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VANDALISM

It is sad that in our Christmas issue we must point a warning to parents of youth, to know where they are, if possible.

Just a year ago, in the Dec. 1st issue, our streets were being "cased" and we issued a warning then: 'We trust that none of our boys are involved in the thievery and vandalism that is being reported in these parts. The thrill of secretiveness under cover of darkness is shortlived if you are the target of a bullet, which is going to happen if these outrageous acts continue. If you are caught and serve a sentence, it is the beginning of a life of crime which is against the moral and physical laws of our universe, and instead of being accepted by society as a credit to our world, you will be an outcast. Boys, use your heads and think before you are led into any such activity.'

Today, it is reported that break-ins are occurring during daylight hours, the last one as recent as last Monday on Canoga Avenue.

This issue is going out to everyone in Chatsworth and we are asking that you take the utmost caution in protecting your property, and to be on the alert to apprehend any of our boys, if they are our boys.

The Washburns at Chatsworth Lake suffered the loss of all of their outdoor Christmas lights and deliberately broken along the highway which is an example of just pure maliciousness.

In closing, may we add just one bright thought: it can't be our boys!!

WEDDING RECEPTION

Chatsworth Center was the scene of great rejoicing last Sunday afternoon when friends and relation came from far and wide to toast the happiness of JAMES SUMMERS and his bride, BETTY, who were united in holy matrimony on Thanksgiving Eve.

The reception was given by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berkemeyer, and many, many lovely gifts were received to grace their brand new home on Jordan Avenue.

HOMECOMING

It was, indeed, a great pleasure to have one of the boys that Chatsworth helped raise, come home and honor us with a song.

MARVIN ASBURY, 18, son of Leslie and Hannah Johnson whose home is now in Lancaster, is a student at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, majoring in music. Despite his heavy schedule of classes, working hours, etc. he made room for Chatsworth, for which we thank you. He sang "The Lord is my Light" at the Community Church last Sunday.

We haven't been yet but understand it is terrific and you must see it: the Yuletide Tableaux of "Christmas Songs" at Pierce College. Street after street of yuletide scenes. Dec. 12th to 23rd, evenings. Be sure and see it, and take the children. No charge.

Irate woman driver to cop: "How could I have a driver's license? You people took it away from me last summer!"

On the 5th page of the January issue of HOLIDAY is a picture of the stairway in the ancestral home of the Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth, England, FROM WHICH WE RECEIVED OUR NAME AND PALMS STREET.

THE WINEBRENNERS on Lurline are the proud parents of a little girl, Michele, born last Thursday. Single, Mrs. Winebrenner, has just been in this country one year, her home being in France, and petite Michele will help ease some of her loneliness for the folks back home.

The world crashed about the body of MRS. ANNETTE HUGHES three weeks ago when the back concrete stairs collapsed as she was making her descent from the second story of her home on DeSoto. Fortunately, she emerged with only a cracked elbow, skin abrasions and shock. You never know what's going to happen.

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, Districts 16, 20 (that's us) and 22, have completed their first Christmas Gift Shop at the Sepulveda Veterans Hospital. That means volunteers have finished buying, wrapping and mailing gifts to every member of a patient's family. That is magnificent. Congratulations!

To keep your friends and relations ABREAST OF THE TIMES (ahem) send them THE GRAPEVINE for Christmas. Subscription blank on page 12.

Don't miss reading CLIFFIE LEVIN SCHWADE'S report on the activities in Chatsworth Lake - she's a riot - you have to have the agility and firm-soleing of a mountain goat to climb those hills, and she loves it.

### CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Dec.

- 16 Orcutt Park 8 p.m.
- 17 American Legion Hall 1:30 p.m.
- 18 Cantata Comm.Church 11 a.m.
- 18 Baptist Church 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Sutter Jr.Hi 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Cubscouts-School 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Orcutt Park 3:30 p.m.
- 22 Four Square 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Community Church 7:30 p.m.
- 25 CHRISTMAS SUNDAY
- 31 Watchnight Service-Comm.Ch.

MISS LORETTA METCALF of Simi and KENNETH GASTON, USN, were united in marriage last Saturday in the Chapel in the home of Rev. Carl Burns, 9644 DeSoto, before an assemblage of 40 guests.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of our many, many Chatsworth friends who helped us to bear the loss of our beloved husband and father, Charles Martin, who was laid to rest December 1, 1955.

Mrs. Carrie Martin  
Mrs. Anita Erwin

BOYS AND GIRLS: No square dancing on the 23rd, but there will be a big party on the 30th.

