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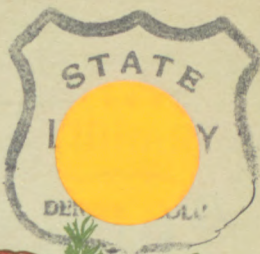
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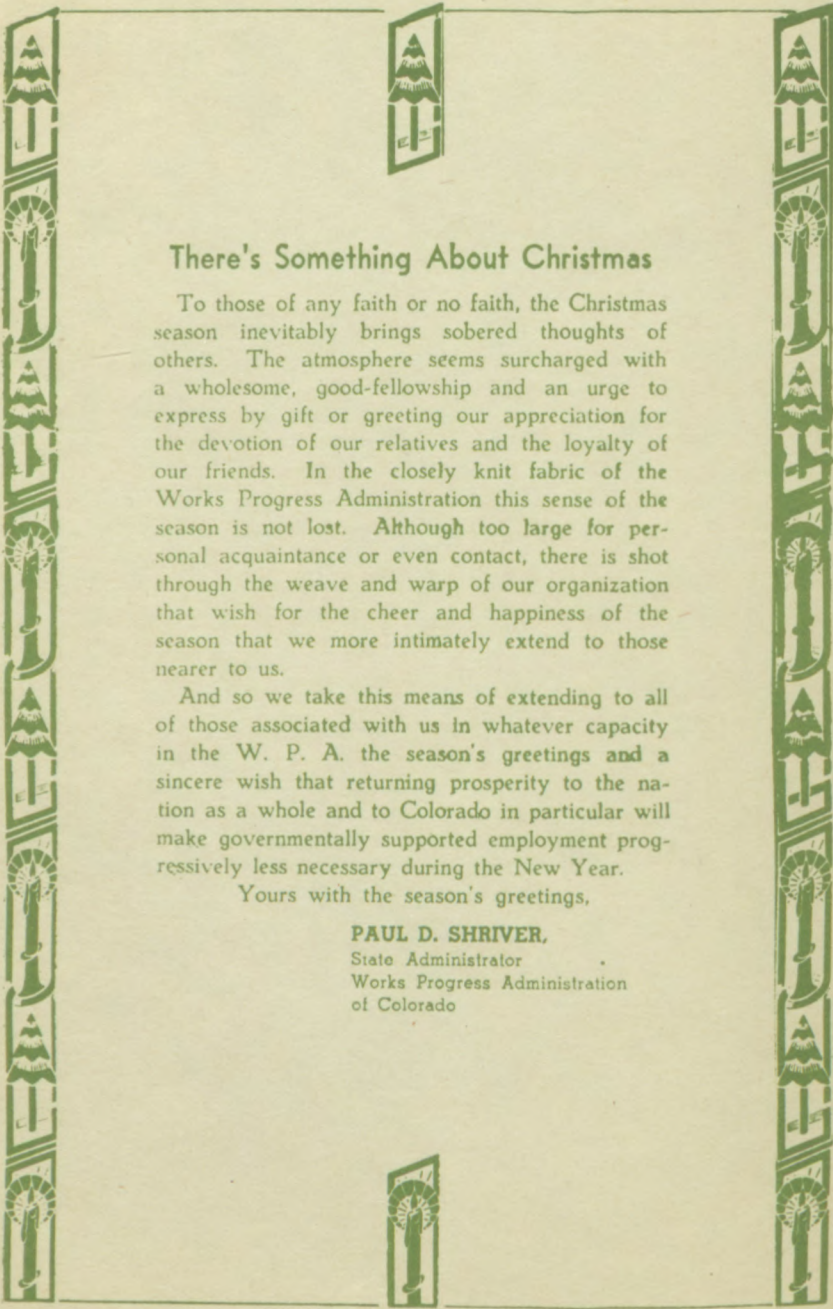
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There's Something About Christmas

To those of any faith or no faith, the Christmas season inevitably brings sobered thoughts of others. The atmosphere seems surcharged with a wholesome, good-fellowship and an urge to express by gift or greeting our appreciation for the devotion of our relatives and the loyalty of our friends. In the closely knit fabric of the Works Progress Administration this sense of the season is not lost. Although too large for personal acquaintance or even contact, there is shot through the weave and warp of our organization that wish for the cheer and happiness of the season that we more intimately extend to those nearer to us.

And so we take this means of extending to all of those associated with us in whatever capacity in the W. P. A. the season's greetings and a sincere wish that returning prosperity to the nation as a whole and to Colorado in particular will make governmentally supported employment progressively less necessary during the New Year.

Yours with the season's greetings,

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Anniversaries

By Ernest W. Corn

Time, like material things, requires, for proper interpretation, a unit of measurement. And so we take notice of anniversaries. Three years ago, on the 20th of November, the first state committee meeting was held in Colorado Springs to launch the Civil Works Administration. The results accomplished by this first great, nation-wide effort at re-employment with the aid of federal funds is too well known to repeat here.

The government entered a new field of public service and though it has modified its approach and changed its method of operation it has never withdrawn from the field. Nor is there any indication that it will at an early date unless some more adequate solution is found for the problem of unemployment. Government seldom, if ever, is allowed to withdraw from the fields of service or supervision it has once seen fit to enter. In fact this forms the basis for the whole history of the evolution of government.

This is being borne out in unemployment relief. Here again we are passing another anniversary. Just about a year ago the Works Progress Administration struck its stride. After four months of organization and project promotion the W.P.A., by December, was practically at its peak of employment in Colorado. Since that time long strides have been taken in the creation of state and com-

munity wealth. Someone said recently that enough productive labor had been wasted through unemployment during the past five years to completely rebuild the United States. While this may or may not be entirely true, there is no question about the prodigal waste in productivity.

It is to the credit of the government that this waste has been stemmed if not stopped. And it is to the credit of thousands of men and women in Colorado that they have created for themselves and their communities a series of monuments to industry and public pride. Roads, bridges, streets, public utilities, schools and other public buildings have been added to our capital account. Libraries, community buildings, parks, playgrounds and leisure time accommodations attest the determination to create. Usable supplies from the women's production projects and products and services in art, music, drama, and writing have added to our wealth both material and social. And we confidently look forward to 1937 for a further appreciation of the fact that productive energy once lost through idleness cannot be recovered, nor can the highly perishable commodity of honest toil be safely frittered away in unemployment when there are so many things to be done for the common good.