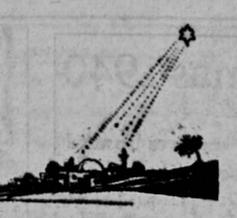




# A Joyous Christmas

ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN



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NBA Ranks Louis in Class  
By Himself  
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# NAZI GENERAL HINTS AT INVASION

## London Peaceful on Christmas; No Raids on Industrial Centers

### British Hold Observance With Ears Cocked For Air Raid Siren

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Wednesday) (AP)—Christmas came peacefully to bomb-scarred Britain today. No bursting bombs, crackling gunfire—not even the ominous drone of hostile planes which have disturbed the United Kingdom for months on end bothered Britons in their subdued Christmas observances and celebrations. The quiet of blacked-out London was duplicated in the kingdom's countryside and towns, industrial centers and seaports. Not since yesterday's daylight hours were any reports made of aerial conflict. Whether it was an unofficial Christmas truce was not known early today. Prime Minister Winston Churchill weeks ago rejected flatly the idea of a Christmas truce but informed sources talked of a report that Adolf Hitler had told a newspaper correspondent that "we do not fly at Christmas if the British do not fly."

### British Bombers Smash Tripoli's Harbor, Airport

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP)—British bombers scored hits on an air-drome and on the harbor jetty, seaplane hangars and power stations at Castel Benito and Tripoli, in western Libya, during an air attack last night, the air ministry news service announced tonight. This heavy thrust at Italian power in Africa was delivered simultaneously with air attacks on the invasion ports of Boulogne, Dunkerque and Ostend, it was reported officially. The air ministry also said the British hit at industrial targets in the Rhineland, including the industrial town of Ludwigshafen, across the river from Mannheim and the target of a raid Sunday night. The raid on Tripoli last night was the second since last Friday night. The admiralty earlier said naval aircraft attacked Tripoli harbor on the night of Dec. 20-21 and repeatedly hit the quay.

### British Ready For Last Attack

Weather Problem  
Too, there was a possibility that the weather might have caused the death of aerial activity. A low ceiling of dense clouds hung over Dover strait—raiders' pathway from Europe—with a light mist in the channel and the sea choppy. There was an east wind. Britons held their parties and observances with one ear cocked for the sound they hoped they would not hear—the eerie wail of the air raid siren. But there was little time for celebrating in the Lancashire area of England's industrial northwest where rescue workers still were probing the ruins for victims of a massive German mauling last night. Heavy casualties, including many killed, and widespread damage were inflicted in this hour-long attack. (The Germans identified the town as Manchester, one of the world's largest cotton textile centers, which they said was heavily attacked for the second successive night.)

## Engine Plunges Into Street In Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP)—A 200-ton "runaway" locomotive plunged over a 10-foot retaining wall and fell into a busy street intersection today, breaking trolley wires and typing up traffic for blocks in all directions. Steam spouted from the damaged boiler for several minutes, but the street happened to be clear of traffic at the time the engine "landed" and no one was injured. Unmanned The unmanned locomotive, a switch engine belonging to the Rock Island railroad, backed on a side track, tore out a safety bumper and plunged over the wall at 47th street and Wentworth avenue. Railroad officials investigating the accident said it had been left unattended and filled with water and coal on the "ready track" and that leakage of steam past the throttle valve might possibly have caused it to move. Des Moines Contract WASHINGTON (AP)—The award of a \$56,100 contract to the Boyt harness company, Des Moines, Ia., for covers for bayonet scabbards was announced by the war department. The delivery date was not disclosed.

... For Unto You Is Born This Day in the City of David a Saviour



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## Fascists Blast Churchill Talk

**NOTICE**  
In order that employes of The Daily Iowan may spend the Christmas holiday with their families, there will be no issue of The Daily Iowan tomorrow morning. The next issue will appear Friday morning.

