

# Christmas tide

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 11:14

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"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there..."

ALL OVER THE LAND tonight children will hang their stockings, confident that Santa will come and that they will find them generously filled Christmas morning. Here two-year-old Rosemary (Susie) Dvorski gets a preview of what to expect tomorrow. Rosemary is the daughter of Mrs. Velma Dvorski, 903 E. Burlington street.

# Nazis 23 Miles From Sedan; Reds 100 Miles From Vienna

## Reach Barrier Of Ipoly River

### Germany Reports Say Russians In Valley of Hron

LONDON (AP)—A hard-fighting Russian thrust westward above the Danube river in Hungary has gained as much as 16 miles and placed Red army troops within 100 miles of Vienna and 72 of Bratislava, Moscow disclosed last night as action flamed on the southeastern front in many sectors.

The Soviet communique ignored a German radio announcement that Red army forces had entered the southern and eastern suburbs of beleaguered Budapest in a new frontal assault, but described heavy fighting at distances northeast, north, northwest and southwest of the Hungarian capital.

The drive towards Bratislava and Vienna through mountainous, wooded country below Ipoly Sag and north of the Danube, captured nine towns and reached the barrier of the Ipoly river on a 10-mile front down to its confluence with the Danube, Moscow disclosed. The Russians were virtually on the river for another ten miles right up to the Ipoly Sag area.

The German DNB agency in a late broadcast conceded that the Russians actually had crossed the Ipoly and had reached the valley of the Hron (Gran) river a dozen miles farther west on former Czechoslovak territory.

Berlin, purposely obscure about the exact location of this action, claimed a German counterattack had cut off this Soviet wedge and encircled an isolated Russian grouping of troops.

The Moscow communique announced, without giving place names, that "in the area of north of Ipoly Sag (Sahy) our troops successfully repulsed counterattacks of large formations of enemy tanks and inflicted heavy losses in manpower and equipment."

Southwest of Budapest, on the front between the Danube and Lake Balaton, the Russians announced they had again gone on the offensive in the area of Cih of Szekesfeharvar and were now engaged in heavy fighting with large enemy tank and infantry formations.

## Nazi High Command Develops 6th Column For Present Offensive

SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM, Dec. 22 (Delayed)—(AP)—The Nazi high command has improved on its fifth column and has developed a sixth column for the present offensive.

This sixth column is composed of a special command of trained assassins and saboteurs who speak perfect English and are dropped behind American lines dressed in American and British uniforms.

The sixth column was organized last October when all German commanders were given orders to detach all men in their service who had lived either in the United States or Britain before the war and send them to a headquarters near Berlin.

There they were given special tests and only fearless, ruthless men were kept. It was required not only that they speak English but speak it with a definite American or British accent.

At the same time German commanders were ordered to turn in all captured American and British equipment, including uniforms and dog tags.

## U. S. Servicemen to Spend—

# Christmas at Bethlehem

JERUSALEM (AP)—On this sixth Christmas of the greatest conflict the world has known more than 500 American warriors will gather to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace at the Bethlehem manger where it occurred.

They started coming in by plane yesterday, fresh from the mud and gore of the battlefields in France, Germany and Italy, from North Africa, from stations in the middle east and from the bleak coast of the Persian gulf.

There weren't many officers among these pilgrims. Most of them were just plain G. I.'s—winding in from scenes of violent death to honor the one who promised eternal life.

They follow the winding road to Bethlehem soon after their arrival, for they are eager to see "the place." In the Church of the Nativity they descend a short flight of stone steps and are shown the exact spot where the manger stood.

A bright metal star inlaid in rock marks the place.

They will return to Bethlehem Sunday night. From 9 p. m. to 3 a. m. relays of army buses will bring them from Jerusalem. The army and the Red Cross have arranged everything for their participation in the celebrations of the Savior's birth.

Many will attend the midnight mass in the church of St. Catherine, the Roman Catholic church

adjoining the Church of the Nativity which is the common property of Roman, Greek and Armenian churches. They will hear the Christmas hymns sung by a choir of 2,000 Polish army men and the Bethlehem bells and an American choir inside the church broadcasting to the world.

There is little similarity between the manner of these fighting men on leave and those you see elsewhere released from the battlefield. The mystery of the event and the scene touches them almost as soon as they arrive.

They have come, not for a riotous weekend but to observe a ceremony at the place where peace on earth and good will toward men was heralded to the world.

## Temperature Rises To 'About Normal'

### Light Snow Falls In Narrow Belt In Midwest States

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The severe cold snap which struck the eastern states late last week moderated Saturday and temperatures in most of the nation had settled down to "about normal" by Saturday night.

Weather bureau forecasts for Christmas indicated that at least a light snow would cover most parts of the United States, excepting the southern states and the Pacific coast region.

Saturday a one- to two-inch snow fell in a narrow belt extending from northeast Colorado across Nebraska, Iowa, northern Illinois and Michigan, after having lightly covered southern Wisconsin and Minnesota Friday.

Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota and northern Iowa shivered in sub-zero weather. Iowa minimum temperature was 9 below zero at Carroll, and most of the northern half of the state had three inches of snow. It was 36 below zero at Butte, Mont., 26 below at Helena; 10 below at Duluth, Minn., 14 below at Bemidji, Minn., and 18 below at Sheridan, Wyo.

### CAP Commission

William L. McArthur, Iowa City, has been commissioned with the rank of lieutenant in the civil air patrol. He is a member of the Iowa wing of the patrol. The membership of the Iowa wing numbers more than 4,000 men.

## Chinese Press Attack on Key Railway Town

CHUNGKING (AP)—Chinese troops supported by American fighter planes pressed their attack on the key railroad town of Hochih in Kwangsi province from three sides last night, the Chinese high command announced.

Hochih, which is 95 miles northwest Luichow, is being assaulted by troops which routed Japanese columns from Kweichow province during the past two weeks.

Mustang fighter planes of Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's 14th airforce supported the Chinese ground action by bombing railroad yards east of Hochih and enemy road traffic west of Ishan.

In another raid at Hongkong Friday United States P-51's destroyed two enemy fighters which intercepted them over Kaitak air-drome, an American communique said. Four Japanese planes were destroyed on the ground.

Mustangs also hit barracks at Lucnam in French Indo-China Friday, and other planes bombed bridges south of Langson.

From all the missions three United States planes failed to return.

### Interned

WASHINGTON (AP)—Some 1,500 United States airmen forced down during bombing missions to Germany had been interned in Switzerland up to last Oct. 1, the Swiss legation said yesterday.

## Enemy Pushes Into Libramont

### German Spearhead Reaches Marche In 10-Mile Advance

PARIS Sunday (AP)—The world's mightiest airforces unleashed nearly 4,500 avenging aircraft against German invasion columns and their rear bases Saturday amid scenes of terrible carnage.

Allied headquarters, lifting a 48-hour time lag on front news, disclosed meanwhile that the enemy's southern wedge had reached Libramont, only 23 miles northeast of historic Sedan.

Another German spearhead in a 10-mile advance northwest of Laroche has reached Marche, 22 miles north of Libramont and 23 miles southeast of Namur, Belgium, Staff said. A front dispatch, covering action up until Friday morning, also said the Germans had cut a highway northeast of Hottot, which is five miles northeast of Marche, and 23 miles south of Liege.

An encouraging report, the first such announcement by the 12th army group, said that American relief columns, striking up from the south through Luxembourg, had carved out gains in the southern flank of the German penetration north of Mersch, eight miles north of the city of Luxembourg and 35 miles southeast of the enemy spearhead at Libramont.

In the first good flying weather in three days, every type of American and British plane surged over the battle sector in Belgium, Luxembourg and western Germany, losing a deadly hail of bombs and bullets with ravaging effect.

Incomplete figures show that a total of 178 enemy planes had been destroyed and 17 tanks and armored vehicles knocked out. A total of 194 motor transport, 71 railroad cars, two locomotives and seven gun positions also were destroyed and five rail arteries cut.

Added to these impressive figures was the death of many German troops caught under the wings of the allied planes sweeping over snow-covered roads where the enemy was firmly silhouetted, and the undoubted havoc caused by shattered communications.

## Selective Service To Review Status Of Pro Athletes

WASHINGTON (AP)—War mobilization director James F. Byrnes last night instructed selective service to review the qualifications for military service of men engaged in professional athletics.

In a letter to selective service director Lewis B. Hershey, Byrnes said it was difficult for him and for the public to understand how men can be physically unfit for military service and "yet be able to compete with the greatest athletes of the nation in games demanding physical fitness."

In view of the manpower shortage, Byrnes added, he thought serious consideration should be given to "recalling these men into the armed services or where they have not heretofore been inducted, calling them for another physical examination."

Hershey advised Byrnes that he was directing local boards to review the classification of men known to be engaged in professional athletics.

Hershey noted in his letter that Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, had issued regulations Nov. 29 directing that no nationally prominent athletes, stage, screen and radio figures be discharged from the army without referring their cases to the war department for final decision.



A TABLEAU of the Nativity scene which followed the candlelight ceremony and Christmas program at St. Mary's school.

## French Black Market U. S. Gas

PARIS (AP)—Thousands of gallons of American gasoline intended for the allied war machines at the front are being hijacked daily and fed into the French black market.

Cigarettes and post exchange supplies as well have been stolen in carload lots—mostly by American soldiers—and sold at fantastic prices. Hundreds have been arrested.

A tightening of the French government's attitude toward the French black market agents involved has been promised. At least 5,000 unauthorized automobiles have been taken from civilians who were unable to disclose the source of their gasoline.

Two American enlisted men were sentenced to life imprisonment by a general court in November for selling government property to black market agents. Implicated in the same offense was a French civilian. Tried before a French civil court, the Frenchman was let off with a fine of 1,200 francs (\$26).

American officials immediately called this to the attention of the French government and in future all civilians charged with similar offenses will face a French military tribunal.

Officers say the losses have not affected the great battle now raging in Belgium and Luxembourg one way or another.

At 8 a. m. yesterday in just one detention barracks in Paris, 1,308 Americans were under arrest and more than half of these are charged with misappropriation of government property.

