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FARNVILLE PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS AS USUAL

Business Section and Homes Give Seasonal Joy To Passersby; Brilliant Lights To Guide Santa Here

Christmas-wreathed and brilliantly illuminated Farnville is prepared for the "Joyfulst Feast" of the entire year, and despite the war clouds and rumbling of guns, which are drawing nearer to fair America, citizens rallying to the appeal of the bewildered faces of little children have joined in a mighty effort to have "Christmas as usual."

Gariands of mountain laurel and bright colored lights form a veritable canopy for the main business section, every store window in town presents a lovely picture, and almost every home in the residential section is a glistening testimonial to the willing hands of the dwellers therein, who have sought to lighten the spirit and hearts of passersby with Christmas joy.

The out-of-town judges had a difficult task before them on Monday evening when they started out to make their decisions in connection with the prizes offered in the decorations contest sponsored by the Farnville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association and directed by the Garden Club, but they finally agreed and turned in the list of winners as follows:

- Best store window—1st prize, The Rouse Printery, \$7.50; 2nd, Farnville Furniture Co., \$3.50.
- Best store interior—1st prize, The Rouse Printery, \$7.50; 2nd, Belk-Tyler Co., \$3.50.
- Exterior homes, lighting display—1st prize, Mrs. Wesley R. Willis, \$7.50; 2nd, Mrs. J. W. Parker, \$3.50.
- Outdoor Tree—1st prize, Mrs. E. C. Beaman, \$5.00; 2nd prize, Mrs. Mary Lewis Lang, \$2.50.
- Exterior lighting in outside town area—1st prize, Mrs. M. J. Gregg, \$5.00; 2nd, Mrs. T. S. Ryan, \$2.50.
- Interior decorations—1st prize, Mrs. B. O. Turnage, \$4.00; Mrs. J. W. Joyner, honorable mention.
- Interior tree—1st prize, Mrs. John H. Paylor, \$3.00; 2nd prize, Mrs. A. C. Monk, Jr., \$1.50.
- Mantles—1st prize, Mrs. Sallie K. Horton, \$2.00; 2nd prize, Mrs. W. Alex. Allen, \$1.00.
- Outside area interior decorations—Mrs. David T. Harris, \$2.50.
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THIS IS ONE CHRISTMAS FOR SENTIMENT

This is the time to be with loved ones—to clasp hands and renew pledges of friendship—to be frankly sentimental. This is Christmas, and at no other time in the year do warm feelings and fond words seem more fitting!

Little cottages with coal stoves and roasting spits at the hearth have given away in recent years to handsome homes, electrically equipped, functionally furnished. Housewives once drudging from dawn to night, have leisure, have careers, aid in defense. These are modern times in which everyone plays an active part. But now—when the holly hangs bright green and red—the same old fashioned greeting Merry Christmas, remains the same.

These simple words... this simple wish, have a deeper significance this year for the hope highest in all hearts this Christmas time is that peace may reign again as another Christmas rolls around, and so with the wish may well be breathed the prayer for Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.

WHO KNOWS?

1. Was the Arizona, the U. S. battleship sunk at Pearl Harbor, built recently?
2. How many of the countries of Central America are at war?
3. How many islands make up the Philippines?
4. Who is known as "the man on the white horse"?
5. Who won the Nobel Peace Prize during the last war?
6. What is the OGD and when was it established?
7. Pearl Harbor is located on what island?
8. What is the approximate population of the Philippines?
9. About how many tanks will the U. S. produce this month?
10. Is there going to be an Inter-American Conference in the near future?

Christmas Carols

What sweeter music can we bring Than a carol, far to sing The birth of this our Heavenly King? —Herrick.

Each year the Christmas season is ushered in by the singing of Christmas carols and hymns, and we hear again the familiar and ever beautiful songs of Christmas which have been handed down through the centuries, sung in every tongue and by every nation.

An ancient and lovely custom is this singing of Christmas carols, in the streets of our towns and cities, in our homes and churches and schools. It harkens back to the days of old, when carols were sung in the streets by minstrels, when the Yule log burned on the hearth, holly and mistletoe gleamed among the Christmas candles, the boar's head was paraded in grand procession, and wassail songs made glad the festive and joyful Christmastide.

