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## Church Notes

Furnished by the Pastors of the Different Churches

**Baptist Church**  
Rev. Ralph H. Tibbals, Pastor  
Thursday, December 23  
5:30, Supper and Christmas Party for Junior and Intermediate Departments.  
7:30 p. m., Prayer meeting, in the vestry. Topic, "Christmas and the Post-war World," Luke 1:67-79.

Friday, December 24  
2, Christmas Party for Cradle Roll and Primary Departments in the vestry.

Sunday, December 26  
Church School, 9:45.  
Morning worship, 11. The pastor will preach on "I Believe in a New Chance."  
Union service, 7, in the Presbyterian church.

**Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, December 26, 1943  
Morning worship at 10:30. Sermon, Rev. C. W. Turner.  
Sunday School meets at 11:45.  
Union Service, 7, in this church.

**Antrim Center  
Congregational Church**  
Service of worship Sunday morning at 9:45

**Bennington Congregational Church**  
Bennington, N. H.  
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.

## ANTRIM LOCALS

Pfc. Phil Lang is at home from Camp Kilmer, N. J., for an eight day furlough.

John Shea and "Red" Leonard were successful deer hunters as the season closed.

Mrs. William Richardson of Melrose, Mass., was a week-end guest at Everett Davis'.

Wendell Ring, P. O. 3-c, was here from Newport to spend the week-end with his family.

The Presbyterian Sunday School held its usual Christmas tree and entertainment Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Clara Abbott is ill with the prevailing epidemic at Maplehurst Inn. Mrs. Nylander is caring for her.

Mrs. George Sawyer entertained her sister, Mrs. B. G. Barnes, of Waltham, Mass., a few days this week.

Schools closed Wednesday noon for the remainder of the week. Christmas parties were held Tuesday afternoon.

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The Goodell Co. with its employees and their families held a Christmas party in the town hall Wednesday evening.

Butterfield's store has been sold to Hugh Graham, who will take possession on January 1, 1944. Mr. Butterfield expects to enter the U. S. Army in January.

The school entertainment, presented by the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades Monday evening in the town hall, was well attended and much enjoyed by many of the parents and their friends.

## Christmas Party At Bennington

The Christmas tree and party for the children of the Congregational Sunday School went off very nicely. There were about thirty-five there and every one had presents and candy and refreshments. There was a gorgeous Christmas tree and lots of exciting games. Did they have fun—of course they did! On Sunday the Congregation was asked to remain to special music, a solo, the tiny group singing and special arrangements of the old familiar carols; a prayer in song and last a fairy story told by Mrs. Newton. This was some different than the regular run of Christmas entertainments but seemed to find favor with young and old alike.

On Tuesday of this week the Missionary Society held their annual Christmas service with Rev. Wm. Weston as speaker.

## BENNINGTON

Mrs. Harry Brown is ill at her home here.

"Chuck" Rich and Edward Wheeler have shot deer this season.

George McKay of Connecticut was with his family for the week end.

Robert Shea and daughter of Connecticut visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Shea on Sunday.

Mrs. Patrick McGrath returned from Massachusetts last week. Her daughter, Mrs. Devins, was with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Poor have received word from the War Department that a B-24, of which their son Albert was a crew member, crashed while on a flight from Puerto Rico to British Guiana via Trinidad. The wreckage was sighted later by a plane flying to Puerto Rico. There were no signs of survivors. An extensive search was made but no trace of the missing personnel was found. There were oxygen bottles and two life rafts on the water. The sea was choppy. They can give no reason for the wreck.

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## DOON GIVEN MAJOR'S RANK LEAVES FOR ACTIVE DUTY

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## Legion Letter, No. 11 To All Antrim Service Men and Women

On Nov. 17, Albert Poor's folks received a telegram stating that Albert was missing. On Nov. 20, the Manchester Union, under a Florida dateline, said that a plane with 18 passengers was missing on an over water flight. It added that one of the flyers was Lt. Poor of Antrim. Many people in town thought that, due to the number of passengers, this was a training flight. However, Albert had written home on the 5th that he was packing up for overseas and Rusty Cuddihy got a change of address card from Iowa with an A. P. O. % P. M., N. Y. Albert also sent word that he was flying the southern route. It is hoped that this may mean he flew first to South America and that he may have landed somewhere along the coast where there are no means of communication. From other sources we hear that he was in Jimmie Stewart's (the movie star) squadron. Albert was head pilot of his plane and at his field was rated 4th in flying ability in a group of 33.

In last month's letter we said that Richard Johnson had hurt one hand and lost everything he had, somewhere in Africa. We guessed that it meant a crash landing in water. This is what actually happened as given in his citation for the award of the Soldier's Medal: "Richard Johnson, S/Sgt., Boston, Mass. At Rass El Djorf, Tunisia, on Aug. 22, 1943, while a passenger on a plane which crashed and burned, S/Sgt. Johnson, although injured in the crash, and knowing that the burning plane would explode at any instant, leaped from the rear door and ran to the front escape door where he brought out two unconscious men, thereby saving them from being burned to death by the explosion which occurred a moment later. The heroism displayed by S/Sgt. Johnson reflects great credit upon himself and the military service of the United States."

By command of Major General Doolittle. Since this happened Richard has been promoted to 1st Sergeant of his squadron. And just to keep his folks thinking he has been on a pleasure trip he writes, "Do you remember the song about the Isle of Capri? I have had the opportunity of visiting that little island, and I can tell you it is a lovely little place. The people are charming. They speak a little English. The narrow streets are amazingly clean. It has been untouched by the war except for the scarcity of some commodities. Seeing the Blue Grotto is an experience I will never forget. The architecture and scenic beauty make a lasting impression on all who visit it." He also flew over a smoking crater of Mt. Vesuvius.

Bub Proctor enters a complaint from Newport. It seems he is in with a group of young wise guys from New Jersey and New York. One night while he was trying desperately to balance in his hammock the kids set up a racket and wouldn't quiet down. So the whole gang was ordered out on a 10 mile march in the rain. And after every hike they have to jump 20 feet, fully clothed, into a tank and swim 150 yards. Bug says he just quits at the 100 yard mark. \* \* \* Rupe Wisell sends in a %P. M., New York address so he must be over seas by now. \* \* \* Walter Raleigh, who is in the Air Corps, is going to an O. T. C., possibly at Harvard. \* \* \* The class of '42, A. H. S. had Bobbie Whipple, Carl Dunlap, Arthur Bryer, Eddie Coughlin, and Martin Nichols all home over the same weekend. Carl goes to Virginia to study for Pharmacist's Mate, while Nick goes back to Newport to try for Electrician's Mate. \* \* \* Bill Brownell, who is now a Sergeant, was home long enough to cast his Marine eye on a

10 point buck. \* \* \* Norris Harri-man is in Georgetown University where he is to take an 18 months' course in civil engineering. \* \* \* John and Al Nazer are back from Italian waters where they saw action. Both are Tech. Sergeants. They have never been separated and when one gets a stripe the other one does, too. They stopped in New Jersey to see George, who is now a Sergeant, and when the Colonel heard where they had been he let George come on home with them. \* \* \* Bill Wallace is in Philadelphia where he sits in a tower and nonchalantly watches someone else load the boats. \* \* \* Understand Wilbur Rockwell is in Patton's outfit, the general who got more publicity out of slapping a private than he did in slapping the Axis. Which is the way it should be in a democracy. \* \* \* Wendell Ring is a Fire Control Instructor, 3rd class petty officer. He expects to be stationed for some time in Newport and his wife intends to join him there after the first of the year. \* \* \* Bobbie Whipple and Eddie Coughlin are both in the Engineers.

Wesley Hills and his wife were home recently. He was stationed at Hawaii during the Pearl Harbor attack and his parents spent some anxious weeks before they finally heard from him. He said his field was not bombed but the Japs machine gunned the place and shot down two planes that tried to take off. He has returned to N. M. and brought his parachute and oxygen mask along home with him to use when he thumbed his way back by airplane.

Robert Nylander V-mails from England to sympathize with Guy Clark over "mess management." Says he has a job now which is free of K. P. or any other "details," if you boys can imagine any such sort of soldier's paradise. The present drum corps makes him remember the time the old one made Ida Butterfield take Goodell's hill at about 250 spm. His brother Wallace also sends in a V-letter but don't know where he is stationed. He says, "There's not much news I can contribute from this end of the line as the work which occupies most of my time is such that it cannot be discussed. I'm sure you understand what I mean. Oh, well, when it's over, over there we'll all have some stories to tell." (Thanks for the kind words, Wally). Looks like we will have a little trouble with Robert in England with the army and Bob in the Seebies in Virginia. They both sign their letters: Bob. The Bob in Ba. has run into Red Werden who is also in the Navy. Dorothy Nylander will also run into Dorothy Sawyer, who goes to Hunter College on the 16th.

Harry Rogers sends an air mail letter on a Monday and I got it Saturday. He wants to thank everyone who had any part in sending the swell Christmas present he got. (The Olde Towne Fair). He says you don't know how much you miss home until you get a few miles of water between you and everyone you know. It's good to see the Waxes again even if they are a snooty bunch. They have been fighting with the nurses but any soldier could have predicted that. He recently went 65 hours with one hour's sleep.

Arthur Hills writes that he is in Italy and ran into Roger Hill. Roger writes a couple of weeks later and says he hasn't seen anyone from Antrim yet. They both agree that Italy is something like New Hampshire as far as climate is concerned. Roger says the towns are small, pretty well run down and scattered here and there among the mountains.

Hank Stacy sends word that he is in northern Ireland living in a Nissen hut. Says everything is as green as can be and that it rains about every day. Can't get used to the funny customs or the money.

## Sportsmen's Column

The same old question comes up again. If a man shoots a deer and before he can get to it another man comes over the wall and sticks and tags the deer. Who does the deer belong to. Well according to law possession is nine points. But if the sticker of the deer is a good sport he will divide with the man that shot the deer. The fellow who gets the tag on first is the winner. We have heard of many cases where the man that got to the deer first and tagged it got the deer. There is a good chance for an argument either way.

Had a case last year where a big fellow shot the deer and a little fellow got in first and stuck and tagged the deer. The hunter was twice the size of the tagger and he ripped off the small man's tag and put on his own and took the deer. To the Strong but you know the rest.

Speaking of bobcats. Down in Maine last week a bobcat weighing in at 76 pounds was shot at Burlington, Me. That's the largest one I ever heard of. I had a cat brought in to me a few years ago by Mr. Stone of Greenfield that weighed 41 pounds and I thought that was a record. This Maine cat was 4 ft. 6 inches long.

Earle Doucette of the Maine Development Commission tells us that 24,351 deer were killed in that state this year, beating the previous high record of 1760. The average for the season was 1,000 deer a day.

If we had snow the record would be well beaten in this part of the state. Some of my towns have not reported a deer shot this year. Conditions are bad. Deep snow and a heavy crust make the advantage all in favor of the deer.

Well, here we go. Some one in one of my towns wants to place a nice saddle horse out for the winter. Its keep or will sell cheap right now.

The Gate City Rabbit and Fur Breeders' club held a meeting at the Trowbridge Farm, Merrimack, Sunday. Had a special invite but too busy checking the deer.

The SeaBees are coming strong with Christmas cards. We have heard from Harold Kaye, Charlie Meyer, Edward Carter and Ole Neilson, two Wilton, two from Millford.

The past week I have been handing out the free license to the service men, both army and navy. Quite a few of the boys are home on leave.

Another careless thing is to lean your guns up against a car. A few years ago a man just over the line left his gun (loaded) and a dog knocked it down and the man lost his leg. Never lean a loaded gun against a tree or car.

We see where three boys shot three elk the other day thinking they were deer. You teamsters in the woods want to watch your step or someone will be drilling your horses. Did you ever see an elk in the woods?

Phil Lang writes from Camp Kilmer, N. J. saying he started out in a mess hall washing dishes and worked up or down into being a night cook. Works from 12 to 14 hours every other night. When he went in the army a year ago he weighed 147 pounds and now weighs 182. Doesn't state whether that was his own cooking or not. He likes army life and wishes he had gone in when his brother died.

John Grimes writes from Camp Lee, Va. He is a Basic Instructor in the Q. M. C. Says his company was selected as best in the United States for the type of work they do. Had all the "Brass" in Washington down looking them over. One time they have college profs and Senators to instruct and next period it may be Chinese and Mexicans. Says he's getting plenty of practical education out of the work.