### Pope Pius Declares Men Must Triumph Over Hatred

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (AP)—Pope Pius declared today that in the search for the new order of the future men and nations must triumph over hatred, over mistrust, over the notion that might makes right, over economic maladjustment and "cold egotism." In a Christmas eve message to the College of Cardinals he said that while the war goes on there is little hope for such a restoration. Nevertheless, he expressed a "heartfelt wish" that when the guns shall have fallen silent at last humanity and its leaders "will be sufficiently matured intellectually and capable in action to prepare the ground of the future for a new order that will be solid, true and just." The church herself could not be called upon to favor one over another of "the contrasting systems which are part of our times and dependent upon them," he said, since her "sole longing" was to provide to all the world's peoples "the clear waters of the fountains of our patrimony and values of Christian life..." But for a society that "would be humanly praiseworthy and spiritually elevated and a source of genuine good," he went on, there were these "indispensable prerequisites." "One, triumph over hate, which is today a cause of division among peoples; renunciation, therefore, of the systems and practices from which hate constantly receives added nourishment. "Two, triumph over mistrust, which bears down as a depressing weight of international law and renders impossible the realization of any sincere agreement. "Three, triumph over the distressing principle that utility is a basis of law and right and that might makes right. "Four, triumph over those germs of conflict which consist in two-sided differences in the field of world economy; hence progressive action, balanced by correspondent degrees, to arrive at arrangements which would give to every state the medium necessary for insuring the proper standard of living."

### King Emanuele Says Nothing Will Halt Italy

ROME, Dec. 24 (AP)—Winston Churchill's appeal to the Italian people over Premier Mussolini's head was met with blasts of defiance and denunciation by fascist spokesmen today, and the royal family itself made a show of loyalty to the fascist regime and its course in the war. Virginio Gayda, one of fascism's most authoritative editors, declared that the appointment of Anthony Eden to head the British foreign office was a "worthy crown in this foggy end of a year of extreme Churchill politics." He called Eden a "typical representative of British arrogance," an embodiment of "insolent hostility," and said his victory of the axis powers in Europe and Africa and of Japan in Asia. Dr. Giovanni Ansaldo, editor of the Leghorn Telegraph, went on the air with a violent retort to Churchill. Earlier, the government itself had answered that "the war will continue on all fronts until victory" and King Vittorio Emanuele had declared in a Christmas message to the nation's armed forces that "no obstacle and no difficulty may halt the glorious rise of Italy." In a blast of sarcasm and indignation sharply contrasting with his regular drawing broadcasts to the armed forces, Ansaldo denounced Churchill's attempt to subvert Italy's war aims, declaring: "First, 'To keep our word of honor with our Germany' and second, 'To shake off the humiliation of always being threatened by England, bottled up in the Mediterranean and stopped.'" Ansaldo, whose newspaper is owned by Il Duce's son-in-law, Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano, recalled the economic sanctions against Italy during her campaign in Ethiopia and vexations which he said Italy has suffered from the British contraband control during her non-belligerent period in the present war.

### Briton Brings Fresh Report On War Necessities

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Calling for more weapons quickly as "the keynote to stopping the war," Britain's chief buyer, Arthur B. Purvis, brought a fresh report on British war needs from his country to Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau today. Ships, he said, "and maintaining the British merchant fleet so that supplies can be brought from America to Great Britain" constituted the most urgent immediate problem. Linked with that, he declared on his return to the capital from England, was the need for greatly accelerated production of war material in the coming 60 or 90 days.

## The Bells of Bethlehem Ring Bravely

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
This is the second Christmas of war for the millions in Europe. It makes a strange pattern, and not a cheerful one. But still it is Christmas, and today it is in the hearts of everyone. There is no truce; indeed, the full fury of a new assault may be days, or even hours away. But the bells of Bethlehem ring bravely, though the bells of England are mute, for it is these bells which will give the alarm of invasion. Here are a few glimpses of Europe on Christmas Eve:  
London: The curtain of the blackout fell mercifully to hide the scars of bombs. The 1940 Bob Cratchett picked his way warily to home or shelter, arms loaded with bundles, many of them unwrapped, because paper is scarce.

The railway stations were crowded with mothers and fathers on their way to their children in the safer countryside. The people in Piccadilly hurried past an apple vendor, selling his wares for a shilling—20 cents—a pound. The signs said: "Christmas is 1940 years old and Hitler, only 51; he can't spoil our Christmas!" And there was turkey—for 60 cents a pound.  
Berlin: The words of Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, came through the night and into the German home: "Almighty God, you gave us our Fuehrer... now give us power to help him..." Berlin was dark, too, and the streets were cold and forbidding, but inside there was light and warmth and cheer. The Germans hoped with Reichsmarschal Herman Goerring: "May next Christmas be one

of peace... and victory."  
For the children one could buy two pounds apiece of apples and pears; half a pound of nuts (counting the shells); half a pound of honey and five-eighths of a pound of candy. For the grown-ups: two pounds of apples or pears and a half pound of candy.  
Vichy: It was bitter cold in this saddest of cities on this unhappy Christmas Eve. But Marshal Petain, his old voice tremble with hope, said over the radio: "A new France is born... made by your trials, your remorse, your sacrifices... Take courage! Swear tonight to aid with all your force this great rebirth so your children again will know happy Christmases!"  
There were government gifts of potatoes, rice, lentils, spaghetti and dates for the thousands expelled