In another detention cage are 181 enlisted men and three officers charged with selling a trainload of cigarettes, soap and other supplies to the black market. They were members of two battalions operating a railroad. They will face a general court the first week in January.

"This group sent over \$200,000 in postoffice money orders and cashier checks back home," said Col. E. G. Buhmaster, provost marshal of the Seine base section, of Schenectady, N. Y. "Every one of them had between \$5,000 and \$6,000 on him when I picked them up." But the big theft is in gasoline and the losses by pilferage run into hundreds of thousands of gallons a week.

## Stiff Fighting Erupts North Of Piraeus

ATHENS (AP)—Fifteen thousand to 20,000 left-wing ELAS warriors stormed the rightists guerrilla stronghold in northwestern Greece yesterday spreading civil war clear across the nation, as stiff fighting also erupted north of the Athens port of Piraeus where British-Indian troops landed under the support of naval guns and rocket-firing Beaufighters.

British headquarters, which only last night received the ELAS' reply to its cease-firing ultimatum officially declared that the ELAS assault on the right-wing stronghold around Ioannina was an "unprovoked attack" in violation of an agreement reached between the rival factions at Caserta before the original British landings in Greece.

While Lieut. Gen. Ronald Scobie, the British commander, and Harold McMillan, British resident general in the middle east, conferred on the situation, Indian troops battled the ELAS members north of the main harbor basin of Piraeus, southwest of Athens.

Indian troops on the western side of Piraeus harbor consolidated their bridgehead, established this morning, and ELAS formations were reported to have pulled out of the southern Athens suburbs west of the main Athens-Phaleron road. Newly formed Greek national guard detachments, whose strength as a result of a call up now has reached nearly 9,000, took over control of this area.

In order that Daily Iowan staff members may spend the holiday with their parents, no paper will be published the morning after the holiday. The next issue will be Wednesday, Dec. 27.

## Yanks Destroy 100 Japanese Planes

### Headquarters Reports Daylight Air Raid On Clark Field

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Sunday (AP)—Headquarters today reported a smashing daylight air raid on Clark field, near Manila, in which the majority of 100 grounded Japanese planes were destroyed, and said also that U. S. troops had completed the destruction of Nipponese in the bloody Ormoc corridor of Leyte island.

Liberator bombers, operating from Leyte, made the Clark field raid Friday, Philippine time.

It was the first daylight Liberator operation against that main Japanese air center in the Philippines and an army spokesman said it was a first class surprise to the Nipponese, who got only nine of their fighters in the air to meet the assault.

Eight of the nine interceptors were shot down by U. S. Thunderbolts. The dispersal and taxi areas between two of the air-strips were left enveloped in fire and smoke. Liberator crews reported one tremendous explosion from which a smoke column rose 5,000 feet.

Yanks cleaning up Leyte's Ormoc corridor and pocketed Japanese to the east counted another 3,788 enemy dead in one day, bringing the 8-day total to 16,661.

The U. S. 77th division, the communique said, is continuing to work its way westward from the corridor to the port of Palompon, last base of the remnants of enemy forces in that area.

Participation of the 11th airborne division in the west Leyte fighting was disclosed for the first time.

A single C-47 transport dropped all the 11th division paratroopers and equipment for the operation. Special parachute racks were under the plane's body to carry the weight of mountain guns.

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## 'Merry Christmas' This Year—

"Merry Christmas" this year means a little more than ever before, to a world weary and faltering under its burden of war.

It isn't just a passing greeting, a friendly hello. It comes from the heart and soul of humanity grasping at a bright, fleeting fragment of the old familiar strain, "Peace on earth, good will to men," at a time when peace and good will seem to be forever crushed under the mantle of oppression and tyranny.

It comes from a million children gazing wistfully at star-sprayed skies and dreaming Christmas trees behind them.

It comes from American boys in China, Egypt, Africa, France,

Holland, Belgium, England, India, Iceland, Australia, and a thousand South sea islands.

They are celebrating the birthday of Christianity in a world struggling under the iron fist of the pagan god of war. They are seeing the pinched, gaunt faces of starvation and fear. They walk on earth ravaged by turmoil and strife. They sing the Christmas carols under skies reddened with bitter reflections.

Yet they still can smile and say "Merry Christmas!" And the world looks up from its carnage and squalor, and a single ray of hope breaks through the overcast of despair.

## A Christmas Eve Meditation—

By REV. J. E. WAERY  
The language of Silence is the predominant language at Christmas. Therefore the thing I want to emphasize for you today is that the language of Silence is the language of God and that God has spoken it so eloquently at Christmas.

Have you ever heard the language of a million trees, a thousand rivers, the rain drops, the crackling logs in the fire? They have a language not translatable. Words cannot tell things like this. Of these things men simply try to write down what they "feel"; for "The silent skies are full of speech"

For those with ears to hear; The winds are whispering each to each, The moon is calling to the beach, And stars their sacred wisdom teach

Of Faith, and Love, and Fear.  
The stars eternally meditate on the glory and the handwork of God. Yet the Psalmist tells us they have no speech nor language. What word ever described a rift in the clouds or the young moon rising out of the sea, the white-topped mountain, the deep gorge, the ebbing plain, the tree? These are locked up in the language of Silence, and the Language of Silence is the Language of God. Dull ears do not hear these voices—ears stopped with clay of earthly pleasures and occupations, or stuffed with pseudo-scientific wadding, or ear drums convexed from inner pressures of the skeptic's philosophy. No, they do not hear!

On the first Christmas, God spoke in this eloquent language of Silence:  
Yes, the little stars sang down to Him,  
And the moon she gave a crown to Him,  
And the snow a silver carpet for His throne;  
Why, the oxen by the manger,  
Did homage to this Stranger,  
As to the King who claimeth fealty from His own,  
And there whispered then the wind to Him,  
As one who would be kind to Him,  
Making music, angel music, from on high.  
"I lie abstracted and hear the meaning of things and the reason of things," said Whitman. "They are so beautiful—I nudge myself to listen."

This beautiful language of Silence, God has and can use in a two-fold way. I pray He may do so this Christmas.

God uses the quiet eloquence of the language of Silence to come into His physical creation and into the heart and life of man.  
(a) He used it at creation—"for the earth was without form and void"—and the stillness of "darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God brooded upon the face of the waters." Yes, God uses the language of Silence in His physical creation, not only in the beginning but now. Have you heard the song of the Genesis within the living cell? Have you eavesdropped and heard what the atoms say to each other when in varying combinations they take hold of hands? Have you heard the command of King Nucleus to the dancing electrons that whirl about him? Yes, God's language of Silence has always been in His physical creation.

(b) "It came," again, "upon a midnight clear." God chose the silence and stillness of midnight to do His best work—to give His greatest gift. We must use a

"O little town of Bethlehem HOW STILL—how still—we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by."  
God has such a splendid way of launching his unchallenged yea. "God must have loved the Silences for He laid A Stillness on the sunset and the dawn."  
"How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given! The blessings of His heaven."  
"How silently!" "So it is that God imparts to human hearts"—for do you remember with me: "The wind bloweth where it listeth; thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth—so is everyone that is born of the Spirit?"  
"So God imparts" on the secret stillness of silence. God hath ventured out of the "vasty halls of silence" to come into his physical creation and into the hearts of men.

We, too, can let this eloquent language work through us. We, too, can do God's best work in secrecy and in silence. Silence and Secrecy, exhorts Carlyle, should be consecrated elements of human life. And God has shown us that in silence the greatest things are wrought out. As surely as an unseen hand in the secret of blackest midnight casts a pebble into the still waters of a pool that nestles in shrouds of night, and causes the ringlets to spread; so sure can you be that the ringlets of influence and results will spread to unknown banks and shores where a life, touched by the Spirit of God, secretly drops pebbles of love, of Christian kindness and godly deeds into the silent pools of opportunity.

From your executive desk, therefore, let the secret Christian policy be adopted. From your teacher's rostrum, from your workbench or fire-side, or even from your sick bed, let the Christian thing be silently done; for in silence the noblest life expands—in silence the most intimate relationship between God and man exists: Why? Because Silence is the Language of God.

Here, this Christmas season, my Christmas wish for each and everyone of you is—may you let the silent language of God come down and speak its way into your heart—into the center of your life. Take it with you as you go—for:  
"Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, If He's not born in thee, thy soul is all forlorn.  
God's Spirit falls on me, as dewdrops on a rose If I but, like a rose, my heart to Him disclose.  
In all eternity no tone can be so sweet As when man's heart with God's in unison doth beat.  
Whate'er thou lovest, man, that, too, become thou must— God, if thou lovest God; dust if thou lovest dust."

P-R-A-Y-E-R  
O Thou, who from thy million silent voices hast spoken so often may we hush ourselves to hear to our dull and inattentive ears, These as we say:  
"O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, There is room in my heart for Thee."

# "A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS"



The man who wrote the most celebrated of all Christmas poems wasn't proud of it.  
Clement Clarke Moore, Ph.D., did not care to have his name identified with the jingles that were, in spite of his wishes, to make him immortal. His "A Visit From St. Nicholas," better known as "The Night Before Christmas," was not published under his name for more than 20 years after he composed it, on the spur of the moment, on Christmas Eve, 1822.

A graduate of a divinity school who was never ordained, Dr. Moore was then professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the (Episcopal) General Theological Seminary and the author of the first Hebrew-English lexicon. He lived in a colonial mansion upon a slope just west of Ninth avenue, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, Manhattan. The name of the estate, Chelsea, is still borne by that whole district of New York.

The professor's wife, Catharine Taylor Moore, was making up baskets for the poor for Trinity parish that Christmas Eve when she discovered she didn't have enough turkeys. She coaxed the professor from his library and sent him to the store to get more.

The streets through which he passed had real Christmas Eve dress—snow and moonlight. The cheeriness of the crowds in the streets and everything warmed up the usually aloof 43-year-old scholar. As he walked in the street he suddenly had the vision of Christmas as all children see it, and a poem about it formed in his mind. When he reached home, he wrote down the lines and he read them that evening to his seven children.