Have more material here but that list took up considerable space. Will get it in next time. Sorry to have to condense your letters so, but never have room enough.

Mery Christmas and may your next one be home.

DON MADDEN,  
William Myers Post No. 50.

## What We See And Hear

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST  
by Ruth Taylor

"And behold in that country there were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

Not to the rulers of the land, not to the proud of heart, but to the humble of spirit did the heavenly host appear on that Night of Nights. It was the simple shepherds keeping watch on a rock hill-side in Judea who first heard the angel song "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will to men."

"Glory to God"—is a psalm of praise to the highest, an acknowledgment of Him who is all goodness. "Glory to God"—is not mere lip service, but a cry of exaltation, a full cognizance that right and justice, truth and love must prevail over the forces of evil.

"And on earth Peace"—this does not mean a peace of servile acquiescence of compromise, of appeasement, but a peace founded on justice, a peace of honor, a peace of joy, a peace of good will to all men. Not to any one group was the promise made—not to any one creed, any one race, any one nationality, but to and for all men.

This is the lesson of the angel's song. Only as we give glory and honor unto whom it is due, not to man made rulers, not to ambition, pride or selfish desires, but to Him to whom we owe our first allegiance can we attain peace on earth for all mankind. Only as we let the Eternal Goodness, the all powerful, all wise, all loving Father of all mankind, rule our lives, can we have good will for all men to all men.

If and when we do this, then like the shepherds keeping watch under the stars that night long ago, we too may hear the herald angels sing: "Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men!"

## HAROLD W. CATE WRITES A NEW PATRIOTIC SONG

One day last week we received a copy of Harold Cate's new patriotic march "Hail, Brother Dough-boy," recently composed by him at the request of and dedicated to Col. I. T. Nichol, Infantry, U. S. Army. The stirring march takes its place along side of "Men of the Open Sea," "Boys of the U. S. A.," and "America, America"; all splendid contributions of Mr. Cate to the war effort. The 1942-43 biographical dictionary of leading men and women of the eastern United States, "Who's Who in the East," gives about a third of a column to Mr. Cate and his accomplishments, listing him as a farmer, author, composer and publisher. One of the bright spots in the memory of the writer was a Sunday afternoon's visit at Liberty Farm, North Branch Village, when Mr. Cate played and sung many of his beautiful compositions. May Mr. Cate and his devoted mother live long and enjoy happiness while blessing the music world with his inspired talents. To Mr. Cate's mother, we suspect, should go a great deal of credit for the musical accomplishments of her son, as she has been a constant inspiration and guiding spirit for her gifted son.

Keeping an Old Cake  
A cake, several days old, will regain its youth if you give it a filling and new frosting. Put a creamy, caramel, nut, or fruit filling in white, yellow, or spice cake and frost with white icing. If the old frosting on cake becomes hard, remove it and freshen up the cake with a new icing.

OUR WISH FOR EVERYONE  
**A Merry Christmas**

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Steady Progress Marks Allied Drive In Italy; Repulse Nazi Counter Blows; Steel Producers Open Wage Parleys As CIO Asks 17c an Hour Pay Boost

(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.) Released by Western Newspaper Union.

CONGRESS: Surplus Funds

Government agencies with unspent appropriations would have to turn their surpluses over to the U. S. treasury under an amendment adopted by the U. S. senate.

Sponsored by Sen. Kenneth McKeller (Tenn.) the amendment was part of a \$308,000,000 deficiency appropriations bill later sent to a joint senate-house committee for settlement of differences between the two congressional branches.

The amendment was directly aimed against the budget bureau, which recently took control over \$13,000,000,000 saved by the army out of its \$71,000,000,000 appropriation. The amendment also prohibited the army from transferring 10 per cent of appropriations to other funds.

Said Senator McKeller: "We (congress) don't want to surrender our power to appropriate and designate the purpose for which money shall be spent."

Remove Feed Duties

To encourage additional feed imports for shortage areas, the house passed a resolution removing duties on wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, flax, cottonseed and hay for a 90-day period.

Although approved by a 255 to 55 vote, the resolution was bitterly contested by many middlewestern congressmen, spearheaded by Representative Frank Carlson (Kan.) who said: "It will set a dangerous precedent by removing tariffs. It places the American farmer in competition with farmers of every nation of the world that produces these crops."

Furthermore, they contended the action would not increase present imports, already hampered by shipping difficulties.

In advocating passage of the resolution, proponents declared current feed shortages are causing a loss of millions of pounds of milk and poultry production.

LABOR: Open Steel Parley

With the United States Steel company leading the way, more than 150 steel producers agreed to enter into wage negotiations with the CIO, representing 500,000 workers in the industry.

Employing 166,000 workers, the United States Steel company is the nation's greatest producer, operating through five subsidiaries which turned out 21,064,000 tons last year.

CIO demands a 17 cents an hour pay boost to offset rises in living costs which have allegedly increased 23 per cent since January, 1941, while wage raises have been limited to 15 per cent. Present hiring rates are 78 cents an hour.

In the meantime, the independent union of the National Steel company asked a minimum wage of \$1 an hour for 20,000 employees, who thrice previously had been granted wage increases while CIO and other steel producers haggled over terms.

Senate Votes Boost

An eight cents an hour raise for 1,100,000 non-operating rail workers was approved by the senate by a vote of 74 to 4 and sent on to the house for consideration.

Composed of clerks, machinists, and cleaners, the unions originally asked for a 20 cent increase. A special board appointed by the President recommended an over-all eight cent raise, but Economic Stabilizer Vinson opposed it, proposing a substitute plan embracing a sliding scale ranging from four to ten cents more per hour. This latter schedule would cost the railroads 18 million dollars a year less than the flat eight cent raise.

Opposition to the raise in congress was based on the anti-inflation policy of the administration, Vinson stating that in his opinion, the eight cent increase is a violation of the "Little Steel" formula, limiting wage increases to 15 per cent over January, 1941, levels.

Sen. Clyde Reed (Kan.) said that if the senate rejected the plan the workers would set a strike date, and then the government would have to seize the railroads "within four or five weeks."



Battleship Wisconsin

As more than 30,000 cheered, the navy's \$2,600 ton super-battleship, Wisconsin, was launched at Philadelphia, Pa.

In the making for 33 months, the Wisconsin cost \$90,000,000. With a speed of 33 knots, the huge warhorse will pack nine 16-inch guns, and carry as many antiaircraft fighters in an area less than one-tenth the size of an average city block as an entire antiaircraft regiment.

With a bow towering higher than a five-story building, the Wisconsin is one of the navy's three super-battleships, the others being the New Jersey and the Iowa.

ITALY: Overlook Rome Road

Having fought their way to the crest of mountain ridges overlooking the road to Rome, doughboys from Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth army slowly pushed down the slopes toward the flatlands around the enemy's key bastion of Cassino.

But in this sector, as well as the British sector along the Adriatic coast to the east, the Nazis bitterly counter-attacked, throwing in strong armored forces against Gen. Bernard Montgomery's men in an effort to slow his march toward the important center of Pescara, with its highway leading eastward to Rome.

As General Clark's doughboys edged forward, they left scattered points of resistance behind them, necessitating further action to remove these hot-beds and secure their lines. Continuing action, the Allies' air force pounded Nazi supply depots above Rome, which were being used to stock the enemy in his winter line.

Mihailovitch vs. Broz

While it was reported that Jugoslavia's Chetnik leader Gen. Draga Mihailovitch intended to throw his forces against his fellow-countryman Gen. Tito Broz's Partisan guerrillas for setting up a state in opposition to King Peter's government-in-exile, it was revealed that the British were favoring Broz because he allegedly was offering greater resistance to the Germans.

Thus did the garbled Yugoslav situation take a new twist. Britain's support of the communist-backed Broz came after its formal recognition of King Peter's government, but in explaining its about-face, Britain said its policy was to let the people of occupied countries select their own leadership, and late reports indicated Broz had 300,000 behind him compared with Mihailovitch's 30,000.



Mihailovitch



Broz

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC: Pound Marshalls

With Old Glory fluttering over the Gilbert islands, the U. S. navy went to work on the Marshalls, lying to the west along our communications lines to Australasia.

Taking off from aircraft carriers, planes roared over the Marshalls to drop explosives, while warships hovered 15 miles offshore to pump heavy shells into the islands' strongholds.

Primarily air bases, the Gilberts and Marshalls not only were a thorn in the U. S. supply lines, but they also flanked any Allied movement toward the South Pacific war theater. Their presence posed a double threat to our forces.

As U. S. airmen softened up the Marshalls, the country was saddened by the navy's announcement that one of its No. 1 aces, Lieut. Comdr. Edward O'Hare, was missing in action. During the battle of the Coral sea, O'Hare singly covered an aircraft carrier menaced by a Jap aerial squadron, shooting down five enemy planes.

MEAT SUPPLIES: More to Civilians

Civilians as well as the services will share the increased meat supply under a plan outlined by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The BAE also predicted a smaller spring pig crop in 1944, with greatest reductions outside of the corn belt because of feed shortages. While western cattle inventories have not been cut sharply, BAE said, there will be fewer long range stock in the next eight months, and less animals will be fed near beet factories because of the cut in sugar beet feed production.

As a step toward increasing civilian meat supplies, the OPA recently slashed ration point values on veal and lamb, mutton and pork shoulder and loins, and War Food administration lifted restrictions on deliveries of farm slaughtered pork.

The services will get a big chunk of increased beef production, partly through acceptance of utility grades.

PRODUCTION: Sees Long War

Declaring 1944 munitions output should rise to a peak of 30 per cent over this year, War Production board's executive vice chairman Charles E. Wilson said the nation would have to make full use of its economic muscle to beat Germany and Japan.

A long, hard struggle lies ahead before Germany will fall, Wilson said, adding: "If anyone still clings to the silly delusion that the Japanese will be a pushover for us . . . let him talk to some of the officers and men who have come back from the Pacific theater . . ."

In 1944, aircraft production should reach a rate of 100 per cent above 1943, Wilson said. Naval construction should hold around this year's level of 75 per cent over 1942. Merchant ship construction should rise slightly. Reductions are planned in ordnance, signal equipment and tank output.

DADS' DRAFT: Million to Go

Because the services will require 2,000,000 men to build up the armed forces to 11,300,000 by July, 1944, approximately 1,000,000 fathers face induction, Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey declared.

The other 1,000,000 men will be obtained by recruiting 100,000 17-year-olds for the navy or marines, and drafting 400,000 18-year-olds, 300,000 formerly deferred because of occupations, and 200,000 reclassified 4F's and farm-exempts.

Deferments will be more difficult to obtain and older workers will be favored, Hershey said. Once the services have attained their goal, only about 100,000 men will be drafted a month, he added.

For the home front, the War Manpower commission trimmed estimates for new workers by 900,000 to 1,100,000.

RUSSIA: See-Saw

Fighting see-sawed in Russia, with the two giants clawing at each other along 800 miles of snowy, wintry front.

To the west of the Ukraine's capital of Kiev, the Russ fell back under the heavy pressure of the Germans, while farther to the south, the Reds chewed deep into Nazi lines above the iron center of Krivoi Rog.

Russian positions along the front disrupted German use of north-south railways. In the Kiev region, the Reds blocked the line to Leningrad and the north, while in the Krivoi Rog area they snapp'd a railroad running along the whole German defense system.

METAL SALVAGE

Stock piles of strategic metals are now considered sufficient for any foreseeable needs, apparently, as the Steel Recovery corporation has just been dissolved, its task fulfilled. Only a week earlier, the Copper Recovery corporation began dissolution. Similar action has been taken by the aluminum organization.

There are huge supplies in the hands of thousands of dealers, jobbers, retailers and customers, it is stated. The metal stocks were uncovered by questionnaires.

Washington Digest

'Victory Volunteers' Proved Satisfactory Farm-Hands

Most of 700,000 Young People Made Good, Quickly Learning Agricultural Skills, And Working Hard and Long.

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

World War II has taught the world that it is one thing to raise an army and another thing to feed it—feed its mouths and feed its guns.

It didn't take the United States long after Pearl Harbor to realize that it was easy enough to find enough sailors and soldiers if you didn't have to worry about finding the civilians to take care of them.