from the lost provinces of Alsace and Lorraine; there were cheap toys, left over from last year, in the shops, but few buyers. Said one demobilized soldier, living in a tiny room with his wife and daughter: "We can't even have a Christmas tree—there's not enough room."  
In Paris: "Midnight" mass was sung at 5 p.m. at Notre Dame; because of the curfew.  
Rome: The Eternal City walked through slush and snow and the ink of the blackout, homeward from daylight Christmas Eve masses. They were hoping, most of these Romans, that Christmas day will bring at least a tacit truce for the Italian soldiers so hard pressed in the African desert and in Albania. Mass was said in most churches in Rome at 4:30 p.m., by special dispensation of the pope, because of the conditions of war.

### Earth Tremors Shake Northeast States Again

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—For the second time in five days startling earth tremors today shook the densely populated northeast from Pennsylvania to Canada and brought from a Harvard geologist the opinion that this section might now enjoy a lull from earthquakes. In much the same manner as last Friday's temblor, this second quake was felt in populous New York and Pennsylvania, throughout New England and northward into Quebec. Certainly more persons were shaken by the tremors than were last Friday, for today's came during the waking hours—at about 8:45 a.m. Perhaps the most costly damage was in Chicopee, Mass., where a 20-inch water main was ruptured, and at the Peabody museum in Salem, Mass., where a rare tile gargoyle toppled from a shelf and broke.

### Pays Surprise Trip to Channel Coast Battery

Says Ocean Protects England as Long 'As It Suits Us'

BERLIN, Dec. 24 (AP)—Amid the big guns which point at England from the German-occupied French coast, Field Marshal General Walther von Brauchitsch, commander-in-chief of Adolph Hitler's army, declared today: "The ocean can protect England only so long as it suits us." The commander-in-chief made what German sources said was a surprise visit to a long-range battery on the channel coast (one is situated at Cap Griz Nez) and, from there, spoke over a German-wide radio hookup to the German army. His words indicated that German plans for invasion of England are in no sense obsolete. (Early today British bombers gave the channel "invasion ports" a heavy pounding, following reports of considerable military activity there. British leaders have been warning for days that an invasion attempt may be imminent.)

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## Christmas in Panama Under Waving Palms

By GENE CLAUSSEN  
Associated Press Correspondent  
Alberto Bissof is getting accustomed to "white" Christmases in Iowa but he'd much rather spend them under waving palms and a blazing tropical sun in his native land, Panama. Al is a junior medical student at the University of Iowa and the hundreds of miles that lie between his home in Panama City and his books have kept him on the campus for the past six years. According to Al, Christmas "down there" is different in many respects from the Yuletide celebrations Iowans are familiar with. There is a Santa Claus to be sure, and the kiddies get to hang their stockings and go to bed on Christmas eve hoping that the jolly old man from the north with the big white beard will remember them again. "In Panama City," Al related, "almost every home is decorated in a manner that resembles the birth of Christ. They are brilliantly illuminated and there are few homes that are not decorated in this manner. "Every church re-enacts the birth of Christ in elaborate and beautiful ceremonies and it is the custom for the people to go from church to church throughout the city, witnessing these presentations. A custom that is also popular throughout the country, Bissof said, is the family gatherings on Christmas eve and again on New Year's eve. "Everyone goes home a few minutes before midnight for a big feast and then they return to their dancing and other celebrations." Christmas trees are an innovation in Panama, Al declared, but there has always been decorations galore. Bissof will have to spend another holiday season in Iowa, however, and it will be two more years before he can enjoy the warm sun, the gay dancing and the family feasts at Christmas time back home because he doesn't plan to leave until he has his medical degree.

# Christmas-1940

## And We Turn Our Eyes Toward Christmases to Come

Christmas morning, 1940—and how far have we slipped from those principles of peace on earth, good will to men which have been the symbol of the Yuletide for these thousand years and more?

It's a happier Christmas than we've had in many a year in this America of ours—this old America we're only now beginning to appreciate in the new fiery glow of wars that rage around us. But it is, at the same time, a far more foreboding Christmas than the last one.

Last Dec. 25, America stood awed at the forces of war which had turned Europe into turmoil. This Christmas she has recognized the threat of revolution to her own principles and beliefs. She has embarked upon the greatest peacetime defense program in her history.

