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Christmas Carols in the Camps
Feature American Soldier's Yule



LUCKY indeed is the soldier who obtains a Christmas burrhead and spends a portion of his holiday season at home, but what about those hundreds of thousands of American boys in our Army who will remain on duty in the cantonments and island bases and in garrisoning distant outposts?

The answer is voiced in a song—a glorious hymn that will be heard from virile young throats singing in praise of Him in whom repose mankind's steadfast hope in this dark hour of the world's history.

The hymn, a favorite of the American soldier and of his forebears in arms since colonial campfires, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," will be sung in 300 new Army chapels where this year Christmas services will be held for the first time.

In his spiritual life, Army chaplains declare, the common soldier finds the closest link with military duties with the cherished customs of his home. Especially among young men from the farming communities and the towns and smaller cities the observance of Christmas in the camps will not be unlike the observance in churches throughout the land where friends and neighbors assemble for the Christian festival. In Army chapels the same midnight services will be held, the youthful worshipper will join in the same inspiring music, he will hear again the same messages of hope, the same fervent prayers for peace and good will.

During Yuletide the singing of familiar carols will enliven the camps, not only in the training areas at home but the same music of cheer and comfort will echo from the cliffs of Iceland and the wastes of Greenland as well as among the tropic shores of Trinidad, Guiana, and the Orient. For the Chief of Chaplains has announced the distribution of the new Army and Navy Hymnal, a book containing the best in sacred themes, subdivided for Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish forms of worship. Special visitations will be made to the hospitals. Neither will the inmates of the guardhouse be overlooked.

All will share the spirit of Christmas.

At this season the 1,200 chaplains in our Army take stock of their efforts through the year, and the Chief of Chaplains advises the Chief of Staff as well as the home folks that most encouraging progress has been made for the spiritual well-being of the troops. Where 11,940,000 soldiers attended religious services during the last fiscal year with an average of 97.8 persons at each service, it is



pointed out that there is now a much larger participation and a corresponding increase in the ministrations of holy sacraments.

Said a veteran chaplain:

"The tradition established by those pioneer soldiers who bowed in prayer on the eve of Bunker Hill and in the storm-swept camps at Valley Forge is still alive in the hearts of America's defenders in arms."

GREETINGS!

How this year has sped by! It has been fraught throughout with our concern over beleaguered nations fighting against time for Victory, and since the attack on Pearl Harbor, we have been wrapt in concentration on the speeding-up and moving forward of our own defense program.

The days, weeks and months have folded each into the other with such seeming rapidity, since last Christmas that we have just had to stop in our tracks and regear our thinking, our activities and our emotions despite the present uncertainties and anxieties, to plan and carry out the business of Christmas.

And it is just by contrast, based on the weighty matters which preoccupy all of us right now, that we want to do our share to endow this Christmas with welcome old-fashioned sentiment; the fond exchange of greetings and remembrances, and joy for little children too young in years or experience to quite appreciate the blessing that is theirs in observing Christmas in America!

In bringing you this special Christmas issue on Christmas Eve, the Enterprise and its entire staff join with the numerous business firms, represented in personal messages in this issue, in hoping that this Christmas brings you fulfillment of every wish, and that it finds you happily surrounded by the things and the people you love. These are the things that make for contentment—than which nothing is more precious! And if our special edition and greetings add something to your enjoyment of the holiday, then your Christmas shall be happier too!

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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many, where it retained its folk-song qualities of legendary lore and child-like simplicity, with a strange mingling of reverence and genial mirthfulness. The French Noel began to appear in the fifteenth century as did the Christmas carols in England, where they ranged from charming lullabies to riotous drinking songs. During the Reformation, the true carols with their spontaneity and festive element disappeared, to be replaced later by the more sedate and devotional hymns.

The beginning of the eighteenth century marks the transition from the true carol to the more dignified and solemn Christmas hymn. "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and "Adeste Fideles" belong to this period. "Adeste Fideles," or "O Come All Ye Faithful," was composed probably in France about 1700 and is perhaps best beloved of the Christmas hymns. The nineteenth century brought the beautiful "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht," also "O Little Town of Bethlehem," written by our Phillips Brooks and inspired by a Christmas eve spent by him in Bethlehem.

Thus the Christmas carols have lived through the centuries. And so, on Christmas eve, as the candles burn in our windows, in remembrance of the Star of Bethlehem, and we hear youthful voices caroling these old familiar songs, let us rejoice that we are preserving ideals and traditions which will be forever the heritage of every Christian nation.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

That's something we can all use a lot of right now—cheer to spur us on to doing our daily jobs better; cheer to make the burden lighter as we put our shoulder to the wheel of defense. Cheer to spread to other democracies; food to sustain our people and those of other lands, arms to equip our soldiers and morale to help them and the others to keep up the fight until liberty is a certainty. The snow's whiteness will be shadowed by warfare on every continent this Christmas and little children expecting to see Santa riding on high may find bombers dropping deadly peril instead of toys.

