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Miner Basketeers Run Winning Streak To Three Straight

By RAY JUERGENS

The Missouri Miners increased their winning streak to three in a row by defeating two Fort Leonard Wood teams over the weekend. The first win was played Saturday night, December 18, against the 27th Engineer Training Battalion with the final score 56 to 27. The second win was taken at the high school score of 62 to 32 over the 575th Signal Company also of Fort Leonard Wood played Monday night.

Both games were rough and filled with plenty of substitutions, almost every man of the Miner squad playing.

In the first game, Bob Montgomery of the Miners was high point man with 16 points to his credit. Second was Ken Sprigg of the army with 15 points. Norm Rankin came in second with 9 points greatly augmenting his owl hawk qualities. Blair and Crain both cashed in for honors getting 8 points apiece. The half score was 25 to 10 with the Miners on top.

In the second game Monday night the same starting line-up was used as in the previous two games, made up of Montgomery and Kasten as forwards, Crain and Rankin as guards, and Tappmeyer at center. The 575th Signal Company however had a more organized team with Forward Beasley taking the high scorer position for the Army with 14 points. He was closely followed by Bill Crain with 11 and Tappmeyer with 10 points, the rest of the Miner scoring being spread over the whole team. The game was full of substitutions for the Miners with sixteen players used. The half score stood in the Miners' favor at 26 to 12. The officials were, for both games, Barney Ogle and Vernon Asher.

Against a stiffer opponent the

Miners came through with a higher score victory which should give us reason to expect a good basketball season this year for a change.

MINERS	FG	FT	PF	T
Montgomery	8	0	2	16
Loop	1	1	3	3
Kasten	0	1	1	1
Allison	0	1	0	1
Tappmeyer	1	0	0	2
Vogt	3	0	0	6
Crain	4	0	2	8
De Wester	0	0	0	0
Rankin	4	1	2	9
Blair	4	0	0	8
Aftman	0	0	1	0
Bishop	0	0	0	0
Allen	1	0	0	2
Sisk	0	0	2	0
Hailey	0	0	0	0

27TH BN.	FG	FT	PF	T
Sprigg	5	5	3	15
Patterson	3	0	0	6
Leacat	0	0	0	0
Austin	1	1	1	3
Hummel	0	0	2	0
Crawley	1	1	1	3
Lorber	0	0	2	0
Swendel	0	0	2	0

MINERS	FG	FT	PF	T
Montgomery	3	1	1	7
Loop	1	0	1	2
Kasten	4	0	0	8
Allison	0	0	0	0
Tappmeyer	5	0	0	10
Vogt	3	0	0	6
Crain	5	1	3	11
De Wester	0	0	0	0
Rankin	1	0	2	2
Blair	1	0	0	2
Aftman	1	0	1	2
Bishop	0	0	1	0
Sisk	3	0	0	6
Hailey	2	0	0	4
Martin	1	0	1	2
Allen	0	0	0	0

575TH CO.	FG	FT	PF	T
Prestage	1	2	2	4
Donahue	0	0	2	0
Beasley	7	0	3	14
Busse	0	0	0	0
Thom	3	0	0	6
Curran	0	0	0	0
Noble	0	1	2	1
Goin	0	0	0	0
Mongeau	2	3	1	7
Henderson	0	0	0	0

DANCE DATES
Jan. 7—Sigma Nu
Jan. 14—Theta Kappa Phi
Mar. 4—Triangle
April 29—Sigma Pi
May 5—Triangle
May 12—Theta Kappa Phi
May 22—Lambda Chi Alpha

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VARSITY BASKETBALL DATES

Dec. 18—27th Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood at Rolla.

Dec. 20—575th Signal Company Fort Leonard Wood, at Rolla.

Jan. 22—Cape Girardeau at Rolla.

Jan. 29—Park's Air College, at Rolla.

Feb. 4—Cape Girardeau at Cape.

Feb. 11—Parks Air College at Parks Air College.

Feb. 12—Washington University at St. Louis.

Servicemen will be admitted free and students will be admitted on their Student Activity Cards. The games will start at 8:00 o'clock.

ASM Elects Joe Jenkins President

At a meeting held Tuesday evening in Parker Hall, the American Society for Metals elected officers for the coming year. Joe Jenkins was elected president, Bob Kiek elected vice-president, and Gus Clayton will continue on in the capacity of Treasurer.

A Banquet is planned for January 13th in honor of the graduating class, to which all A. S. M. members are cordially invited.

A movie on the "Forming of Aluminum" was scheduled to be shown at this meeting, but due to laxity on the part of school officials or military officials it was discovered when the operator attempted to show the movie that the lamp on the projecting machine was burned out and that a spare lamp was not available. Due to his negligence it was necessary to send back the film without even showing it, as when these films are contracted for they must be shown as scheduled since there is a large demand for them.

