

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Merry Christmas

Once again we reach the happy season of the year when it becomes a joyous privilege to extend to each and every one greetings of goodwill in utmost sincerity. With gratefulness for Christmas and what it symbolizes, and with appreciation of the joys of celebration of this glad season, we wish for one and all a happy holiday season and close these greetings with the old—but ever new—expression: **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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## Hard Battles On Philippine Islands

Captured by Axis



Godfrey Anderson, of the Associated Press, who was among the prisoners captured by Axis forces in Libya. Ludwell Denny of the New York Times was also captured.

## Japanese Land Big Forces On Group Islands

No Major Developments In The Fight for Singapore; Hongkong Still Holds

Japanese troops have landed in heavy force 75 miles southeast of Manila, it was announced officially today. Starting a pincers land drive on the Philippines capital from the north and south, the Japanese, according to an army headquarters communique, "landed in heavy force last night along the coast in the vicinity of Altimonan (the southeast coast of Luzon Island opposite Lucena) and heavy fighting also continues in the north with the enemy exerting great pressure."

Altimonan is on the main north-south network of highways leading to Manila, and is only ten miles from Mallebo, a town on the Manila railroad.

Press On Two Sides The Japanese are now pressing on Manila from both the northwest and southeast. Heretofore, the heavy fighting had been at the head of the Pamagna Valley, some 100 miles northwest of here, where the Japanese landed in force two days ago. American bombers, tanks and artillery had been reported taking a heavy toll of the Japanese in the northwest.

There were reports from San Jose of a civilian disaster in the northwestern war zone when Japanese planes ravaged an evacuee camp last night, apparently thinking it was a military quarters.

Wake Feared Lost Indications were that the U.S. Marines on Wake Island who have held out for more than two weeks against repeated Japanese attacks may have been finally overwhelmed.

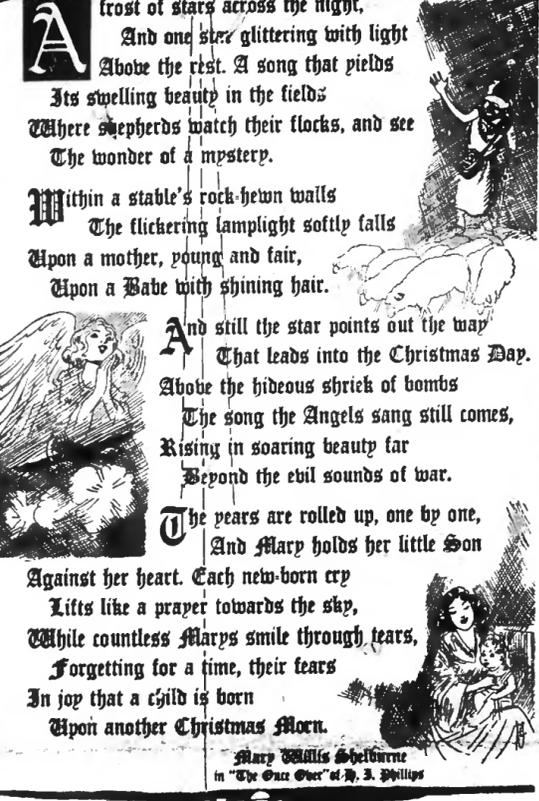
A U. S. Navy communique from Washington admitted the Japanese forces landed on the little Pacific sandbar this morning. A Japanese naval spokesman in Shanghai claimed that the Japanese forces won control of the island.

