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Ensign Thomas Wilhoite, Former Student, Killed In Action

Official notice has been received from the Navy of the death of Thomas Mack Wilhoite, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wilhoite of Clarksville.

The young ensign was killed in action covering an assignment given his squadron to destroy all enemy aircraft on the ground at an unnamed port in Morocco. He and three other pilots were lost in the action.

The Navy announced that Ensign Wilhoite's body was buried with full military honors at a cemetery forty miles north of Casablanca.

The parents of the twenty-one-year-old officer were notified that their son was missing in action November 26. He volunteered eighteen months ago in the Naval Air Corps and his training Pensacola, Air Base was followed by a station at Oer Lache, Florida, where he received his commission. Ensign Wilhoite was assigned to submarine

patrol duty in the Atlantic before being transferred to overseas duty in August of this year. He had not been heard from in five weeks when the first official telegram was received.

Tom was salutatorian of his graduating class at Outhrigh High School, Outhrigh, Kentucky in 1939. He attended Austin Peay for two years and was graduated from the junior college department of the school in 1941. He was a member of Austin Peay's first C. P. T. class of ten members back in 1940. Tom took two years of aeronautical training at Outlaw Field and became a top-rate pilot. Wilhoite's enthusiasm for aviation never waned from the time he told an ALL-STATE reporter in 1940 that he and Clifton Brown, who going to build up hours barnstorming, to one of his last letters to his mother in which he described aviation as the "best job in the world" and the Navy, "the cleanest organization existing."

Dr. Claxton Makes December 7 Address

In an address to the student body on December 7, Dr. Claxton discussed the present world situation as it evolved from World War I in 1918.

On November 11, 1918 people went wild—Peace at last! A year later President Woodrow Wilson returned from Versailles, having succeeded in inserting a passage in the peace covenant called the "League of Nations." Despite the fact that about 90 per cent of the people of the United States were in favor of our country's entering the League, the Senate refused to adopt the bill. It was one of the most flagrant examples of the evil consequences the petty political grudges of one man can inflict on a whole nation. Yes, it was a "war to end wars," to make the world safe for democracy," but we the biggest, strongest nation of all, save Britain, refused to become a working part of the instruments of peace.

Why did the United States and the League fail to intervene when the Japs went into Manchuko and again when Italy invaded Ethiopia? Why did the U. S. claim to sympathize with the Spanish loyalists, but sell munitions to the other side? . . . Simply because our nation was so engrossed in hoarding up material wealth and keeping on good trading terms with the world. As the result of our policy of trade desires was the disaster of Pearl Harbor. Most of our fleet was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Eight battleships and three cruisers were destroyed. Four other vessels were destroyed or put out of commission. 4,900 men were killed or wounded. More than half of the U. S. battleships were lost at Pearl Harbor, but it is comforting to know that one half of the disabled ships are back in service now.

Perhaps you wondered why we don't send help to the Philippines.—Well, we couldn't because at the time we lacked the facilities.

During the last year production has gone on full speed ahead and war factories are turning out planes, tanks, ships and guns in an ever increasing and amazing manner. The man power of the U. S. armed forces has increased accordingly.

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Adams Replaces Lowe As Head Of History Department At APNS

At the beginning of the winter quarter our beautiful campus was endowed with new scenery. No, it wasn't a new shrub or bush, but one might say it was a new tree of historic knowledge in the form of Dr. Horace Adams, our new professor of history.

Dr. Adams came from Arkansas A & M to fill the large vacancy left by Dr. Lowe. But, as we soon discovered, Dr. Adams is entirely capable of injecting knowledge into our all-too-unwilling minds.

Dr. Adams' home town is Commerce, Texas. He received his degrees from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Adams is a mild-mannered, social man who believes in securing and keeping the attention of his classes in good natured humor instead of the broken ruler method. He is the type of teacher who can keep you in the learning groove without beating you on the head.