Surviving with all of these picturesque traditions of Christmas are the carols themselves, with their quaint words and delightful melodies. Preserved to us are these original Christmas carols, composed in almost every tongue—Latin, English, French, Anglo-Saxon, German, Italian, Spanish, and many others—simple folk songs, charming in their quaintness and naive, with a reverent gaiety which only suggests the religious. For a carol, in its true meaning, is a song in which the religious theme is treated in a familiar and festive manner. A hymn is essentially devotional. So it is that many of our more familiar Christmas songs, such as "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and others which we commonly designate as carols, are not in the true sense Christmas carols, but rather Christmas hymns.

We like to think that the first carol ever sung was by the angel chorus on that first Christmas eve, nearly two thousand years ago, when "Gloria be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will to men" was caroled over the fields of Bethlehem.

But it is not until the thirteenth century that we find the beginning of the true Christmas carol, and Italy is its birthplace. Here the friars, gathered around St. Francis of Assisi, tried to humanize the story of the gospel and composed songs about the birth of Christ, which they sang around a crèche or tableau, depicting the surroundings of the holy manger. A Franciscan, named Jacopone da Tod, was the first writer of carols. From Italy the carol spread to Spain, France, England, and Germany. (Continued on Page Two)

President Signs New Draft Bill

First Registration of New Men is Expected to be Held During January

Washington, Dec. 22.—The draft expansion bill was signed into law by President Roosevelt today, and Selective Service officials began laying plans for registering the 25,500,000 men between 18 and 64, inclusive.

They said the men may be registered on several dates, by age groups rather than in mass. It was believed the first registration might be next month. Registrants between the ages of 18 and 44, inclusive, will be liable for military service.

Local Boards Get Ready

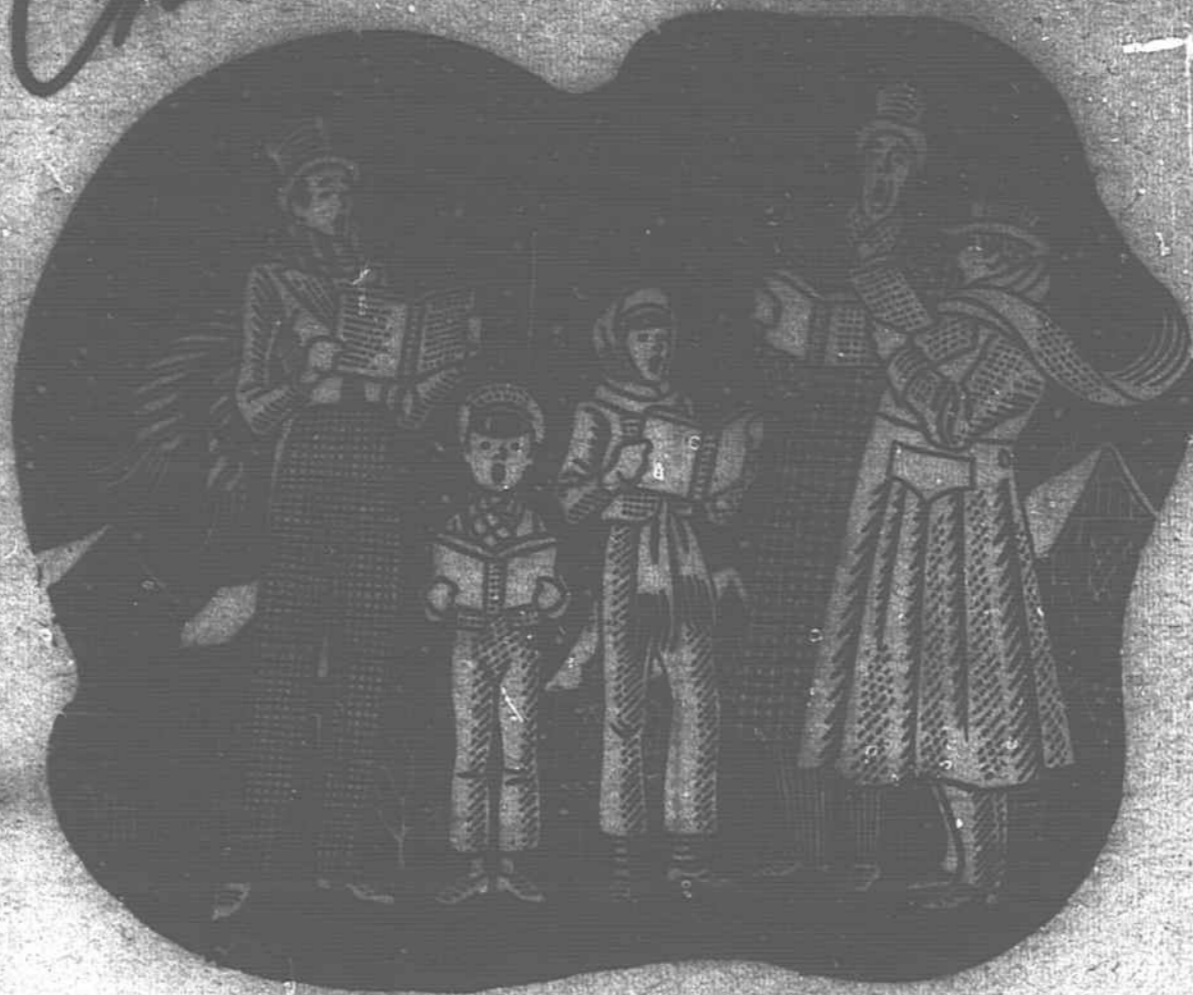
Already local boards have been advised by War Relocation Authority General Lewis M. Hoveler, national draft director, to prepare to tackle the task of identifying vast additional manpower available by the measure.

