

# SO THIS IS NEW YORK

BY NORTH CALLAHAN

He stood right in the middle of Grand Central Station and held the newspaper up close to his face. He wore heavy spectacles and as the crowds swirled around him, took out a big eye-glass and held it close to the page as he very intently scanned it. Becoming more and more curious I edged up close to him and peered over his shoulder to see what in the world he was reading. Rabidly to all else. Un-der his glasses, he was making out line by line the story of how the Cincinnati Reds had just traded a baseball player.

Not being too clear on why we have standard time in some cities and daylight saving time here, I did a little searching, and this is what I learned. Before 1883, there were about a hundred different time zones operating in the country, each one having different time—at the same time. A man travelling from Eastport, Maine to San Francisco by railroad had to set his watch about twenty times in order to be sure of making the proper connections. So the railroads adopted standard time, and from Bangor, Maine to Tazewell, Tennessee, editors and pastors blasted them, saying they were interfering with the laws of God—or at least the sun. But it worked. The sun kept working too, as we all know, and when the length of days started causing too much work in night-lighted skyscrapers, etc., daylight-saving time came in—and many people are still confused. P.S. Please consult your nearest timetable.

Was up at the New York Historical Society where they had an unusual ceremony. It was the unveiling of a recent gift to the society: the wooden leg of Gouverneur Morris. And it was the real oak, too, according to the learned savants. An expert on artificial limbs, Dr. Sigmund Epstein of this city, lectured on the merits of such sturdy supports. It seems that Morris—who lived in Revolutionary days—lost his left leg at the age of 28 while trying to control a pair of wild horses in a carriage, being thrown out and catching his leg in a wheel. Others believe, however, that Morris who was quite a lady's man, lost the limb escaping from a jealous husband. However the deed was done, he lost his leg, we all agreed. He had a wooden leg made of oak, later one of copper. But he liked the wooden job best, even when he was writing our national Constitution. All in all, "Govvy" Morris seemed quite proud that he was part tree.

In town visiting my good friend, Ray Erwin, ace writer for Editor & Publisher, was the poet laureate of North Carolina, James Larkin Pearson and his wife. The Southern writer like Henry Thoreau who he had "travelled extensively in Concord" has a strong feeling for his home section. This is vividly and well brought out by his poem, "Fifty Acres" which first appeared in the New York Times and has since been reprinted all around. The first stanza of his best-known poem speaks for itself:

I've never been to London

## BEHIND THE BAMBOO CURTAIN



IN THESE RARE PHOTOS taken inside Red China, a woman is shown (top) digging ditches in a residential section of Canton once occupied by western traders who were permitted to set up a walled concession. At bottom, a Chinese Red officer in Peiping gives a typical neighborhood group a few lessons in "right thinking" where the "official line" in politics is concerned. (NBC-TV Newsreel from International)

### Hazelwood Methodist Charge

The Rev. L. E. Wiggins, Pastor  
THE FRANCIS COVE CHURCH  
SUNDAY—  
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School. R. H. Boone, Supt.

THE HAZELWOOD CHURCH  
SUNDAY—  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. W. J. Nichols, Supt.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

I've never been to Rome;  
But on my Fifty Acres  
I travel here at home.

People who live in glass houses—well, there are some at 43d Street and 5th Avenue. It is the new home of a bank which moved across the street, and with it brought 76 million dollars in cash. But the unusual part is the new building which is made almost entirely of glass and is a modern, stream-lined miracle, some of the single panes being 15x22 feet. The folks who work inside might as well be out on the sidewalk, as far as sight is concerned. All day long they can be plainly seen at their work by people passing by and staring. I guess they'll get used to it—anyway, they have the biggest, busiest audience in the world.

Gotham Gatherings: Queen Mother Elizabeth's favorite American tune is "Tea for Two" . . . a local public health organization adopted a resolution urging folks to stop smoking cigarette. The motion was carried in a smoke-filled room.

It requires 28,000 to 670,000 gallons of water (depending on the amount of recirculation) to make a ton of synthetic rubber.

### Special Services Are Announced For Hazelwood

A special worship service will be held Christmas afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Hazelwood Baptist Church.

The Rev. John I. Kizer announced that the service will include carol singing and special music by the church choir.

The church will have a special service Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock when Student Night will be observed. College students, who are members of the church, will be in charge of the service and will take part on the program.

### Did You Buy Toys For Junior Or For Yourself?

How did you choose the toys for your youngsters this Christmas?

A New York toy manufacturer declares that only a few parents will select the proper playthings for their children each Christmas.

Most, he said, buy toys that please themselves, rather than the children.

The man, who owns a company that makes creative playthings, warns that "gadgets" toys may be harmful and frustrating. And, he adds, children quickly tire of them.

"The best toy a parent can buy," he said, "is a set of plain unpainted, wooden unit blocks. Children will use and enjoy them from age 18 months to nine years."

He said that girls between age 3 and 7 should have a "doll corner." He said the corner should be supplied first with a large wooden stove, bed and cupboard.

"The doll corner will become the most treasured play place in the little girl's life," he said.

He contends boys from ages 2 to 7 mostly enjoy "transportation" play—trucks, cars and boats.

There was no statement about what parents should choose at Christmas for the young teen-age boy or girl—in the 13-16 year-old group, whose interests already are deeply ingrained in social activities, and who prefer parties and dances to play-at-home activities. Perhaps by next year, this manu-

## The First Christmas

(Luke 2:1-16)

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was Governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were going away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

## The Younger Set



Set



By PEGGY REEVES

And SUZANNE CURRY

Hi gang! Is everyone having a good time? I'll bet you are, but it looks like this big snow put one of our younger set in the hospital.

