RAMBLING WITH WILLIE

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It has to be a Happy New Year this year, more than ever before, and it will be the hardest year in the history of Andover or America to be happy, with the ever-increasing tempo of war and its price. But let's try, especially this year, to hand out all the happiness that we can, and do all that we can for the fellows and girls who are not here. Instead of writing one of those forlorn letters, telling them how much they are missed, let's hand out all the brighter type of writing that we can. And you folks who we have heard say day after day "He wouldn't be expecting a letter from me," or "You're right, I'll write tomorrow, first thing," and all the little excuses that we know you have been handing out and putting off 'til tomorrow, —let's forget that habit too. Sit down in your nice warm living room, under a nice bright electric light and write—so that he can have something to read and to think about while he is hunkered down in a fox-hole somewhere, not daring to raise his head in the darkness for fear a blast of enemy machine gun bullets will meet him. Those little things that "don't amount to much" to you over here, do mean a lot to them. It gives them something to think about besides blood and death and all that goes with war.

Let's, we say again, do our very best to make this a Happy New Year!

HERE'S a little epitaph that was handed to us recently, so we will pass it along to you (with the hope that some son of Erin won't bong us on the nose):

Should the Irish Be Proud

The first American soldier to kill a jap was Mike Murphy.
The first American pilot to sink a battleship was Colin Kelly.
The first American flyer to shoot down a Jap plane was Edwin O'Hara.
The first American Coast Guard to spot a German spy was John Cullen.
The first to be killed leading his ship into action was Don Gallagher.
The first mother to lose five sons was Mrs. Sullivan.
The first son of a gun to get four new tires was Nathan Goldstein

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WE haven't heard from either of our old friends, Pvt. Joe Zinks, Jr., or Sgt. Howard "Flash" Gath lately. We have come to the conclusion that Gath is so doggone busy running the Zinks's around that he never gets time to write. But we are glad to hear from Pvt. Joe once in a while anyhow, Gath.

WE received the following little letter (unsigned) which we give to you as is:

Dear Willie:

Sometimes I wonder, and maybe don't we all, at this or that, at one time or another. As you know, Willie, we all depend on and appreciate the sand that is put on the pavement at the danger points when it is so slippery. Well, Willie, I am wondering why we don't have some sand put on the most dangerous spot in town —right here on our Main street each side of the railroad tracks. Some day, Willie, maybe some of my friends or maybe some of your friends, or perhaps some of somebody else's friends are going to slide up to that crossing and maybe slight right on to it. And maybe a train might come along just then. It has happened.

AND then there's the story of the press preacher who joined the Army and ended up in London one day as a chaplain. He was taken to a very swanky ball at which the ladies' dresses were cut very low. The host politely asked: "Did you ever see such a sight, sir?" And the chaplain replied blushingly: "Not since I was weaned."

Motorists Who Transfer Cars Must Turn In Rations

Beginning January 1, applicants for gasoline rations for transferred motor vehicles will be required to submit to the War Price and Rationing Boards evidence that the previous owner surrendered to his War Price and Rationing Board all outstanding rations for the vehicle, Thomas J. Reese, District OPA Director, announced today.

"No rationing board may issue rations for motor vehicles, including passenger cars, commercial vehicles or motorcycles, that have changed ownership unless the new owners submit OPA's 'Receipt for Surrendered Gasoline Rations' with their application for gasoline." Reese explained.

Before selling his car, the present owner will send or take all coupons issued for the vehicle that remains in his possession to his ration board and obtain a receipt in duplicate. The original copy of the receipt will be submitted to the State Motor Vehicle registration department with the new owner's application for registration. The purchaser must use the duplicate of this receipt when he applies to his ration board for gasoline rations.

Great Diversity In N. Y. State Agriculture

The great diversity of New York State agriculture is clearly reflected in the research program at the Experiment Station at Geneva, said Dr. A. J. Heinicke, Station Director, in summarizing the year's activities.