At present, 10 men out of every 100 are deferred from military service because industry needs them; 18 out of every 100 because the farmers have to have them. Thirty-six out of every 100 men now in the armed forces were working in shops or factories in 1940. Twenty-three out of every 100 were on farms three years ago.

Industry has charged that congress has been kinder to the farmers when it came to deferring their help than it has been to them. However that may be, you won't hear any farmers complaining about having too much help. One thing, however, according to the reports that have come into the department of agriculture, the farmers are not complaining on one score that a lot of them thought they were going to have to complain about—that is, the help they get from the Victory Farm Volunteers of the U. S. Crop Corps.

Many farmers who came to scoff remained to pray for more of the same.

Not all of the young folks who worked on farms this summer were perfect. It is estimated that there may have been some 700,000 of these young people, half were provided through the Federal Extension service of the War Food administration, as many more probably found jobs for themselves. Under the leadership of the State Extension service and with the active support of the schools, the youth-serving agencies, civic organizations and farm leaders, these Victory Farm Volunteers were assembled. Most of them made good.

Their story makes an interesting chapter in the history of American youth.

A Huge Task

It was no little job to launch the project. Forty-three state farm labor supervisors and some 5,000 county farm labor assistants, under the guidance of the county extension agents, worked out the plans and procedure based on the local needs. They worked with state, county and often local labor committees.

Of course, training was necessary. The boys and girls were carefully selected and many specially trained and supervised, and the farmers themselves learned that they could train better if they had a little training in the art of teaching themselves.

Most of the young workers lived at home and were transported to the farms. This was done in school buses, trucks or cars. Teachers, ministers, youth leaders, acting as supervisors, often accompanied the workers right into the fields.

In some places, boys lived in camps, but 50,000 boys and girls lived right with the families where they worked and many soon became a part of the family, joining its activities, church, game meetings, dances, picnics. Some liked the life so well, especially those from the big cities, that they stayed right through the winter, attending the local schools.

Of course it was natural that the farmers were skeptical at first at the idea of letting these strange kids overrun their places. But the majority changed their minds when they found how well the experiment worked. The young folks couldn't rival a trained farm worker, but some were able to do much of the work as well, and in some cases, even better. Many farmers arranged to keep the same workers the next year.

I talked to one farmer who took on an utterly green city boy. It was late summer when I saw them both. They were going to part and I can tell you both were pretty blue. School time had come and the boy's parents thought he better come home. He told me that he was going to be a farmer when he grew up and I believe nothing will stop him.

I saw a letter from a Crop corps city girl, very able at expressing herself. I want to quote one paragraph: "I have felt," she wrote, "unutterable satisfaction pervade this new 'me' as I squeezed, pulled and cajoled the last squirt of rich white milk from a reluctant mountain of a Guernsey cow . . . I am learning to love this new life and am surer than ever that I have chosen well in deciding to make it my own."

The Misfits

One of the great troubles of the world are the misfits, the folks who are in the wrong job. There are a lot of newspaper men who ought to be barbers and a lot of barbers who might have been better sailors, a lot of farmers who ought to be in business. There are many people who have an inborn love of the country that never gets a chance to come out—they don't even recognize they have it. This summer, many of these young folks discovered themselves—realized that the country was where they belonged!

I can well understand the remark of one of these volunteers, who probably in his normal lifetime would never have had a chance to acquire the self-confidence behind a desk or at a bench, that he felt when he learned to drive a team of horses.

"I felt that I was the most capable person in the world," he said, "when I could finally drive a tedder through the hay."

It will be hard to keep him and a lot of his ilk down at the shop after he's seen the farm.

Winter Traffic Hazards

The war department is concerned over the annual December peak in auto accidents, and Robert F. Patterson, undersecretary of war, and Lieut. Robert E. Raleigh, director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, have teamed up to try to stop them.

Seven valuable tips, based on National Safety council research, on how to escape traffic tieups, skidwrecks, lost time and road blockades have been offered:

(1) Reduce speeds on snow and ice. It takes 3 to 11 times normal distance to stop on snow or ice. Repair old tire chains.

(2) Protect visibility. Check defroster, windshield wipers, headlights and keep windshield clean. You must see a hazard to avoid it.

(3) Use anti-skid chains. Tire chains reduce braking distances 40 to 50 per cent and provide traction on snow or ice.

(4) Don't crowd traffic. When roads are slippery, allow three to six car lengths for every 10 m.p.h. because snow and ice increase braking distances 3 to 11 times over those required on dry pavement. Slipperiness varies, glare ice at thawing temperatures being twice as slippery as dry ice near zero.

(5) Anticipate mistakes. Drive so that you are prepared for any emergency under prevailing conditions. Anticipate mistakes of pedestrians and other drivers.

(6) Signal your intentions. In turning or stopping on hard-packed snow or ice, remember other drivers need more time and distance to adjust themselves to your moves. Give them a chance. Some may have neglected chains and have insufficient traction.

(7) Mechanics are scarce and your vehicle may have to last for the duration. Essential transportation is vital to victory. An ounce of prevention is now worth ten pounds of cure.

Better Rural Roads

The National Highway Users conference calls my attention to a bill to create within the Federal Works agency a Rural Local Roads administration, independent of the Public Roads administration, to cooperate with the states and their local subdivisions in the construction of rural local roads. It is proposed in S. 1498 by Senator Stewart of Tennessee.

The bill would authorize appropriations of \$1,125,000,000 by the federal government to be made available at the rate of \$375,000,000 a year for each of the three years immediately following the end of the war for construction of all-weather rural local roads.

The Cuna Indian tribe of Panama has been persuaded to declare war on the Axis and has gone to work gathering wild castilloa rubber to help the United Nations defeat the enemy.

Fifty million gallons of gasoline, fuel oils, lubricants and other petroleum products are now going directly to the fighting forces every day.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

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EARLY PEACE RUMORS AND ADMINISTRATION POLICY

The administration is reported greatly upset because business officials in the government here are feeding back to their home plant officials the rumors (mostly personal surmises) of an early peace.

A publicity effort to offset this information is under way in the government. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau has spoken out strongly against early peace reports, and later Secretary Hull called them "Axis propaganda." His designation of them as such was due to the fact that most of the printed rumors have come from neutral European capitals in touch with Germany.

This is all orthodox administration line grounded in the theory that the workers will let down in expectation of an early peace. The line long since has reached its limit of effectiveness, and the theory merely represents a mishandling of administration propaganda.

The government, on one hand, is telling the Axis nations they "will be crushed" and breathing fire of expected victory in its foreign propaganda, while, on the home front, trying to maintain an attitude that it will be a long, tough war. To prevent it both ways strains the popular vision until it becomes cross-eyed.

The truth is, some officials here still hold to the long-war theory (Germany in the spring, Japan in 18 months). But a majority of congress, I am sure, does not.

Those who believe in an early end are not inspired by Axis propaganda, but by expert judgment or advice as to Germany's lasting ability. Indeed, the Axis propaganda from Berlin is just the opposite of this and holds Germany will never collapse.

Why does not the administration use these facts to its own best advantage and adopt a propaganda line recently suggested in this spot: "Every day this war is extended means the life of some boy, perhaps your boy, the waste of more money. Therefore, it is to your own selfish interest as a worker on the home front to throw every last ounce of energy into this final drive for victory in order that the casualty list be not extended one day more than necessary."

ADDITIONAL PROOF ON NEW DEAL SLIP

The Republican election victory in the normally Democratic heart of Kentucky, the fourth congressional district, forecasts the final breakup of the Happy Chandler machine. He lives in an adjoining county, and the Democratic candidate was his selector. Whatever excuses, therefore, could be offered for the loss of the state in the earlier gubernatorial election on the ground the Chandler factions did not go along sufficiently, were not true in the fourth district.

The election also was a conclusive response to some readers of this column who misinterpreted my analysis as partisan Republican propaganda.

This election result certainly verifies the conclusion then expressed that the Democrats had failed to win under the best possible auspices in a state normally Democratic, and that the failure was due to the discouragement of the people with the New Deal and its regulations and domestic results, a condition which cast into grave doubts Mr. Roosevelt's re-election in 1944.

The margin of Republican victory this time in the district was around 12,000 votes, compared with Democratic victories by a margin of 15,000 in 1940, 10,000 in 1938, and 17,000 in 1936—representing a turnover of 27,000 votes in 90,000 cast.

OBSTACLES NOTED TO FOREIGN POLICY

WASHINGTON.—Mr. Hull is encountering obstacles in his effort to attain American unity for permanent postwar foreign policy—and, strangely enough, not primarily from the Republicans.

A large segment of New Deal politicians do not want unity, although, naturally, they will not say so. As they see it, the postwar policies which will be developed from the Moscow and Cairo arrangements are likely to furnish the most popular front that the administration can present to the public in the next elections—at least, it will be better than allowing the people to look too much at the home front.

In short, they think their best chance of election is to let the Republicans take a partisan stand against them.

But there is evidence that other internationalist group leaders and writers are leaning away from their old "One World" or Anglo-Russo-American exclusive alliance theories as cure-alls in themselves and working toward a centrist realistic peace proposal based on self interest in whatever form.

A straw in this wind is the seeming change in the leading commentators' tones. One who took a strong alliance position is now advocating what he recently called a peace based on "an enlightened conception of enduring national interest."

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

SUITOR: A 95-year-old war worker in St. Louis says that after the war he is going to seek another wife. He has been married five times so far.

DRUGS: The Red Cross has arranged for shipment of drugs worth \$97,000 to neutral Switzerland, whence they will be transhipped to Holland for distribution by Red Cross units.

CHEWING GUM: A cud of chewing gum is credited with averting a bomber crash over Italy. Flak punctured the gas tank of an A-26 medium bomber, and the crew prepared for a risky belly landing, as the precious fuel drained away. But two gunners patched the hole with chewing gum, adhesive tape, and gauze bandages, and the plane landed safely at its home port.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Doctors have been able to set up a health dispensary to serve workers in the promising rubber-producing Madre de Dios region of Peru as a result of flight service over the Andes. Cargo planes of the United States Rubber Development corporation are flying medical supplies, sanitation engineers, and doctors into the remote country east of the Andes.

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### First Choice in the Service

If you've ever noticed the top of a Marine Officer's visor cap, you've seen on any other cap worn in Uncle Sam's service—a neat "X" of looped braid.

There's a story back of that braided "X", and it goes back more than 150 years, to a time shortly after the U. S. Marines were first organized.

In those days of sailing ships, naval battles often ended in close hand-to-hand fighting, as the crew of one ship tried to board the other—and Marines, of course, were in the thick of the fight. Some were on the boarding party, and some were posted in the rigging to fire down on the enemy. It was because of those men firing from high on the masts that Marine officers—whose uniforms from above resembled the enemy's—fixed "X's" on their hats.

In other words, that braid meant to the Marines in the rigging, "X" marks the spot—not to shoot at! Since those days, the "X" on the cap has become a standard part of the Marines' uniform. Another piece of "standard equipment" you'll notice among Marines these days—whether they're wearing dress uniform or combat dungarees—is the American cigarettes they carry with them wherever they go. In all those news pictures you've seen of Uncle Sam's fighting men, snapped as they are relaxing while "off duty," you'll find that in most cases they will be smoking a cigarette. And what brand do they prefer? Well, actual sales records show that the favorite with men in the Marines—as in the Navy—is Camel. Likewise, Camels are first choice with men in the Army.

Fighting men who have come back from jungles, deserts, and mountains—wherever Uncle Sam's forces are stationed—give one pretty good reason for this choice. They say that Camels stay fresh—that out in the jungles of Guadalcanal, for instance, the Camels they get are actually just as fresh-tasting and full-flavored as the ones they used to get back home. Of course, the millions of men in training camps here at home want their cigarettes just as much as soldiers. Your dealer now has Camels in special Christmas cartons, gay and colorful—and he will be glad to wrap them for you for mailing.—Adv.

### Launching Ships

Ships undergo their greatest physical strain during launching, says Collier's. Most critical moment is when the stern is in the water and the bow is still on the ways; then the weight of the unsupported mid-part causes this section to sag as much as six feet and may break the ship's back if the vessel is not moving fast enough to relieve the strain in a few seconds.

