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## COMMUNITY SING

The editor of this paper commends heartily the erection of the community Christmas tree and the program which is to be given on next Wednesday night when carols and hymns will be sung by trained voices aided by all who will take part. For years we have desired to see such an observance of the Christmas season, and feel sure there are many others who have had the same sentiments. May we all meet together and enjoy an hour of fellowship such as can be had at no other time. Come prepared to sing, or to do your best along that line. This will add to your own pleasure in the occasion as well as to the enjoyment of others.

## SEEN AND HEARD

C. A. Paul, Charlotte News columnist, does not claim to be especially religious; but a quotation and comment appearing under his name this week puts certain cases clearly before one. He used the lines with reference to those who put God off until old age has crept upon them, then sing:

Oh, you need not come in the early morn,  
Nor in the heat of the day;  
But come along in the evenin',  
Lord,  
And wash my sins away.

### WHAT IS A CATTARAUGUS?

In Temple Market is advertised a "Cattaraugus Steak Set" to be given for coupons from a certain brand of flour. And that gives rise to the question: "What is a Cattaraugus— Is he—or it—fish, or flesh, or good red herring? It would appear that since steak is referred to a cattaraugus might be a quadruped; but who knows? When asked about it, Dover Hinton tried to insist that the word means a new kind of steel; but pinned down, he admitted that he was not sure and went to the dictionary. Either his dictionary was old, or a cattaraugus had not been discovered until later; for he could not find the word. Wallace Temple also insists that the steak meant is beef. Maybe so; but why call it such a name?

### WHO PAYS THE TAXES

There is not enough income in wealth in the top brackets alone to provide the necessary revenue even if it were all taken in taxes, according to Chairman Doughon, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Another key-official in Washington, Chairman Jones of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation explains his statement that "taxes are not levied against the rich and well-to-do only." On the contrary, he tells how "the worker who earns \$150 a month owns an automobile but no other property, pays \$229.20 annually in ordinary taxes, even though he is a family man and is not required to pay a direct income tax."

Nearly 13 per cent of the income of the man earning \$150 a month goes for hidden taxes on the following items: "food, rent,

clothing, fuel and light, a used car, recreation such as movies, insurance and a small amount for incidentals.

If our Average Man smokes a package of cigarettes a day his tax goes up six cents, at the rate of \$21.90 a year. If the wife puffs too, see what happens to that tax bill in a year. Things begin to squeeze pretty hard on family budgets. Average Family takes a swig of liquor occasionally. That rings up taxes that are as heavy as those on cigarettes.

"Gee, mother, this gas costs a lot of money," complains hubby. "Wouldn't have been so bad if you hadn't paid 25 cents taxes on that five gallons," observes the wife. And so they roll along the highways in pursuit of happiness.

"There can be no more iniquitous or absolutely unfair method of taxation than the deception practiced upon the average citizen in direct and hidden taxes," declared Representative Treadway, one of the able men that Massachusetts has kept in Congress most of the time for the past twenty-odd years.

### THE WEEK IN BUSINESS

Ordinarily, the possessor of \$100,000 in capital funds would be justified in expecting a sizeable income. J. Stewart Baker, Chairman of the Bank of the Manhattan Company, New York, finds the opposite to be true. In his annual report, he points out that \$100,000 of the bank's funds loaned out in the call-money market produces a gross return of only \$2.78 per day. Bulletin of the Federal Reserve Board for December attribute the present "recession" to the influence of numerous maladjustments that have developed during the year. Although money is plentiful for a spirited revival of business, the Bulletin attributes the reluctance of industry to expand to the present uncertainties of the business world. While the rate of steel production in this country suffered another slight reduction, output in Great Britain in November set a new record of 1,178,300 tons. Retail prices last month registered the sharpest decline in several years, especially in piece-goods, women's wear and housefurnishings.

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## LATE AGAIN

For several weeks this fall the RECORD has reached its readers late. This is much regretted by the shop and office force; but at times it seems unavoidable. The rush of work contracted for but late arriving is our main reason for not getting our own paper in the mails at the regular time.

However, we shall make an extra effort to have the RECORD reach you next week before Christmas Day, realizing that if it does not, you will not receive it until the week after publication, since no mail will be delivered Saturday.

## PEACE, NOT WAR

It is gratifying to note that notwithstanding the sinking of an American ship by the Japanese, there is no cry for war as punishment; nobody has suggested "Remember the Panay" as a rallying cry for battle. What the final outcome may be cannot be foretold; but we do believe that our country and our leaders are sincere in their professions of desire for peace and that they will not be hasty in decisions made. Nearly forty years ago we were urged to Remember the Maine. Since that date we have added to our store of memories those of the World War with its ghastly horrors and the scarcely better aftermath; and we want no more such in our minds and hearts.

## SOVIET HOLDS "ELECTION"

Moscow, U. S. S. R.—Soviet Russia held its first nation-wide election under its new constitution, when 90,000,000 "voters", with only one ticket in the field, voted that ticket to perpetuate Joseph Stalin in office as Dictator. The enforced absence of any opposition gives the Russian Communist Party the greatest blanket vote ever cast for a political regime in the world's history.

## SPECIAL SESSION BOGS

Washington, D. C.—While every effort is being made to send to conference at least two of the four Presidential measures for which the present special session of Congress was called, little hope is held out for the enactment of Mr. Roosevelt's full legislative program. Even when the Farm Bill and the Wages and Hours measure reach the floor of the House, the strongest kind of opposition is expected to develop. The refusal of the Interstate Commerce Commission to grant the railroads an immediate increase in rates has added to the current industrial unrest, and Chm. Harrison of the Senate Finance Committee estimates that no readjustment of the taxation laws as affecting industry could be expected before February 1st.

## PLANES CRASH IN AIR

Bendix, N. J. — With boundless space in which to operate, two planes crashed 500 feet above a local airport and sent one amateur solo pilot to death, while the other, a 25-year-old professional flyer landed his four-seater plane with three passengers with some difficulty. One of his woman passengers was in a dead faint when the plane landed.

## C. C. C. CAMPS CLOSE

Washington, D. C. — Civilian Conservation Corps will close 104 of its camps by January 1st, but will begin immediately to enlist 32,000 young men for the first quarter of 1938. During the first three months of the New Year schedules call for carrying 280,000 on the rolls.

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## DEBNAM'S



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### GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

AIR RIFLES  
22 RIFLES  
WAGONS  
TRICYCLES  
POPGUNS  
PISTOLS  
HARPS  
KNIVES

### GIFTS FOR GROWNUPS

WATCHES  
CLOCKS  
HAIR CLIPPERS  
FLASHLIGHTS  
STEEL TRAPS  
CARTRIDGES

### GIFTS FOR THE HOME

TEASETS  
TABLE LAMPS  
KNIVES AND FORKS  
ENAMEL WARE  
CHINA WARE  
ALUMINUM WARE  
DOOR MATS  
WINDOW SHADES  
TUBS AND BUCKETS  
LARD STANDS  
WASH POTS  
SAUSAGE MILL AND  
STUFFER

### FOR GARDEN AND FARM

AXES, MAULS, WEDGES  
HAMMERS, SAWS  
SQUARES, HATCHETS  
HINGES AND LOCKS  
FILES AND BITS  
GARDEN WIRE  
HOES AND RAKES  
FORKS AND SHOVELS

### FOR BUILDING AND REPAIRING

WINDOWS AND DOORS  
GLASS  
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OPEN FORMULAS  
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