

PERSONAL BUT POLITE

A. M. Harris was at home for Christmas.

Miss Edwina Rayburn is with her parents for the holidays.

Miss Mabel Howell, of Laurel Hill, is visiting in Baton Rouge.

W. L. Rowan, of Amite, was the guest of W. E. Wood, Monday.

Adolph Rosenthal spent a few days in New Orleans this week.

Mr. Morris Wolf, of New Orleans, was here several days this week.

Cecil Rayburn came up from Baton Rouge to spend Christmas at home.

Mr. W. C. Howell was here from Baton Rouge for the day, Thursday.

Mrs. W. H. Buquet of Baton Rouge is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. S. Muse.

J. L. Dupuy and little sons visited in Plaquemine, Sunday and Monday.

Master Robert Stirling is spending the holidays in New Orleans.

J. R. Matthews was in Clinton, Thursday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Murphy are here to visit her father, J. C. Ball.

Miss Cecile Forrester attended a dance in Clinton, Wednesday night.

Mrs. A. F. Barrow went to New Orleans, Thursday afternoon, for a few days' shopping.

Mr. Fluker Leake passed through town en route to Woodlawn, as holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McGee.

Lawrence Mann was here from New Orleans during the early part of the week.

T. H. Daigre and Capt. Andrew Szabo spent Christmas with relatives in Bayou Sara.

Mrs. Sadie Maguire returned from New Orleans in time for Christmas at home.

Mrs. John Lasseigne is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Connell.

Mrs. L. J. Davis and Miss Lillie are at Fairview, having given up their trip to Covington.

Julius Wolf came up, as he always likes to do, to spend the holidays at his country home.

Frank L. Barrow motored from Baton Rouge Saturday night to spend the holidays at home.

Miss Annie Percy of Baton Rouge visited Miss Eloise Stocking, Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newsham, of New Orleans, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Newsham.

Miss Mamie Fort left Wednesday morning for Baton Rouge to visit Miss Lucille Barrow.

Robert Lewis is here from Yale to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Lewis.

Mr. Morris Wolf was here for the week-end, leaving Christmas eve. He is looking very well indeed.

Mr. Herman Barrow of New Orleans spent Christmas at Belmont with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barrow.

Dr. and Mrs. James Askew and little son, of Vicksburg, were guests of the Irvine household for Christmas.

Miss Mary Stirling, who attends school in Baton Rouge, is at her home, Upper Wakefield, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Norworthy spent Monday in Jackson with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norworthy.

Misses Marie Louise and Sunshine Lejeune came up from New Orleans to spend Christmas with their father.

Dr. I. U. Ball and family spent Christmas at Baker with Mrs. Ball's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Slaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Babers and children, of Baton Rouge, spent Christmas with V. M. Jackson at Rosemond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mackie and baby left Sunday afternoon to spend Christmas with their relatives in New Orleans.

Miss Anne Towles, who teaches at New Roads, passed through town last Friday night to join the family party at Oulda.

Edmond Douglas spent the Christmas week-end with the family at Azalea, leaving Tuesday afternoon for New Orleans.

Miss Norma DeGrummond went to Zachary, this week, to spend several days with her aunt, Mrs. Maurice Harrell.

Mr. Win. Kahn joined Mrs. Kahn and little daughter in New Orleans, Tuesday morning, and all will return this Friday night.

Miss Martha Fort will have a lengthy holiday at her home, Catapa, as the school at Garyville does not reopen till January 6.

Miss Virginia Boote of Burnside is the holiday guest of Miss Mary Folkes. The latter returns to her school duties on Sunday.

Mr. Shelby Reid, U. S. N., left for duty, last Sunday. Mrs. Reid accompanied him as far as New Orleans for the leave-taking.

Mr. Louis Rosen, Jr., of St. Louis, spent the early part of the week with Mr. A. Schlesinger and family and other relatives here.