At present there are about 225 research projects under way at Geneva, and there are many more at Ithaca. This large number of projects is necessitated by the extreme diversity of New York State agriculture. It would be very simple from the standpoint of research if we had only a few major farm products, such as corn, or wheat, or hogs.

But in New York we have field corn for grain and seed and for silage, and sweet corn for the fresh market and for canning and freezing and dehydration; beans and peas, cabbage and carrots, tomatoes and many other similar vegetables produced both for the fresh market and for processing; lettuce, celery and beets, and apples, pears, peaches, cherries, grapes, strawberries, small fruits, nursery stock and numerous other field and horticultural crops. Each of these crops may comprise many distinct varieties suitable only for a given region of the State or for special purposes; furthermore, each variety may present special problems with respect to soil requirements and the control of diseases and insects. And in addition to all this, we have in New York State important poultry, dairy, and livestock enterprises which present a similar array of intricate problems but which are not included in our research program at Geneva," said Doctor Heinicke.

105 Driver Centers

Eighty inspectors selected by local school officials have been prepared to teach the Standard School Bus Driver Training Course at a series of five training schools conducted by the State Office of War Training.

These instructors will begin operating 105 driver training centers thruout the state early in 1944. It is estimated that a total of 4,000 school bus drivers will be trained, including replacement and substitute drivers.

PERSONALS

—Miss Wanda Dolan was home from Buffalo for Christmas.

—Harold Loper of Alfred Station was a caller in Andover Sunday.

—Eugene Smith of Olean was a dinner guest Sunday at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith.

—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burns of Genesee, Pa. spent Christmas Eve with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burns.

—Mrs. James Guinn passed Christmas Day and Sunday at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. James Guinn of Wellsville.

—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pease and two sons of Wellsville spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr and Mrs Burrell Williams

—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ccleman and children of Olean spent Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Coleman.

—Mrs. Philip Norton of Angelica spent from Friday until Sunday wth her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rennells of Tip Top.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beihl and family spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Schoonover at Woodhull.

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Maeder of Wellsville were guests of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Callaghan, Christmas.

—Mr. and Mrs. Leeman Davis motored to Greenwood Sunday with Mrs. Daniel Mullen and son who passed the holidays with them.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stearns and son Judson of Arkport were callers Christmas Day of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns.

—Mrs. Archie Youmans, Mrs. Kenneth Jones and daughter Sally spent Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Stevens in Wellsville.

—Mr. and Mrs. Leeman Davis entertained at dinner Christmas Mrs. Dan Mullen, son Dannie of Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Coates.

—Mrs. Mabel Williams and Mrs. Harriett Hoover were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Hoover of Wellsville Christmas.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kilbane and son Paul attended a family dinner held Christmas Day at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. O'Leary in Wellsville.

—Mr. and Mrs. Neil Callaghan, with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Maeder of Wellsville, called on Mr. and Mrs. Luman Callaghan and son at Wellsville Saturday evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bridge daughter, Lena Elizabeth, with Mrs. Elizabeth Will and family of Shovel Hollow, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burdick of Elm Valley.

—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green and sons of East Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Atwell were guests at a family dinner held at the home of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Atwell of Elm Valley Christmas Day.

—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Collins of Alfred Station, Mrs. Mabel Collins of Belfast and Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Burdick of Alfred were guests Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick of Railroad Valley.

—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blackman and family of Hinsdale. Cpl. and Mrs. Jesse Blackman of Waterboro, S. C., Mrs. Kenneth Blackman Jr. of North Tonawanda and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sutherland were guests Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles of Shovel Hollow.

—Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Rogers of West Greenwod entertained at a family Christmas dinner on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pease, daughter Linda of Corning, Mr. and Mrs Howard Pease and family of Stannards, Miss Dolores Mullikin of Friendship, Mr and Mrs. Walter Manion, son Jimmy of Wellsville, Mr and Mrs. Norman Joyce and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pease, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wentworth, son Carl and daughter, Winifred.

