in itself a contribution to the war. Remember that good health at home is as important as good health on the fighting fronts. The citizen who needlessly dissipates his energies off the job is a potential danger to the nation.

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—OLD NEW ENGLAND MOTTO.

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"I WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE THINGS I HAVE."

"I WILL WASTE NOTHING."

—THUS I WILL CONTRIBUTE TO VICTORY.

Christmas of 1776 Witnessed Crossing Of Delaware River

The Christmas of 1776 was an important one in the history of the American republic. This is the day that Washington crossed the Delaware to attack the Hessian forces at Trenton.

General Washington perfected his plan of attack on Christmas Eve at General Greene's headquarters. He believed that the 1,000 Hessian troops defending the British outpost at Trenton would fall easy victims to a surprise attack after spending a night of Christmas feasting and merrymaking.

The crossing of the river began at six o'clock Christmas evening. Washington planned to have his entire army on the Jersey shore by midnight and begin the march to Trenton by one o'clock so that he could attack the Hessians just before dawn. But the ice-filled river threatened to upset his plans and some of his officers wanted to call off the expedition. Washington, however, resolved to carry it through and although the crossing took no less than 10 hours, it was finally accomplished and four o'clock in the morning found his army drawn up on the New Jersey side ready for the seven-mile march to Trenton.

Outposts failed to discover the advancing Americans in time, and the surprise was almost complete. Although the Hessian force was captured, the loss to Washington's army was only four wounded and not a man killed.

Crop of Evergreens May Prove Profitable As Business Venture

There is no question that the growing of Christmas trees can be made a profitable enterprise in many sections where, at the present time, the annual demand is met by importation. A Christmas tree in the best tradition is an aromatic, richly green, symmetrical tree.

Since the chief sources of Christmas trees in North America are New England, the Great Lakes states, Canada, and the Pacific Northwest, it follows that plantations of trees suitable for Christmas use and indigenous, or naturally suited to local soils and climates, could be made profitable in other sections.

Suitable Varieties.

1. The Blue Spruce, a native of the Rocky Mountain section, is one of the most desirable trees for Christmas use, because of its fragrance, its rich color, and its symmetrical shape. Since however, it is of less rapid growth than some other conifers, it should not be relied upon as an early crop. It is of easy growth and, given a bit of time, will well repay cultivation.

2. The White Spruce, native to the extreme northern portions of the United States, is of a beautiful color and shape, but it, too, is slower of growth than are some others.

3. The Norway Spruce was introduced into North America from Europe, many years ago. It makes a rapid and easy growth and has a wide range of adaptability.

4. The White Fir, whose habitat is western United States, is a beautiful tree, entirely suitable for the plantation. If it is to be planted in the East, the stock should be selected from Rocky Mountain growth, for the sake of hardiness.

5. The Douglas Fir has a wide range of adaptability. It matures more rapidly than do some of the spruces, though not quite so quickly as the Norway Spruce. It is of fine form and color.

6. The Deodar, made famous by the late Rudyard Kipling, was imported to the United States from Asia. It has been planted widely, and with success and its graceful appearance makes it very popular as a Christmas tree. It is well adapted to growth on the Pacific coast and in the warmer sections of the East and Middle West.

Children Enjoy Helping

Prepare Christmas Tree

The joy of giving and preparing for Christmas will be increased if parents will encourage young children to work out their own ideas for gifts. The young child can select the one or two gifts he gives, and should be allowed to wrap them, and to put on stickers.

Children like to help get the Christmas tree, to make trimmings, and put them on the tree, which should be only a little taller than the child. The child can paint empty spoons, string, straws and bits of colored paper, weave paper ornaments, make paper chains, cut silver and gilt paper forms, and string popcorn and cranberries.

Mail Early. Write Plainly.

Post-Office Officials Warn

Post office officials are again warning everyone to send their Christmas mail early.

They urge special delivery postage for belated Christmas cards and parcels. There will be no regular mail delivery on Christmas day, but perishable matter (if properly marked) and special delivery letters and parcels will be handled as usual.

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THE Junior Red Cross is the American Red Cross in the schools of the nation. It is also the world's largest youth organization, with more than 14,000,000 members in the United States.

The principal duty of the Junior Red Cross in war time is the making of comfort and recreational articles for our service men everywhere. During the past year, Junior Red Cross members made more than 3,900,000 such articles, such as games, recreation room furniture and writing kits.

The Junior Red Cross has also taken a very active part in the making of many essential articles for Civilian Defense organizations throughout the nation. These items included splints, stretchers, and first aid cabinets.