Mrs. J. L. Golsan left for New Orleans, Thursday afternoon, to be with her father, Rev. A. Gordon Bakewell, who is very ill.

Miss Elsworth, while en route to Homer, La., was the guest jointly of Mrs. A. W. Skardon and Mrs. Elsie Robinson on Saturday.

Montrose, Alston and R. C., sons of Mr. and Mrs. Rufin Barrow of Baton Rouge, spent a part of their Christmas vacation with relatives here.

Merced Barrow of Baton Rouge and Lieutenant E. J. Barrow of Camp Beauregard spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barrow.

Misses Mary Folkes and Helen Row, who teach in East Baton Rouge, came home Saturday night. Davis Folkes is at home from Chamberlain-Hunt.

John T. Barrow came over from Texas to spend Christmas day with friends and relatives here, returning to Beaumont Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. James Kilbourne had with them for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carpenter, of Arcola, and Mrs. Charles Howell, of Kinder.

Mrs. Chas. L. Munson is expected home soon. She is now in Slaughter, guest of Mrs. Chas. Lemon, after spending a month in Pascagoula, Miss.

Mr. Chas. Percy, his mother, Mrs. Sargent Percy, and his aunt, Miss Kate Fischer, motored to Wyanoke, today, in Mr. Percy's car to visit Mrs. Mamie Barrow.

Misses Eloise Stocking, Marie Daigre and Gladys Wilcox are at home from Silliman, and Misses Hazel and Etta Vaughan from the State Normal.

Andrew Rettig of Baton Rouge spent Sunday and Tuesday here. He will have a position in the new bank soon to be opened by Mr. Joe Gottlieb and associates.

Mr. Max Dampf, Miss Fannie Dampf, Miss Selma Levy and Miss Judah Joseph left Wednesday morning for Camp Pike, Ark., to visit Corporal Jake Dampf.

Lieutenant Jeff D. Smith, U. S. N., received telegraphic orders, Thursday morning, to report at an Atlantic port for duty. He and his family left that afternoon.

Misses Leon and Natalie Doherty, after an absence of some length at Tyler College, Texas, are at home again, to the great pleasure of their family and friends.

Misses Amelia and Margaret Barrow, Edith and Willie Leake left Wednesday morning to spend a part of the holidays in New Orleans with their aunts, Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Bradley.

Mr. Chas. E. Percy, of Bogalusa, came to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Sargent Percy, Mrs. C. E. Percy and children are visiting her people in Alabama.

Dr. J. M. Smith was transferred to Crowley, just before the holidays, on tick eradication work, but returned home for Christmas. His family will remain here, for the present, at least.

Misses Lucille and Lintot Williams joined the family circle in time for Christmas. Lieut. Sam Williams, writing to a friend, was expecting to leave about Dec. 20th for "the other side."

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Tomb had with them at Christmas, Mrs. L. V. Schwing and Mr. Lee Carter of Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wiseloge of New Orleans. The last-named was formerly Miss Lillie Schwing. Mr. and Mrs. Wiseloge leave today for their home in New Orleans.

Capt. and Mrs. B. L. Barrow and little son and Mrs. J. W. Willis, of Baton Rouge, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thibodeaux in Bayou Sara, being joined in the Christmas dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon T. Barrow. The entire party were guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Barrow, Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith arrived from Georgia last week in time for the family reunion at Solitude, the most complete for many years, as Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith Jr. of New Orleans and V. E. Smith of Franklin were also there. Joe Smith has taken a position with the entomological bureau at Washington, D. C. After leaving Solitude, they will visit Mrs. Smith's relatives at Alexandria during the holidays.

Absent Friends

Friends of the Duty family will be interested to hear that Mrs. Duty is living near Centerville, Miss., with her father; Reginald is with his brother Ben attending school; Harry is in the employ of the Southern Pacific, serving as cashier at Morgan City, while Miss Margie is still teaching at Lafayette Industrial Institute. She has just completed a six weeks' course in nursing in New Orleans for Home Relief Branch, sent there by Lafayette Red Cross Chapter. George Duty has been out West all fall, but was expected to spend Christmas with his mother.

