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Anniversary Recalled At Party

Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. McMillan, Dr. and Mrs. George Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ullakko will celebrate their wedding anniversaries on Christmas night with an "at home" at the Lewis residence at 1180 North Winter street. Friends are invited through the press to call between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock.

Holiday decorations will be used; the serving table, covered with a Chinese-embroidered lace cloth, will be centered with an arrangement of white narcissuses and white carnations in a low silver bowl and flanked by white tapers in silver holders.

Mrs. J. C. Harrison, Mrs. H. L. Marsters, Mrs. A. L. Lindbeck and Mrs. Lyle Buck of McMinnville will pour during the evening, and the Misses Maureen Jones, Jane Acton, June Nickel and Patty Zeller will greet Mrs. Barbara Lewis with guest guests at the door.

The party is to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of the McMillans, the 19th anniversary of the Lewises and the 10th anniversary of the Ullakkos.

Engagement of Couple Told

Betty Vandarwarka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vandarwarka is announcing her engagement to Mr. Virgil L. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Parker also of Salem.

No date has been set for the wedding as Mr. Parker is in the navy on active duty in the Pacific.

Miss Vandarwarka is a senior in Salem high and Mr. Parker also attended Salem schools.

Women

Farm Wife Can Win War

CAMDEN, Ind.—(AP)—"Fair Acres," the 380-acre farm home of Secretary of Agriculture R. Wickard, is being managed with the feminine touch—of Mrs. Louise Wickard and Ann, the younger of her two daughters.

The senior mistress of "Fair Acres," in Carroll County, takes her farm manager role as a matter of course. Says she: "The men have so much to do, faced as they are with the necessity of production beyond anything we've ever known, women must help by doing more of the chores."

Mrs. Wickard, whose father was a Logansport, Ind., businessman, became a farmwife 20-some years ago after she met a good-looking young farmer (Claude R. Wickard) at a village dance and married him. She worked by her husband's side on an Indiana farm during World War I.

Recalling her work then, she says: "We had the first tractor in our community and I drove it when things were rushed with the men. The noise and vibration from that clumsy machine were terrific. I can never forget the grinding of the steel wheels and the smell from the exhaust—quite a contrast to the model Ann drove this summer."

She adds that "in bond drives farm women participated then as now."

On a recent trip home Mrs. Wickard busied herself with light chores and baked a few of her husband's favorite pies. She caught and dressed a chicken and admitted she had lost none of her speed and skill since she has been one of Washington's "official" hostesses.

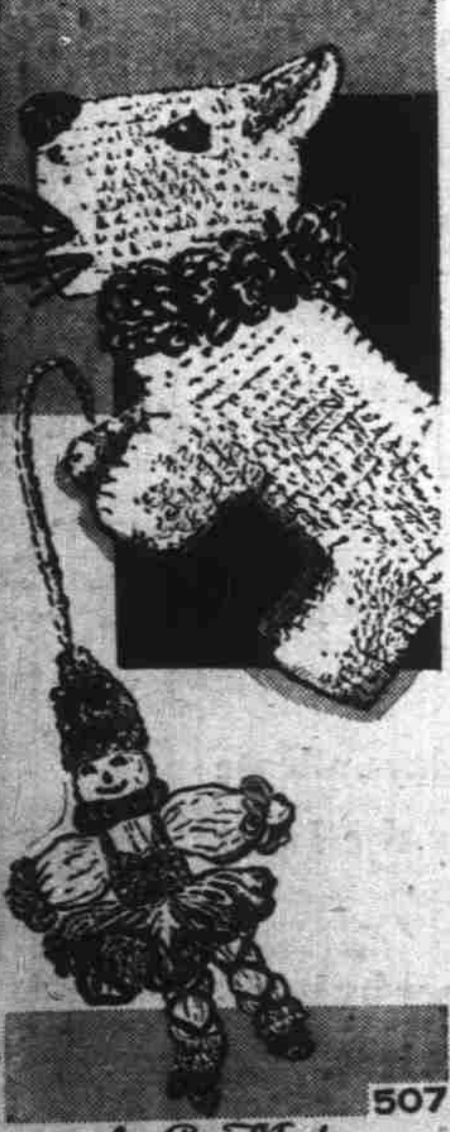
Speaking as a native Hoosier farmwife—as she chooses to call herself—she asserts: "Farm women today have a bigger job and more responsibility because there is more to do and more depending on us."