Welcome back, Santa, with your pack of Christmas cheer. We're sure no one in the whole world; at least no one who has the human instincts of love and peace and whimsy—will forget about your coming. But so much of the world is blacked out in a struggle to guarantee that they may go on living and giving full expression to those instincts—that you'll understand our suggesting that you unload your year's supply of Christmas cheer right here—and we'll do our level best to distribute it for you. And next year Santa . . . next year will be different. The world will be jolly and free again. For by then Democracy will once more be a brightly shining star on the world's Christmas tree.

WALSTONBURG NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goin spent Saturday in Buckingham, Va.

Among those who are spending the holidays at their homes are Cameron Wall, Bruton Taylor, Harold Bailey and Baby Marlowe, of U. N. C., Jennie Hedrick, of Drexard, Cecil Lang, Duke, Dot Gardner, A. C. C. Alex, Bailey, E. C. T. C. and Janis Marlowe, of Columbia, S. C.

Mr. C. T. Hicks and Mr. Earl Lang made a business trip to Raleigh, Monday.

Mr. Ed Taylor, Jr., a teacher near Greensboro, came home Monday for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Wm. Shackelford and family, including Mrs. Marie and children, returned from Farmville Monday.

Mr. Earl Lang went to Greensboro Monday.

Mr. C. T. Hicks and Mr. Earl Lang

U. S. TANKS SMASHING JAPS

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forces in the Lingayen area "more than held their own," and the general added, "Our troops are behaving well."

The assault had appeared in heavy forces in 30 transports (with a force which Washington estimated at 30,000 to 100,000 men), but not all the invaders had even reached the shore, for in at least one area they were stopped and troop ships were sunk or burnt by the heavy guns of the island and that landing was prevented.

The Lingayen coastal area commander approaches to Manila; the other units in width over road command; Manila; the other from Lingayen.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Wishing You the Best Of Everything Now And the Whole Year Through</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** D. F. & R. O. LANG</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Merry Chimes Ring Out Glad Wishes To You and Yours</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** FARMVILLE FLOWER SHOP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">May Your Christmas Be Merry Your Happiness Unending</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** WILLIAMS' Grocery & Market</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TO MY MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS MERRY CHRISTMAS and ALL THE BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** W. E. JOYNER</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Accept Our Wishes For a Gala Yule Season</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** ARCHIE'S PLACE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">This is a New Christmas May it Bring You New Joy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** Home Security Life Insurance Co. FARMVILLE, N. C.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wishing for You and Yours Holiday Cheer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** E. & F. MOTOR CO.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Accept Our Best and Sincerest Wishes For Good Cheer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** B. S. & R. L. SMITH</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">GREETINGS and GOOD CHEER * To You and Yours *</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* May Health and Happiness * Accompany You *</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FARMVILLE B. & L. ASS'N</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CORDIAL GOOD WISHES For Your Happiness Now and in the New Year</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** COLONIAL ICE COMPANY</p>
<p>Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!</p> <p>We, through our entire membership, extend to all of our customers in this Yuletide Season and the surrounding community our sincere good wishes at this Yuletide Season. May Happiness and Prosperity follow thru, with * "Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men" *</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FARMVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & MERCHANTS ASSO'N.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">The Jolliest and Best OF Christmas Wishes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** FARMVILLE LAUNDRY and DRY CLEANERS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A Merry Portion of Good Health and Prosperity</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** R. A. PARKER MOTOR CO. FARMVILLE, N. C.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">May You Have All it Takes For a Merry Christmas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** MIZELLE ELECTRIC SHOP FARMVILLE, N. C.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May Every Wish of Yours Be Fulfilled at This Glad Season</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** THE CITY CAFE</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Joy and Happiness For the Yuletide Is Our Wish</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** MOORE'S SERVICE STATION</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">With Old Fashioned Sincerity We Say A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** Modlin's Market & Produce Co.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In the Spirit of Christmas We Extend Our Heartiest Greetings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** CENTRE HARDWARE CO.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Offering You Heartiest Greetings And Our Best Wishes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** Dupree's Department Store</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Our Good Wishes for a Joyous Christmas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** K. CANNON'S DEPT. STORE FARMVILLE, N. C.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May All the Joys Of This Season Be Yours</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** THE 97 SHOP</p>