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## Many Local People In Pacific War Zone

### Local Merchants Offer Bargains And Suggestions

Shoppers Coming Here Will Find Large Stocks From Which to Select Gifts

This issue of the Record-Democrat brings to the people of Pocahontas county thousands of gift suggestions and bargains in holiday goods.

Never before have Pocahontas stores been so replete with holiday merchandise. Every store has a complete stock, well arranged for easy shopping.

Your shopping will be much easier and quicker if done in Pocahontas. Turn to the long list of gift suggestions on the front page of the other section.

Take advantage of the friendly invitation that each ad in this issue carries, and also take advantage of the many bargains on Christmas items.

### Annual Christmas Program at Public School December 15

This year the annual Christmas music program of the Pocahontas public school will be presented by the grades third grade to eighth grade inclusive, in the form of an operetta entitled "Scrooge's Christmas."

Following is the list of characters: Scrooge, Richard Freeburg; Fred, Warren Gower; Bob Cratchit, Dale Reynolds; Two Gentlemen, Bill Filloon, Henry Klein; Jacob, Mario's Ghost, Don Kauffman; Mrs. Cratchit, Lenore Craig; Peter, Robert Freeburg; Tiny Tim, Lytton Evans; Belinda, Catherine Svedja; Girl, Lavonne Crawford; Boy, Bobbie Lynch; Carollers, Six, seven and eighth grades; Ragamuffins, Sixth grade boys; Shopping lasses and lads, Third grade; Grouls, Third grade; Ghosts, Fourth grade; Angels, Fifth grade girls; Chafs, Fifth grade boys. In addition the high school chorus will also present two Christmas anthems.

### Dairy Herd Sale To Be Held Dec. 16 By Chas. P. Hunt

Chas. P. Hunt will hold a closing out sale of his fine dairy herd at the farm located one mile south and one-half mile east of the Rock Island depot in Pocahontas and one fourth mile west of the REA generating plant, on Tuesday, Dec. 16. Mr. Hunt states that he will move to a farm he purchased near Cambridge, Minn., and will dispose of his entire herd, consisting of 74 head. The herd which has been furnishing the biggest portion of milk for Pocahontas residents, contains many high producing cows. There are a number of heifers from the Holstein sire which Mr. Hunt purchased from the fine herd at the state hospital farm at Cherokee. See Mr. Hunt's ad elsewhere in this issue.

### Neighbors Husk Corn and Haul Hay For James Hobart

In a good neighbor act Tuesday friends and neighbors gathered at the James Hobart farm, husked 12 acres of popcorn and hauled in 20 acres of soybean hay. As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, Mr. Hobart is confined to a hospital receiving treatment for injuries suffered in an auto accident.

County Supt. M. Alice Cole, chairman of the Pocahontas county Christmas Seal Committee, declared that her organization endorses the request made by postal authorities for early mailing of Christmas cards and packages, with the limitation that "no well-dressed package should be without its Christmas seal."

### American Legion Meeting Tonight

The American Legion will hold a meeting at the court house, tonight (Thursday). All members are urged to attend this important meeting as plans for home defense organization will be made.

### To Meet With 4-H'ers

J. S. Quist, above, assistant boy's club leader will meet with the Boys 4-H club committee and local club leaders here next Tuesday, Dec. 16. The purpose of this meeting is to talk over some of the 4-H club problems and plan the program for 4-H clubs over the county in 1942. This meeting is a very important one for the club program.

### Recreation Leader Will Present Games For Local Meetings

Games for local meetings will be the subject of four training schools to be held in Iowa in December according to an announcement received by Genevieve Colgan, Pocahontas county home demonstration agent. Miss Ella Garner, Federal Extension Service recreation specialist from Washington, D. C., will conduct the training schools.

### County Legion To Meet at Rolfe Dec. 15

The American Legion post of Rolfe will entertain the County Legion at their hall Monday evening, Dec. 15 at a stag party.

### Many Christmas Seals Appearing At Postoffice

Christmas seals are appearing on many letters and packages in the local postoffice, according to Postmaster Viola McCartan.

Each seal, the chairman pointed out, is tangible evidence that the purchaser has done his bit in the fight against tuberculosis.

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### Don't Forget The Boys In Service At Christmas Time

The boys in service really appreciate hearing from their friends at home, even if the only news you give them is about Mrs. Jones' dog killing the neighbor's tom cat. It pleases them to know that you're thinking of them. Here are more addresses of boys in camp. If you know of any addresses of enlisted men please send them to the Record-Democrat for publication.