—Mr. and Mrs. David Spencer and family were business visitors in Hornell Monday.

—Kenneth Jones of Hornell spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Youmans.

—Mrs. David Slocum spent several days last week in Wellsville with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W C Bohne.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McClure of Wellsville spent Sunday with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McClure.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beihl and family were callers of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Schoonover of Canisteo Sunday.

—Miss Ernestine Witter is spending this week at Alfred Station with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dixon.

—Mrs. Richard Clair of Independence visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Witter and Mrs. Beatrice Clair over the week-end.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson were Christmas Eve dinner guests at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson of Alfred.

—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Henning and family of Olean were dinner guests at the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Thorne Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wereley and Miss Kathryn Snyder were Christmas guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Wereley of West Clarksville.

—Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong and Miss Ardath Phillipson of Buffalo spent Christmas with their parents, Mr and Mrs. George Phillipson.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Allen and Mrs. D. H. Campbell of Niagara Falls spent Christmas week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Backus.

—Mrs. Florence Slocum of Wellsville spent Christmas Day at the home of her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Emery and Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Myers.

—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Woolever and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Padden and family were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs Francis Vickers Christmas Day.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilcox of Hornell and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Goodday of Spring Valley were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Greene of Railroad Valley.

—Mrs. Grace Howland entertained at Christmas Miss Kathleen Howland of Elmira, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dougherty and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howland and family.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles and Miss Alice Nobles entertained at a family Christmas dinner Sunday the following: Cpl. and Mrs. Jesse Blackman of Waterboro, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blackman Jr. of North Tonawanda, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones, son Jimmy of Bolivar, Bruce and Kenneth Blackman of Hinsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Sutherland and family of Richburg, Mrs. David Slocum, Mr. and Mrs. John Nobles, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sutherland, and James Nobles. Miss Betty Jean Sutherland and Donald Blackman remained for the holiday vacation.

—Harry Byam Jr, returned to his home in Elmira Wednesday after spending the Christmas holidays with his aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Ellisell.

—Douglas Jones, who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. George Phillipson, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mildred Jones of Detroit, Mich.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Dugan and family of Hornell spent Friday evening at the home of her mother and brother, Mrs. Ellen Walsh and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walsh.

—Miss Jessie Burger of Niagara Falls spent the Christmas week-end at the home of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William Burger of Eum Valley and calling on Andover friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker and grandson, Mrs. James Baker of Belmont and Burton Schrecongost and daughter of Pittsburg, Pa. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Appier Christmas Day.

—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davis entertained at a family Christmas dinner on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Goodridge, son Raymond and Louis Davis of Elm Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cornell of Hornell.

—Miss Margaret McManus, Miss Mary Lou Donovan of Belmont and Mrs. Gerald Lewis of Alfred spent Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Slocum. Miss Donovan remained for a few days.

—Mrs. Harriett Broderick of Hornell and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McAndrew were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burdick and family of Olean.

—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Baker and daughter Janet of Wellsville spent Christmas Eve with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Baker and family spent Christmas Day with their son and family in Wellsville.

—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cleveland of Allentown, Miss Norma Cleveland of Buffalo, Mr and Mrs. Albert Dennison and daughter Margaret of Hornell and Mr. and Mrs. Hary Baker and family of Shovel Hollow spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Albert Smith is very ill with flu at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder observed their 55th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 26th.

Miss Alice McGuckin is seriously ill at her home on Barney street, having suffered a shock.

Mrs. Rose Slocum moved Wednesday from the Joyce hotel to her apartment over the A & P store.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Williams of Bolivar observed their 50th wedding anniversary Monday, December 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kemp entertained at a family dinner on Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McClure and son Bobby.

Ernest Witter was a patient at Jones Memorial hospital from Thursday until Tuesday, a victim of the local flu epidemic.

