

Manchester Evening Herald

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PRICE THREE CENTS

About Town
The promotion of Joseph E. Pagan to the rank of Staff Sergeant...

Steal Wreaths
On Clinton St.
Boys Are Blamed for At Least Six Thefts on One Street.

Anderson Greenhouses
Artistic Floral Arrangements for Weddings, Funerals, Anniversaries

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Benson's Catering

Now...
Season's Greetings
Best Wishes For A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year To All Our Customers and Friends

PLEASE NOTE-
We will close promptly at 9 p. m. Christmas Eve. We will appreciate your cooperation in making this possible.



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CATERING
For All Occasions
In Our Business

Arnold Pagani
774 1/2 Spruce St., Tel. 9790

Also—Our store will be Closed Friday, Christmas Day, from 1 to 6 p. m. in order that our employees may enjoy Christmas dinner with their families.

Quinn's Pharmacy
873 MAIN STREET

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND PATRONS
A MERRY XMAS

ANNE CAMPBELL'S BEAUTY SALON
853 MAIN STREET TELEPHONE 3404

Advertisement for Fuller Brushes, featuring an illustration of a woman and text: 'A Christmas Gift to delight her FULLER BRISTLECOMB'

HALE'S Last Minute Suggestions For Last Minute Shoppers!

Just Received! NEW SHIPMENT OF ARISTOCRAT
Initialed Stationery 50c box
Gift Undies 79c

Suede Vests \$3.98
Cotton Dresses \$4.98
Parka Hoods \$1.69
Lace Table Cloths \$5.95

TOILETRIES
Williams' Shaving Sets .98c
Williams' Shaving Mug .97c

Gift Hosiery
Perfect Fitting Full Fashioned Rayon Hosiery
Extra Sheer \$1.15

Beautiful Housecoats
of Rayon Satin in wraparound model with embroidered pocket. Royal blue and wine. Sizes 12 to 18. \$3.98

BABY SHOP
Children's Ski Pants \$2.25
Baby's Cotton Knit Rompers \$1.19

GREEN STAMPS GIVEN WITH CASH SALES
The J.W. HALE CO. MANCHESTER, CONN.

Average Daily Circulation For the Month of November, 1942: 7,814

Japs in Desperate Straits Near Buna As Lines Breached

No Herald Tomorrow
No issue of the Manchester Evening Herald will be published tomorrow, Christmas Day.

Pope Asserts Church Shuns Part in War
Not Deaf to World Situation; Heresy of National State Is Seen as New Danger.

Chenille Bedspreads \$5.98
De Luxe Blankets \$5.95

HOUSEWARES
10 Piece Salad Set \$2.25
Moisture Proof Salt Shakers

Japs Know Only Attack
Kenney Says They Can't Be Fought by Any Method Out of Book.

Reports Japs Lauded Denied
Finnish Government Has No Information on Praise for Attack.

Victory Loan Drive Success
First Gigantic Drive of War Goes Over Top by Over \$2,200,000,000

Hitler's Hopes Go Up in Smoke
Fires blanket Eindhoven, Holland, with a heavy pall after R. A. F. bombers pour tons of high explosives on the Philips Radio Works, which was turning out war materials for Axis nations.

Russians Capture More Towns; Rapidly Narrow 130-Mile Gap
Moscow, Dec. 24.—(P)—Pressing southward across the middle Don steppes at an unbroken pace, the Red Army today captured several more Cossack towns and rapidly narrowed the 130-mile gap between Millerovo and Rostov on which the German command depended for land communications.

War Affects New England Yule Holiday
More Stringent Conditions Prevail Than for First Christmas in World Conflict.

Smuts Offers Colonies Plan
Three-Point Program For Administration After War Advanced.

Planes Attack Nazis' Trains
Allied Fighters, Bombers Also Assault Other Railway Targets.

Great Lakes Naval Station 10 Times Its Former Size
Chicago, Dec. 24.—(P)—This training was placed at about 6,000 in the report which added that 10 times that number now are receiving training.

Treasury Balance
Washington, Dec. 24.—(P)—The Treasury Department today announced that the balance of the Treasury balance sheet as of Dec. 22, 1942, was \$1,315,345,472.74.

The Weather
Forecast of U. S. Weather Bureau
Continued moderate temperature tonight, with rain or snow beginning late tonight.

