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BALLAST

BY BABBLER

A long time ago, some centuries B. C., while God was preparing his creatures for the Birth in Bethlehem people became conscious that there was some connection between religion and Love. Religion meant a restraining leash; a "tie-back".

Maybe it was through matrimony that men made up their minds that the restraining leash may be a connecting link with love.

At all events "The Love Feast" became a religious ceremony many years ago, back in B. C. generations.

Feasts of Passover, harvest and thanksgiving occurred in the spring, summer and fall. The season selected for the Gift or "Love Feast", was mid winter.

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Many years later came Christianity. The founder represented the Redeeming Love of God; his birth was the Dawn of Redeeming Grace; that is, the dawning of the concept of God as Redeeming Love in the hearts and minds of men.

Job had this concept of God long before, as did many other individuals, but when in the opinion of God, "The fullness of time had come," He sent his Son, the Gift of Love to His people and I've never had any desire to argue with God about when that time was.

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Jesus never let us know his birth day. He did not want us to make any ado over his earthly birthday. He was concerned that we be concerned about the Love of God.

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Christians early took over the ancient Love Feast, injected Christ into it and we have Christmas.

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Some have argued that it is pagan in its origin and therefore should not be observed by Christians. All of which is perfectly foolish. Christianity is a religion of converts. Christmas is a converted religious feast.

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It certainly is a religious holy day and we trust all you will observe it as a Christian Holiday.

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I realize why Russia says there is no war with Finland. I would not admit it either. When a 4 year old, 40 pound boy blacks my eye; I ran into a door, see!

Mrs. Thad Munn Is Hostess to Auxiliary

Monday noon Mrs. Thad Munn entertained the Presbyterian Auxiliary with a buffet luncheon. The yuletide decorations and menu were fitting the Christmas season. After the luncheon the Auxiliary held its regular meeting, the Christmas subject was "Christian Education and Ministerial Relief". Mrs. Herbert Cope artistically drew the scenes, depicting a playlet on the chosen subject while Mrs. Munn and Mrs. Pat Kellis read. Mrs. David Glass sang appropriate songs during the drawing. A "joy gift" offering was taken for the cause. During the business session plans were made for spreading Christmas cheer. The following members enjoyed Mrs. Munn's gracious hospitality, Mrs. W. B. Turner and Mrs. Maxwell Turner of Carlsbad, Larkin Longshore, Aaron Clark, Geo. Sullivan, Herbert Cope David Glass, and Pat Kellis.

A Little Cooperation



Antelope Trapping Is Suspended

Trapping of antelope on the Brennan ranch a few mile northwest of Sterling City, is suspended until after the holidays are over.

The State Game Department with the aid of local cowboys succeeded in capturing about 200 antelope this season and has distributed them in various pastures in West Texas.

Only a few places in the world afford a scene of driving antelope into traps where they are loaded on trucks and hauled to new pastures.

Photographers, movie picture men and newspaper reporters have been there in numbers and have covered the scenes and made the Brennan ranch a wonderland of the West.

Recent Marriages

Williams-Meyer

Mr. Hubert Williams and Miss Willie Mae Meyer were married in Big Spring on December 19, Rev. Newton Stames, assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church of Big Spring officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Meyer. She is a graduate of the Sterling high school and is a general favorite of the community.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greenville Williams of this city. Hubert is also a graduate of Sterling high school. He is a well-to-do young ranchman, and a favorite with this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams expect to make their future home in this vicinity.

Brown-Tooke

Mr. Elwin Brown and Miss Wanda Tooke were married at San Angelo, Texas, December 16, Rev. A. D. Foreman, Baptist pastor at San Angelo officiating.

The bridegroom is the son of D. M. Brown. He was born and reared in this community where he is esteemed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown expect to make their future home in this vicinity.

Edwards-Cloud

Mr. Wayne Edwards and Mrs. Iva Joe Cloud were married at DeLeon,

RICH SIMPLICITY



Grey and gold in a dinner gown of rich simplicity was designed by Bernard Newman and is worn by Virginia Bruce, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer player. Bands of wide gold braid are spiralled from neckline to a V at the left side, well below the knee.

