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MERRY CHRISTMAS

With hearts and minds gravely and grimly concerned with the realities of war and this nation's determination to see it through to a successful conclusion in order to preserve the liberties and freedom so faithfully won, the words "Merry Christmas" seem a bit out of place. Yet they should not be.

It is desirable that those who do the actual fighting should be boosted with song and music. It is just as essential that public morale be supported by the sound of Christmas bells and the joyful laughter of children, and every reasonable merry-making that can be consistently indulged in.

Certainly God meant that all should be happy at Christmas time, and if for the moment man has warped the divine Christmas greeting to "War on Earth and Ill Will to Man," that is humanity's bad fortune. The Almighty never intended it that way.

God's greatest gift to mankind was his Son whose birth we are celebrating at this time, and our beautiful Christmas custom of exchanging gifts as tokens of love and gratitude to one another is emulating God's great gift to us. And if we would follow the example set by the Wise Men who brought gifts to the lowly, the needy and unfortunate among us and find proof of that great truth, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Or as an oriental philosopher has put it: "To give pleasure to a single head by a single kind act is better than a thousand heads bowing in prayer."

And so when we are about our merry-making, let's not forget the underprivileged among us, or fail to pause to utter a silent prayer that the world may soon be freed from the shackles of war and the misery it brings. Already the casualty lists are including the names of North Carolinians who have died for their country, and soon we may be reading the names of our own or our neighbor's sons. That is not a pleasant thought at this Christmas time. We may greet each other with a "Merry Christmas" that sounds hollow and unreal when there is so much sadness and destruction in the world. But let us not look at the gloominess of the picture. Let's be joyful, yes and hopeful for a brighter day.

At the Christmas time we are wishing for our patrons and friends, for everybody, everywhere, all the joy and happiness this holiday season may bring to them.

"PEACE ON EARTH . . ."

One of the most popular Christmas cards of the year is one which avoids saying anything about a Merry Christmas or a Happy New Year, but simply has the line on it: "Peace on Earth—Christmas, 1943."

Many of us had hoped, without having much reason on which to base that hope, that there would be peace on earth by Christmas. Now we know that can't be. And, as we celebrate Christmas this year, the tragedy of war will be uppermost in our thoughts and there will be few of us who will be able to have a really merry Christmas day.

But we fervently hope, and have every reason to believe, that Christmas, 1943, will be the last wartime Christmas. Christmas, 1944, should be the most joyous Christmas in the history of our country. If we can believe any of the predictions about this war, by Christmas, 1944, our boys who are this year spending Christmas fighting on distant battlefronts should be home celebrating Christmas trees.

So, as those of us at home gather together for Christmas festivities this year, we may be able to find a little joy in thinking of it as a sort of pre-victory occasion marking a day next year when our dreams of a real "Peace on Earth" Christmas will come true.

KEEP YOUR CAR ALIVE

By the end of this year, 51 per cent of the automobiles being used in this country will have celebrated their seventh birthday—which is a ripe old age for an automobile these days. This figure does not include the 2,500,000 cars which have gone to the automobile graveyard during the past two years.

But in spite of the automobile mortality and the decrepit condition of many cars which are still doing their best to carry war workers to jobs, the automobile transportation system in this country is probably better than anyone might have hoped two years ago when the production of cars for civilians was called off.

At the present time our nation's automobile population is about 24,500,000, which is enough to perform most of the necessary jobs which automobiles are called upon to do. But it isn't any more than enough, so that the office of defense transportation is more concerned than ever with keeping all of those automobiles running for the duration of the war.

Gasoline rationing and other war regulations have cut the normal rate of scrapping in half but from now on scrapping must come as close as possible to being entirely eliminated. So, whether we have the gas or not, it is more important than ever that cars be used more sparingly than ever and be taken to the car doctor whenever there is a sign of an ailment.

