

TO OUR PATRONS

ENTERING upon the thirty-seventh year of its existence, as did The Mountain Sun last week, we look back over a long line of effort and accomplishment, extending over a period of time not covered by very many weekly papers, compared to the number which fall by the wayside.

During the thirty-six years the publication has, of course, not accomplished as much as probably was hoped for, but taking it by and large it has few apologies to offer, for most of the time it has done its best under the circumstances. You who are old-timers know that The Mountain Sun has staid with you through thick and thin, through drouth and flood, through 'times that tried men's souls' no less than through the "fat" years of plenty. What it has done in the past along this line, it hopes to do in the coming years, and more.

You have made the paper what it is. The publishers, without your patronage and sympathetic co-operation, would have long since been compelled to turn in "thirty" and give up the fight. The office has, like most of you, alternately made money and lost money, with the varying seasons, but all along it has tried to measure up to a standard above the ordinary.

For all these past years' patronage and helpfulness, we thank you. For the years to come, we pledge you our best effort. May the New Year, and many New Years yet to come, be good to you and yours.

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Hail and Farewell

FAREWELL TO THE OLD
Old Year, thy life is well-nigh spent,
Thy feet are tottering and slow,
Thy hoary head with age is bent,
The time is here for thee to go;
Already in the frozen snow
A lonely grave is made for thee;
The winds are chanting dirges low,
Upon the land and on the sea.
Old Year, thou wert a friend to some—
To some thou wert of worth untold,
Thy days were blessings, every one,
More precious far than shining gold;
But unto others, thou a foe
Did prove thyself—an enemy,
Relentless as the chains of woe—
As ruthless as the maddened sea.
Some will rejoice to know thee dead,
Others will mourn thee as a friend;
Some will look back on thee with dread,
Others their praises to thee lend;
I neither offer praise nor blame,
Old Year, for what you brought to me,
For unto me both joy and pain
Your active hands gave lavishly.
Thy solemn death-hour draws a-nigh—
And hark! I hear thy funeral knell
Slow pealing through the darkened sky—
Farewell, Old Year—farewell, farewell!

HAIL TO THE NEW
Hail! hail! to thee, O virgin year!
Not yet a day's length on thy throne—
Thou with the merry eyes and clear
And joyous voice of dulcet tone:
Hail! hail! to thee, thou strong of limb;
Our praise is thine, O youthful king,
For thou art pure of woe and sin,
Thy young hands yet but blessings bring.
The monarch who is laid away
Within the catacomb of years
Was harsh and ruthless in his day—
Seemed less to love our joys than tears;
We look for blessings manifold,
New Year, from thy pure sinless hand,
We trust thy heart will never grow cold
Toward us—and our Native Land.
Bring healing to the hearts now sore
From wounds the cruel Old Year made;
The veil of peacefulness draw o'er
The woes at each heart-threshold laid;
We cannot love a tyrant king!
Our hearts refuse to loyal be
To one who takes delight to fling
Upon our hearts keen misery!
Be kind to us—that we may say,
When comes the time for thee to go;
"O darling year, we grieve today,
Because we all have loved thee so!"
—GOOD HOUSEKEEPING.

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NAME—Surname, given name and middle initial, if any.
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EDUCATION—Whether able to read or write.
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OCCUPATION—Trade, profession, industry or business, employer or employee; together with salary or wage.

A Word to Disabled Soldiers

Every man who was in the military or naval service of the United States during the late war, and who on account of such service is not physically fitted to engage at once in a gainful occupation should at once notify the Bureau of War Risk Insurance in Washington, D. C.
Under the law this bureau is charged with providing for service men discharged because of disability incurred in active service in the line of duty, compensation and free medical treatment until such time as they are restored to physical fitness.
During the Summer of 1918 there was a general combing out of the military training camps of the country in an effort to bring up to the standard of physical fitness, and many men discharged at that time may be unaware of their rights under an Act of Congress to compensation for disability and medical attention and hospital treatment where necessary. All cases of this or a like nature should be brought immediately to the attention of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.
K.M.S.
Mexican Baptist Church
It was my pleasure to be with the Mexican Baptist Church people for quite a while during the Christmas times. I never saw any church that retained and improved as steadily as this church, without a pastor.
The Christmas festivities were quite a success. As usual, they had their Christmas tree, and Christmas supper, of which all partake.
Christmas night we had our prayer meeting, as we took Wednesday night for the tree. We had a good attendance and a good service. There are no stronger people after their eyes are opened.
I learned the public school is improving since the children have returned from cotton picking.
Mrs. Cora R. Vallejo and George Arreola were united in the holy bonds of matrimony the 27th inst. Quite a crowd witnessed it and all bountifully partook of chocolate and cake. They have rented the cottage next door to Emmett Rodriguez. We wish them much happiness and prosperity. The members of the church gave them a surprise pounding, which they did not find until next morning.
MRS. NATIONS-SMITH.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Not only do we wish you a Happy New Year, but we're going to be right on the job trying to make our wish come true. We have endeavored to serve you well in the past, and we shall spare no effort to serve you acceptably in 1920. "Everything for the Home" is pretty comprehensive, but we come very near filling the bill. Put us to the test whenever you have need of something in our line.