Texas, on November 23, W. B. Smith Justice of the Peace officiating.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Mrs. Will Edwards of this city. He was born and reared here where he is esteemed by all.

Fred Drennan Victim of Heart Disease

Fred Drennan 27, ranch employe of Claud Collins for the past several years died last Friday, Dec. 15 and was buried at Hermanleigh Scurry County the following day.

A Lowe's funeral coach carried the body to Stanton where it was transferred to the burial ground.

Deceased is survived by his widow and a son four years old.

Health Depends Upon Your Discretion

"Case finding, case holding, and public education efforts must be more effectively utilized if a decrease in the incidence of syphilis is to be accomplished," declared Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"We must treat infections in their beginning stages, thereby shortening the period of hazard to public health. Patients must be taught to request examination of their physicians upon the appearance of symptoms. It is probable that a majority of infections are first detected by routine blood tests, yet 70 per cent of them are late cases. To begin treatment when the disease is late to help those cases in hand, but it does not prevent the further spread of syphilis, for the disease has doubtless already been transmitted to others," Dr. Cox said.

In reality, we are dependent upon the full participation of the patient if our goal is to be realized. In general, the division of responsibility should be as follows: (1) The community provides treatment facilities the patient presents himself for treatment and accepts it in spirit of the obstacles. (2) The community provides the service to assist in arranging for examination of contracts, the patient's part is to divulge the identity of his contracts and sometimes to approach them regarding examination.

A positive blood test for syphilis is a guidepost to the physician but should be considered along with history and physical examination before a diagnosis of syphilis is made.

Mrs. Rose Hostes to Club

Mrs. Bob Rose entertained the Sterling Co. Federated club Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. T. A. Chapman. The house was decorated with Christmas decorations. The program included several Christmas poems. Fruit cake and coffee was served to Mesdames Ted Brown, W. H. Stone, George Covey, R. P. Davis, Chapman, G. H. Cannon, S. B. Henry and Ben Atwell. The club is sorry that Mrs. Henry is moving to San Angelo.

THEY COULDN'T TAKE IT

The Admiral Graf Spee was a German pocket battleship which had been built with great care. In its construction, the Germans had included naval secrets which the Germans claimed made the warship practically invulnerable and almost invincible in combat.

The Graf Spee was a lobo of the seas in its raids upon unarmed ships. This wolf of the oceans lurked in the path of commercial ships and when no British or French warship was in sight, the Graf Spee would pounce upon the helpless ship and sink it and often with all on board. In this way, nine vessels were sunk.

The British and French navies became desperate and determined to catch and destroy the monster. Last week a merchant ship was sent out as a decoy. Seeing the decoy ship, the sea wolf chased.

Three small British fighting ships took in after the Graf Spee and began planting shell on her sides and tops. The Spee fired on its enemies and killed a lot of sailors and did damage to her attackers, but two of the little fighters sailed in on the Spee with their comparatively small guns and made holes in her sides that a bull yearling could walk through. Seeing that she was up against the real thing, the Graf Spee took to her heels and ran like a scolded dog and didn't stop until she was safe in Montevideo harbor.

She was badly in need of repairs, but the Uruguayans told them they could remain in the harbor long enough to make the ship seaworthy but not fight worthy. It was to intern or get out. Hitler radioed for them to sink the Spee. They did. The lobo of the seas now lies at the bottom of river.

The world is glad of the way it all ended. The seas are free of this bloody wolf. Over a thousand men that were on board of the Spee have another chance to live their lives out. Another thousand British seamen are spared from casualty. The thousand German sailors are no longer a menace to the seas.

However, I doubt if that those British tars are satisfied with the termination of this great sea fight. They would much have preferred that the Spee would have sailed out to meet them man to man in fight. They were hurt themselves but they didn't complain to the world about it. They wanted to fight it out—even if the Spee did have a great advantage of in the way of gun, wanted to make the Spee pay for the lives of their countrymen in the destruction of those nine helpless ships.