Existing machinery, used to register the men according to ability for military service through the men between 18 and 35 already enrolled, is being employed and expanded as rapidly as possible.

No change has been given by the War Relocation Authority as to how the armed forces are to be expanded to meet the new situation.

It is estimated that only 100,000 men would be available for military service, and that the remainder would be needed for the war effort.

Christmas CAROLS



O Come... Let Us Adore Him

Once more the Christmas carols on mortal lips fleet up to join the angelic chorus "Gloria to God in the Highest..." to sound the joyous message of God's love for humanity... Wars come and go but the song of the angels is echoed eternally on Christmas morning and there are some in every nation who will hail Him with a newborn song of faith and adoration in their hearts.

There Will Be Christmas

By GRACE NOLL CROWELL

There will be Christmas even though mad war May take its hideous toll of all the earth. Above the wild black night will shine the Star That heralded the little Christ Child's birth.

And there will be small homes left standing still, Waiting for morning and its glad surprise; There will be candles somewhere on a sill, And candlelight in little children's eyes.

Nothing can blot out Christmas, safe, apart, It is set to shine forever in man's heart.

There will be shelters—(God, that men need hide Deep in the dark earth from their fellowmen!) But there the human family side by side Will tell the old sweet story once again.

And echoing out above the crash and roar, Voices will join and carols again will lift, Sweeter and clearer than they have before, In memory of the world's most precious gift.

The Bank of Farnville Declares 16% Dividend

All Employees Have Also Been Remembered With Additional Salary, Says L. E. Wals-ton, Cashier

In discussing some of the most pleasant happenings of the Bank of Farnville during the year we pass on to our readers a few remarks by L. E. Wals-ton, the cashier, who stated that through the earnest and combined efforts of all officers, directors and assistants, the bank was able to declare a 16 per cent dividend to all stockholders, and, in addition, the directors ordered a salary increase to each of its employees.

Final Rites Held For J. B. Bateman

Plymouth—Funeral services were held in Plymouth Christian Church here Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for Johnson Beaumont Bateman, 30 years of age, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. S. Bullock of Rocky Mount, early Monday morning, following an illness of six months. The Rev. Eugene B. Taylor of Plymouth, and the Rev. Louis Carbo of Rocky Mount officiated. Interment took place in the Windley Cemetery near here.

