



News Items of 12 and 20 Years Ago

Dec. 23, 1932

Mrs. Ella Eckerty and son, Earl, motored to Springfield, the former remaining for a visit with relatives.

The young people of St. John's held a Christmas party in the church basement with about 30 present.

Members of the O. E. S. held their Christmas party at the Masonic hall with about sixty in attendance.

Deane Walker completed the radio operator's course at Chanute Field and was transferred to Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La.

Orville Bretz, Broadlands, and Miss Mary Fogerson, of Homer, were married at St. John's parsonage, Rev. Theo. M. Haeefele officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilian, Jr. entertained a number of relatives in honor of their son, Raymond, the occasion being his 16th birthday.

20 Years Ago

Dec. 18, 1924

Charles Gilbert arrived home from Canada.

Miss Maude Block entertained a number of young people at a party.

Edgar Moser and family spent the weekend with relatives at Casey.

Members of the Home Bureau entertained their families at a Christmas party at the home of Miss Marie Witt.

Mrs. Wilma Thode and Mrs. Anna Seeds entertained the D. of K. class of the Methodist Church at the home of the former.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
P. E. Kerkhoff, Pastor

Sunday Morning—9:30.

Sunday Evening—6:30.

Christmas Morning—10:15.

"And on earth peace, good will toward men." Empty words? Meaningless phrases? Hollow mockery? If we can think only of earthly peace and good will,—yes.

But if by God's grace we have learned to think of peace between God and man and good will within the heart of God toward poor sinners,—a glorious reality.

St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church

Carl E. Hartwig, Pastor

9:40—Sunday School, Henry K. Mohr, Superintendent.

10:40—Morning Worship.

U. B. Church Notes

Dale Mumaw, Pastor.

Sunday School—10:00.

Morning Worship—11:00.

Following Sunday School, the offering for The Otterbein Home will be presented during a candle lighting service.

Christmas program at 7:30.

Everybody invited.

Remember Pearl Harbor!

About The Boys In The Service

(Contributions to this column will be appreciated)

Major David L. Freeman arrived home from France on a 30-day leave of absence, last Sunday.

Ralph Warner of the U. S. Navy arrived Monday for a 30-day furlough visit with home folks.

Aviation Machinist's Mate Carlos Brewer of Dallas, Texas, arrived home Sunday for a furlough visit.

Lieut. Gaile Warner left Monday for McCook, Neb., after a four-day leave of absence spent with relatives here and with his family in Danville.

Pfc. E. C. Churchill, who has been in France, wrote his father, E. C. Churchill of Longview, that he has been awarded the Infantry Combat badge. He and another soldier had the experience of having six Germans walk up to them and surrender. He is with the Third Army near Saarbrücken.

Corporal Chas. E. Leuty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leuty of southeast of Broadlands, has been promoted to sergeant. Sergeant Leuty has been in the Aleutian Islands for the past two years. He weighed 157 pounds when he entered the service and now weighs 200 pounds. He has never been home since leaving the states, but expects a furlough and hopes to be home for Christmas.

(Villa Grove News)

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Todd received a telegram recently from the War Department informing them that their son, Sgt. Paul, had been slightly wounded in action somewhere in Germany. The message read:
Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.
Regret to inform you your son, Sgt. Paul E. Todd, was slightly wounded in action 25 November in Germany. You will be advised as reports of condition are received.

Dunlop,

Acting Adjutant General.

Sgt. Todd enlisted with the armed forces in June, 1941, and was sent overseas in September, 1943. He has seen action in Normandy, France, Belgium and Germany. He was slightly wounded in action in Normandy on an earlier date which kept him out of service one and a half days.

Letters To The Editor

The following Christmas greeting was received from Clinton Lookingbill who is in Germany:

O tannenbaum,

O tannenbaum,

Wie grun sind deine blatter

Du grunst nicht nur zur sommerzeit

Aber auch im winter wenn es schneit.

Methodist Church Notes

Clifford R. Wade, Pastor.