Had the Spee been manned by British or French sailors another story would have been told.

But these boys should be satisfied with the results of this great sea-fight, because they made dormant German heroes of the officers and men of the Spee.

The Spee affair had the effect on the Nazi Ship Columbus, that at sight of a British Cruiser, she made a dive for the bottom of the ocean while sailors took to lifeboats.

Before this ever ends, it is reasonable to conclude that there will be many German heroes of the Spee brand.

After the above was written came the news that Captain Hans Langsdorff, commander of the Graf Spee had shot and killed himself. Thus ending one of the modern world tragedies.

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OUR GREETING

Another Yuletide is rapidly approaching when we are wont to brighten the ties of friendship and mutual esteem. As tokens that we are still remembered by those who love us, unlimited gifts, and cards expressing kindly and endearing sentiment are burdening the mails today to bring cheer and gladness to the hearts of the many recipients.

We are denied the blessed privilege and pleasure of sending each one of our many friends a token of personal regard and friendship, because the pressing need of the work in getting out the New-Record.

This shall serve as a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year greeting to one and all our friends. May the coming year of 1940 be burdened with life, health, strength and every blessing which peace and prosperity can bring. Here's hoping that every one may remain sober and drive carefully and safely.—Uncle Bill and the News Record force.

If you want your boy or girl to be fat and hefty, feed them plenty of sweets and starchy food when small. Avoid fruits and vegetables and be sparing of milk and butter. Then when they are old enough to go to school, never let them walk as much as a half a mile to school, because they will walk off all the fat you can put on them if you do.

When at home don't ever let your girl cook sweep the house or sew if you want to keep her fat. Keep a watch out on her and see that she does not walk or run, or ride a bicycle. If she must get about let her ride in a car. Never let her take a long walk, because it might reduce her rotund figure.

If you keep your boy fat never wake him early in the morning except just in time to take him in the car and drive him to school. Never let him learn to milch the cows feed the hogs, hoe the weeds in the yard, chop wood, help wash and such things. Do it yourself and keep him fat and raise him up to be a fathead.

Remember that plenty of fruit vegetables, milk and butter, long walks, plenty of work is not good to make boys and girls fatheads.
—Uncle Bill.

There will no News Record next week. We are taking a lay off in order to give our help a holiday. We expect to put in the time in cleaning and repairing the machinery in order to make the News Record the best ever. It will start up on Jan. 5, 1940
—Uncle Bill and the force

After a sojourn in a hospital at San Angelo for several weeks, Harry Abernathy is at home recovering from burns he received several weeks ago while operating a pear burner on Foster Sims Price's ranch. It is predicted that his injuries will not be permanent.

While I believe in helping needy people, no matter what their age might be, but at the same time, I believe in protecting the taxpayer who must dig up this "help". When a man or woman in good health and capable of earning a support for themselves and dependents lie down on the taxpayer and expect him to support them, is asking too much. Every man and woman should be made to realize: "thou shalt eat bread by the sweat of thy face".—Uncle Bill

A coon can whip a dog. A dog can whip a possum and a possum can whip a coon. By use of a chemical which he carries in his hip pocket, a polecat can whip the whole squad. If you bet on the football games, this formula may help you to win off your money in every game.

Mrs. Cox Is Hostess To W. M. S.

The W. M. S. met Monday in the home of Mrs. Bruce Cox for their Out Look program, the closing meeting of the year. The program leader was Mrs. Sterling Foster, and the scripture reading was led by Mrs. T. F. Foster. The program topics "Available Resources for Meeting the New Day" was discussed by Mesdames Rufus Foster, W. B. Wells and Roy Foster. Treasurer report disclosed the group had \$100.00 on hand. It was also reported that the Sterling City group had been awarded 2nd place in the district on their program activities for 1939. A sweet

course was served by the hostess at the end of the program. Officers elected to serve for 1940 were: Mesdames Roy Foster, president; Sterling Foster, vice president, Seth Bailey, recording secretary; T. F. Foster, corresponding secretary; D. P. Glass, treasurer; Cox, supt. of study; Wells, supt. of spiritual life; D. Hall, supt. of supply; Lester Foster, supt. of Out Look; W. H. Stone, of social relations; Jim Atkinson, of publicity; H. L. Pearce, supt. of childrens work and Rufus Foster, florist agent.