## BY THE AGENTS— Extension Work In Wilkes County Summarized

By J. B. ... Wilkes County Agent, and H. C. Colvard, Assistant County Agent. "Food for Freedom is the theme for 1942." We wish to express our appreciation to the farmers, to the local and state newspaper agencies, business men, firms, organizations, and all, for their fine spirit of cooperation during the past year, and we wish for each of you a most prosperous New Year. This is given a summary of the work as it was carried out by the agents in 1941: 122.5 days spent in the office, 122.5 days in the office, office visits were made by ... business men asking ... and assistance ... 1,248 telephone calls received asking for information, 1,355 farm visits were made by the County and Assistant Agents for the purpose of ... the farmers with ... problems. 21,114 ... given in performing ... farmers of the ... were mailed ... 125 news articles ... in our local ... We feel that ... state news press ... rendering the far-reaching service by carrying ... information to ... farmers. 158 ... with 3,472 ... At these meetings, topics, such as: Food and Feed Program, which includes Agronomy, Dairying, Animal Husbandry, Poultry, Swine, Fruits and Vegetables, and Home Gardens and Soil Conservation, were discussed with the farmers. The Food for Defense Program was also explained at these meetings. Special subjects such as Dairying and Poultry production were discussed and explained to the 4-H club members. After having gotten our agricultural slogan, Lime, Legumes and Livestock, established and into practice on the majority of our farms we feel that the ... will be in better position ... to produce more food and ... than ever before. We also feel sure that the farmers are going to do everything in their power to carry out our ... freedom program. We want the farmers of the ... to feel free to call on us ... that we can be of ... any of your many ... problems.

## The Years Are Rolled

A frost of stars across the night, And one star glittering with light Above the rest. A song that yields Its swelling beauty in the fields Where shepherds watch their flocks, and see The wonder of a mystery. Within a stable's rock-hewn walls The flickering lamplight softly falls Upon a mother, young and fair, Upon a Babe with shining hair. And still the star points out the way That leads into the Christmas Day. Above the hideous shriek of bombs The song the Angels sang still comes, Rising in soaring beauty far Beyond the evil sounds of war. The years are rolled up, one by one, And Mary holds her little Son Against her heart. Each new-born cry Lifts like a prayer towards the sky, While countless Marys smile through tears, Forgetting for a time, their tears In joy that a child is born Upon another Christmas Morn.



## Mrs. W. S. Brewer Is Taken By Death

Funeral service was held at Rock Creek church today for Mrs. Sarah Ann Brewer, age 68, who died Tuesday at her home in Rock Creek township. Rev. A. B. Hayes conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Charles Richardson.

## December 31st Is Last Day To Sign '2 Farm Program

Farmers who have not signed a form indicating their intention to participate in the farm program for next year in Wilkes County must do so before the end of this month in order to receive a payment for compliance next year.

## Workers Wanted For Pearl Harbor

Washington.—The government is seeking skilled workmen to go to Pearl Harbor, the great American naval base in Hawaii which was bombed by the Japanese last December 7. Civil Service Commissioner Arthur S. Flemming specifically named electricians, electric and gas cutters and shipfitters.

## Canada Keeps 'Em Rolling



Mass-produced in the Angus shops at Montreal, Canada, these infantry tanks have trundled off the assembly line and are being fitted with a powerful two-pounder machine gun, flame-thrower and other equipment. Known as "valentines," the tanks weigh about 20 tons. They have a top speed of 25 miles per hour.

## THE CHIEF SAYS— Firecracker Law To Be Enforced

Noting that firecracker ordinances here have been violated, Police Chief J. E. Walker today said the police department is making efforts to enforce the city's ordinance in the interest of safety.

An ordinance here forbids the firing of firecrackers on the streets, sidewalks and other public places. This means, he said, that if any must fire firecrackers it must be on their own premises if in the city.

## Journal-Patriot

This issue of The Journal-Patriot is being printed Wednesday afternoon to allow the staff a holiday. Because of this publication, this issue contains the most up-to-date local news. We endeavor to give you the issue Monday.

## Red Cross War Relief Fund Campaign Well Under Way

### APPEAL IS MADE— Red Cross Heads Write Letter To People Of County

Whicker and Kilby Ask Full Support of Red Cross War Relief Fund Drive

J. H. Whicker, chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross, and A. F. Kilby, chairman of the war relief fund drive, on Tuesday addressed the following open letter to the citizenship of Wilkes county:

An Open Letter to the Citizenship of Wilkes County:

In every emergency, whether local or national, the citizenship of Wilkes county has been to be occasion. During the Ohio Flood our people put out a generous heart, unsolicited donated more than \$2600.00 through your local Red Cross Chapter to alleviate the suffering of our neighbors. When Finland was attacked and her people suffering, that same generous spirit donated through your local Red Cross Chapter more than \$1800.00. During our recent food shortage our own people suffered the loss of home and property. National Headquarters of the American Red Cross contributed to our needy more than \$70,000.00.

