

School Children Make Christmas Cheer For 2,000

Fort Bragg, N. C., Dec. 25.—Fort Bragg observed its third war-time Christmas of World War II today in traditional Army fashion.

Christmas events were varied and many, with each unit carrying out its own celebration in keeping with the wishes of the men. Religious services and turkey dinner featured on all programs.

Work and training were at a standstill, with only skeleton staffs on duty.

Thousands of troops were absent from the post, either on pass or Christmas furlough. Others, however, found plenty of Christmas spirit at this largest of Army posts, many of these men experiencing their first Yuletide in the Army.

More than 2,000 soldiers stationed here who might otherwise have been forgotten had a nicer Christmas this year because of the generosity of the school children of North Carolina. Some 17,000 children from all parts of the state gave a dime or a quarter and bought a present for a soldier remaining here over the holidays.

These gifts, placed under Christmas trees, were distributed to the men under the supervision of the chief of chaplains. Many of the gifts contained notes from the pupils, and to show their appreciation the men wrote short letters to the children who had shared their meager funds with them.

Brigadier General John T. Kennedy, Commanding General of Fort Bragg, saw that nothing was spared to make Christmas dinner "something to be remembered" by the men in uniform.

One-variety cotton improvement groups throughout North Carolina are now making plans for growing of cotton seed, direct from the breeder, for seed supplies in 1945.

Emergency Relief Of Army Saves Home For Soldiers

ATLANTA, Dec. — This could be called a "meanest man in the world" story. It involves a soldier's family and an unscrupulous landlord who in spite of the many war-time sacrifices everyone is making, tried everything in his power to evict this family from their home.

This young mother and her husband with an eye to the future for their son and daughter, had decided to settle down in a thriving community. They purchased a home from a local real estate man on the divided payment plan. With United States' entry into the war, the patriotic husband felt that it was his duty to enlist in the Army. He made the necessary arrangements for his wife and two children to receive a family allowance which was sufficient for their basic needs. However, due to a promotion, payment difficulties were encountered and Mrs. R. was without funds for some months. The landlord became impatient when the monthly payments on her home ceased and threatened eviction. Threat followed threat and the young wife finally agreed to vacate her home and signed a document to that effect. Thinking that her home would be lost by mid-December, the mother came to the office of Army Emergency Relief, hoping that they could find her an apartment temporarily until she could join her husband on the west coast. When Mrs. R. had explained the case, the social worker questioned the legality of the document she had signed and asked to see it. The chairman of the War Committee of the Bar Association was called in to determine the legality of the agreement. Several flaws were found in it and the chairman of the War Committee promised immediate action to prevent dispossession by contacting a member of the committee in the young mother's locality. Mrs. R. went home with the knowl-

Warship Trains Girls.

Girls employed making shells in Belfast, Northern Ireland, were recently taken for a voyage on an armed trawler which had been on Russian convoys. They fired their own shells under the direction of gun crews. Sir Basil Brooke, Prime Minister, said that interest in the work at the factory had increased enormously. A naval gun has been installed in one factory to demonstrate the shell made there, and this has increased production.

U. S. Methods Amaze.

New Zealand instructors marveled when visiting American educators told teachers gathered at Christ church for a conference that whipping had been abolished in American schools. News papers played up the reports that other corrective methods were effective in the United States, and that the only corporal punishment was occasional raps on knuckles with a ruler.

Irish Whiskey Reduced

Supplies of Irish whiskey for the export trade are short because of unfavorable weather which has produced a grain crop shortage, according to information from Dublin, Erie. Grain will have to be imported to meet Eire's needs and the wheat shortage may necessitate mixing wheat with barley to meet requirements. This use of barley will affect the operations of the whiskey distillers.

Troop Return Planned.

Nigeria, west central African country, already has plans laid for the return of her soldiers from battle. The Nigerian program of economic development and social welfare, outlined in Lagos, includes registration for ex-soldiers seeking employment and a land settlement plan for those wishing to farm. Trade training also is included in the postwar project.

Brick Hurler Caught

After hurling bricks and stones at a neighbor's house for two years and escaping discovery, Senor Piedra, 53 years old, is in jail in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Senora Cavallero arrived home just in time to see her neighbor begin his target practice. He ran, she pursued. The chase continued for several blocks, but she won, and turned Piedra over to the police.

Fertilizer

Nitrogeon for top dressing small grains and other fertilizer for early spring crops should be ordered now and deliveries taken, says Dr. E. R. Collins, Extension agronomist at State College.



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New Village Donated

Because the village of Tokaani, New Zealand, was flooded out in the course of raising the nearby lake by the Ministry of Works, the government has purchased a site and is constructing a new village for the inhabitants. "We know the area flooded has been flooded before", Minister R. Semple explained, "but raising the lake has aggravated the situation and probably will perpetuate it. We accept responsibility."

Asparagus

Soil should be prepared in the next few weeks for the setting of asparagus crowns in March, say Extension horticulturists at State College. The recommended variety is Mary Washington.

Maragraine

The FDA is considering the possibility of increasing the supply of maragraine for civilian rationing during the first three months of 1944.



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