And she has dedicated herself unalterably to the forces of the right as we see it.

### The Spirit of Christmas

That decision, woefully yet necessarily, has come to us. Before and within it lies shadowed the spirit of Christmas.

But are we to lose faith and hope at that inevitable fact of a modern world at war? Are we to throw up our hands in dismay and count the peace-loving teachings of the Saviour lost forever to mankind? Are we to surrender the world we know to the forces of hatred and Godlessness?

America has answered "No!" We believe that. And we should.

We no longer believe that this is "somebody else's war." For a long time we wanted to believe that, and we couldn't. For a long time to come we'll try to believe that, and we shan't be able.

Because this is a war of the philosophy of force against the Christian philosophy of peace. We need no Christian propaganda to clarify that issue. It grows daily plainer.

### What Can We Believe?

What feelings shall fill the hearts of Americans this Christmas morning? What can we believe in the face of odds which threaten our way of life?

Well, we can believe, as Christ taught, that right ultimately will triumph. And we can believe, therefore, wholeheartedly and unashamed, that the force of this nation must be directed against those proponents of a philosophy which defies the right as we believe the right exists. We can dedicate our prayers and our physical resources on our side of this struggle for world domination.

We can do these things, and be neither hypocritical nor contradictory, for each man, and each nation, knows the right as he sees it. And for the right, as we believe the right to be, shall we struggle.

### Of Christmas to Come

That is not a happy thought for this Christmas morning, 1940. But this year we must think not of the present, but of Christmases to come—the Christmases of the children of this generation.

God alone can know what this coming year will bring. But we know that the philosophy of the Christ only America is privileged to appreciate this year endured the hardships of censure and affliction—and lived to show the world the way.

So it will be again. We can believe that, if nothing more, this Christmas morning.

## Trends Toward Inflation

Today the men behind the national defense program and the men who are affiliated with the ins and outs of money have recognized that the defense program carries with it a danger of sending prices sky high. This possible sudden price boom would lead us to an inflationary price level which we all know carries with it serious results.

There are many things which are causing a movement in this direction; among them are the government contracts. The government has let contracts calling for the enormous outlay of \$7,500,000,000. Congress has authorized appropriations totaling \$17,000,000,000, and it is estimated that before the nation is fully armed, the costs will amount to approximately \$25,000,000,000. This tremendous flow of money is increased by huge

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buying on the part of Great Britain. Great Britain is now buying nearly \$350,000,000 worth of exports per month.

### General Price Boom

This means that if the national defense program isn't regulated properly, there are great possibilities for a general price boom to occur because of the sudden flood of money within the United States. To this large amount of money, we must add purchases by the men in industries for the materials used in producing the various goods for national defense. The industries engaged in the national defense production are paying their workers higher wages, and these workers in turn are buying more retail goods.

## The Racket Trade Schools

"Racket" trade schools are springing up all over the United States to take advantage of the anxiety of young men to secure quick training for defense jobs. Some are operated by racketeers with previous records of fraud; nearly all of the "gyp" types of schools are financed on a shoe-string and cannot afford either adequate equipment or good instructors.

Like most rackets, the "gyp" job training school is flourishing on a wave of popular enthusiasm for something legitimate, and is "muscling in" among the many legitimate schools for trade and vocational training.

The job of separating the good schools from the bad is complicated for the ambitious young job seeker by the fact that some new trade schools are entirely legitimate and have been established due to the fact that many older schools are already crowded to capacity and have long waiting lists.

High pressure salesmen for the "gyp" schools have already filched the savings and secured the contract signatures of thousands of ambitious young job seekers by "guaranteeing" jobs with the big airplane plants and other defense production industries and by representing that their schools have "deals" with such companies to supply them with trained employees.

The situation has gotten so bad that major aircraft companies have been flooded with inquiries and complaints regarding "guaranteed placements" promised by such salesmen; several California companies have issued warning bulletins to the effect that they had authorized no such agreements, understandings or guarantees.

There are simple tests which any youth can apply to the school he is considering, before he pays any money down or signs an application blank. He should demand a list of recent graduates of the school. He should get in touch with several such graduates, either by personal contact or by letter and get the correct information about the school before enrolling.

## A Man About MANHATTAN

### How to Play Chess While in A Turkish Bath Up to Your Neck

By GEORGE TUCKER  
NEW YORK—Glad Hill, a New York newspaper man, was telling me about an experience a friend of his had in a Turkish bath. This friend was steaming away in his box, with only his head sticking out, when the fellow in the box next to him, a foreigner, suddenly inquired, "You play chess?"