It seems to be a tradition of A. P. N. History teachers to have beautiful attractive wives and Dr. Adams is no exception. We are very

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Annual "Good Will Week" Ended Dec. 13

"Good Will Week," sponsored by members of the Vesper Committee, began its seven days of good-deeds-in-the-dark, December 6. The "Christmas Sprites" drew names from Miss Huff's big black box of mystery for a "good will friend." Many were the kind services performed under cover of anonymity. Many were the secret visits, surprise packages (mostly suckers) and quaint notes that littered the corridors and communication system of A. P. N. S.

Ending "Good Will Week" a Christmas tree and holiday program were held at Harned Hall, Sunday evening, December 13. After the singing of carols by the entire group, the girls entered in the traditional and beautiful candle-light march.

Mr. P. G. Woodward, continuing a custom of long standing, told his eagerly anticipated Christmas story. This year he chose Henry Van Dusen's "The Silver Star Man."

The climax of the evening was the distribution of the final "good will gifts" (not exceeding six plus six) to the recipients. The identity of the "good will friends." Say, why didn't somebody tell me I got my own name?

Christmas, The Bright Spot In A World Dark With War Clouds

Now, when there is no peace on earth, we turn gratefully to the serene flame of the candle in the darkness, that is Christmas. When blackouts erase colored lights from the sky and blot out beaming windows pay with wreaths, that flame in our hearts burns brighter because it is abiding.

Christmas past we celebrated within the warm circle of family unity. Then, if no other time in the year, everyone came home, bringing with him stray friends and relatives to help decorate the big tree with tinsel and ornaments and one glittering star at the top; to sing carols and roast chestnuts around the fires; and to share again the story of Bethlehem.

Special Bulletin

The higher-up department known as the Chapel Program Committee has just announced a super-Christmas program to be presented Friday, December 18.

This unique production will include Christmas music, old and new; humor and pathos and not a little historicism. Among the notables in the cast are Hassell Christian, Vaughn, Davis, Farrell, Horton and Winters.

Come early and get a seat!

APNS Students Attend 4-H Convention

Lois Atkins And John Christian Tell of Windy City Adventures

Two APNS students, Lois Atkins and John Christian, representing Montgomery County and Kentucky respectively, attended the 21st National 4-H Club Congress Nov. 29 through Dec. 3 in Chicago.

The first thrill, according to Lois, was arriving in Chicago to find snow on the ground. After registration all delegates attended General Assembly to be welcomed by the Governor of Illinois and her Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard's "Challenge to Farm Youth in 1943." Sunday evening the thousand club members and leaders marched in battalion order to Orchestra Hall to be the guests of the Chicago Sunday Evening Club. The 4-H speaker on a program which included Lloyd C. Douglas and other prominent speakers was A. P. N. S. John Christian, who took for his subject "A Tribute to 4-H Members in the Service." Afterward John was introduced to many local celebrities by Sherman Marks, special director of GWTW, and was interviewed by Don McNeil on the Breakfast Club the next morning.

Following group discussions Monday morning and a slight seeing tour that afternoon, all delegates attended a banquet given by Thomas E. Wilson, at which the Great Lakes Naval Training School Choir sang. John described their rendition of "Nearer My God to Thee" as unforgettable.

Climax of the Convention was the annual 4-H Club Banquet at which presentation of national awards—one to a Tennessee club—was made. Tennessee placed first in the South, followed by Kentucky.

And on Christmas day the whole family rushed downstairs together to open their presents, before all the aunts and uncles and cousins and neighbors came in to say "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

Many of those with whom we shared all this are dying and are unknown fields. More than ever we need a guiding light—a belief that somewhere will bring a peaceful world, in which men are truly brothers. We can begin again if we, in rebuilding our world, forget past hatred and old feuds, remember only the message of Christmas. "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

APN Choir Presents Annual Christmas Broadcast

At 5:00 p. m. December 12 Austin Peay Normal School's Choir, composed of thirty-six members, directed by Guy Lynn Hagge, presented a program of Christmas carols over Station WJZM. Also featured were compositions from the English, French, Russian and Norwegian countries.