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GOLD BAR Spinach. Cash-and-Carry Grocery. 2-tfc
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VERIBEST Peas. Cash-and-Carry Grocery. 2-tfc
WANTED—Carpenters and Laborers. Apply at Aug. Henke job on Water Street. Elder Bros. Construction Company. 34-tfc
GIVE US a portion of your fresh meat trade. Phone 72 after Jan. 2 for your needs in this line C. C. Butt Grocery. 2-tfc
APARTMENT, completely furnished, south sleeping porch, private bath. H. H. Kuhlmann, Main St., Tel. 10. References. 2-tfc
DEPOT Restaurant: Best of attention and good eats, short orders. Phone orders promptly filled. Phone 43. J. G. Ayala, Prop. 32-tfc
A CLASSIFIED adv. in The Mountain Sun will tell hundreds of people what you have to offer or what you wish to buy. Nickle a line.
FOUR PORTO-POWER Attachments at only \$41.00 each to introduce them. One minute to attach and 8 H. P. from a Ford Car. Watch one pull a saw at our shop. Lee Mason & Son. 50-tfc
FOR SALE—I have a 5-passenger Briscoe and a Paige Roadster, both in good condition; will sell either of them and the price is right. G. B. Wilson, Cash-and-Carry Grocery. 2-tfc
TON TRUCKS—The FORD Ton Truck, with PNEUMATIC TIRES, demountable rims, chassis delivered at Kerrville \$652.75. All styles solid oak bodies in stock. LEE MASON & SON. 38-tfc
THE FOLK at home would appreciate your sending them The Mountain Sun while you are sojourning here, Mr. Healthseeker. Four months for half a dollar.

ALL KINDS of sausage at C. C. Butt Grocery. 2-tfc
HILLSDALE Asparagus. Cash-and-Carry Grocery. 2-tfc
S. FRIEDMAN, Tailor, cleaning and pressing, one-half block south of Court House. 37-tfc
GET ALL YOUR eats—including fresh meats—at C. C. Butt Grocery.
NICE bedroom, furnished, for rent; no sick. Mrs. Brown, Lowry Building. 2-tfc
STRINGLESS Beans. Cash-and-Carry Grocery. 2-tfc
WRECK YOUR CAR, and an EVER-READY STORAGE BATTERY is given you free. Ask us. LEE MASON & SON. 42-tfc

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W. G. Peterson.....Assessor
A. B. Williamson.....Treasurer
W. G. Garrett.....County Attorney
A. L. Starkey.....Surveyor

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Jas. Crotty, Center Point.....Prec. 2
Hugo Wiedenfeld, Comfort.....Prec. 3
Chas. Rogers, Ingram.....Prec. 4

Justices of the Peace
E. H. Turner, Kerrville.....Prec. 1
Ed. Smith, Ingram.....Prec. 4

K.M.S.
Mountain Sun, \$1.50 Per Year.

Do your best and you'll go forward. You're not doing your best if you are not buying War Savings Stamps.
It's not what you make, but what you save that counts. Are you getting ahead or slipping behind? War Savings Stamps are pretty good non-skid chains.
Subscribers will confer a favor on the management by notifying the office promptly when they fail to receive the paper, or when change of address occurs.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holdsworth have returned from a Holiday visit to the former's brother at Loma Vista, Zavalla County, during the course of which Mr. Holdsworth had the good fortune to bag a fine buck.

Same old "resolutions," and still good.
Help us make The Mountain Sun just the kind of a paper you would like for it to be.
Play the game fairly. Try to be worth at least as much to the world as you ask the world to be worth to you.
Well, we probably all know by now that we made some mistakes in 1919 that we should try to avoid repeating in 1920.
Don't think you are probably losing your mind because you still write it 1919 occasionally. The rest of us are pulling the same stunt.
If your only interest in your work is its salary attachment, it is only a question of time when you'll not have even that to be interested in.
Here's a prediction, a bonafide one—Kerrville will have at least two hundred and fifty more population January 1, 1921, than today.
Our friend, Simon Skeezicks, says he heartily agrees with Vice President Marshall that H. C. L.—High Cost of Laxness—is putting a good many folk in the red.
The Mountain Sun's new sister, The Sweetwater Reporter, recently added to the Terrell Publishing Company's string of publications, is to change to a daily this month. Here's hoping.
Bank deposits in this city indicate that the county was never more prosperous than now, and the condition of the soil was never more favorable for a bumper crop another year than today.
Says the president of the great Baldwin locomotive works, who started as an apprentice and worked his way to the top: "The lazy or incompetent workman rarely has a good boss—at least one that he thinks is a good one."
Our esteemed neighbor at Rock-springs, The Edwards County Leader, got its new Linotype installed on Christmas Eve and is now a "machine shop," but showed the effects of the print paper shortage by having to print part of its last week's edition on manila wrapping paper. Such is the life in the newspaper game.