"Earn, buy, make, give," are the four steps all Junior Red Cross members take in raising and using the money they get in their national enrollment drive. They must earn the money to buy the materials to make the articles to give to the hospital, army camp or Civilian Defense organization.

Junior Red Cross members have also been very active in salvage campaigns of all kinds throughout the nation, contributing more than half of the salvage gathered by children of school age throughout the country.

In addition to furnishing opportunity to learn by making these articles for service men and others, the Junior Red Cross affords children of school age basic training in civilian preparedness so that they may take their places later on in the volunteer activities of the Red Cross or the Office of Civilian Defense.

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A little more courage of our storm-driven ancestors would stand us in good stead. I have wondered where the Puritans got their courage. They were strong men with an unshaken belief in God and their destiny. They believed in the future. We, too, must believe in the future of our country. It is worth fighting for. It is worthy of our confidence. Courage and enterprise will win.—Anon.

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A teacher was explaining to her class the meaning of the word "collision."
"A collision," she said, "occurs when two bodies come together unexpectedly." She pointed to one child. "Now, then, give me an example of a 'collision.'"
"Please, miss—twins."

Earned It
Last night I met a chap with a black eye, so I said: "That's a beauty! Who gave it to you?"
"Nobody gave it to me," he said. "I had to fight for it."

Turkey in the Straw
"On the right—form platoon!" roared the sergeant.
The recruits carried out some kind of maneuver which left the sergeant speechless.
He looked at them for a moment. Then his voice returned—and no words can describe the tone of it. "All right—now take your partners for the dance."

"Vision and sight ain't the same thing," explained young Bjones to his pal. "Take last Saturday night. The girl I was with was a vision. The girl with you was a sight."

Beyond Capacity
Murphy was paying ten dollars a week for room and board. One day his landlady said to him: "Pat, I'm afraid I'll have to charge you two dollars more. You're such a big eater."
"Oh, no, don't do that!" replied Murphy. "I'm killing myself already tryin' to eat ten dollars' worth."

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

- The Questions**
- According to mythology, Mt. Parnassus was the favorite haunt of whom?
 - How is asbestos obtained?
 - If you suffer from hypnophobia, you fear what?
 - Why were gypsies so named?
 - Who was the author of the statement: "These are the times that try men's souls"?
 - How long was the siege of Jericho?
 - Tass is the official news agency of what country?
 - If you had a nom de plume, you would have what, a feather fan, a pen name, or a French maid?
 - In what state did Lincoln deliver his Gettysburg address?
 - What does the "O" in A.W.O.L. stand for?
- The Answers**
- Apollo.
 - Asbestos is mined.
 - You fear sleep.
 - Gypsies were thought to have come from Egypt. Their original home, however, was in India.
 - Thomas Paine.
 - Seven days.
 - Russia.
 - A pen name.
 - Pennsylvania.
 - In American military service there is no such phrase as Absent Without Official Leave, and the initial "O" in A.W.O.L. does not stand for any particular word. It was adopted merely to distinguish the abbreviation from A.W.L., or Absent With Leave.

Household Hints

Fruit and berry pies with lattice-style tops require less baking time than two-crust pies.
Vaseline will prevent leather from cracking. Rub a little on your shoes before venturing out in the cold.
Beware of bubbles when varnishing. Have the varnish and the work at a temperature of at least 70 degrees and keep the work out of the dust.
When washed woolen sweaters should be put in a pillowcase, and the case hung up, open, on the line. This allows the wind to blow through and avoids any chance of the garment shrinking or stretching.
If a tablecloth is badly tea-stained, rub the stains with ordinary washing blue some time before the cloth is to be washed. Then boil as usual and both blue and stains will disappear.

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GO RIGHT AHEAD AND HAVE ALL YOU WANT. THESE ROLLS ARE GOOD FOR YOU — GOT EXTRA VITAMINS IN 'EM!
GUESS I'M NOT UP ON ME, TOO, LIZ. AREN'T ALL YEASTS THE SAME?
THAT'S A NEW ONE ON ME, TOO, LIZ. I NEVER HEARD OF EXTRA VITAMINS IN ROLLS BEFORE. THERE'S NO MYSTERY ABOUT IT. I JUST BAKED THEM WITH FLEISCHMANN'S YEAST.
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Kathleen Norris Says:

Today's Stepmothers

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Lately she has started a mean little trick of asking her father if I am prettier than Mommie was, am I younger, did Mommie know he was going to marry Auntie Vera?

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

THE old stepmother of the fairy tales has passed entirely out of the picture, and it is today's stepchild who is becoming the real problem and the real tyrant.