Courtesy N. Y. Public Library  
Prof. Moore's Home in the Chelsea Section of New York City.  
He had no thought of publishing the jingles, or indeed, of the poem ever going beyond his family hearthside. But it so happened that a young relative, Sarah Harriet Butler, visiting the Moores that Christmas, delightedly put a copy in her diary, and read it to her father, the Rev. David Butler, when she returned to her home in Troy, N. Y.

The minister sent it next year to a newspaper, where it appeared among the miscellany, Dec. 23, 1823. The author's name was not given. Other newspapers printed the jingles. They were placed on Christmas giveaways of merchants. They quickly became known all over the country, to the embarrassment of Dr. Moore, who feared to have it known he was the author. He considered it undignified for a man of his scholastic standing to be the author of children's jingles. Also, at that time, Christmas merriment of any kind as frowned upon by religious zealots, and the professor had to be mindful of his position in the church.

Twenty-two years later, when

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there; The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And mamma in her kerchief and I in my cap, Has just settled our brains for a long winter's nap, When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter: Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters, and threw up like a sash. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled and shouted, and called them by name: "Now, Dasher! now Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on Cupid! on Dunder and Blitzen!"

To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall! And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack. His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow; The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face and a round little belly, That shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread; He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose: He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle; But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"



Prof. Moore as He Visualized His Poem, Returning from Market on Christmas Eve—a Drawing Made by the World Renowned Artist WILLIAM SHARP.

he had finally acknowledged "A Visit From St. Nicholas" was brought forth publicly, and "A Visit out in book form under his name for the first time, the jingles had become a classic in the public domain, and he could not reap royalties from all the publications. Ironically, the professor's serious works are forgotten today. He is mentioned in encyclopedias be-

cause he wrote the celebrated Christmas verses. Numerous direct descendants of Dr. Moore survive today; several are in New York's social register. None live in Chelsea now, but the Moores still has a link with the author; there is an annual Clement Clarke Moore Memorial service at St. Peter's Episcopal church, which he founded, endowed and served for years as warden and

organist. His residence no longer stands, but the childhood home where he himself hung up Christmas stockings and waited for visits from St. Nicholas, survives in what is now Elmhurst, L. I. His grave, in upper Trinity cemetery at 156th street and Broadway, is decorated each Dec. 24th by persons who remember with affection his now deathless lines that appear above.

## Red Cross Activities

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Red Cross again will spread the Christmas spirit around a war-beset world.

The great humanitarian organization will bring an old-fashioned Yule to servicemen and women both at home and overseas.

For months it has been planning and working so that no one wearing an American uniform will be overlooked, even if he be in an Arctic outpost, an island jungle, a prison camp or on a ship at sea.

Even war-stricken children in allied countries will be remembered, some of them by United States servicemen themselves.

On Christmas day, a million and a quarter individual gift boxes will be distributed to service patients in overseas hospitals, aboard hospital ships, trains and planes and to small groups of men at remote stations. These boxes, packed by volunteers, contain candy, cigarettes, gum, trinkets and reading matter.

Impoverished children of Great Britain, France, Italy and other war-ravaged countries will receive 200,000 packages of candy and 150,000 gift boxes of games, school materials and sewing equipment from the Junior Red Cross. Servicemen are supplementing these gifts with toys made in Red Cross hobby shops abroad.

## Opinion On and Off the Campus—

### WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

Mrs. J. F. Stevenson, secretary at the University hospital: "My husband is in the hospital and I want him to get well soon. That would be the best Christmas present that I can think of."

Margaret Leopold, U of Burlington: "I would most like for my boy friend in the South Pacific to be here for Christmas. My next choice would be for a longer vacation."

Joyce Kearsley, A2 of Spring Valley, N. Y.: "I'd like most for the war to be over. Other than that I'd like clothes and books."

Yvonne Petersen, A4 of Nora Springs: "I want a silk bathrobe. There is no particular reason for wanting it except just that I need it."

Marion Ferguson, A2 of Davenport: "For Christmas I'd like a white gold watch."

Jackie Day, A1 of Highland Park, Ill.: "I'd like a fur coat for Christmas."

Marjorie L. Lewis, A3 of Blair, Neb.: "There really isn't anything I need or want particularly for Christmas."

## From GI Dad

(The following is a letter written somewhere in France by Pvt. Robert L. Moore, formerly of The Associated Press bureau at Richmond, to his daughter.)

My dear little daughter: By the time your lovely mummy gets around to reading this to you, there will be Christmas snow on the mountains there in the United States, and folks will be slicing holiday fruit cakes and carving choice meats.

I know what you'll be doing, too. You, my little gal, will be ready to bury your head of curly hair in a soft, tiny pillow and become drenched with the dream that Old Saint Nick will slide down the chimney and plant a beautiful doll at the base of a light-decked Christmas tree.

You won't understand why for a good many years to come, I know, but I want to tell you that it hurts deep down inside for me to tell you that I won't be able to be there again this Christmas.

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## From GI Dad

(The following is a letter written somewhere in France by Pvt. Robert L. Moore, formerly of The Associated Press bureau at Richmond, to his daughter.)

My dear little daughter: By the time your lovely mummy gets around to reading this to you, there will be Christmas snow on the mountains there in the United States, and folks will be slicing holiday fruit cakes and carving choice meats.

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## UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 22 5 p. m. First semester closes.  
Saturday, Dec. 23 8 p. m. Basketball: Notre Dame vs. Iowa, fieldhouse.  
Saturday, Dec. 23 8 p. m. Basketball: Michigan State vs. Iowa, fieldhouse.  
Saturday, Dec. 23 8 a. m. Second semester begins.  
Saturday, Dec. 30 8 p. m. Basketball: Michigan State vs. Iowa, fieldhouse.  
Wednesday, Jan. 3 8 a. m. Second semester begins.

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

## GENERAL NOTICES

IOWA UNION  
MUSIC ROOM SCHEDULE  
Monday—11-2, 4-6, 7-9  
Tuesday—11-2, 4-6, 7-9  
Wednesday—11-2, 4-6, 7-9  
Thursday—11-2, 4-6, 7-9  
Friday—11-2, 4-6, 7-9  
Saturday—11-3  
Sunday—12-2, 3-5, 6-8

RECREATIONAL SWIMMING  
The swimming pool at Iowa field house will be open to all men students and faculty members for recreational swimming on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights from 7 to 9:30.  
E. G. SCHROEDER

FIELD HOUSE  
Students and faculty must arrange for lockers before 6 p. m. at the fieldhouse.  
All university men may use the field house floors and facilities from 6:30 to 9 p. m. They must be dressed in regulation gym suit of black shorts, white shirt, and rubber-soled gym shoes.  
E. G. SCHROEDER

HANCHER ORATORICAL CONTEST  
Manuscripts for the Hancher Oratorical contest are due in Schaeffer hall, 13, by Jan. 8. They must be under 2,000 words, and cannot contain more than 100 words of quoted material. Candidates are invited to discuss plans for preparation of orations.  
FRANKLIN H. KNOWER  
Associate Professor of Speech

IOWA UNION VACATION SCHEDULE  
Iowa Union will close Dec. 23 for the holidays. Tuesday, Dec. 26, the postoffice desk and other offices will be open daily Monday through Friday from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 30, the Union will be closed. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1945, the entire Union opens.  
Sunday tea dances will be cancelled until Sunday, Jan. 7.  
PROF. E. E. HARPER  
Director of Iowa Union

CLASS ATTENDANCE  
University regulations relative to attendance at final meetings of classes before holidays apply to the closing days of this semester. These regulations apply to candidates for degrees as well as all other students.

Office of the President  
WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL SWIMMING  
4-5:30 p. m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

ART DEPARTMENT  
An exhibition of the works of Rivera, Orozco, Siqueiros will be held in the main gallery of the Art Building from Dec. 21 until Jan. 23.

VIRGINIA BANKS  
Instructor

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Yanks in Other Lands Will See Customs of Old

Americans overseas may have some surprises at Christmas time that have nothing to do with gifts from Santa's pack. For in other lands, the holiday season is not all tinsel and evergreen, and Yanks—if they can get time off from fighting—will see such oddities as wooden shoes replacing stockings hung on the mantel, St. Nick on a horse, and eels taking the place of turkey for the holiday feast.

Yanks stationed behind the lines in Belgium and the Netherlands got an early view of Santa making his rounds on a white horse on St. Nicholas day, Dec. 6. Belgian children hang stockings filled with hay for Santa's horse, while Dutch youngsters fill their wooden shoes with straw, punnicked and carrots. In the Netherlands, Santa has a Moorish helper, Zwarte Piet (Black Peter) who leads the old gentleman's horse, and obligingly carries his pack. The Dutch Santa wears red and white ecclesiastical robes, and leaves a rod instead of presents if the children have been bad.

Delayed Visit in Italy  
Americans in Italy will find Santa and his presents do not arrive until the Epiphany, Jan. 6, although Christmas itself is celebrated as a religious day. Most Italians attend midnight mass on Christmas eve, and go home to a "veglione," or long feast featuring roasted eels, lamb or sauce made of hot olive oil, garlic and anchovies. The bagpipers travel from house to house, playing Christmas songs.

G. I. Joe will find a hot, instead of white, Christmas in both Australia and South Africa. Despite the 100 degree temperature, the people down under eat a midday

meal of roast beef, turkey or ham, plum pudding, mince pie and all the trimmings. Bouquets for the Australian hostesses are likely to consist of pure white Christmas lilies, delphiniums, gladioli or hydrangeas, which replace poinsettias and Jerusalem cherries.

The holiday season for both England and France will be a bit brighter this year. England will have its first Christmas under dim-out rather than black-out regulations, and lights will shine from church windows for the first time in several years.

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Iceland has added its own special Christmas griffin—the Will O' The Whip—who leads people astray between Christmas and New Year's. They find themselves preceded and followed by large black dogs, and white rabbits hop along under foot.

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### President Receives Christmas Cards From Second Division

#### Boys Proud Of Cards From Germany

IN GERMANY (AP)—President Roosevelt has received a whole batch of Christmas cards from the second armored division.