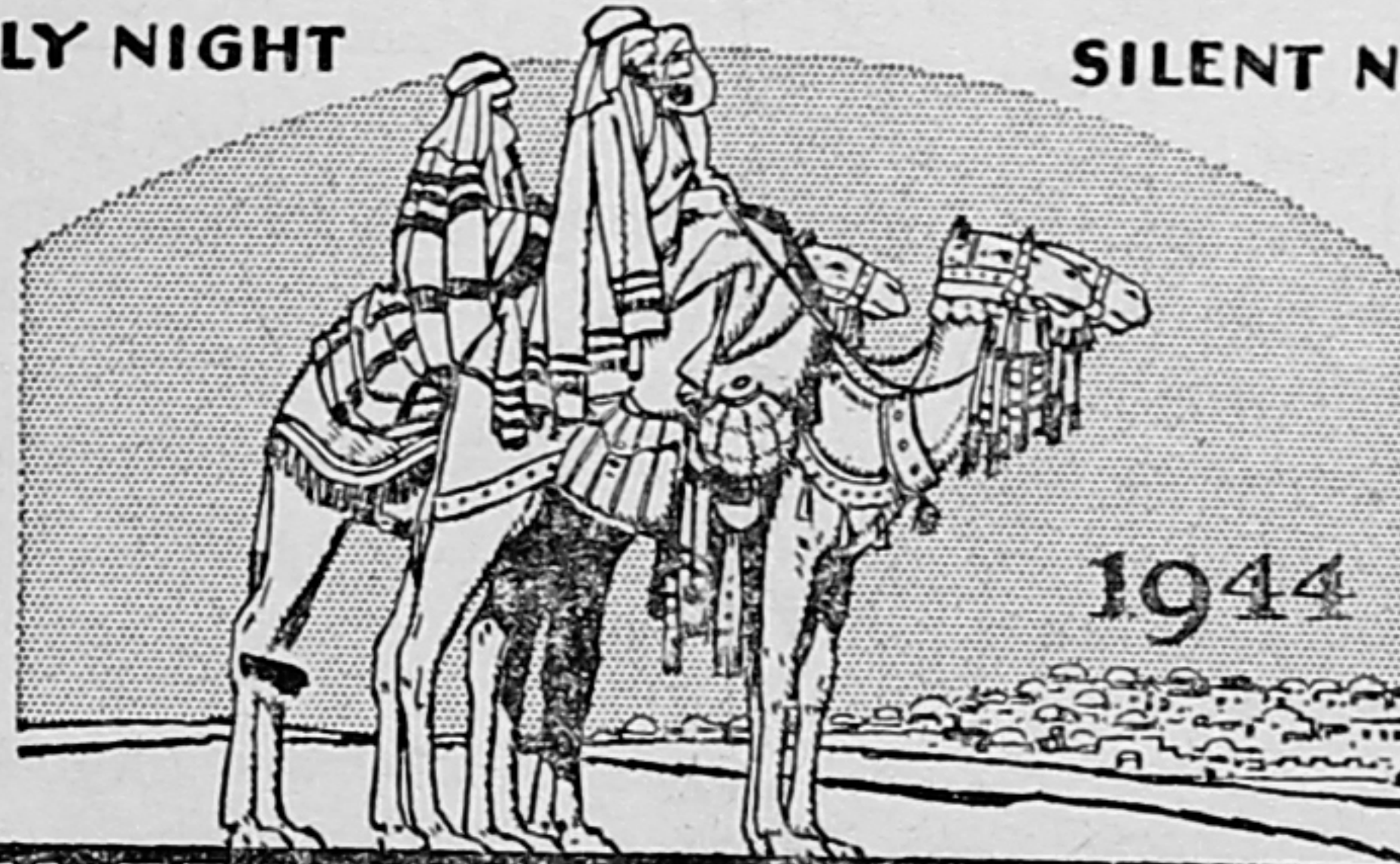
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.

Christmas program at 7:30 p. m.

Earl Eckerty of Dana, Ind., is among our renewal subscribers this week.

HOLY NIGHT

SILENT NIGHT



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

★ The message of good will that emanated from Bethlehem 2,000 years ago not only transforms the world at Christmas but is the foundation of every honest transaction. We depend upon your good will; you depend upon ours. Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1944 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.



---The Publisher.

L. W. Class Has A Potluck Dinner Wednesday

The L. W. Class of the U. B. Church held their meeting in the church basement on Wednesday, with a potluck dinner at the noon hour.

At the regular meeting hour, the class was called to order by President Mrs. Olive Rayl. Rev. D. D. Mumaw read the Christmas message, and Mrs. Mumaw led in singing a number of Christmas carols. The entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Belle Smith and Mrs. Olive Rayl, after which a gift exchange was enjoyed.

Guests were Mrs. Zermah Witt, Mrs. Ruth Henson, Mrs. Gernet Stutz and children.