No longer does a red-faced, harsh-voiced harriidan of a second mother jerk and slap and whip her predecessor's children, forcing them to do all the drudgery of the household, shutting them in closets, dressing them in her own children's cast-off clothes. The unwonted flood of stepmothers that our present era of divorces has created is more inclined to make friends of the children, study child psychology, send them to expensive schools and arrange for supervised Saturday amusement.

But today's children don't cooperate, which isn't surprising, when she considers that many of them come from homes where there was quarreling and coldness, that their tortured little loyalties have been torn this way and that, that they have heard Mommy's side of it and Daddy's side of it until they don't know to whom, if indeed to anybody, they owe obedience and respect.

Stepdaughter Is Problem.

Here is a letter from Vera Adams on the subject.

"I am 23," writes Vera. "I have been married one year. When I met my husband I was employed as a stenographer in his office, and he was boss. He had a wife five years older than himself, whose health was not very good, also a daughter Alice, now ten years old. One dark rainy afternoon when I was delayed at the office, he happened to come in, and we discovered our love for each other. Immediately I resigned my job, found work in a distant city, and even refused to correspond with him. The first time he kissed me was when he took me to the train. That winter he came twice to see me, our relationship always what it should be. I asked him to tell his wife; he was unwilling to do this for fear of hurting her. But when I had gone and we were not even writing each other he did so, telling her that because of his affection for her and Alice he was not asking her to make any change. She apparently accepted this situation and things went on for some weeks, after which in a fit of despondency, for she had been in poor health for some time, she either deliberately or in carelessness took an overdose of sleeping medicine and died in her sleep.

"Seven months later Aleck and I were married, and I stepped from the lonely life I had been living into the greatest happiness a woman can know. I have a beautiful home, two good servants, and a most generous and loving husband. The real trouble is Alice. She has never been trained or disciplined in any way. She is rude, disobedient and sly, and she does all she can to make trouble between her father and myself. But Aleck adores her, she can do nothing wrong, and especially since her mother's tragedy she has had entirely her own way. With her mother lived an unmarried cousin, and if Alice is crossed in any way she begins to cry, 'Cousin Phyllis let me have it!' or do it, or whatever it is.

An Obstinate Child.

"She wants to wear her patent leather slippers to school, wear her best dresses to play, sit up late, skip vegetables and have dessert

PATIENCE WINS

The wicked stepmother, says Kathleen Norris, has in many cases been replaced in tales of domestic discord by an equally wicked stepchild. Such a child is the ten-year-old Alice whose frantic stepmother writes for advice. Mrs. Norris advises her to be patient, hard as that may be, for in this case time may do more than words to teach Alice that loving is an important part of being loved. Be sure to read this touching letter from a woman who wants so much to be happy.

twice, either have no bath or stay in her bath for hours, beg nickels and dimes for cones or chocolate bars; altogether she acts like a little demon.

"Lately she has started a mean little trick of asking her father if I am prettier than Mommie was, am I younger, did Mommie know he was going to marry Auntie Vera? These things distress Aleck terribly, but he is very simple and trusting and he answers her gravely and kindly, and you can imagine how I feel while this is going on.

"Now I know you think," the letter ends, "that I am one more flirtatious secretary falling in love with the boss and breaking up a home, but I assure you that it is not so. It was a shock to both Aleck and me to realize how far our feeling had gone, and we were miserably unhappy about it. His wife's rights were our first consideration, and while we knew, and her doctor said, that she could not have lived many more years anyway, her death caused him real grief.

"If you can tell me," the letter ends, "how to handle my spiteful and unfortunate little stepdaughter, I will be the happiest woman in the world!"

Move With the Current.

My answer is that if she is a smart woman she will cease to pull against the current, but move with it. Often in this life, when we have been struggling madly to influence or change someone's nature, it is a salutary thing suddenly just to give up, to take things as they are. Vera ought to let Alice do everything she wants to do, sit up late, ruin her best clothes, skip spinach and eat candy, generally wreck her small affairs. Let Vera's part be amusement, silence and sympathy. If Aleck likes it, let Vera like it too; it isn't her business anyway. When she has a child of her own, Vera will be removed from the family spotlight, and it will be Aleck who shuts down upon her in sudden awakening. Vera will accomplish nothing by fretting, admonishing, complaining to Aleck and criticizing the child.

Can Win Child in Time.

In thus relaxing Vera will find a sort of satisfaction, not very lofty from a spiritual point-of-view perhaps, but the best she can do under the circumstances. To leave Alice entirely to her father's guidance, to laugh at the child's ridiculous independence, to make no comment upon Alice's actions is the only safe course for Vera. And at the same time it would be only common decency to casually advise the small girl, as to the amount of candy consumed, the proper dress for a picnic, the comfortable way to handle homework, so that in time Alice will come to trust her stepmother.