Soloists were Earl Bradley, singing "O Come Emmanuel," an ancient plain song from a French Catholic Church Missal, and Helen Nicholson singing the quaint French carol, "Bring A Torch Jeanette Iabella." Also featured was the choir's first appearance as the choir, La Rue Vaughn, soloist of several years' experience with the choir, sang the modern setting of "There's a Song in the Air" by Harrington.

On this program for the first time the choir presented original compositions by members of the harmony class. Marie Horton sang her own setting of "Martin Luther's Cradle Hymn" written in the ancient Greek mode known as Dorian. She also sang the original composition of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" by Christine Harris. This was in the ancient Greek modal system known as hypophrygian.

The choral compositions sung by

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APNS Makes Plans For New War Program

Like many other colleges faced with an inevitable decrease in enrollment because of the draft, and the replacement of men by women in the industry, the Austin Peay Normal School has been surveying possibilities assuming war education work in addition to its pre-flight training of C. A. A. reserves. The public relations committee, headed by its chairman, W. H. P. Jr., has made an extensive survey of the field and hopes to be able to make a report to President Claxton at the first of the year.

It is hoped that the college will be able to assume this new kind of training in addition to its regular work of training teachers for rural schools.

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Christmas Readings

As the holiday season approaches, it is most fitting and advisable that we take time out from the worries of the world to let our minds rest and think of more pleasant things, such as the meaning of Christmas, and thereby, enter into a true Christmas spirit.

Luke's tender story of the Nativity is always a beautiful passage to read at this time, and by reading an article in the December, 1939 issue of the Atlantic Monthly, "The Man Who Gave Us Christmas," we may find new light thrown upon the story. The Biblical account of the birth of the Christ child should be read every Christmas as an emotional preparation for the Christmas festival.

"Van Dyke's 'The Other Wise Man' and 'Dickens' Immortal 'Christmas Carol,' though doubtless read by most of us already, are also fitting forerunners for the approaching season.

"Christmas Night in the Quarter," a Civil War poem by Irwin Russell tells of how the Negroes celebrate. The poem is written in dialect form, and humorously depicts the Negro's conception of Christmas.

But perhaps the most beautiful of all Christmas poems is James Russell Lowell's "The Vision of Sir Launfal." This is the story of a knight scornful and bold, who went forth in search of the Holy Grail only to find it much later, and after enduring many hardships in his heart.

"Let us remember every Christmas that—

"Not what we give, but what we share,

For the gift without the giver is bare;

Who gives himself with his aims feeds three;

Himself, his hungering neighbor, and me."

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Reding's 'Luck' In The South Pacific

Ensign Willis Reding, member of the 1941 graduating class of A. P. N. is really cooking with gas down there in the South Pacific.

The escapee to which we refer is called blind luck by some; resourcefulness by others.

Either way, there were those two kid pilots, roaming atop a lot of misplaced atmosphere, four and a half hours off base in two Gruman Wildcats. They had escorted some dive bombers and chased off two Zeros. An hour's gas remained and darkness was rushing in quickly as it does in the equator country.

Then Chip (Ensign Willis B. Reding, 22, of Route 2, Adams, Tenn.) radioed to Hank (Ensign William H. Leder, 24, of Woodville, Wash.).

"Hey, Hank, aren't those wakes down there?"

Silently with the gas, they circled slowly, hating to give altitude. Sure enough, the wakes were all attached to friendly warships but without a flag top (carrier) among them.

Crash landings did not enter their minds because fighter planes may be on the assembly line by the thousands back home but out here they are mighty rare.

"Please," wrote Hank in a message he dropped, "select your course towards a carrier."

Within 30 seconds, the huge ships and their escort, affluster with signal pennants, changed their course and Hank and Chip took their bearings, wagged their wings for "thanks" and were slicing the breeze for home.