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## DOAN'S PILLS

# CARIBBEAN CONSPIRACY

by BRENDA CONRAD

THE STORY SO FAR: Anne Heywood, beautiful daughter of a wealthy New York newspaper publisher, goes on an assignment to Puerto Rico where Pete Wilcox, a reporter on her father's paper, is stationed as a U. S. Army intelligence officer. On the boat she meets a young Puerto Rican, Miguel Valera, and an engineer named Richard Taussig, of whom she is immediately suspicious in spite of the fact that he looks like a typical tourist. She does not know that he is, in fact, a German agent ordered to destroy Puerto Rico's water supply. Pete meets the boat, but does not tell Anne that he has reason to suspect Taussig. Later Anne discovers that her bags have been searched.

### CHAPTER IV

Anne put her key in the lock and opened the door. There was a funny taste in her mouth, as if she'd bit into a sweet orange and found it was a sour one.

"I'm glad Pete's in San Juan after all," she thought, with a sudden twinge of conscience. "I wonder what he's doing?"

Pete Wilcox, if she'd known it, was at that moment two floors below her in the Granada bar. He'd watched her all through dinner, seen her gay and charming and radiant as a sunbeam, talking to three men.

The other girl Pete didn't even see. He watched Anne and Miguel leave the dining room.

"They're going to dance," he thought. He looked at himself in the mirror over the bar. The faint green cast of his face couldn't all be mildew, he thought with a twisted grin. "Take it easy, Captain Wilcox," he said to himself.

Anne put her hand out to put out the light, and changed her mind. The room glowed with a faint silver phosphorescence from the rising moon. It was the moon she and Miguel had watched growing rounder and whiter the last three nights, she thought with a little ache inside her.

She shook that off impatiently, crossed the room and looked down into the patio. Don Diego Gongaro had just finished lighting Richard Taussig's cigar and was lighting his own. Then Anne's heart beat a little more quickly. She glanced back at the door, her cheeks flushed a little. The idea that popped into her mind, she knew, was one that should never have occurred to a well-brought-up young woman. She dismissed it sharply.

Her hand shook a little as she opened the door. There was a light over the transom in Room 108. It was not the ceiling light; it was not bright enough. It must be the one on the table or beside the bed. She started trying to remember whether it had been there before. She hadn't looked, she had been so intent on the conflict in her mind as she went into her own room. It might be the maid, she thought, listening. Or Mr. Taussig might have left his light on.

She crossed the passage after a moment and tapped lightly on the door. There was no answer and no sound from inside. Her heart was pounding in her throat. She had either to do it or not to do it, she told herself—but she had to be quick about it in any case.

She put her key in the lock and turned the knob. Mr. Taussig had not locked his door. She opened it slowly, glancing back behind her down the hall, and slipped inside. She had taken two quick steps along the passage between the wall and the closet when the dimmed light went off, leaving her in sudden absolute darkness. Somebody inside the room moved with swift catlike silence. She stood rooted to the floor in terror, her voice frozen in her throat. A man's hand strong as steel closed over her mouth, stifling the cry that sprang to her lips. She was whirled around and moved back to the door so quickly and easily that she didn't have time to struggle. The door opened, she was in the hall again; the door closed. She ran, breathless with terror, across the passage into her own room and stood gripping the door-knob, her heart beating violently. Very slowly then she raised her hand to her face and touched it with trembling fingers. In the dim light above the open transom she had caught one flashing glimpse of the man in the room. It was Miguel Valera.

A chill stabbing awareness that she was for the first time in her life up against stark reality that thrust friendship aside, as Miguel had done with her, made her hand relax slowly from her door-knob. She reached out to switch on the light, changed her mind and stood there listening warily. He was coming out. She heard the door across the passage close quietly, the key turn softly in the lock, and his footsteps retreating quickly along the hall. Still without turning on the light she went quietly through the narrow passage between the closet and the wall into her room. She stopped at the foot of her bed, shrouded in white mosquito netting, and glanced back at the door.

"I wonder . . ." she thought. "I just wonder . . ." What if Miguel Valera had realized there was something odd about Richard Taussig too? That could explain it. He could have left Graciela for a minute just to come up and see, while his uncle and Taussig were talking.

She slipped to the window and

looked down into the patio. Don Diego Gongaro and Taussig were still sitting there, their cigars still quite long. That came as a little shock to her. What had seemed an eternity could have been only two or three minutes at the most. Then she started. Miguel Valera was coming through the arcade, alone. Graciela must have been sent home, or something. He strolled across the patio, drew up a chair and sat down with the other two.

Anne stood watching them, her heart rising. Whatever it was, if Miguel was on her side . . . and then she caught her breath sharply. He had said something to Taussig, who turned quickly and looked up at her window. Don Diego turned slowly in his chair and looked up. Miguel was telling them. And she hadn't thought of that. She hadn't really thought about that at all, but in some way she had just taken it for granted he wouldn't tell.

"I wonder where Pete is," she thought miserably. It was the same old pattern. It always came back when she was in trouble. If only she knew where to find Pete!

She looked down into the patio again. Mr. Taussig was getting up. Anne's eyes moved across the grass. A man was sitting alone at the table in the corner, where Don Diego had sat reading his paper that morning. She looked away, and then looked back sharply. It was Pete.

Pete went through the lobby and started across the gallery under



The door opened, she was in the hall again.

the portico. The juke box blared from the bar behind him, and with the orchestra out on the terrace a wailing tenor was singing "Perfidia."

"I found you, the love of my life, in somebody else's arms . . ." He tossed the cigarette he'd just lit into a palm tub and turned back again. His orders were to lay off, and in the Army orders were orders. In the newspaper business an editor might not run a story, but he never tried to keep you from getting it if you could. And just now Pete's training and instinct—the old nose-for-news sort of thing—told him not to leave, to go back and the hell with G. 2.

He went through the lobby out into the patio. The ocean pounding on the reef and breaking again on the rocks just across the balustrade softened the strident scream of music from the bar. The place was empty except for Taussig and Diego Gongaro sitting by the fountain smoking their cigars. They stopped talking for an instant when he came into, and started again, obviously on another subject. They couldn't have been talking about the beauty of Puerto Rico all that time, he thought. He sat down at a table in the corner and ordered a Scotch and soda. The window of Anne's room was dark. There was a light in the hall window; and one in Taussig's near the angle of the wall. He saw it go out abruptly. Probably the maid, he thought.

He saw Taussig look up, and move slightly. Then the light went on again. Taussig moved again, glancing up at Anne's window. Or Pete thought he did. He wasn't sure. It was still dark.

"You must make a visit to my brother-in-law's Central," Diego Gongaro was saying affably. "I shall ask him to arrange it. They are cutting and grinding the sugar cane now, and I'm sure it would interest you. And to his coffee plantation in the mountains. That would interest you very much too. The trees are beginning to blossom now, and they are very beautiful. Perhaps Miss Heywood would be interested too. She is a very intelligent young lady. Perhaps she is too intelligent. It can be a dangerous quality in a woman. I mean, of

course, that no man wants a woman who—"

He broke off abruptly. Pete Wilcox, trying to look casual and relaxed in a wrought-iron chair that was not designed for either, was listening intently. There was something in Diego Gongaro's tone that implied a meaning underlying the superficial conversational one. He was watching the center arch, and Pete, glancing around, saw Miguel Valera come out into the patio and pull up a chair beside them.

"I was just saying how intelligent your friend Miss Heywood is, Miguel," his uncle remarked easily. Miguel shrugged. "I don't know about that. She's very charming, certainly."

There was no reason to get hot under the collar, Pete told himself. Maybe Anne was deliberately concealing her intelligence. Sometimes she did it without deliberation. Furthermore, there was nothing offensive in preferring a girl's charm to her intelligence. Latins weren't the only ones who did that.

"What have you done with the young ladies, by the way?" Taussig inquired.

"My cousin is with some of my other cousins. Miss Heywood has had a tiring day. She's gone upstairs."

"I hope you'll remember your suggestion about the sugar plantation. I'm sure Miss Heywood would enjoy it too."

"I'm sure we can arrange it, Mr. Taussig. I'll speak to my father. Are you engaged tomorrow?"

"I'm afraid I am," Taussig said. "The Army is taking me on a tour of the island, stopping at Borinquen Field for lunch."

Mr. Taussig bowed to both of them. "Goodnight," he said.

Miguel Valera turned to his uncle and spoke again rapidly. Pete caught Graciela's name and "cassa," and decided that Miguel was telling his uncle to take the girl home. At any rate Gongaro left. Miguel and Pete were alone in the patio, and the light in Anne's window was still on. Pete, watching with a kind of forlorn hope for one brief glimpse of even her shadow on the screen, trying to make up his mind not to go and call her up just to hear her voice and know she was there, started to get up. As he did Valera rose and came across the grass.

"Good evening, Captain," he said. "If you aren't in a hurry I wonder if you'd join me in a nightcap?"

For a moment the two of them stood facing each other, the Latin tall and slender with gray eyes and black hair, the Saxon tall, lean and rangy with hazel eyes and sun-bleached, tow-colored hair, each taking the other's measure.

"Thanks," Pete said. "Glad to." They sat down. Miguel called the waiter.

"You're at Headquarters, I understand," he said when he had ordered.

"That's right," Pete said. "And you?"

"I was ordered to Buchanan. But my orders were cancelled. I was ready, and thought I might as well come home. It was too cold in New York for me anyway. I'd been up for several months on business for my father."

"You're a lawyer, aren't you?" Pete asked. It sounded as if being a lawyer in a time like this was a little like being a snake in the grass, which was not what he had meant. Miguel laughed.

"A sort of lawyer. You have to know law to manage a sugar Central, these days of government regulation. I don't practice."

"Politics?"

"Politics is in Latin blood," Miguel answered. "Red corpuscles, white corpuscles and politics. It means everything down here."

"What about your father? Has he been in political office?"

"No. My father isn't a United States citizen. After the American occupation we were given the choice of accepting citizenship or remaining Spanish. My father chose to retain his own citizenship. A good many people did. What do you call them—diehards, isn't it?"

"Are they the ones who don't like the United States?" Pete asked.

Valera hesitated.

"Would they like to see Spain back?"

Miguel Valera shrugged. "I suppose there's the dream of seeing the scarlet and gold of Spain flying from El Morro. It's natural enough for the people who are predominantly Spanish. If the United States were conquered, you would just wait the chance to kick your conquerors out."

"And what about the Nationalists?" Pete asked.

Miguel shook his head. "The cacique, or leader of the party in power, has said Nationalism is not an issue at the present. I don't think there's any important organized Nationalist opinion here now. The Falangists and the Nationalists are the two extremes—in between you have the moderates.—But I didn't mean to give you a lecture on insular politics. I—"

"One thing before you get off it," Pete said. "Where do you stand in all this?"

"Me?" Miguel Valera laughed. "You'd be surprised," he said. "But as I started to say, this isn't what I wanted to talk to you about. It was Miss Heywood."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

## Christmas Phrases From Many Lands

People of other countries say "Santa Claus" as follows: China, Shun Dan Lao Ren; Germany, Sankt Nicholas; Switzerland, Sankt Niklaus (German); Samichlaus or Schmutzli (Swiss German); Saint Nicolas (French); Besana (Italian); but the person supposed to bring gifts to children on Christmas Eve is called Christkindli in the German speaking part of Switzerland, Pere Noel in the western or French part and Besana in the southern or Italian part.

The Netherlands, Sint Nicolaas, or in children's rhymes, Sinterklaas. Sweden, Jultomte. The Irish equivalent is Naomh Nicolas, but this phrase is never used; instead they say Father Christmas. Romania, Mos Craciun (Old Man Christmas). French speaking Belgians say St. Nicolas, and Flemish speaking Belgians call him St. Nikolaas; Albania, Shen-Kolli; Poland, the Star Man or Gwiazdorz; Finland, Joulupukki, (Joulu meaning Christmas and pukki meaning buck).

Santa Claus is unknown in Spain, the children receiving gifts on January 6 when the Three Wise Men, Melchior, Baltazar and Gaspar, are supposed to bring them. Christmas in Portugal is principally of a religious character, the correspondent to Santa Claus being Menino Jesus (the Christ Child). Santa Claus is unknown in Greece, where Christmas is a religious festival and gifts are exchanged on January 1, St. Basil's day.

