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REFLECTIONS

By The Editor

The customary and love-laden phrase

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"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

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Calls forth in us not so much a feeling of celebration and festivity at this season of the year

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As it rings out to us as an unmistakable challenge.

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To countless millions who have lost their belongings, loved ones, friends, home and liberty.

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It is perhaps the saddest Christmas in all history.

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Candles in many lands that were once brightly lighted

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And sent forth their ray of hope and of good cheer,

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Have been **BLACKED OUT.**

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Chimes with their joyful messages that have thrilled the hearts of mankind,

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Are **SILENCED!**

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And just as a father, mother and little child

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Fled from a tyrant's bloody hate hundreds of years ago,

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Fleeing out of the desert, desolate and friendless, to escape the despot's rage,

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Seeking to find a dwelling place but no one wanted them—

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REFUGEES!

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And so it is today—

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From a score of blighted lands they flee—

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Fathers, mothers, and little ones—

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Some alone, some in sorrowing bands.

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They lift their hands to the whole wide world—begging, imploring!

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And we—how shall we answer their pleading cry?

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Shall we pass them by—these victims of hate and threatening guns—

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REFUGEES!

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So it is then that we should temper our thoughts of the season with the determination

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That this sentiment of a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a pleasant outlook for a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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Shall not pass from this earth if it is within our power to prevent it.

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This is the **CHALLENGE** we face at this Christmas season.

Sgt. Carl Ey, stationed in the Quartermasters' department at Camp Blanding, Florida, arrived home last Saturday for the holidays and a visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ey.

"The Life of A Christmas Card" is Told

M. E. Volle Has Feature Article In Post Paper.

In a recent issue of "Wingspread," published weekly by the Army Air base, Colorado Springs, Colo., appeared an article by Lt. M. E. Volle, Postal officer. He is a son of Henry Volle, Mount Pulaski. The article follows:

Life of a Christmas Card

My what a story I could tell if only I could write! Some good people along the way have, in the course of their daily duties, written for me a very brief message, which freely permits the imagination to fill in the minor details. Let me tell you something about myself.

Lieutenant M. E. Volle, Postal Officer, had his imagination aroused when he saw my well-marked face. Here is the story as I see it:

I started out on Dec. 18, 1941, to deliver a Christmas Message from a Lieutenant stationed at Langley Field, Va. I was mailed through the Baltimore, Maryland, postoffice.

My journey began with a trip to another Lieutenant stationed at Rosenberg, Texas. However, by the time I arrived on Dec. 22, 1941, my Lieutenant at Rosenberg, Texas, had been transferred to a bomb squadron at Clark field, Fort Stotsenburg, Pampanga, Philippine Islands. From there I was forwarded to Batan, P. I., but before arriving, my addressee and a number of his brave buddies had been isolated by a large group of Tojos. Therefore, it was necessary for the postal authorities to mark me "Return to Sender, Service Suspended to this Organization." Now began my long journey westward away from the rising sun, to my home base at Langley field, Virginia, U. S. A.

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Boyd Hahn Now Radio Operator

Madison, Wis., Dec. 18—Boyd F. Hahn, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hahn, Mount Pulaski, Illinois, is now qualified to become a radio operator with the U. S. Fleet as a result of his graduation Dec. 16 from the Naval Training School for radiomen at the University of Wisconsin here.

His course of study consisted of 16 weeks of intensive training in the transmission and reception of radio messages in international code at a speed in excess of 25 words per minute. He was assigned to the school after having demonstrated special aptitudes in this type of work, while in recruit training.

While stationed here, he was quartered in a University dormitory, and taught by members of the University faculty. Two other schools, one for diesel engineers, and another, a radio school for WAVES, also are in operation on the campus.

Hilltoppers Win Fast Homecoming Tilt 45-43

Packed House Witnesses 11th Homecoming.

The eleventh annual Homecoming of Mount Pulaski township high graduates, students and friends will pass down in history as having been one of the most colorful and enjoyable of all times.

A military tinge was given the opening ceremonies which were devoid of all oratory—a decided change and a challenge to the planning of future events of this kind.

The high school band went thru maneuvers to open the evening, featuring new formations and spelling out the "Victory Code," . . . —, and forming a "wing" as a salute to the Air Forces. Lanphier came in for its share of the band's efforts, the band singing, "Hi, Lanphier," and forming the letter "L". Mount Pulaski high came in for its share of the maneuvers and the stands made the gym ring with the pep song, "Fight On, Pulaski."

The salute to the flag by the girls physical education class was beautifully executed and added much to the patriotic hue of the setting with their red, white and blue uniforms. Forming a giant "V" with the band as a background, four girls—Alma and Ethel Hassebrook, Ruby and Ruth Jackson—in military costumes, carried in the flag to be raised while the band played the Star Spangled Banner, with Corporal James Jackson of the U. S. forces saluting.