- Maurice J. McCurnin, P.F.C. Hq. Co. Reception Center Fort Des Moines, Iowa
- Francis Kemmer Hq. Bat. 1st Bn. 185 Field Art. Camp Claiborne, La.
- Joe Hallman Co. I, 169th Inf. Fort Ord, Calif.
- Aloysius D. Dady Hq. Hq. Sq. 64th Obsn. Group Owen Field Columbia, S. Carolina
- Paul J. Hynish Co. C. 136 Medical Regiment Camp Claiborne, La.
- Millard F. Carlson Co. D. 701 St. M. P. Bn. Fort Snelling, Minn.
- Henry Buske Co. C. 89th Inf. Tng. Bn. Camp Roberts, Calif.
- Eugene B. Griffin Co. A. 31st Med. Tn. Tr. T466 Camp Grant, Ill.
- Gotfred H. Gustafson Co. B. 27th Med. Tng. Bn. Second Platoon Camp Grant, Ill.
- Geo. W. Wilson, SM 1-c Cincpac Flag care of Fleet Post Office Pearl Harbor, T. H.

### Former Resident Died in Minnesota

Word was received here that Mrs. S. D. Battershell died at her home at Olivia, Minn., Tuesday, Dec. 9, after an illness of one year. The Battershell family resided in this community from 1903 until 1914 when they moved to Minnesota. She is survived by two sons and three daughters.

### Offer Another Course In Metal Work

Mr. Towne of the state vocational department was in Pocahontas Monday making final arrangements to set up the course. The course is expected to get underway Monday and will run for ten weeks. Eligible young men who wish to enroll are asked to contact Supt. J. R. Grant or John Kleen. There is no enrollment fee or no other cost for applicants. The limit accepted for the course is fifteen men.

### Map Shows Where War Flares In The Pacific



Assoc. Press Photo—On Sunday, December 7 Japanese airplanes attacked United States defense bases in the Philippine Islands and Hawaii where a number of American soldiers were killed and three American ships were damaged. There are several Pocahontas county boys stationed in these areas, however only two Iowans were reported an casualty list. Wake Island, which is owned by the U. S. is reported occupied by the Japs. Three Pocahontas county boys were employed on defense projects there. This map of the Pacific is for your use in spotting war developments as they arise.

### County Red Cross Chapter Holds Annual Meeting

Mrs. Fay Schoon of Rolfe succeeds Mrs. McIntyre of Fonda as Co. Chairman

The Pocahontas County Chapter of the American Red Cross held its annual meeting the Town Pump Friday evening. Nearly all chapters were represented. Mrs. Wm. McIntyre of Fonda, president of the organization, presided.

In the election of officers for the coming year, Mrs. Fay Schoon of Rolfe was named president; Mrs. T. D. Jones, Rolfe, vice president; Mrs. Shirley Thornton, Rolfe, secretary; and Maurice Webb, Rolfe, treasurer. The board will name a county roll call chairman to succeed Maurice Webb who served during this year's roll call.

Each branch chapter gave a report on the work that has been completed and turned into national headquarters during the past year. According to the report of Roll Call Chairman Webb the 1941 membership has already reached 2,000 with a few communities still to report. This is a splendid increase over last year's membership drive which totalled approximately 750.

A complete report will be published when all chapters have sent in their reports.

### 'One Foot In Heaven' Coming to Rialto Beginning Sunday

In a special Rialto Theatre ad in today's issue Manager Jack Bouma calls attention to "One Foot In Heaven" coming to the New Rialto Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 14, 15 and 16. It is essentially a true story of a former north central Iowa family. Based on Hartzell Spence's best seller book. The author based the story on the life of his own father, William Spence, a country minister.

The starring roles are played by Fredric March who plays the part of a parson, and Martha Scott, cast as his wife.

The Rev. William Spence, who died five years ago, was well known throughout this section.

"Target For Tonight" Another timely picture on the Rialto's program is "Target For Tonight," scheduled for Friday and Saturday this week. This is an authentic picture of Britain's RAF actual bombing scenes and air battles.

### In Washington D. C.

Geo. Stockdale went to Washington, D. C. Saturday on a business trip for the Pocahontas County Rural Electrification Co-operative. He has been in the midst of the war excitement in the nation's capital. He expects to return home today (Thursday).

### Bean Feed For Boy Scouts and Guests Monday

Plans have been completed for the Boy Scout bean feed to be held at the court house assembly room Monday night. Boy Scouts of this district and their fathers, prospective Scouts and their fathers are invited to attend.