A vast amount of work now remains to be done which the intervention of war has necessarily delayed and accumulated, and the result is that a very large capital expenditure ought to be made to make up for the interruptions inevitably due to the war, and to prepare the railroads to serve adequately the increased traffic throughout the country.
WALKER D. HINES,
Director General of Railroads.

**Work more—
Produce more—
Save more—**

But we can't continue increasing our production unless we continue increasing our railroad facilities.

The farms, mines and factories cannot increase their output beyond the capacity of the railroads to haul their products.

Railroads are now near the peak of their carrying capacity.

Without railroad expansion—more engines, more cars, more tracks, more terminals—there can be little increase in production.

But this country of ours is going to keep right on growing—and the railroads must grow with it.

To command in the investment markets the flow of new capital to expand railroad facilities—and so increase production—there must be public confidence in the future earning power of railroads.

The nation's business can grow only as fast as the railroads grow.

This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives.

Those desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to the Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York.



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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

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Longhorn cheese at C. C. Butt Grocery. 2-tfc

I have for sale a pair of good mules and a horse. W. W. Noll. 2-1tc

WANTED—A maid for cleaning rooms at St. Charles Hotel. 2-1tc

Miss Ethel Williams spent several days in San Antonio the first of the week.

Dr. Cora W. Trevitt, Osteopath; office, 543 Moore Bldg., San Antonio, Texas. 51-tfc

Mrs. George Morris and Miss Eugie Myers are spending the week in San Antonio.

Batteries inspected and filled with distilled water free. Kerrville Battery Co. 2-tfc

Mrs. J. S. Wheelless has as her guest for the week Mrs. A. R. Stilman of San Antonio.

Elwyn Sublett spent several days in town last week from Fredericksburg visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Sublett.

Thomas Morriss, who is attending the Agricultural and Mechanical College, was among students who spent the Holidays at home.

I will give \$200 to anybody that will send me a buyer for my home of 1,000 acres, twelve miles from Kerrville on the Junction road. J. M. Webb, Ingram, Texas. 28-tfc

Conoly Moore, after spending the Christmas Holidays here with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Moore, has returned to his studies in San Marcos Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Schreiner Jr. were hosts to a few friends on Saturday evening last for bridge. The guests included Dr. and Mrs. John Dee Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Schreiner, Mrs. Miller Harwood, Mr. Lovington, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Garrett. Prizes were awarded Mrs. J. D. Jackson and E. H. Prescott for high score.

Woman's Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church will hold their quarterly dollar day meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Renschel, Tuesday, January 6, 1920, at 3 p. m.

Leader, Mrs. L. W. McCoy. Scripture, 20th Psalm. Song, "Bringing in the Sheaves." Prayer, Mrs. Harper.

"What We Hope to Accomplish in the New Year," Mrs. A. G. Morriss.

Piano Solo, Doris Peterson.

Debate, "Resolved, That Woman's Faith in the Resurrection Was Greater Than Man's"—affirmative, Mrs. T. B. Peterson and Mrs. Jack Moore; negative, Mrs. W. H. Rawson and Mrs. R. A. Cochran; judges, Mesdames Procter, Renschel and Canfield.

Reading, Miss Ferrol Rawson.

Roll Call, response with dollar and Scripture on giving.

Dismissed with prayer.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

The Mountain Sun, \$1.50 Per Year...

All kinds of sausage at C. C. Butt Grocery. 2-tfc

Furs wanted by M. M. Baylor, opposite Baptist Church. 52-tfc

Raymond Allen spent several days in town from the ranch last week.

Get all your eats—including fresh meats—at C. C. Butt Grocery. 2tfc

Miss Mabel Thorburn will return Wednesday to Denton to resume her studies at C. I. A.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Granville and baby of Brady, Texas, are visiting relatives here this week.

Clyde Hamilton spent several days in town last week from Austin visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamilton.

Louis Comparette, who is attending the State University, is among the students spending the Christmas Holidays at home.

FOR SALE—1,295-acre goat ranch, cheap and on easy terms. Or will trade for small farm with some pasture. M. S. Osborne. 2-2tc

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Harrison and little daughter, Hester, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Schreiner for Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

J. M. Hamilton severed his connection with the Chas. Schreiner Bank on the First, but will still look after the land business for Capt. Charles Schreiner. Mr. Hamilton expects to devote most of his time to the oil lease business.

The Rodriguez family from Porto Rico, according to the files of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, sent 894 men into the American forces and among this number, which was almost large enough for a battalion, there were but seven first names, as follows: Domingo, Francisco, Jose, Ramon, Juan, Tomas and Antonio. The serial number of each man was in the 600,000 class.