They reached the carrier just before dark with a helmetful of gas between them. And their faces were full of grin.

CHRISTMAS EVE

The wind is sharp and cold
The snow falls hard and fast
The trees stand bare and bold
For winter's here at last.

Now snow will come the day;

That one of all the year.

When every path and way

Is filled with love and cheer.

The tree is all alight

The tots all tucked in bed

Excitement fills the night

St. Nick fills every head.

Each heart is full of joy

The night before the morn

On which that baby boy,

Our Lord and Christ was born.

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Margaret Read Entertains Seniors

Miss Mary Margaret Read, president, played hostess to the members of the Senior class at a delightful Christmas party Friday evening, December 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Childs on Union Street.

The home was beautifully decorated to carry out the holiday motif. As the guests entered they were given favors of Santa Claus heads, an ingenious combination of walnuts and cotton concocted into lappel ornaments. Various games and contests made the evening a howling (in the literal sense) success. The climax of the fun came with the distribution of the 10c gifts from the Christmas tree. All sorts of odd and useful presents came to light. (Mr. Fite says his visitors and his associate dean can use that pretty ash tray!) Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess who was assisted in entertaining by her mother and by Mrs. Childs.

The class held a short business session over refreshments to discuss the Senior class's objectives for 1943, and to elect a new vice president to take Dickie Meriwether's place, as he finished his four years at the end of the fall quarter. Mary Winters was elected to serve as vice president for the remainder of the school year . . . and, getting back to the celebration, a wonderful time was had by all!

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Joe Hunter, Soph

Joe Hunter, that mighty virgling presiding over the Sophomore class at A. P. N. S., was born in the community of Southside, Tennessee in 1921. Being a good little boy all his life, he grew up in the seemingly frequently unaccountable way that is, tall, blond, and handsome. At the age-of-begotten age of 21 he stands 6 feet 1 inch tall with 190 pounds composing his wonderful physique.

Jes says his main interests are basketball and girls. He once was heard to say, "I have an ad in the paper for a girl looking for love." But don't believe him about the latter. Although he does lean toward a certain luscious lovely of the Clarksville High's 1942 graduating class, what about the other girls who simply swoon at his very nod? But the first—basketball—is really his most famous point. During his undergraduate years in high school, he played with the Southside team and then graduated in 1940 from Central High after playing with that institution. As a freshman at A. P. N. S. last year, he did a good deal of playing and we hope to see him on the starting team again this year.

Joe is a fine, straight-forward, clean-in-the-clinches sort of boy and we hope to keep him with us through the Naval Reserve.

DR. CLAXTON MAKES ADDRESS

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and so, we might add, has the national debt. But what we of Austin Peay are interested to know is, what have we done here? It is the very essence of democracy that it is alive in all its parts. And we have kept on. We have kept, in time of war, an institution of education for peace and safety alive. The country needs teachers during war. We must have people who are technically as well as generally educated. Dr. Claxton concluded his address with these words to us who are still in school, "You have been faithful. You have done your high patriotic duty."

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Cheerful surroundings do a lot toward boosting morale and Austin Peay is doing its share.

S.C.U. Presents Thanksgiving Program In Chapel

The Student Christian Union presented a most interesting Thanksgiving program in chapel, Wednesday, November 25. The devotional was given by Johnnie Givens. Margaret Read followed with a talk on the subject "Why Keep Your Heart in Cold Storage?" John Christian spoke on what we have to be thankful for today. Several hymns were sung. Marie Horton was in charge of the program.

ADAMS REPLACES LOWE

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fortunate to have these new additions to our school and the entire faculty and student body joins in saying, "Welcome, Dr. and Mrs. Adams!"

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On Thursday night, December 17, at 8 o'clock, Austin Peay Normal School opens its basketball season with a game with the Murray State Teachers College of Murray.

