

R C XMAS ROLL CALL ON DECEMBER 16-23

The object of the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call is to enroll every person in the United States as a member of the American Red Cross. The primary purpose of the campaign is not money, but membership, the registration in terms of active participation of the spirit of our nation in the greatest humanitarian organization the world has ever known. We want to bind together every man and woman in America by a common bond of brotherhood and sisterhood in an organization whose sympathies and efforts are as universal as human suffering and need. We want to marshal the spiritual force of this great nation and give that force expression through the American Red Cross.

The time selected for this worthy work is the week of Dec. 16-23. It is peculiarly appropriate that the Roll Call be had during the Christmas season. With a splendid victory attained and the dawn of peace at hand, the ingathering of all our people in this great altruistic order serves at once as a fitting climax to our achievements and a fitting thank offering for the guidance that has led us to them.

During the above period every man and woman in Morrow county will be asked to join the Red Cross. If you are already a member you will be asked to renew your membership for 1919, if not a member you will be asked to take a 1919 membership as your first. No children, but only adults will be solicited. The membership fee will be \$1, the same as in former years. Of this amount 50 cents will go to your local chapter and 50 cents to the National organization.

Every district of the county will be organized and canvassed by competent workers. Every member will be given a 1919 button, every home will receive a service flag with small crosses to express the number of members or absent ones enrolled in the army or navy.

Universal membership is the key note of the campaign. This thought is expressed in the language of our president, "I summon you to comradeship."

To our absent boys, to the valorous allies by whose side they have fought, we want to send a message on Christmas eve; the message that the American nation stands solidly behind the Red Cross, the great mother, who never faltered or failed them even in their greatest extremity. Join the Red Cross. Make it unanimous.

C. E. WOODSON,

County Chairman Red Cross Roll Call.

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Most of the tinsel-covered trees that are set up each Christmas season in the homes of Boston, New York and Philadelphia, it has been found, are balsam fir, and many of the selected specimens are even shipped comparatively long distances from their places of growth to Chicago and the cities of the middle West.

While the balsam fir is popular as a Christmas tree on account of its symmetrical and practically perfect conical shape, it is in growing demand for a variety of uses. Its white, straight-grained wood has come to be used more and more in the manufacture of toys that hang from the branches of its younger fellows and from the branches of the other evergreens that are widely used in many parts of the country.

The wood of the balsam fir is used to a large extent, also, in the manufacture of excelsior, of which thousands of tons are used each holiday season for the packing of gifts that are sent by express and mail. The balsam fir is the source, too, of the wood from which are made many of the food containers, such as fruit baskets and butter boxes, in which materials for the Christmas dinner are brought to the market, the tastelessness of the wood making it unsurpassed for such uses. Finally, the balsam fir is being increasingly used for the manufacture of paper, and this, wrapped around thousands of holiday packages, adds still another chapter to the list of the tree's almost indispensable usefulness as a factor in Christmas observances.

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CHRISTMAS EPIGRAMS

¶ It is a wise Santa who keeps his whiskers away from the candles.

¶ Better broken toys than broken hearts.

¶ Never look a gift in the price tag.

¶ Many a man puts on long white whiskers and thinks he looks like Santa Claus when he looks more like a goat—and perhaps he is.

¶ One thing they missed during the Spanish Inquisition—Christmas cigars!

¶ Shopping done in time is the noblest work of woman!

¶ A Christmas gift by any other name doesn't cost half as much.

¶ A gift in the hand is worth two in the postoffice.

¶ Many a man gets a girl under the mistletoe only to find himself, a little later, under her thumb.

¶ A pound of steak to a poor man is worth a ton of holiday greetings.

In the Christmas Handicap

Mere Man Describes How Friend Wife Wins by an Eyelash

THERE is no use in my going home tonight," observed the tall, sad man as he pushed the dice box from him and accepted the consolation cigar which the tobaccoist vouchsafed him.

"There will be nothing doing the way of ents. My wife hasn't time to cook. She's entered in the Christmas handicap. You talk about the six-day races where fellows ride around and around until they drop dead or go nuts! Why, the Christmas handicap has that kind of an endurance race skun a mile!"

