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A CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL

For A Happier Holiday — Avoid Accidents

Human life is never cheap.

Even in wartime, with the world bent on death and destruction, life and health are the most valuable possessions. The Christmas season emphasizes this value, more than any other season. It is good to be alive at Christmas time!

No realistic person will delude himself that Christmas, 1944, will be a happy, normal Christmas. The world at war with men in far-flung places—with death and injury stalking the battlefield, with vacant places around many Christmas trees—belies any hope of a truly Merry Christmas.

But an accident to you or a member of your family will take the last remnant of Christmas spirit from your home. Yet, according to the National Safety Council, hundreds of homes will be saddened by accidents during the holiday season.

Don't let it be your home. Take extra care during the holiday season to protect yourself and your family by using common sense and courtesy. Remember it when you drive an automobile. Remember it in your work. Remember it in your home.

For a happier holiday—avoid accidents!

And speaking of accidents, The Echo wishes to take this opportunity to commend every worker and Safety Director H. E. Newbury upon the fine record that has been made at Ecusta for the past year and more. As shown by a story in this issue, Ecusta's frequency and severity rates are lower than the national average. Let's resolve to make it an even better record.

ATTENTION, MILITARY PEOPLE!

To all former employees on our Military Honor Roll who are still in service we are considering offering a subscription to one of the following magazines:

LIFE
TIME
NEWSWEEK
READER'S DIGEST

Under postal regulations, a subscription may be sent overseas provided a specific request is received from the soldier or sailor. If a subscription is ordered for a military person in the United States who goes overseas during the period of the subscription, the magazine will follow him without further request on his part.

If you are really interested, and you do not have good library facilities where you are located, or are not already a subscriber, I will be glad to consider your request for one of the above magazines. **BE SURE TO KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY CHANGE IN ADDRESS.**

HARRY H. STRAUS, President.

Beneath The Pisgah The Poet's Corner

American Child: 1

By PAUL ENGLE

Lucky the living child born in a
land
Where noise outside the door is
still a dog
And not the secret gun, the bloody
hand;
Where fear is not around her like
fog,
Dark and cold and desperate for
the throat;
Where books are still merely the
children's choice
And not a self-glory that a leader
wrote
With a hysteria of hand and voice.
No child need learn a mouth has
many ways
Of talking—lies, deceit, intima-
tion;
Still in this day her cries for
games she plays
Are not the slogans of a state ora-
tion,
But the old calls of children in all
days,
The living triumph of the tongue's
elation.

Subsequences

By SEAN O'KEARNEY

Beat down, rain,
Tamp wind-driven seed
Into the soil;
Swell it with child
To be born without toil,
Without pain,
On fields where fighters bleed.
O wild flowers grown wild,
I'm not a fighter,
I'm a lover!

Beat down, rain,
Since beat you will
Upon my head,
Bending and sick
Of the places it's lain
With the dead
On fields where fighters kill.
O mud, detested, thick,
I'm not a fighter,
I'm a lover!

Our Flag

By MARIE WILDE MCKINNEY

Tonight as I stand beneath this
flag,
A banner of the country I love,
I'll breathe a simple little prayer
To God in Heaven above.

Dear God, may our flag always be
the same
Down through the ceaseless years,
May it always wave its colors high
And its country be a cure for
heartaches and fears.

May we think of the red as the
blood that was shed
On the shores of foreign lands,
And may the white be a guiding
light
To each and every man.

And then there's the blue,
The color of the skies,
May it stand for the boys so true
The ones who have fought and
died.

So dear God, help America to
wake up
And never let these colors down.
May you help them to wave for-
ever
Over America's ground.

Buy U. S. Government Bonds
and Stamps regularly.



Our Book Corner

"The true University of these
days is a collection of books."
—Carlyle.

The arrival of new books is al-
ways good news. So read this
month's "Book Corner", taking
mental notes, all the while; for you
will surely find one or more books
here to help you relax on some
of these busy days between
Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The additions are:

Faith Baldwin's ALIMONY,
Herbert Best's YOUNG 'UN, R. D.
Blackmore's LORNA DOONE, D.
W. Brogan's AMERICAN CHAR-
ACTER, Mignon G. Eberhart's
THE DARK GARDEN and HASTY
WEDDING, Ruth Fedder's A
GIRL GROWS UP, Maysie Greig's
HEART APPEAL, PASSION
FLOWER by Kathleen Norris, Re-
nee Shann's WAR WIFE, and Ed-
gar Snow's PEOPLE ON OUR
SIDE.

ALIMONY is a tale of two
warm-hearted young people's gal-
lant fight against a world of cyn-
icism, greed and lust.

YOUNG 'UN, a Book-of-the-
Month selection, is a novel of re-
ality and enchantment; a tale of
upstate New York in the days of
land grants, of frontier hardship
and robust love-making.

Blackmore's story, LORNA
DOONE, may already be one of
your favorites. It is a romance—
the incidents, characters, time,
scenery are alike romantic—tell-
ing of the savage deeds of the out-
law Doones in the depth of Bag-
worthy Forest, the beauty of the
hapless maid brought up in the
midst of them, etc.

You've probably guessed that
THE DARK GARDEN and HASTY
WEDDING were mysteries because
Mignon Eberhart has thrilled you
before with his chilling murder
stories. These two offer love as
well as mystery.

A GIRL GROWS UP was writ-
ten for all 'teen-age girls. It ex-
amines and interprets some of the
commonest difficulties adolescents
have to face, and describes in a
lively style the adjustments they
must make.

HEART APPEAL, PASSION
FLOWER, and WAR WIFE are all
light reading but they are in-
triguing love stories. Many read-
ers of the Echo, war wives, will
be interested in the novel WAR
WIFE—the story of an R.A.F. pi-
lot husband who lost his memory
in a bombing raid and his wife had
to win him all over again.

PEOPLE ON OUR SIDE is an
engrossing story of the forces that
are shaping the future destinies of
Russia, China and India, written
by one of the outstanding corre-
spondents of our time; his sense
of historical perspective, his keen
observer's eye and his incompar-
ably forceful writing are all evi-
dent in PEOPLE ON OUR SIDE.