

Bank Sells Thrift Stamps—

The First National bank will hereafter have on sale the government thrift stamps.

Fifth Company Boys Here—

Van Wier, Cecil Conn, Roy Stewart, Stanley Adams, John Tate, Leonard McGee, Elton Gildow, and

Jay Palmer arrived home this morning from Fort Canby on five day furloughs.

Home on Furlough—

Orville Smith arrived home this morning from Goat Island to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Janie Smith. He is in the Yeoman

KEPT HAWAIIAN FLAG FLYING

Natives Smeared Pole With Thick Coat of Grease When French Frigate Threatened to Capture Fort.

How the Hawaiian flag was kept flying at great odds is the subject of a story told recently, says the New York Herald. It relates to an incident in 1849, when the commander of the French frigate Poursinville threatened to capture the old fort. The French admiral demanded the return of about \$10,000 which had been paid to the Hawaiian government by the French government for an unlawful seizure of ten years before.

When the fort and Honolulu were threatened with gunfire, R. C. Wyllie, a British subject, advised Kamehame III that the French could not sink the earth, and so the French money was buried in the public square. Also that while the fort might succeed in sinking the French war vessel, it would be best for the safety of his people not to make armed resistance.

Wyllie then visited the fort, where he conferred with Colonel Mahuka, who was in command. He told the colonel to call all his men in line and then asked for the best seaman among them. From out of the lines stepped a former whaler who was ordered to climb the flagpole with a grease pot and tie the flag securely to the staff. Then as the whaler descended the pole he smeared it plentifully with grease.

After this there was an honorable retreat to a point of safety, while the French marines were put ashore to enforce the demands of their commander. However, as none of them could climb the greased pole, the Hawaiian flag continued to fly, and as the French money was safely buried, they finally had to depart empty handed.

STUFF HEROES ARE MADE OF

Young South Dakotan Gives Up Business and Family of Four Youngsters to Join the Army.

The Charlotte Observer is in receipt of a letter from a gentleman in South Dakota, inclosing a check and asking that the Observer be mailed to him as long as the South Dakota troops are at Camp Greene, as he has a son in the One Hundred and Forty-seventh field artillery. The father wrote:

"I have a son in the One Hundred and Forty-seventh field artillery, Forty-first division, Camp Greene. You will also see his name on the heading of this letter. I miss him very much, as I depended very much on him in the business and expected in my declining years to turn the whole business over to him. But his country called him. He was a West Pointer, but had resigned to help me. He has a wife and four little ones at home. Look him up and give him my love. Give us all the Camp Greene news you can of his regiment or battery."

He has a wife and four little ones, but his country called him and he heard and heeded. It is of such stuff that heroes are made.

Speeding Up Lumber Business.

From log to lumber is a rapid transformation after the log is fished from the pond, hauled up the log slip and thrown on the skid, off which it rolls on to the carriage, where it is turned into correct position by the "steering nigger," fastened on the carriage, and cut into shape and form for use by the big saws, of which there are three kinds, hand, circular and gang, a process which requires but a few minutes. Half an hour later the lumber is in the dry kiln, or, if timbers have been cut, they are waiting on the timber docks, ready for loading on freight cars.

Reports received at the offices of the Southern Pine association show that a majority of mills are now handling the government's war business on a six-day schedule. This is, within a week from the time a government order is received, the trees have been cut from the forest, hauled to the mill, manufactured, kiln-dried if necessary, placed on freight cars and delivered to points of destination.

Tobacco and Food Crops.

The cultivation of tobacco in the valley of the Connecticut river has been said to have "robbed the neighboring fields of half their growth." Many a farmer in western New England who, 40 years ago, relied on this district for his cattle feed, must now pay high prices for grain raised a thousand miles away. Incidentally the giving up of so much of the most fertile land in New England to the cultivation of a non-essential has materially contributed to the high price of milk. Now, however, the raising of tobacco in New England is on the decline, and this year many of the fields which were formerly given over to the cultivation of that product has been used for raising more useful crops.

To Put It Mildly.

There was a crash of glass out in the hall, and we went out to see what had occurred. When we arrived, the glass was there, some innocent bystanders were there, but there was no visible victim.

"What happened?" we asked. "Bill was coming along the hall, and his foot slipped, and he plunged forward and stuck his head right through that glass door!"

"Well, where's Bill?"

"In the next room being plastered up."

"Was he cut much?"

"Well, his face wore an injured expression."—Exchange.