TEENAGERS: "Holiday Hop" 12/28 7:30 p.m. Van Nuys Masonic Temple, sponsored by San Fernando Valley Youth Foundation, with Cliffie Stone as master of ceremonies, featuring Don Juans orchestra.

WELCOME HOME - SHIRLEY McELVAIN.

THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS

by Rev. Chas. T. Hughes

"What's today, my fine fellow?" The voice of old Scrooge cracked the frosty morning stillness.

"Today" replied the boy, "Why, Christmas Day!"

"Ah", old Scrooge exclaimed joyfully, "I haven't missed it."

The familiar words of Dicker's immortal Christmas Carol refresh to many minds the incidents of the amusing story of the miserly, self-ish old man and his strange experiences with the Spirits of Christmas past, present and future. A spirit of brotherly love and selflessness pervades the story and yet, although it breathes an atmosphere of fellowship and good cheer, it tells but a part of the story of Christmas. "I haven't missed it!" Scrooge cried. But perhaps he had.

This December millions of people around the world will celebrate the legal holiday known as Christmas. Very likely the greater percentage of the vast multitude will comprehend but little of the true significance of this special day.

A lady standing before a department store window that featured a Nativity scene was heard to exclaim "Doesn't that beat all! Now they're trying to bring religion into Christmas!" Perhaps many would not say that in so many words, but to all practical purposes, by their very attitude of apathy, they testify to their full assent.

The meaning of Christmas is not found, primarily, in a feeling of brotherly love or generosity.

These are simply natural by-products of a deeper source. The real significance of Christmas is found in the birth and subsequent life of a person - a person whose advent so influenced western civilization that all historical events are dated in reference to his birth - either B.C. or A.D.

His life was of such exemplary quality that the late Keith Brooks was prompted to write: "Jesus Christ was born in the meanest of circumstances, but the air above was filled with the hallelujahs of the heavenly host. His lodging was a cattle pen, but a star drew distinguished visitants from afar to pay Him homage.

His birth was contrary to the laws of life. His death was contrary to the laws of death. No miracle is so inexplicable as His life and teaching.

He had no cornfields or fisheries, but He could spread a table for 5000 and have bread and fish to spare. He walked on the waters and they supported Him.

His crucifixion was the crime of crimes, but, on God's side, no lower price than His infinite agony could have made possible our redemption. When He died, few men mourned, but a black crepe was hang over the sun. Though men trembled not for their sins, the earth beneath shook under the load. All nature honored Him; sinners alone rejected Him.

Sin never touched Him. Corruption could not get hold of His body. The soil that had been red-dened with His blood could not claim His dust.

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### CHATSWORTH WOMEN'S CLUB

The annual and traditional Christmas Breakfast was held at Chatsworth Center last Tuesday in as beautiful a setting as can be imagined.

Mrs. Kate Sheridan, as president, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Virginia Sommerville led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Invocation by Rev. Murray of the Episcopal Church; soloist Mrs. Scott Bradley "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied by Mrs. Winifred Lamb.

The decorations on the tables were through the inspiration of Mrs. Cleo Sunde and Mrs. McCulloch: styrofoam base with slender candles in the center, surrounded by snow-sprayed branches, holly, etc. A most attractive and delicious breakfast was served: tart cranberry sauce cocktail, scrambled eggs and ham, spiced whole peach with mint leaves, sweet rolls and coffee.

The traditional Christmas Boot was passed around and in a motion moved and seconded and unanimously carried, it was agreed that the amount would be used to buy Christmas gifts for the patients themselves at the Sepulveda Veterans Hospital. Mrs. Sommerville reports that \$50.00 was received which will purchase ten gifts of \$5.00 each. On the 19th volunteers from the Women's Club will spend the day at Sepulveda re-wrapping Christmas gifts for the patients themselves.

A lovely surprise was accorded Mrs. Grace Hageman Armstrong in presenting her with a luscious white 3-tiered wedding cake in honor of her recent marriage, which was cut

and shared with all present.

Mrs. Caroline Cooley, Program Chairman, then presented the ever-in-demand mothers singing group, The Glas Belles Choral Singers, who rendered a full half-hour repertoire of Christmas folk songs, a cappella; the last three selections with piano accompaniment which included numbers from the Nutcracker Suite.