Among those who have recently enlisted in the army, and who are well known here, are Abe Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mann, and John Christian, who has visited in the parish many times.

Several dollars are still due on the Red Cross Christmas packets. Will not some kind friend or friends come forward and help us pay for what has given our soldier boys so much pleasure? Remember these packages cannot be paid for out of regular Red Cross funds.

Church Notices

GRACE CHURCH

Rev. Alvin W. Skardon, Rector.
Sunday after Christmas—
Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.
Church School, 9:30 a. m.
Holy Communion and Sermon, 11 a. m.
Tuesday, Jan. 1, The Circumcision and New Year—
Holy Communion, 10 a. m.
Thursday—
Holy Communion, 10 a. m.
Friday—
Liturgy, 10 a. m.

SOLDIERS APPRECIATE GIFTS

Miss Pillet, secretary of the local Red Cross Chapter, is in receipt of letters as follows:
Hattiesburg, Miss., Dec. 24, 1917.
Dear Friend to the Soldier Boy:
I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that I surely appreciate the gifts that I received from you and hold them very highly indeed.
I am, your respectful soldier boy,
EARL H. LAMBERT.
Co. C, 113th Reg. of Engineers,
Camp Shelby, Miss.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 25, 1917.
Received your most welcome package. You can't imagine how it cheers a fellow up.
The unbreakable mirror will surely come in handy, as a breakable one does not last long. The tobacco and cigarettes will be smoked in pleasure and every puff that I blow will resemble a "Red Cross."

The joy of every soldier in this camp cannot be expressed in words.
As it is near dinner time and don't want to miss the big Christmas dinner I will close my letter with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
From
S. HANDELMAN.

The subscription dance given by the young men, Thursday evening, at Pythian Hall, was a very pleasurable affair. Toots Johnson's band was employed and all went merry as a marriage bell. There were visitors from Woodville, Wilson, Zachary and Baton Rouge, which added to the home people made a large and agreeable party.

Complete figures are not obtainable as to the progress of the Red Cross drive. Probably five hundred dollars have been raised, but this, or any like figure, falls far below the quota: \$1412. Persons not subscribing should make it very clear why they do not do so, if they would not lay themselves open to imputations of disloyalty.

Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. T. H. Ellis and the other members of the family in the death of her nephew, H. Clay Braud of Burnside, Wednesday night from pneumonia, after an illness of three days only. The family already bowed down with recent bereavement suffers this additional blow. Mr. Braud was the only son of H. C. Braud, and besides his widow, leaves one sister, Mrs. Bates of Shreveport. Burial was made in Metairie cemetery, New Orleans.

We see by a New Orleans paper that Mr. Eugene Barrow is not expected to live. The same paper also states that his pension, allowed by the State of Louisiana, has been withdrawn because of his removal to Long Beach, Miss.

The Gospel for the Sunday after Christmas. St. Matt. i. 18.

The birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife, and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

It may be quite permissible to get rid of a reasonable number of the old and unprofitable female animals, but there should be a rigid line drawn at the younger female stock, if we hope to maintain and increase the supply and meet the future demands for meat animals, which is not only a common sense proposition, but a profitable one, and a patriotic duty demanded of our people in the press world crisis, in which our country is a participant.—Dr. W. H. Dalrymple.

MEMORIES OF TANGLEWILD

(Dedicated to the late Mrs. M. E. Hamilton.)

Nestling upon the hillside's brow,
A home sweet home of love
Enshrining its firesides' evening glow,
With blessings of God above,
Sweet the cheer the evening brings,
A unity of hearts within,
Sweet the song the mother sings,
A melody with love akin.

Memories of childhood's happy days,
My soul with ecstasies flow,
Bringing thoughts of my happiness there
In the sweet, sweet long ago.

Memories of boyhood's barefoot days,
Rambling o'er its fields and hills,
Dreaming dreams of joy untold
As I played in its meadows and rills.