## Simplicity Motif Of Holiday Table

Let simplicity be the keynote of your table decorations during the holiday season. Food and fine fellowship are complete without yards of dazzling tinsel and impressive displays to center the table.

Warmth should be reflected by the colors of the centerpiece. Polished apples, sprays of evergreen from the tree in the front yard, fruit cake with sprigs of red holly, and greetings written with pomegranate seeds on a mirror spell out the Christmas message.

### Evergreen Corsages.

Individual evergreen corsages on top of the napkin at each place are economical and attractive. Select sprays of evergreen which are about four inches long and fasten a cluster of bittersweet or cranberries to the center with a fine wire. Cover the wire with a small red ribbon and tie a bow on the front of the corsage. Bind the bottom of the stem with clear, sticky cellophane to keep any of the natural sap of the branch from seeping out. Equip each corsage with a small pin.

Center the table with a group of four corsages on a mirror. Place the stem ends at the center as the base for one broad Christmas candle. The mirror will reflect the bright colors and will catch the dripping wax from the candle.

### Fruit Wreath.

A fruit Christmas wreath on a polished chop plate is made of green grapes instead of the holly and dotted with clusters of red cranberries rather than holly berries. The wreath is finished with a large red bow.

Wash a bunch of light green grapes in warm water and break them into clusters about two inches in diameter. Remove any spotted or dried grapes from the bunches. Arrange in a circle on a large wooden platter, with the fruit overlapping to make an even wreath.

Cut fine wire or white, wiry pipe cleaners into two-inch lengths with the kitchen scissors. Place a bright cranberry on the end of each piece of wire. Twist three or four of the cranberry-tipped wires together to form a cluster of berries. Tuck the ends of the wire deep into the grape wreath.

### December Poetry

Why Do Bells for Christmas Ring?

Why do bells for Christmas ring? Why do little children sing?

Once a lovely, shining star Seen by shepherds from afar, Gently moved until its light Made a manger's cradle bright.

There a darling baby lay Pillowed soft upon the hay; And its mother sang and smiled, "This is Christ, the holy child."

Therefore bells for Christmas ring, Therefore little children sing. —Eugene Field.

### Singing Christmas Carols

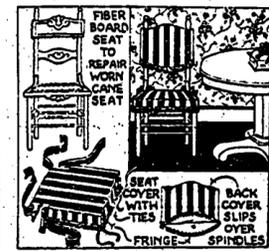
The old custom of singing carols in the streets was revived in 1917. In 1918 30 cities co-operated. It is expected that carols will be sung this Christmas eve on the streets, in the parks, as well as in the churches, schools and public institutions of communities.

### Feast in Honor of Christ

The very first evidence of a feast having been held in honor of the birth of Christ was in Egypt, about the year 200.



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### TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE USING HINDSIGHT WHEN FORESIGHT IS NEEDED

"Anyone could have discovered America after 1492." Here is a phrase that deserves the thoughtful consideration of every citizen. It is a refreshing reminder that each and every event should be measured in the light of the daring that goes with foresight and not in the light of hindsight. Too many people are today prone to use hindsight when they need vision. Foresight made America great. The apostles of hindsight have not added to its greatness. Unfortunately, the whole course of history is marked by injustices to those who had the courage to look ahead and move in advance of the popular and "hindsight" procession. Thus everyone will do well to constantly keep in mind the phrase: "Anyone could have discovered America after 1492." It was recently brought to light by a New York Supreme Court Justice, Justice Sidney J. Bernstein in the case of minority stockholders and the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation against the Miranda Brothers and Zelcer. The story of the defendants is an amazing chapter on foresight and the too frequent penalties for foresight. It is the

story of a group of men, who, to use the words of Justice Bernstein were "more sinned against than sinning." But it is a war story for the historians writing of America before and after Pearl Harbor. Space does not permit its telling here. But one part of the story deserves mention now. The Mirandas, two American citizens, sons of old Mexican families and Zelcer, son of a Polish immigrant, worked up the hard way—the Horatio Alger way. Sometimes zeal may have overshadowed judgment. But in any event, they became interested in the Brewster Aeronautical plant a time, when to again quote Justice Bernstein, it was practically unknown, "struggling for recognition" and with a financial status "close to insolvency." Thus they showed foresight in securing orders that enabled the Brewster Corporation to build great numbers of the planes now winning Victory for the Allies. Aviation was only one example of the foresight shown by the Mirandas and Zelcer. Judge Bernstein in approving settlement of a long standing litigation so that all parties concerned might "give their attention to vital war production, instead of litigation," gave new impetus to foresight. More important, he again reminded everyone that "Anyone could have discovered America after 1492."

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## Hillsboro

W. T. Tucker visited his brother, H. R. Tucker, and family in Walpole on Saturday.

Mrs. Wairen Fisher and family and Mrs. Rita Yeaton were business visitors in Keene on Saturday.

—Van, The Florist Orders solicited for cut flowers, potted plants and floral work. Telephone 141, Church St., Hillsboro 24tf

Headmaster and Mrs. Robert Bailey of Goffstown attended the Goffstown-Hillsboro basketball game here last Friday night.

The Congregational church Sunday school will have its Christmas program and tree on Thursday evening, December 23, at eight o'clock, under the direction of Mrs. Lois Davis.

### Among the Churches HILLSBORO

**Smith Memorial Church Notes**  
Rev. Frank A. M. Coad, Pastor  
Sunday, December 26, 1943

10:30 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor. Music by the vested choir; Elaine Coad, organist; Berniece Coad, soloist.

11 a. m. Church School. Mrs. Nelson Davis, Superintendent.

### Methodist Church Notes

"The Friendly Church"

Paul S. Kurtz, Minister

Sunday, December 26, 1943

10:00 a. m. The Church School.  
11:00 a. m. Morning worship service. Sermon topic, "Inventory of Life."

7:00 p. m. Sunday at Seven. Mr. Kurtz will read the famous Christmas story, "Why the Chimes Ring."

On Thursday evening at 7:00, the children of the church school will have their annual tree and party at the church. All parents and friends are welcome

### 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 Prophecy, Sunday morning at 9:30, W.A.A.B., 1440.

Bible Auditorium of the Air, every Sunday morning, 9:30, WHN 1050K; every evening, Monday through Friday, 9:30 WHN, 1050K.

Our Father's Hour, Sunday, at 3 o'clock, on WMUR 610K.

### Deering Community Church

Rev. William C. Sipe, Minister

Service at Judson Hall

Sunday, December 26, 1943

10 a. m. Church School.

11 a. m. Morning worship.

### St. Mary's Church

Rev. Charles J. Leddy, Pastor

Rev. Fredrick C. Sweeney, Asst.

Sunday

Mass, 7:30 and 9 a. m.

Vespers, 6 p. m.

Holydays

Mass, 5:30 and 7 a. m.

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## Washington

Richard Tweedy arrived last week from New York.

Shedd Free Library will not be open Saturday, December 25th.

Edward Brooks from Londonderry was in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison from Arlington, Mass., were in town last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Sallada and son Harold were with her father and mother last Sunday.

All were glad to hear that Frederick Otterson was not seriously injured in the bus accident in Winchester last week.

Mrs. Lester Small from Keene was a visitor last week with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Farnsworth.

It has developed that the school children will not be able to have a part in the Christmas exercises, Sunday, December 26th.

We were slightly mistaken as to the number of cats captured by Carol Farnsworth. Up to date he has cashed in on six bobcats, the largest weighing 30 lbs.

## HENNIKER LOCAL SECTION

The COURIER is on sale each week at the Henniker Pharmacy—D. A. Maxwell, representative. Tel. 35-2

Pfc Ralph E. Colbath is home on furlough.

Lester Durgin, AS2/c, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was home on Sunday. Mrs. Durgin came with him and will remain for the holidays.

Gilberta Knapton, a student at Becker Junior college, Worcester, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Knapton of Henniker, during the Christmas vacation.

The fire department was called out at 4:30 on Monday afternoon for a fire at the home of Harry Robertson. Handicapped by lack of water and a high wind, they managed to have the fire out in about an hour and a half. Much of the roof was burned and some of the partitions. All of the water had to be pumped or taken out by pails from a well in the shed. It is thought that the fire started from sparks from the chimney and then blown onto the roof. There was no insurance on the building. Nearly all of the furniture was removed from the building.

### Among the Churches HENNIKER

#### Methodist Church Notes

Rev. John L. Clark, Pastor

10:45 a. m. Christmas Sunday will be observed with a sermon by the pastor and special music by the choir.

12 m. Sunday School.

7:30 p. m. The young people will give a pageant, "The Child Divine," to which the public is invited.

Friday afternoon at 2:30 there will be a tree and party for the children in the vestry. Each child will bring a ten cent gift for exchange.

Friday evening the young people will have a party at the parsonage, after which they will sing carols about the town.

#### Congregational Church Notes

Rev. Woodbury Stowell, Pastor

10:45 a. m. Service of worship and sermon by the pastor on "After Christmas What?" Soloist will be Jackie Phelps.

10:45 a. m. Church school for Beginners and Primary children.

10:45 a. m. Church School for Juniors, Intermediates and Adults.

Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock will be the Christmas tree and program in the church.

Monday evening, December 27, there will be a meeting of Sunday school teachers at the parsonage.

## Deering

Miss Belle Brown is spending the winter at Hillsboro.

The state highway men put up the snow fences this week.

Mrs. Alice Filer has been enjoying a visit in Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Parker of Concord spent the week end with relatives at Hillsboro.

Miss Beatrice Cote of Lebanon spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cote and family at their home in the Manselville District.

## Lower Village

Merrell Flag, 1st class Pharmacist Mate, and Mrs. Flag of West Boylston, Mass., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matthews the past week.

Mrs. Leslie Adams and children arrived in town last week. Mr. Adams and two of the sons have been located in the Dana Bruce house for some time.

The Fortnightly club entertained the Ladies' Aid and the Upper Village Community club in the chapel Thursday afternoon. There were readings by Mrs. Frank Orser and Mrs. Harry Nissen and singing of carols and popular songs with Mrs. Orser at the organ. It is interesting to note that this is the organ that was the object of so much controversy when placed in the Baptist church, the first church in Hillsboro, was purchased by the late John Jackman, January 20, 1886 for use in Union Chapel.

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## ON THE STREET

By P. S. Scruton

Thoughts at this Christmas time, the most joyful occasion of the year turn to those who are not with us at this time, and who will always live in cherished memories. We still have with us the Scrooges and the Judases who look upon Christmas as nothing more or less than sending out cards to those you don't like, but we sense the kindly thoughts of many others who are near and dear to us and the spirit of Christmas is real and dear to most of us in spite of war and its stern realities. We look forward with hope and confidence that another Christmas may find peace on earth, good-will towards men the theme song of countless millions throughout the earth.

We think at this Christmastide of those who were with us last year and many, many years past, those dear ones who have gone on before to a better existence in the great unknown. It is a natural thought. We too think of those soldier and sailor boys of ours and the girls too, who are far away fighting to make us safe and secure in years to come. We like to think of the time when the dear ones were little children and awakened on Christmas morning to find the presents for them, and the look on their faces as they opened each precious package and we yearn again to turn back the pages of time and take them in our arms just once more. Thank God for the memories of those Christmases and all the cares of the world cannot take them away from us.

As the years go by we seem to mellow with the passing of time and the birth of Christ has a greater significance in the awakening of our consciousness.

It has been proposed and we hope may materialize, a smoke-talk for the old timers of the baseball teams in Antrim, Henniker and Hillsboro. We all remember Bill Thompson, colored catcher, who in spite of his 70 odd years played a few games this past year. Naturally Bill would be one of the guests of honor. Then too the Cuddihy brothers of Antrim, Old Van, who is still young, Jack Fraser, Ollie Daniels, Jack Mossia, Will Childs, Tonkin, and dozens of others come to mind. This smoker would once more bring together the baseball veterans of the towns and would create much enthusiasm. Then too Ding Sleeper who played baseball here for many years and George Cote of the not so long ago would fit into the picture and it would be a glorious occasion. It would be a reunion long to be remembered and we would like to hear from others who think the idea worth while.

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They tramped around for many miles  
And never saw a deer,  
Those spots they "dearly" love so well,  
Both—they thought it queer.

Demag, he circled 'round a bit,  
Left Murdo, on a stump;  
Wallace started in to doze,  
A deer at him did jump.