Hunter	F	6' 3"
Bracey	F	6' 3"
Stone	C	6' 3"
Chman	G	6'
Napier	G	5' 10"
Aaron	F	6'
Napier	F	5' 10"
Denning	F	5' 8"
Marable	C	6' 1"
Harris	G	5' 3"
Moore	G	5' 11"
Barchett	G	5' 11"

The probable starting lineup for Austin Peay is as follows:
Hunter Forward
Bracey Forward

Kentucky. Coach Brown promises us plenty of action as the Governors are in top condition. The Governors are as follows:

Central High	Southside
Springfield High	Springfield
Father Ryan	Nashville
Wallace	Nashville
Father Ryan	Nashville
Erin High	Erin
Portland High	Portland
Clarksville High	Clarksville
Springfield High	Springfield
Trible High	Waverly
Clarksville High	Clarksville

Stone Center
Chman Guard
Napier Guard

APN CHOR PRESENTS

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the group included the Russian "Song of the Bells" by Rebkoff, and Harvey Gaul's setting of the Russian folk song, "Carol of the Russian Children." There was also one choral from Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" and a Czechoslovakian folk song, "Haste Shepherds to the Manger." The most modern composition in the program was the superb song for choir in union by Eleanor and Harry Forejon "Our Brother is Born." Hope Harris played the piano accompaniment.

Mr. Hague states that while he is pleased with the accomplishments of the choir as a whole this year, he has never, in the course of his ex-

perience as choir director at Austin Peay, had a more glorious group of women's voices.

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Love,
Virginia S.

Dear Santa,
Please send me some wings to wear. These horns don't go with my nickname.

Thanks babe,
"Angel."

Dear Santa,
Here I go again. I demand "Justice."

Yo' lil' Southern boy,
Jackson Rice.

Look Here Santa * I * X
Send me a book on "How to Play the Piano in 5 Easy Lessons," a sax player, and 5 hot swing livers to play in chapel every Friday.

Yours,
"Head of Correspondence Dept."

Hague.

Dear Santa Claus—
Please send me something to keep Raphael Tucker quiet in class, a musical slide rule, and a book—"Mathematics Made Easy."

Yours lovingly,
Margie Lacy.

Santa Claus—
Please send me Carnation's formula for contentment. If it works on cows, why wouldn't it work on the cafeteria patrons?

Opal.

Dear Santa,
All I ask is a C-card so I can get back to A. P. N. more often. I hear Woodman is cleaning up the joint. Diddle late of Meriwether-Oliver Cleaners, Inc.)

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good little student at A. P. N. for in, these many years, so even if you have to wait 'til May, I'd appreciate a B. S. degree.

Jackson Rice Price.

Dear Santa—
Please bring me loads and loads more Army and Navy boys!

Yours for Victory,
Marie Horton.

Mr. Claus:
I respectfully request a new set of oil paints with a little dash of Oyl, Martha Jo June, and any other pretty pigment, thrown in!

Win. A. Ledbetter.

Santa, my dear—
All I can ask for is a pile of Indian war clubs and 300 strait jackets to help with the discipline problem in the lib—

Jewell.

Dear Santa,
Since there is a shortage in so many things, especially metals (excepting gold) I am only asking this year for a very small band to match this ring on my left hand.

Hoping,
Harris.

Dear Poppa Nick,
Me and my kid sis, well, seeing as how we are loved by so many people, please bring two ??? (males, of course) into the time light. Of course I want both of them for myself.

Assuredly,
C. B. Painter.

P. B. Meriwether and Darnell are right handsome brutes.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some coffee.

Cafeteria Kids.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new fender and replace the one I tore off in the last blackout.

Love forever,
Bill Young.

Dear Santa,
Please, pretty please—put a few more hours to a day so the cadets will have some time off.

The girls.

Dear Mr. Nick,
Please send my dear honeychile Jimmy soldier some more nicksles to give to mah Pa to keep him out of the living room. Not that there's anything going on, but anyway do send lots, and a lots of them.