"My wife gives one hundred and eleven presents on December 24 and 25. The race is between her and Christmas, and, believe me, Christmas is coming along pretty fast when it comes to the last lap of the race during December. But my wife is coming along pretty rapidly, too. Take it from me, those needles of hers click so fast that they sound like fifty revolutions to the minute, and she hits on all six, too, and she leaves a string of pink and blue double bowknots, kuletets, picos and fourrets in the wake of those needles that would astonish you!"

"Tick, tick," says the clock, and 'tickety, tickety, tick, tick,' says the needle and there's a pair of embroidered socks, an embroidered handkerchief or a foot towel, a sweater, a cap, a dolly, a lamp shade, a photo holder or most any old thing.

"Bingo! It's December 22! Bingo, bingo, bingo-o-o, go the knitting needles and crochet hooks and the tatting shuttles, leaving a string of garments in their wake.

"December 23 jumps up on the calendar, and whizz! bang! sloop! go the needles, the paint brushes, the branding irons and the stencils. And swish, swish! on comes the scenery, the menagerie, or whatever she has to evolve.

"December 24 swings into the stretch. Now Christmas is here. They approach the wire.

"Now, I don't know whether my wife has worked all night or not, but she has brought her string pretty well up abreast of the time. But some of these presents have to be delivered. My wife grabs a handful of them and starts out to deliver them. None of them is finished yet, but she finishes them on the way.

"Clang, clang! goes the street car. Buzz-zz! goes the current and away we go! But hih, hih, bob go the finishing touches on the presents. My wife arrives at a place where a present is to be delivered and rings the bell. Bip, bip, bip, bip go the needles. Five yards to make and the maid is on the way to the door.

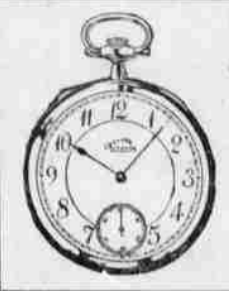
"Crack! The servant opens the door. Swish-h! the present is completed. Thud! My wife drops it into the box. Swish, in goes my wife's card, and rattle, on goes some hollyhopped wrapping paper and my wife wins by an eyelash!"



At Christmas be merry and thankful withal And feast thy poor neighbors, the great with the small. —Thomas Lusser.

Holiday Suggestions

The advantage of early Christmas shopping are daily emphasized by the many selections made from my complete stock. Whether you propose giving an inexpensive piece of Jewelry, a Diamond, mounted La Vallier, Bar Pin or Ring, you will find them here at most reasonable prices.



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Day of All Days.

Merry Christmas! may it find you Gay with all the best of cheer; Joy come your way to remind you Of the time of all the year.

No Apology Needed.

Never apologize for a Christmas gift. Never say it is cheaper than what you would have liked to give, or not as pretty as you thought it, or anything of the sort. A Christmas gift is supposed to be an expression of good will. If there is kindness enough back of the giving, no apology is necessary.

If We Give Ourselves.

Christmas is not a day or a season, but a condition of heart and mind. If we love our neighbors as ourselves; if in our riches we are poor in spirit and in our poverty we are rich in grace; if our charity vaunteth not itself, but suffereth and is kind; if when our brother asks a loaf we give ourselves instead; if each day dawns in opportunity and sets in achievement however small; then every day is Christ's day and Christmas is always near.

Christmas Bells.

There are some festivals, like birthdays, for example, which affect a single family; others, like national holidays, embrace the nation; and some there are which circle the entire globe. But Christmas Day lifts at one leap a line of connection between earth and heaven. If there be one day on earth on which above another the gates of heaven are more widely opened, it is the day when joy-bells ring in memory of the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. This is the day of the Christmas bells!—Bishop Vincent.

Holiday Greetings

TAKE this method of extending my heartiest Holiday Greetings to all my friends and patrons and to wish for each and every one of you a most Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Trusting that the New Year will bring much good to Heppner and to all of her people. Respectfully,

C. W. BOWERS, 'The Shoe Man'

From War to Peace Time

The changes necessary to pass through this period may tax the patience and perseverance of all of us. But let's not alter our pre-peace habits in living and working too suddenly, but permit the change to take place automatically.

Otherwise, the Farmers & Stockgrowers National advises "Full Steam Ahead."

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