Easy-to-Make Yule Pastries Brighten Table

As Santa Claus and presents are to the children so are the fruit cakes and steamed puddings to the Christmas table. One good fruit cake will serve you in many ways—as a light dessert for a holiday dinner, as refreshment for friends dropping in to wish you "Merry Christmas," and as the main note of interest for your club meetings during the holidays.

The steamed Bran Fig Pudding is inexpensive and yet delicious to serve as a dessert for either Christmas or New Year's dinner. Do it up right by garnishing with bright bits of red berries and holly round the platter and serving with your favorite hard sauce.

Bran Fig Pudding.

- 1/2 cup sifted flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups whole bran shreds
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup melted shortening
- 1 1/2 cups figs, cut

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, sugar and salt, and sift together three times. Add bran, mixing to blend. Combine eggs and milk, and add to flour with shorten-



ing, mixing thoroughly. Add figs and mix well. Pour into greased molds, filling them 3/4 full, cover and steam 3 1/2 hours. Serve with hard sauce. Serves 8.

Light Fruit Cake.

- (10-egg whites)
- 4 cups sifted cake flour
- 1 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter or other shortening
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 5 egg whites, unbeaten
- 1 pound seedless raisins
- 1/2 pound citron, finely cut
- 1/2 pound each crystallized orange peel, lemon peel, pineapple, red cherries, finely cut
- 1 pound blanched almonds, finely cut
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 5 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda and salt, and sift together three times. Cream shortening thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add 5 unbeaten egg whites, one at a time, beating very thoroughly after each. Add fruits and nuts. Add half of flour gradually, beating well after each addition. Add flavorings, then remaining flour, and beat well. Fold in 5 stiffly beaten egg whites. Turn into pans which have been greased, lined with heavy paper, and again greased. Bake in slow oven (250 degrees F.) until done, increasing heat to 300 degrees during last 15 minutes of baking. In 8 1/2-inch tube pan or 8 by 4 by 3-inch loaf pan, bake about 4 hours. Makes 7 pounds fruit cake.

Observance of Christmas Known by Many Names

Not everywhere is the holiday commemorating the birth of Christ known as Christmas.

The French call the holiday Noel or Nowel. The Scotch use the name Yule, and the Scandinavians Yule-tide. The Welch call Christmas Nadolig, and the Italians call it Il Natale, while the Germans say Weibachten.

In Polish the term Boze Narodzenie is used, meaning "God's Nativity." The Bohemians and Croats call it Bozic, and the Slovaks, Vianocce. In Spanish the word Navidad, meaning "Nativity," is used.

Romans Gave Presents

The custom of giving presents was a feature of the Romans during their winter festival, the Saturnalia. The early Christians gave presents to their children on Christmas morning, under the pretense that they were the gift of the Christ Child. There is no country in the civilized world that has not in some form or another the custom of giving presents, either at Christmas or around the Christmas season, and this age-old custom can be traced to the dawn of history.



Toast the New Year With Gay Pineapple-Cranberry Duff!

(See Recipes Below)

Welcome, 1943

Ring in the New Year with a resolve to keep your chins up, your budgets balanced and your meals victory and vitamin minded. Never mind trivial resolutions, just keep the important ones, and you'll be doing your part in the way you can best—and that's the best job, you, Mrs. America, are qualified to do.

Plan every meal so carefully that you will make use of every bit of food you have. That means doing the most by your leftovers and fitting them into your meal program. Economy is the watchword—elaborate food is out for the duration. Vitamins, minerals and proteins are your cue to balanced meals.

By way of initiating this program you will note that even the New Year buffet supper I've planned fits into the guide outlined above: the chicken may be leftover from your holiday dinner as may be your spinach and beets for vegetable and salad.

*Scalloped Chicken.

- (Serves 6)
- 1 cup cooked, cubed chicken
- 1 1/4 cups buttered crumbs
- 3 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Dash of pepper
- 1 1/2 cups medium white sauce

Cover bottom of baking dish with crumbs. Add chicken, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour sauce over all, cover with remaining crumbs. Bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven 25 minutes.

The casserole of chicken is simplicity itself and is especially fine with the spinach timbales because it provides a bit of sauce that goes well with them:

*Spinach Timbales.