Misses May Louise Schreiner and Yolande Robinson are guests in San Antonio of Mr. and Mrs. Atlee B. Ayres. Miss Schreiner entertained on Monday afternoon with a double box party at the Majestic, followed by tea and dancing at the St. Anthony Hotel. Among the guests from Kerrville for whom covers were laid were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Schreiner, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Schreiner, Miss Yolande Robinson, Miss Ellen Mason and Cecil Robinson.

Pastor Holt and family are expected to arrive from Cleburne this Thursday evening, and will be given a reception and "pounding" by the members of the Baptist Church. While The Mountain Sun has not been officially so advised, we feel sure there will be the regular services at the church this coming Sunday, and that the public is cordially invited to come out and help welcome the new pastor.

Mrs. Aimee Charles Schreiner was at home to a few friends on Monday afternoon for the open house with which she usually entertains during the Christmas season. The reception rooms were gay with holly and poinsettias and a brightly hung Christmas tree. In the dining room cut flowers were used for decoration. The table was laid with a lace cloth having as a centerpiece pink carnations, hyacinths and smilax. Mrs. Schreiner was assisted in dispensing the hospitalities of the dining room by Mesdames A. C. Schreiner Jr., R. L. Scherbeck and L. D. Garrett. Musical and vocal selections by Mrs. R. L. Scherbeck, Mrs. Scott Schreiner and Misses Hattie and Ruth Garrett were much enjoyed. About thirty guests were present.

There are more than 3,000,000 Ford cars in daily service throughout the world, and fully eighty per cent of these are Ford Touring Cars. There are many reasons for this, not the least of which is the simplicity in the design of the car, so easy to understand; likewise it is easy to operate; and mighty inexpensive compared to other motor cars. On the farm, in the city, for business and for family pleasure, it is the car of the people, and the demand is increasing every day. Let us have your order promptly if you want one.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31—
"You Are Fired," Wallace Reid.
Ford Weekly.

FRIDAY, JAN. 2—
Five-Reel Feature.
One-Reel Arbuckle Comedy.

SATURDAY, JAN. 3—
"Kultur," Gladys Brockwell.
One-Reel Mutt and Jeff Comedy.

Next Week---

FRIDAY, JAN. 9—
"Too Many Millions," Wallace Reid.
"Fatty's Naughty Nephews," Fatty Arbuckle.

SATURDAY, JAN. 10—
"Merry-Go-Round," Peggy Hyland.
"Shell Game," Mutt and Jeff.

Show Starts 8:00

Yours for Clean, Uplifting, Instructive Amusement.
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Send The Mountain Sun to the Folks "Back Yonder"

U. S. WAR DECORATIONS; HOW EARNED AND WORN

From article by Col. Robert E. Wyllie, General Staff, U. S. A., in National Geographic Magazine: The history of decorations in the United States is remarkable in its similarity to the British experience. At first only the services of the commanders were recognized, the rank and file being entirely ignored. The first medal bestowed by our Government was one in gold to General George Washington to commemorate the evacuation of Boston by the British in March, 1776. Captain John Paul Jones was similarly rewarded after his famous fight with the Seraphis in 1779.

Several military and naval commanders were presented gold medals to commemorate battles in the War of 1812. Generals Scott and Taylor were given gold medals for their services in the Mexican War, and General Grant had a similar reward after his victory at Chattanooga in 1863.

In all these cases the medal conferred was to commemorate some special victory. It was presented only to commanders of the troops or ships involved, and accompanied the thanks of Congress. It was never worn by the recipient, and was never intended to be worn; in fact, it might be said that it was really not a decoration in the sense we now use that word, but was a material evidence that the possessor had received that much-prized honor, the thanks of Congress. The rank and file received nothing.

In 1847, during the Mexican War, Congress authorized the President to present a certificate to enlisted men who especially distinguished themselves. No medal or decoration, however, accompanied this award, and it was not until 1905 that a badge was authorized to show that the wearer had received a Certificate of Merit. So in its early days it was in no sense a decoration.

Medal of Honor Only for 40 Years.
In 1861 the United States, by establishing the Medal of Honor, departed from what had become a settled policy against medals and decorations for war. This was by congressional action, and at first applied only to enlisted men of the Navy, but was soon extended. However, it remained for nearly forty years the sole American military decoration, the life-saving medals authorized in 1874 not being military in character.

At this point the writer pauses to cast a retrospective glance to the days before the Spanish-American War when he entered the service. We now have in the Army alone 16 different medals, and as many more in the Navy, not to mention the numerous foreign decorations which have been bestowed, all of them available to every grade; so that a uniform is hardly considered complete without a row of ribbons on the breast, and two or three rows are by no means uncommon.

What a difference a few years make! Then the Medal of Honor was our only decoration, and, as thirty years had elapsed since the Civil War there were not many in the Army. There never had been many, in fact; but at that time were exceedingly scarce; and not only that, but one might be well acquainted with a Medal of Honor man and still be ignorant of the distinction, because no ribbons were worn to show possession of it. Only on state occasions, when in full dress uniform, was the medal produced. In fact, a decoration in those days was about as common as a bison on the streets of New York City, and created just about as much of a sensation, even in the Army.