Greetings

Dear Friends:
It will be impossible for us to send special card to everyone, so we take this means through the generosity of our Editor to say to you—

At this glad Christmastide we wish for you the sweet joy of realizing daily the presence of fellowship of Jesus.

We wish for you the quiet peace of a heart fully surrendered to His will.

We wish for you the radiant happiness of a life spent daily on the high plane of noble and unselfish living.

We wish for you the golden contentment of duty well done.

We wish for you high courage abiding faith and health of strength for each day.

We wish for you, our friends, a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

Fraternally
C. B. Stovall and family

Infant Dies

Died: The nine-day infant, Eloise daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Finney the 15th and was buried on the following day at the City Cemetery. Rev. C. B. Stovall and Rev. George Sullivan conducted the funeral services at the grave. Lowe had charge of the funeral program.

Card of Thanks

During the last illness and death of our beloved one, Lillian Collins, you came to us and did all that was humanly possible to bring surcease to our sorrow and lighten our material burdens that must come to us all. We take this method of expressing our deep gratitude for these timely favors. We thank you and may God bless you.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sprinkles
Bonnie Lee Collins
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hallmark

Card of Thanks

During the last illness and death of our little darling you came to us with willing hands and loving hearts and did and said all that you could do and say to lighten the burdens of our grief and sorrow. In gratitude we take this method of thanking one and all for the kindly favors bestowed upon us. Thank you and may God bless you.

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Local Items

See or phone Mrs. Rufus Foster for flowers.

Garage For Sale or Rent: See Z. L. Potts

Born on the 16th to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Luke a girl.

For Sale: A 28 inch wheel bicycle See Garland Cannon Jr. 1t. pd.

Claude Collins Jr. of Ballinger visited his father Claud Collins Sr. last week end.

Regular Church Service at the Baptist Church. Sermon Subject, Sunday morning, "If Every Day Were Christmas" Romans 14:5 Come!

Mesdames R. M. Neill and Floyd Amburgey of Odessa, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis and other relatives here a few days ago.

Dr. and Mrs. Everitt in company with A. W. Dearen attended the zone meeting of the Lions Club last Wednesday night at Sonora. They report a splendid time.

At its annual auction sale last Wednesday the Lion's club realized \$78.25 for Christmas charities. This fund will be used for Christmas for underprivileged families children in this vicinity.

L. B. (Jack) Cole of Stamford was here last Thursday visiting relatives and attending to business. Jack is an optometrist. He leaves the dark side of the picture for the other fellow to look at.

W. R. Morgan was in from his ranch near Rankin the first of the week visiting old time friends and attending business. Mr. Morgan was formerly connected with First National Bank of Sterling.

Colonel A. C. Pursley of San Antonio was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. McEntire.

While on the U Ranch Colonel Pursley and the cow boys assisted the Texas Game Commission in rounding up the antelope on the Brennan ranch. This the Colonel enjoyed very much as his first army experience was in the Cavalry.

Miss Gloriadel Bowen in company with Miss Johnnie Birdwell, teacher of speech and English in the junior high school in Lubbock were welcomed visitors to this office today. Gloriadel is one of the girls whom we have always been betting on. We have won all bets. After finishing in the Texas Tech, she has accepted a position as teacher in one of the public schools of that city.

A piece of South Carolina "Lightered" (light wood) fat pine, is among the curios of this shop. Mr. W. J. Seale of Sumpter S. C. sent George McEntire a bundle of it the other day.