- (Serves 6)
- 3 cups cooked, chopped spinach
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
- Salt and pepper
- Dash of nutmeg

Lynn Says:

The Score Card: More foods have come in under the ceiling price list. Foods exempt from March ceilings but under the new ceilings are poultry, mutton, butter, eggs, cheese, canned milk, onions, white potatoes, dry beans, corn meal, fresh citrus fruits and canned citrus fruits and juices. Take this list to the market with you and make sure you do not pay any more for these items than you paid for them between September 28 through October 2.

The 2 1/2-pound meat allowance must include meat for you, your dogs, cats and other pets. It includes meat eaten in your house by guests, meat eaten by you in restaurants, and bone gristle and waste that comes with edible meat. It includes bacon, sausage and canned meat.

It does not include scrapple, or the variety meats like liver, heart, kidneys, tripe, and brains. The allowance includes beef, lamb, veal, mutton and pork—but excludes poultry, eggs and fish. Stretch your meat allowance with these and meat extenders like oatmeal, cereal and bread crumbs.

Coffee rationing will mean that you have to consider other sources for hot drinks these cold days. First, you can probably stretch your coffee by using a "coffee stretcher"—using half coffee and half stretcher. You'll like fruit juices, hot and cold, milk for drinking, hot soups, bouillon and consommé.

New Year's Eve Buffet

- *Scalloped Chicken
- *Spinach Timbales
- *Victory Bread
- *Beet-Horseradish Salad
- Olives and Pickles
- *Pineapple-Cranberry Duff
- Fruit Cake
- Mints
- Nuts
- *Recipes Given

Combine all ingredients in order given. Pack in 6 well-buttered custard cups, set in a pan of hot water, in a moderate (350-degree) oven 45 minutes. Unmold and serve with casserole.

A crisp gelatin salad that carries out the colors of the season and that is packed with vitamins and vigor is this:

*Beet and Horseradish Salad.

- (Serves 8)
- 1 1/2 tablespoons gelatin
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons horseradish
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup chopped cabbage
- 1/2 cup chopped beets

Soak gelatin in cold water and dissolve in boiling water. Add lemon juice, horseradish, vinegar, salt and Worcestershire sauce. Cool until slightly thickened. Add chopped cabbage and beets. Pour into mold and chill until firm. Serve with watercress or lettuce and mayonnaise.

One of the vitamins in great demand is vitamin B1—the vitamin required for healthy nerves and stamina. Here is a bread which draws its vitamin B1 from the whole grain cereals—wheat flour and wheat germ, and is delicious because of its sour milk, molasses and raisins:

*Victory Bread.

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 cup wheat germ
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup seedless raisins
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup sour milk
- 1/4 cup melted butter

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and soda. Add whole wheat flour, wheat germ, sugar and raisins. Combine molasses, sour milk and melted butter and stir quickly into flour mixture. Pour into a greased oblong pan or two loaf pans. Bake in a moderate to slow (300-degree) oven for 1 hour.

Easy does it! That's what you'll say when you whip together the fascinating cranberry and pineapple drink that looks so-o pretty with its swirls of pink fluff atop each glass. Serve it as the dessert with paper thin slices of that fruit cake you put up before Christmas. The drink is a grand one to substitute for coffee, and requires no sugar either:

*Pineapple-Cranberry Duff.

- (Makes 6 small glasses)
- 1 1-pint, 2-ounce can of unsweetened Hawaiian pineapple juice
- 1/2 of 1 1-pound can cranberry sauce

Chill both juice and sauce thoroughly in the can before opening. Beat sauce with rotary beater until fluffy, add pineapple juice gradually, beating all the while. Pour into glasses and serve at once.

Lynn Chambers can tell you how to dress up your table for family dinner or festive parties, give you menus for your parties or tell you how to balance your meals in accordance with nutritional standards. Just write to her, explaining your problem, at Western Newspaper Union, 210 South Des Plaines Street, Chicago, Illinois. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your answer.

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U. S. Christmas Is Melting Pot Of Traditions

Christmas in America really is something! It is an observation of traditions heralding from all parts of the world.

While there is no conclusive proof that December 25th is the exact anniversary of the Lord's birth, astronomers and historians have calculated that it must have occurred about the time of the winter solstice—i. e., the time when the sun is farthest from the earth.

This was a season of great feasting among the Romans: the festival of Saturnalia, celebrating the return of the sun in its course.

During the Fourth century, when the Roman emperor Constantine recognized and championed the Chris-



tian faith, the celebration of Christmas became an established custom; inheriting the feasting of ancient peoples, the devotion and sacrifice of the early martyrs, and the message of hope and love which the angel of the Lord had declared unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

The very first Christians solemnized the Mass of Christ, whence the word "Christmas" has been derived, at this time. And later, in the beginning of the Christian era, the Fathers of the Church thought it best to do away with the heathen Saturnalia entirely.