The program will include songs, stunts and other scouting fun, with a court of honor as a feature. It will be a big night for the boys and their fathers.

### To National Convention

County Agent and Mrs. Max Naylor, and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Lathrop went to Chicago Tuesday to attend the national convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation. They expect to return this (Thursday) afternoon.

### Three Local Men Injured In Car Accident Friday

James Hobart Confined To Hospital Following Crash Near Jolley

Jimmie Hobart, Frank Schroeder and Joe Nedved were injured in an auto accident which occurred near Jolley Friday evening. The men, riding in Mr. Schroeder's new Buick sedan were returning from a business trip to several towns in Sac county. Mr. Schroeder, who was driving, failed to notice a sharp turn in a dead-end road in time to avert the accident. The car struck a deep-ditch bank at the side of the road and came to an abrupt stop, but did not turn over.

Mr. Hobart, the most seriously injured, is in a cast at Mercy hospital at Port Dodge receiving treatment for a cracked vertebrae. Mr. Schroeder suffered two broken ribs and a knee injury. Mr. Nedved had his left shoulder dislocated and also suffered bad bruises on his right knee. Mr. Hobart will be laid up for several months. The car was badly damaged.

### Study This 'Catalog' Of Gift Suggestions

With only 11 more shopping days before Christmas, this week's Record-Democrat should be of immense value to every gift buyer. The advertisements are filled with suggestions. Read every page from cover to cover of both sections and make your list as you read. You'll save thousands of steps. Pocahontas stores are filled with high quality merchandise, the biggest selection of Christmas goods ever found here, and shoppers will find prices very little higher than a year ago and on many items the prices are the same as last year. It will pay you to shop in Pocahontas, and shop early.

### Important Red Cross Meeting Fri. at 2:30 P. M.

There will be an important meeting of the local chapter of the Red Cross at the court house Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It is the patriotic duty of every man and woman of this community to attend.

### Local Firemen On Inspection Tour Of Business Places

The local fire department is making an inspection tour of the business places according to Fire Chief H. L. Yocum.

"This is the fire department's first step toward full cooperation for the defense of America," said Chief Yocum, "and any suggestions made by the firemen visiting local business establishments is for precautionary measures."

He asks the cooperation of everyone in the department's effort.

### Final Rites For Mrs. Carrie Trenary Held Friday P. M.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carrie Trenary whose death was mentioned in last week's issue, were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Rudolph and McIntire Funeral Home. The Rev. A. C. Long conducted the services. Interment was made in Summit Hill cemetery. Pallbearers were W. W. Harris, H. C. Goodyear, A. L. Schultz, C. W. Gilchrist, J. F. O'Brien and S. Madson.

Carrie Hawk, daughter of George and Sarah Hawk was born Feb. 7, 1850. She attended school at Platteville, Wis. In 1877 she was united in marriage to Robert Trenary at Platteville, Wis. To this union four children were born, only one of whom survives. He is Earl of Gilmore City. Those who preceded her in death are Orrin and Myrtle and Mrs. Flossie Pattison. After spending a few years at Platteville, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. Trenary moved to Pocahontas county where they have resided for about fifty-five years. Mr. Trenary died about forty-seven years ago.

Those who survive besides her son is one sister, Mrs. Jim Hayden of Platteville, Wis., nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

### Brinkman Now A Flying Cadet

William Brinkman son of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Brinkman, of this place received his appointment as a Flying Cadet in the United States Army Air corps on Dec. 1. Tuesday he received orders to report at Kelly Field at San Antonio, Texas Dec. 20. He will leave here next Tuesday.

### Returns from Hospital

Mrs. C. W. Peterson was brought home from the Spencer hospital Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Peterson who has been receiving treatment there for the past eight weeks is making a satisfactory recovery.

### Relatives Here Await Word Of Their Safety

Mrs. L. C. Thornton Gets Radiogram From Daughter In Honolulu

Pocahontas residents, like 130,000 other Americans, are filled with resentment against the treacherous attack which the Japanese made on Hawaii and the Philippines without warning Sunday, Dec. 7, thus forcing the United States into war. Local residents, who have kept their ears to their radios since Sunday have received President Roosevelt's war messages and most of the information concerning the outbreak and progress of the conflict.

While the Japanese successes have made grim news our readers must consider that these successes are far from decisive and should not cause any discouragement. We must remember that the Japs created a vast advantage by the surprise attack. Our navy and air force will soon be chasing the "Saps" back home.