Born in Washington County, the son of the late H. John and Nancy Bateman, Mr. Bateman lived here for about 55 years prior to moving to Petersburg, Va. He was a retired railway employee. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

He was first married to Miss Caroline Arnold in 1882, and she died in 1901. He married Miss Mamie Frances in 1903. His second wife died in 1925.

He is survived by two sons, S. C. R. J. Bateman of Newport News, Va., and five daughters, Mrs. G. W. Dewey of Plymouth, Mrs. C. B. Mink of Farnville, Mrs. Joe Holder of Asheville, Mrs. J. M. Day of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. E. S. Bullock of Rocky Mount.

Stores To Close 25 and 26

Merchants and business houses of Farnville will observe Friday 25, as well as Christmas Day as a holiday.

Theme of Eternal Hope of Peace On Earth and Goodwill in Sermons

The theme of eternal hope of "Peace on earth, goodwill to men," was woven into the timely Christmas sermons of the ministers of the Farnville churches in recent services, as they relayed the message from the angels to the shepherds, in the Judean hills nineteen hundred years ago, and the singers in their turn rendered echoes of the song of the angelic choir.

Rev. M. Y. Self of the Farnville Methodist Church chose for the text of his inspiring message, "And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace," from Isaiah's prophecy. Rev. Self emphasized the fact that the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem changed the calendar of the entire world and that when a letter is written the date of His birth is recorded. He stressed the wonder of His birth, and His life and death, and that as Counsellor the principles for which He lived and died are being eternally woven into society—the value of the child and of the individual.

The physical and spiritual miracles of Biblical and modern times were recalled by the minister. He concluded with an account of the prophet's vision of a warless world with Jesus as its Prince. "Jesus came and taught men how to live in a spirit of brotherhood," said the minister, "but how familiar we are with the sword of jealousy, contention, gossip and prejudice being welded today on every side. These swords must be converted into a tool-house of Christian culture ere the sound of war is heard no more. May the Spirit of the Prince of Peace so control the minds and fill the hearts of men and nations that there may soon come in very truth a 'Parliament of man and a Federation of the world.'"

Rev. H. M. Wilson, of the Presbyterian Church, preached on the thought-provoking subject of "Guiding Stars" with the story of the wise men as recorded in the 2nd chapter of St. Matthew as his base. In his sermon Rev. Mr. Wilson referred to the conviction of sin, the handwork of God, His Providence, the disintegrating nature of temporal things, the experience and testimony of friends and the power of God as lights that had the power to lead the world to the knowledge and worship of the Christ.

Using as his text for a timely message, "And He would bid that those, that would be blessed, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall come unto all men."

Churchill Confers at White House; War On Hitler Is Discussed By Roosevelt and Briton

"Wise Men and Men Ways"

The story of the Wise Men who came from the East to find a Babe in a manger and in that Babe to discover the Saviour of the world, is the "sweetest story ever told." But it is more than a story. In its particulars, it is a pattern of life. The Wise Men on their weary camels came down the beaten path to Mary's Son in Bethlehem. But they returned "another way." They thwarted Herod's evil purpose by doing the unexpected. They were wise and, being wise, they chose a new way.

Many an enterprise fails, many a cause languishes, and many a life sinks into mediocrity, because men and women are afraid or too indolent or not wise enough to adventure new ways. The history of scientific and social progress, the record of exploration and discovery, the chronicle of all human achievement, is the story of "Wise men and new ways."

Today, the hope for lasting peace, the redemption of man from the sin of war, lies not in old paths but in new ways. The Babe of Bethlehem was saved from the sword, and the world was given a Saviour, by the choice of Eastern seers who were obedient to a heavenly vision and brave enough to travel a new road.

But not only the Wise Men chose a new way: The Child they sought, following His star; Mary's Son, who "increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man"; the Gallean who was called the "Prince of Peace"; this Jesus who is the Christ, chose a new way. It led Him from poverty and obscurity into the white light of public acclaim. But there was a cross at the end of the trail. It gave Him worship and admiration for a time, but a crown of thorns presently. He could have gone down the path of His fathers to a ripe old age, with the traditional honors of a beloved rabbi. But He chose a new way that brought Him to a borrowed tomb in a stranger's garden.

