

Washington Report
By Howard Buffett

Washington is a city of beautiful churches. All sects and denominations are represented in Washington, and most religious groups have churches or cathedrals here, built by National subscription. This week Capital-City churches are holding many special services, as Washington goes through the motions of celebrating Christmas.

The people of Washington have approached this Christmas with a sort of grim determination. The atmosphere associated with the phrase, "Merry Christmas," is missing. And rightly so, for the berries on the Christmas holly in 1943 are too 'red.' But this greatest of anniversary days can create hope in all of us. The Christmas Spirit is not enough. But if America will live by the Spirit of Christ, our present trials and tribulations would disappear.

The World War is a product of the disease of materialism with which our civilization is afflicted. Society has determined to measure life in terms of physical comforts and physical pleasures. But life lacking the spiritual values quickly reduces itself to the level of the animals and the jungle. As we approach that level of existence, people are becoming frightened at the future.

The Child of Bethlehem and twelve ordinary men, His disciples, founded the greatest movement in human history. Why? Because they taught the moral and spiritual truths that humanity must live by, or perish. Ever since that time great soldiers of the Cross have carried the original message of Christmas, "Peace on Earth, Good will toward Men."

There is no story, real or imaginary, more thrilling and more inspiring than that of the great Christians down through the ages. From Saint Paul to Martin Niemöller, those who have exemplified the spirit of Christ have kept the lights of civilization burning. Our craze for material possessions has obscured this truth.

Who put up the greatest fight against Hitler in Germany? It was Martin Niemöller, alone and unaided, preaching the great moral values of the Four Gospels. While the intellectuals fled, this Lutheran minister fought the advance of Nazism. Not until Niemöller was behind the barbed wire of Sachsenhausen concentration camp did Hitler start his march of destruction.

Niemöller's last sermon carried a message of hope and reassurance. He pointed out that "If those calling themselves Christians have ceased to practice Christianity, how can it exist—our responsibility is to live as Christians." America must again learn that the religion of the lowly Nazarene was founded upon individual responsibility and individual goodness. If we can achieve that goal in our own lives, our individual future and America's future will again find "Peace on earth, Good will toward Men."

damaged hides and meat as well as decreased milk production during the fly season. These grubs irritate the cattle and the resulting pain, nervousness and general run-down condition cause loss of feed as well as food. It is conservatively estimated that 30 to 40 per cent of the cattle in this county are effected by grubs. This includes feeder cattle, dairy herds and general farm herds.

Meat processors report an average loss of \$3.50 per head from slaughter cattle affected by grubs, due to hide damage and condemnation of meat trimmed from the high-priced cuts in the region of the back. Five grub holes in the hide lower its value by at least 1c per pound. These losses are reflected to producers through lower prices. Actual checks have shown a deduction of 25 to 30 per cent in milk production during the heel fly season.

Grubs appear in the back of cattle generally in January and February. They originate from eggs laid by heel flies during early summer. The larvae hatch and travels through the body till it reaches the back where it emerges as the grub during late winter. Control measures are most effective during this late winter period. The treatment is simple and inexpensive. Either dusting or spraying the back of infested animals with cube or derris powder is usually recommended. More information will be available from time to time and circulars are available through the Agricultural agent's office.

4-H Public Speaking
How would you like to earn a fountain pen, a trip to the state 4-H public speaking contest and a \$150 scholarship to be used at the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture, next year. The above county, district and state awards, given by radio station KFAB are available for 4-H members entering the 4-H Timely Topic Public speaking contest. Contestants may speak on any subject related to timely topics of 4-H interest. Members interested should contact their local leader or county agents for more detailed information.

Native Grown Fence Posts
Extension Forester Earl G. Maxwell of the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture, this week recommended that Cass county farmers begin planting trees primarily for post production.

Black locust, obtainable through the Clarke-McNary Forestry Fund and the extension service, was the best variety for fence post production recommended by Maxwell. Making a durable post, the black locust tree, should be planted only where there is plenty of moisture. It may be planted in gullies and ravines.

The forester cited the example of J. A. McGowan of McCool Junction, whose 1941 planting of black locust is now 20 feet high with trunks two and one-half to three inches in diameter. "In five more years," he said, "McGowan should be able to cut a good crop of posts from this planting. After cutting, the trees will sprout again and a second crop of posts will be ready in eight or ten years."

Judicious pruning around the fall of the year, can eliminate bad crotches and double leaders and will make for better posts.

Ways to Prevent Waste
The actual business of knowing how to shop is almost as important today as wise buying, Miss Baldwin, County Home demonstration agent, pointed out to Cass county women this week when discussing home conservation.