This was very disappointing to the A. S. M., and especially to those who went to the effort of obtaining the film and of preparing the program. It is hoped that such "oversight" will be remedied in the future.

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From Frying Pan ...



As a
MINER
Sees it

Wotta weekend, wotta weekend. I haven't seen so much alcohol since the faucet stuck on POPO's private still. The formal deal at the Sigma Nus was pretty stuffy. The affair was supposed to be semi-formal, but the shining snakes showed up in soup and fish and Griffiths, wishing to stand out like a glowworm, spread himself in tails. Otherwise, everybody was happy. Nadine showed up for the first time in a long time.

The tea dance was characterized by a sad set of hangovers. The Lambda Chi affair that night was much better. Kitty Katz and the Boggs wench did a fine morale job when they wrote notes on all the guys' desks.

The Dawn Dance found a set of very sleep nightwits. It was quite different. The dancing turned into quiet sleep walking for all except one. Mitchell who jumped around like the witch from the ballet russe. The orchestra was not too sharp, mainly because the lead saxophonist was taking time out all night to pin I Rideout, and the loudest trombone was too busy admiring his newly pinned Bonnie to do much playing. Nobody noticed, just too damn sleepy. After a while the band got up and disappeared too.

It is good to see that more of the army boys are attending the dances. Haven't heard much from the military lately. I hear Ducky Moreland was shipped into Siberia or somewhere when the new staff took over. As more facts come out it smells rarer.

Robert Kiek was very unhappy about the weekend. Twice in a row he took the count. Don't lose faith whatever you do.

Basketball is rolling these days. The Theta Kap has a mighty loud cheering section. Their favorite is "Do it again, Whop, Whop." It was nasty the way their second verse was twisted by the opposition to be "Super Sids, Super Sids, Wash Their Mouth with Super Sids." Too bad about the Fort Wood game.

Sergeant Bertram is raising a stink because he was rolled for fifteen rocks in a pool game. Tut, tut. Fit on the old thing, live and learn they say... wonder if you'll have time?

"Pimp" Legsdin says he won't turn out any "Victory Model Engineers." OK, flawnk them—

Four A.S.T. Dances
M Club to Throw

Last week president Don Le Pere announced that the M Club would sponsor four closed dances a year for the entertainment of the AST students on the campus.

The first dance has been scheduled for December 23, and will be a formal affair held in Jackling Gym with the AST orchestra furnishing the music. The other dates haven't been decided upon yet.

The M Club is the first student organization to sponsor an AST activity and should be given due credit for their cooperation. This dance will be the first planned social event for the soldiers since they arrived here with the exception of a Rolla Lions Club-Rotary Club dance during the Thanksgiving holidays. The need of recreation for the AST students here is apparent and the M Club has decided to break the ice and do something about it.

Curvaceous Elaine Riley, new RKO starlet, had a tough time— they say. Quit her job as personnel manager of New York radio station because "office-door-Johnnies" cluttered up the place. Went to Hollywood, where beauty's supposed to be dime-a-dozen and creates a traffic jam every time she walks on the lot — they say.

Hoffman Is President of A.I.M.E.

The MSM section of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers held its monthly meeting on December 13, in Norwood hall. The results of the election of officers for the next semester were: Al Hoffman, president; Bill Barnett, vice-president; Alan Ploesser, secretary; Kor Uytake, treasurer; and Professor H. R. Hanley, faculty advisor. This organization, for all Miners and Mets on the campus, hopes to have another active semester and invites all Mets and Miners to participate in this beneficial extra curricular activity.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Read of the mining department who spoke on the important war time topic "Chromium Development in Montana." His talk was based on Mr. Read's recent experiences and observations in Montana, where the government is working to develop our own Chromium resources. All rich chromium ore imports were cut off because of the war and it is almost impossible to fight a war without chromium. This metal is used in the production of armor plate and armor piercing shell, making it easy to see the importance of this development project. Mr. Read also gave an interesting discussion on living conditions in a mining camp in high altitudes.

Colorado Buying Bonds For Army Hospital Train

DENVER, Col. (UP)—Uncle Sam will get a Christmas present that may save hundreds of lives—but only if Coloradans buy \$135,000 worth of extra war bonds during December.

The gift will be Colorado's own Army hospital train, a 10-car mobile unit which will accommodate 96 wounded men. It will include six ward cars, utility car, dining and pharmacy car, and officers' car.

The Treasury Department and the War Department have authorized its sponsorship by counties, cities and non-commercial organizations through the purchase of extra war bonds.

Built to serve overseas in combat areas, the train probably will be staffed by men and women from Colorado.

BUY WAR BONDS and STAMPS!
BACK THE ATTACK!

Blue Key Names Van Os as Pres.