There was the introduction of guests; Mrs. Alice Power of Tarzana was received as a new member; Mrs. Arthur Young introduced the next cultural tour of the new Mormon Temple which is open to the public until February and the Greek Cathedral, both on January 19th. Mrs. McCulloch, Philanthropy Chairman, showed the results of her committee's work in making sleepers, bibs and diapers for the handicapped children at Sunnyacres on Ventura Blvd.

Mrs. Una Keith will have a Benefit luncheon and party at her home January 19th at 12:30.

Mrs. Sheridan extended the appreciation of everyone to Mrs. Quesada and her breakfast committee: Mdms. Sunde, Mulholland, Cooley, Carroll, Wallace, Loritz, Maybin, Daniell, Rosini, McCulloch, Heynemann, Carmichael, Moore, Park. And to the assistant hostesses.

Mrs. Sheridan concluded the meeting by reading a most fitting poem "Christmas Cinderella" which ended with: 'Am I my brother's keeper? I am.'

A lovely party.

Read - and you will know  
 Know - and you will love  
 Love - and you will serve  
 Serve - and you will be happy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS - EVERYBODY

Isn't this time of the year terrific? Some mothers frantically sewing - dads out in the garage just a hammering and a-sawing - children learning the value of getting the most for their little horde of Christmas money; and then the baking that has already started and the cupboards gradually giving up any additional space. Oh, what a glorious Day to come!!

Whatever the circumstances, prosperous or otherwise (there are many of our people out of work this year) nevertheless, we wish everyone an old-fashioned Christmas, one made up of popcorn balls and apples and the hand of friendship extended to all, coming or going. Whatever you do, pack it full of the joy of His Birth.

Don't forget Open House tonight at Chatsworth Elementary School.

"Highway Patrol" television production was back in town on Wednesday, Dec. 7th and shot scenes in front of our Town & Country Cafe, starring Broderick Crawford.

Miss Jean Tullock from London, England, was a recent visitor at the home of the HYLANDS in Twin Lakes.

DALE SMITH of 10346 Vassar presented his fiancee, Miss Erna Fitzsimmons of Tarzana, with an engagement ring last Friday and they will be married next August.

A "note" from U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Room 9, Post Office Bldg., San Fernando, phone EM. 1-2164:

Young men applying for enlistment at San Fernando between the 12th and 31st of December will be placed on the Army's payroll and offered holiday leave at home before reporting for duty. Says Sergeant Mathauser, station commander: 'New recruits may take up to 15 days advance leave with pay, reporting January 3rd for commencement of their basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. Veterans re-enlisting during this period may also take advantage of the holiday leave offer.'

Representatives from Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Woman's Club, Brownies, Campfire Girls, Girl Scouts, Cubscouts, Boy scouts, American Legion and Auxiliary met last Friday night to formulate a new group, tentatively called "Chatsworth Youth Council"; Bob Patrick was elected President, Ella Hills, Secretary, and Fred Miller, Treasurer.

The purpose of this group is to form "a Community Night" for everyone here in Chatsworth; for adults and particularly children in our youth groups. There will be entertainment and dancing, for which the adults will pay a nominal fee and the children and teenagers free; and the net proceeds will be divided among the youth groups to augment their own treasuries for their own special purposes.

Another meeting is scheduled for January 11th at Bob Patrick's home for final plans, said program to start in February.

MRS. AILENE RANDALL, 21340 Devonshire, currently wielding the gavel as President of PTA Canoga High, has the unusual distinction of having NINE past-presidents on her Board. Now that's what one would consider sitting on a powder keg--wonder if she can do anything right? The rest of us will stick to our housework - not so many bosses.

WHITE SANDS is down and the GOLDEN BULL is up. That's a fancy neon steak sign extended up in the air. The new owners took over last Monday - Glenn Billingsley and Bill Nesbit - and they are effecting some interior remodeling which they hope will be finished by next week.

Mrs. Katharine Johnson, as Program Chairman for the WSCS (ladies' organization) of the Community Church presented a striking and unusual series of tableaux commemorating the Birth of our Lord, interspersed with narration and song at their meeting yesterday. Luncheon was served by members of the Ann Johnson Circle: turkey pies, cranberry salad, rolls, coffee, ice-cream roll Christmas motif.

Teacher to little child: "What kind of a dog is that?" "...I don't know what kind of a dog he is; I think he's a cockeral scandal."

Five years ago GAIL CARTER of Chatsworth (due to graduate from High School next June) was in an auto accident which laid her up for 10 months, and left her with a limp. The other day she stepped in a hole and broke same leg, so back in the same old hospital bed at home!!

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Board: 4th Tuesday-8:00 p.m.  
General: 2nd Tuesday-8:00 p.m.