Ann, a coed at Purdue University, last summer devoted virtually full time to the job of managing the farm while her parents were in Washington. Betty, a Purdue graduate, is the Wickards' other daughter.

Comparing farm women's role now with that of the first World War, Mrs. Wickard says: "With more and better machinery to help them women can do and are doing more field work than during the last war. With the help of women, farmers will produce enough for our armed forces, for lease-lend, and for the people at home."

"With this tremendous production record there will be no excuse after this war for hunger. The war has proved what we already knew—that America can produce enough for all."

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CLUB CALENDAR

THURSDAY
Fidelity class, First Baptist church, with Mrs. Ada V. Skitz, 42 1/2 Court street, 8 p. m.

FRIDAY
Ann Judson circle, 7:30 p. m., 1st Baptist church.

Social Meeting For Girls

Chadwick Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls held its regular meeting Tuesday, presided over by Miss Margaret Forsythe, worthy advisor, and Mrs. Wayne Henry, mother advisor. During the business meeting, final arrangements were made for the annual Christmas formal, held Wednesday. Also, it was announced that the recreation room at Camp Adair would be completed the following day when an army truck called for the equipment the girls had collected.

The business meeting was followed by a Christmas party on the fifth floor, an excellent committee headed by Miss Newman was in charge. The serving table was attractively centered with red candles, holly and fir cones. Gifts were exchanged in the course of the evening.

Geists Hosts At Dinner

Dean and Mrs. Melvin Geist were hosts on Tuesday night at their West Lefelle street home. The dining table was centered by an arrangement of jonquills and heather.

Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rieder, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Brennen, Miss Bertha Babcock, Mr. Lewis Pankas and the hosts.

Mrs. George Hug and Kathleen left Tuesday for Livermore, Calif., where they will spend the holidays with Lieut. and Mrs. Wallace Hug and their small son.

Auxiliary Members Initiated

The American Legion auxiliary, Capital unit, met Monday in the Women's club with Mrs. Stanley Kruger presiding. After a short business the meeting was turned over to the past presidents, who had charge of the initiation ceremonies. Those taking part were Mrs. Leon Brown, president; Bess Watkins, vice president; Mrs. Frank Marshall, junior past president; Mrs. O. E. Palmateer, vice president; Mrs. Jennie Bartlett, chaplain; Mrs. Beryl Porter, sergeant at arms, and Mrs. A. M. Johnson, pianist. The candidates were lighted by Loren Palmateer and Joan Blaxall.

Those being initiated were Mrs. David Lasalle, Mrs. Emil Seifert, Mrs. Herman Miller, Mrs. Silas Gaiser, Mrs. Clem Ohlsen, Mrs. George A. Gabriel, Mrs. W. C. Thompson, Mrs. Norris Bixby, Mrs. Merlin Gramme, Mrs. W. L. Osborne, Mrs. C. S. Putnam, Mrs. Clarence L. Webber, Mrs. Clarence Conrad, Miss Barbara Flagg, Miss Alice Louise Ohling, Miss Shirley Webber and Miss Wilene Wiper.

A Christmas program was enjoyed by past and auxiliary members and included a medley of carols by a chorus of junior members holding candles, a Christmas story by Mrs. Albert Gragg and caroling sung in unison. Gifts were distributed from a tree by O. E. Palmateer acting as Santa Claus.

Mrs. Fred Gahlendorf and Mrs. E. W. Ritchey, chairmen of good cheer and rehabilitation, with their respective committees were in charge of the refreshments.