The boys are pretty proud of their cards which say "Bona Natale!" "Joyeux Noel" and "Kerstfeest!" and other phrases meaning "Merry Christmas" in the various lands where the outfit has been during two years of combat duty overseas—Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Sicily, England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

It's not a hint—but, well, the boys thought they'd bring their "C-in-C" up-to-date on their travels, and combat time, with greetings.

### AND THE INFANTRYMAN PLODS ON AND ON AND ON



**MOVING INTO THE MIST**, the men of an Infantry division trudge toward their objective over a snow-covered field near Krinkelter, Belgium. This is a U. S. Army Signal Corps photo. (International)

### A Christmas Story From Christmas

**By The Associated Press**

A deluge of white envelopes again descends upon the little Indiana hamlet of Santa Claus, and upon Christmas, Fla., and Christmas Cove, Me. In Bethlehem, Pa., there are candle-light, carols and carillons.

Thus does Christmas come again to those towns of America which, in their very names, are significant of the yuletide.

The setting. The stone Santa is in the center of a neglected park. The toy village lies deserted in a field of weeds. The prewar pilgrimages of parents with children to view the nation's only Santa Claus post-office-hamlet are missing. But there is still the mail.

At Christmas, Fla.—the post-office also is swamped with a flood of letters, many from servicemen. Mrs. Juapita Tucker, the postmistress, and her five assistants handle more than 2,500 letters daily, stamping and remailing the coveted "Christmas, Fla. Dec. 25" postmarked envelopes.

Christmas, with its 300 inhabitants, is situated in the middle of the state, a few miles from the Atlantic coast. White settlers christened it when they captured a fort from the Seminole Indians Dec. 25, 1835.

In the little Maine coastal community of Christmas Cove, Christmas is usually a quiet, if happy occasion. This year the yuletide thoughts of its dozen families will be on their eight men and women in the armed forces.

### Becomes Mother



**MRS. JESSIE SIMPSON STEWARD**, former beauty contest winner, who lost both her legs in a train accident several years ago, gave birth to a son at Teaneck, N. J., where she resides. (International)

Keeping his hands carefully high because of his uncertain position, Davis turned and started toward his own lines. Then he came upon his friend Pfc. William (Ripper) Lococo of Lockport, La., who still held a warm rifle in his hands.

Ripper had watched the entire drama unfold, lined up his sights and awaited the proper moment to shoot and rescue his buddy.

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"To all SS troops. Most of you are back in Reich territory after a long absence and are no longer in occupied territory. Therefore, from now on, I require exemplary discipline from all ranks. All habits to which you have been accustomed in occupied countries are to be dropped. Smashing of windowpanes, damaging of furniture in billets and stealing are now strictly forbidden. Whoever trespasses on property of the German population will be severely punished. Remember you are back in the Reich."

It's Lieutenant Lage now—after Guadalcanal and Geilenkirchen — and erstwhile Sgt. Mario Lage of Lowell, Mass., also has a bronze star.

A former member of the American division, the first outfit to see action in the Solomons, he joined the 84th division at Camp Claiborne, La., when he got back from the Pacific wearing a presidential citation and a combat infantryman's badge. Known over here as a volunteer for night patrols, he is called "Killer Lage" by his buddies.

Sgt. Walter Davis of St. Louis, Mo., was captured and was marching toward the German rear lines during a recent counter attack. A rifle barked, and he looked back to see his captor lying dead on the trail.

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During the battle of Geilenkirchen "Killer" took over the outfit when his platoon leader was wounded. He led it four days through the thickest fighting, and the rail-splitter division decided to give him a bar and a star.

"God rest you merry, gentlemen . . ."

It's hard to imagine dancing to Christmas carols, but sure enough, until about the 13th century, Christmas carols, or technically hymns of praise to Christ, were written in Latin to the dance tunes of that time.

The word "carol" is supposedly derived from words meaning "circle" or "ring dance," and were sung in the open air. A model crib was set up in the churches at Christmas, which was the center of the dance, and some of the most famous of Latin Christmas hymns were written to dance tunes.

Most of our most popular carols date from the 17th and 18th centuries, originally written with Latin or English words.

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### Looking Ahead— Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON (AP)—Don't pay too much attention to the scare stories which say the Germans may try to drive to the North sea, cutting off large segments of Americans behind their new lines.

They face the Meuse river, crossing it in the face of superior allied forces, military strategists here think, would be too costly a task even for a desperate Von Runstedt. And the Germans have to cross the Meuse to take back any large segment of either France or Belgium.

The only thing they can try to do now is to turn rather sharply northeast from their farthest point of advancement, skirt the Meuse to the east, and drive up out of the hard-won Aachen bulge North of the bulge, if they were able to take it, the Meuse would still hold them to their line.

**FOOD VS. MACHINES FOR EUROPE**—as soon as the clouds clear away from this most recent German counter-attack you can expect to see a shift in emphasis on the supplies we're shipping to liberated territories.

Both Jean Monnet, the French commissioner-at-large, and Richard K. Law, of England, are here to talk over supplies.

Monnet is insisting that food is necessary, yes. But that machines to rebuild industries are even more necessary, because once they're running there is less danger of political upsets from busy people than from currently idle thousands.

Washington has listened so sympathetically that Monnet has already won the "un-freezing" if some French funds here for the purchase of machines, and the foreign economic administration has written out some requisitions for him to get machinery in our very tight market.

**FRANCO RIDES OUT FIRST FINESSE**—those who watch Spanish affairs closely think now there will be little news about Spain until after Jan. 10, when the exiled Spanish Republicans will meet in Mexico City to reelect Martinez Barrio the president of the exiled Cortes, or Spanish congress.

Franco, to the surprise of many, rode out the first war of nerves. The rumor that flew over the

### All Over America— Customs Differ

The Christmas spirit may be universal, but there's nothing universal about the way it is manifested. Even in America, holiday customs differ, varying from setting off firecrackers down south to the traditional carolling on Boston's Beacon Hill.

How Americans celebrate Christmas depends pretty much on where they live, and who their ancestors were. For Christmas customs in the United States are a pot-pourri of traditions carried over from the other side, blended with some all-American additions.

In a single state, holiday customs sometimes vary considerably. Among the Pennsylvania Dutch, for example, Santa often does a name of Pelznickel, and food raquets and answers to the other than gifts dominate the day. The fastnacht (Fast Night) cake is a specially baked either as a brittle sweet cookie, or a coarse spice cake with seeds. In Dutch farmhouses, dinner is likely to consist of goose with sauerkraut stuffing, peaseh or apple dumplings.

The same state's Moravians in Bethlehem have an annual candle-light ceremony begun in 1756. The church service is known as the "love feast," which symbolizes the bringing together of all classes. Moravian children hurry home

after church to find the "putz," a miniature landscape that is another ancient tradition.

And Pennsylvanians of Swedish descent in Philadelphia begin their Christmas season on Dec. 13, Santa Lucia day, with a service in the parish hall of historic Gloria Dei church.

Down south, no one even dreams of a white Christmas. When the chrysanthemums and jasmine bloom late, it's a very flowery day, often ushered in with firecrackers. Southern festivities feature fruit cake, doused in scuppernon grape wine, and generally baked right after Thanksgiving. The holiday tree is often a fat, full cedar.

Some families of German-American descent in Cincinnati and Milwaukee still hang their stockings on Dec. 6, St. Nicholas Day, but reserve their religious celebration for Christmas Day itself. Out on Hatteras island, the fisherfolk of Roanoke wait until "Old Christmas," Twelfth Night or Jan. 5 in accordance with the custom as old as the community itself. Santa makes two visits there—one on Christmas eve, and another on "Old Christmas."

Chinese-Americans celebrate Christmas by adding their own delicacies to the traditional turkey, while Italians prefer eels for the holiday dinner.

### "Sad Sack"



A NAZI model for the war-popular cartoon would be this prisoner of war taken by the U. S. Ninth Division during the battle of Hurtgen Forest near Junnersdorf, Germany. This is a Signal Corps photo. (International)

must consolidate his corridor through China for a long defensive war.

Okamura must now decide on risky offensive strikes. Or he

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**CHRISTMAS QUESTION:**

**Why Do We Hang Stockings By the Fire?**

Shoes and stockings were probably put near the fireplace to bring good luck and drive away evil spirits. Once St. Nicholas dropped a purse down the chimney which fell into a stocking instead of the hearth. After that, hanging stockings by the fireplace became popular.

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# Hawkeyes Smash Notre Dame in Fast Game, 63-46

## Ives Scores 20 Points

### 32 Fouls Called; Irish Man Leads Scoring With 26

Iowa's Hawkeyes proved they were worth pre-season raves last night when they overcame an early Notre Dame lead to wallop the Irish 63 to 46 in a fast, hard game during which 32 fouls were called.

Dick Ives, conference-leading scorer in 1943, regained all his powers and paced the Iowa five with 20 points. Jack Spencer was all over the floor in defense and was second high scorer for Iowa with 13 points.

High man for the Irish, and also top scorer of the evening was Vince Boryla, who dropped in ten field goals and six free throws for a total of 26 points.

Notre Dame showed most of power in the first half, leading the majority of the time, although the score was tied six times. However, Iowa pulled away during the end of the period to lead at halftime 28-25.

The Hawks came back in the second half with a rush and pulled ten points ahead of the Irish to maintain a substantial lead during the rest of the game. They were slowed when Clayton Wilkinson went out of the game on fouls, but Murray Wier came into the lineup to score 11 points for the Hawkeyes.

Iowa	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ives	8	4	20	0
Postels	2	1	5	3
C. Wilkinson	3	2	8	5
Spencer	5	3	13	0
H. Wilkinson	2	2	6	5
Wier	3	5	11	0
Schulz	0	0	0	0
Culberson	0	0	0	0
Stratton	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	17	63	13

Notre Dame	FG	FT	TP	PF
Dee	0	1	1	3
Katterman	2	3	7	0
Roberts	0	0	0	0
Gordon	1	1	3	3
Gilhooley	2	1	5	5
Boryla	10	6	26	4
Karbol	0	0	0	2
Mullen	0	0	0	0
Benign	2	0	4	1
Magnuson	0	0	0	1
Sobek	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	12	46	19

## Michigan State Drills To Meet Big Ten Powers This Week

EAST LANSING, MICH.—Faced with games Thursday here against Ohio State, Western conference defending champions, and two nights later, with Iowa, Coach Ben F. Van Alstyne resumed practice last Wednesday, for his Michigan State basketball team after a short-holiday lull.