CHATSWORTH WOMEN'S CLUB

Chatsworth Center Bldg.  
10332 Santa Susanna Blvd.  
Luncheon-Program: 2nd Tues. 12:30  
Business-Tea: 4th Tues. 12:30

ROTARY CLUB

White Sands Restaurant  
Luncheon-Meeting: Wednesdays 12:10

CHATSWORTH PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Board: 1st Tuesday 10:00 a.m.  
General: 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S GROUPS SPONSORED BY PTA

Cub Scouts: Den Mothers: 3rd Wed.  
Committee: 3rd Thurs.  
Pack Meet: 4th Thurs.  
Bluebirds: Mondays 1:30 p.m.  
Brownies: Thursdays 1:30 p.m.  
Campfire: Every Tues. 2:30 p.m.

GIRL SCOUTS: Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and Civic Assn  
Troop 81: Wed. 2:45-5:00 p.m. Civic  
Sr. Scouts: Mon. 7:30-9:00 p.m. Janess  
Leader: Mrs. Eileen Janess DI.8-1163

BOY SCOUTS: Sponsored by the Men's Club of the Comm. Methodist Church.  
Chas. Croman, Scoutmaster  
Mondays 7:00-9:00 p.m. White Oak Hall

TENS TO TEENS SQUAREDANCERS:

7:30-10:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Fridays  
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American Legion Bldg.  
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Social: 3rd Wednesday 8 p.m.

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Business-Dinner: 1st Monday 6:30 pm  
Social: Card Party every Saturday  
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Santa Susanna Chapter - 2nd Monday  
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BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

American Legion Bldg.-Canoga  
Dinner-Business: 1st Tues. 7:00 p.m.

TWIN LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS CLUB

Club House - Twin Lakes  
Dinner-Business: 4th Saturday

CHATS.LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Community Church - Chatsworth Lake  
Second Tuesday - 8:00 p.m.

NORTHBRIDGE-CHATSWORTH 4H CLUB

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Happy Holidays!

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Bill and Thelma

DEMPSEY TURKEY & PHEASANT  
FARM

*Merry  
Christmas!*

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"For unto you is born  
this day in the city of David  
a Saviour, which is  
Christ the Lord."

--Luke 2:11

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CHATSWORTH LAKE HIGHLIGHTS

by Glenna Schrader

The Bang baby as finally arrived: GLENDA and GARY BANG are the proud parents of a baby girl, born on Dec. 8th at 1 a.m. at Northridge Hospital, tipping the scales at 6 lbs. 11 oz. and named Sherrie Lynn.

GRACE ANN PHILMALEE from El Monte and who graduated from high school last June, is going to make her home with her sister, the Loveless family, for awhile. Welcome Grace.

BILLIE ARTER from Portersville, nephew of Mattie and Carl Arter, has come to live with them. Welcome Billie.

Loraine Carter's two uncles and aunt are visiting from Little Rock, Ark: Mr. and Mrs. OTTO PERRY and HENRY SMITH. Welcome to lovely Chatsworth and So. Calif.

JANET GRAY is busy getting ready for holiday guests: her son John and wife and two children from Albuquerque, N.M.

Newcomers renting the Jackson residence on Rowell are CLEO and JAMES WOOLSEY and 15 yr. old son JEAN. Cleo is Carl Schoonhoven's sister. Welcome!!

JOHN DeGROOT has been suffering for a week with such a severe throat infection that a specialist is to be consulted.

While scouting around these hills for news I met one of the most interesting people I've ever had the

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ORCUTT PARK FESTIVITIES

Their 6th Annual Christmas Show will be staged tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Lila Schepler, Director, entitled "The Magic Nutcracker" depicting the March family, their Christmas celebration and how the toys come to life; the magic hour of Midnight, how the Nutcracker prince is saved from his bewitched state, etc., a lovely story inspired by Tchaikowsky's Nutcracker Suite and based on an operetta by Jane Kerly.

The dancing classes will be assisted by cub scouts from Pack #312. There will also be a Nativity scene at which time gifts brought by the children for the needy will be presented. Later, Santa Claus will make his appearance with candy for the children.

If possible, each youngster is asked to bring a gift wrapped in white and marked whether canned goods, toys or for teen-age girls: (lipstick, nail polish, bobby pins). It is the hope of the Staff at Orcutt that this will help our young people to be conscious of the needs of others and to share with them and thus know the real meaning of the Christmas Spirit. However, do not stay away if you do not have a gift.