At the business session it was voted to purchase the \$5 tuberculosis seal bond from the community service budget.

Former Salem Girl Weds

A former Salem girl, Miss Elizabeth Hope Dowd, was married on November 28 in Tacoma, to Mr. Delbert LeRoy Benskin of Cheyenne, Wyoming, according to word received from friends here. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Marion Flint, at the home of the bride.

Miss Marguerite Miles of Tacoma, formerly of Salem, and Mr. Theodore M. Stark of Ft. Lewis, attended the couple, and a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Stevenson followed the ceremony.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dowd of Woodburn, and the groom's mother is Mrs. H. B. Ryan of Los Angeles. The couple will live in Tacoma, as Technical Sergeant Benskin is stationed at Ft. Lewis.

Miriam Becke Is Hostess

A group of friends of Miriam Becke were her guests at a buffet dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Becke on Tuesday night.

The table was covered with a red cloth and centered by a Christmas tree with white tapers and white angels.

Following dinner, an exchange of gifts was held and games followed.

Present were the Misses Sharon Burnett, Beverly McGilchrist, Harriet Hawkins, Evelyn Johnson, Virginia Covert, Majeska Groening, Doris Burwick, Jean Newman, Lizbeth Kennedy, Jane Huston and Ann Huston.

WOODBURN—The Presbyterian Missionary society met in the social room of the church Wednesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. Olive Smith presiding. After group singing the devotions were led by Mrs. H. F. Butterfield. Mrs. James Morrison, secretary of overseas sewing, gave her report and delivered a surgical gown she had made and displayed bandages rolled by the Junior Endeavor. The articles will be sent to China. Mrs. Vernon Frenz was in charge of the program.

Today's Menu

Today we'll go easy on the main dish but will anticipate a husky meal for Christmas day.

TODAY
Winter fruit salad
Hamburger cakes on Toasted buns
Mashed potato cakes
Buttered carrots
Apple gingerbread

CHRISTMAS DAY
Cranberry-orange salad
Roast duck
Apple and celery stuffing
Stuffed potatoes
Broiled pickled peaches
Buttered fresh peas
Hot Rolls Apple jelly
Mince pie a la mode

WINTER FRUIT SPECIAL
1 cup cubed grapefruit
1 cup cubed oranges
1/2 cup diced apples
1/2 cup broken walnuts
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup thick French dressing
Mix and chill fruits, dress with ingredients and serve on lettuce.

Yankee Army Santa Claus To Children

LONDON, Dec. 23—(AP)—United States soldiers in the British Isles have spontaneously dedicated their first Christmas overseas to the British children.

From one end of the country to the other they have been acting as Santa Claus at parties, and for weeks they have been preparing in their off-duty hours to bring holiday cheer to the children in the vicinity of their camps.

Noting the scope of these activities, the headquarters of the American army in this theatre discloses Monday that one large unit had donated \$10,000 for a series of 38 parties to be given for 10,000 children with a 25-mile radius of its camp.

These were climaxed Monday with four parties for 2300 children of Salisbury and Andover. Every little guest received a present.

In northern Ireland the patients at an American military hospital contracted several thousand toys for the children of their area.

Candy and cookies, saved from weekly army canteen rations, and packages of fruit were distributed to 1000 children of Bristol.

Negro troops were planning "big doings" on Christmas eve for the children of the locality where they are billeted.

But it is not all giving on the part of the Americans. People all over the islands have thrown open their homes to the boys, some of whom will be missing Christmas at home for the first time.

Fifty invitations have been received for every American soldier available.

Job Protested

WOODBURN—Tom Engle, Herman Otjen and John Aiguire appeared before the Woodburn city council Tuesday night and protested that the Hardcastle avenue improvement job had not been done according to specifications.

They specifically mentioned the amount of gravel on the surface, and lack of dirt alongside part of the curbing. Councilmen agreed to investigate.