Members present were Mesdames Belle Smith, Kate Stutz, Olive Benefiel, Ella Maxwell, Ruth Mumaw, Olive Rayl, and Rev. D. D. Mumaw.

Mrs. Lula Pearson will be the January hostess.

Community Honor Roll Lighted With Colored Lights

Mayor C. D. McCormick has decorated the Broadlands Community Honor Roll with colored lights, which gives it a very pretty and attractive appearance for the Christmas season.

Store Closed On Christmas Day

Our store will be closed all day Monday, Dec. 25th—Christmas day.

Bergfield Bros.

Chili Supper Next Thursday

A Chili Supper will be given by the Immanuel Lutheran Walthers League in the church basement, Thursday, December 28. Serving will begin at 5:30 p. m.

Albert Telling of Meredosia is among our renewal subscribers this week.

Mrs. Maude Luedke Hostess to Bridge Club

Mrs. Maude Luedke was hostess to the Friday Afternoon bridge club, a gift exchange being a feature of the afternoon. Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, pickles, overnight salad and coffee were served.

Those present were Mesdames Zermah Witt, Neva Frick, Olive Rayl, Anna Struck, Gladys McClelland, Minnie Limp, Rosa Smith, Eva Boyd, Freda Maxwell, Ruth Henson, Hilda Seider, Betty Dicks, Bertha Cook, Bertha Block, Maude Luedke.

Mrs. Irene Witt will be hostess to the January meeting.

Students Home From ISNU

Normal, Ill., Dec. 16—The Christmas recess at Illinois State Normal university begins this Friday, Dec. 22, when students will be homeward bound to 75 counties and 24 states outside Illinois.

Students attending ISNU from the Broadlands community are Maxine Henson, Lois Zantow, Dortha Stuebe.

Masons To Confer Degree

A special meeting of Broadlands Lodge No. 791, A. F. & A. M., has been called for Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, by Worshipful Master A. A. Zantow. There will be work in the third degree. Refreshments will be served.

NOTICE

We will close at 12:30 p. m. this Sunday and will remain closed until Tuesday morning, Dec. 26.

Village Inn.

Thank You

I wish to take this opportunity to thank those who helped in the 6th War Loan drive. Jess Ward, township chairman.

Mrs. Margaret Rayl was a Danville shopper Wednesday.

Christmas Program at U. B. Church on Christmas Eve

The following program will be given at the local U. B. Church this Sunday evening at 7:30:

Song—Congregation.

Solo, The Birth in the Manger—Janet Struck.

Good Tidings of Great Joy—Choir.

The Angel Chorus—Choir.

The Pilgrimage to the Manger—Choir.

The Visit of the Wisemen—Choir.

Named Jesus—Choir.

Our King—Billy Thode.

The Best of the Year—Four Boys.

A Boy's Explanation—Billy Eckerty.

Solo, In a Little Manger—Sue Comer.

Christmas Bells—Alycia and Billy Crain.

Santa Claus is Coming—Freddy Thode.

The Guiding Star—Jane McCormick.

Piano Solo—Merle Mae Maxwell.

'Tis Happy Christmas Time—Five Beginners.

A Joyful Time—Sue McCormick.

The King's Birth—Jeanette Barker.

Vocal Solo—Carmen Smith.

A Prayer—Janet Struck.

The Best Time of the Year—Sue Comer.

Changing the Subject—Jo Craig.

Vocal Solo—Ethel Mae Coryell.

Recitation—Shirley Stutz.

Ten Days Until Christmas—Merle Maxwell.

A Wish—Keith Thode.

Vocal Duet—Jo Craig, Janet Struck.

The Wonderful Thing Called Christmas—Dennis Luedke.

Vocal Solo—Wanda Rayl.

Collection.

Y. W. O. Class Meets At Howard Clem Home

The Y. W. O. class of the U. B. Church met on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clem.

The meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Leona Bergfield.

Devotions consisted of songs, scripture and readings, in keeping with the Christmas season.

During the business meeting Rev. Mumaw gave an interesting report on the ministerial meeting which he attended in Indianapolis recently.

The meeting was closed by all repeating the Mizpah benediction.

During the social hour, all present wrote a letter to Mrs. Jennie Nohren, a patient in Carle hospital. A gift exchange was enjoyed and Chinese checkers were played.

Refreshments were toasted ham salad sandwiches, pumpkin pie and coffee.

