

President Endorses Dec. 13 As Universal Bible Sunday

Washington — "I am happy to give my endorsement to the setting aside of December 13 as Universal Bible Sunday, writes President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the American Bible Society in his annual endorsement of this observance which is sponsored by the Bible Society and will be celebrated in tens of thousands of churches throughout the country. "These days of crisis have brought strain and anguish to American homes, but they have brought also a quickened sense of the strength which religion alone can give to our people. "The crisis of the world today is a moral crisis. The essential war is a war of values, and the stake for which mankind is contending is the right to be free. The Christian conception of man created in the image of God, that tradition of human freedom and dignity which over many centuries has gradually achieved democracy as its secular expression, is challenged today by the Nazi conception of man created

in the image of beasts of the field. We are defending humanity against systematic and calculated brutalization. We are fighting to make the future safe for decency and brotherhood. "More than any single work, the Bible is the repository of the moral and religious teachings of our western tradition. It is a book not for a day or a week but for eternity. In the great moral crisis of ancient Israel the prophet Isaiah cried out, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." "In that spirit we shall fortify our souls for the uncertainties of the future. With that spirit sustaining us, we shall not falter and we shall not fall." For over two decades the American Bible Society has sponsored the annual observance of a Sunday in December as Universal Bible Sunday, supplying material to over 100,000 pastors to

Permits, Fees Not Required For Hog Killing

Farmers can kill their hogs just like they have slaughtered them at home for years—despite some rumors that are going around about permits and fee requirements—I. O. Schaub, director of the co-operative extension work in agriculture and home economics in North Carolina, said. Home and Farm Agents are urged to do everything possible to spike the rumors. "Reports from the field indicate that much misinformation and gossip is going around as regards the share-the-meat program," Schaub said in his letter. The letter said: "Reports from a number of counties indicate that many people believe they will need a permit before they can kill any animal. Some reports say these permits cost from \$3 to \$5—or more. Others are to the effect that farmers will have to have their hogs weighed before killing them. "Such reports are entirely erroneous and I hope that you will do everything possible to stop such rumors. There is a possibility that they are being circulated deliberately. If you can get track of any definite sources of such rumors, I hope you will advise.

"The share-the-meat program is purely a voluntary one at the present time, and while the farmers will be asked to limit their consumption to an allowance set up for the country as a whole, I doubt if it will affect but very few on the basis of average yearly consumption. "Comparatively few of our farmers average more than the consumption allotment requested for all of the people." DECEMBER 7 "Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it." —Abraham Lincoln.

aid in this celebration. The theme chosen this year is "Watch Your Scripture Reading."

Ashe Gas



By Stella W. Anderson

Santa is on the way and how the children are talking about him! His ears are surely burning. West Jefferson stores have plentiful stocks for his selections. It is probably more of a girls' Christmas than a boys' this year, as there is some shortage of wheel goods, but no rationing on dolls. What beautiful dolls are here, large ones, small ones in fact every kind you can think of. And some of them are walking and talking. Gwyn Little, who was looking at some at Parker's the other day remarked that one had to use his imagination however to tell when the dolls said "Mama and Pa-pa," isn't that what we have to do with very young babies too?

Hog Killing Weather There is always a lot of satisfaction in killing your own hog and knowing that you have a sufficient amount of meat to last through the winter. And this year with the meat about to be rationed there is more satisfaction than ever. J. E. Johnson, of Oval, was by the office Saturday and reported that on Dec. 3, he killed a little pig which lacked one day being nine months old, but that it weighed 520 pounds. Mr. Johnson said that it was an I. O. C. pig and that he fed it on milk all of the summer. He not only has plenty of meat, but a good supply of shortening from the hog. Mrs. Johnson rendered around 10 gallons of lard from it.

Santa Claus' Sweetheart The other day a group of children were playing that age-old game "Ring Around The Roses" and when it came her turn of having to tell who her sweetheart was, who do you think Mary Joe Blackburn said? "Santa Claus." This I believe is a very wise selection for this season of the year, particularly for seven year olds. Several children who have already been window-shopping in order to make suggestions for St. Nicholas, have among the other things been fascinated by the giant felt mule in the window of McNeill's.

Hunting Here and There A number of the champion hunters of West Jefferson including Gale McMillan, Dr. Hunter, Reid Sturdivant, T. E. Parker, and Don Blackburn report an abundance of rabbits and some

G. E. Develops Memory Machine

Schenectady — A memory device, which will retain the image of an electric flash for 1-25 of a second, long enough to open automatically the lens of a camera and make a picture of it, has been developed in General Electric's laboratory. This electronic robot consists

few quail. Mr. Parker reports that among the other things they kill, is time, which, after all is not such a bad idea since it is open-air recreation for most of those who spend many of their working hours indoors. Hunting in the cool mountain air is pleasant compared to fighting mosquitoes and using "furniture polish" as some of the local hunters were forced to during a recent trip to the coast

Small Christmas Shoppers There is no limit to age when it comes to Christmas shopping, particularly window shopping. Recently we noticed Tommy Little, who has just passed his first birthday, looking at some of the toys with much interest. Ronnie Goodman is only two, but he is not too little to be particularly attracted by the gay bells in Graybeals.

Tell It To The Marines It is an old, old saying, but perhaps there are more reasons than one for it. Paul Hopkins, who has been in the Marines for several months was home during the past week end. Paul appeared to have lost some surplus weight and gained some in height. Some one told him he looked different... the answer was he had been in the Marines."

Duplicate Names In Army Making Numbers Vital

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 8—Your're in the Army now, Mr. Jones. But which Mr. Jones? For there

of a cathode raytube on which a small beam of electrons continuously paint on the thin coating of a fluorescent mineral a picture of what is happening. When there is a flash, this device picks up the picture, retains the image long enough for a thyratron tube automatically to trip the camera for 1-50 second exposure. "Just as the human eye retains the image of what it sees for a fraction of a second, until the nerve system relays it to the brain, so this memory oscillograph holds the image long enough to be photographed," Dr. A. W. Hull, assistant director of General Electric's research laboratory, who developed the device, explained. The device will be used in the study of unpredictable flashes or surges on electrical equipment.

were only 28,050 Mr. Jones' in the last war, so, who knows how many in this one? John Jones doesn't help too much, for there were thousands of Johns, and hundreds of those Johns had wives named Mary, which wasn't much of a help when the War Department tried tracing down a Jones.

If you think there were a lot of Jones', consider then the Johnstons, 53,200 strong, 2,00 of whom were named William. And the Smiths with 51,900, among whom were 3,412 Willies; the Browns with 48,000; the Williams, 47,000; the Andersons, 22,000; the Walkers, 18,500 and the MITTENS 2,500. What's in a name? Not Much, according to the Army records, if it isn't accompanied by a serial number. And the War Department continues to stress the importance of remembering those serial numbers. When you think of that man in the service, think of his serial number, too, for without it he might not get his mail and you might not get your allotment, according to Colonel John H. Bush, Army Emergency Relief Officer, headquarters, Fourth Service Command.

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