When Leo from his trip returned,  
He saw a funny sight;  
Wallace—with that deer in arms,  
And hugging it up tight.

He hugged it 'till its breath was gone  
Then he said, "My deer—  
I'll have that high priced cartridge shell,  
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Whereas Chester W. Colburn, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has filed in the Probate Officer 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 Amherst, in said County, on the 31st day of December next, 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 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 6th day of December A. D. 1943.

By order of the Court,  
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**Food Conservation Quiz**

- The habit of week-end buying does not cause waste. True... False...
- It is necessary to inspect packaged goods frequently. True... False...
- Nutritionists and medical authorities agree that our diets are weakest in fruits and vegetables. According to garbage studies, what percentage of food waste is made up of these two food groups? 5%... 13%... 28% over 50%...
- Fifty million meals a day are served in public eating places in the United States. The food scraped off the plates equals the amount of food needed for how many soldiers' meals? 50,000... 1,000,000... 3,000,000... 5,000,000...
- Think now before you answer. Hidden waste is garbage kept under cover. True... False...

**Answers**

- False—on weekend purchases a homemaker is inclined to overstock and spoilage results.
- True—this eliminates potential damage from insects and mice.
- Over 50%.
- 3,000,000.
- False—it's the loss of vitamins and other food values through improper storage and preparation.

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The motto of the Royal Canadian Mounted police is "Maintiens le droit" (maintain the right).

**Deering**

**Wolf Hill Grange**

Wolf Hill Grange No. 41 held its regular meeting Monday evening, December 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy H. Locke, at which time the Christmas party was held. A beautifully lighted Christmas tree at one end of the large living-room added greatly to the Christmas spirit.

Mrs. Louise L. Locke, Master, presided at the business meeting, at which time the resignations of Mrs. Mary J. Willard, Master-elect and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Davies, Overseer-elect were requested and accepted; and the following officers elected to fill the vacancies. Master Elizabeth M. Davies, and Overseer Harold G. Wells.

The Home and Community Welfare Committee reported that cards had been sent to most of the Deering men in the U. S. services, but if any family has not sent the address of any member of their men in the service, to the secretary at this time, please do so right away. Cards cannot be sent unless the secretary has the correct address. The literary program consisted of the singing of Christmas carols, recitation by Ronald Locke, and reading by Mrs. Marie H. Wells, gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served by the hostess and host, consisting of sandwiches, cake, coffee

and fancy pickles, and a social hour was enjoyed. The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Davis, in the Manselville District, Monday, December 27th.

Mrs. Harold G. Wells was in South Weare on Monday, on business.

Private Roscoe Putnam is stationed at Camp Crost in South Carolina.

A rustic gate has been erected at the lower drive way at Alderbrook Farm.

Christmas wreaths and lighted Christmas trees have made their appearances at some of the homes around town.

Mrs. Harold G. Wells attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Ellsworth at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Hillsboro, last Friday morning.

The December meeting of the Deering Community Credit Union was held with Leon A. Reade at Weare. In the absence of Norman Chase, the vice-president, John Frank Lovren presided. Plans were made for the annual meeting to be held in January.

All roads in Deering lead to Judson Hall on Thursday evening, and skyways will be open for Santa Claus if he cannot use his sleigh. Mrs. Ernest Johnson and her committee are planning a cream-chicken supper, with pictures, carols and tree to follow.

Little Robert Foote, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Foote, has been quite ill at his home in Concord for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Wood were delegates of Wolf Hill Grange No. 41, and attended the sessions of the State Grange at Concord last week.

Norman Cote, A.S., U. S. N., who has been spending a leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cote, left last Friday for Norfolk, Virginia.

Mrs. Edgar J. Liberty and daughter, Jane Elizabeth of Wilton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Wells, at their home Pinehurst Farm, last Friday.

Mrs. C. Harold Taylor injured the index finger of her right hand at her home on the Frankestown road, when her hand was caught in the wringer of the electric washer, recently.

Mrs. Archie Cote escaped serious injury at her home in the Manselville District, one day last week, when she slipped and fell on some ice. No bones were broken, but she was badly bruised and shaken.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Mary A. Ellsworth, who passed away at her home in Hillsboro last week. Mrs. Ellsworth was a practical nurse, and was known and loved by all who knew her. She leaves a host of friends in town to mourn her passing.

Mrs. Alice Filer and Miss Belle Brown were in Antrim, last Saturday.

Richard Merrill of Hillsboro was a caller at Pinehurst Farm one day last week.

Miss Louise Johnson of Peterboro visited Mrs. Archie Cote and family on Sunday.

Mrs. Z. T. Bercovitz and son Timothy have closed their home on Clement Hill, and returned to New York for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cote are entertaining relatives from Manchester and New York at their home in the Manselville District.

Miss Patricia Cote was confined to her home in the Manselville District several days last week, by illness and unable to attend school.

Leonard Cote of Laurence, Mass., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cote at their home in the Manselville District.

Norman Cote, A. S., U. S. N. of Newport, R. I., is enjoying a ten-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cote at their home in the Manselville District.

A four generation picture of much interest to Deering people was taken recently at Concord, the group included Perry Wood of Manchester, his son William P. Wood, his granddaughter, Mrs. Donald Foote and his great grandson, Robert D. Foote, all of Concord.



**Christmas Greetings to our fighting men and women**

Proudly we publish the honor roll of our fellow workers now serving the cause of Freedom, Liberty and Justice on the fighting front.

At present they are far from their families and loved ones. Some are in the frozen wastes of

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**THOSE NEW RATION 'TOKENS'**  
Ration coupons are to be replaced by ration tokens. They will look like the little chips used in playing tiddle-de-winks. Uncle Sam is making nine hundred million of 'em to replace ration books. The public doesn't know whether to feel relieved or scared.

The chips will be red and blue with yellow edges. A lot of folks are going to be poisoned by eating them for cough lozenges or indigestion tablets.

If you swallow your quota by mistake and go to your ration board chairman he will simply recommend an operation.

You may not be in the food from now on but you will certainly be in the chips.

Red ones will be for meats, and yellow ones for vegetables, fruits, canned goods, etc. (Neither color will be any good on a trolley—Ed. note.)

Washington announces that the ration chips will throw off "an ultra violet glow." That'll be nice. But it would be nicer if they had had no glow and could be dissolved in milk and taken as a breakfast food in a pinch.

Why the ultra violet glow? Can it be possible that in the confusion of so many bureaus in Washington they got the ration bureau and the dimout boards intertangled?

It's going to be good fun. There was not much excitement in just tearing coupons out of a drab old book. But fancy being able to come across with an ultra violet glow for a pound of hamburger!

Many a butcher won't know whether he is selling groceries or getting a violet ray treatment.

He may be a stubborn fellow and sell on a green ray only.

Of course it is going to cause pocket and handbag complications. With the new ration tokens in your possession you will be afraid to throw away any bus token, washer sinker, chip or identification disk for fear of making a mistake.

We look for plenty of arguments on buses as a result of people trying to put ration tokens in the box. And as a result of other people trying to get the grocer to take bus tokens.

The simplest course may be to pass a law requiring all bus drivers to carry groceries and insist that all grocers be willing to take customers out for a ride.

Back on the Copper Standard. The mint is going to quit making the new steel penny, or "Whatizit," early next year. This is good news to millions of perplexed citizens.

No matter what Washington does with a penny, it should leave it the same general shade. The non-fading red cent is an American tradition.

A citizen may not mind taking a quarter to the bank cashier to have it verified; he may not balk at submitting a half-dollar to a numismatist for identification, but when he has to consult a color chart to see whether he has just been handed forty cents in dimes or four cents in pennies it is harrowing.

The new penny is of steel with a zinc coating. It could be a dime, a washer or a bath plug.

We have a copper shortage, admittedly, but our scientists should be smart enough to make a cent that by any other metal will look as red.

There is an old saying that a bad penny always comes back. That's the trouble with this one.

It looks as if the fellow who has been down in Washington changing the shapes, sizes and colors of postage stamps has been switched to the United States Mint.

We talk so much in billions these days that it is hard to get down to pennies. But it is time to call a halt. Money goes so fast, that nobody has much time to worry over its weight, shape and shade but it would be comforting to know that its last red cent hasn't developed pernicious anemia.

Washington urges that people use electric lights only on indoor Christmas trees this year. And it is probably right. But we can think of nothing that makes so much for morale and a big spiritual uplift than a Christmas tree all aglow on the lawn.

Can You Remember—  
Away back when:  
You shook your head "no" at the cab driver's "Taxi?"  
A train conductor ordered your feet off a seat?

## Kathleen Norris Says:

Our Third War Christmas

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There was a Sunday school tree for poor children, always a wonderful spiritual uplift for the luckier children who wrapped and distributed packages.

### By KATHLEEN NORRIS

Now that Christmas is so close some of us who are getting on in years are remembering other Christmases. It rather sobered me to realize that my Christmas recollections go back more than half a century—say to Christmas in 1893.

We lived in the country then; father, mother, unmarried aunt—almost every family was supplied with one of these, and six children. My father was a bank manager on a salary of six thousand a year, which was considered wealth. We had a horse and a surrey, two cows, chickens, a cook and an upstairs maid. The cook did all the washing in a day when ladies and little girls revelled in white starched petticoats and embroidered muslin nighties; she did all the cooking and put up 400 jars of fruit every year. The maid helped with ironing, made the beds, swept the rooms, and acted as nurse about half the time. These girls were paid \$22 and \$17 a month, respectively. Beef was 10 to 15 cents a pound, "soup vegetables came for nothing; bread was five cents a loaf; children's "pebble-goat" shoes cost less than two dollars a pair.

We children had plenty of jobs; we had no sense of sitting back and being waited upon. My older brother had full responsibility for the cows, horse and chickens; my sister and I had to dust rooms, to fill 17 lamps every day, to set and clear the dining table, to sweep porches, to run errands for the grown-ups. When the semi-annual sewing orgy was on, and Miss Wilde came, we had to clear the sewing room every night, a job I think of even now with loathing. Scraps and threads and paper patterns—

Church Important at Christmas. Christmas was a great time. Preparations had to go on about four fronts. Church was one important item. There must be special music, which meant night rehearsing with all its thrills of walks in the swinging lantern light; there must be special decorations. There was a Sunday School tree for poor children, always a wonderful spiritual uplift for the luckier children who wrapped and distributed packages.

Then there were presents to make and—more rarely—to buy. There was the tree to find, and fell, and trim. There was the kitchen excitement of seeding raisins and chopping citron, with all the grown-ups buzzing about. And finally, there were family arrivals, cousins, aunts, Grandma, coming in cold and beaming, and being welcomed by roaring fires and dancing children; dinner all ready, beds carefully assigned, red berries on the table and fragrant wreaths at the windows. And the solemn ceremony of stocking-hanging for the last thing Christmas Eve.

There was no war then, no talk of war. There had been a Civil war not too many years earlier, but as the family had been sharply divided between Boston and Richmond, it was never mentioned. What was going on in the Balkans, in Ladysmith or Manchuria concerned us not at all. That the machines that men were even then inventing would one day grow into such hideous power that whole cities would fall in ashes beneath them; that war would reach out across the wide oceans and engulf us, never occurred for one instant to the ladies who sat rocking before the great wood fire. Telephones were new and considered a somewhat fearful power. No mention of automobiles, radio, movies as yet. No wireless; no planes. Without all these the world was a

### SPREAD JOY ON CHRISTMAS

Kathleen Norris reminisces about the Christmas of her childhood. Everyone in the family was kept busy. Most presents were not merely bought. They were created by the giver. Church affairs occupied most of the young celebrants' time with rehearsals of carols and Christmas dramas. Out of all this activity blossomed the Christmas spirit which found its way into the hearts of the whole family. Today it may be difficult to find the glowing warmth of Christmas. But those who look forward to a better world realize the necessity of singing the eternal message: "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace to men of good will."

safer-feeling place, whatever great good they may bring to mankind in the wiser years to come.

Empty Chair This Year. There will be no Christmas like that old Christmas this year; not anywhere in the whole world. Not anywhere—father, mother, children, kinsfolk sitting down together to turkey and oyster soup and mince pie. There is an empty chair this year beside Mother, and Aunt Emily is very quiet in her new black. The smallest baby gets his rattle and his new blankets, but he doesn't get a kiss from his Daddy. Daddy has been a prisoner of war for long and weary months.