The Missouri School of Mines chapter of Blue Key held its election of officers last Thursday. John Van Os was elected to take the place of Harry Scott, retiring president. The other officials were vice-president, Carl Finley; secretary-treasurer, Bob Kiek; and Corresponding secretary, Joe Jenkins. Van Os previously held the position of secretary-treasurer.

Blue Key is undertaking a big job when it promises that MSM will have a Rollamo, but it is the determination of each member that the job will be completed. There is just one thing that the fraternity asks the students and that is cooperation. If you are late for a picture or late getting an article in the Rollamo will be held up that much longer. The book must go to press by the end of the semester, and it is only through the cooperation of the students that this can be accomplished.

ASTP Plans Continued Training

Official information reaching here indicates a continuation of the ASTP training program, as needs require it.

Lt. Col. Walter S. Mask, commandant, received the following information on the matter:

"The number of soldiers in the program will depend in the future, as in the past, on the actual needs of the arms and services."

"In this connection, the Secretary of War said, 'The number of soldiers assigned for training under the ASTP will be changed from time to time so as to accord with the needs of the Army and the available manpower. It is now being somewhat reduced but may later be either increased or still further reduced as the needs of the military situation or military training make it advisable.'"

"At the present time, there are approximately 140,000 soldiers in the program."

"The first group of soldiers entered upon this training in April of this year and the first graduates have already been assigned to responsible Army jobs."

POST-WAR LOVE

This post war craze has gone too far. To love it's put up quite a bar. For science is a mean old thing. Let's see what post war love will bring.

Let's take a swain on amour bent. A RADAR message he has sent. That he's that way about his gal. He's just a television pal.

Each night he stands before his "set." 'Tis beamed to her you just can bet.

Elections hot with passion's lust. Roll out along the ether's dust. He knows her wave length well by heart.

For science plays Dan Cupid's part. His Walkie-Talkie on his gack. Takes up the conversational slack.

At night in his bright plastic house. When all is quite as a mouse, His television frames her face. His arms the dam machine embrace.

But when the ether waves are jammed. He curses and swears, "I'll be damned."

For then it is quite plain to see. That others know her frequency. On other nights the air is clear. He calls her his 'electronic dear.

She throws him an ethereal kiss. A most delightful radio miss. At last he asks her for her hand. She answers on the broadcast band.

So all the world may hear her say: "Let's be wed this very day." He calls a preacher on the beam. To consecrate love's ether dream. Although they still live far apart.

They're man and wife through radars art. And as we watch them through the years.

Aided much by engineers, A home and family is their goal. With children by remote control. I'm glad it's only '43.

THE HIGHWAY PATROL SAYS:
Safe winter driving demands extra caution. Statistics show that traffic accidents tend to increase as the temperature decreases.

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Giants and Cards Lead in Intermural Basketball

With no more intermural basketball games scheduled until after the Christmas holidays the Giants and the Yanks still lead their respective leagues with yet unbeaten records. The two leagues runners-up are the Frosh-Sophs and the Pirates, each with a 75 percentage both having one loss at the hands of the league leaders.

Last Monday saw a hot game between the Frosh-Soph and Theta Kap with Soph-Frosh finally gaining a 31 to 26 advantage from the last half. The Giants late that night added another victory at Sigma Nu's expense 30 to 11.

Intermural Basketball Standings:

BIG TEN	W	L	PG
Yanks	4	0	100
Frosh-Soph	3	1	75
Theta Kap	2	1	66
Browns	2	1	66
Indians	2	2	50
Triangle	1	3	25
Cards	0	3	00
Lambda Chi	0	3	00
Giants	5	0	100
Pirates	3	1	75
Kappa Sig	2	1	66
Red Sox	2	2	50
Sigma Pi K	1	2	33
Dodgers	0	3	00
Sigma Nu	0	2	00

AROUND MISSOURI

Items of Interest
Gleaned From Our Exchanges --

A City Enters New Class.
Neosho, the seat of Newton County and site of Camp Crowder, has metamorphosed from a city of the fourth class to the third class, an election for the purpose of making the change having been held last month. Another election is expected to be held soon to make further change which will convert the municipal government into the council-manager form of administration.

A Former Senator Dies.
Lon Kelley of Pineville, widely known McDonald County lawyer and former state senator, died unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, December 5. Senator Kelley, a Republican, was widely known throughout the state in political and professional circles and had a legion of friends in Jefferson City where he spent considerable time as a member of the General assembly and on other official business.

Liberty Boasts New Factory.
The Liberty Tribune chronicles, very proudly, the advent of a new factory, the Liberty Manufacturing Company, which is already in production, though the Tribune neglects to state just what brand of merchandise the factory produces. However, it suffices to say that the County Seat of Clay has joined the list of many Missouri towns that are now securing manufacturing plants and that the new institution will employ a large number of workmen and that contracts are now being filled.