Americans at Dakar To Form Last Link For Chain of Bases
London, Dec. 24.—(P)—It will be a chain of bases and air bases, the plan was worked out in a series of conferences held in London.

Yankee Units Will Observe Yule Holiday
Soldiers to Celebrate Christmas in Strange Lands Tomorrow; Turkeys to Be Scarce.

Somber Note Rules Second War Yuletide
Greetings from Roosevelt to Launch Nation on Observance; Think of Service Men.

Flashes!
Bomb Japanese Airfield
Carrying on a series of bombing attacks on the Japanese airfield at Munda, United States dive-bombers have dumped new loads of incendiary bombs on the airfield today.

Advances Date for Coupons
Washington, Dec. 24.—(P)—Because of continued cold weather in the east, Postmaster General Henderson today advanced the date on which certain tax stamps generally may use their third period ration coupons.

Admits Robbing Guests
Hartford, Dec. 24.—(P)—Whitford Chappell, 23, of 136 Prospect street, Norwich, arrested today by Detectives Arthur Peters and Christopher Hicking at the Alby House where he had been cornered by the clerk, had admitted, according to Peters, being the man sought by police since early yesterday morning for robbing guests at a Hotel Garden who slept. Several articles known to have been stolen from hotel rooms were found in Chappell's room, and several pawn tickets were found in his possession.

Rules Property Not Exempt
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—(P)—The Minnesota Supreme court today ruled that the first decision of its kind in the United States, today ruled against the estate of a woman who had claimed that property purchased from the Federal government under contract for deed, in real estate, was exempt from state taxation.

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### Record Few Hours Away

### Five Years This Evening Since Fatal Traffic Accident in Derby

Derby, Dec. 24.—A remarkable record was only a few hours away today in this city of more than 10,000 people. It will be five years this evening since Derby had a fatal traffic accident.

No special precautions were being taken to keep the no. 2000 record intact. Police Chief Thomas VanDusen said, but the department was keeping tight on with frequent safety appeals to the public.

"If driving is bad we want them to leave their cars home," the chief said. "We don't want any busy crossing streets without being careful."

VanDusen admitted that luck had quite a bit to do with the record, but in Connecticut and perhaps in the nation, but he credited simple newspaper publicity and strict law enforcement with helping to.

Motorists who pass stop signs or lights in Derby, get a ticket with no fee and and auto that when people get to know that they're careful," the chief remarked.

The last traffic victim here was a workman who fell from the back of a truck Christmas Eve, 1937, suffering head injuries which caused his death the next day.

There have been some close calls since then. Only Tuesday four persons were hurt in a rear end collision caused by icy pavement.

On July 28 a woman was struck and killed on the Derby-Shelton bridge over the Housatonic, less than 100 feet from the Derby city line.

### Reciprocal Trade Agreement Signed

Washington, Dec. 24.—A reciprocal trade agreement designed to speed up wartime exchange of goods and wipe out trade barriers today bound the United States and Mexico, already joined in war against the Axis.

The three-year pact, approved yesterday by Secretary of State Hull and Dr. Francisco Castillo Najera, Mexican ambassador, gave this country tariff reductions on 76 products and continued existing duties on 127 others. Mexico receives concessions on 60 items which it sends to the United States.

In addition, some 100 regulations will be prescribed by the scholars of the Bureau of Customs and Primary Departments.

Mrs. Erik W. Moeve chairman of the committee in charge, is being assisted by Miss Arlene Benson, Miss Grace Benson, Mrs. Hugo Pearson and Mrs. Theodore Chambers.

Attendance pins will be awarded to both scholars and teachers for faithful attendance during the past year, and years, some of whom have received awards for many years past.

### Yankee Units Will Observe Yule Holiday

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ever, church services will be held in the cities and the villages, and in the battle areas.

Leaders of both military and religious hailed this Christmas eve as a bolding augury of victory and peace.

Allied successes in Africa, at Stalingrad, in the sacrifice of the French fleet at Toulon, "are the prelude of a new day," the Archbishop of Canterbury told occupied Europe in a broadcast.

Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle, acting commander of the U. S. Army in the United Kingdom, said that nothing would stop the advance to victory.