Everyone is resolutely cheerful, but the old gaiety is laid aside for awhile. The women's voices aren't murmuring about sage in the dressing or the ridiculous cost of doll buggies. No, this year it's "Still missing, Grandma. But Jim was a wonderful swimmer, and we hope—" "They heard last week; he may have leave in February." "They got the boxes off 'way back in October, but of course we don't know that they got there." "He's a lieutenant now, Uncle George—in Italy, we think." And so on and on until the roll call of every beloved name—and the Brown boy, and the Smith boy, and Mary Jones' husband, and Helen's father, is complete.

Oh, I hope the boys know it, know how our hearts are with them, how we pray for them and think of them and thank them, on all the battle-fronts! In the long dull days of marking time in our camps, in the dreadful lonely white Aleutians, on the blazing roaring red lines of war, their mothers and wives and sisters are with them, every hour of the day.

Spirit of Day Must Not Suffer. And at home we must do what we can to keep Christmas still Christmas. If the turkey has turned itself into a lamb stew or a fish chowder; if the ice-cream is only a rather weak frozen custard; if the presents are only what was left after the boys' boxes were shipped away, the spirit of Christmas need not suffer. There may still be wreaths in the windows and candlelight on the tree; the children may still arrange their tableaux and charades; the cousins and aunts may still come trooping in out of the cold to the welcoming fire.

"I hoped you were in church, praying for me at that exact moment, Mother," wrote a boy from Sicily last July. "I thought of you all, Ellen and the kids and Dad and Betsy, and where you might be. I placed them all at home—well, say getting ready for Sunday supper on the porch. But I placed you in church, thinking of me and praying for me. Somebody must be, for I seem to lead a charmed life. Don't stop."

## Bethlehem's Star Puzzles Scientists

Theories Are Advanced for Celestial Guide.

What was the "Star of Bethlehem" that blazed in a midnight sky and led the Three Wise Men to the Christ Child's humble bed in a stable outside Jerusalem?

Science does not know. There is no such star now and all the evidence astronomers have been able to assemble throws no actual light on the subject.

However, Miss Maude Bennet, director of the Adler Planetarium in Chicago, says astronomers "do not refute" the story of solemn beauty and simplicity which has endured 2,000 years:

"... and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was."—St. Matthew.

The "Star of Bethlehem" has intrigued students of infinite space for many centuries.

Many Theories Advanced.

Miss Bennet said: "Astronomers cannot be accused of not trying to solve the problem the story presents. But all efforts have failed to reveal that the 'Star of Bethlehem' was an actual star.

"In the first place, stars do not 'stand still.' They appear to make a professional nightly across the heavens. But of course it is the earth which is moving."

Among the many theories to account for the "Star of Bethlehem" is that of a German named Fiedler who announced after years of study that the Star was in his opinion, actually the conjunction of two bright planets moving in the same direction, creating one very brilliant image.

May Have Been 'Nova.'

Miss Bennet said: "It also might have been a 'nova,' or new star. They shine with great brilliance for a few days, then vanish.

"There was a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn about December 15 in 7-B. C., and since the exact year of Christ's birth is a matter of dispute, that may have been what the Three Wise Men saw.

"Another possibility is that it was Halley's comet which reaches its zenith about December 25 over Bethlehem."

Miss Bennet believes that the brightest of all planets, Venus, which is seen as a star, most nearly fulfills the Wise Men's description of their celestial guide to the humble birthplace of Christ.

Just Star Gazing.

She said: "It always is near the sun. It is seen only in the early morning, and now rises about three hours ahead of the sun—in the east, of course. Many who see it may believe they are gazing upon the 'Star of Bethlehem.'"

The brightest of all stars, Sirius, now is visible crossing the sky most of the night, and many also may take that for the holy star, Miss Bennet said. She concluded: "It appears foolish to try to authenticate the story scientifically."

### Good Friends



There's a benign look in Santa's eye as he looks over pictures of his very good friends, the boys in the armed services of their country. They are the last ones he would neglect.

### Yule Trees in Water

#### Hold Needles Longer

If a Christmas tree is set in water when it first comes into the house and is kept in water while it is part of the Christmas decoration, it will remain fresh and green for at least a week longer. Water should be replaced as it evaporates. If the base of a Christmas tree is trimmed with a sharp knife just before it is mounted, the pores will be left open, allowing water to rise in the stem to the living cells which are still trying to provide the tree with food and moisture.

### Felt Poinsettias

Women who make their own Christmas cards will be additionally clever if they carry the theme of the cards into their home decorations.

A felt poinsettia of red, yellow and green makes a pleasing Christmas card. The yellow felt center of the flower is surrounded by one-inch petals cut from red felt. The stem and two leaves are made of green. A Christmas greeting is written on the card with colored ink.

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# CAMELS

# The Star That Shone O'er Bethlehem Will Forever Be a Mystery to Science

## Could It Have Been A Comet, a Group of Planets, or a Nova?

By ELLIOTT PINE

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem,

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and in the east, went before them, till it stood over the spot where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

—Matthew 2:2-10

**THE Star!** Matthew calmly records the appearance of this marvelous heavenly portent as a historical fact. For 1900 years many millions have believed that the majestic and unimaging beautiful herald of the Messiah actually shone over Bethlehem, casting a beam of effulgent glory on that stable "where the young child was."

It has seemed entirely fitting that the birthplace of Christ should be pointed out in so magnificent a manner. Few laymen ever thought of questioning the reality of that star, although nothing like it ever was known before or after the momentous event. But astronomers, being exact scientists, have tried to reconcile the evangelist's words with the known facts on the nature and motions of heavenly bodies. The other three Gospels, by the way, do not mention the star.

In the 17th century, Johann Kepler, one of the greatest of the early astronomers, while calculating the orbits of the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars, extended his figures back to the time of Christ. He discovered that these three planets were in conjunction in the year 7 B. C., according to the calendar. Making allowance for the well known error in dating the year of Christ's birth, it was possible to call the year 7 of our era as actually the year in which Christ was born. Now if, as Kepler calculated, the three planets were very close together in that year, they would form a brilliant glow in the sky during the month of December. So, Kepler reasoned, the conjunction of these planets was the Star of Bethlehem.

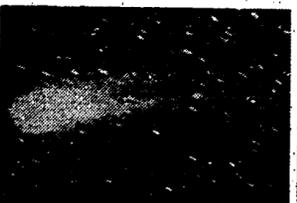
**In Sign of Pisces.** This conjunction appears in the sign of Pisces, or the Fishes, every 800 years. Since the sign of Pisces had a special meaning to the Jews, it was entirely logical for the Magi to interpret an apparently new star within this sign as the long awaited

messenger from heaven, and to start on the long journey.

Kepler's theory satisfied pretty well until 1828, when Professor Ideler of Berlin pointed out that at no time are the three planets in absolute conjunction so that they would appear as a single star, even to the naked eye.

Another piece of evidence tending to cast doubt on the Kepler theory was brought in by the geographers. They showed that there were "no roads or trails through the mountainous regions that the wise men had to traverse on which they could keep the planets in sight for any length of time. So this attractive explanation gradually faded out. It will not be until early in the 25th century, however, that scientists can test the full possibilities of Kepler's conjecture. It is not entirely ruled out until this time comes.

**Perhaps a Comet.** In the last century came a new attempt to explain the Star. Prof. R. A. Proctor propounded the theory



**WAS IT A COMET?**—Theory that the Star of Bethlehem might have been a comet was advanced in the 19th century. This photo, taken in 1940, shows Cunningham's Comet.

that the mystic sign was really a comet. These celestial travelers of space, flaring up suddenly, moving across the sky often for days or weeks, and then disappearing, always impressed the ancients as mighty portents.

There are a few flaws in this theory, too, as several historians quickly declared. First, a comet was a fearful thing to all peoples of antiquity, a harbinger of evil to come, a warning of retribution for sin. The Magi, being learned in astrology, would know this, of course, and would not likely consider a comet an announcement of the Saviour's arrival. It is possible that these wise men did not follow the prevailing superstition. They might have called some comet his star. It is objected, however, that any comet bright enough to attract the wise men's attention would be noted down in some secular history—Josephus, in particular. There is no such confirmatory account.

**The Nova Theory.** Lately, a plausible and poetic theory has been presented. The Star of Bethlehem may have been a "nova" or suddenly blazing star. For a brief time a nova may outshine every star in the sky. The most brilliant on record flared up in 1572. Another was observed by the aforementioned Kepler, and by Galileo, in 1604. Novae that can be seen by the human eye are rare. It is only since photography has been applied to astronomy that much is known about them. What causes the flaming phenomenon is not known, but possibly it is occasioned by the collision of two "dead" stars. The impact liberates the fiery interiors of the two bodies, and the seething gases swirl and shoot in a glorious display of light. The nova may burn for some time, but eventually it cools and fades, and generally dis-

appears from sight. Seldom do they last more than a few days.

So if a nova of extraordinary brilliance did burst forth a few days or weeks before the birth of Christ, this could be the Star toward which the wise men hurried, so long ago. It must be remembered, however, that the nova, if such it was, actually had burned out long before the first Christmas eve, because most of the stars are so distant that light takes many years to travel from them to the earth. Only lately the Nova Hercules has been seen, but its light has been traveling through space for 1300 years, at 186,000 miles a second.

**Learned Guesses.** But these conjectures and scientific guesses are simply that—guesses. No one knows just what the Christmas Star was, or how it directed the wise men from the east to the little town of Bethlehem. It may be that, since there were prophecies to guide the Magi to that village in Judea, the Star did not exactly point the way, as some fanciful legends have put it, but merely indicated to the wise men the glorious day was near at hand.

The director of the Adler Planetarium in Chicago comments that no star could "stand still" in the heavens while the three Magi plodded wearily onward. It would swing with the other stars in the daily round, as the earth turns on its axis. And again, a star could not remain fixed over the stable on that night of nights, casting down a great broad beam of purest light. That is, no "natural" star could. It would move onward with the procession of the heavens, until it set below the horizon.

**A Miracle.** But the world has believed in that Star for 19 centuries. Scientists do not deny that it could have been a miracle—that "Star of Wonder, Star of Hope" that shone over the crib of the Saviour. It is no more difficult to believe that a star could send its beams down on that sacred spot than that angels sang to the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest." It is one more marvel among many marvels.

From the Scriptures and from tradition it is known that the three wise men or Magi ("Magi" was the term for astrologer in the East) saw a great light in the sky, and took it for the Star that heralded the birth of the King of the Jews, who would deliver mankind from bondage. The three learned men, called kings by tradition, mounted their camels, and came together, one from Chaldea, one from Persia, and one from Arabia. Their names, according to Bede, were Kaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

When they came to the stable in Bethlehem, they knelt in reverent wonder, like the simple shepherds gathered about the Babe, and offered their rich gifts of "gold, frankincense and myrrh." Today, although scientific knowledge has advanced a thousand-fold since the time of Christ, the mystery attached to all that sacred story remains.

The Star of Bethlehem is still a mystery to science. It will always remain so, for there is no way to recreate the physical conditions of that night, so long ago, and to investigate the phenomena with precise instruments. But millions of Christians will continue to believe that the glorious symbol of hope, the Star, shone over the little stable on that first Christmas, while celestial music floated over the countryside, and all the world was hushed in wonder.

## Christmas Booty



No—these Christmas packages aren't all intended for this one lone sailor at Great Lakes Naval Training station. But the satisfied look on his face is evidence that he will be opening a few of the boxes very soon.

## Trimming Your Tree? Here Are Useful Tips

Ho, hum, it's about that time of year. For Santa, and for Prancer and the many tinsel packages around—you've guessed it, time to trim the tree.

This favorite indoor sport of many Hoosiers brings out all the latent abilities of chef, window dresser and wallpaper hanger. And as busy as the fabulous man with one arm and a paint brush is the Christmas tree trimmer. First, get the tree! You have it? Then stalk the room as on a safari for wild deer. What corner should the tree occupy? Over there by the piano? By a window so the neighbors can see it? Or perhaps just inside the front door.

