

Merry Christmas

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Flood Lighting Equipment Here

Volunteer Firemen Receive Fruit of Minstrel Labors

Chief John O. Disbrow of the Wilton Volunteer Fire Department, has received perhaps his choicest Christmas gift a little in advance. It did not arrive in colorful Christmas papers and ribbons, either but in a heavy crate.

The portable gasoline motor with generator attached, which the chief has dreamed about for years and which the firemen worked so hard for in their recent minstrels, arrived Friday morning. The chief made daily trips to the station looking for it and began to fear that the government had interfered and would prevent its delivery. Then son Harry on Friday had a hunch that he would make the station trip and bring back the bacon, which he did. It stood in front of the Bulletin office a few minutes before its trip to the firehouse and was examined by several onlookers.

The new equipment makes the fire department just that more silent. Attached to one of the engine running boards, the three large flood lights will light any night fire like day. This will facilitate the work of the firemen and lessen the chance of endangering the lives of fire-fans of whom there are always many.

Church Plans Party For Sunday School

An old custom of generations is to be revived at the Congregational Church when the Sunday School, for the first time in several years, will hold a Christmas party Christmas Eve at 7 o'clock. This custom of one of the oldest churches in the county was discontinued some time ago and the Christmas parties were held Saturday afternoons but the tradition of former generations will be revived, according to Mrs. William E. Williams, superintendent. The party will be held in the

Air Raid Signals

Chief Air Raid Warden John O. Disbrow has announced that there will be a change of air raid signals.

1. A series of short blasts of sirens or whistles or constant ringing of bells will mean that an air raid is imminent.
2. Long continuous blasts of sirens or whistles and slow ringing of bells means that all is clear.

Red Cross Campaign Reaches \$400 Mark

Latest report at noon today, according to Nelson S. Hurlbutt, chairman, shows that the drive of the Red Cross for War Relief has increased over the weekend to more than \$400.

It is possible that the halfway mark, \$700, might be reached before Christmas Day. Checks should be made payable to the Wilton Branch, American Red Cross.

At a meeting of the captains and assistants at Red Cross headquarters Friday Mr. Hurlbutt said that the public school teachers had all contributed, \$66, including a donation which the Parent-Teacher Association gave for the annual Christmas party, having been given.

Other organizations who have made substantial contributions are the Women's Republican Club, and Cannon Grange. Chairman Hurlbutt is hopeful that many other groups and citizens will act similarly.

Individual checks have been drifting in without solicitation. That is stressed as being helpful to the committee. Such checks may be mailed to Nelson S. Hurlbutt.

The preliminary report at the meeting, which was well-attended, showed that \$200 had been pledged. The Wilton quota is \$1,400 and the committee hopes everyone will respond to the call directly and not wait for canvassers.

Christmas Vacation Commences Tuesday

Town Ready for Merry Christmas As Last-Minute Shopping Begins

Red Cross Call to Service



YOUR RED CROSS NEEDS YOU!

This dramatic poster by James Montgomery Flagg is the first war poster of the new World War. It is an appeal for a \$20,000,000 American war relief fund to feed, shelter, clothe and save medical aid to American men, women and children bombed by the enemy. It is an appeal for funds to provide comforts for our American Army and Navy, and for welfare work for our troops at home and abroad.

War Censorship Prevents News from Santa Claus

CHILDREN HAPPY

Civilian Defense Workers Not to Relax Vigil for Holidays

Critical events in the world have not put too much of a damper on the celebration of Christmas and much of the gloom which fell upon the town when war started for America two weeks ago has been lifted, partly by the joyous faces of children partly by a resolution to make merry despite all the sadness.

The war has wrought one change, however. Because of the censorship decreed by the government on weather reports the Bulletin has been unable to receive and print, as it did last year, a dispatch from Santa Claus' headquarters at the North Pole. People generally believe, however, that it is cold there and that there probably is snow. Here there is just a touch of snow and the cold has been severe enough in the past few days to make local ponds and lakes safe for skaters.

Snow Welcome
Children, of course, always delight in a white Christmas and most grown folks do too. The snow seems to help brighten and add luster to the Christmas decorations both outside and in. Elaborately-decorated doorways are not as much in evidence this year because the garden club's competition was dispensed with because of the war. There are many varicolored lights on Christmas trees in homes and on lawns, however, testifying unmistakably to the fact that the greatest holiday of the year is at hand.
Christmas Sunday services were held at the church.