Seventy guests from the Willing Workers class of the First Christian church were entertained at a no-host dinner in Lausanne hall Tuesday night by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kerns. During the dinner hour, Mrs. Nellie Harrison, secretary of the church, was presented with a cameo pin and Mrs. Lloyd Robinson, teacher of the class, received a potted plant. Later, Miss Betty Pugh and Mrs. Howard Cole sang solos and Mrs. Cole lead the group in carols.

The engagement of Mrs. Dorothy McDowell and Munroe Cheek was announced by Mrs. Kerns.

Business Men To Elect Officers

MT. ANGEL—After an open discussion on membership, the Business Men's club Tuesday voted to make the next meeting, January 12, a free meeting, having luncheon tickets purchased out of the club's fund.

A large representation is desired for the next meeting to discuss the club's policy and to elect new officers for the next six months. Although the practical accomplishments of the club have been minimized by the war and ensuing conditions, it was definitely decided at Tuesday's meeting that the organization would carry on with regular meetings.

President Douglas Harris, chairman of the children's Christmas program committee, stated that several hundred children from the city attended the free show "Dumbo" last Saturday. All the rural children of the community had been invited.

Chosen to handle the tickets for the next meeting are O. L. Withers and William Bean.

Salvation Army Worker Speaks

Annual Christmas program for members of the Rotary club was given Wednesday noon in the Salvation Army citadel. Col. James Dee, divisional commander of Oregon and southern Idaho, was guest speaker; also on the program were a trumpet duet and a vocal duet of Christmas songs.

Col. Dee described the spirit of Christmas as the desire to spread gladness, building morale; the spirit of worship; and the spirit of generosity or self appreciation for one another and patience.

Seal Sale Proceeds Stolen From School

AURORA—Tuesday evening the Aurora school was entered and \$30 was stolen from the desk drawer of Mrs. Ruby Shantz, principal. The sum was the proceeds of the tuberculosis seal sale. The thief broke Christmas tree ornaments, damaged the tree and destroyed a few of the presents.

Police haven't discovered who entered but are following clues. Two boys wearing white coats were seen crossing the Fudding river bridge last night; authorities are searching for them for questioning.

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The Truth About Santa

(SYNOPSIS: December 6, 1942, marked the 1800th anniversary of St. Nicholas day, honoring the fourth century saint who secretly gave away riches to the needy. Little Dutchmen believed he brought gifts each December. After the Revolution, Americans called him Santa Claus, not a staid old bishop who came on New Year's eve. In 1822 a very wise pastor, Clement C. Moore, described St. Nick in a poem.)

Part 5
By ZACHARY TAYLOR
AP Feature Writer

When Harriet Butler heard Dr. Moore read his Christmas poem about "A Visit From St. Nicholas," she loved it!

She copied it in her album, and took it back home to Troy, N.Y. Next year, in 1823, she sent it to the Troy Sentinel, and Editor Orville L. Holly loved it, too—so much that he printed it at Christmas time with these words:

"We know not to whom we are indebted for the following description of that unwearied patron of music—that homely and delightful personage of parental kindness, Santa Claus."

Nearly everyone today is familiar with the poem. It begins: "Twas the night before Christmas..." Father and mother were going to bed. The children had hung up their stockings and were tucked in bed, fast asleep. Suddenly, father rushed to the window to see what was causing a clatter.

Outside he saw St. Nick in a sleigh pulled by eight tiny reindeer called Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen. They raced over the snow-covered roof, stopped by the chimney and St. Nick plopped down into the fireplace inside. He emerged, covered with soot, and quickly filled the stockings with gifts.

"His eyes how they twinkled!
His cheeks how merry!
His nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed,
Like a bowl of jelly.
He was chubby and plump,
A right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself."

A Change of View
His duties done, Santa turned and "laying his finger aside of his nose" (remarkably like the St. Nick of the old Dutchman's dream), St. Nick rose up the chimney, mounted his sleigh, exclaiming as he drove out of sight: "Happy New Year to all, and to all a good night!"