Decorations Not Hereditary
It was undoubtedly the idea of republican simplicity that operated to retard the growth of this custom in the United States. The belief existed that decorations were akin to nobility, and not in harmony with true democracy, but part and parcel of the monarchical system. Nevertheless, republican France has preserved the customs of imperial France in that respect without any sacrifice of democracy. All republics had something of this character, but we were the last to fall in line.

It is not contrary to democratic ideals to reward merit, and that is the purpose of decorations and orders. Not even in imperial nations are they awarded on hereditary grounds, and in no case does the son inherit any of those distinctions conferred upon the father. They are invariably given because of the services performed by that individual, and have a wonderful effect on the morale of the troops, as our recent war has abundantly proved.

Distinguished Service Cross
In January, 1918, the President, by executive order, established two additional decorations for the Army, the Distinguished Service Cross, to be awarded for extraordinary heroism not justifying a Medal of Honor, and the Distinguished Service Medal, to be given for specially meritorious service in a position of great responsibility. This action was confirmed

by Congress and enacted into law in the July following. In February, 1919, by congressional action, corresponding decorations were adopted for the Navy.

Congress also gave its consent, by general blanket provision, for the acceptance of decorations conferred by governments with whom we were associated in the war, and the President was authorized to bestow American decorations on members of the military and naval forces of our Allies.

Victory Medal and Clasp
The last act in this evolution occurred on the question of the Victory Medal, which is given to commemorate the war with Germany.

Heretofore it has been our custom to bestow war medals only on those who participated in the campaigns. Those who had the misfortune to remain in the United States received no recognition, even though engaged on work vital to the success of the overseas forces. Soon after the armistice it became evident that the sentiment of the country was against such a discrimination, and a bill was introduced into Congress to award a medal to all who served in the Army and Navy, regardless of whether or not they had oversea service.

This bill, due to press of business in the last session of Congress never emerged from the committee; but the principle was established by the War Department and the order establishing the Victory Medal gave it to all who served on active duty during the war, and the British system of clasps was adopted to denote participation in battle operations.

When Decorations Are Worn

In uniform, a military man wears medals and decorations only on full-dress occasions, and then he is limited to those awarded him by his own, or an equal, or a superior government; medals of inferior origin are not worn. To illustrate: A soldier of the United States Army, in uniform, should never wear a medal presented to him by a State, municipality, or society, but only those of the Federal Government or a co-ordinate foreign government. A State officer, on the other hand, in uniform, can wear a medal presented by his own or any other State, in addition to those given to him by the United States or a foreign government, but he should not wear other than a municipal decoration or society badge. This is on the principle that it is derogatory to the dignity of the government whose uniform is worn to ornament it with a decoration emanating from a subordinate authority.

For civilian wear, the rule is more elastic, but the same general principle applies. As already stated, medals are worn only on full-dress occasions—that is, on occasions of ceremony. Applying this to civil life, we have the custom that decorations should be confined to appropriate ceremonial occasions. At such times a personal decoration awarded by a sovereign government is rarely out of place, but a service medal would be appropriate only if it was a military ceremony, a State or municipal medal only at a State or municipal occasion, and the badge of a society only at a meeting of that society.

Substitutes Worn for Medals

The canons of good taste furnish the best guide, and these will not be violated if the decorations and medals worn are limited to those which are strictly appropriate to the occasion.

It is thus apparent that medals and decorations are rarely worn. They are not to be flaunted promiscuously, but are reserved for times when it is desired to do special honor to the occasion. However, substitutes are provided for other times, to show that the wearer has received recognition by his Government.

At ordinary times military men wear small sections of ribbon on the uniform for this purpose. These are simply short strips of the same design and width as the distinctive ribbon from which the medal itself is suspended, and they are known as service ribbons. The rule previously given, which prohibits the wearing of a decoration of inferior origin, applies also to service ribbons, since the principle is the same.

Lapel buttons are used with civilian clothes for the same purpose. They are made in a variety of forms—rosettes of silk ribbon, bow-knots of ribbon, metallic buttons similar to the well-known G. A. R. device, buttons in enameled colors, etc., each decoration, medal or badge having its own particular design.

On evening clothes, both civilian and military, miniatures can be worn when the occasion is appropriate. These are replicas of the full-size medal and ribbon, but are made on a scale of about one-half. They are therefore, more dressy than a service button, but not so ceremonial as the full-size medal, which furnishes the clue to the occasions when they should be worn.

Service ribbons are never worn on military evening clothes, as the wearing of such garments indicates a dress affair, even if it is not ceremonial, and



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service ribbons are out of place on dress clothes. It is thus seen that, although the medals themselves are rarely worn, the possessor of one can always show that fact, either in uniform or civilian attire, by wearing the proper substitute.