Would Buy Capital Service Plant.
The State Public Service Commission has been asked to approve the purchase, by the Arkansas Municipal Water Company, of the Capital City Water Company of Jefferson City for \$804,000. It was indicated by the prospective purchasers that they would make no change in the management of policies of the company. The same

plant was offered to the City of Jefferson five years ago, for \$1,075,000, but a proposal for the city to buy it was turned down by the voters at a special election.

Missouri Woman Texas Editor.
The Houston Herald calls attention to the fact that a former resident of Houston, the former Nancy Clark and now Mrs. Nancy Elen Thompson, is co-editor, with her husband, of the San Juan (Texas) Sentinel, a very progressive and influential weekly published in the famous "Valley" region of the Lone Star State. Mrs. Thompson is also known to members of the Secretary of State's Office and her newspaper has been read with interest in that office.

Praises 'Objectors' for Care of Mental Patients
CLEVELAND, O. (UP)—Conscientious objectors are a big success as attendants in mental hospitals, according to Dr. George S. Stevenson, executive secretary of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene.

Dr. Stevenson declared here that C.O.'s are among the "most reliable workers" ever employed in mental institutions.

"They have a definite, sympathetic feeling for people under their care," he reported.

Hundreds of C.O.'s are employed in scores of hospitals throughout the nation, working there instead of the usual C.O. camps.

Thirty-four per cent of all the farms in Wyoming are now electrified, according to the latest report from the Rural Electrification Administration. The report shows that 200 farms, previously unequipped with electricity, were connected to rural power lines during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943.

Uptown

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday,

December 21-22-23

Joan Crawford and Fred MacMurray in

"ABOVE SUSPICION"

PLUS

Wm. Tracy and Joe Sawyer in

"YANKS AHOY"

With Marjorie Woodworth

Friday & Saturday, Dec. 24-25

Olivia De Havilland and Robert Cummings, Charles Coburn, Jack Carson and Jane Wyman

and a black Scottie named, Fala, in

"PRINCESS O'ROURKE"

Sunday & Monday, Dec. 26-27

Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland, Guy Kibbee and Rags Ragland in

"GIRL CRAZY"

Rollamo

Tuesday, December 21

Mary Beth Hughes in

"POWERS GIRL"

Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 22-23

William Powell and Myrna Loy in

"LOVE CRAZY"

Friday & Saturday, Dec. 24-25

Laurel & Hardy in

"AIR RAID WARDENS"

PLUS

Bill Boyd, (Hopalong Cassidy) in

"BORDER PATROL"

Midnight Owl Show, Sat., Dec. 25

Pat O'Brien in

"SLIGHTLY HONORABLE"

Sunday & Monday, December 26-27

James Cagney, Humphrey Bogart and Rosemary Lane in

"THE OKLAHOMA KID

ROOSEVELT FOR SOLDIER VOTE.

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt said today federal machinery should be set up to enable service men to vote. His policy on the subject, Mr. Roosevelt told his news conference, is that every soldier should be given an opportunity to vote unless actual combat conditions in the field prevent. He said that only a small percentage of soldiers would be kept from voting by combat conditions.

FRANCO'S MEN IN OUTRAGE AGAINST U. S.

WASHINGTON — The State Department revealed today that two members of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's Falangist party forced entry into the United States Consulate at Valencia, Spain on Saturday, tore down photographs and harangued visitors there. Appropriate representations are being made both in Madrid and in Valencia.

CHAS. S. JAKES OF ANUTT DIES

Charles Sydney Jakes was born at Jakes Mills, Illinois, on Sept. 16, 1857 and passed away at his home near Anutt Mo., Saturday morning, December 18, 1943, at the age of 86 years 3 months and 2 days.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. L. C. Kirgan of Rhodehouse, Ill., Mrs. E. E. Leonard of Anutt, Mo., and Miss Nellie Jakes of St. Louis; two sisters: Mrs. Mary Eva Hayes of Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Viola Bell Young of Vancouver, Washington; one brother, Clarence Mardin Jakes of Springfield, Oregon.

There are also surviving 9 grandchildren besides other relatives and friends.

Mr. Jakes came to Phelps and Dent counties in 1912 and has made his home in the vicinity of Lake Springs, Lecomma and Anutt since that time.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon, December 19th. Burial was made in the Anutt cemetery under the direction of Null & Son Funeral Home.

Eli Buffer, 67, Native of Edgar Springs, Dies

Eli Buffer was born near Edgar Springs, November 4, 1876, and passed away in St. Louis Sunday evening, December 19, 1943, at the age of 67 years, 1 month and 16 days.