Of course, the Roman emperors objected at first and many of the early faithful were put to death for having observed and celebrated, not Saturnalia, but the festival of the birth of Christ.

In America this year, we will cherish the ancient traditions: we will deck the halls and fill the stockings, light the trees and sing the carols, and humbly join our churches in the solemnization of Christ's Day so that the faith of our fathers may be renewed in the hearts of ALL people who look to Him Who was born in the manger for salvation, in faith believing that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and His Kingdom is everlasting.

Yule Candy a 'Must' For Kiddies: Here's Sweet Tooth Remedy

How it so happened that candy and Christmas became synonymous in the minds of children as turkey or chicken or goose in the minds of grown folks, no one knows definitely. You can be sure, though, as you might know from practical experience hearing the kiddies ask for candy a short time after they have gorged themselves with a big holiday dinner, that candy is one of the "musts" around the house during the Christmas season.

Fortunately, candy is one of the most available products at Christmas time. If you are in the candy-making mood, here is a recipe for chocolate fudge which will appease the sweet teeth of both young and old:

Chocolate Fudge.

- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 cups sugar
- Dash of salt
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Add the chocolate to the milk and place over a low flame. Cook until the mixture is smooth and blended, stirring constantly. Add the sugar and salt; stir until the sugar is dissolved and the mixture boils. Continue boiling, without stirring, until a small amount of the mixture forms a very soft ball in cold water (232 degrees Fahrenheit).

If you are too busy to make candy, or just can't get a "batch" to come out, try hard as you may, there are always the stores to which you can go and make your purchases of this last-week-of-the-year necessity.

Incidentally, someone said that there must be a Good Fairy guarding over not only the young children with an insatiable desire for candy, but also the grown people with a similar desire. For if such a Good Fairy wasn't around, there wouldn't be enough doctors available to take care of the stomach distress.

Warm Christmas

Despite the quaint Old world atmosphere which characterizes Nassau, capital of the Bahamas, its observance of Christmas is identical with that of the United States in many respects. But down here—just a short hop from Miami, Fla.—instead of wishing for galoshes and sleds the children want sun suits and water skis. Here Christmas is observed against a tropical setting, and marked by a pleasant blending of English and American customs. It is strictly an outdoor holiday.

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Public Service Co. of New Hampshire
and Its Employees

Hillsboro

The Service flag is now flying high at Butler Park and will continue to for the duration.

Word has been received that Corporal Harold J. Cross is on the high seas, headed for foreign service.

E. F. Devlin, proprietor of the Western Auto Associates Store, was in Springfield, Mass., on business Tuesday.

Miss Cecille J. Gilbert, who is taking an eight months' course in Radio Communication at Concord, is home on leave for the Christmas holidays.

Among the Churches

HILLSBORO

Methodist Church Notes

"The Friendly Church"
Rev. Edwin B. Young, Pastor
Sunday, December 27, 1942
10:30 a. m. Morning worship. Subject, "Recognition of Friends Here and There."
7:00 p. m. Evening worship. Subject, "Eat up the Obstacles."
Sunday School follows morning worship.

The pastor of this church wishes one and all of his many friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Smith Memorial Church Notes

Rev. F. A. M. Coad, Pastor
Sunday, December 27, 1942
10:30 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor. Music by the vested choir.
11 a. m. Church School. Mrs. Nelson Davis, Superintendent.

First Congregational Church

Center Washington
Seventh Day Adventist Church meetings will be held at Charles Roberts' home, Center Washington, through the winter. Sabbath School, Saturday at two o'clock. Preaching at three o'clock.
Listen to Voice of Hope, 12:30 Sunday on WHDH; Voice of Prophecy Sunday evenings at 7 o'clock on Laconia 134.

Deering Community Church

Rev. William C. Sipe, Minister
Sunday, December 27, 1942
10 a. m. Church School.
11 a. m. Morning worship.

St. Mary's Church

Rev. Charles J. Leddy, Pastor
Rev. W. C. Blankenship, Asst.
Sunday
Mass, 7:30 and 9 a. m.
Vespers, 6 p. m.
Holydays
Mass, 5:30 and 7 a. m.

Card of Thanks

I wish to sincerely thank the Hillsboro baseball club for the money sent me, for which I am very grateful.
Pvt. Harold J. Fowle
U. S. Army

Card of Thanks

To my very thoughtful neighbors and friends, I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude for the flowers and many cards sent me, also for all other kindnesses shown me during my stay in the hospital.
Addie J. Abbott

Card of Thanks

It is with deep appreciation that we wish to very sincerely thank all the friends and neighbors for the kindness extended to us in our recent bereavement. Also for the beautiful floral tributes and expressions of sympathy.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gordon
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Drury
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Parker
Mr. Robert J. Robertson
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Washington

Christmas Program

The children of the Center school had their Christmas program in the upstairs room of the schoolhouse last Friday afternoon, instead of in the town hall as has been the custom for many years. The room, which has not been used since the high school classes used it in 1929, had become a storage place for everything for which there was no other place.