People who live in the piny woods can't very well get along without "lightered" with which to kindle their fires.

George says that they are shipping "lightered" from South Carolina to New Orleans, where camphor is made of it to take the place of Chinese camphor.

Methodist Church

Bruce M. Cox, Pastor
Church school 10 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock
Young People's Service 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:00 o'clock



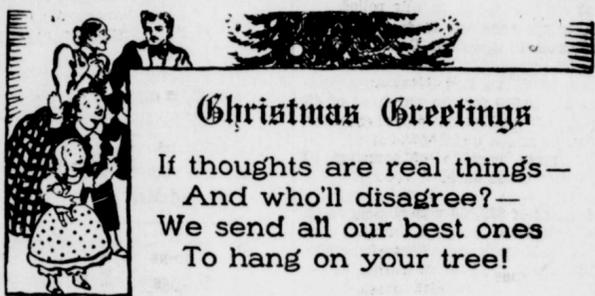
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P.M.
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7:30 Evening worship
Monday
3:30 P.M. W. M. U.
Wednesday
P.M.
7:00 Evening devotion
7:30 Choir practice
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Preaching at 11:00 a. m., followed by Communion Services.
Preaching at 7:00, p. m.
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"SAM HOUSTON"

"Sam Houston" by Marquis James is the life story of Sam Houston.

Sam was a very likeable boy and the handsomest of Elizabeth Houston's sons. He was fair, tall, with wavy chesnut hair, and friendly blue eyes. He would often disappear for days at a time in order to spend time with the Indians. As years went by Sam was appointed assistant general of the state militia. He was very popular with the people. He was reported to have been six feet and six inches tall in his socks. Sam Houston served as congressman, governor, and was a great military leader. Houston married Eliza Allen in 1829; but separated from her three weeks later.

It was decided that he act as commander in chief of the Texas armies. This was a very important task and Houston carried out his part with remarkable success.

He won several important battles in Texas, but the most important one was the battle of San Jacinto. This battle proved to be the decisive battle in the war with Mexico.

In the year 1840 he married Margaret Lea. Shortly afterward he was elected president of the Lone Star State and later when Texas was annexed to the Union he was appointed governor.

In 1863 General Sam Houston died at his home. He had served his purpose well and he will always remain the builder of Texas.

His life was very interesting to me and I would certainly recommend it to my friends.

Claude Broome

Girls Lose Game

On Friday night December 15th, 1939 our girls lost a basketball game to the Water Valley girls 31 to 15.

Our boys won another thriller 25 to 17 from the Water Valley team. Saturday the boys entered a tournament at Water Valley and lost the first game to Robert Lee 8 to 5.

The first week end in January 5 to 6th. Sterling City will be host to an expected sixteen West Texas teams in their second all West Texas tournament. Basketball fans should see some real action in this tournament.

Jokes

Entering a crowded restaurant the gentleman placed his order for a sardine sandwich.

"Would you like domestic or imported?" said the waiter, "the domestic are 15c, the imported 25c."

The domestic, please. Why should I pay their fare over?"

Sixth Grade

We are very glad to have John Frederick Hambricht from Roby Texas. He will be here only this week.

We, the Sixth Grade wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

First Grade

Among the first graders who went to Angelo last Saturday are: Billy Sam Mathis, Duard Grosshans, Billy Ralph Bynum, Jimmy Lindsey.

Those going to Big Spring were Wynell Stovall, and Udonald Butler.

The First Graders, their parents and their teacher, Sybil Reaser, wish to thank the P. T. A. for paying for the nice cabiner. We also want to express our appreciation to Mrs. W. Y. Benge and Mrs. Virgil Bomar who were on the committee.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

I want a good pretty Dolly and a house that I can get in and a doll with a suitcase and a doctor's medicine kit. Merry Christmas!

Carolyn Benge

P. S. Bring my little brother a little bicycle and a farm set.

Dear Santa Claus,

I like you. I want a pair of boots I am a very good boy.