The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bergfield.

No Paper Next Week
The News will not publish a paper next week—holiday week.

If you go visiting, entertain relatives or friends during the holidays, we would be pleased to receive such items of news for our first issue of the new year, which will be published on Thursday, Jan. 4, 1945.

Lost—A fancy button off a fur coat. Finder please leave at The News office and receive reward.

Four Townships Elect New AAA Committees

Community committeemen for four Champaign county townships were announced on Tuesday morning by the AAA office.

In all cases chairman and vice chairman will be delegate and alternate delegate to the county convention Saturday when county committeemen will be elected.

Committeemen elected for Ayers township are: Vernon C. Luth, chairman and delegate; William H. Seider, vice chairman and alternate delegate; William E. Zenke, regular member; George E. Dohme, first alternate; and Harold F. Smith, second alternate.

Committeemen for Raymond township are: Henry Kilian, jr., Alfred B. Seider, Edward A. Nohren, Lyman Mohr, W. E. Green.

Ayers Township Falls Short In War Loan Drive

Jess Ward, chairman of the 6th War Loan drive in Ayers township, informs us that the drive has closed, with a total of \$17,000 worth of bonds having been sold here. This means that Ayers township has fallen short of its quota by \$33,000.

Those soliciting in the village were: C. T. Henson, chairman; Mesdames Gladys McClelland, Betty Dicks, Eva Walker, Ruth Henson, Ida Messman, Minnie Anderson, Anna Seeds, Eva Boyd, and the Misses Corene Taylor and Louise McCumber.

Those soliciting in the country were: Jess Ward, chairman; Walter Rothermel, Alfred Poggenдорff, Howard Clem, Ira Laverick, Billie Zenke, Fred Cress.

Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clem were Decatur visitors, Thursday.

Mesdames Eva Walker and Ida Messman attended a Christmas party in the home of the Lyman Mohrs, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Paul Anderson of Champaign spent the week end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Limp.

Mrs. Betty Dicks was hostess to members of the Allerton Woman's Club, Tuesday, with 20 in attendance. Mesdames Erhart and Roll of Villa Grove gave interesting talks.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kilian are the proud parents of a 7 pound 6½ ounce son, born Sunday, Dec. 10, at Lake View hospital, Danville. The young man has been named Kenneth Ray.

The December meeting of the G. T. Club which was scheduled to meet on Thursday, Dec. 28, has been postponed until Tuesday, Jan. 2. Mrs. Hilda Seider will be the hostess.

Paul Warner of Dearborn, Michigan, arrived Friday of last week to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. He is en route to Pacific Grove, Cal., to make his future home.

The Forrest Dicks have a very pretty Christmas tree at their home, an attractive feature of which is a nativity scene depicting the birth of Christ. They have been making additions to the scene for 12 years. Anyone wishing to see it will be welcome any afternoon or evening.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for December 24

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THE GROUND OF UNIVERSAL JOY

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:8-12; Hebrews 1:1-4; I John 1:1-4.
GOLDEN TEXT—Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people.—Luke 2:10.

What would you like for Christmas? Could anything be better than to find for your heart and mind that spiritual safety, certainty, and joy which transforms life? Well, that is exactly what Jesus came to bring mankind. It was the first Christmas gift, and it is the best gift this year too.

I. Safety (Luke 2:8-12).
Men need deliverance from their sin. They needed it when Christ came. They need it today. They must have a safe refuge, one in which they may rest secure.

All the efforts of this world to meet man's need are vain. As Joseph Parker put it: "The world did not want an adviser. The world had advised itself almost into hell. The world did not ask for a speculator. Everything that man could do had been done, and men sat in the darkness of their own wisdom. The world did not want a reformer, a man who could change his outward and transient relations, an engineer that would continually devote his time to the readjustment of the wheels and the pulleys and the various mechanical forces of society. The world wanted a saviour."

Jesus came as Saviour. The good tidings revealed to the faithful shepherds were to be "of great joy to all people" because they presented the One who could bring them redemption from sin.

That revelation is ready to be made again this Christmas, and as it came to the shepherds at their work in the field, so it may come to you on the battlefield, in camp, in the air, under the sea, in the kitchen, the factory—yes, anywhere. We rightly go to our churches to worship on Christmas Day, but let us remember that Christ is everywhere, seeking each one—yes, knocking at your door. Will you let Him in? Then you will have Christmas indeed!