"Sure," said Hill's friend.  
"Want to play a game?"  
"Okay,"  
"Well," said the foreigner, "are you ready?"

"Am I ready?" cried the fellow, "What'll we use for a board?"  
"We don't need a board," returned the foreigner quietly.

"Okay," but Hill's friend was awfully puzzled.  
"I'll move first," the foreigner said, "is that all right with you?"  
"Of course," came the dazed reply.

"Well," said the foreigner, "I move the king's pawn."  
At this point Hill's friend broke down and confessed that he was unused to playing tournament chess when all but his ears were submerged in a steam bath. But the foreigner, who seems to have been something of a fanatic on the subject, could visualize the play perfectly. He wasn't kidding. He frequently played games with his friends by telephone or merely while riding about in an automobile. It was very simple, he explained. All you had to do was remember where the pieces stood and to have a picture of the board in your mind. That's every last single thing there was to it, really.

This department owes Sid Kessler, a New York chemist and an executive of the Carioea Rum company, a new hat. It happened like this. About a year ago, at a Christmas party, he told us he was trying to figure out a way to put egg-nogs in bottles, with the spice, the eggs, the milk, and everything else already in them.

We told him he was certainly crazy, as we had once tasted an imported bottled egg-nog, which was pretty awful, and he said, "Well, I'll bet you a new hat I do it."  
Sure, we bet him, and forgot all about it. Yesterday we ducked in to the restaurant across the street from this office, at 50th and Rockefeller Plaza, for lunch, and had hardly settled before a waiter politely set a foaming cup in front of us. "Try this," he suggested, "good for the appetite." It was a sip of egg-nog and we accepted it gratefully, murmuring all sorts of thanks. "Don't thank me," he said, "it's from a friend of yours." We looked up to find Kessler, a wolfish grin on his face, saying softly, "My hat size is seven and one quarter, and nothing under \$10 will do." Think what an awful fix we'd be in if the stakes had been a suit of clothes.



# NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

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## F. D. R. May Be Surprised on Budget Reduction Promise

WASHINGTON — Mr. Roosevelt is going to get the shock of his life when he finds what is happening to his promise to reduce the non-defense side of the budget.

When the interstate commerce commission appeared before a house appropriations subcommittee, its spokesman said: "You know we're supposed to see we have an efficient transportation system in the interest of national defense." He tried to justify appropriations which did not show the reduction that congressmen expected—and on the claim of defense.

Then the tariff commission came up. "You know," said its mouth-piece, "national defense has made it necessary for us to make many extra investigations and reports for defense authorities." The federal trade commission said about the same thing.

The legislators threw down their pruning pencils in disgust when even the national archives department reported additional duties due to defense.

They rolled over and died when the battle monuments commission reported 89 headstones were destroyed by bombs in France and must be replaced, so it must have more money.

All that is needed to bury them and Mr. Roosevelt's promise entirely is for the federal reindeer commissioner in Alaska to come in now and ask more funds to feed his Santa Claus horsepower on the ground they had become morose from reading the war news and therefore the additional oats are a matter of national defense.

STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION  
The inner toilers on defense-commissioners, officials, experts—seem rather generally agreed that Mr. Roosevelt's reorganization scheme is a step in the right direction. These men who should know best the intricate problem which has developed...

For one thing, it is now evident the so called "clearing" of contracts by Mr. Knudsen in the old defense commission was perfunctory, to say it the kindest way. He practically worked as a rubber stamp on the war and navy departments. As a result, the steel experts have discovered some plants are overloaded with orders, while others are not working at their capacity.

business with two or three machine tool companies for years, could not think of anyone else doing their work. Orders have continued to pile in on these companies although they are overloaded the heaviest.

KNUDSEN, THE DYNAMO  
Success or failure of the new arrangement may depend largely on the kind of people Knudsen shifts into key positions. Knudsen is not to be the policy man. He is the dynamo. F.D.R. is keeping the policy power. But Knudsen knows the mechanics of manufacturing as well as any person living. If he were a hundred Knudsens he could go into every plant in the country and put his own substantial shoulder on the wheel. As it is, he will need as many forceful, experienced manufacturing experts as he can get to go out into the country and talk over technical problems on the job. There are far too many obscure deficiencies involved for the work to be handled from a desk in Washington.