The presentation and dedication of the Honor Roll of Service Men plaque was an impressive ceremony with Waldo Bertoni, president of the student council, making the presentation on behalf of the faculty and student body to the community. George Meister, local commander of the American Legion and county commander of all posts, accepted it. It will be placed in the north entrance of the school.

A list of the commissioned officers was read as were the names of all names on the Honor Roll, the names of parents with two sons in the service, and those of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Maddox and Mr. and Mrs. John Hassebrook, who have three sons in the armed forces.

Corp. James Jackson came forward at the close of the presentation and placed a gold star opposite the name of Louis G. Bender, the only known casualty, who was killed at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, a short time ago.

Principal Lloyd Hargis paid tribute to the graduates of the high school in that of the approximately 200 graduates at least 40 percent of them were in the service of their country at this time, a record for any school.

The big feature of course, was the winning of the first Homecoming game in several years—but it was a close one with Lanphier fighting up to the last second to trail by only two points 45 to 43. Jolly St. Nick was present.

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Hilltoppers to Paris Tourney

The Purple and Gold will spend part of their Christmas vacation at Paris, participating in the Paris holiday tourney on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

They will meet the strong Clay City squad at 2:15 Monday afternoon in the second game of the tourney. The Hilltoppers have a tough assignment ahead of them if they wish to meet the winner of the Urbana-Milford game which precedes theirs.

Clay City has been going like a house afire this season and has won nine straight. They have a chap named Hildebrand who has scored 64 points in the last two games. Just what class of competition that was against may spell the difference as far as the locals are concerned for they can do some scoring themselves as has been proved in past games.

In the event of a loss on Monday, the locals will play a consolation game that evening with the loser of the Urbana-Milford game.

The schedule of games is:

Monday, Dec. 28

Game 1—Urbana vs. Milford, 1 p. m.

Game 2—Clay City vs. Mount Pulaski, 2:15 p. m.

Game 3—Normal vs. Homer, 6:45 p. m.

Game 4—Paris vs. Neoga, 8 p. m.

Game 5—Loser Games 1 and 2, 9:15 p. m.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Game 6—Loser games 3 and 4, 1 p. m.

Game 7—Winners games 1 and 2, 2:15 p. m.

Game 8—Winners games 3 and 4, 3:30 p. m.

Game 9—Winners games 5 and 6, 7:30 p. m.

Game 10—Winners games 7 and 8, 8:45 p. m.

29 Logan Youths Are Registered

Twenty-nine Logan county boys registered during the first period of the sixth registration for selective service of 18-year-old men, N. L. Gordon, clerk of the board, announced in Lincoln last Friday. These men were born in July and August, 1924.

The following from the south half of the county registered:

Mount Pulaski: Charles Dean Volle, Austin Julian Opperman, John William Martin, Charles Richard Mueller, Charles Eugene Holmes, Charles Edward Ridgeway, Robert Alfred Scroggin.

Beason: Thomas Edward Morrow, Lewis Edwin Wurth.

Latham: Roy Lowell Tuley. Broadwell: Jas. Homer Schultz. Elkhart: Geo. Alvey Thompson.

Both the township high school and grade school closed Wednesday for the holiday vacation.

Inhalator Is Unavailable For Duration

Money Deposited In Bank For Purchase.

Fire chief O. W. Mayer, received the following communication relative to the inhalator which was being purchased here through the sale of magazine subscriptions, which has been successfully completed.

Mount Pulaski Fire Dept. Mount Pulaski, Ill. Gentlemen:

With reference to your application for preference rating on one B. K. inhalator, we are unable to recommend the issuance of a preference rating in view of the critical materials involved.

The heavy demands by armed forces for equipment utilizes materials used in manufacture of inhalators necessitates this action. Your assistance in helping us conserve critical materials will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
GEORGE A. CUMMING,
Chief Fire Protection Section.

"The money for the purchase of the inhalator has been deposited in a local bank and will be used for that purpose as soon as government restrictions are removed."

Copeland Church In Program

A short Christmas program was given Sunday morning, Dec. 20, at the Copeland Christian church, six miles southwest of here. On account of bad road conditions, the pastor, Rev. L. H. Hooe, of Iliopolis, was unable to be present. Immediately after Bible school and Communion, the following numbers were given:

Song, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," Choir.

Song, "Little Town of Bethlehem," Congregation.

Responsive reading of Christmas story.

Greetings, Dalen Sheff, Myrna and Glenda Copeland.

Reading, "Royal City of David," Jo Ann Drabing.

Piano solo, "Chapel Chimes," Joyce Bowers.

Reading, "The Wise Men," Robert Ayers.

Quartet, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," and "Silent Night," John Bowers, Eloise Quandt, Myrna Copeland, Duane Copeland.

Piano solo, Jo Ann Drabing. Benediction, George Bowers.

There were 86 present at Bible school. This year, instead of the Bible school receiving treats, it was decided to send its equivalent to the Orphan's home in St. Louis, Mo. The ten boys in the army were each sent a package from the church; fruit baskets were sent to the sick; and cash donations were made to the Orphan's home and to the WLS Good Neighbor club.