II. Certainty (Heb. 1:1-4).
God has spoken through the centuries in the messages of many faithful servants. We do well to give heed to God's Word through them. But after all they were only servants. This message of redemption is so vital and fundamental that God sent His Son, Himself the Redeemer, to declare it.

How final, and definite, and blessed is that truth. The heir of all the eternal glories of God the Father, and Himself the effulgence (or the flashing forth) of the glory of God, has spoken God's last word—His certain word—about redemption from sin.

We all know how full of uncertainty the world is, how our own minds are distressed by the very uncertainty of countless things about us. What a precious gift from God to realize anew the absolute certainty we have in Christ. He came to save, to satisfy, and to keep us.

Note that He has all the needed authority and power to carry out His loving purpose (vv. 3, 4). He who "made purification of sins" for us to believe, is divine. He has all power. He is glorious beyond our ability to describe. He is God. We can rest in perfect assurance in His redemption.

III. Enjoyment (I John 1:1-4).
God knew the need of man for real joy if life was to be pleasant and profitable. Being a Christian was never intended to be a somber, doleful business. No, indeed. "These things we write," says John, "that our joy may be made full."

What did he write? By inspiration of the Holy Spirit he wrote of Christ, "the Word of life." He had seen and known Him, the Redeemer. He had fine and uplifting fellowship with Him, and declares that we too (as believers) share in that fellowship.

One of the bright and glad things about the Christmas season is our fellowship with our family and friends. It brightens the whole holiday season. How much more delightful is the fact that we have "fellowship with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ."

That fact really "makes" Christmas! Many will be separated from family and friends this year, but Christ is there, and they may have this most precious of all friends with them. The empty place around the family table will be filled (if we wish) by the Lord Himself. Let's keep Christmas with Him as the unseen but nonetheless real Guest. In fact, let us do even more than that; let us count Him into the intimate fellowship of our family circle (and two can make such a circle). That is what He wants to be—to you and to me—this Christmas Day, 1944.

May his joy be yours in full measure. That is the wish of the writer of these lines, and it goes from his heart to the very last reader who may be in the uttermost part of the earth. A blessed Christmas to you!

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Three Years of War

Three years ago Dec. 7, the United States was plunged into war by Japan's treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor. Thus for the second time in a quarter of a century we were forced to take up arms in a world struggle which we tried to avoid, and for which we were almost entirely unprepared.

So far, this war has cost us approximately 600,000 casualties, with nearly 125,000 killed in action, besides an expenditure of some 200 billion dollars.

But cold figures cannot begin to express the suffering and privations of our fighting men in this most terrible of all wars. The sublime courage and fortitude with which they have met every demand upon them should excite the highest admiration and gratitude of every citizen in the nation.

How have the people at home shown their appreciation of these sacrifices during the last three years?

The vast majority have worked diligently to support our armed forces at the front. Our factories and farms have achieved unprecedented production for ourselves and our Allies. Business people and others have carried on under many difficulties. And nearly all classes have invested in war bonds as their circumstances permitted.

But there are many thousands who have failed to measure up to their responsibilities, and only comparatively few who have done all they could have done to hasten the end of the war. There has been too much squabbling and bungling; there have been too many strikes; there has been far too much over-optimism and complacency.

So, at the end of three years of war we cannot look back upon our total effort with complete satisfaction, great as our achievements have been. Mistakes and delinquencies have been many, and often serious, and some of them have been disturbing to our men at the front, who often have reason to feel that they are being let down by the people back home.

We are now at a crucial stage of the war, both in Europe and in the Orient, and the needs of our armed forces are greater than ever before. German resistance at the Siegfried Line is far more formidable than was expected, and General Eisenhower has been making the most urgent appeals for ammunition and other supplies. General Clark has been held at a virtual standstill in Italy for months, and General MacArthur is in a difficult situation in the Philippines.

These facts should have a sobering effect on those whose hopes for early victory were permitted to rise too high. As we enter our fourth year of war we should try to comprehend the magnitude of the grim task ahead, and resolve to back our gallant fighting men with all the skill, energy and resources at our command.

Norden's Bomb Sight

One of the most closely guarded military secrets of the war has been the Norden bomb sight, used by the American air forces in high level precision bombing

of enemy targets. It has long been claimed that through the use of this highly complicated device a bomb can be "dropped into a pickle barrel from a height of 10,000 feet." While this is no doubt a slight exaggeration, the results obtained are amazing.