His excellent assistant Mr. Biggers is due to be shifted in to head the division of munitions production under the reorganization. The purchasing division is to be headed by capable Donald Nelson. The third big division is priorities. It is generally believed Knudsen will go outside the organization for the man to head it. The aircraft division has been functioning on some of its cylinders, part of the time. Only three

or four officials were working full time at last accounts. It is due to be completely revised and strengthened.

The hopes which the plan holds out are obvious. The defense commission has been dissatisfied with army-navy procurement even though Knudsen did not feel empowered to refuse clearance to their contracts. Now, Knudsen, Stimson and Knox will be working in harmony and with power. The new organization is to be stripped for action—divested of all the political trimmings like Harriet Elliott, etc. — to concentrate on the single headed problem.

BOARD SHOULD WORK TOGETHER  
The basic plan of this reorganization originated with Stimson and Knox, so they should be able to work together with Knudsen on it. Mr. Roosevelt added the labor leader Sidney Hillman and some other ideas.

In fact, War Secretary Stimson apparently thought the president had approved their plan before he did. At the same time presidential press secretary Steve Early was explaining to newsmen that the Knudsen-Knox-Stimson board proposal was only one of four that the president was considering. Stimson was assuming the president already had announced the choice. The president did announce it about eight hours later.

(more notably) "They Drive By Night." They'll never again ask Lupino to play the campus cutie.

And Carole Lombard. Once a straight lead; once a glamor gal; once a screwball comedienne ("My Man Godfrey," "Nothing Sacred"); but still not "type-out" of a chance at "Vigil in the Night" and "They Knew What They Wanted"; nor out of the chance to go zany again in "Mr. and Mrs. Smith."

Joan Bennett. Beautiful leading lady, time after time, but a "character" in "Private Worlds." Hedy Lamarr; the still-life exotic, revealing animation in "Comrade X." Alice Faye, the song-pluggers, doing all right (though not challenging B. Davis) as an emotional actress.

By all the laws Paulette Goddard should have been hopelessly "typed" from her debut in "Modern Times." The laws don't hold — they didn't for Paulette. She's a comedienne with Bob Hope, she's a "character" for DeMille, she's a musical comedienne and dancer with Astaire.

And Ginger Rogers. Remember when she was one of the "Gold-Diggers"? And an ingenue? And Astaire's hoofing partner. But a gal isn't "typed" when she can work into a career three pieces as different as "Bachelor Mother," "The Primrose Path" and "Kitty Foyle."

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## University Calendar

Monday, January 6  
8:00 a.m.—Classes resumed.  
7:35 p.m.—Basketball: North Dakota vs. Iowa, field house.

(For information regarding dates beyond this semester, see reservations in the office of the President, Old Capitol.)

## General Notices

Iowa Union Building Schedule  
Wednesday, Dec. 25—building closed.  
Thursday, Dec. 26—lobby open, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; music room open, 2 to 4 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 27—lobby open, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; music room open, 2 to 4 p.m.

Dec. 28—8:30 a.m. to 12.  
Dec. 30-31—8:30 a.m. to 12; 1 to 5 p.m.  
Jan. 1—Libraries closed.  
Jan. 2-3-4—8:30 a.m. to 12; 1 to 5 p.m.  
Special hours for departmental libraries will be posted on the doors.

## Graduate Fellowships

Fourteen Lydia C. Roberts graduate fellowships of \$1,100 each will be available this year to applicants of the state of Iowa. Application should be made as early as possible, through the office here of President Virgil M. Hancher or direct to Philip M. Hayden, secretary, Columbia University, New York City.

## Graduate Students in Education

Graduate students in education who will be candidates for advanced degrees and those writing qualifying examinations for the doctorate during the January examination period, please report to the college of education office, W113, East hall, by Dec. 20.

## Christmas Vacation Employment

All persons, either students or non-students, who may be available to earn daily board during any part of the period from Dec. 19 to Jan. 6, are urged to report to the employment bureau in Old Dental building.

## LEE H. KANN

Manager  
General Library  
Schedule of university library hours during holiday recess Dec. 19 to Jan. 4.  
Dec. 25—Libraries closed.  
Dec. 26-27—8:30 a.m. to 12; 1 to 5 p.m.

# WSUI

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## TOMORROW'S HIGHLIGHTS

The Rev. John B. Dalton of the Iowa City Christian church will be guest on tomorrow's Morning Chapel program at 8 a.m.

Maud Whedon Smith and Onabelle Ellett of Iowa City will be guest artists on the Evening Musicale program at 7:45 p.m.

