

SOUTH CLINTON NEWS FOR THE WEEK

Miss Eloise Brown, Correspondent and Representative

Mr. and Mrs. Milton King and son have returned to Greenville after spending the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Jackson.

Mrs. Thomas Black visited relatives in Union Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kellett of Ninety-Six, spent the Christmas holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Blackwell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reeder and children and Mrs. Ellie Reeder visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reeder in Whitmire Sunday.

Staff Sgt. Paul Taylor of Camp Davis, N. C., spent the week-end with Mrs. Taylor and children.

Carl Abercrombie, seaman first class, has returned to Norfolk, Va., after a week-end visit with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Mott.

Willie Wilson of Fort Mill, visited his son, Roy Wilson, and Mrs. Wilson during the week-end.

Miss Nellie Ruth Campbell visited friends in Laurens Friday.

J. A. Mills of Spartanburg, spent the holidays with his son, Rufus Mills and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bass Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Carson and Miss Nettie Carson of Folly Beach, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shelton Sunday.

Claude Bennett, seaman first class, of Bainbridge, Md., visited Mrs. Bennett during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Grant and son of West Clinton visited Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Williams Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jude McPherson of Chester, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Williams.

Miss Evelyn Moseley spent the week with Mrs. Betty Craft in Columbia.

Ernest Nix of Dallas, N. C., spent Friday with J. S. Navy and family.

Drayton Duckett of Chesnee, visited his sisters, Misses Sally Ann and Stella Duckett, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Snelgrove of Slater, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Alford Sunday.

Mrs. G. B. Emery and daughter, Miss Betty Emery, have returned to Enoree after a week's visit with her son, Floyd Emery, and family.

Mrs. Louise Harvey spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. L. A. Hall, in Blacksburg.

Misses Luttrell Oakley and Esther Johnson are spending the week with relatives and friends in Belton.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sharpe and son of Lake City, Tenn., visited the former's sister, Mrs. Melvin Satterfield, and Mr. Satterfield Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meeks of Greenwood, visited relatives here during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Harris and Mrs. G. H. Jackson visited Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. J. H. Roberts, in Union Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dalton of Calhoun Falls, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dalton.

Mrs. Roselle Farr of Woodruff, visited Mrs. J. S. Navy during the week-end.

Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Brown spent the holidays with relatives in Whitmire.

Mrs. Bertha Hairston of Florence, is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hairston.

Mrs. Marvin Abercrombie and children have returned to Georgia after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Abercrombie.

Mrs. J. D. Hairston and Mrs. Jim Bailey were visitors in Columbia Monday.

Friends of J. B. McAlister will be interested to know he has enlisted in the navy.

Mrs. Clarence Blackwell visited her mother, Mrs. Mattie Stockman, in West Clinton during the week-end.

Sgt. C. B. Sharpton, Jr., of Savannah, Ga., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sharpton.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson and daughter of Laurens, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barbee and daughter of Goldville, visited Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Smith, during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Benjamin and children of Wättsville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Duckett Sunday.

Pfc. Roy Owens, who has been overseas for 18 months, has recently returned to the States and is spending a 21-day furlough with his grandfather, J. W. Owens, and family.

Mrs. Ida Kirby and sons, Walter and Tom, and James Kirby, seaman second class, and Mrs. Kirby attended the funeral of Wallace Timmerman in Greenwood Saturday.

A. E. Lawson of Savannah, Ga., visited his mother, Mrs. Pauline Lawson, Tuesday.

Among the Sick
Miss Daisy Grant is ill with flu.
Mrs. Floyd Emery continues ill at her home.
Mrs. C. J. Blackwell is ill with flu.
Mrs. G. H. Jackson is ill.

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries
David Henson observed a birthday yesterday.
Ernest Nix will observe a birthday January 1.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shelton observed their third wedding anniversary Dec. 24.
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Satterfield observed their fourth wedding anniversary Dec. 23.
Billy Abercrombie celebrated his 12th birthday Dec. 28.
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Jackson observed their wedding anniversary Dec. 24.
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hairston observed their 44th wedding anniversary Dec. 28.

SAY, "I SAW IT IN THE CHRONICLE." THANK YOU.

Family Reunions Are Yule Custom

Christmas is a homey time. Family dinner parties and reunions are a traditional part of the holiday season in America, and this year more than ever we will be celebrating Christmas at home.