He is survived by his aged mother, Mrs. Marjorie Buffer; one son, George, with the U. S. Army in foreign service; two daughters, Mrs. Maggie Widener and Mrs. Bessie Roseberry; five sisters, Mrs. Della Lewis of Flat, Mo., Mrs. Mary Jane Allison, Mrs. Ella Harris, Mrs. Effie Hargis and Mrs. Susie Brown, all of Oklahoma; one brother, William Buffer, also of Oklahoma. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren besides a number of other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Evening Shade Church East of Edgar Springs, this afternoon by Rev. D. L. Lewis. Pall bearers will be: Lee, Ira, Carrie and Frank Harris, Clyde Edgar and Olaf Widener. Burial will be made in the Mitchell Cemetery under the direction of the Null & Son Funeral Home.

WORLD WAR A YEAR AGO DEC. 21, 1942

By UNITED PRESS

Allied troops drive wedge into main Japanese line in Buna area of New Guinea, capturing one of the two small airfields in that sector.

Russian troops gain additional 15 miles on the central Don front; Berlin admits Russian breakthrough.

RAF raids Duisburg, at junction of the Rhine and Ruhr rivers. Advance British troops push 150 miles west of El Aghella, in Libyan battle.

U. S. bombers raid Lashia, Burma. British land advance captures Alethangyaw, in Western Burma, 45 miles from Akyab.

This is the season when the jack of all trades goes into the same thing—Christmas shopping.

THE WEATHER

Fair, colder. Lowest temperatures, 15 north portion, 20 south portion.

FSA Farm Families To Produce More Food For Freedom This Year

Six farm families in Phelps County will be producing more essential war foods during 1944 than was possible this year, according to K. R. Elmore, county Farm Security Administration supervisor.

Mr. Elmore said that these families have taken steps to bring their farms to peak production during 1944, and a total of \$5,504 has been advanced by FSA to help them purchase needed livestock, seed and farm equipment to make this production possible.

The families have prepared farm and home plans in order that their funds may be used to the best advantage in producing war foods. They are given instructions in ways to operate their farms more efficiently, and how to obtain the maximum amount of production from available labor and equipment. Special attention is paid to soil conservation practices.

These six new production loans are in addition to twenty supplemental loans made to families already participating in FSA's supervised loan program, Mr. Elmore said. Supplemental loans are made to borrowers so that they can purchase necessary feed, seed, livestock or machinery to expand farm operations.

Mr. Elmore pointed out that the \$12,644 loaned in Phelps County since July indicates that the small farmer is able and willing to expand his farming operations if given a chance. He said that many other farm families in Phelps County, not otherwise able to secure needed credit, could also increase production if supplied with funds and supervision available through FSA. Many farmers are applying for loans now instead of waiting until next spring.

Newburg News

By MRS. E. F. FULLER

LEGION AUXILIARY MET.

Mrs. D. C. Hickman and Mrs. Elmer Wright were hostesses to the Auxiliary of the American Legion Monday evening, at the attractive home of Mrs. D. C. Hickman.

Mrs. Lee Hefflin reports that her son, Sgt. Harry Hefflin and wife have a baby girl, weighing six pounds and thirteen ounces. She was born Dec. 17, at St. Louis. Mrs. Hefflin says that Harry is very proud of the baby.

Sgt. Hefflin is stationed at Jefferson Barracks.

Mrs. Will Boudinot and Mrs. Troy Root are reported to be on the sick list.

Mrs. John Wright, who was sick is improving.

CHURCH NOTES.

Baptist
At the Sunday evening services, Rev. O. A. Haines installed the following officers of the W. M. U.: Pres., Mrs. Elmer Wright; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Walter Thomas; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. Mart Bunch; 3rd vice-pres., Mrs. Frank Boudinot; program chairman, Mrs. Glen Wooley; rec. Sec., Mrs. Frank Pelican; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. O. Dougherty; Treas., Mrs. Grover Helms; Community Missions Chairman, Mrs. Louis Deshurely; Social chairman, Mrs. Lee Roach; Business women Chairman, Mrs. Elmer Hudgens; Chairman of S. W. A. N. S., Mrs. O. A. Haines; auxiliary leaders, Mrs. Raymond Sweeney; Mrs. D. C. Hickman, Mrs. John Thomas, Mrs. Lee Roach, Mrs. James Sims, and Rev. Haines.

Church of God
The Christmas program will be Friday evening at 7:30.

Special Communion At Presbyterian Church Wed. Night

There will be a special Candlelight Communion Service at the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening, December 22, at 7:30 p. m. Members will be received into the Church at this time.

Special music will include the vocal solo, "Ave Maria," sung by Dr. J. S. Cullison. Anyone who cares to attend is cordially invited to do so.

ROAD CLOSED TO ALLOW ARTILLERY FIRING AT FORT

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—(Special)—The supply road ("D & J Road") entering Fort Leonard Wood from the northeast and crossing Big Piney River at Entrance Gate No. 7, will be closed Monday through Thursday of next week (December 20-23 inclusive) because of practice firing across the road. Hours of closing are from 10:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily. Motorists customarily using this road to enter the Fort Leonard Wood reservation are urged to adjust their scheduled trips accordingly, to avoid inconvenience.