Recently pictures of the bomb sight were permitted to be taken and published for the first time, together with a brief description of how it is used, which is rather vague to the layman. The instrument is said to be "a mass of gears, prisms, cams, lenses and mirrors, which solve bombing equations instantly."

The instrument was developed between 1921 and 1931 by Carl L. Norden, born in Java, but now a United States citizen. Norden was assisted in his later designing of the bomb sight by Captain Frederick I. Entwistle of the U. S. Navy, who told reporters that the sight was being continually improved. He added that there was "no indication yet of any sight in the world that equals the Norden."

Some of the sights have fallen into enemy hands, it was said, but the Air Technical Service Command estimated that it would take the Germans at least two years to duplicate and put it into production, by which time American improvements would have

made the captured units obsolete. The Norden bomb sight contains more than 2,000 parts, which are manufactured in five different plants, and the assembled instrument costs about \$10,000.

Recently Mr. Norden was presented with the coveted Holley Medal by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers during its 65th annual meeting in New York.

Many a man puts his best foot forward only to find another foot in the way.

Sometimes an investment is a good buy; at other times it is goodby.

Some folks are happiest when they feel that others are sorry for them.

Fargo, N. Dak., requires all women to remove their hats while dancing.

Before criticizing the modern woman's wearing apparel, just take a look through the old family album.

Don't worry if your job is small, And your rewards are few; Remember that the mighty oak Was once a nut like you.



WE THANK YOU

All during 1944 we have been storing up our gratitude to the people of this community, as they have come in day after day. Now that Christmas is here it is time to make delivery. So here it comes... our gratitude to you in one great big wish for a big, happy, merry Christmas.

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Sidelights

A few days ago an Indian family from down Panama way came to the United States. In the group was a little girl and thru-out her young life she had heard of the wonders of this new country, and of the many things that were practically unknown to her. As soon as she was safely ashore she was asked if there was something she wanted, and quickly replied: "Yes, I want ice cream—what is it?"

It has just come to light that a draft board had, for months, deferred from military service a man listed as a diamond cutter. Diamond cutters, we learn, also cut diamonds for other purposes than for rings and this diamond cutter's trade was deemed essential for the war effort. But were the faces of the members of the board red when they learned that the registrant had the job of cutting grass on a baseball diamond.

The Civil War is still being fought—away off there in the Aleutians. A story has just reached us that tells of eight GIs who live in a Quonset hut up in that lonely country. Four of these fighting men come from Michigan while four are from the Deep South. Recently an officer noticed a white line painted down the center of the floor. He turned to the sergeant in charge and asked for an explanation. Said the sergeant: "Ever since those Damnyankees moved in here, Sir, we've all been inclined to have a few disagreements. To keep order in this hut we had to make a boundary line. That line you see, Sir, is the Mason-Dixon line."

Household Hints

To clean under the piano, place an old sock moistened with polish over a yardstick.

Waxed book shelves will permit books to slide in and out easier and cause less wear on them.

If candles are soiled, rub them with cloth dipped in alcohol. Or they may be rubbed with lard or other fats.

Wood or metal furniture needs an occasional damp dusting with a soft cloth wrung almost dry from clear lukewarm water.

Salt will corrode silver very quickly. Silver salt dishes and shakers should be emptied and washed after each use.

A little skim milk rubbed over leather chairs several times a year will keep the leather soft and prevent cracking.

If a bath towel is wrung out of cold water and left all night on the curled part of a rug, the rug will lay smooth next morning.

When a door swells in damp weather and sticks slightly, locate the spot and rub with bar soap. If it still sticks, sandpaper the spot.

Brick fireplaces that are smoked should be scrubbed with a strong tri-sodium phosphate solution and a scrubbing brush then rinsed thoroughly.

When washing wicker furniture add 1 tablespoon of ammonia to 1 quart warm water. Apply with a brush, rinse with a cloth wrung out of lukewarm water.

Washable gloves should be laundered frequently because severe soil makes rubbing necessary and rubbing injures the finish and affects the dye.

The star Sirius is 28 times as bright as the sun.

There are 30,000 written characters in the Chinese language.



★ At Christmas perhaps more than at any other time in the year we realize what it means to be an American—to worship as we please, to go about our daily pursuits unfettered, to take time out to pay homage to the beautiful myth of Santa Claus. ★ And at Christmas the members of this organization realize particularly what your patronage has meant to us, and we take this opportunity to thank you while wishing you all a most Merry Christmas.