In India, Gen. Joseph Stilwell sent Christmas greetings to the men of the Far East Command with a hope that next year "you will all be back where Christmas is really so merry."

Britain's Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, chief of the Bomber Command, told his men that upon them depended vastly whether the year 1943 would bring a real Christmas of peace and good will.

King Hakan of Norway voiced the belief, in a message, to his invaded homeland, that "we are standing at the turning point of the war."

On the eastern wing of the African front there was cause for rejoicing at the U. S. Air Force headquarters near Cairo.

Lieut. Col. Jack P. Morrison, an Air Force chaplain, of Louisville, Ky., came up with a box of American Christmas "snow" and two dozen Christmas tree decorations. In all Egypt there probably was not another haul like this. He is using it to decorate the tree for the headquarters Christmas party.

### Planes Attack Nazis' Trains

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north coast, and over targets at Denhelder, during sweeps over Brittany and Normandy. The British said no enemy air opposition was encountered in the afternoon raiding.

**Germans Claim Little Damage to Buildings**

Berlin (From German Broadcasts), Dec. 24.—The German radio reported today that British bombers carried out five successive nuisance raids late last evening on western Germany.

"Bombs dropped sporadically caused insignificant damage to buildings," the broadcast said.

### Christmas Greetings

ONCE AGAIN AS THE HOLIDAY SEASON COMES WITH ITS GOOD WILL AND GOOD CHEER, OUR THOUGHTS TURN TO THOSE WHOSE CORDIAL PATRONAGE HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO US DURING THE YEAR JUST PASTING TO THEM—AND TO ALL OF YOU.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

### James' Beauty Salon

"Where It's Convenient To Park"

24 East Center St. Next to Telephone Co.

### Christmas POTTERTON'S

539 MAIN STREET At the Center TEL. 3733

### Write to a Soldier!

A letter to a man in the service is a bit of back home to him. Write regularly to those you know. Parents, wives, sweethearts, friends—send in the address of your man in the service. The Herald will print the addresses so that service men's friends may write to them. Here are a few—see if that we get more.

- Private Edmund Leber, The Star-Lighted Path, 404 Care of APO 207 New York City
- Aviation Cadet John K. Snuffer, San Antonio Army Cadet Center Pre-Flight School (Flight) Group 13, 8th St., Ft. C. San Antonio, Texas
- Pvt. Herbert A. Schultz, 3-21st Marines Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif.
- Pvt. Raymond A. McGugan, Park Island, 8th Rn. Bn. P. O. 518, c/o Postmaster New York City, N. Y.
- Pvt. James E. Downing, 811th Signal Post Serv. Co. A. P. O. 518, c/o Postmaster New York City, N. Y.
- Pvt. Clifford G. Kane, U.S.M.C. 27th Signal Post Serv. Co. 605 c/o Postmaster San Francisco, Calif.
- Pvt. Ernest Carini, The Star-Lighted Path, 404 Care of APO 207 New York City
- Pvt. Lawrence Schultz, Btry. "A" 20th P. A.-B.N. A. P. O. No. 847 c/o Postmaster New York
- Albert Downing, Jr., R. M. 3-C Naval Operating Base Oakland, New Zealand
- Sgt. Tech. Henry Hemenway, Jr. H. I. Btry., 208th C. A. (A.A.) A. P. O. 922 c/o Postmaster San Francisco, Calif.
- Pvt. James A. Ferris, S. N. 3123481 Hq. and Hq. Battery 27th Signal Post Serv. Co. P. O. No. 100 100th Inf. Div. Fort Jackson, S. C.

### No Shortage Of Physicians

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Assured Visit From Santa

The boys overseas were assured of a visit from Santa. Through the Red Cross, boxes of stationery, cigarettes, candy and other little luxuries were sent for distribution to men on the fighting fronts.

In England, American soldiers treated British children at parties, or frolicked at dances. Many expected to spend Christmas day at British homes, taking along their day's rations to add to their host's restricted fare.

The Navy promised a spread of turkey, ham, French onion soup, cocktails, cranberry sauce and other trimmings for its officers and bluejackets. With a steady ice cream rounded out the menu. The Army expected to do as well as "gaily decorated" men halls with 5,000,000 pounds of turkey, and tons of potatoes, peas and other delicacies.