ROLLA AREA YOUTH AT CONTROLS OF PLANE.

A dispatch from Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Tex., states that William H. Lenox, 19, son of D. T. Lenox, Lake Springs, Mo., is now in training at the field, "at the controls of a BT-13A plane." He is in training there with a number of other Missouri cadets.

SENDS THANKS FOR NEWSPAPER, CIGARETTES.

Pfc. Roy Duncan Troop A 1st Med. Sq. serving in Armed Forces Somewhere in Australia writes his mother, Mrs. P. N. Duncan, 908 Elm St., Rolla that he is enjoying the Daily New Era regularly and wishes to thank the Rolla Lions club for cigarettes he received from them.

SGT. LLOYD GALL HOME ON FURLOUGH.

Sgt. Lloyd Gall arrived Friday to spend a 12-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Bertha Gall, who lives northwest of Rolla. Sgt. Gall has been in the Army 13 months and this is his first furlough. He is stationed at Camp Hulien, Tex.

Cheer 'Treatment' Awaits Patients

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—(Special)—Christmas cheer in big doses is the holiday treatment planned by the Red Cross for patients at Station Hospital, it was disclosed this week by Miss Angel Glastris, senior recreational worker at the hospital's Red Cross recreation building.

All during the coming week, Red Cross Grey Ladies will visit wards, in the hospital, staging parties for the patients and serving refreshments. A contest will be conducted to determine the best-decorated ward on each hospital "row," and special parties will be given for the winners and the winner of a contest to name the best-decorated ward in the entire hospital.

On the day before Christmas the Grey Ladies will distribute gifts to each patient, and carollers will tour the hospital wards and corridors.

Girl Blasts 'Vet' For Sitting in Bus

KANKAKEE, Ill. (UP)—Joe Smith, 23, Kankakee, sank gratefully into an empty bus seat here after a strenuous day.

"Why don't you give up your seat?" demanded an irate girl who stood in the aisle near Smith. "Why aren't you in the Army, anyway, you 4-F?"

"Sure," replied Smith, "I'm 4-F. That's why I'm sitting down." He turned to look at the window as the girl glared at him.

A friend of Smith's later "told off" the girl. Smith, he said, still carries pieces of shrapnel in his hip and suffers wounds received in the blast of a Japanese shell on Guadalcanal.

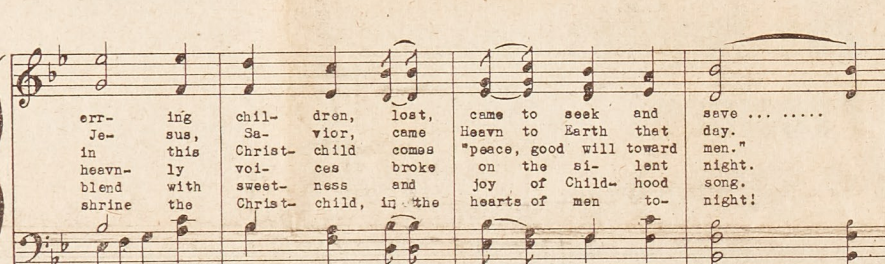
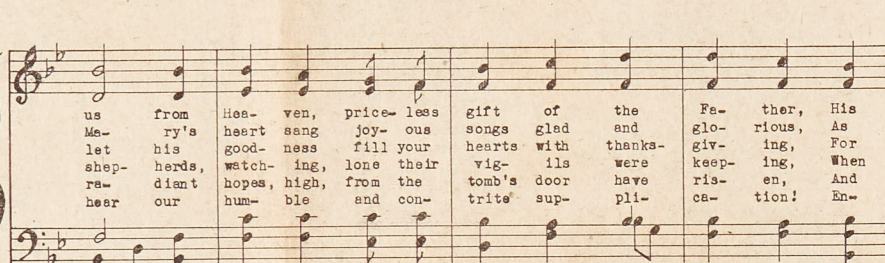
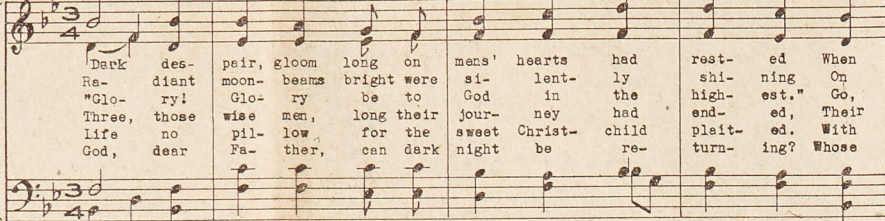
It still isn't too late to mail earlier than a lot of thoughtless people will.