And yet who will say—who among the wise men of our generation—that Jesus was unwise? He is more alive today than He was when the Wise Men from the East found Him in a stable. He is more alive than anyone who lives. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, for a multitude that no man can number; and in Him is the only promise of the more abundant life, which is the goal of man's immortal quest. —Christian Herald.

U. S. TANKS SMASHING JAPS

U. S. Defenders in New Philippines War Theatre Have Situation 'Well in Hand'

Manila, Tuesday, Dec. 23.—A heavy force of Japanese sea-borne troops supported by airplanes landed yesterday at Santo Tomas on the Gulf of Lingayen northwest of here, but Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that American defenders had the situation "well in hand."

American tanks and artillery immediately went into action between Santo Tomas and Damazita, a town several miles south of the landing place.

(Washington already has announced that the fighting centered in the 20-mile coastal stretch along the gulf northward to Aring, which is just north of Santo Tomas.)

The Army communique said: "The engagement yesterday occurred in the vicinity of Santo Tomas, La Union province. Latest reports indicate our troops are holding a position north of Damazita. The enemy was very active in the air yesterday. Numerous planes were bombed and the ground attack was supported by aircraft."

One unconfirmed report from Iloilo on the gulf said that at least three Japanese transports out of the 60 which had been sighted outside were sunk in the gulf itself.

Reliable sources said it was possible that many more transports destroyed by the American forces, who were using artillery and tanks against the landing parties.

It still was not clear whether the Japanese had been bringing any considerable stores of supplies ashore.

Although American forces had gone into action, it was not clear whether the Japanese were in a position to land on the island.

Churchill's Visit, Scheduled For Several Days, Electrifies Washington; Regarded As Preliminary To Meetings With Leaders Of Other Powers Fighting Axis Nations

Washington, Dec. 22.—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, after a secret and history-making journey arrived in Washington today and tonight was closeted with President Roosevelt in the White House discussing unified war plans to encompass "the defeat of Hitlerism throughout the world."

The daring trip by Britain's round little fighting premier was announced by the White House, which said that Lord Beaverbrook, minister of supply, and a technical staff accompanied him.

Just how he made the journey was a military secret, although it was revealed that the last leg, at least, was by air. He was met "at a nearby airport" by President Roosevelt, and in full wartime secrecy was conducted to the White House by the Chief Executive himself, there to be the guest of Mr. Roosevelt.

The Prime Minister, it was said, was wearing a reefer—presumably his familiar pea jacket—and a cap. There was widespread speculation that the conferences would cover such questions as:

Establishment of a supreme command for the fighting forces of all of Hitler's opponents.

Establishment of a joint ministry of supply for all the armies.

In a statement, President Roosevelt said there was one primary objective, the defeat of Hitlerism throughout the world, in conversations to be held during the next few days between President and Prime Minister and the respective staffs of the two countries.

The statement said these conferences should be regarded as preliminary to further parleys which will officially include Russia, China, The Netherlands and the British Dominions.

"It is expected," the President said, "that there will thus be evolved an overall unity of the conduct of the war. Other nations will be asked to participate to the best of their ability in the over-all objective."

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Text of Announcement "There is, of course, one primary objective in the conversations to be held during the next few days between the President and the British Prime Minister and the respective staffs of the two countries. That purpose is the defeat of Hitlerism throughout the world."

"It should be remembered that many other nations are engaged today in this common task. Therefore, the present conferences in Washington should be regarded as preliminary to further conferences which will officially include Russia, China, The Netherlands, and the Dominions. It is expected that there will thus be evolved an over-all unity in the conduct of the war. Other nations will be asked to participate to the best of their ability in the over-all objective."

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A separate announcement, telling of Churchill's arrival, was terse: "The British Prime Minister has arrived in the United States to discuss with the President all questions relevant to the concerted war effort. Mr. Churchill is accompanied by Lord Beaverbrook and a technical staff."

"Mr. Churchill is the guest of the President."

No News From Davao An Army spokesman said no reports had been received from Davao on Mindanao Island about the progress of the hard fighting there.

The prolonged silence about the far southern theater indicated that communications may have been cut.

A score of more of Filipino anti-Japanese units were reported to have been killed by Japanese air bombs.

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