On Monday, Dec. 19th, a community party for all children of school age: games, carolling and Christmas refreshments. Children whose last names begin with A-M bring six large cookies. Last names of N-Z bring 1 cup sugar and 1 pkg. Kool-Aid.

MERRY CHRISTMAS-EVERYBODYCHATSWORTH CHILDREN'S FESTIVITIES

Next Saturday, Dec. 17th, from 1:30 to 4, our American Legion Hall will again be buzzing with the glad hearts of all of our children in our annual Christmas Party.

Leslie's Dance Studios will provide the program, and then there will be Santa Claus, candy, ice-cream, and gifts for all ages of children.

Don't forget, boys and girls, be on hand next Saturday for sure!

WEST VALLEY BAND AT DISNEYLAND

Last Sunday, this San Fernando Valley Band was asked to play at Disneyland, in the Christmas Bowl which was broadcast throughout all of Disneyland, for a one-hour concert. Our girls, Carol Smith of 10346 Vassar, and Charleen Janess of 10353 Jordan (both playing clarinet) are members of this Band which departed on a chartered bus from Reseda at 7:30 a.m. and after the concert all 53 members were given free tickets for their complete enjoyment, returning home in the late afternoon.

Woman to toy-dept. clerk: "It must interest an eight-year old boy and yet be simple enough for his father to play with."

One housewife to another, over back fence: "I got to thinking yesterday. You know how you do when the television's out."

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from

CHATSWORTH 5 &amp; 10

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JOYOUS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

from

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
of CHATSWORTH

Chas. T. Hughes, Pastor, DI8-4996

May God's Blessing  
Be Upon You and Yours  
In This Season of Celebrating  
Our Saviour's Birth

WEST VALLEY LETTERS

CHATSWORTH LAKE HIGHLIGHTS

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pleasure to meet and I think her story would make a good item for our feature page some day. She is GRACE AYLESWORTH, who is truly an artist if there ever was one. She is 81 yr. old does all her own gardening, never been sick in her life, lives alone except for her niece, Esther Kingsbury, who comes out for weekends. She is the aunt of Clara Kimball Young, the great movie actress years ago, and was herself an actress on the stage for years. When I asked her if she had any news for me, she said she and her niece just purchased a 1956 Dodge with Hi-Fi radio and all the extras. I told her that wasn't news, then she said they are having a beautiful, ultra-modern carport built for it which would be worth stopping by to see when it is finished. Well, I've done my duty. I report the NEWS.

THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS

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Three years He preached His Gospel. He wrote no book, built no church, had no money back of Him. After 1900 years, He is the one central character of human history, the perpetual theme of all preaching, the pivot around which the events of the age revolve, the only regenerator of the human race."

The real meaning of Christmas is to be found in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who still offers to all men everywhere the opportunity of reconciliation to a Holy God which includes the forgiveness of all transgressions and the experience of life abundant both here on earth and in the life which is to come.

The Christmas holiday is a season of giving and receiving - of love and appreciation. The greatest gift and expression of love in the history of the world is God's gift to mankind in the person of His Son. Men have simply to receive His Gift by placing their faith in Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord. Then only will the true significance of Christmas be fully realized and the holiday kept in an adequate attitude of love and thanksgiving to God.

Little ALBERT MARSHALL MINER made his grand entry into the world December 3rd at Valley Hospital weighing in at 7 lbs. 3 oz. whose proud parents are Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Miner. Welcome, dear one, and you'll be the joy of your three sisters!!

Best Wishes For

The Merriest Christmas Ever!

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For the Merriest Christmas  
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New Year

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And the Best of Everything  
in the New Year to Come

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

from

**CHATSWORTH CLEANERS**

In addition to all our burglaries, etc. there's more activity around here: all those great, big trees being uprooted between Sarta Susanna and Owensmouth, north of Hiawatha (do you know where that is? It is a street they will put through shortly, about 300' north of Devonshire) getting ready for those 40 or so homes. Then for the greater part of Tuesday, Chatsworth became Liking, Texas when June Allyson was filmed in a remake of "It Happened One Night". A joke on many of us: we thought another cleaner and dyer was going in, when it was only a front for this movie.

The Santa Susanna Chapter of the DAR had their Christmas Party at the home of Mrs. Arthur Fink on Saticoy last Monday, with a dessert luncheon and an exchange of gifts. Mrs. David Sallee, State Chairman of Music gave a history of Christmas Carols, and Mrs. Dietrick, State Chairman of USO work, gave a report on the unit in Hollywood, and gifts were given totaling \$10.00 toward the expenses of Christmas Day for the soldiers who will congregate at the canteen in Hollywood. It is reported that as many as 3,000 soldiers may be in attendance at one time. The various chapters of the DAR furnish and serve food on the 3rd Friday of each month.