Memories of a father and mother so kind,
Of brothers and sisters so true,
Memories of laughter, of frolic and fun,
Of music and dancing too,
Memories of love; there I wooed my mate

Beneath its sheltering trees,
Amidst its flowers, so fragrant, so fair,
In the twilight's cooling breeze.

This home sweet home of love so rare,
Its mission all fulfilled,
Has passed away in smoke and flame
Leaving bare the happy hill,
And now the mother's spirit has flown
To dwell within the portals there,
To join the loved ones gone before,
Freed from sorrow and care.

Pity O Lord the anguished hearts
Left behind in grief and sorrow,
Lift up their souls with blessed light,
Bring thoughts of a happier morrow,
Cheer them with Thy holy grace,
From whom all blessings flow,
Bring memories of a golden past,
Of the sweet, sweet long ago.
—R. B. B.

JOLLY REUNION

The high school alumni, class of '16, held a reunion at the home of Miss Emma Brasseaux, Wednesday evening. Every member of the class, numbering sixteen, was present except Immer Ball, now a corporal. According to agreement, the boys bought gifts suitable for him, and the girls made candy, making altogether a very nice box for the absent classmate. Those present had a delightful, Christmasy time.

WOODMEN ELECT

West Feliciana Camp No. 483, Woodmen of the World, elected the following officers, Thursday night: A. F. Barrow, C. C.; J. H. Kilbourne, A. L.; W. E. Wood, banker; J. L. Dupuy, clerk; E. S. Muse, escort; John A. Lawson, watchman; A. S. Leonard, sentry; R. Yunkes, member board of managers. These officers will be installed at the next meeting, Jan. 10.

MAURICE HARRELL HURT

Mr. Maurice Harrell, of Zachary, who was only recently married to Miss Beulah Smith of Solitude, was badly hurt, Christmas eve, at Zachary. As he was crossing the railroad, his car was struck by a locomotive and was demolished. Mr. Harrell suffered many painful bruises and had one rib broken. The doctors worked over him for several hours and hope is given for a speedy recovery, if no complications set in. The colored boy riding with Mr. Harrell was also badly hurt. Mr. Harrell had just finished his day's work and was on his way to the hotel to get Mrs. Harrell, as they intended to drive to Solitude that night to spend Christmas.

The Bureau of the Census announces that there were 3,279 bales of cotton ginned in West Feliciana from the 1917 crop, prior to Dec. 13, as compared with 1,974 for the same period of last year.

The Woodville Republican issues the following warning: "As Woodville is only a few miles from an open saloon in West Feliciana parish, La., it is very tempting for the dry ones to go there and bring back their packages of booze, and as Christmas approaches these trips will naturally increase. Such breaches of the law should be stopped. Just as a tip to those who are engaging in this practice we will say that it would not surprise us to see a federal officer sweep down on our county at any time, and when he does come, there will be a mighty howl. But the federal law is no respecter of persons and the net will gather all alike."

Periodicals for prisoners: Miss N. D. Smith, Mrs. I. U. Ball, Mrs. A. H. Moses, Mrs. Lawson.

STAR HILL

The Star Hill school had a beautiful Christmas tree with suitable exercises. Many parents and friends were present. Maurice Daniel received the prize for the finest work during the month.

All the young soldiers and teachers are home for the holidays and the woods are full of Christmas trees and loving hands full of gifts. Young hearts beat high at the call of love, duty and of beauty.

KULTUR

A priest,
With his Cross,
Driven through his heart,
A headless Red Cross nurse,
A dead mother
With her breasts
Hacked off by sabers,
Four legless infants
In a pool of blood,
Hoeh der Kaiser!

AS WE BEGIN ANEW

The time for fresh resolves, for renewed undertakings, is at hand. We are at the turn of the year.

If you are among our present patrons, we want to do more for you in the new year than we did in the old one. If you are one who has never used our service, we want to make a beginning.

