

NEW HAVEN NEWS

By Harriet Davis

My Dear Readers:

The faint tinkling of Christmas bells have faded away and the New Year is fast approaching on wings of time, so few of us are endowed with the powers of peering beyond the veil of the future, nevertheless let me be the first to wish you a "Happy New Year" in all its entirety . . .

Mrs. Eva Gilliam of Winter Street is spending the holidays in Detroit, Michigan, with friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson of Charles Street are enjoying the Yule season in Hampton, Va., for ten days with relatives and friends. . .

To celebrate Christmas I saw in town, old home folks, Josephine Sims and Isadora McDaniel, now of the "Bean City" (Boston) accompanied by Miss Bette Lee . . . From all indications they were happy to be around old friends after being away so long . . . Oh, yes, I guess Izy will be informing me soon about her day as she promised to keep me posted (Altar Ceremony).

Mrs. Diani Brinkley left the city Friday evening to spend the New Year in West Virginia with her family . . .

Mrs. Margaret Martin of Goffe Street is visiting her mother and friends in Washington, D. C. until after the New Year . . . Gladys Scott is enjoying the holidays in the good old city of "Brotherly Love" with her mother and friends. . .

Mrs. Mozella Spencer of Brooklyn, N. Y. was highly en-

tertained at the home of her cousin Mrs. Isabelle Lumpkins and family of Gregory Street. . . Mrs. Barbara Allen and Mrs. Enid Monroe of Flushing, L. I., were lavishly entertained as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Moore of State Street . . . Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Moore will journey on to Springfield for the New Year holiday . . .

Christmas Nite the Young Vets of New Haven honored their "lassies" and friends at a Cocktail Party at Lillian's Paradise . . . From hearsay, it was really fine.

Miss Sallie Jennings of Dixwell Ave. accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Fleming of Foote Street spent Christmas holidays in Union, S.C. The Flemings are to return to the city on Sunday and Miss Jennings will continue visiting until after the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmon of Winter Street visited in "Gotham" over the holiday . . .

It was a big day for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller of Stevens Street . . . On Christmas Day the Millers graciously entertained their friends in their home to help them celebrate their 29th Anniversary . . . So it's congratulations to the Millers, here's wishing you many many more . . .

Dot Wilkins spent Christmas in New York with relatives. Misses Marion Jackson, Lillian Jordan, Inell Rich accompanied by Messrs. Jack Dawson, Ronnie Metcalf and Fred Harper of Stamford, Connecticut, were guests of friends here over the holidays.

MAN TO MAN

By Dick Stimson

WHO PAYS FOR IT?

The government is in a bad way for money, they tell us, and that goes for both the state government and the federal government.

The federal government may have to keep wartime taxes and the state government may have to add new ones, especially if a bonus to veterans is awarded.

There is talk of possibly cutting the federal income tax by a fixed percentage (the same reduction for high incomes as for low ones). This doesn't seem quite fair to me, since the time after time the exemptions have been lowered in order to tax people with lower and lower incomes. Now, why shouldn't the exemptions be raised in order to relieve the persons with low incomes? Incidentally, this would save expense in administering the tax.

Other federal funds are raised by "luxury" taxes, gasoline tax and import duties. Luxury taxes, although not so fair as the income tax, have the advantage of taking from those who can afford to pay. Liquor and cigarette taxes, although hitting some who have low incomes, are necessary to discourage overindulgence. The gasoline tax is a form of the sales tax which is not a fair tax. Import duties also are unfair. They force people to pay artificially high prices for their daily needs. Their only value has been in protecting some industries which have military importance.

New State Tax

Talk is already widespread of either an income tax or a sales tax in Connecticut. Before any tax is levied we should be sure that it is really needed. If a tax is needed, by all means it should be an income tax, not a sales tax.

We may expect cries of anguish from some of the wealthy who have come to Connecticut to escape the income taxes of other states, but they will pay the tax and still be able to afford a new yacht now and then. If there is a sales tax instead, the people of smaller incomes will again be called on to pay more than their share of the costs. Persons of small and moderate incomes spend a higher percentage of their incomes (they can't save much) and so they pay proportionately more sales tax.

(This columnist would like to hear from his readers. Letters which raise thought-provoking questions, whether in agreement with this columnist or not, will be printed in the column within the limits of space available. —D.S.)

WATERBURY NEWS

DID YOU KNOW

by Martha Vann

The annual Christmas dinner of the Harvey, Vann, Watts, and Ward families, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Vann, Vine St. Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Gilliams and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gilliams, of New Haven, were guests.

Mrs. Minnie Young and Mrs. Martha Hill, of West Beckley, Va., were guests of Mrs. Laura Harvey, Pearl St. during Christmas week.

One of the "four troopers" Miss Hope Vick, spent Christmas and New Year Holidays, in Atlantic, Ga.

James Littles, better known as "Pro," is home, after serving in the Army.

Vernon Mathews was here for a couple days. He is in the Merchant Marines. Look out, Miss H.

Mr. Lilbert Ward is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leven Ward, of Hobbsville, North Carolina.

Several of our girls have received "sparklers" in the past few weeks. "How about that stuff."

Ellon, Val, and Marty pulled the 6 A.M. shift, during their vacation. "Could of fooled."

"Bob" Beverly, will jump New Year's Eve. Don't let this date slip your mind?

Jane Hunter, is having a formal party, December 30. My, my!

I heard about two of our girls getting lockets from two of our fellows. What say Robert and Carlton?

Here's wishing my readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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