Yours for better hunting,
Charm Puss Hassell.

My Dear Mr. Claus:
This is purely a business deal. Now listen here, kid. I've been a good girl for 18 years and I am now 20 so I think I am due some consideration. I am not going to be selfish and ask for a man already caught. All I want is that you just send me Billy Welker and I will do the rest.

Yours until next year,
Marcel Parris.

Now Santa I don't want to be greedy with the war and every thing going on so just do me a little favor, will ya? Huh? Just tell Earl that I want to Nashville most every weekend.

Love,
Grace Gibbs.

Dear Santa,
All I Need is Ed.

Love,
Margaret Evans.

Dear Mr. Santa,
I have been a good little girl and so has Miss Lacy, so won't you please bring us some candy to sell for the glory of the S. C. U. If you can't manage the candy, all we ask is some dark glasses and a cup. We ain't going broke.

Mercreary,
Prissy Cooper.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an army truck so I can get Betty Lou to ride with me.

A good little boy,
Carl Moore.

Santa, my friend,
Please bring me something that will make Virginia forget Moorefield and think a little more about me.

Wishfully,
Marlin ("Bear clutch").

Santa, old man,
Kinda speaking man to man—I wonder if you could slip a Grand piano in my stocking—with Marguerite attached.

Yours,
Gilliam.

Greetings Mr. Five by Five,
As I am strictly in the groove and in the mood for solid sendin', please bring me a complete symphonic arrangement of my new theme song, "Praise The Lord And Pass The Definition." I understand that the only instrument needed for playing this type of composition are a flute and two piccolos.

Trustfully,
Christian.

Dear Mr. Santa Claus,
I don't feel like dying now, but please send me a HURST for future use.

Yours truly,
Kitty Pickering.

Dear Santa:
P-J-e-e-ee send me six Nazi spies to sabotage these non-Catholic, non-Protestant, non-"Church-going" on Sunday nights. Also send a bundle of bachelors with the next cadets to slip in these old mads' stockings—(Pardon)—stocking shortage; just put 'em in the closet.

Yours with suspicion,
Mrs. Keeling

Dear Santa Claus,
Just send me more good-will friends and that call from Camp Campbell tonight—instead of having to wait. I like dolls, too, and Bobbie would be such a cute name for one.

Love
Eleanor Choate.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me about a dozen A-10 rating cards so that I may get laboratory equipment for all my brilliant chemists. Also I'd like a bright red stocking cap to match the maroon one I already have.

Yours lovingly
J. B. Bond

Dearest Santa,
I'll be happy if you will only let me ride Burchett's motor car without falling off. You see, then I'll win a nickel.

Wistfully,
Joyce Hicks.

Dear Santa,
Please send me some gasoline so I can go home. You might also dry up the mud at the front gate so I can leave home when I get there.

June Harrison.

Dear Santa,
Please help me chose between Don, Paul, Don, Jim, Don, Archie, Don, Doug, Don, Fred, Don, Johnny, Don, Bill, and—Don.

Love,
Molly.

Dearest St. Nick,
I have been a good boy and haven't beaten my aviation students more than once or twice. So please send me a P-40 filled with gifts for my children so they won't be too disappointed on Xmas day.

Yours,
Dr. Gilmore.

Dear Santa,
"I'm dreaming of a 'Gray' Christmas" but I'll settle on Bob, Ed, Bill, Jack, Roger, and George.

Love and kisses,
Mary Winters.

Dear Santa,
Please send me some gold bars so I can put them on any little boy I take a liking to at Camp Campbell.

Jeeps and peeps full of love,
Lucy Harrison.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please send me a new name. "Blenchin" sound so doggone doggy.

Yours lovingly,
Robert.

Dear Santa,
Well, here it is Christmas time again, and I've been a very good boy. If you can, and I'm sure you can, I'd like you to leave Mary Love and anybody else you can spare in my stocking Christmas morn.

Your admirer,
Winston (Cooty) Dodson.

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