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### Christmas And A Renewed Hope

In a world torn asunder by weapons of war, where millions are being maimed and killed, where horrors are commonplace and confusion and distrust exist, and the business of killing is foremost in the minds of men, one would, on first thought, recognize the words, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" as having only an empty meaning.

But today, despite all that is terrible, disheartening and disconcerting the trimmings are being clipped from Christmas and by misery, suffering and sorrow we are being drawn closer to the deep realization of what the day of days really means. Surely, after suffering the horrors of war we can better appreciate peace.

In this day of stress, trials and tribulations, the light of the Christmas candle burns low. But one can go back across the centuries and picture a world oppressed, overrun by greed and burdened with suffering and sorrow. Then, a tiny candle was lit in a stable at Bethlehem. Soon it was joined by a star in the Heavens, and down through the centuries the glow from that first candle has been the guiding light, the hope of men for nearly two thousand years. All was dark then, but the light of the Christ dispelled the darkness. Couldn't it be that the first light has grown dim only to gather a new glow and out of all that is confusion now cast forth a brighter glow that will lead mankind to peace and good will? For, after all, this Christmas in many respects is not so different from the first one. A new hope was given the world at that time. Couldn't it be that the Almighty, in his mysterious way, is giving us a renewed hope today?

It isn't at all easy for us to understand the exacting costs in death and suffering, but surely there must be some consolation in the knowledge that in giving of our means, even life itself with the resulting sorrows and sacrifices, another stone is being firmly placed in the foundation upon which a hope renewed will be firmly placed and builded for those who follow in our train in the tomorrows.

We will measure the power of our weapons and material might and render unto Caesar those things belonging to Caesar, but in comparison the mighty force expressed by Henry

VanDyke's Christmas prayer written in another war is far greater. The author of yesteryear did not abandon hope in times of sorrow and stress. He went to the foundation of all things and expressed his renewed hope in a prayer which we, today, can well say:

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

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

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

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

### Marking The End

This edition of The Enterprise marks the end of another year in the paper's life. It has been a hectic year, in many ways, but the ups and downs of the period will, no doubt, be remembered as easy sailing compared with what is to come.

Regardless of what the future may bring, The Enterprise force did not want 1942 to slip past without a word to its family of readers and loyal patrons. The mistakes have been numerous, it is readily admitted, and while we may have little claim to be excused, it must be remembered that these are troublous times, that more has been attempted to help our county and its people. There were times when the paper appeared critical, but toward no one does it hold malice; it was just against the acts and practices that could not stand the light that criticism was directed. And in that, too, errors may have crept in. In those cases we pause here to say we are sincerely sorry. If by criticism we have helped someone to recognize their duties to home, government and country, or to brighten the way for others, or to work for a common and desired goal, there is some basis for consolation even if forgiveness comes up short.

And as we ring down the curtain on another year, we pledge our best efforts to continue every possible service that a small country newspaper is able to offer during the coming year. We see a difficult period ahead. Some changes are almost certain to follow, and it might be that all will have to go to work. But come what may, we will do our best.

### The Return Of The Pioneer

Christian Science Monitor.  
New England resourcefulness is not a thing of the past. Members of a church in Dedham, Massachusetts, the other day set out into the forest to chop wood to heat their building.

It was not oil rationing but the labor shortage that sent the menfolk out to wield an ax, just as their Pilgrim fathers may have done. The little church has long been heated by wood, and the woodlot from which it has been supplied was deeded to the original Dedham Unitarian Church 200 years ago.

It's a good sign that there are men and women these days ready to shoulder an ax—and wield it. With the fuel situation what it is, many may find it convenient to "get in the swing." All of us may not be fortunate enough to have our own woodlot, but at least we have access to the same reservoir of ingenuity and resourcefulness.

# CHURCH NEWS

### BAPTIST

Wednesday, Dec. 23rd  
Christmas entertainment for the Cradle Roll, Beginner, Primary and Junior Departments of the Sunday School.

### Friday, Dec. 25th

Christmas Day Vesper Service, 4:30 p. m. There will be a short address by the pastor on "The Meaning of Christmas," to be followed by a pageant, "Gifts of God," by Gwynn McLendon. The following will participate: Misses Patricia King, Mary Trulsh Peel, Mary O'Neal Pope, Helen Weaver, Frankie Everett and Judy Ayers.

### Sunday, Dec. 27th

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Worship service, 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "The Acceptable Year of the Lord."  
Training Union, 6:30 p. m.  
Worship service, 7:30 p. m. The pastor will speak on the topic: "Checking up on '42."

### CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "Fighting a Good Fight."  
Young People's Meeting, 6:45 p. m. Subject, "Let Your Light So Shine."  
Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Sources of Courage."  
Choir rehearsal, Tuesday, 8 p. m.  
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "God's New Day."

### CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Choral Holy Communion Service, 11:30 p. m. on Christmas Eve. All Christian people are cordially invited to worship with us at this midnight service. The offering will be devoted to the Presiding Bishop's United Church Relief Fund, which is distributed through various existing War Relief agencies. The order of the choral service is as follows:

Carol, "Silent Night"; Processional, "Adeste Fideles"; Carol, "O Holy Night"; Shorter Kyrie, J. Barby; Christmas Sequence with bell; Gratias Tibi, Anon.; Anthem, "The Hush of Night Hath Fallen," U. R. Spence; Offertory Sentences, Anon.; Sersum Corda, J. Camidge; Sanctus, Taylor; Benedictus Qui Venit, R. M. Stults; Agnus Dei, R. M. Stults; Hymn, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," Picardy; Gloria in Excelsis, Old Chant; Carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; Recessional, Hark, The Herald Angels Sing, Mendessohn.