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There was turkey, too, for the 1,500 Americans imprisoned by the Japs at Camp Wooming near Shanghai, the Red Cross reported. Supplies of food, clothing and medicines were en route to other prisoners in the Philippines, which has Christmas was fighting Japanese invaders.

At home, despite rationing and some scarcities, fatter pocket books gave promise of ample Christmas dinners. And, Junior, too, probably will find that Kris Kringle's pack is bulging with toys, though some may lack the shiny metal of other years.

Thousands of soldiers and workers, who have been separated from their families, jammed trains and buses in a last-minute rush to get home for the holidays. There was standing room only on some lines, but few cared about that.

Will Read Christmas Carol

After dinner tonight, following tradition, the president will read aloud to the family and guests Dickens' Christmas Carol. Those expected to be present are Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., and her two children, Franklin III, and Christopher; Mrs. James Roosevelt of New York; the president's sister-in-law, Harry Bookout, New York; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hopkins and Hopkins' daughter, Dian.

On Christmas morning, President and Mrs. Roosevelt and the family will attend services arranged by the Washington Federation of Churches. Presents will be opened the afternoon and Mr. Roosevelt will carve the turkey at dinner in the evening.

### Somber Note Rules Second War Yuletide

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The family tree was taken in the west hall.

As American troops pounded the Japanese in the mud of Pacific jungles and thrust at Axis forces in the sands of North Africa, men in war plants at home looked forward to their first holiday of the year.

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### Open Forum

"At Home to Chans"

To the Editor:

Friday, Christmas Day! As we celebrate this anniversary of the Saviour's birth, may his deep significance linger long in our hearts, bringing us peace and joy, hope and happiness throughout the year to come.

The first Christmas, despite the beauty of its meaning and the poetry which has gathered around it, had a dark background. The Roman world was confused with turmoil, and Palestine was full of cruelty when Christ was born. Let us not consider Christmas, then, a strange event in this troubled world. Christmas belongs here. It is at home in chaos. Christ came not because the world was just, merciful and at peace, but because it desperately needed a Saviour to whom it could turn.

Mrs. John Sills Tolland.

During 1939, the U. S. Coast Guard saved lives or assisted distressed vessels in 938 instances.

### Public Records

**Marriage Intentions**

The following marriage applications are on file in the town clerk's office: Edward H. Frink, Wethersfield and Arlene M. Crockett, 120 Charter Oak street; Harold Lloyd Hour, Bolton and Gertrude A. Zeller, Bolton; Henry J. Charlton, East Hartford and Ruth D. Hartmann, Hartford; William A. Russe, U. S. Navy, of Whitehall, Pa.; and Priscilla Nacy, Marshall, Pa.; Joseph G. Strimling, Manchester and Josephine Pennington, South Windsor.

### Bargain Fairly Officials Told

Washington, Dec. 24.—The War Labor Board's refusal to rule in disputes involving municipalities the right to bargain with employees, favored today, by a formal opinion saying that any other ruling would have invaded sovereignty rights but admonishing public officials to bargain with government employees.

Wayne L. Morse, a public member of the board, wrote the opinion which held that a directive order governing the conduct of state or municipal agencies would constitute a clear invasion of the sovereign rights of the political subdivisions of local state government.

"There is no doctrine more firmly established in American jurisprudence," he wrote, "than the one that state governments are their subdivisions within the sphere of their own jurisdiction are sovereign. This sovereignty is not to be infringed by the United States government."

Blamed for Unrest

Morse said, however, that although government employees have no right to strike, it does not follow that they are without the right to organize and participate in a limited form of collective bargaining with government. He said that much of the responsibility for unrest and dissatisfaction among government employees "can be placed squarely at the door of those few administrative officials of government who, by their records, show that they have taken a very unaccommodating and unenlightened attitude toward the problem of discussing relations with public employees coming within their jurisdiction."

The board issued a brief decision a week ago in cases involving the cities of New York, Newark, N. J., and Omaha, Neb., and some of their employees. The decision not to take jurisdiction, as the employees requested, was unanimous but without opinion. Morse's opinion today was concurred in by the other public members without comment.

The employer members concurred in the opinion of Morse and the board can deal with better judgment or with greater justice in those cases than the regularly elected and constituted officers of these municipalities.