The Spartans, breaking even in their first two games, will entertain the Buckeyes in Jenison fieldhouse, Ohio State defeated the Spartans, 58 to 31 two weeks ago at Columbus.

Meet Iowa Saturday  
No immediate relief will be in sight for Van Alstyne's charges who will leave the morning following the Ohio State skirmish for Iowa City for a tilt with the spirited-scoring Hawkeyes. In the season's opener, Michigan State defeated Drake, 44 to 36.

Three discharged servicemen continue to hold prominence in Van Alstyne's team plans, but two positions have been declared open.

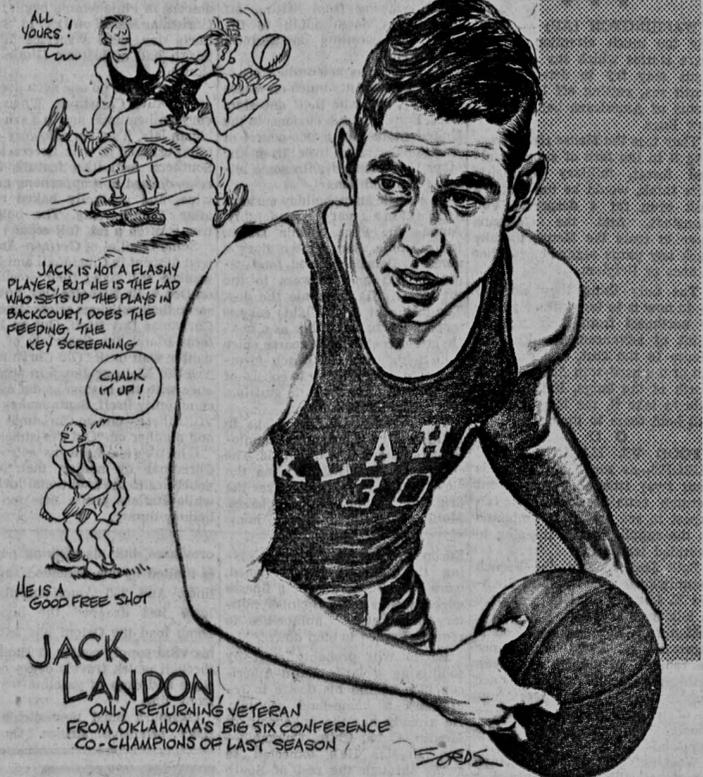
Nick Hashu, 24, Hammond Ind., winner of a pair of letters at State before enlisting in the Army Air corps, and Joe Beyer, 18, of Grosse Pointe are fairly well set at the guards. Hashu is the squad's only letterman while Beyer played last year for University of Detroit before going to the army.

Ex-Serviceman  
The third ex-serviceman is Sam Fortino, 20-year-old sophomore from Alma who leads Spartan scorers with 33 points. Fortino played last year for Central Michigan where he was enrolled in the V-12 program.

Van Alstyne hopes State may gain more offensive power at the center berth which has been held down by William Krall, 6-foot, 7-inch junior and Charles Krankel, 17-year-old freshman. Both are Detroiters. Paul Bauman, 18-year-old Army Air corps enlistee, is another freshman whom Van Alstyne believes should improve as the season advances. Bauman was a high school scoring ace while playing for St. Phillips at Battle Creek, but to date hasn't been able to shake loose with any appreciable amount of scoring.

## CALM AND EFFICIENT

By Jack Sords



## Most Exciting Wartime Season—

# Pennant Winners vs. Army

By FRANK ECK  
NEW YORK—The St. Louis baseball teams, Army's football juggernaut, New York's 16 \$3,000,000 wagering days at the race-tracks, and the golfing wizardry of Byron Nelson featured the 1944 sports scene, the most exciting since prewar days.

Every sport did its bit for the war effort through the sale of billions of dollars in war bonds and countless exhibitions for servicemen at home and abroad.

Major league baseball, college football and racing attendances climbed despite the third year of global war.

The St. Louis Cardinals dominated baseball, winning their third straight National league pennant and humbling the Browns in six games in the first all St. Louis series.

Red Birds  
The Red Birds won the bunting by a 14 1/2 game margin. The Browns, the surprise of the baseball world, captured the American league laurels by one game, winning out over the Detroit Tigers on the last day of the 154-day campaign. They swept a four-game series with the New York Yankees to do it.

Jim Tobin of the Boston Braves turned in two no-hit, no-run games while Clyde Shoun of the Cincinnati Reds had one. However, over the season, the pitching of Detroit's winning pair, Hal Newhouser and Paul (Dizzy) Trout, was outstanding. They accounted for 54 victories, the first time that it has happened in the American league since 1920 when Stan Coveleskie and Jim Bagby Sr., of Cleveland collaborated in taking 55. Newhouser's 29 triumphs almost matched the 31 of Lefty Grove of the 1931 Philadelphia Athletics and the 30 of Dizzy Dean of the 1934 Cardinals.

Walker Dethrones Musial  
Dixie Walker of the Brooklyn Dodgers had his best season, hitting .357 to lead the majors. He dethroned the Cards' Stan Musial who batted .347. Manager Lou Boudreau of Cleveland paced the American circuit with .327.

Baseball's biggest setback came when Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, its commissioner since 1920, died two weeks before the annual winter meetings.

Army Paced Football  
Collegiate football—and GI—received a big life when Army and Navy came up with great teams. Army, possibly one of the great eleven of all time, and the "team of the year," went through a nine-game schedule without defeat. The Cadets scored a point a minute and limited the opposition to four touchdowns.

Highlight of the campaign was Army's surprising total of 59 points against Notre Dame, the worst licking the Irish ever experienced. The season ended with Army beating Navy, 23-7, as 70,000 Baltimore fans purchased more than \$58,000,000 in war bonds.

Two Plebes  
Glen Davis and Felix (Doc) Blanchard were outstanding both gaining all-America honors. Davis tallied 20 touchdowns to lead the nation's scorers with 120 points. Les Horvath, however, was awarded the Heisman trophy for

leading Ohio State's civilians through a perfect season. Dick Walterhouse of Army turned in the best point-after-touchdown record of all time, his 47 placements in 59 conversion attempts breaking the former collegiate mark by three points.

The Green Bay Packers won their third National Football league championship, beating the New York Giants, 14-7, in the playoff and reversing the decision of a regular scheduled contest copped by the Giants, 24-0.

Racing Has Top Year  
Thoroughbred racing enjoyed its best year, breaking attendance and betting records as fans poured \$1,126,308,645 through the nation's mutuel machines in the first 11 months. New York state's revenue from 189 racing days reached the sensational figure of \$27,847,314.40. There were 16 days when people—not horses—dumped more than \$3,000,000 into the machines. Eleven such days were at Belmont park.

Twilight Tear, three-year-old filly, finished out of the money for the first time in 22 starts but she came back to take the measure of the handicapper, Devil Diver, and helped Warren Wright's Calumet farm set a new record for money won by an individual stable. The Tear was voted "the horse of the year" title. She won 14 of 17 starts.

Calumet's gross turf earnings from purses were \$601,660, the result of 60 victories, 40 seconds and 23 thirds.

Pensive  
Pensive started the stable off in the right direction by winning the Kentucky derby and Preakness but was retired after subsequent failures. Then Pot O' Luck took up the burden by winning two stakes and stepping into the limelight as a 1945 derby prospect.

Pavot and Free For All were the outstanding two-year-olds. Pavot winning all eight starts and Free For All taking all five. The latter gave Chicago's John Marsch his ninth victory by scoring in the Arlington. Pavot, however, won the Belmont Futurity for Philadelphia's Walter M. Jeffords.

The grandson of Man o' War earned \$179,040, the year's top figure.

The leading jockey was Ted Atkinson with Bobby Permae pressing him closely for a time.

Nelson's Golf Feats  
Byron Nelson was golf's big man. Voted as top male athlete of the year, the Toledo, Ohio, pro set a record by winning approximately \$45,000 in war bonds. Though beaten, 1 up, by Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind., in the P. G. A., Nelson won two San Francisco opens, his third all-American open, Texas Victory open, Nashville open and the Red Cross tournament at New Rochelle, N. Y.

Harold (Jug) McSpaden of Philadelphia, when not winning a tournament, was right at Nelson's heels. Jug annexed the Chicago Victory National and among his others were opens at Philadelphia, Phoenix, Ariz., and Gulfport, Miss.

One of the surprises of the links was Sammy Snead's comeback. After serving in the navy for al-

most two years, he returned to golf by taking the Portland, Ore., and Richmond, Calif., opens.

Haegg Coming Here  
Gunder Haegg, Sweden's long striding runner, shared the foot racing spotlight with Boston's Gil Dodds and Arne Andersson of Sweden. Haegg, who will take part in the indoor campaign here this winter, set three world records.

Gunder moved the two-mile mark to 8:45.4 then shaved it to 8:42.8. He covered 1,500 meters in the world's record time of 3:43.

Andersson, who beat Haegg for Sweden's 1,500-meter crown, ran the world's fastest mile in 4:01.6. He beat Haegg three times during the year.

Dodds was America's top miler, lowering the indoor record to 4:07.3 and later to 4:06.4. He ran five one-mile races under 4:10.

Three New Boxing Champs  
With the welterweight, middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight boxing champions in the service, the lighter boys had their inning in fistiana. Three new champions were crowned.

Juan Zurita dethroned Sammy Angott of his N. B. A. lightweight belt, Bob Montgomery outpointed Beau Jack for New York's version of the world's 135-pound crown, and Sal Barolo beat Phil Terranova for the N. B. A. featherweight laurels. Willie Pep, beaten once in 81 bouts, returned from the navy to retain his New York feather title.