Next obtain a strong stepladder and try it in all positions. This may come in handy when you have completed the trimming and forget that the star is to be added to the tip. With popcorn strings, tinsel, stars and what-not (usually what-not), get started. Turn to the right side of the tree. Here you will find one branch that is too long, and another too low. Add lights and work up from the lower branches. There are usually numerous pauses in the tree trimming ceremony to digest the mental pabulum offered by friends and visiting relatives. Pay no attention to this advice. It's your tree, isn't it?

Rock wool sometimes is added for the snow-like effect and diamond "dust" gives a pretty sparkle. Some trimmers of the 1890 school like to tie on ornaments and candy canes. These fall easily, however, and don't bounce. Bedecked from tip to stern, the Christmas tree holds a warmth of family interest. But the trimming—that's fun enough for a whole evening.

## Greatest Yule Hymn Had Humble Origin

On a silent snow-covered night in the year 1818 on the eve of Christmas, Josef Mohr, a young parish priest near Salzburg, Austria, sat thinking of the Christmas story. Its poetry filled his soul and into his mind there rushed "Stille Nacht." The next day he asked an old friend Franz Gruber, teacher of music who played the organ in Mohr's little church, to set the words to music. The villagers of Mohr's parish were the only people who knew the song for a number of years. Then an organ builder came to the church to repair the organ and copied the song, taking it into the outer world. It was first sung at a Christmas concert in 1833.

**SILENT NIGHT**  
Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;  
Christ, the Saviour, is born!  
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

## Tree Decorations

In spite of glittering decorations, the Christmas tree would only remain a dark pageant, were it not for the many colored electric lights which are deftly fastened all over it, and which, when lighted up, make it for the young people a thing of beauty and a joy—for that night at last!

## Singing of Yule Carols Widely Known Tradition

The custom of singing carols from house to house on Christmas Eve is today one of the best known and most beloved features of the Christmas tradition. Wherever and whenever Christmas is celebrated it is a day of rejoicing and good cheer, and joy is naturally expressed in song. The first Christmas carol is said to be that sung by the heavenly host when the birth of Christ was announced to the shepherds.

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## Household Hints

It is a simple matter to spread french dressing uniformly over a salad by using a clothes sprinkler of the cock-necked, bottle-top variety. When finished, the sprinkler can be inserted in a hot-water faucet and quickly cleaned.

If you use electric extension cords, check them frequently for frayed places. Never handle a cord with wet hands and handle a wet cord only with a thick pad or dry cloth.

Try this some time in ginger ale. Put one tablespoon maraschino cherry juice and several of the cherries in each glass. The result will delight.

To protect yarn or small woolen articles from moths, put them in a tightly covered glass jar or tin can. The jar is preferable as it enables one to see immediately what it contains.

When the sweetness of cream is doubtful, stir in a pinch of soda. This will prevent curdling even in hot coffee.

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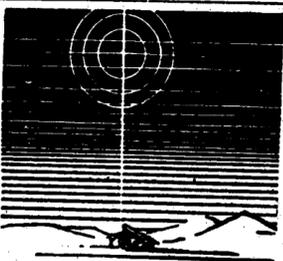


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There's a mother's deep prayer  
And a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the  
Beautiful sing,  
For the manger of Bethlehem erad-  
dles a king...

In the light of that star  
Lies the ages imperiled;  
And that song from afar  
Has swept over the world.



Every hearth is aflame, and the  
Beautiful sing  
In the homes of the nations that  
Jesus is King.

We rejoice in the light,  
And we echo the song  
That comes down through the  
night  
From the heavenly throng.  
Ay! we shout to the lovely evange-  
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## HILLSBORO

Mr. and Mrs. Selwin Davis have moved into their new home, the former Barnes house on West Main street.

Miss Margaret Harrington, sophomore at Mt. St. Mary College, Hooksett, will pass the Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vigue are now occupying their new home on Butler street, which they recently purchased from Selwin Davis.

Mrs. Thomas Fearnside and three children, Bill, Sally and Jimmy, of Wellesley, Mass., were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Smith, for a few days this week. Jimmy will stay with his grandparents for a while.

## Hillsboro

Mrs. Edward Raines and two children of Troy, N. Y., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burt H. Smith.

All barber shops in Hillsboro will be closed all day Saturday, Christmas day, but will be open every afternoon and evening other days.

William Barrett, Navy coxswain, is home on leave until January 9. He has been in the South Pacific war zone for two years. His present base is San Pedro, Calif.

Painters are busy re-painting the inside of both the Gordon Woolen mill and the Hillsboro Hoistery. The color schemes are such as not to cause eye afflictions. Alfred Colby of Henniker is in charge of the work at the Hoistery Mills and Samuel Lacasse is in charge at the Gordon-Woolen mill.

A committee from Valley lodge, I. O. O. F. conferred with a Henniker committee Thursday evening and will meet on Saturday evening with the lodge in Antrim. Representatives from Hillsboro were Bert L. Craine, Edward Willgeroth, Harry Cross and Paul Scruton. The three lodges plan for a special program early in the new year.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to the neighbors and friends for the many kindnesses shown us during the illness and death of our mother and grandma. Also for the beautiful floral tributes, to the donors of cars and to the bearers.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Ellsworth Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren

### Card of Thanks

We wish to sincerely thank all neighbors and friends for the many kindnesses extended to us during our recent bereavement, also for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mr. and Mrs. Grosvenor Flanders  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woods  
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Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Whitney Jr.  
Mrs. Marion Still

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party of the Sewing Club was held on December 15th at the home of Mrs. Matilda Van Doumele, Mrs. Maude Hoyt, assisting hostesses. A full course Christmas dinner was served in the spacious dining-room. The table was decorated with red candles, a centerpiece of chrysanthemums in a low glass bowl. At each plate was a red, white and blue basket of candy and nuts. In the west corner was a beautiful tree decorated with many a glittering ornament and lighted, bearing gifts for all present, including the guest of the afternoon, Mrs. Sadie Hancock.

Our hostesses did their utmost to make the occasion a happy one, added to the many past Christmas parties, every last one the best. The short winter afternoon sped all too quickly. The departing guests expressed their appreciation and thanks to their hostesses for another delightful occasion.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters met on Friday, December 10, with Mrs. Sterling, Mrs. Woodbury presided as Mrs. Lundberg was ill and unable to be present.

Mrs. Sterling reported that the card party, sponsored by the League, netted \$14.00, which was used to complete Hillsboro's quota.

A report of the state meeting was given, with the statement from Mrs. Flint that the dues from Hillsboro had been received. The subsidy bill was discussed. The sense of the meeting seemed to be that it would be well for the Senate to postpone action that there might be a time for "cooling off" and for consideration of Taft's compromise bill. The subsidies would benefit the fixed-salary class but the bill as now framed needs some changes.

The shortage of teachers was considered and also an open meeting, which the League hopes to plan for in the near future.

## JUNIOR HIGH NOTES

On Friday, Dec. 17, the Junior class of Hillsboro High sponsored an assembly program which proved to be a great success.

The program was opened by Marjory Werden who led the Bible Reading and Francis Duval who led the Flag Salute.

"The Family and its Members" class presented an educational skit in which the following took part: Annie Zeludancz, Josephine Cudde-mi, Mary York and Louise Carter. This skit pointed out the right and wrong way to apply for a position.

Next on the program was a musical skit, "Little Red Riding Hood," in which the following Junior Girls sang: Thelma Marshall, Edith York, Theresa Langlois, Nerine Smith, Verna Lowe, Ruth Semerjian, Norma Currier and Sally Knowlton and in which Marion Dennis was narrator.

Theresa Langlois, Ruth Semerjian and Norman Currier then portrayed the song "Three Little Sisters." Each one dressed as a little girl and skipped onto the stage eating lollypops, while Lillian Franz accompanied them on the piano.

The highlight of the assembly proved to be the cheers led by Louise Teixeira in which the whole school took part. This was in preparation for the basketball games which took place that night.

The last few minutes were then spent in carol singing, after which William Scruton our announcer and certain man closed the assembly.

## LAFLAMME, W.H.S. DALER, SETS BICYCLE RECORDS

Changing from running to riding is but one of the things that the U. S. Army has done to Pvt. Norman LaFlamme, now stationed with the 14th battalion at Fort Eustis, Va.

In the first bicycle derby ever held at that station, LaFlamme and three buddies won the championship, but not without great competition. After a rather inauspicious start by the team, Normie broke the track record to put his team in first place.

The four boys were awarded identification bracelets with names and serial numbers engraved on each.

A graduate of Woonsocket high school last June, LaFlamme was a member of the cross country, basketball and championship track teams. He was also president of his class.

Norman is a former Hillsboro boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo LaFlamme.

## LISABEL GAY'S COLUMN

Miss Lora Craig will spend Christmas with her sisters in Nashua.

Walter Colby was ill with the grip all last week and not able to go to school.

Miss Eleanor Jackson is home for three weeks from Penn hall, Chambersburg, Pa.

Miss Barbara Hill of the School of Occupational Therapy, Boston, is home for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Kenneth Wheeler of Milford spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Yeaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woodhead are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Aldrich and Mrs. Elsie Aldrich in Sharon, Mass.

A former Centre school teacher Elvie W. Pease, is now V-2/c in the Waves and in Washington, D. C., where she is doing office work.

Joseph Garofoli, Jr., of New Hampton school and his sister Virginia from Notre Dame academy, Tyngsboro, are spending the holidays at home. Each has a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Marilyn Colby of the U. of N. H. will be home on Thursday for the holidays. Her father from Boston and her brother, George P. of Worcester, will come home on Friday night to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Grace Perry is going to Melrose, Mass., on Thursday to spend Christmas at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Reece, until January 1st, when she will go to Boston to be with Mrs. George Haslet.

Merle C. McAdams, S. 1/c, U. S. N. R., spent a five day leave recently at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McAdams. He entertained two of his buddies and Miss Betty of Kittery, Maine, came home for the week-end.

Bailey Adams of County road, in his 80th year, shot one of the biggest buck deer of the season right near his house on Sunday. His son Ralph shot one in Sodom the same day. Ralph takes groceries every Sunday to his parents and John Grinnell. His father needed his help in getting the big deer under cover.

The last morning of the recent cold spell mercury stood at 10 degrees below zero. The next morning it was 10 above and then came a few days of livable winter weather. But it had a tantrum on Monday forenoon. It staged a fifteen minute blizzard straight from Eskimo land, then changed to bright sunshine and colder. Those who forecast a mild winter must be dreaming, with all this cold and snow before Christmas.

## Hillsboro

Bert L. Craine has been drawn for the petit jury and Paul S. Scruton for the grand jury for the January term of court.

Pvt. Clayton Crane has completed basic training preparatory for combat duty with an armored unit. He is now at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Miss Fern G. Chadwick, daughter of Mrs. Hazel M. Chadwick, is among those taking part in the University of New Hampshire's annual production of "The Messiah," which was presented on Sunday evening, December 19, under the direction of Bjornar Bergethon. Miss Chadwick is a member of the Women's Glee club.

## First Printing of Christmas Carols

Christmas carols had a wide appeal from the very beginning. They pleased both the devout and the roisterers, and it was inevitable that they should find their way into print. The earliest printed collection is probably Wynkyn de Worde's "Christmas Carolles Newly Enprinted" (1520). Only a single leaf is extant. It contains two complete carols—one a hunting song, and the other a boar's head carol.

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Heavy Fat Back 1 Pt.  
**SALT PORK 19<sup>lb</sup>**

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## Weare

### REBEKAHS PLAN PARTY

Star Rebekah lodge met at the I.O.O.F. hall, at which time the degree was rehearsed. The social hour was in charge of Mrs. Alice Parsons, Mrs. Ethel Philbrick and Mrs. Blanche Gunn.

### GEORGE A. MOODY

George Albert Moody, 84, of South Weare, died Thursday afternoon at Hillsborough General hospital in Grammer.

A native of Wolfboro, the son of George A. and Nancy J. (Quint) Moody, he was a blacksmith by trade and had lived in this town for 40 years.

He is survived by a son, Bert Moulton, of East Stoneham, Me.; two brothers, Charles of Conway and William of Brownfield; two sisters, Mrs. Lenella Ingals of Center Ossipee, and Mrs. L. N. Quint of Conway, and three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the North Weare church on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bower announce the birth of a daughter at the Hillsborough County General hospital.

Ellis Thomson is at the home of Mrs. Ruth Emerson after spending several weeks at the Hillsborough County General hospital.

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