—Buy War Savings Bonds—

"Well, Anyhow, Here's Wishing You—"



ABOVE THE HULLABALOO

By LYTTLE HULL

(The following article was written exclusively for National Weekly Newspaper Service by the public relations bureau of the American Red Cross)

Washington, D. C. (XWNS)—More than 4,000 emergency requests from men in the armed forces or from their families are received daily by the Home Service of the American Red Cross. Home service is the soldier's contact with his family and the family's means of getting in touch with "a big hurry" with their soldier sons.

Problems of allotments and allowances, claims involving pensions, insurance, and compensation, questions of welfare of soldiers that have been out of touch with their families since overseas and those regarding sons and husbands who have been taken prisoners of war, reports on the welfare of men who have been wounded or who are in some form of military hospital, perhaps at an undisclosed destination, financial problems in the family at home which are often complicated by need of medical care—all these and more are the problems which may come to the soldier's family any time, anywhere. These are the kind of problems which the Red Cross is handling to assist the service man or his family through its own resources or through help from other available resources.

While many large chapters employ professional social workers, for some service areas it is the small chapters with their volunteer workers from their own communities which form the real backbone of this Red Cross service.

There are 2,755 Red Cross chapters in America, each one, regardless of size, obligated to provide the resources of home service to service men, ex-service men and their families. Of the total chapters, there are 2,910

in communities having a population of less than 10,000. In 2,153 of these chapters, home service is conducted entirely by volunteer workers.

In many sections of the country Red Cross workers must take their vital messages from service men to their families and back again, over many miles of difficult roads and even over mountains, or desert country where there are no roads at all. In one section, where counties are large and communication facilities are meager, a relay system has been worked out whereby Red Cross workers stationed at different points in a county receive the relayed messages from the chapter and deliver them to families on isolated farms and ranches.

In another county, where the only telephone are at cross roads or filling stations or stores, forest rangers cooperate with Red Cross to get the messages through. When troops are on maneuvers, delivery of emergency messages from the family to a soldier through the field director of the Red Cross has been made by carrier pigeon.

No matter what the problem is and no matter what the distance is in miles, the man in the service is as close to his family as his family is to the nearest Red Cross Chapter.

One battle won does not win a war. We've got tougher times ahead.

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TO EACH AND ALL

May your Christmas of 1943 approach in joyousness the carefree Christmases of early years when you dreamed of the coming of St. Nicholas.

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that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way." And so will all evil be finally frustrated in the full reign of Jesus.

When the Magi found the King in a manger, they worshipped him and presented unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. The gold was soon needed in the flight into Egypt and so journey there, the incense was symbolic of worship due the King, and the myrrh of the Lord's sacrificial death.

Let us desire to make the King happy on his birthday. Surely we may make him happy as we make others happy. And we should be happy and rejoice

as we think of God's Great Love and His Gift.

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Surmounting the Capitol Dome at Washington stands Crawford's bronze statue of Freedom, symbol of the freedom and liberty our government has guaranteed to immigrant and native citizen alike since the founding of the Republic.

Home of Freedom



In the capitals of conquered Europe freedom and liberty are hollow mocking words mumbled by lackey puppets like Mussert, Quisling, Laval, Degrelle or Laurel.

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† REV. ROBERT H. HARPER †

God's Great Love and His Gift

Lesson for December 26: Matthew 2:1-42

Golden Text: John 3:16

The Magi were probably from Chaldea, home of astrology and land of fabulous wisdom known to ancients as "the East." No one knows that they were three in number, or what star it was that led them in quest of the new-born King.

Herod was "troubled, and all Jerusalem with him," because he feared a rival to the throne and the people a political upset. And the wicked king set about to destroy Jesus. Learning from the priests where Christ, according to prophecy, should be born, and from the wise men what time the star appeared, that he might determine the age of the King, he sent the Magi to Bethlehem, bidding them, if they found the King, to bring him word. But the cunning and wicked plans of the king were frustrated by the Wise Men—"being warned of God in a dream



Season's Greetings...

If we have our way about it St. Nicholas is going to make an extra long stop at your home. No one needs to point out to us what your loyalty has meant to us during 1943. All we can say is Thank you, and Merry Christmas.

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We Extend our Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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