Wearer Must Have Earned Decoration Never More Than One Decoration

Another important point is that no medal, decoration or substitute should be worn unless the wearer possesses it in his own right; he must be the one whose services earned it to entitle him to wear it. On his death it becomes an heirloom to be kept by his family, but it should not be worn by any of them, and, similarly, in cases where a medal is presented to the nearest of kin because of the death of the one to whom the award was made, the person thus holding it has no right to wear it.

There was one notable exception to this general rule. Lord Roberts' only son, an officer of the British army who was killed in the Boer War while engaged in an act of great heroism, for which he was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross. The decoration was duly presented to Lord Roberts, who was given express authority to wear it; but this permission was undoubtedly based on the fact that Lord Roberts had a Victoria Cross in his own right, earned by gallant action during the Indian mutiny; and this case cannot be considered a precedent.

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One Christmas Eve
by RALPH HAMILTON

THE shades of the pretty home were pulled down and the gloom of dusk was alleviated by a light only in the room where the mourning denizens, Harold Bruce and his wife, Laura, sat. They were awaiting the arrival of a taxicab ordered in time to catch an evening train for the South. Both were somber-faced and wearied of men. They had not spoken for some time, for it was a situation where words meant nothing. The wife never lifted her tear-stained eyes, the husband wore a set expression upon his face as though exerting the utmost will power to repress the poignant emotion which consumed him.

Without, joyous shouts echoed, the sound of merry sleigh bells fractured the air with Christmas eve fervor, and the contrast of this long-anticipated holiday presentation with what they had hoped and planned for, wrenched their souls to the point of anguish. Their lives desolated beyond repair, poignant memories ever present, they scarce dared to rest their glance upon the portraits of two smiling, happy faces looking down from a heavily framed picture, for only that morning they had received the terrible news that the originals, their only children, Don, aged six, and Etta, two years his junior, had been victims, with many others, of a disaster by cyclone and flood that had devastated the district where they had their winter home in Florida.

All they knew was that the pretty bungalow and many others, with their occupants, had been swept away, and hundreds were said to have perished, and no word had been received as to the fate of their two little ones, nor of Rhoda Marsh, who had them in charge.

Rhoda Marsh had come into their thoughts almost as frequently as little Etta and her brother. Each recalled that it was a Christmas eve four years



Both Were Somber-Faced and Wearied of Men.

back when Harold Bruce had come home from the funeral of his mother, bringing with him a wistful-eyed, sad-faced mite of a girl.

"Laura," he said to his wife, "this is Rhoda Marsh, a poor orphan child whom my mother adopted, who has given her the tenderest care to the last hour of her life and was a blessing to her old age. She is left without a home. Should we give her one?"

"We should, and we shall," came the quick reply, as Mrs. Bruce gazed into the earnest, longing eyes of the girl of fourteen, and read there truth and innocence and a soulful appeal to all that was maternal and sympathizing in her nature.

It proved to be a wise and fortuitous choice. As the children came along Rhoda proved to them a true and loving sister, nurse and friend.

Then came a test of the fidelity and self-sacrifice of the girl just merging into young womanhood. Both of the children were taken down with a dangerous contagious malady. The house was quarantined. Rhoda braved the perils of infection. Day and night she was the constant attendant of Don and Etta. She found so sure a loving place in the hearts of those she had benefited, that her eyes beamed with joy and happiness whenever she was in their presence.

The physician who attended the children was Albin Merritt. He had entered the profession the proudest of a wealthy man, and had acquired a clientele of prominence and a large income. It was when the little ones were convalescent that he had come to Mr. Bruce, who was a close personal friend.

"Bruce," he said, "I cannot find words to express my admiration and respect, yes, and something deeper, for that sweet little heroine, Rhoda, whose studios care of the children, far more than my ministrations, is responsible for their recovery."

"Yes," answered Mr. Bruce with genuine fervor in his tones, "she is a

jewel of worth and constancy. Both my wife and myself realize what we owe to this poor waif who has endeared herself to us as though she were our own daughter."

Doctor Merritt proved his expressed sentiments by very often visiting the Bruce home after that. The children loved him and he would drop in for an hour or two and play with them and talk with Rhoda and listen to her singing at the piano, for music with Rhoda was her one great passion. There never was a visit on his part that Rhoda did not greet him with a beautiful, tender flush upon her fair, expressive face, and one night her kindly benefactors indulged in playful badinage when she accompanied Doctor Merritt to the door.

"Doctor Merritt has become quite a beau—eh, Rhoda?" intimated Mr. Bruce.

"Three times in a week," spoke Mrs. Bruce. "Rhoda dear, he is a loyal chevalier."

"Please don't," pleaded Rhoda, looking serious, shy and embarrassed. "He is only a great good friend to all of us, and he has so encouraged my singing that it has made me more anxious than ever to please him."