Jack proved the best drawing card. His six bouts in Madison Square Garden drew 106,433 fans and gross receipts of \$460,610 plus \$35,864,900 in war bonds. Both Jack and Montgomery are army privates.

Parker Heads Tennis  
Sergt. Frankie Parker of the army gained No. 1 tennis ranking, the result of his first victory in the nationals. He turned back Billy Talbert of Indianapolis in four sets.

Pauline Betz of Los Angeles retained No. 1 among the women by conquering Margaret Osborne of San Francisco in straight sets in the national championship.

Ford Set Swim Marks  
Though unable to defend any of his three national A.A.U. swimming championships, Alan Ford of Balboa paced Yale to the national collegiate crown to become the first triple champion since 1936. Ford was a V-12 Naval student, unable to travel any overnight distance, but that didn't limit his speed in the water.

Ford twice lowered the 100-yard freestyle record, first to 52 seconds for 100 meters at 0:55.9 and 75 yards freestyle at 0:36. He also won the 150-yard college backstroke honors.

Two Hawaiian-born swimmers, Bill Smith of Great Lakes and Keo Nakama of Ohio State, won three A.A.U. titles. Smith won indoor honors while Nakama's three were "outdoors" even though the meet was held indoors in the huge Great Lakes, Ill., training tank. Smith set a new 200-yard freestyle mark of 1:33.9.

Ens. Adolph Kiefer of Bainbridge, Md., did not compete in the outdoor meet but won two indoor crowns and set two backstroke marks, traveling 100 yards

## American Loop Improved Hits During 1944

### Boudreau's Record Weakest Championship In 36 Seasons

By JERRY LISKA  
CHICAGO (AP)—American league hitting perked generally last season, but the individual championship won by manager-shortstop Lou Boudreau of the Cleveland Indians with .327 was the weakest winning performance in 36 seasons.

Official 1944 statistics released yesterday credited Willow Boudreau with shading second-place Bobby Doerr of Boston by two points. Doerr, who left for military induction after 125 games, batted .325 to pace the Red Sox to the team championship with .270.

Lowest Average  
Boudreau's .327, one point under the 328 title mark compiled in 1943 by Luke Appling of the Chicago White Sox, was the lowest championship average since 1906 when Detroit's Ty Cobb won with .324. It also was the third lowest in league history. Elmer Flick, also of Cleveland, hit the bottom in 1905 with .306.

The league's over-all plate performance, however, showed a marked improvement over 1943. Nine regulars hit .300 or better, compared with only four the previous season. Even in 1942, the first wartime season, only seven American leaguers crashed the 300 circle.

Top Batting Mark  
In addition, the league came through with a tidy .260 batting mark, topping last year's .249 by 11 points.

The season produced an outstanding all-around workman in New York's George Stinweis, who played in all 154 games, led in three specialized departments, shared a fourth and was runner-up in two others.

Bunched behind Boudreau and Doerr among the top 10 hitters were Boston's Bob Johnson, a single point behind Doerr with .324; Stinweis, .319; Pete Fox, .314;

in 0:56.3 and 200 meters in 2:19.3. Ann Curtis, 18-year-old San Francisco freestyler, captured six national titles. She set as many records as her number of years and was voted the outstanding woman athlete of the year.

Anne Ross of Brooklyn retained her three diving titles. Another winner of three individual titles was Nancy Merki of Portland, Ore., who also swam on three victorious relay teams.

Utah Won Court Title  
The University of Utah gained national basketball honors by winning the collegiate crown and turning back St. John's of Brooklyn, winner of the New York invitation tournament.

Dartmouth won its seventh straight Eastern collegiate crown while Army, playing only 15 games, was unbeaten.

Trotting enjoyed a banner season with the Hambletonian returning to Goshen, N. Y., where the favored filly, Yankee Maid, scored in straight heats. Volo Song, the 1943 winner, broke a leg in a \$400 race and was destroyed.

Titan Hanover, a two-year-old, became the probable 1945 Hambletonian choice by setting a world record at Delaware, Ohio.

The Montreal Canadians replaced the Detroit Red Wings as champions of the National Hockey league. The Canadians were unbeaten in 25 home games during the regular season and turned back the Chicago Black Hawks in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Among the former athletes killed in the line of duty were Lieut. Col. Tommy Hitchcock, high goal polo player; Capt. Charles Paddock, sprint star; RAF Pilot Billy Fisk, Olympic bobsled captain, and 2nd Lieut. Clint Castlesberry of Georgia Tech football fame.

Death also claimed, besides Judge Landis, Maj. John L. Griffith, Western conference athletic commissioner for 22 years; Roger Freshman, former catching star, and Gus Sonnenberg, a navy chief specialist who introduced the flying tackle to wrestling.

## Christmas on the Fighting Front—

# Johnny Has His Gun

By WHITNEY MARTIN  
NEW YORK (AP)—Johnny nudged the gun a little closer and gave it a couple of reassuring pats as if consoling a child whimpering with the cold.

The silent display of affection was instinctive. After all, the gun was his pal, his friend in need, and it had noisily helped him out of many a tight spot since it first was handed to him four years ago.

Just Another Gun  
It was just another cunningly designed implement of wood and steel at that time, different from the 12-gauge scattergun he used for bag ducks in the cold grey dawns of fall, of course, but otherwise just another gun, utterly devoid of personality.

He quickly had learned to use it, though, as he was a typical American kid who, when the cards are down, can spot these automatic soldiers he was fighting years of training in the sordid art of killing, and beat them at their own game.

And now the gun had become quite human, something to be petted and protected as he sat there hunched in the shallow little pit he had hacked out of the frozen ground.

Silent Dawn  
Odd how still it was. Just the

faint rustle of the wind as it sifted through the underbrush to pick up little handfuls of snow and toss them playfully down his collar. A few minutes ago it seemed the deafening end and to raise his head even an inch or two would have meant the end of the world for him. Suddenly it was still, so still. He felt so lonely and forsaken, but he consoled himself with the thought that there was a buddy on either side of him, and buddies beyond them, and on and on. About five yards apart, he guessed, or about the distance he plunged for that touchdown to win the big high school game.

Back in High School  
Funny how a fellow would think of such a comparison, but the mind is full of tricks. He wondered vaguely if he ever again would put on cleated shoes and helmet and pads and experience the joy of rugged bodily contact in healthy, American sport. Probably not. But maybe he and his buddies could make it possible for his kid brother and other kid brothers to have their clean fun free from oppression.

Johnny shifted his cramped body slightly, and started to hum softly. It was the tune of his old high school song, and he followed

that with the tunes of all the college victory songs he could remember. Anchors Aweigh, and Cheer, Cheer for Old Notre Dame, and Roar, Lion Roar and others he couldn't identify exactly but had heard.

Guiding Star  
He peered upward. The sky was clear, and there was that one, very bright star he had noticed just a year ago. The star of Bethlehem. Sure, it was Christmas eve, and the star made him think of the little church, and the candlelight service and the choir singing reverently: "Silent Night."

He started to hum the tune and soon, because it made him feel better, to sing. Softly at first, then a little louder. From nearby a voice joined in: "Holy night..." And then through the still, cold air came other voices, picking up the thread of words: "All is calm..."

Merry Christmas  
The song ended and again the only sound was the faint rustle of the wind. Then a voice, hoarse, possibly from the cold, stage-whispered: "Merry Christmas..."

And down that long, thin line until the sound became only an indistinguishable murmur came the echo: "Merry Christmas."

## Byrnes Asks Closure Of Tracks by Jan. 3

WASHINGTON (AP)—Jimmy Byrnes yesterday ordered the saddles off the country's race horses and left other sports wondering if they also will be subjected to further curtailment.

The war mobilization director, with President Roosevelt's approval, asked all race tracks to close up by Jan. 3, 1945, and to refrain from resuming "until war conditions permit."

Byrnes' announcement was couched in the language of an appeal to the sporting spirit of track operators, but he left no doubt that the crackdown is definite by adding:

third in Boston's "Big Three," .315; Stan Spence of Washington, .313; Dick Isebert of Philadelphia, .306; Mike Kreevich, .301; Johnny Lindell of New York, .300, and Allen Zarilla, St. Louis, .299.

Numerology  
Numerology should begin to impress 27-year-old Boudreau, who was born July (the seventh month) 17, 1917, and turned up with his first batting championship seven years after his initial major league appearance with .327.

Lou's debut with Cleveland in 1938 was anything but auspicious. He went hitless in his only appearance at the plate that season. Not until 1940 did the former University of Illinois star athlete win a regular Tribe berth. He succeeded Roger Peckinpah as manager Nov. 25, 1941.

191 Hits  
In copping Cleveland's first individual title since 1929 when Lew Fonseca led with 369, Boudreau collected 191 hits in 584 trips, missing only four games. Two other Indian players won championships—Nap La Jolie, twice, in 1903 and 1904, and Tris Speaker in 1916.

Boudreau swatted 21 points above his previous season mark of 286, while the Red Sox vaulted 26 points over their seventh-place average of 244 in 1943 when Detroit copped with 261.

All-Around Stinweis  
As king of the specialized departments, Stinweis: batted 205 hits—the only player to pass 200—; ended the five-year reign of Washington's eGorge Case as base-stealing champ with 55, six more than the Senator pilferer; scored the most runs, 125; shared honors in triples with teammate Lindell at 16; went to bat 643 times, second only to Mickey Rocco of Cleveland with 653; and finished one behind champion Lindell in runs batted in with 296.

The home run crown went to Nick Etten of the Yankees with 2, while Eddie Mayo of Detroit led in sacrifice hits with 28. Dick Wakefield, who returned from navy pre-flight training in mid-season to spark Detroit to a "near-miss" in the pennant race, fashioned a brilliant .355 on 98 hits in 276 trips.

## Iowa, Bucks, Illinois Head Midwest Fives

NEW YORK—With basketball roaring on all fronts, earlier than ever, it's any fan's guess as to which team will win the national championship.

Last season many of us thought the United States Military academy of West Point and Ohio State had the best hoop fives. The twain didn't meet and the issue wasn't settled.