Thomas Scherbeck of the WSUI staff will present another program in the series of Living Poetry at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

## TOMORROW'S PROGRAM

8—Morning chapel  
8:15—Musical miniatures  
8:30—Daily Iowan of the Air  
8:40—Morning melodies  
8:50—Service reports  
9—Pirates of Penzance

9:50—Program calendar and weather report  
10—The week in the magazines  
10:15—Yesterday's musical favorites  
10:30—The book shelf  
11—Musical moods  
11:50—Farm flashes  
12—Rhythm rambles  
12:30—Winter time in the farm home  
12:45—Service reports  
5:30—Musical moods  
5:45—Daily Iowan of the Air  
6—Dinner hour music  
7—Living poetry  
7:15—History in review, L. O. Leonard, research assistant in history  
7:30—Sportstime  
7:45—Evening musicale  
8—The world bookman  
8:15—Album of artists  
8:45—Daily Iowan of the Air

## He's F.D.R.'s Valet

President Roosevelt's new valet Arthur Prettyman, is pictured above. One of Prettyman's duties is exercising the president's Scottie, Falls.

## Causes Nazi Warning

Suggestion of Ronald Cross, above, British minister of shipping, that the United States turn over ships belonging to axis powers now in American ports to the British, is the cause of an angry retort by Germany. Nazi officials warn that such an act would be regarded as "warlike."

# Mary's Sniffs Blow Out Irish Candles

## Other Lands Have Other Customs, But Candles Light Their Christmas

Candles burning today? Yes, in many lands. Candles are widely accepted as part of Christmas festivities.

According to old Irish tradition, no one is supposed to snuff a candle on Christmas day except someone who bears the name, Mary.

On the Isle of Man, the people assemble in the church and each in his turn sings a Christmas carol while holding a lighted candle in his hand. The singer has to stop if the candle goes out.

The Croats and Serbs place lighted candles on either side of the door through which the Yule log is brought.

"The Shepherds' Fire" representing the fire by which the shepherds were watching their flocks, is celebrated on Christmas day by the Christians in Egypt. They burn candles, lamps and logs of wood in great numbers.

Children in the Scandinavian countries attend services held in the churches especially for them on the day before Christmas. Candles are lighted in every church at 4 p.m. and the children troop happily down the roads and streets to these candlelight services.

The lighting of the candles on the trees is a traditional privilege of the Scandinavian mother.

The Christmas candle is very dear to the country folk in Norway. Believing that its rays bestow a blessing on whatsoever it gleams, they place clothes and food in the candle's rays.

Should the Christmas candle go out, it foreshadows death. The father of the household may extinguish it in the morning after the church service and its tallow may be smeared on the barnyard animals in the form of a cross, or may mark the plough when used for the first time in spring.

**Bayberry Candles**  
Bayberry candles are extensively used at Christmas time. According to the old rhyme: "A bayberry candle burnt to the socket, brings luck to the house, food to the larder and gold to the pocket."

If two lovers who are separated burn bayberry candles on Christmas eve, according to another legend, the sweetness of the burning wax will be wafted from each to the other—across the world if their love be true.

A charming French legend of the 13th century tells of a knight who found a tree, the branches of which were covered with burning candles, some standing erect, others upside down. On the top of the tree was the vision of a child with a halo around its head. The tree, the knight was told, represented mankind and the child was the Saviour. The candles were symbols of good and bad human beings.

### Christmas Dinner For Davis Family

Mrs. J. E. Davis, 108 S. Dodge, will entertain at a family Christmas dinner at her home today. Guests will be Mr. and Mrs. George M. Trundy of Iowa City, Adelaide Goodrell of Iowa City, Dr. and Mrs. George Davis of Moulton, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis and children, Helen and Jack, of Manchester.

### Among Iowa City People

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. W. R. West, 820 E. Burlington, are Mr. and Mrs. Ova Colings of Beloit, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie G. Yoder and son, Jackie, 222 N. Lucas, will spend Christmas in the home of Mrs. Yoder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Oliva of Marengo.

Mr. and Mrs. Belmont J. Willis, 820 E. Burlington, plan to spend Christmas vacation visiting with Mrs. Willis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. O'Brien of Marengo.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hauber will entertain a group of relatives for Christmas dinner in their home at 1620 Morningside. Those attending will be Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edwards, 1238 E. Davenport; Lydia Edwards, 404 S. Governor; all of Iowa City, and the Rev. U. A. Hauber of Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Starr and children, Jeanne and Jimmie, 1626 Morningside, will spend Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Brown, 220 Richards.