Mrs. Clarence Carson returned home Thursday from the Jones Memorial hospital, leaving their infant son in the incubator.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wentworth entertained at a family dinner Christmas Day, Miss Dolores Mullikin of Friendship and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pease and Charles Updyke.

Under the "Smokes for Soldiers" project, every nickel you drop into one of the jars about town buys a whole package of cigarettes for some fighting man overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgett entertained at dinner Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Higby, Mrs. H. C. Burgett and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Conners and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge entertained at a family dinner on Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. John Nobles, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Mead and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Davis and L. M. Trowbridge.

Miss Anita G. Herrick, daughter of Editor and Mrs. F. A. Herrick of the Bolivar Breeze, was awarded a Master's Degree at Syracuse University's first winter commencement, Dec. 21st. Miss Herrick is specializing in English.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by the members of the S. D. Baptist church Sunday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Greene. A 6 o'clock dinner at the parsonage was followed by an exchange of gifts and a social evening.

Mrs. Kenneth Alvord is in the Jones Memorial hospital, Wellsville for treatment.

The Five Hundred Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harder Wednesday night.

The February session of the Coudersport Consistory has been set for Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 21 and 22.

The regular meeting of Thomas M. Lynch American Legion Auxiliary will be held Monday evening, January 3rd at 7:30 in Legion hall.

Home Bureau News

Thursday, January 13, at 1:30 p. m., the Home Bureau will hold their regular meeting at Legion hall. Mrs. Walter L. Greene will present the lesson on the care of utensils. Members are requested to bring a utensil new and useful, a utensil old, but still useful, a new utensil which is not useful and an old utensil which is poor.

Collector's Notice

The undersigned collector of the Town of Andover, County of Allegany, New York, hereby gives notice that she has received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of State and County Taxes assessed upon such roll and will receive taxes at the office of Clair's Pharmacy in the Village of Andover, N. Y., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week from 9 o'clock a. m. to 12 m., and from 1 o'clock p. m., to 4 o'clock p. m., for the next 60 days.

Andover, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1944.
RETA K. STEARNS,
Collector
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GRANGE NEWS

Andover Grange met for its regular meeting and Christmas party Wednesday evening, following a tureen supper.

Annette Taylor, delegate to the State Grange, at Syracuse, gave a complete and consise report.

First and second degrees will be conferred on a class of candidates at the next meeting, with the regular officers conferring the second and the following the first: Master, Charles Robinson; Overseer, Charles Nevol; Lecturer, Edith Thorne; Chaplain, Carroll Burdick; Asst. Steward, Dewey Northrup; Secretary, Lelia Livermore; Pomona, Edna Burdick; Flora, Mrs. Tracy; Ceres, Effie Burbank; Lady Asst. Steward, Margaret Northrup.

Lelia Livermore had charge of the program and games.

December Milk Price Forecast At $3.50

The uniform farm price of the milk delivered in December to plants in six states inspected by the health departments of the New York metropolitan area is estimated at $3.50 a hundredweight for a gain of nearly ten per cent above the rate paid for December 1942 receipts.

The price forecast was announced Tuesday by Dr. C. J. Blanford, administrator of the New York metropolitan milk marketing area, along with an estimate that New York-area approved receipts in the current month will range around $358,000,000 pounds. The estimated volume allows for a decrease of nearly 12 per cent from the December 1942 total of 404,653,163 pounds.

Combination of the price and production projections indicates that dairy farm income from the New York pool in December, payable before January 25 1944, will amount to approximately $13,000,000. The estimated producer value includes butterfat and location payments in the amount of $500,000.

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Baker's Hardware News
A New Year's Message:
At this season of the year we like to step aside from commercial interests, and bring you Greetings of the New Year, with a wish that Victory and Peace may soon find our families and friends re-united in the simple pleasures of the home – in the enjoyment of our books, our pictures and radios and other fireside treasures.
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