We are in a "get-together" humor, anxious to join hands with you, so that when 1918 grows old you will be able to say "This is my best and most prosperous year."

We would like a friendly call as early in the year as you care to make it. Come in and let us wish you a Happy New Year.

BE AN AMERICAN. BE A WEST FELICIANIAN.

BANK OF COMMERCE

I THANK YOU

Through this medium I wish to thank the good people of West Feliciana for their patronage during the year now drawing to a close.

I trust it shall be my pleasure to serve you as well during 1918.

Gordon T. Barrow

"ONLY THE BEST"

On the hill Opposite postoffice Near the bank

A bright little card with just "Greetings" might do to send to some others but never to you, for New Year reminds me that good friends and true deserve the best wishes that friend ever knew; so I'm wishing Good Fortune, Good Health and Good Cheer not only at Christmas but all through the year

Peter Trocchiano

THE STORE YOU HEAR SO MUCH ABOUT

I extend to you all good wishes for a Prosperous New Year and assure you of my sincere desire to be of service to you

MARTIN PAUL

THE BUSIEST CORNER

SALOON ROBBED

C. L. Mulkey, of East Feliciana, was arrested and placed in jail, Monday, charged with having robbed the A. S. Brasseaux saloon, during the afternoon. The missing money, \$125, was in a sack, placed in a desk behind the bar and Mulkey was seen behind the bar. When the money was missed Mulkey was also missing. The sheriff's office telephoned to Jackson and Marshal Norworthy arrested the man as he was passing through that town on his way home. The money was not found, though the sack in which it was contained was found in the prisoner's buggy. He claims to know nothing as to how it came to be in his buggy.

Later—Mulkey confessed, Wednesday, to Deputy Sheriff Wilcox, that he had taken the money and had given it to J. S. Dawson who was with him on the day of the robbery. Deputies Wilcox, Clack and Davidson went over near Gurley, Wednesday night, and arrested Dawson. Dawson was allowed bond in the sum of \$250 and has been released, pending action of the grand jury. Dawson maintains his innocence.

L. W. Doherty has completed part of the house, to replace the dwelling recently destroyed by fire.

OUR NEW PETITION

God save our splendid men;
Send them safe home again—
God save our men,
Make them victorious,
Faithful, and chivalrous;
They are so dear to us—
God save our men.

"This stanza," says Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, "has been sent to us from Canada, where it is sung at the close of every gathering of women and also at family prayers. It is urged by the Canadian women that we take it up in the United States and make it our habit to sing it after 'America.'"

WHY MEAT IS HIGH

(The Public, New York.)

Mr. Hoover points out that corn comprises, either directly or as feed for animals, one-half of our food supply. "For three months we have been facing a shortage that practically amounted to a corn famine," he said. He added that there were 9,000,000 less hogs in this country than last year, this condition being due to the high price of corn. The corn crop of the current year is larger than usual, and some relief is promised for the near future. But cheap corn cannot be produced on two-hundred-dollar land. Land values in the corn belt are enormously inflated, and every bushel of corn, every pound of meal, must pay heavy tribute to these inflated values. The rapid increase in land values has encouraged the buying of land as a speculation and the withholding of land from use. Not only our heavily burdened industrial population, but the whole world is suffering today because this country permits landowners to commit sabotage by withholding natural resources from use except on the payment of an outrageous price by those able and willing to use them. The failure to tax the water out of these land values at a time when the Nation needs enormous revenues, one hundred per cent production, and the elimination of profiteering and high prices, is one of two things. It is either stupidity or cowardice in the face of the power of those who grow rich through the practice of sabotage on a huge scale, or the threat of sabotage.

S. C. Cobb has bought the Milford place, near town on the upper Jackson road. A. L. James, Mr. Cobb's brother-in-law, has arrived from Kentucky, with his family, and will cultivate the place during the coming year. Mr. James arrived just before Christmas and expresses himself as being well pleased with West Feliciana.