Edward Leatherwood, who lives at the lake, was operated on for appendicitis over the weekend. While you're out Christmas shopping or just riding around, run up and see Edward for a few minutes.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Please wait until visiting hours.)

I'm sure he would be glad to have some company and, Edward, we hope you get better real quick before Santa Claus comes, Merry Christmas!

Last Thursday night the Music Department gave its annual Christmas concert. There were several solos. The soloists were Bobby Hill, Sheila English, and Faye Sease.

Something different this year was a boys' choir composed of junior high boys and James Parker sang a solo, which was very pretty. As an echo to one of the songs, a quartet was picked out of the concert band. The band played its annual song, "Sleigh Ride," which, of course, is our favorite. This same concert was presented Friday morning in senior high chapel.

Our Mountaineers beat the Sylva Hurricanes last Friday night by a big margin. This was the first time

factor, or some child psychologist will have solved this problem.

we have played Sylva in about four or five years and we had a good time out of the younger set in there Friday night helping the cheerleaders out. This was the last of our pre-Christmas basketball games. The next game will be with

### Hardworking, Cheap

PARIS, Tex. (AP)—Sign in front of a house on U.S. Highway 82 near here: "Ducks, Geese, Peasants for sale."

Mars Hill at home on January 4.

Well, folks, the Younger Set is sorta short this time, but with Christmas shopping and such there's not much time to have any parties. There will be some parties next week and I hear the Sub-Deb Club is planning a fabulous dance New Year's, but we'll tell you all about that next Thursday. Till then, the Younger Set wishes each and every one a merry, merry Christmas!

Vatican City, an independent state, has an area of 108 acres.

### Origin Of Gift Giving Told In Many Versions

There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of giving at Christmas time got started. Some believe that it all from ancient England, where once custom to hang kissing in the great halls. These rings decorated with mistletoe and the key for a pleasant holiday time. It is said that the knights and ladies would on the kissing rings with Christmas for their secret sweethearts. This started it all. Now giving is traditional.

Only the United States and Zealand have reduced work week from 48 to 40 hours for workmen.

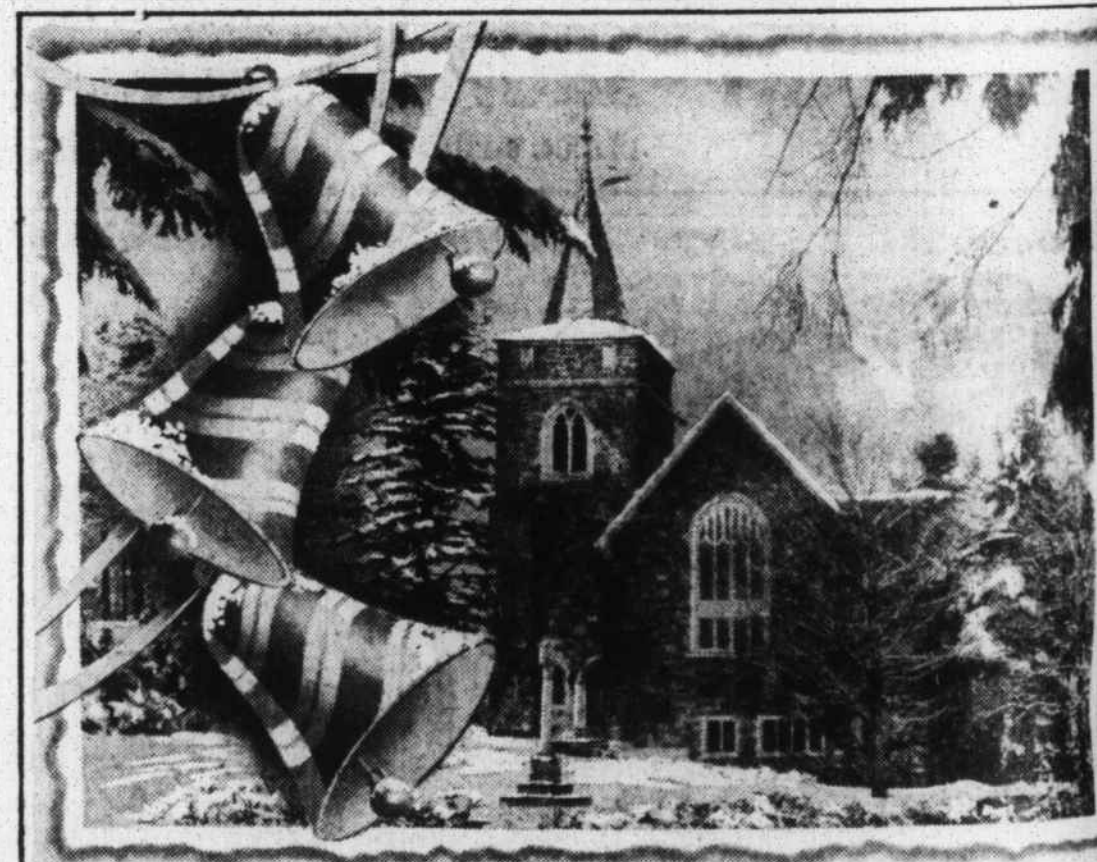
# Season's Greetings

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**Holiday Greetings**

We hope that this Christmas season will be for you one of good cheer and gladness, rich in the joys of friendships and all the good things that make life comfortable and worthwhile.

We sincerely wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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# Season's Greetings

TINKLING BELLS, holly wreaths, winter scenes with evergreens; logs on hearth, candles bright, little faces beam delight...these, to us, are all warm reminders that a very special time is here...so a very special wish is due...May this Holiday Season bring you abounding stores of good cheer, peace and happiness.

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