Whatever may come, Americans have now proven that they are united and ready. Local citizens are already making plans to aid our country in a war which we MUST WIN and WILL WIN.

The local draft board office has been a busy place since Monday. Many men are inquiring as to how they can enter service and do their bit for their country. Men cannot enlist at the draft board office. Those not of draft age who desire to get into service immediately are advised to go to some recruiting station and volunteer for the service they want.

S. E. Spriguel, chief recruiting officer in the navy station at Fort Dodge, said that 30 young men joined the navy through that office Monday and Tuesday. Because of the rush of young men wanting to enlist, recruiting stations all over the nation are now open 24 hours a day.

Atty. F. E. Van Alstine, chairman of the Pocahontas County Civilian Defense Council, said Wednesday that there is nothing to be done for defense at the present in the local field. He received a letter which confined activities at this time to the coastal areas. For the rural sections the policy is to "sit tight" and keep ready to go into action when called.

The local municipal airport was affected when Uncle Sam put a sudden end to local aviation by ordering all private planes grounded in accordance with war time precautions. The airport has been ordered guarded 24 hours a day.

Many from Pocahontas county are known to be in Hawaii and the Philippines.

There are a number of Pocahontas county young men serving in the armed forces in the zones attacked by the Japanese naval and air forces.

Among the men associated with the defense construction crew on Wake Island which was reportedly seized by the Japs was Maurice Acklund of Laurens, husband of the former Esther Krug, Paul Brewster and Robert Parks, both of Laurens.

Other men serving in the zones of conflict as reported to the Record-Democrat are as follows:

Walter Stelpluf of Pocahontas, stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Charles Leib of Pocahontas, on the Philippine Islands; George Wilson of Plover at Pearl Harbor; James Gilchrist, Jr., of Gilmore City, at Pearl Harbor; Geo. Neal, Jr., Gilmore City, on the U.S.S. Arkansas, believed to be in attack area; Ted Wolcott of Gilmore City, also believed to be on a ship in that area.

Radiogram From Honolulu

The first word received here from the Island war zone was a radiogram from Miss Jane Thornton of Honolulu. The message came to her mother, Mrs. L. C. Thornton Tuesday night at 10:30. Miss Thornton, who has been teaching in Honolulu's biggest high school located a short distance from Pearl Harbor, assured her mother that she was safe from Sunday's attack on that area.

Another former local resident, (Continued on Page Five)



Imagine the thrill she'll get when she opens a beautiful new G-E Refrigerator on Christmas! Here's the perfect gift—one that every woman wants and appreciates. It will serve as a daily reminder of your thoughtfulness for years to come. Now is the time to look for lasting quality—to buy for the future. So choose the refrigerator you KNOW will give many years of thrifty service. Get a G-E!

**For The Practical Person With A Sentimental Side!**

See the big 7 cu. ft. full family size latest G-E model J87-C—with Selective Storage Zones and world-famed sealed-in-steel G-E Thrift Unit. It's a beauty and a bargain!

**GENERAL ELECTRIC**

Now is the time to buy that new radio and—Get All The News Broadcasts!

BUY a G-E.

Mantle Radios from ..... \$16.95 up  
Model L 915 Console at ..... \$109.95

Combinations - Radio, Phonograph from ..... \$69.95 up

LIBERAL TRADE-IN ALLOWANCES

**Ferguson Electric**

Trade with Us—Bank the Difference

**LOCALS**

Ed Zitalsperger of Dedham was a business caller in town Wednesday. —Eleven cents buys a pound and a half loaf of fresh bread at Council Oak.

Mrs. Wm. McCoy and son Michael of Windom, Minn., were week end guests at the home of the former's father, John Kopriva and with other relatives.

—There's a five pound box of fancy assorted chocolates at Council Oak for 98c.

Capt. and Mrs. Lloyd Dockal of Rawleigh, N. C. came Sunday for several days visit at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dockal. Capt. Dockal who has been located at Fort Bragg, N. C., was honorably discharged, Dec. 3. —Christmas Candies and nuts are at Council Oak.

**Two Rolfe Men Injured In Car Accident Sat.**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pohl Celebrated Silver Wedding Anniversary Sunday

ROLFE: Two Rolfe men were injured, one critically, when the car in which they were riding struck a bridge and overturned on a gravel road about 8 miles north of here Saturday night. The men, Andrew E. Simonson and Harold Hoveland were taken to the Emmetsburg hospital. Mr. Simonson, who suffered skull and internal injuries, remained unconscious until Monday. His condition is critical. Hoveland received a broken shoulder and minor bruises and also suffered from shock.