Bergfield Bros.



AS WE APPROACH the beloved anniversary of a great Event we are reminded again of the many Christmas seasons we have seen come and go. Time has changed everything except friendship.

We are proud of the fact that we number among our customers many of the town's "oldest inhabitants"—friends who have become dearer to us with the passing years.

Once again we say Merry Christmas to all.



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THAT clatter out on the porch means Santa Claus . . . or maybe it's only Uncle Joe in his annual role of St. Nicholas.

Yes, there IS a Santa Claus, and there will always BE a Santa Claus in the good old U.S.A.

We wish for you and your family this season of 1944-45 a typical American Christmas.

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The ice of the glacial period extended farther south in Illinois than in any other state.

It has been found that earthquakes are more frequent when the moon is nearest the earth.

Michigan, although an inland state, has the longest coastline of any state in the union.

Saccharine is made from tar and is 300 times as sweet as sugar.

Illinois leads all states of the Union in miles of railroad per square mile.

It is illegal to ride or drive a goat in a race over the streets of Wilmington, Del.



GOOD CHEER! There's nothing quite like it. And good cheer is an affair of the heart. It cannot be withheld and hoarded to gain added value with the days or years. Good cheer must be spent!

Let us all radiate good cheer this Christmas of 1944, for there are reasons enough for good cheer if we but pause to reflect.

Merry Christmas greetings from all of us to all of you.

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IN THESE LAST SHORT DAYS OF 1944

when beaming faces tell that Christmas is very, very near, we are reminded again of the supreme value of friendship. He who has no friends, though he may have amassed a fortune, cannot be happy.

We have many friends in this area—friends from many years back as well as friends who have become friends during this past year. These friendships are a great source of pride and happiness to us.

To all these friends we wish a very Merry Christmas Season.

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In 1850 Illinois had only about 100 miles of railroad.

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Longview News

(Thelma D. Kraft, Reporter)

Mrs. J. A. Hart is recovering from a severe throat infection.

August Oye was a business caller in Champaign, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coay were shopping in Champaign, Saturday.

Mrs. Ed Allen spent Saturday with Mrs. Chas. Bengston.

Bert Allen of Oswego is spending the winter with his father, George Allen.

B. B. Gaines left Friday for New York to spend the holidays with his son, Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. DeWitt of Champaign spent Friday evening with Mrs. P. E. Mavity.

Miss Margaret Mohr spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mohr.

Mrs. Delbert Drake of Tuscola is visiting her mother, Mrs. Robert Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Blaney were shopping in Champaign on Monday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Merchant shows very little improvement in Burnham hospital.

Robert Warnes who has been confined to his bed with a severe cold is able to be up in his room.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Green and Mrs. Levi Driver were shopping in Champaign, Friday.

Mrs. Henry Keefe has received word that her brother, Sgt. Lewis Bradley is in Belgium.

Mrs. Kenneth Hanley of Colusa is visiting her father, who has been ill.

Mrs. Delbert Warnes was hostess to the L. S. L. club Thursday, with ten members present.

Mrs. George Warnes and Mrs. John Warnes attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Sarah Phelps of Hindsboro, Sunday.

The Royal Neighbors held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank Dalzell on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Delbert Smith, Mrs. Wesley Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keefe were shopping in Champaign, Saturday.

Mrs. Harry Senters is ill. Mrs. Lester Copas and Mrs. Glen Hood are helping in the Senters restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keefe were in Decatur, Thursday, where Mr. Keefe attended a meeting of policy of Veterans' Loan Administration.

Kay Martinie and Ronald Hagerman escaped serious injury when the former's car turned over several times south of Allerton recently.

Miss Jacqueline Mathews who is attending Millikin University at Decatur, was in a concert Wednesday night at Albert Taylor Hall. She participated in chorus and orchestra.

Mrs. Wesley Churchill was hostess to the J. F. F. club with four tables of rook in play. Mrs. C. H. Daniels, Mrs. James Carleton and Mrs. O. D. Struck were prize winners. A gift exchange was enjoyed.

The Women's Missionary Society with the help of six young people are putting on a Christmas program of stories and music at the Longview U. B. Church on Sunday evening at 7:30. The offering for the Otterbein Home will be presented and consecrated during this service. The pastor's Christmas sermon will close this service. Everybody invited.