STORY OF THE CHRIST CHILD

DEDICATED TO THE GASCONADE WRITERS GUILD

Words & Music By Clair V. Mann.

Rolla, Missouri, Dec. 4, 1941.



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How "Story Of The Christ Child" By Dr. C. V. Mann, Local Historian, Came to Be Written

How "Story of the Christ Child," the Christmas carol written by Dr. C. V. Mann, came to be written, is told in the following interview with the local writer and historian.

The music and words for the carol reproduced above so that many caroling groups may have access to it this season, was sung at the Methodist vesper service here Sunday afternoon—and was accorded favorable comment.

When questioned about the writing of the carol, dedicated to the Gasconade Writers Guild Dr. Mann said:

"You asked me to tell you something of the background and circumstances which led to the writing 'Story of the Christ Child,' which you propose to print in a pre-Christmas issue.

"The Gasconade Writers' Club, to which the song is dedicated, has honored me with membership in that Club. One of its happy customs is to hold a Christmas party a week or two before Christmas. This year it is December 16. At such times among other things they do, the members bring and read a poem or other work that they have written personally.

"I first attended such a party in 1941, and was asked to contribute a number of the kind indicated. The Historical Society had the month before held its annual meeting, at which Mrs. C. H. Black and a quartet had sung two of my songs. Mrs. B. H. Rucker, a member of both organizations, got the idea that the Gasconade Writers' Club deserved a Christmas carol of their own—and she paid me the honor of believing that I could write such a song. Now a song, to be worth its salt, must be born of inspiration, and I had neither time nor inspiration. However not wanting to wholly disappoint the Club, I made three trials at writing a song—and took all three to the party. Imagine my surprise when the Club managed to sing two of the songs, and play the third, from my single copy of the manuscript, plus a few sheets on which the verses were typed!

"The date of the composition is interesting—December 4, 1941—three days prior to Pearl Harbor. At that time I had but five of the six verses written—and added the sixth the day after Pearl Harbor, which accounts for its sentiments. I most seriously think that our people, in planning for post-war work and projects, have not paid

enough attention to the making of better people. The last two lines of the song place emphasis on that thought. The somewhat weird melody is like certain carols we used to sing in the Rolla Community Music Club.

Prior to this month I had not made any copies of the song for the members of the Gasconade Club—and so when they demanded that I should do so before the ensuing party, I felt I had to comply. That is how you happen to have received a copy.

Pleads for Real Songs from Here.

One further thought: I see no reason why Rolla, a city of culture and cultured people—many of them musically inclined—should not be a place from which inspiring songs should emanate—along with all the other good things that go out into the world from Rolla. There is no reason why Rolla should not become known the world over for its refinement and culture, and its literary and musical productions, along with its fine technical education. People used to sing of Casey Jones—who was an engineer on a road other than our busy "Frisco." Why should we not sing of our wonderful freedom here in the Ozarks—of our own hills, springs, skies, people, and maybe even of our busy Frisco railroad and its men? Such a thought has prompted me to try writing a number of such songs, which I hope in the near future to make available in collective form and at our stores. As music, I surmise that these songs do not cut much of a figure—but perhaps these efforts may prove to be the spur to some very real music writer, who will come through with a very real job."

WAR BULLETINS

JAPS EVACUATE ISLAND.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said today there were indications that the Japanese are evacuating the southern part of Bougainville Island in the Solomons.

He said the forces in the southern part of the island were moving northward. He told his news conference that since the enemy's forces are scattered it was obvious they would attempt to concentrate to meet the expanding American threat in the Empress Augusta Bay area.

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BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS!

Sewer Project At Newburg Is Approved

Mayor Kramme received word today that the \$67,500 sewer project for Newburg had been approved at Washington.

The housing project had also been approved.

Bonuses Going To Kroger Force

Distribution of Christmas bonuses to approximately 1,865 employees of the St. Louis branch of the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company, which operates food stores in this area, is now under way, George Houston, branch manager, announced through Edwin D. Huffman, local manager.

Similar distribution is in progress throughout the company, according to the branch manager, who said that directors had appropriated \$375,000 to provide a bonus for every employee with six months or more of service, with the exception of branch executives and keymen who are already participating in a profit-sharing plan.

Kroger employees in the armed forces, now numbering more than 5,100 with 1,100 in foreign service, have each received a Country Club fruit cake as a Holiday remembrance, and in addition cigarettes are being sent on Christmas Day to each of these employees in uniform. An abbreviated edition of Time magazine will be sent free to all Kroger employees in foreign service through the coming year.

Mr. Huffman said the Rolla store will remain open Thursday evening until 9 o'clock for the benefit of those who cannot shop until evening, but he reminded that on Friday evening (Christmas eve) the store will close at 6 p. m.