Does Not Close

Morse's opinion did not close the door against exercise of presidential powers in the event a dispute between a local government and its employees reached the point where there was a disturbance which interfered with production of the war.

"Such a case," he said, "would be an extraordinary one, indeed, but should it occur, it is unthinkable that the doctrine of sovereignty as applied to local governments would be so interpreted as to deny to the president a commander in chief of the Army and Navy the power to take such action in the premises as might be necessary to carry on a particular service."

Pointing out that the "health, safety, and comfort of our people is dependent to a large degree upon the quality of service rendered by public employees," Morse said "efficient and clear government cannot be maintained in the face of low standards of working conditions, substandard wages, petty political discriminations and a 'take-it-and-like-it-or-quit' attitude on the part of public officials when organized groups of employees seek fair and impartial consideration and review of grievances and other objectives of proper employee relations policy."

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"What is more," he added, "they have the right to demand that we abandon, in this emergency, all further social and economic experiments and new ventures. The finance and war will should be our first objective."

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The need for such a staff of experts has been stressed repeatedly by Representative Woodrum (D-Va.), ranking majority member of the committee.

"The time has now certainly come when we should use the magnifying glass and the fine-tooth comb and that is what is going to be done," Woodrum said when asked for his views on the proposed staff.

Woodrum said he believed "the American people are willing to be taxed for whatever it takes to train, equip and maintain our forces, but they have a right to demand that all non-war activities be curtailed and expenditures for such purposes cut to the bone."

"What is more," he added, "they have the right to demand that we abandon, in this emergency, all further social and economic experiments and new ventures. The finance and war will should be our first objective."

### Plant to Go Back to Coal

The Mutual heating plant located in the rear of the Cheney building on Main street, now operated by oil, will be converted to coal within a short time, according to present plans. The plant furnishes heat for all of the business places along Main street from Maple street to the Robinson building at Purnell place.

When first erected the plant burned coal, but two years ago it was converted from coal to oil and new boilers and other equipment were purchased. The plant burns 180,000 gallons of oil a year. It is the same grade of oil used by the Navy and fearing that the time may come when there will be a shortage of oil, the plant is being converted to coal.

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... With Apologies

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"Mink Coats" And Christ
They're buying mink coats
and a New York retail expert
at the height of the Christmas shop.

That's as good an index as any
to the fact that America, this
year, is enjoying—enjoying
the most prosperous Christmas
in its history. Oh, of course, it
isn't mink coats for everybody. But
it's been for the past year a
more continuous parade of people
running to buy good things, things
they've wanted a long time, things
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satisfaction in all this is that
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The price of war. It is war,
not our ingenuity, war, not our
native money-making talent,
which has filled our pockets. It
is blood money which is
flowing all about us. And
the blood is that of young American
boys.

A Year Ago
A Christmas Eve survey of the
fighting fronts reveals vast im-
provement over the situation of a
year ago, and circumstances
which build sound hope for the
future.

Being now for a master de-
signer, it, as well as the suc-
cession of neatly spaced repleni-
shments which followed, was light
and dry as well as soft. With the
wind behind it, it swept across the
surface of the newly freezing
ponds, leaving the new moon
many a mirror behind.

On the film front Theda Bara
is visiting the west coast and may
stay to make pictures. Paramount
star Vivian Martin is rivaling
Mary Pickford in her work at
army camps, and Eugene Palette
has just entered the service. Doug
Fairbanks is planning a rodeo to
raise \$10,000 for the Red Cross in
a single day. Think of it—and
Harry Cary is one of the cowboys
who'll ride.

Christmas Eve
What is the most vital part of
any Christmas gift? All of us
know, and most of us tried to be
sure, it was included in every
package we gave and hope, too,
that it will be found in the pack-
ages we get.

What we really want to find, in
the gift that comes to us in ac-
knowledgment of the gift we gave,
is not the thing itself. We want to
know that, in selecting it, the giver
was thinking of us, that he or
she had us in mind as he or she
selected it, that for the moment of
consideration and purchase, some
human being was putting off pleasure
with satisfaction above his or her
own.

Washington in Wartime
Washington—Not long ago
WPB got a request for priorities
on a 100-foot conveyor belt from a
manufacturer that produces for
both military and civilian con-
sumption.