Early in November Mrs. Bruce, the children and Rhoda went to the Florida winter home where the family spent four months of the year. There were anticipated happy days in the pretty bungalow when Mr. Bruce should join them later on. It was just two weeks before Christmas when Mrs. Bruce decided to take a trip North and remain with her husband until the holidays, when he would be ready to accompany her to Fair Villa. It was a few days after her coming that her husband said to her: "Laura, Doctor Merritt has fairly haunted the house ever since you went away. I met him today and told him of our plans, and he was especially pressing in his inquiries about Rhoda. I presume he will be here this evening to ask you about Rhoda," but the young physician did not materialize as expected, and the next day the Bruces understood that he had left the city.

It was two days before Christmas when the dreadful news came of the disaster in the South. Fair Villa had been practically swept off the map; their winter home had been carried away by the raging waters. Telegrams contained vague and distracting details. They had no reason to hope that their loved ones had escaped the general fate of those who were missing among the former residents of the little island town. They were now ready to go South and seek a trace of their two little children and of Rhoda, in whom they had so trustfully left them in charge.

"It must be the taxi," spoke Mr. Bruce, arousing with a sigh from his painful reverie as the doorbell rang, but he crossed the outer threshold to come face to face with Doctor Merritt. The manner and words of the latter were jarring to the bruised sensibilities of the bereaved father, for the young physician was radiant of face. His eyes suggested a fervent exhilaration as he greeted Mr. Bruce with riotous embrace and waved his hand joyfully to Mrs. Bruce, who had followed her husband into the hallway.

"A glad and merry Christmas to both of you!" hailed Doctor Merritt jubilantly.

"You haven't heard?" spoke Mr. Bruce in a low, reproachful tone.

"Why, what do you mean?" questioned Doctor Merritt.

"The disaster at Fair Villa—the children."

"Why, bless you!" fairly shouted the doctor—"they are right here!"

Harold Bruce wavered against the wall for support. Mrs. Bruce uttered a wild scream. Across the threshold from the porch there rushed little Etta and her brother. Joy, delight, ecstasy mitigated the shock of what at first stunned the frantic parents as an appearance from the dead.

"And last, but not least, she whose mission in life seems ever to be to bring healing and happiness, and love,

and peace to all those who are dear to her!" in a gently reverent tone continued Doctor Merritt, and with supreme satisfaction the young physician viewed the five reunited ones in a maze of embraces, kisses and tears. Rhoda, clinging to Mrs. Bruce, hid her face in modest confusion, as Doctor Merritt recited her brave battle against the elements in a great storm upon a battered raft until she had brought the children to safety.

"But you, Doctor Merritt!" pronounced Mrs. Bruce wondering—"how came you to be at Fair Villa?"

"I arrived there after the disaster," was the reply. "I had gone there on a specific mission, later executed, to ask our peerless Rhoda, queen of all wom-



ankind, to become my wife," and as Rhoda extended her hand he covered it with kisses and pressed it to his happy, happy heart.

"If there was a mistletoe here I would march you two promptly under it!" threatened Mrs. Bruce, immersed in thrilling joy and gratitude.

"There shall be one before Christmas morning arrives!" cried Doctor Merritt in tones that rang out like a cheer. "Come, Bruce, you and I on a hunt for Santa Claus and the choicest gifts he can bestow. Oh! nowhere in the world, and never to any others, has there come a happier, merrier Christmas than the one we shall celebrate!"

Sleigh bells a-peal with merry jingle, church bells set the air a-rattle, while with these the door bells mingle in a syncopated score. There's the sound of happy greeting as acquaintances are meeting; there's the knell of Christmas fleeting as the clocks strike o'er and o'er; Johnnie's trumpet's shrieking shrilly, Philip's drum and fife's not still; he makes attempt to drown but illy sounds of guns that outside roar. There's the squeak of Mollie's dolly, and the squawk of Dollie's polly, and the screams of laughter jolly from this happy little four. But above all Christmas noises made by little girls and boys is one that better than all toys is; more good cheer it holds in store. 'Tis the sound of mother pitchin' things about out in the kitchen as she calls (she knows we're 'tichin') "Come to dinner!" through the door.

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Reader, pause here. Go back and re-read the three preceding paragraphs. If you do not agree with our statements; if you think that we have made them too strong, then read no further, for you will not profit by this discourse.

If, however, you do agree with us; if you recognize our words as words of simple truth, then this message is for you.

Sit down soberly here at the opening of the New Year and hold a solemn conference with yourself. Be honest and pitiless. Look yourself squarely in the face. Decide this question once and for all time. Have you been the master of your money or have you been its slave? Is it yours when you get it, or is it some one's else?

That is the first part of the question. The next and most important part is, what are you going to be hereafter, master or slave? If you decide the question and decide it right, your course is clear. When you buy, pay cash. If you haven't the cash, do without.