Visiting in the home of his son, Dr. Eddie Anderson, 828 N. Gilbert, is Mr. Edward M. Anderson of Mason City. Mr. Anderson plans to spend Christmas week in Iowa City.

Visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones, 320 N. Johnson, during vacation are their daughters, Lois from Ft. Dodge, Edna of Evanston, Ill., and Carol of Oskaloosa. They will have as their guest for Christmas dinner Dr. Gilbert Plain, 320 N. Johnson.

December 25, 1940  
The North Pole

Dear Boys and Girls of Iowa City:

I'm sorry I just didn't have time to get all your nice Christmas letters answered before today, but you know how busy I've been up here at the North Pole the last few weeks getting everybody's gifts ready.

You know, last night and early this morning I visited your houses and almost had a notion to wake you up and say "Hello" but then I decided maybe I hadn't better. It was a good thing you minded your Dad and Mom and didn't wait up for me, too, because lots of houses I couldn't get to until real, real late.

Say, Mary, I hope you like that doll all right. And tell your mother that I figured she'd want the coat most of everything.

Billie, I suppose you've already got that new train tootin' around the Christmas tree by now. Tell Fred that his new bike is out in the garage. But I'll bet he knows that by now! Of course, he does!

And, Johnny, be sure you're careful when you 'speriment with that chemistry set. Follow the directions in the book I sent with it.

Well, boys and girls, I think I'd better take a little snooze now. I'm awful tired from the long busy trip, you know.

Before I end this letter, though, I want to join The Daily Iowan in saying MERRY CHRISTMAS! to all the boys and girls, fathers and mothers and everybody in Iowa City.

Until next year—  
SANTA CLAUS

### S. U. I. Faculty Members Attend N.Y. Convention

Members of the school of journalism faculty will attend a meeting of the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism, convening in New York city Dec. 27 to 29.

In attendance will be Prof. Frank L. Mott, director of the local school of journalism; Prof. F. M. Pownall, director of publications; Prof. Charles Sanders, Earl English, and Winston Allard. Professor Sanders will participate on a radio round table discussion. The convention journalists will be entertained at dinner by New York Times and Editor and Publisher. Famous newspapermen will be principal speakers at the three-day meeting.

**Meeting Postponed**  
The Women's Relief corps meeting has been postponed from Dec. 24 to Jan. 14.

### European Christmas Custom to Decorate With Bundles of Hay

Straw as a Christmas decoration? Perhaps not for you—but why not? It's as traditional in many ways as holly and mistletoe.

A custom of many eastern European folk is the saving of fine bundles of hay for Christmas. At the holiday season the hay is scattered on the table or placed in a bundle under it. This symbolizes

the humble stable in which the Babe was born.

Probably a thin layer of straw or hay over our floors or tables

would not be acceptable to American housewives. But why not try

a sheaf (small of course) for a table centerpiece?



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### Music

#### Requests Possible At Iowa Union

Music to help spend the leisure hours of the holiday recess may be enjoyed at scheduled hours from the music room of Iowa Union.

Request numbers may be heard from the Union at the following times:  
Thursday, Dec. 26—2 to 4 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 27—2 to 4 p.m.  
Monday, Dec. 30—2 to 4 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 31—2 to 4 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 2—2 to 4 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 3—2 to 4 p.m.

Regular schedule of Iowa Union will be resumed on Jan. 5, including soda fountain facilities.

#### Janet Peterson Honors Guests

Janet Peterson, 604 West Park road, entertained Monday evening in honor of Madeline and Robert Gay of Houston, Tex., at an informal dancing party at her home. Madeline and Robert are the holiday guests of Prof. and Mrs. Ernest Horn, 832 Kirkwood.

#### Tradition of Kissing Under the Mistletoe Still Is the Berries

Are you hanging mistletoe in your home today? The "Mistletoe Kiss" has long been a romantic tradition but today it is not as restricted as in the past.

Formerly the privilege was measured by the berries on the sprig. After each kiss, one berry was plucked off and handed to the maiden. When there were no more berries left, the privilege of kissing ceased.

#### Professor McCarty, Hartman to Attend Geographer's Meeting

Prof. Harold H. McCarty and George Hartman of the college of commerce will attend the meeting of the Association of American Geographers Dec. 27 to 30 in Baton Rouge, La.

Professor McCarty will be a guest speaker at the association meeting, discussing "Market Functions of Villages in Eastern Iowa."

#### Baptist Junior Choir Carols in Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Muir and the Rev. Elmer E. Dierks led the junior choir of the Baptist



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So, it is with gratitude and appreciation that we again wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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