So, Dr. Moore believed that Santa called on New Year's eve. That is the way he finished the original poem, though the last line now is written: "Merry Christmas to all."

Every Christmas eve now, children make a torchlight pilgrimage to Moore's grave in a New York churchyard. They also honor another grave there of the oldest son of Charles Dickens, who wrote the famous "Christmas Carol."

At first, Moore, a dignified scholarly man, was quite upset that Harriet Butler had caused the publication of his simple poem for children. Had she not done so, the poem might have been unknown to this day, and Santa might have been a very different person.

(Friday: Santa In Art.)

Four Salvos From Frisco Halt Battler

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—(AP)—It took just four salvos from the eight-inch guns of the American cruiser San Francisco to blast a Japanese battleship completely out of action in the sea battle of Guadalcanal last month.

This report of the effectiveness of American naval gunfire against overwhelming odds was made by First Lt. Robert W. Ryerson, 22, of Washington, who commanded a marine anti-aircraft detachment on the San Francisco during the crucial battle.

In a press conference at the navy department Monday, he told one of the most comprehensive stories so far of the exploits of the heavy cruiser in a night fight at extraordinarily close range.

An American task force led by the San Francisco surprised three Japanese columns, totalling at least 15 warships, approaching Guadalcanal from the north around Savo island. To the west of Savo was a light screening force, Ryerson related. To the east of the little island, which Ryerson said is known among American naval men as Salvo Island because it has been the scene of so much fighting, were a column led by two battleships and a second column of heavy cruisers.

These latter two columns were about 5000 yards apart and the American task force coming up from the southeast moved in between them.

"We were trying to go in as far as we could," Ryerson said. "Pretty soon we were illuminated by the searchlights of a Japanese heavy cruiser and immediately we opened fire. We fired 11 salvos at the cruiser and hit with nine before it could get any more than one or maybe two guns into action. The cruiser rolled over and sank."

As soon as the shooting started a "regular melee" developed, Ryerson related, and the American vessels hit their own ships on the other side.

In the first few minutes after the fighting began, the San Francisco, leading the American battle line, began a turn to the west

and the Japanese likewise began turning to the west, toward Savo island.

At that time the battleship was spotted—by Lt. Cmdr. William Willbourn, San Francisco gunnery officer. The battleship began firing on the San Francisco with its 14-inch guns at the same time that the cruiser opened up with her eight-inch guns. The fight started at 2500 yards and ended at 1500 yards.

"We hit them with four full salvos," Ryerson said, "and they quit firing. The next day our planes saw the battleship still beside the island, sometimes getting up two or three-knot speed, and sometimes dead in the water. She finally went down, either sunk or scuttled."

Gervais Farmers Union Leaders Are Selected

GERVAIS—The Farmers union met Monday night at the high school auditorium. On the program were numbers by the grade pupils, announced by Nancy Uhrhammer, Mrs. Folker gave a brief report on the program of the National Farmers union for 1942. Robert Harper reported on the AAA election and said that January 12 had been designated as National Farmers day. W. E. Barnett reported the net income of the National Farmers union and amounts contributed by co-ops. A. D. Folker reported on agriculture in general. Others spoke and many points of interest to the members were brought out.

Election of officers resulted as follows: D. L. St. John, president; vice-president, W. E. Barnett; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Brown; executive board, W. Hellman and Fred Manning; conductor, John Banick; doorkeeper, Mr. McKay; publicity secretary, Mrs. D. L. St. John. The election of a junior secretary was held over till the January meeting. Mrs. C. L. Jorgensen, chairman of the social hour committee, was assisted by Mrs. Fred Manning, Mrs. Frank Holoubek and Mrs. L. J. Uhrhammer.

GERVAIS—The election of officers for 1943 for the county A.A. resulted in Robert Harper, E. J. J. Miller and M. E. Lucas, being selected committeemen and Wesley Keppinger and Peter Jensen, alternates.



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