You can add a festive note to these family get-togethers by turning them into Christmas parties. Don't plan anything elaborate—just think up some simple invitations and a game or two. Your regular Christmas decorations will provide the setting.

For the invitations cut out paper snow balls, Santa Claus or Christmas trees and write or print the invitation in ink of a contrasting color. Or buy small candy canes and attach a red paper tag with the invitation in white ink. If you're ambitious you might try writing a verse for these invitations.

From ordinary paper bags you can make party hats and head bands for the guests. Turn the top edge of the bag back in a roll until the "hat" is the right height. Paint or paste a Christmas design on these hats and they will be ready and waiting for the party. For the headbands cut strips of paper bag 2½ inches wide and decorate with gold stars, paper Christmas trees, holly, poinsettias, or cotton snowmen.

Games.

Christmas Toy Introductions.
When the members of the group are not acquainted with each other, this game will work out very nicely. Give each person a small tag on which has been written the name of some toy or object or subject of Christmas. On the back of each of these tags are written commands such as "Introduce yourself to Teddy Bear." "See that the train meets the wagon." "Discuss the price of eggs with the top." These cards must be prepared beforehand and arranged so that everyone keeps moving about introducing and being introduced to each other.

"Tip."—An English Game used at Christmas Time. Have nuts, candies, pop corn balls, etc., piled in center of table. One player leaves the room and the others select an object as "Tip." The absent player is called into the room and selects an object. He must avoid "Tip" and may have anything he gets. If "Tip" is chosen he loses his turn and must forfeit anything he has already won. A new "Tip" is chosen each time a player leaves.

A Pop Corn Relay.—This is lots of fun. Divide contestants into two groups. At one end of the room are fastened the ends of two long strings of very strong linen thread with a needle on each of the other ends, stuck in a stationary cork lying on a table beside two bowls of popcorn with exactly the same number of kernels in each. Each player threads a kernel of corn on the string and runs with it to the other end of the room. The contest continues until one bowl is emptied by a team.

Greeting Contest. Write out the well-known poem, "The Night Before Christmas," on slips of paper, one line to a slip. Separate the odd lines from the even lines, and give the odd slips to the men and the even ones to the women. Read the poem and announce that each player is to find the person holding the line that rhymes with his. The partners are then given pencil and paper and told to write as many forms of Christmas greetings as they can in five minutes. The winning couple receives a peppermint candy cane.

Some of these suggestions for Christmas fun have been taken from *The Christmas Book*, by Marguerite Ickis, a compilation of background materials and suggestions for celebrating Christmas. The material includes interesting facts about Christmas customs in other lands, ideas for parties and social activities, music, drama, decorations, and refreshments. The book is available for 50 cents from the National Recreation Association, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Happy Memories

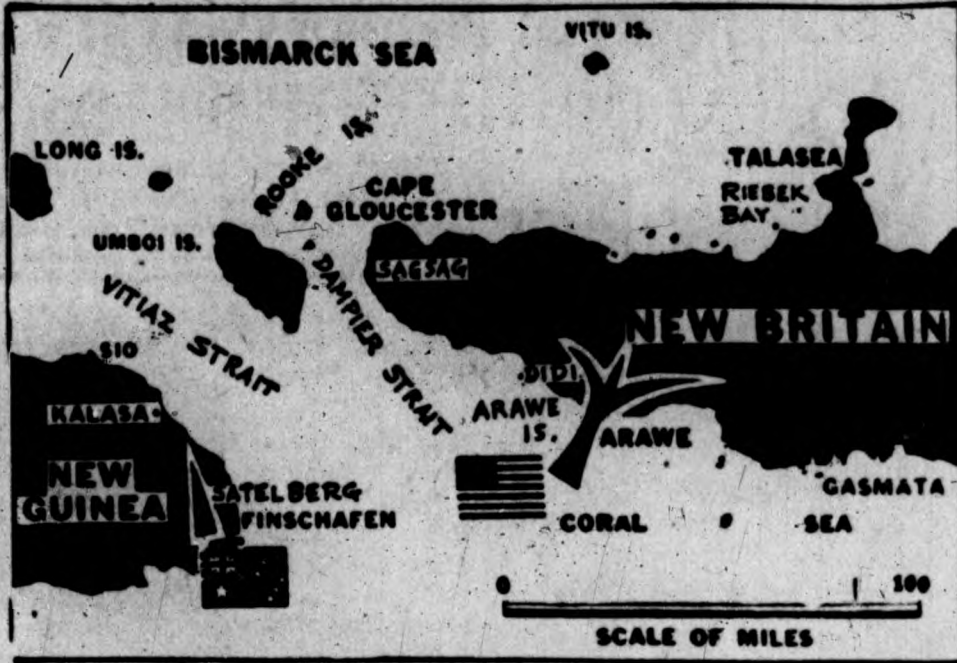
Here's what went into a 12 pound Christmas cake in the happy days before rationing and scarcities, in case you've forgotten:

- Christmas Fruit Cake**
1 pound of butter or other fat
1½ pounds of brown sugar
10 egg yolks
2 oranges, juice and grated rind
1 lemon, juice and grated rind
1 teaspoon of soda
1 cup of molasses
1 cup of black coffee
1 pound of flour
1 teaspoon of salt
1 teaspoon of cloves
2 teaspoons of cinnamon
2 teaspoons of mace
2 teaspoons of nutmeg
1 glass of tart jelly
3 pounds of raisins
2 pounds of currants
1 pound of citron
2 cups of flour for the fruit
10 egg whites

THANK YOU—For Your Card

The English, compelled to make the most of every scrap of paper, have learned how to put their Christmas cards to good use. They send back to their friends the cards they received from them the year before, just scratching out the friend's name and adding their own.

Where Yanks Won Another Jap Area



The southern end of New Britain, which was invaded by the American Sixth Army. Shortly after the landing, American troops were reported to be beating their way from Arawe toward the Jap air base at Rabaul, which lies at the northeastern tip of the island. The invasion was preceded by an intense U. S. air raid during which 305 tons of bombs were dropped. U. S. casualties were reported as being light and no planes or surface ships were lost during the invasion. A time Allied bombers hammered at other important enemy bases on the island.

As Washington Sees It THE NATIONAL SCENE

Washington, Dec. 29. — Leaving a good deal of unfinished business behind, the members of congress are now home on a vacation and for a chance to check up on how the home folks feel about pending legislation. Most observers here agreed that congress needed a rest—that the majority of congressmen have been working harder than congressmen ever have worked before and that a period of rest from their long hours of dealing with complex problems was in order.

But there is a general feeling of disappointment throughout the country that congress didn't get more things settled before it recessed, instead of leaving us up in the air on taxes, on farm subsidies, on labor control, on the soldier vote, etc.

The subsidy issue, which is one

of the most controversial which has faced congress in a long time, was finally postponed rather than settled. A resolution was put through continuing the present subsidy plan until February 17. With two months to go before making a final decision, the administration will have an opportunity to muster its forces in support of subsidies and it now seems likely that they will eventually be approved. If a final vote had been taken before Christmas, subsidies probably would have been defeated. Thus the action on this measure may well be changed entirely by the congressional holiday.

The question of taxes seems to have been fairly well worked out, but since the new revenue act will apply to 1944, it is going to mean that we will start the new year without actually knowing what our taxes are going to be during that year. It is quite possible that the present tax decisions, which have not yet become law, may be changed considerably, and again the administration

will use the holiday to muster forces in favor of higher taxes than those approved by congressmen.

With congress away, attention here will be centered on the administration which will have many difficult and pressing problems on which to make decisions. As this column was written, the most crucial action needed was a solution to the threat of a nationwide railroad strike which would do more to interfere with the war program than did even the coal strike. But however the railroad strike threat is handled, this is expected to be just the beginning of new labor problems. For all union leaders seem to agree that the "Little Steel" formula, which froze wages at 15 per cent above what they were in 1941, was broken by the government when it agreed to higher wages for coal miners and there will undoubtedly be strikes all along the line unless the government works out some solution which is agreeable

to all of labor. This problem is one that cannot be decided entirely by the administration and calls for drastic legislation by congress.

During 1944 another problem with labor will arise when some companies are called upon to make less goods than in 1943 and will feel it is necessary to eliminate some jobs. Recently a strike was started in the subsidiary of a steel plant because the company let two men go who were no longer needed. As long as high war production is called for, this problem won't be too great, but as soon as the demand for goods falls off this will be one of the nation's greatest problems unless some solution is worked out ahead of time. Union leaders not only will refuse to tolerate unemployment, but they will also fight all attempts to reduce wages during the period when industry is converting to the manufacture of peacetime goods.

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