For our next issue, we hope everyone will call and tell us what you're doing so that we can make the community happy - it ought to be good and newsy next time.

Wife dancing with husband 'Waltz faster, dear - it's a rumba."

TO ALL OF OUR SERVICE BOYS WHO  
WILL NOT BE HOME FOR  
CHRISTMAS

Dear ones: we know that this can be the saddest time of the whole year and we give you this one solution if you would have peace and joy and a vision of the One who knows your every heartache: when you're on duty, permit your thoughts to dwell upon Him, meditate, and listen for His message to you. When you're off duty, seek the fellowship and friendship of those who are wending their way to church for therein will you be given your strength and the courage to go on. There is no other Way.

To Jim Kenealy in Alaska: God bless you and keep you firm.

To Bill Miller in Japan: The Lord watch over you and keep you.

To Stanley Ramago in Honolulu: The Lord bless you and strengthen you and keep you steadfast.

To Ronnie Frost in Washington, D.C. whose heart belongs in Chatsworth and who will be home for good in March: A Merry Christmas to you and yours (two babies now). The Lord be with you all.

There are many boys in service but are privileged to come home for Christmas. If there is anyone we have missed, please forgive us; let us know and we will send them The Grapevine from the home folks.

Supreme Justice Warren once began an address thus: "Ladies and gentlemen. I'm pleased to see this dense crowd here tonight." A voice from the back shouted: "Don't be too pleased. We ain't all dense!"

!!!!!!!MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!!!!

## FEATURE SECTION

## CHRISTMAS MORNING

by Elizabeth Madox Roberts

If Bethlehem were here today,  
Or this were very long ago,  
There wouldn't be a winter time,  
Nor any cold or snow.

I'd run out through the garden gate  
And down along the pasture walk,  
And off beside the cattle barns,  
I'd hear a kind of gentle talk.

I'd move the heavy iron chain,  
And pull away the wooden pin,  
I'd push the door a little bit,  
And tiptoe very softly in.

The pigeons and the yellow hens  
And all the cows would stand away;  
Their eyes would open wide to see  
A lady in the manger hay.  
If this were very long ago  
And Bethlehem were here today.

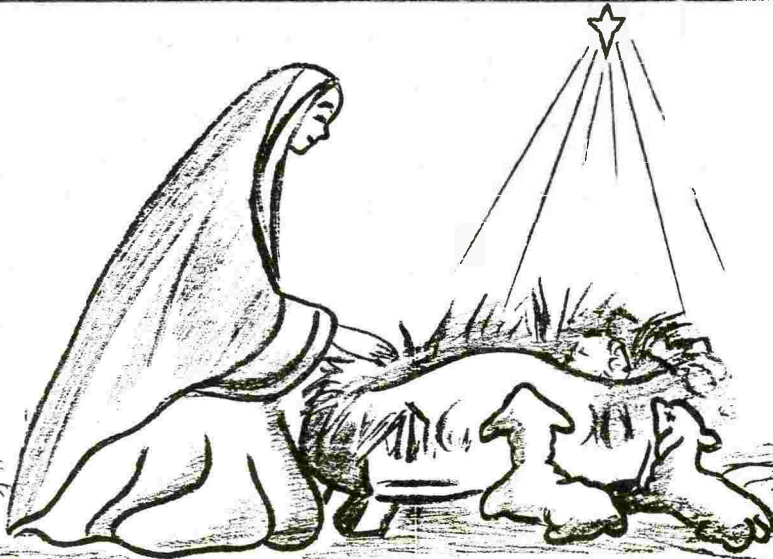
And Mother held my hand and smiled -  
I mean the lady would - and she  
Would take the wooly blankets off,  
Her little boy so I could see.

His shut-up eyes would be asleep,  
And he would look just like our John  
And he would be all crumpled too,  
And have a pinkish color on.

I'd watch his breath go in and out  
His little clothes would all be white,  
I'd slip my finger in his hand  
To feel how he could hold it tight.

And she would smile and say, "Take  
care", the Mother, Mary, would:  
"Take care";  
And I would kiss his little hand  
And touch his hair.

While Mary put the blankets back,  
The gentle talk would soon begin.  
And when I'd tiptoe softly out,  
I'd meet the wise men going in.



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