"For the town families there are

MANLEY
By Journal Field Representative

Lieut. Frank Dall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dall, is located at Murdock, Calif., where he is awaiting assignment in the air corps.

Manley Woman's Club
The Manley Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Fred Lauritzen where they enjoyed a fine time and held their Christmas party and exchange of gifts. A delightful luncheon was served at an appropriate hour.

William Sheehan was shelling and delivering corn to the Manley elevator on Thursday.

Leonard and William Vogler were at Omaha on last Monday to spend the day looking after some matters of business.

Enjoy Special Banquet
Manley has five women working at the Steckley Hybrid corn plant at Weeping Water. The ladies are Mrs. William Sheehan, Jr., Lizzie Bauer, Mrs. Anton Auerwald, Mrs. J. K. Miller, Mrs. John Gruber. They were at Weeping Water to attend a banquet given by the Steckley company for their employees.

Now Making Maps
Mrs. Glen Fleischman writes of Glen's work. He is at camp in the east and has now completed his basic training. Glen was formerly engaged as a cartoonist, and is now engaged by the government in making maps and charts.

Rush Now Over
The Manley State bank that has

limited deliveries, and for the farm families there are limited trips to town," she said, listing new challenges to the homemaker in the management of her home.

"Fat is needed for military purposes." The present appeal is for fat conservation in order to have the essential glycerine which is a by-product of soap.

Although commercial soap production has increased during the war period, the demand for soap has increased beyond the extra production. To save soap use a water softener as more suds will result from less soap. A soap dish which allows the cake to become dry on both sides when not in use, will save soap.

Paper is scarce and is becoming more difficult to obtain. The materials for making paper are scarce. Conservation of paper in the home, will go a long way toward reducing the shortage.

Saving of fat, soap, and paper are simple ways in which any family can help in the voluntary conservation, Miss Baldwin concludes.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you from the Farm Bureau office staff. With our season's greetings permit us to offer congratulations on the success of the home front in production and conservation of food, fat and fibre. Through concerted efforts much has been achieved and all of our concerted efforts hasten the day when Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men will prevail!

been very busy for the past several weeks during the income tax rush, helping the farmers make out their returns, is now having a lull.

Our coal dealer, Frederick Stohman, who has a hard time securing coal, has been able to supply the Lutheran church, Kenneth Lauritzen delivering the coal.

Robert Gruber, who is in "boot" training at the station at Farragut, Idaho, has not been feeling the best of late.

Entertains Danish Ladies
Mrs. Chris Holt was the hostess for the Danish Ladies on last Thursday, featuring a Christmas party, with the exchange of gifts.

Charles Edwards and wife who have been farming near Murray, have completed gathering their corn crop and will now move to a farm northeast of Weeping Water.

UNION ITEMS
By Journal Field Representative

Frank Schlichtemier and wife were at Plattsmouth Sunday to attend the wedding of their nephew, Ellis Schlichtemier, to Miss Sarah Rishel.

D. B. Porter departed this week in company with his son, Pfc. Clyde Porter, for Arkansas. Pfc. Porter is stationed at Camp Chaffee, Ark., and accompanied his father as far as Hot Springs where he will spend the winter.

Has Eyeball Removed
W. L. Stine had the misfortune to lose one of his eyes. Quite some time ago he injured it while fixing a fence, and it would not respond to treatment. He was released from the hospital last Friday and returned on Monday for a check-up. He was accompanied by Mrs. Herman Comer, and George Stine, a nephew.

Fred Clark was at Nebraska City on Friday of last week to look after business and visit with friends.

Returns to Camp
Pvt. Russell Arnold, who was spending his furlough from Camp Adair, Ore., with Mrs. Arnold and the children at Union, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Arnold, departed last Friday for his post in the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Whitmore, spent the week in Union with Mrs. Whitmore's mother, Mrs. Nina Upton. Mr. Whitmore was formerly a superintendent of the Elmwood schools.

Mrs. Martha Whitford, daughter of Mrs. Nina Upton, who is located at Pueblo, Colo., arrived in Union for a visit with the mother, the husband of Mrs. Whitford being in the naval forces of the nation.

Ralph Opp, who has been off duty as agent of the Missouri Pacific, has so far recovered from his illness that he has been able to resume his duties at the station.

Wayne Ackley, who has been in service of the government, is now home on a furlough with his parents and many friends.

Robert Moritz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moritz, who is in the army,

has been home for a visit with the home folks and many friends. Two other sons of the Moritz family are in service and located in California.

Mrs. C. E. McCarthy departed this week for Tucson, Ariz., where she will visit her son, Donald, who is located near that city in the army. She expects to spend Christmas with him.

F. H. McCarthy, who, with C. E. McCarthy, operates a service station between Union and Nebraska City, is now back at work after an attack of the flu.