Utah  
The University of Utah, however, won the 1943-44 national championship rating. The Red and White boys got that way by copping the N.C.A.A. title, beating Dartmouth and then defeating St. John's of Brooklyn in the Madison Square Garden invitational final.

As far as the little birdies have revealed, all the strong basketball fives of 1943-44 are feeling the same way this season. The only difference is that they will have a little more competition.

Here's the way the picture appears in different sections of the country:

EAST—Army, Dartmouth and St. John's are the class teams with Temple, Muhlenberg and New York university in the upset category. Ernie Calverly of Rhode Island State, Dale Hall of West Point and Darrell Braatz of Dartmouth should have quite a battle for the scoring crown.

MIDWEST—The fans in the Big Ten conference are touting Ohio State as the champs but keep an eye peeled on Iowa and Illinois. They're both plenty tough. Notre Dame, De Paul and Valparaiso also will have to be reckoned with outside conference circles. Scoring champ Dick Ives of Iowa and dead-end Bob Dille of Valparaiso will be after the national shooting honors.

SOUTHWEST—The Arkansas Razorbacks have come up with one of their tallest teams—a quintet averaging 6 feet 5—and they're loaded with experience, so the fans in their neck of the woods can't see how Dr. Eugene Lambert can miss coaching the Southwest conference champs. Southern Methodist may furnish the opposition. Rice's Bill Henry is hotter than ever and should lead the point getters again. Bill Flynn, the Razorbacks' guard, is one of the best in the country.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS—Utah University only has one of its na-

## Five Nominees Picked For 1944 Grid Man

DES MOINES (AP)—The search for football's "Man of the Year" for 1944, sponsored by the Football Writers Association of America, was narrowed to five men yesterday following the conclusion of preliminary voting in the writers' poll.

The nominees, who topped the early voting, are Carroll Widdoes, acting head coach at Ohio State; the late John L. Griffith, Big Ten commissioner; Gen. H. H. Arnold, army airforce commandant; Leslie Horvath, Ohio State's all-America back, and Col. Earl Blaik.

tional champs left, Arnold Ferris, but the sharpshooting Utah will help his mates plenty. Denver is back in the Big Seven conference with a new coach and two veterans from the independent team representing the college last year, Colorado State, Utah State, Wyoming and Brigham Young also are returning to the hardwood.

SOUTHERN—It's anybody's flag in this conference. Most of the coaches face the task of rebuilding from scratch. Duke University is the defending champion and the Blue Devils have one holdover, Gordon Carver.

SOUTHEAST—Kentucky, for the 15th straight season, is the team to beat down here. Coach Adolph Rupp has four lettermen and a record of seven titles to defend. Georgia Tech, with three lettermen, rates among the top contenders.

PACIFIC COAST—The University of California at Los Angeles and Southern California will battle it out for the far west title. Bill Rankin, a six-foot-four guard at U.C.L.A., who is handy with the baskets, and Art Nichols, a sharpshooting center who transferred to the Trojans from the University of Washington, should be the coast stars.

Last "The Singing Sheriff" Day!  
Starts Xmas Day!  
"Tis Best of 1944—"  
BING CROSBY  
RISE STEVENS  
Going New  
"Attend Matinee"  
Ends Today  
PAT O'BRIEN—  
MARINE RAIDERS  
VARCITY  
Starts Monday—  
CHRISTMAS DAY!  
DONALD O'CONNOR  
PEGGY RYAN JACK DANIE  
ANN BYRNE  
THE MERRY MONAHANS  
ROSEMARY DeCAMP  
A UNIVERSAL PICTURE  
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Sportlite  
Novelty—News

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OUR HEARTS WERE YOUNG AND GAY  
GAIL RUSSELL  
DIANA LYNN

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"Sport"  
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### Two Children Die When Fire Razes Riverside Home

By The Associated Press  
Pre-Christmas tragedies took the lives of four Iowans yesterday at the rate of two at a time.

Marilyn Snyder, 3 years old, and her sister, Doris, 10 months old, burned to death when fire razed their three-room tenant house five miles southeast of Riverside. Maurice Donnelly, 16, and Evelyn Taylor, 15, died of carbon monoxide poisoning as they sat in a car after a Christmas program at Mt. Union high school, where both were students.

The Snyder children had been left in the care of a sister, Charlotte, 5 years old, while their parents were 500 feet away at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Frank, for whom Snyder works.

The coal and wood stove in the tenant house is believed to have exploded. Charlotte ran out and the house was destroyed in a matter of a few minutes. There wasn't even time to call a fire department. Bodies of the children were found in the ashes.

Donnelly and Miss Taylor evidently had stopped the car on a road near the Taylor home about 11 o'clock Friday night. Their bodies were found at 4:30 a. m. by the girl's father, who had gone to look for them. The car motor was running and the car was warm when he found them.

### Mrs. H. B. Newcomb To Entertain Family At Christmas Dinner

Mrs. H. B. Newcomb, 314 Summit street, will entertain Christmas day at a family dinner for her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Newcomb and children, Martha Rose and Sally; her daughter, Mrs. Dean Newcomb Smith, and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sylvester and son, Cadet Bradley Sylvester, U.S.N.R., all of Des Moines; her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schultz of Newton, and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Cannon and children, Pvt. David Cannon, Carol Cannon and Gerri Cannon.

Cadet Sylvester is on leave from the naval reserve at the University of Chicago where at attends the college of medicine. Private Cannon is home on furlough from Lowry field, Denver, Col., and Miss Cannon is visiting during Christmas vacation from Ward Belmont college in Nashville, Tenn.

**Randalls Visit**  
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Randall of Milwaukee, Wis., have arrived to spend the holidays with Mrs. Emma A. Randall and Lois Randall, 321 S. Clinton street, Mrs. Dell Sidwell and family, 223 Melrose avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Mighell, 622 Iowa avenue.

**Home on Vacation**  
Anna Rose Strausburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strausburg, 938 E. Jefferson street, arrived Friday to spend ten days at home. She is a cadet nurse at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

**Family Dinner**  
Mrs. Philomena Scherrer, 326 N. Johnson street, will entertain Christmas day at a family dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Scherrer and children of Riverside and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scherrer and Mr. and Mrs. John Strabala of Iowa City.

**Go to Davenport**  
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Steele, 1733 F street, and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jackson, 916 Roosevelt street, will spend Christmas at the home of the Steele's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Davidson and family of Davenport.

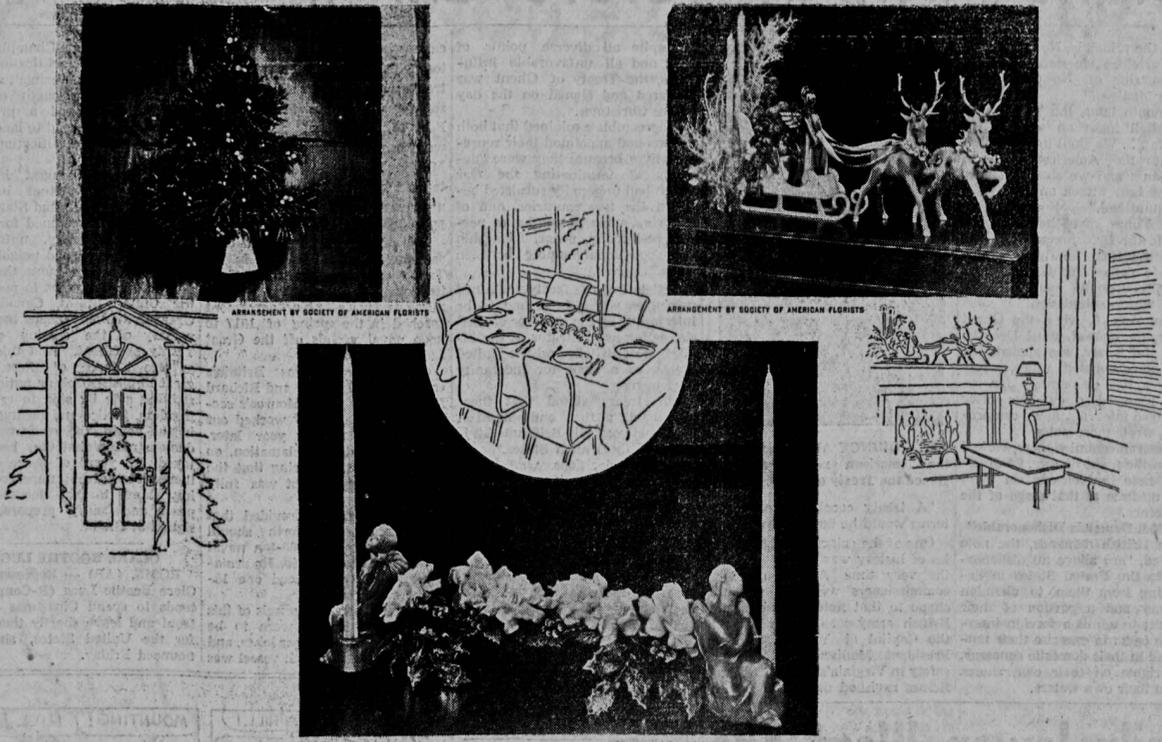
**Out-of-Town**  
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Talbot and Beverly, 824 E. Market street, will spend Christmas day at a family reunion in the home of Mr. Talbot's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Talbot of Williamsburg.

**Visit Relatives**  
Mrs. L. N. Patten and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. De Hoedt, 1007 N. Dodge street, will spend Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Keith H. Patten of Rock Island, Ill.

**Dora Kindl Home**  
Dora Kindl, formerly of Iowa City and now of Rockford, Ill., has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kindl, 912 E. Davenport street. She was a guest in the home of Mrs. Ulmer Ries, 419 N. Van Buren street, Friday.

**Minnesota Relatives**  
Hull Bradley and Mrs. Yula Wing and son, Kenneth, of Beltrami, Minn., are guests of Mrs. Anna Burge, 911 E. Washington

## Suggestions for Indoor Holiday Decorations



You won't have to dream of a white Christmas that will give a holiday look to the out-of-doors, but you may have a bit of trouble dreaming up ideas for your holiday decorations indoors.