We are now in a mighty struggle, and hundreds of our own boys are marching under the flag which has never been defeated, fighting to defend our sacred privileges and to see that this Government of the people, for the people and by the people shall not perish from the earth. Although our recent roll call membership was the most successful in the history of the chapter, for which all of us are grateful to Almighty God and our people, we are now called upon by National Headquarters of the American Red Cross to donate our proportionate part of a War Fund of \$50,000,000.00, our quota being \$4,000.00. As soon as the campaign was announced, contributions began to flow in and our telephones have been busy all day, merchants, farmers, business men, doctors, lawyers, calling to make donation. Wilkes Hosliery Mills, always loyal to the local chapter, and to human needs, through its (Continued On Page Four)

### Heads Campaign



A. F. Kilby, World War veteran and commander of the Wilkes post of the American Red Cross, is war relief fund chairman for the Wilkes Red Cross. Knowing the value of Red Cross work among the armed forces, Chairman Kilby urges liberal response to the appeal for funds.

## \$500 Raised At the Mirror Plant; Many Contribute

Day's Work By Each Carolina Mirror Employee Is Matched By Company

Five hundred dollars for the Red Cross war relief fund was the sum raised at Carolina Mirror Corporation by the employees and the company as the drive to raise \$4,000 in Wilkes got under way Tuesday.

With the more than \$1,000 raised Monday at the Wilkes Hosliery Mills and the many smaller contributions made as the drive was formally opened, Chairman A. F. Kilby said the opening day was very successful.

According to a proclamation issued Monday by the mayors of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro, chairman of the board of county commissioners and chairman of the civilian defense council, the drive was formally opened Tuesday at 11 a. m. when all business activity ceased for five minutes, the fire siren blew, church bells were rung and factory whistles sounded to herald the event.

In spite of the rain many girls from the North Wilkesboro schools very successfully solicited contributions on the streets and among employees of business houses.

The action of the Carolina Mirror Corporation and employees was highly praised by many here. Edd Gardner, head of the company, called the employees together, commended them for their generosity in the annual Red Cross roll call and explained to them the great need for Red Cross funds to relieve need and suffering among the armed forces who are fighting for the very life of the nation. He asked no certain amount but urged that the employees give as liberally as they could.

A short time later the foremen, one by one, reported at the office that their men had unanimously agreed to give one day's work to the fund. The company matched the contribution of the employees dollar for dollar, making a total of \$500 raised there.

Meanwhile, there have been other substantial contributions but at press time today it was impossible to get a full report of the early part of the drive.

It is emphasized in the appeal that all people of the county should do their part in this patriotic cause and all the Red Cross workers who served throughout the county during the Red Cross roll call are urged to carry the appeal for war relief funds throughout their respective communities.

## Craven Has Good Marine Record

Word has just been received that Donald W. Craven, of North Wilkesboro, has completed his recruit training at Parris Island, S. C. Private Craven entered the Marine Corps in the early part of November and is now at this time ready to be sent to his station.

Private Craven excelled in the use of the infantry weapons that he was instructed in. His greatest accomplishment was shooting a possible 222 out of 250 points when he used the service rifle and qualified as a sharpshooter. He became an expert with the bayonet, pistol, and also the use of hand grenades.

Craven, who is 22 years old, graduated from North Wilkesboro high school, and will most likely be assigned to aviation as that seems to be his greatest interest at the present.

Ads. get attention—and results

## Guardians of Our Western Coast



Seen after word of the Japanese attack on Hawaii was flashed from the White House, American battleships steamed out of Pearl Harbor to meet the stealthy Japanese. This photo (taken before the attack) shows the Pacific fleet steaming through the Golden Gate.

## F. R. Proclaims Day Of Prayer

Washington.—President Roosevelt yesterday proclaimed New Year's Day as a day of prayer.

"We are confident in our devotion to our country, in our love of freedom, in our inheritance of courage," he said. "But our strength, as the strength of all men everywhere, is of greater avail as God upholds us."

Therefore, he said, he was setting aside the first day of 1942 "as a day of prayer, of asking forgiveness for our shortcomings of the past, of consecration to the tasks of the present, of asking God's help in days to come."

Christmas comes only once a year so surely we can take the time to spell it out instead of curtailing it "Xmas".