Connecticut Yankee
It is pertinent to ask, barring
the minute weather changes,
what Irving Berlin, writing the
song for the season, has been
standing undecided, weak and
hesitant between his trust and
our own willingness to gamble on
the gift after Christmas. Yes, many
of us could do Christmas better
shopping on a grander scale than
ever, and still have something left
over, perhaps for that best of all
necessities, a loan to Uncle Sam
perhaps for other kinds of security.

Hollywood
Sights and Sounds
—By Robin Coons—
Hollywood—Another wartime
Christmas in Hollywood: 1942. . .
It's partly cloudy but fairly
warm. Hollywood stirs from sleep,
opens its Christmas stockings, and
looks at the front pages.

Pair of Bandits
Poses as Hunters
Well, this is written some
hours in advance of the calendar
Christmas, so that it is a chancey
jobulation. But Connecticut has
been living its White Christmas
for so many good days now that it
seems too well established for
even some sudden ruts to dippl.
All Connecticut is a Christmas
card this year, and Irving Berlin
made it all over the world.

Los Angeles—Two men,
one carrying a shotgun, the other
a rifle, stopped by P. H. Dreyer's
service station.
"Been hunting?" asked Dreyer.
"None, Galt" huntin'."
"Dough, Mister—stick 'em up,"
they got \$12.

Mail to Editor Has
Grown During War
Letters More Intelli-
gent Than Before;
Thousands Writing on
Many Subjects.
By Amy Porter
New York, Dec. 24.—(AP)—When
a private citizen feels indignation
about the state of the world, there's
one way he can give public
expression to his feelings.

Disagreement Stimulating
Disagree with the paper's policy
if you like—indeed more so, if you
disagree with the paper's policy.
The Post letters editor, in his
introduction to the "Q's and A's"
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Christmas Day. A Merry
Christmas to all from
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Long Queues
Seeking Candy
Washington, Dec. 24.—If
Santa Claus leaves any candy in
your Christmas stocking tonight,
you'll find it usually made of
candy stores—some extending
in a long line on the sidewalk out-
side—and proprietors say they
understand the situation in
some ways.

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Company G Celebrates Its First Anniversary Gifts Distributed

Company G, local State Guard, held its first anniversary party at the American Legion home on Tuesday evening...

Gets Assignment Sees Fairer Meat Ration

Hartford, Dec. 24.—No assurance that meat will be available by the fixing of dollars-and-cents ceilings at slaughterhouse and wholesale levels...

Output Power Struggle Seen

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Eastern War Time... Extensive Xmas Programs Arranged for Tomorrow... WTIC 1080 Kilocycles... Tomorrow's Program... WDRG 1380 Kilocycles... Tomorrow, December 24...

Ration News

By Chester Bowles... down the line to your dining room table... The rationing of gasoline... The rationing of coal...

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Library to Close

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### 41 Selectees To Leave Next

December 24 to Report to Fort Devens on December 31.

Rockville, Dec. 24.—(Special)—The 41 selectees who will leave this city on December 31 to report at Fort Devens, to the number of 41.

### Wapping

Mrs. W. W. Grant

The Ellsworth Memorial High school basketball team won a 20-10 victory over the Wapping team in a game played at the home of Mrs. W. W. Grant on Tuesday night.

### Hebron

Weather here Sunday and Monday

Weather here Sunday and Monday was a little like that of the big blizzard which hit the New England area on Saturday night.

### Ellington

Gustave F. Berry

Gustave F. Berry, 77, of Main street, Ellington, died early Wednesday morning at his home.

### Tolland

Mrs. John A. Steele

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### Columbia

Miss Gladys M. Rice

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### Stafford Springs

John O. Nette

Members of the Second Congregational church West Stafford, Conn., held a Christmas service at the church on Tuesday evening.

### Outs Educational Requirements

Washington, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The U. S. Department of Education has announced that it will require that all students in the United States who are taking courses in preparation for admission to a college or university must have completed a certain number of hours of study in certain subjects.

### Bolton

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Mrs. Clyde Marshall, 4023, died at her home on Tuesday.

### Steeley Clack of Military Boots May Be Foreign Note Seeming To Jar at Bethlehem.

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Bethlehem, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Throughout the many years I have traveled the world's news trails for the Associated Press I have heard that the military boots made in Bethlehem, Pa., are not easy to find.

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