It will be hard at first, if you are wallowing in that Slough of Despond known as the credit system, but it will richly pay you. From the very moment you firmly make that decision, you will know a lightness and a cheer to which you have long been a stranger. Stick to it. But only where cash speaks loudest, whether at this store or elsewhere. Don't despise the pennies. They make dimes, and dimes make dollars, and dollars make happiness. Put them in the bank and check on them. A bank balance is one of the truly potent moral forces. A sordid statement, you will say again. Maybe, but a true one. Don't dodge. Don't shirk. Face it. Then one year from today, take stock again. It will be a happy New Year for you, and that is what we wish, for one and all.

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New and second-hand sewing machines at M. M. Baylor's, opposite Baptist Church. 52-tfc

Manager Eby of the Dixie has had as guests the past week his brothers, H. W. and W. L. Eby, of Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Adkins of Austin were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Adkins for several days this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rawson and children of San Antonio spent last Saturday and Sunday here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Garrett Jr. are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a little daughter, born Tuesday, December 23, 1919.

Clayton Moore returned first of the week to San Antonio after spending the Holidays here with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Myron C. Moore.

Mrs. Warren P. Colvert and two children of San Antonio arrived last Thursday to spend a week with Mrs. Colvert's sister, Mrs. Scott Schreiner.

Miss Blanche Moore was in town from the Divide, where she is teaching, to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Moore.

Mrs. W. E. Williams returned Monday from a several days' visit to Mrs. W. G. Wharton on the ranch. Mrs. Wharton returned with her and will make her home here.

Mrs. Tom Gardner and baby and Miss Myrtle Moore returned Sunday to their home at Floresville, after spending the Holiday season here with Rev. and Mrs. Myron C. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Scholl and little son, Jack, of New Braunfels were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamilton for the Christmas season. Mr. Scholl returned home last Saturday, but Mrs. Scholl and little son remained for a longer stay.

Charles Jerome, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stevens of Harper, died Sunday in Kerrville and was buried Monday in the family cemetery near Harper at 5 p. m. We join the many friends in extending condolence to the bereaved family.

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E. Rotge has the thanks of the folk at The Mountain Sun parsonage for two nice messes of venison, from the second and third bucks taken this season by his 13-year-old son, Raymond. Not only was the venison itself good, but the thoughtfulness that prompted the gift was appreciated.

Among the names of 4,500,000 soldiers, sailors and marines recorded in the files of the War Risk Insurance Bureau at Washington, the shortest family name was "Hi," borne by two soldiers who were natives of Hawaii. Their name consisted of two letters, but it was pronounced in two syllables.

The office force and the folk up at The Mountain Sun parsonage enjoyed a treat of Christmas apples from Canada, through the thoughtfulness of Dr. Macdougall, rector of St. Peter's. He explained that from their long travels they were a bit "bashed" (Scotch for "slightly disfigured but still in the ring"), but they were delicious in spite of this fact.

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The problem confronting the bureau is to find these men and bring home to them the importance of insurance reinstatement, as many soldiers upon discharge from the service, dropped their insurance.

K.M.S.—
Ford Bonuses

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31.—Henry Ford and his son, Edsel Ford, announced today the distribution of a \$8,000,000 bonus among the 80,000 employees of all branches of the Ford interests and the inauguration of an investment plan whereby every worker, from the man who wields a broom to the chief executives, may participate in the profits of the business.

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Employees who receive a salary will also receive bonuses. Ability and length of service will be the standard on which the awards will be based.

K.M.S.—

Hal R. Garrett arrived last Thursday from Fort Crockett to spend the Christmas season with his parents, Judge and Mrs. W. G. Garrett.

FOURTEENTH DECENNIAL CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES
By the President of the United States of America
A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, by the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1919, the Fourteenth Decennial Census of the United States is to be taken, beginning on the second day of January, 1920; and

Whereas, a correct enumeration of the population every ten years is required by the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of determining the representation of the several States in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, it is of the utmost importance to the interests of all the people of the United States that this Census should be a complete and accurate report of the population and resources of the Nation;

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and make known that, under the law aforesaid, it is the duty of every person to answer all questions on the census schedules applying to him and the family to which he belongs, and to the farm occupied by him or his family, and that any person refusing to do so is subject to penalty.

The sole purpose of the Census is to secure general statistical information regarding the population and resources of the country and replies are required from individuals only to permit the compilation of such general statistics. No person can be harmed in any way by furnishing the information required. The Census has nothing to do with taxation, with military or jury service, with the compulsion of school attendance, with the regulation of immigration or with the enforcement of any National, State or local law or ordinance. There need be no fear that any disclosure will be made regarding any individual person or his affairs. For the due protection of the rights and interests of the persons furnishing information every employee of the Census Bureau is prohibited, under heavy penalty, from disclosing any information which may thus come to his knowledge.

I therefore earnestly urge upon all persons to answer promptly, completely and accurately all inquiries addressed to them by the enumerators or other employees of the Census Bureau and thereby to contribute their share toward making this great and necessary public undertaking a success.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the District of Columbia this tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-fourth.

WOODROW WILSON

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By the President:
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