W. A. Clarence drove to Omaha this week and was accompanied by Mrs. Jessie Lidgett and Mrs. Lillian Lidgett, who looked after some shopping.

Raymond Brandt, who has been in the navy for a number of years, is home and will spend the holiday season here with relatives and old time friends. He is the son of Joseph Brandt, an old resident of this part of Cass county.

To Celebrate Golden Wedding

As was told in the Journal a week ago, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Pittman departed Wednesday of this week for Brush, Colo., where they will attend the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McNamee, as well as their own anniversary. The ladies were formerly Mollie and Maggie Eikenbary, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Eikenbary, pioneer residents of this section of Cass county. They were married on December 27, 1893. They will spend Christmas with the McNamee family.

KEEP ON
Backing the Attack
WITH
WAR BONDS

UNITED-FRONT
Greetings!
In Grateful Appreciation of Your Patronage and Friendship throughout the past year we wish you a Most Merry Christmas
Robert White, TAXI Service

Operates on Destroyer

An East Coast Port, Dec. 22. (UP) When motor machinist mate second class, Murl L. Anderson of Omaha, Nebraska, lost his appendix on a pitching destroyer in the high running Caribbean, there was a doctor in the house all right—and the following: Lt. G. W. Owens of Brunswick, Ga., the ship's executive officer who served as assistant surgeon; Chief Pharmacist's Mate K. V. Martin of Philadelphia, who served as anesthetist; Ensign Craig Perry, communications officer, and Ensign Rolfe Williams, served as nurse. Lt. Commander Russell J. Brooke of Atlanta, the destroyer's captain, took over the job of keeping the operating room on an even keel. Anderson now is recovering.

Record Earthquake

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 22. (UP)—The California Institute of Technology seismological laboratory recorded an earthquake at 8:51 A. M., today, apparently centered 125 miles east of here, presumably in the desert northeast of Imperial Valley.

The laboratory said the quake was strong enough to cause damage.



'Tis Christmas! Our thoughts revert from the complicated to the simple, from the cares of maturity to the carefree thoughts of childhood, from the material to the spiritual.

'Tis Christmas! . . . time to count our many friends and recall the happy relationships we have had with them during the year . . . time to express our gratitude and to wish all our friends the choicest blessings the Yule season can bestow.

WARGA HARDWARE

Merry American Christmas!
1943

AMONG the things for which our boys are fighting is the right to celebrate Christmas in the traditional American way. It is with particular pride in our country's accomplishment in this direction and with firm faith for the future that we send you now our heartiest Christmas wishes.

HOTEL PLATTSMOUTH
COFFEE SHOP TAVERN

Cass County Farm Bureau Notes
Copy furnished from Office of County Agent Waldo.

Receives State Award
If you wish to know the exact time just ask Ruth Pollard. She will not only give you the time but she will proudly display a 17-jewel Waltham watch which she just received as an award for being state winner in the 4-H Home Grounds Beautification contest. This contest sponsored by Mrs. Charles R. Walgren, Chicago, was open to all 4-H members.

Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Pollard, Nehawka, reported on how she cared the yard, set out some wild flowers and native shrubs, fixed and painted the picket fence and window screens. Ruth did these jobs as a part of her war time activities as well as caring for the chickens, assisting with the chores, the haying and the corn husking. Canning is another 4-H activity which is of vital interest to Ruth.

Grub Control
Cass county is one of four in the state where an organized effort will be made to control cattle grubs this year. Farmers and feeders in Cass county will be interested in the program. Cattle grubs cause an annual loss of over \$50,000,000 through

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Among the most cherished gifts bestowed by the passing year is the friendship and pleasant relations that have existed between us. We hope for a continuance of this friendship during the year to come, and, in the spirit of the season, we cordially greet you and wish you the most Merry of Merry Christmases.

Dr. A. E. Johnson
DENTIST

BEST WISHES FOR A Merry Christmas

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Now . . . when echoes of the angel choir are heard throughout the land, it is time to pause and count our blessings. They are more numerous by far than we had imagined, for which we should be duly grateful.

And the employees and members of this concern are grateful to you for the happy relationship we have enjoyed during the year, and pledge ourselves to strive still more earnestly to deserve your continued friendship.

Herman and Louie Tiekotter
CONTRACTORS and BUILDERS

This Christmas Sock it away

There's always extra money around at Christmas—bonuses and gifts and Christmas Club checks.

This year, be smart with your money. Don't go around splurging it on things that are scarce. Put it where it will count—for yourself and your future. *And your country's!*

Buy the best Christmas gift of all—War Bonds!

FOR PEACE ON EARTH * BUY WAR BONDS