CHURCH NOTICES**Methodist Episcopal—**

Third and Ellsworth: George H. Bennett, pastor. Christmas sermon at 10:30. Sunday school 11:45; J. G. Minton, superintendent. Reception and baptism of new members. Epworth League 6:30. Evening sermon, "My God in Disguise." Special music at both morning and evening services.

First Presbyterian—

Communion of the Lord's Supper in the morning at 10:30. The pastor will give a brief address on "Christ's Own Creed." Vespers from 5 to 6 in the evening, with special Christmas music by the chorus choir under the direction of Mrs. McNeal. Theme of the 20-minute sermon, "The Bethlehem Shepherd as Practical Men." Christmas Eve the committee in charge of the exercises will give an old English Christmas party in the social rooms of the church. There will be old-fashioned costumes, processions and carols and a treat suitable to the occasion but in keeping with the spirit and necessities of the times. The invitation is general to all members and friends of the church and congregation.

Baptist Church—

The public is invited to enjoy the Christmas Sunday here. Bible school 10. Christmas sermon 11. An interesting young peoples' meeting for instruction and devotion at 6:30. The Christmas program of the Bible school will be given at 7:30. A cordial welcome awaits all.

Christmas at Grace Church—

Ten a. m. Sunday school hour with Christmas lessons, music and exercise. 11 a. m. Pastor's Christmas sermon, "The Peace that Jesus Came to Give." 4 p. m. Vesper service with the following program: Organ and piano prelude, Misses Pratt and Hackleman; invocation; hymn, "Joy to the World"; Christmas Scripture selections, a Junior class; solo by Mrs. Roy Worley; reading from Mary Stewart's "Tell Me a True Story"; hymn, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"; anthem, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," choir; selections from Milton's "Hymn of the Nativity"; solo by Miss Bernice Hackleman; anthem, "Arise, Shine," offering to relief of Armenian and Syrian Christians; anthem, "The Heavens are Declaring"; postlude. Monday evening an old-fashioned Christmas tree will be unloaded after a program by the children. The young people will hold a midnight service. Tuesday at 5 p. m. the ceremony of "Bringing in the Yulelog" will take place at the Lone Pine Boys' clubhouse on the banks of Pennywinkle.

Christian Science—

Corner Fourth and Ferry streets. Sunday service at 11 a. m.; subject of lesson sermon, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Forces?" Sunday school at 9:45 and 11. Wednesday evening meeting at 8. Reading room from 2 to 4:30 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A hearty welcome to all.

United Presbyterian—

W. P. White, pastor. The morning subject will be, "Where Will I Spend Eternity?" The evening hour is devoted to a study of the Romans. The subject tomorrow evening will be, "The Righteousness of God."

Church of the Brethren—

Four hundred twelve Geary street. Hiram Smith, minister. Sunday services: Sunday school 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m.; subject, "Christ a Living Stone." Song service 7:30 p. m. Preaching 7:45 p. m. Subject, "Five Great Things." All are invited to these services.

St. Mary's Church—

Rev. Arthur Lane, rector. Rev. John Neelon, assistant. Fourth Sunday of Advent. Services at 8 and 10:30 a. m. The pastor will officiate and speak from the gospel of the day, the subject being "The Expectation of the Lord's Coming." Vespers will be sung at 7:30 p. m. The evening subject will be "The Purpose of the Incarnation." Services will be held on Christmas at the same hours as Sundays and special music will be rendered by the choir. The pastor will speak on the Christmas Messages or "The Good Tidings of Great Joy." The public will be welcome at these services.

Evangelical Church—

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. Young Peoples' Alliance services at 6:30 followed by preaching services at 7:30 p. m. Our Christmas entertainment on Monday evening at 7:30. All are welcome. C. L. Schuster, pastor.

California People Here—

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Essex and son, and Mrs. Cora Petty and daughter Esther, of Alhambra, Calif., arrived yesterday and are visiting at the home of Mrs. Petty and Mr. Essex's mother, Mrs. C. B. Essex.

Weather Report—

Vesday's temperature ranged from 39 to 53 degrees. River fell 15

41 feet. Rainfall .02 inch.

Visiting Hackleman's—

Mrs. Frank M. Dallan of Seattle is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Denver Hackleman.

Pennywinkle Bridge Closed—

The Pennywinkle bridge has been closed for repairs. The high water weakened the support and the bridge will doubtless not be reopened for

several days.

To Visit Relatives—

Mrs. G. Riggs went to Portland this morning to visit relatives.

Went to Portland—

Miss Evelyn Collins went to Portland this morning to visit her parents, and other relatives.

**Yuletide Good Cheer**

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