Chora celebration of the Holy Communion on Christmas morning at 10:30. The offering for this service will also be devoted to the United Church Relief Fund.

First Sunday after Christmas. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.

ST. MARTIN'S, Hamilton  
On Sunday evening at 5:30 we will have a Carol and Candlelight service. All the people of the community are cordially invited to worship with us.

### RIDDICK'S GROVE

The pastor will conduct the regular preaching service at the Riddick's Grove Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.



PEACE  
will come again

THE GREATEST gift that can come to any person, any people, this Christmas is the heartfelt belief that Peace will come again.

Not the peace of complacency, compromise or appeasement, but the justly earned Peace of those who truly believe and are willing to fight for their faith in the good, the generous, the kindly way of life.

The evil shall be swept from the earth, drowned in that very misery they have brought down upon their fellowmen, and the good shall arise from their suffering.

Peace will come again . . . beyond languages, beyond creeds, beyond boundaries.

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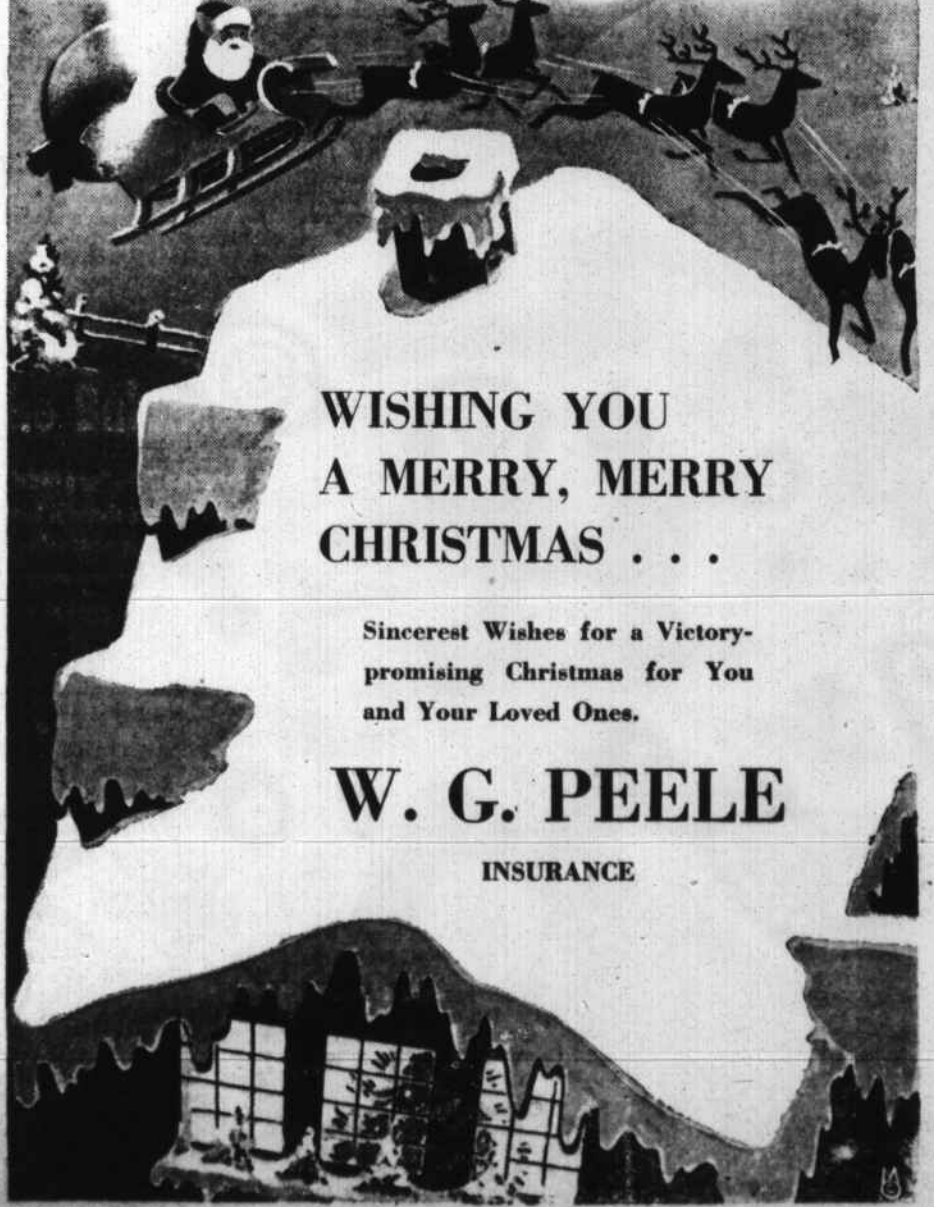
**TUESDAY, December 29th**

AT 10:30 A. M.

On the above date the place announced we will offer the following personal property: 20 Mules, All Hogs, Cows and Goats, one John "B" Tractor, Field Disc, Disc Tiller, Carts, Wagons, Cultivators, Plows, Tobacco Trucks and Sticks, Corn and Hay, and All Other Farming implements.

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