The two men, both in their early twenties, were traveling east in Simonson's car. Both were thrown from the car and Hoveland, who was unconscious for a time crawled to a nearby farmhouse for aid. Simonson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Simonson and Hoveland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hoveland. Both men live at home with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pohl, of this place, celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary Sunday at their home. A family dinner was enjoyed at noon, which included the following: Mrs. Matilda Pohl, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pohl and family,

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meier and family, all of Manson; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sittig and family of Hockwell City; Mr. and Mrs. Walt Naewe and family of Clare; Mr. and Mrs. Dorance VanHoff and son of Pocahontas; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bendlin and family of Dickens; Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Walthus and son of Spencer; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pohl of Bradgate; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Neumann of Palmer; Charles Pohl of Rolfe; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Meier of Spirit Lake; Supt. and Mrs. Lloyd Godfrey and family of Havelock and Adolph Pohl of Rolfe. Mr. and Mrs. Pohl received many nice gifts.

**War—**

(Continued from page one)

Mrs. Lucile (Ralston) Hough is in Hawaii with her husband, H. P. Hough, chief warrant officer in the armed forces. Mrs. Isabel Halston, mother of Mrs. Hough, has had no word from Hawaii concerning the safety of her daughter.

Dr. J. Ralph Finkle, husband of the former Alice Kiefer, is stationed at the Philippine Islands.

Dr. Lee Butler, former Rolfe man and brother of G. G. Butler, who

**MARKETS**

Corn, No. 2 yellow	62½c
Corn, No. 2 white	69c
Oats, milling	42c
Hens, 5 lb	14c
Hens, 4 lb	12c
Hens, under 4 lb	8c
Springers, 4½ lbs	14c
Leghorn springs	10c
Geese	9c
Ducks	9c
Eggs current receipts	27c
Eggs, No. 1. brown	32c
Eggs, No. 1. white	32c
Eggs, No. 2	30c
Eggs, No. 3	27c
Eggs, No. 4	22c

practiced dentistry in Tokio, has been in Shanghai, China for the past several months.

Darrell Gilchrist, son of Pierre Gilchrist, the first young man from

here to enlist after the declaration of the last World War (is also stationed at Hawaii, according to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gilchrist.

**"Yule" Be PLEASED—With THE NEW STYLES**

Cut a dash—with a new hair-do! Add the excitement of a bright new red on your fingertips to be more attractive!

Phone early for your pre-Yuletide appointment at

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*Choose Wearables for a Happy Christmas*

 Purses in the newest spacious shape for underarm and strap carrying. \$1.00 to \$5.95	 Christmas colors in Nylon & Silk Hosiery 59c to \$1.65	 Fabric and leather combination and all leather gloves in casual and dressy styles 59c to \$2.98	 Pins, Necklaces and bracelets. Many styles to choose from. 59c to \$1.98
 Linens, Lace and Rayon Cloths and Bridge Sets. 39c to \$5.95 Lace and Organdy Scarfs ..... 25c to \$1.19	 Linen Hdkfs, 15c to 59c Boxed Sets, 25c to 98c Colored Sport Hdkfs 5c and 10c	 Boxed Pillow Cases, 69c to \$1.29 Towel Sets, 59c to \$1.39 Chenille Bath Sets, \$1.19 to \$1.98	 Beautiful Chenille and Bates Fabric Bed Spreads at \$2.59 to \$7.95 Fancy Pillows in a variety of colors. \$1.19 to \$1.49 Other Gift Suggestions. Sweaters, Wool Gloves & Mittens, Parka Hoods, Scarfs.
 Satin Pajamas, Gowns, slips, and Bed Jackets. .... \$1.00 to \$3.98 BLOUSES Satin and crepe, short and long sleeves, all sizes \$1.00 to \$2.98	 Blankets, all wool, rayon and wool, cotton and wool at \$2.98 to \$13.95 Children's Snow Suits Coat and Legging Sets Make the ideal gift	 Ladies and Misses Chenille Robes and House Coats. \$1.98 to \$5.95	

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25 New Styles for the Lady ..... 69c to \$2.25

Men and Boys ..... 98c to \$2.95

**ADMIRATION COSTUME HOSIERY**  
The Ideal Gift For Her  
89c \$1.00 \$1.15  
Nylons \$1.65 to \$1.75

**Robinson Shoe Store**  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
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