From

Billy Sam Mathis

Dear Santa:

I want a tricycle and a gun. I love you.

Jimmie Lindsey

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a truck a little map a little motorcycle. Don't forget my little baby brother.

From

Kenneth Warren

Dear old Santa,

I want a gun that shoots far and an aviator cap. Thats all I want.

O. F. Carper.

WE WONDER

If Billy is afraid of dogs?
 Did everyone have a good time at the banquet?

What six boys and girls were at Water Valley looking for Mr. Jones?
 If Sam prefers "steel" to "iron"?

If the Woman Haters Club is still organized?

If Lenas favorite number is 11?
 Why Arlenes number is 3?

What freshmen boys want to get demoted?

If Geraldine's favorite flowers are orchids?

If Ira Lee likes hot dogs?
 What junior boy likes to count?

If Fred knows the answer to the above statement?

What three boys, namely R. D., Fred and Richard hitch-hiked to Water Valley last Sunday afternoon?

P. T. A Meet

Sterling City P. T. A. met Thursday Dec. 14 when the following proceedings were had:

Carolyn Foster, reading Christmas carols by Miss Kathleen Crawford choral group.

Rev. George M. Sullivan, spiritual grace a vital need.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Old business; Locker for First Grade paid for.

Mrs. George Broome donated mirror for the wash room.

Picture project: Match to be 2nd and \$1.00 award won for attendance demonstrated at next meeting.

Quick War Relief Given by Red Cross

Shipwrecked American Citizens, Wounded Poles, Refugees, Repatriates Aided

Washington.—The American Red Cross moved quickly at the onset of hostilities in Europe to organize relief for war sufferers and give aid to American citizens stranded in danger zones or rescued from sea-warfare catastrophe.

Red Cross officials pointed out that following contact of German-Polish forces on September 1, the organization made available medical relief for civilians and armies of Poland; provided aid for Americans repatriating from Europe as they landed in the United States ports; granted medical and maintenance assistance to American survivors of the "Athenia," first sea casualty of the war; gave financial aid to the American Hospital in Paris, France; and developed a comprehensive communications system to allay the fears of distraught relatives.

Norman H. Davis, chairman, cabled the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva on September 1 asking what relief would be needed from the American Red Cross. In a first step in consolidating Red Cross relief forces throughout the nation, 3,700 Red Cross chapters were authorized to begin producing refugee garments and to accept contributions for war relief.

A quick response from the Polish Red Cross to Chairman Davis' cable to the International Committee resulted in an American Red Cross appropriation of \$50,000 for the purchase of 45 items of medicines, and for army blankets and a quantity of large hospital tents capable of housing 50 stretcher cases each.

A grant of \$25,000 was also made to the American Hospital in Paris to evacuate American patients from the hospital and to purchase in the United States a 100 bed hospital unit for shipment to the American organization, it was said.

To meet needs which were thought likely to result from bombardment of rural villages and the passage of hostile armies, the Red Cross called upon 21 of its large city chapters to roll surgical dressings of a special new type for European warfare injuries. More than 500,000 yards of gauze were purchased and 40,000 pounds of cotton, enough to make 157,000 surgical dressings.

On September 2, the American Red Cross announced it was organizing to meet repatriating American citizens at seaport cities through chapter reception committees. Citizens without resources were given temporary shelter, and aided to resettle in their former homes or work.

Between September 5 and 7, the American Red Cross cabled \$20,000 through the State Department to help American survivors of the "Athenia," who had been taken into Irish and Scotch ports.

"The Red Cross is not interested in the origins of the present conflict," Chairman Davis declared following his cabled offer of assistance to the International Red Cross Committee. "As part of the great International Red Cross it is our duty to do what we can to aid the helpless civilians who will suffer during the hostilities."

An Inquiry and Information Service was organized through which contact would be made with relatives of Americans in the belligerent countries.

Red Cross chapters were instructed to accept funds for the purchase of supplies for impartial distribution and funds for purchase of supplies for a designated country to be expended through the Red Cross society of that nation.



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