During the scrap drive the children took all the old-fashioned desks apart and put the iron into the scrap. The books were all taken from the book room, sorted out and tied in bundles. There were some that had been used in the school about fifty years ago. After the walls and ceiling were painted and the books replaced, the schoolroom had a thorough cleaning out.

The children are justly proud of the job they have done. By borrowing chairs from the hand they had a comfortable room in which to give their play and entertain their parents and friends. The four pre-school age children invited as special guests were Jimmie Benway, Roberta and Gwendolyn Burk and Charline Fletcher.

The play, given by the children, was written by themselves with the aid of their teacher, as no other could be found suitable for six children. It included a report of an airplane as given at an observation post, followed by an argument between the second grade boys as to whether it was a flying fortress or a p. 38; a reading of an article about the scrap drive that was published in last week's paper and a number of Christmas songs and poems, which were cleverly worked in after a surprise visit by grandpa and grandma.

After the play the children gave out the gifts on the tree. Their biggest surprise was to receive \$17.75 each in war savings stamps as their share in the scrap drive. Congratulations, boys and girls.

Dole School Notes

On December 18th a Christmas party was held at the Dole school. The following program was presented by Rev. E. B. Young, teacher:
Song, O Come All Ye Faithful
Merry Christmas Benjamin Paro
The Christmas Star
Lilla Woodrow
The Christmas Tree Donald Cran
Happy Christmas
Gloria Woodrow
Jingle Bells
Shrinking Socks Anna Paro
Recitation Cynthia Strickland
If Santa Claus was Pa Marshall Strickland
Telephoning Santa
The Night Before Christmas Caroline Strickland
Daniel Strickland
Silent Night
Ring Out, Wild Bells
If I were Mrs. Santa Claus Sally Woodrow
Christmas Bells Jean Crane
We Need Him Sidney Blanchard
'Twas the Night Before Christmas Mildred Crane
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
A Christmas tree was enjoyed by pupils, teacher and visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fowler are in Providence, R. I., for a few weeks.

Arthur Benway was taken back to the Carrie Wright hospital in Newport last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Rolfe were in town over the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Young.

Mrs. Carroll Farnsworth had the misfortune to sprain her ankle by slipping on the ice when on her way to the observation post last Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wenger went Tuesday to Philadelphia, where they will visit relatives a few days before Mr. Wenger enters the maintenance department in the navy.

We have heard of only four hunters who got deer this season in spite of their being so plentiful. Looks as if the Almighty was protecting them for next winter, when meat will be scarcer than it is now.

Now that we are all so fire-conscious is a good time to start thinking about having a new fire escape put on the old Town House. The present one is not only entirely inadequate but extremely dangerous, as the platform at the top is badly rotted. We suggest that all the townspeople politely but firmly request the fire chief and our selectmen to get busy on the idea before we have another horrible holocaust.

South Weare

MRS. PORTER NAMED HEAD OF SOUTH WEARE GRANGE

Wyoming grange met in Osborne Memorial hall Wednesday evening with the overseer, Mrs. J. Arline Porter, presiding. Due to employment in Portsmouth, the master, Charles O. Stevens, resigned as Master-elect for 1943, and Mrs. Porter was chosen to succeed him.

Other new officers elected include Mrs. Hazel L. Philbrick, overseer, and Edward Ketcham, steward. Reports of the recent State Grange session were given by the secretary, C. F. Eastman, and the lecturer, Mrs. Denton Dearborn.

It was voted to hold a joint installation with Wyoming Juvenile Grange on Jan. 20. Mr. Eastman presented the Grange ritualistic prize won for 1942 and announced that Mrs. Dearborn was awarded an honor seal for excellence in literary work during the year.

Following the business meeting a program included singing of Christmas carols by the members, a roll call "My Ideal Vacation," by members, a specialty in charge of lecturer, a reading, and talk by J. L. Hills, and a Christmas tableau, with song accompaniment, by Edward Ketcham and Louise Philbrick. The first and second degrees were conferred on one candidate.

At the next meeting on Jan. 6 the third and fourth degrees will be conferred. Following the meeting popcorn balls were served and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Christmas Party

Wyoming Juvenile Grange held its meeting in Osborne hall Wednesday afternoon with 21 present. Christmas carols were sung by the children, accompanied by Mary Lou Taylor on the accordion.