A few tricks with bits of red and green will blend cheerily with your Christmas tree and give promise of a happy Noel.

Why not begin with your front door and hang up the traditional wreath or a Christmas stocking to create the Christmas spirit even before your visitors enter the house. Or take a big red bow and string four or five pine cones on wire wrapped in red and dangle them from the center knot.

The fireplace is the center of festivities in most homes at Christmas, so do it up with plenty of color. Graduated white tapers on a bed of spruce or pine will give a formal touch to the mantle. For

brightness, add a string of holly berries, or toss cranberries lightly around the base of the candlesticks. Those cleverly designed flower candles (usually poinsettia) on a bed of snowy cotton at each end of your mantle will also provide a sophisticated effect.

Purchase a sheet of green blotting paper and cut out a large Christmas tree to tape above your mantle or bookshelves. For the "decorations" use your Christmas cards scattered effectively like "lights" over the "branches." Deck the shelf below with greenery and string your colored lights in and out so they shine through prettily.

Next the table—if you're having a holiday dinner you'll want the centerpiece to be attractive but not too large. Tapers in candleholders closely surrounded with greenery and set on white doilies are simple to arrange, and so is a stuffed red stocking with pine or

small gifts spilling out like a traditional horn of plenty.

If you have a small coffee table, why not do it up like a gift package—white crepe paper tied with a big red bow on top—then stack your smaller presents around.

All about the house there are opportunities to "brighten the corners." Let the light of your lamp shine through a shade covered with red cellophane and trimmed with sprigs of green. More gay bows will form Yuletide tiebacks for your curtains, and a straw basket filled with spruce and red and placed beside the logs at your fireplace will add a Christmasy note.

Your decorating, you see, need not be costly. Some colorful paper and ribbon, some pine from the lower branches of your tree, and a bit of ingenuity, and the holiday spirit will prelude your home.

### Dorothy Barton Weds Charles Hollingsworth In Pastor's Home

A lighted Christmas tree and fireplace banked with greenery formed the setting for the wedding of Dorothy Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Barton of St. Charles, Mo., and Charles Alvin Hollingsworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Hollingsworth of Montrose, Col. yesterday afternoon at 4:30. The ceremony took place in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Iliot T. Jones, 609 S. Summit street, with the Rev. Mr. Jones officiating at the double ring ceremony.

Attending the couple were Maude Dorothy Clay of Storm Lake as maid of honor and William R. Smith, senior in the college of dentistry here, as best man. The bride chose for the occasion a white street-length dress with a short tunic accented with a gold butterfly design. Her accessories were black. The maid of honor wore a duobnent ensemble.

Mrs. Hollingsworth received her B.A. degree from Lindenwood college in St. Charles and her M.A. degree from the University of Wyoming in LaLaramie. She is at present a member of the faculty at Buena Vista college at Storm Lake.

street, and other relatives for the holidays.

**Kuever Entertain**  
Houseguests in the home of Dean and Mrs. E. A. Kuever, 5 Melrose circle, include Lieut. and Mrs. William O. Merritt and William Jr. of De Land, Fla.; Mrs. Ben Merritt and son, Ben, who is a student in the college of medicine here; Mrs. Kuever's mother, Mrs. Charles Baker, and the Kuever's daughter, Mrs. Hamilton Ries.

**Rev. and Mrs. Hart Entertain**  
Guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Donovan G. Hart, 1011 E. Washington street, this Christmas will be the Rev. Mr. Hart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Hart of Cedar Rapids.

**Wuertfels Entertained**  
The Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Wuertfel and children, 404 E. Jefferson street, will spend Christmas with the Rev. Mr. Wuertfel's brother and sister-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Wuertfel of Marion.

**Go to Oskaloosa**  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young of Iowa City will spend Christmas holidays with their parents in Oskaloosa.

### Virginia Ann Woeste Becomes Bride Of Lieut. F. N. Smith

In a candlelight ceremony, Virginia Ann Woeste, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Koenke of Greeley, became the bride of Lieut. Fred N. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stranks, 429 N. Governor street, at 8 p. m. Thursday in the Little Chapel of the Congregational church, with the Rev. James Waery officiating.

Maid of honor was Verona Dow of Iowa City, and Sergt. Herbert Wendtland, also of Iowa City, served as best man.

For her wedding the bride was attired in an aqua blue suit with black accessories and a corsage of roses centered with a gardenia.

Miss Dow chose a suit of brown with white accessories and a gardenia corsage.

For her daughter's wedding the bride's mother selected a black suit with black accessories, and the bridegroom's mother wore a brown ensemble. Each had a corsage or gardenias and sweetpeas.

A reception in the home of the bridegroom's parents honored the couple after the ceremony. Centering the serving table was a pink and white wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom.

The bride is a graduate of Upper Iowa university at Fayette and is now teaching in West Union.

The bridegroom was graduated from West Union high school and received his commission in March, 1943, at Camp Hood, Tex. He is stationed at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

**Memorial Flags To Be Blessed At Trinity Church**  
Memorial flags in memory of Lieut. Chester Pickering who died in an airplane accident will be blessed at the 10:45 service this morning at Trinity Episcopal church.

The flags, an American flag and an Episcopal church flag, are a gift to the church by the Arthur Pickering family in memory of their son.

**32 Cases of Mumps**  
To date for the month, 32 cases of mumps have been reported according to City Clerk George J. Dohrer. Other diseases reported are five cases of chicken pox, two cases of scarlet fever and two cases of measles.

### Presbyterian Sunday School to Present Christmas Pageant

A pageant, "A Child Is Born" will be presented by members of the First Presbyterian church Sunday school during the regular service at 10:30 this morning, under the direction of Mrs. Owen Sutherland.

A speaking chorus of junior and senior high school girls under the direction of Mrs. M. M. Crayne is the feature of the pageant. The choir includes all children in the junior department. The interpreter is Prof. H. J. Thornton.

The characters are: Mary, Nancy Jones; The Angel, Shirley Lewis; Joseph, Bill Burney; The Shepherds, Chauncey Schmidt, Wayne Higley, Frank Frey, Charles Larew, and Neil Wicks; Three Wise Men, Elmer Elsea, Lombard Sayre, and Don Crayne.

The beginner will sing "Away in a Manger" and the primary department, "Silent Night."

Following the pageant, Dr. Jones will give a Christmas story sermon. At the close of the service, the verse-speaking choir will give "Christmas Bells" by Longfellow.

### English Lutherans To Hold Christmas Eve Vespers

The First English Lutheran church will hold the traditional Christmas Eve vespers and candle lighting services, Sunday night at 10:45 o'clock, according to the Rev. Ralph M. Krueger, pastor.

An organ meditation by Mrs. S. A. Neumann, will open the service. Mrs. Neumann will play "Christmas Eve," and "Christmas-tide," a melody of Rosario Bourdon.

Scripture and poetry will be combined in the service.

Solos will be under the direction of Mrs. Alexander Ellett. Those singing will be Dan Howard, James Berg, Gene Cox, Fern Albright, Dorothy Yeslinek, Donna Cooley, Marilyn Sheldon, Mrs. Wallace Bock, Suzanna Albrecht and Betty Messner. Mrs. R. G. Schreffler of St. Louis, Mo., will sing the offertory solo.

The candle lighting service will climax the service. The "Light of Christmas" will be passed from the altar to each member of the congregation. When all the candles have been lighted, the pastor will light candles in honor of service men and women of the congregation.

### Ramona Jean Heusinkveld to Become Bride Of Pvt. George H. Reichardt This Afternoon

Before a fireplace banked with chrysanthemums and lighted candelabra, Ramona Jean Heusinkveld, daughter of Mrs. A. H. Heusinkveld, 125 Grand avenue court, will become the bride of Pvt. George H. Reichardt, son of Mrs. Hazel Schnare, route 3, Iowa City, this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the home of the bride's mother. The Rev. Fred Putnam will officiate at the single ring ceremony. The couple will be unattended.

The bride will be attired in a floor-length gown of white taffeta. The fitted waist is styled with a high round neckline and bridal point sleeves, and the full skirt extends into a short train. She will wear a fingertip veil falling from a white tiara and carry a colonial bouquet of roses and chrysanthemums.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Heusinkveld has chosen a black crepe dress accented in white. The bridegroom's mother will wear a black velvet ensemble, and both mothers will have gardenia corsages.

After the ceremony a reception will be held in the Heusinkveld home from 4:30 to 5:30. The bridal table will be appointed in white with lighted tapers and chrysanthemums and a wedding cake in the form of a Maltese cross.

Following the reception the couple will leave for a short wedding trip and for traveling the bride has selected a navy blue suit with gold accessories.

The bride, a graduate of University high school, is now a

freshman in the college of liberal arts at the University of Iowa.

The bridegroom, who was graduated from Iowa City high school is serving with the signal corps and has been stationed at Camp Jackson, S. C.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Heusinkveld and sons Richard and Edwin of Cedar Rapids, and the bride's grandmother, Mrs. A. H. Hinrichs of Clinton.

### Physical Education Staff Holds Party; C. H. McCloy Speaks

Prof. E. G. "Dad" Schroeder's staff participated in a Christmas party at the fieldhouse at 3 p. m. Friday afternoon, with Prof. C. H. McCloy, who has recently returned to the department of physical education after spending a year in the surgeon general's office in Washington, as guest speaker. Prof. McCloy is continuing to serve here as consultant for the army and navy.

Coach H. M. Howard presented an informal program of mouth organ music following the address and Coach Charles Kennett spoke briefly concerning the fellowship of the group and paid tribute to those formerly with the department who are now serving overseas. Coach Kennett also served as master of ceremonies, distributing the gifts under the Christmas tree. Doughnuts, coffee and pop corn balls were served as refreshments.

**It's still a MERRY CHRISTMAS in the Land of the Free!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Happiness, gaiety and mirth fill the air. Christmas carols, children's happy voices, bells ringing overshadow the heavy hearts. We put our trust in God for a better world tomorrow as we realize that on this Christmas of 1944 we do have much for which to be thankful.

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