OSARK DIALECT VERSE IN BOOK, "BREEZES FROM PERSIMMON HOLLER."

Some Ozark dialect verse by Mrs. Mabel E. Mueller is included in the new 208-page book, "Breezes From Persimmon Holler." The book is edited by "Mirandy" of Hollywood, a radio employee on the National Farm & Home hour.

Rail Strike Order Expected Today

Square Off for Mo. Prison Probe

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 21.—(UP)—The three members of the State Penitentiary Board, at Gov. Forrest C. Donnell's suggestion, have hired William L. Vandewater Springfield attorney, as counsel to represent them in the governor's investigation of alleged irregularities in prison affairs.

The allegations under inquiry by the governor were contained in two letters written him by Executive Director Keeton Arnett of the Missouri Public Expenditure Survey. The charges involved alleged mispending of public money and use of prison food in officials' homes.

Donnell said he had studied Arnett's charges with a "considerable care" and had concluded that since some were principally matters of law and none of the officials—Penal Director Lloyd I. Miller and Commissioners Paul Renz and P. F. Willis—was a lawyer they should be represented by counsel in their discussions with him.

DANCES, PARTIES AWAIT TOUGHENED DIVISION TROOPS

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—(Special)—Gala pre-holiday dances and parties at service clubs, recreation halls and USO centers of the post offered the prospect this week of a warm and spirited Christmas social season for field-hardened, weather-beaten troops of the 75th Infantry Division.

Brilliant Christmas trees, multi-colored decorations in keeping with the Yuletide motif and pretty girls from nearby towns were among the eye-openers in store for the doughboys at the many funfests, which range from large regimental dances to more intimate company and battery parties.

Special convoys have been planned to take soldiers of the division to dances and parties at Rolla, Lebanon, Jefferson City and St. James. Rolla USO was host to troops of the 730th FA Battalion's Battery C Tuesday, and will entertain the 375th Medics and the 289th Infantry's 1st Battalion next week.

The 899th FA Battalion will send troops to Jefferson City for a dance tomorrow night, and the 289th Infantry's 2nd Battalion will be feted at St. James next Tuesday following a basketball double-header involving two divisions and the local high school.

Service Club No. 4 will be host to the division's Special Troops to-night in the first of two large pre-holiday affairs at that club.

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The five operating brotherhoods already have ordered their 350,000 members to begin a strike on that date.

Disclosure of the non-operating strike threat was made shortly after President Roosevelt had told his news conference that a railway strike would be the worst blow imaginable against the war effort.

The President revealed he has urged a compromise proposal for averting a strike of the five operating brotherhoods by allowing them four cents an hour in addition to four cents awarded by an emergency board.

STORES TO CLOSE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR DAYS

Most Rolla stores will close here on Christmas and New Year Days, according to William Stoltz of the Merchants Bureau.

The holidays are on Saturday this year, but they are traditional days of observance, and stores will close, as was planned at a meeting of the Merchants Bureau several weeks ago.

Other services, including banking, will be suspended for the days as Rolla area folks observe the days.

George Crum of Dunivan Crossing Dies Monday

George Crum was born in Newton County, Tennessee, and passed away at the home of his son north of Dunivan Crossing Monday morning, December 20, 1943.

He is survived by two sons, David and Lee Crum of Rolla; one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Hull of Washington; two brothers, Ed Crum of Argyle, Mo., Lee Crum of Vienna, Mo.; and one sister, Mrs. Vettie Shanks of Paydown, Mo. There are 28 grand children and 4 great grandchildren, besides a number of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Little Flock Church near Vienna at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be made in the church yard under the direction of Null & Son Funeral Home.

WMC Manager To Speak at Civic Luncheon

Charles F. LaPierre, manager of the local area office of the War Manpower Commission—U. S. Employment Service, will speak at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Pennant tavern tomorrow.

LaPierre was scheduled to speak last week but was called out of town on business at the last minute. His subject will be of interest here: "Labor Stabilization and the War Effort."

Revived Hemp Industry Sees Place After War

CHICAGO (UP)—War Hemp Industries, Inc., said the war had revived the ancient industry of hemp rope production in the United States with fair promise that it would continue during peacetime.

"Until the Civil War," the corporation said, "hemp was grown here in abundance, but with the expansion of world trade it could not compete with fibres grown in the Far East with cheap labor."

"From the peak production of 75,000 tons in 1859, our crop fell off to 1,000 tons a year. This year's tonnage, however, is expected to exceed that of 1859."

"Approximately 20,000 growers have signed up with the government to harvest 185,000 acres, and 62 processing plants are under construction."

"A new gatherer-binder developed by the International Harvester Co. simplifies the harvesting process and will enable us to compete with cheap foreign labor after the war," officials of the company said.

We all love a good loser—if we have any bets on him.