Other numbers included a recitation by Raeline Wood, songs by Louise Philbrick and Irene Smith, recitations by the health crusaders, Miss Philbrick, Dorothy Andrews, Patricia Rowell and Miss Smith.

Following the program Christmas gifts were exchanged after which refreshments were served and a social held. The next meeting will be on Jan. 6 and a program will be presented.

LISABEL GAY'S COLUMN

Thorald Flint shot a deer early in the season and his father, Pearl Flint got one a week later.

Mrs. Addie Abbott has returned to her home after a week or more spent in a Concord hospital for treatment, feeling improved.

Miss Marlon Lundberg, a senior at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., is spending her two weeks' vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woodhead will spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Aldrich in Sharon, Mass. Mrs. Elsie Aldrich will also be a guest.

Hillsboro

Schools in this town closed Friday for two weeks' vacation.

Miss Marion Lundberg is home from college for the Christmas vacation.

Joseph Garafoli, Jr., is home from New Hampton School for Boys for the Christmas vacation.

Earl Barnes arrived home on Saturday night from Georgia Military Academy for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman of Henniker have moved to town, where Mr. Chapman is employed at the George Cote poultry farm.

"THE CASE OF THE FATAL FISTS"—true story of how police solved the murder of a checker wizard—told in the American Weekly Magazine with the Dec. 27th BOSTON SUNDAY ADVERTISER.

HILLSBOROUGH ELECTS COUNTY SOIL LEADERS

Delegates from the seven communities set up by the Agricultural Conservation association attended the county convention, to elect a committee of three members and two alternates to serve for the ensuing year.

The county committee, subject to the general direction and supervision of the Agricultural Adjustment agency, is generally responsible for the carrying out of the purposes of the association in the county.

The following delegates were present: S. Forrest Wilson, Everett E. Witty, William R. Howe, Gillis French, Fred H. Prince and Ira R. Brown.

The following members were elected: Chairman, Clarence C. Jones, Frankestown; vice chairman, James A. G. Putnam, Lyndeboro; regular member, Walter S. Melendy, Bedford; first alternate, A. Wallace Wilkins, Milford; second alternate, Ralph P. Currier, Amherst.

Deering

Schools in town are enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Robert W. Wood and Miss Ruth Tewksbury of Hillsboro were in Concord, last Saturday.

Mrs. Emily Tewksbury is visiting her son, Kenneth Tewksbury, and family at Manchester.

G. E. Willgeroth is assisting as clerk at the Hillsboro Post Office during the Christmas rush.

Members of Wolf Hill Grange No. 41 have sent Christmas cards to all Deering men in the U. S. Service.

Edgar J. Liberty, Charles Avery, and Lawrence Tighe of Wilton were callers at Pinehurst Farm on Sunday.

Deputy Lester E. Connor of Henniker attended the regular meeting of Wolf Hill Grange No. 41, last week.

Harold G. Wells has completed his labors at Valley View Farms and entered the Gordon Woolen Mills at Hillsboro.

Below zero weather has been reported for the past week and motorists have had hard luck in starting their cars.

Two beautiful Christmas wreaths were put out, at Alderbrook Farm, last week, the first decoration in the Mauserville District.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Wells were in Manchester one day last week. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Straw at South Weare.

Roland Cote, S. M. 3/c of New London, Conn. spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cote and family at their home in the Mauserville District.

Mrs. William P. Wood, who has recently returned to her home "The White Farm" at Concord, from the hospital, is able to be up part of the day and is slowly gaining.

Christmas cards have been received by relatives and friends of Private Albert A. Holden, who is stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas; and Private David E. Hammond, stationed at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Robert Robertson of Hillsboro, who passed away last week. Mrs. Robertson was a former resident of Deering, living near the Pond School, the farm, now being part of Valley View Farms. She leaves a host of friends in town to mourn her passing.

Thieves have been stealing Christmas trees during the past week; the meanest thief being the one who stole the fir balsam which was cut and tied in bundles, by the owner, Wendall Putnam. Land owners are always willing to give a Christmas tree away, but after paying the taxes on the land, folks should ask permission to get a tree. There's a stiff fine if caught.

Wolf Hill Grange No. 41 held its regular meeting in Grange Hall, Dec. 14th. Chester M. Durrell, Master, presided at the business meeting, when the Grange voted to suspend meetings during January and February, 1943. Many of the officers are working out of town and with gas and tires rationed, it was hoped by the March meeting, plans for the future could be made.

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Merry Christmas



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