

R. P. COVINGTON & CO.

GROCERIES, MEATS AND PRODUCE

11th and Caldwell Sts.

Phone 2-6171-3-6172

R. C. HICKS

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

324 Piedmont Bldg.

Charlotte, N. C.

GREETINGS TO LABOR

FRUEHAUF TRAILER CO.

820 So. Mint St.

Phone 3-8494

Charlotte, N. C.

LOWDER FURNITURE CO.

122-124 No. College St. Phone 3-1412

Labor's Patronage Appreciated

LOWTHER TRUCKING CO.

220 TUCKASEEGEE ROAD

PHONE 3-6647

Charlotte, N. C.

BLYTHE & ISENHOUR

GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Brevard Court

Charlotte, N. C.

WAR CONTRACTOR OF THE STATE OF

Journal Readers Co-operate With Those Who Advertise In It.



PATRONIZE THOSE WHO ADVERTISE IN THE JOURNAL

Seasons Greetings From

Piedmont Grill

201 WEST TRADE ST.

LABOR'S PATRONAGE APPRECIATED

> Phone 2-1990 Open Day and Night

Seasons Greetings from

Wentz Sign Co.

Oldest Sign Business in

Charlotte

Phone 9461 113 E. Trade St.

SEASONS GREETINGS

B. T. Baker Grocery

409 S. Clarkson

Phone 9474

Roadway Express, Inc.

SCHEDULED TRANSPORTA-TION OVER HALF THE NATION"

632 Dowd Road Phone 2-1922 Charlotte, N. C.

THE SILENT BELLS

By RUTH TAYLOR

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old familiar carols play And wild and sweet, The words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Only in our own land will the bells ring out in free and joyous song this Christmastide. Only on this continent will the sound of ringing bells mean the celebration of the great holiday of the world, which for centuries had brought joy and gladness to all people, even to the humblest homes.

Where are the bells of Germany that once rang out in such joy the Christmas season, while happy people gathered around the fir trees that Saint Wilfred gave as a symbol of Christmas to the Germanic tribes—a symbol of eternal life as opposed to the blood sacrifice of Thor and Wotan. From their hearths no longer rise the merry strains of "Oh, Tannenbaum." Instead, the Horst Wessel song blares defiance to the Prince of Peoce.

The bells of Austria are mute. The lovely "Stille Nacht," written by a parish priest for his faithful flock no longer rings upon the midnight air. Austria lies crushed, with little heart to sing.

The carillons in Belgium, singing from their tall belfries, have been stilled, and there is little hope in Holland this year of the kind of Kris Kringle appearing with his bag of toys for good chil-

The hauntingly exquisite "Noel, Noel," that sweet carol beloved of all Christmas singers, will not ring through a France saddened, torn by war and a more devastating peace, and threatened both within and without by new dangers.

Russia is long since mute, its golden bells silenced by those who fear religion more than an enemy army, so that they must needs

try to blot it out completely.

The bells of Italy, what could they mean this year to the women left at home, their men gone to spend heir lives in aggression against peaceful neighbors? What can the grand motif of "Areste Fideles' 'mean to a nation locked in closest bonds to the bodless Nazis and Communists?

And in England—where the church bells for centuries rang in Christmas from every village green—the bells now ring only to warn of danger and death, instead of the new life which Christmas signifies, sending the children scurrying not to happy family gatherings around the Yule log, but to deep underground air-raid shelters.

And yet-ring out, wild bells, in the land that is free-ring out your song, for you may reach and revive the hopes of those in other lands whose Christmas joy is dimmed. You may remind all these who hear your cheerful tones of the poys they still possess. You may recall to the world that the good tidings of great joy was promised to all the people, bringing peace on earth and good

ACME PLUMBING & HEATING CO.

CONTRACTORS

127 E. 5th St.

Charlotte, N. C.

No 'Merry Christmas' In English Monastery

There is one place where the joyous cry of "Merry Christmas!" will not ring out. This is the Trappist Monastery at Whitwick in England. Officially it is known as the Mount Saint Bernard's Monastery, and there are about 40 monks resident. In addition to abstaining from meat and fish, these men have imposed upon themselves the you of

meat and fish, these men have imposed upon themselves the vow of perpetual silence. On Christmas eve at 12 o'clock they will attend Mass, then retire to their cubicles for sleep or meditation till 4 a. m, when they will rise and join in the chanting of lauds and matins. Presumably the vow of silence holds good only for conversation. only for conversation. Christmas breakfast will consist

of tea or coffee and one slice of bread and jam. Dinner will be weighed carefully to ensure that there is no over-indulgence, and at night they will sup off vegetables and tea or hot milk. They usually retire at nine, so as to be ready for prayer at two in the morning on Boxing day. The Guest Master says: "This way of spending the Holy Season is the best of all."

Christmas Is Really

Celebrated in Europe Many countries in Europe celebrate Christmas on the principle that you cannot have too much of a good thing. In Italy, Holland, and elsewhere, the first celebra-tions begin on December 6, St. Nicholas' day, and last till Twelfth Night on January 6. In Peland the Christmas' season lasts till February 2.

Spratt-Proctor Implement Co.

810 W. 3rd St. Phone 6089

Charoltte, N. C.

Seasons Greetings

Royal Cleaners

Dyers — Cleaners — Laundry

1215 E. 4th St. Phone 2-4191

Power Brake Co.

Bendix Westinghouse Air Brakes

B-K Vacuum Brakes

Open All Night 1506 W. Morehead Phone 3-3713



DISTRIBUTED BY

BLUE RIBBON SALES Co, Inc. 100% UNION MADE

2802 S. BLVD.

PHONE 2-2795

SEARS 3 DAY **TOYLAND SPECIAL BIG 28-INCH** STEEL BODY! A real beauty, in speed and appearance! Big, sturdy steel body! Disc wheels are equipped with rubber tires! Bright red enamel finish! Hurry! Save! Sears, Roebuck and Co.