The Friends Society has joined the Woman's Society of Christian Service and met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Ed Carleton. After singing Christmas songs, Mrs. Tip Arwine gave the devotions and Mrs. Delbert Warnes gave the lesson. Eight boxes of cookies were wrapped and sent to boys in service. A candlelight service was held in honor of the boys in service.

First—What's a blotter?
Second—Something you look for while the ink dries.

Longview Hi News

The Christmas holidays will begin at noon Friday, Dec. 22 and extend until Jan. 2. The following teachers leave Friday to spend the holidays at their homes: Miss Bonney, at Staunton, Ill.; Mrs. Schlanker, Wright City, Mo.; and Miss Anderson, Brookfield, Mo.

At a meeting of the Champaign

County high school coaches in Champaign Tuesday night, Longview drew Philo as its first opponent in the Champaign County Tournament which will be held here Jan. 16-20.

The annual all-school Christmas party sponsored by the seniors was held on Thursday night after the Sadorus game. Refreshments, dancing and an exchange of gifts were enjoyed by students and teachers.

The Longview Hornets scored a 39 to 26 victory over Philo on Tuesday night. Four boys led Longview in scoring with Bosch getting 10 points, and Hedrick, Ringo and Myers getting 9 each. Daly and Taylor were high for Philo with 8 points each. The Philo Reserves defeated Longview Reserves 22 to 19.

A large crowd attended the music concert Sunday night. The first part of the program was given by the boys' and girls' glee clubs. The melody and harmony of the young voices in the beloved old carols was indeed pleasing to all present. In the second part of the program the audience enjoyed instrumental

solos, ensembles, and a number of selections by the band. Much credit is due Mr. Smith and his students for their fine performance.

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Christmas trees are again gleaming in the windows!

Just about time for us to be thinking of how much we are indebted to you.

And just about time for us to call upon two little words that carry more cheer and good will than all the big words that have ever been coined—

Merry Christmas

Carl Coddington



Noel! Noel!

While ageless Christmas carols fill the air this thought comes to mind. We would like to share with you our Yuletide happiness, and to feel that in this year of grace, 1944, Christmas will mean more to you than it has meant for many years past.

Village Inn



Hearty and cheery
And happy and true,
An ever so fervent
Merry Christmas to
you!

Harold O. Anderson

HOMER THEATRE

Always A Good Show

Fri. & Sat., Dec. 22-23

Such goings on! You'll be all a-twitter!

Marjorie Reynolds, Dennis O'Keefe—

Up In Mabel's Room

Sun., Mon. & Tues.,
Dec. 24-25-26

Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy, Bonita Granville, W. C. Fields—

Song of the Open Road

Wed., Thur., Dec. 27-28

Pat O'Brien, Ruth Hussey

Marine Raiders

Fri. & Sat., Dec. 29-30

William Boyd in
Mystery Man

Shows Start—Midweek, 8:00;
Sat. 7:00 and 9:00; Sun. Continuous 8 to 11.

Gem Theatre

Villa Grove - Illinois

Thur. & Fri., Dec. 21-22

Spencer Tracy, Signe Hasso, Hume Cronyn—

The Seventh Cross

Also March of Time entitled, "What to Do With Germany"

Saturday, Dec. 23

2 Features
Ruth Terry

Sing Neighbor Sing

Also

William Terry, Virginia Grey
Strangers In The Night

Sun., Mon., Dec. 24-25

Abbott & Costello, Marilyn Maxwell, John Conte—

Lost In A Harem

Show will start at 6:00 p. m. on Christmas day, Dec. 25.

Tues., Wed., Dec. 26-27

Sharyn Moffett, Jill Esmond and Una O'Connor—

My Pal Wolf

Thur. & Fri., Dec. 28-29

Wallace Beery, Binnie Barnes, John Carradine—

Barbary Coast Gent



There's a joy in the heart
That sets Christmas apart,
To make it a day of all days.
And may its true peace
And good will never cease
To bless you in manifold ways.

O. P. Witt



ALL the good old fashioned spirit of the season is expressed in this hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS.

You've been the best of friends to us in 1944 and here's wishing for you the very best!

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To you, our friends, who have so helped us to make 1944 successful, we send the friendliest of

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Roy Hurst



* Holly and mistletoe, soft lights and Christmas trees, gifts that mean an outpouring of the spirit. Santa Claus is coming!

With gratitude for your continued friendship we pause during this busy Christmas season of 1944 to wish you the happiest Christmas of them all.

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