Reflections of Christmas, 1941

18 days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor



Christmas 1941 was a time of uncertainty for the nation. Just 18 days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Americans were still reeling from the shock and devastating casualties suffered in the surprise attack. Shared below are memories of Americans that lived through the experience.

Thnew there was a war going on in Europe and I was very fearful it would happen over here. My big concern was that my daddy would be sent to war. But health issues kept him from enlisting and he had reassured me throughout the war that everything was going to be OK."

Beverly Nylen, Chicago, IL

"In those days, stores were not as decorated for Christmas as they are today, except for the holiday windows at Marshall Fields. We would put on our finest attire and ride the train downtown with our family to see the Marshall Fields windows and have lunch at the Walnut Room restaurant. That year was no exception. That was the highlight of Christmas."

Art Nylen, Chicago, IL

"My father moved our family from Chicago to Grayslake because there was no work. Then we went to Lake Bluff where in return for a home he took care of a judge's farm before eventually settling in North Chicago. That Christmas we did have a tree — it was tiny with no lights and few ornaments. Our tree was small and set in a bucket to keep fresh. We didn't have a lot of decorations on it. We made paper rings and that's how we decorated it. I don't think mother had any old Christmas ornaments."

Elaine Eagon, Waukegan, IL

"The fear in those days was constant as the nation prepared for war. We had all seen it coming but we didn't want to because we were afraid of it. Once it happened then we faced reality and the American people came through. But Christmas in 1941, at least for our family, was pretty much the same as it had been before. Food rationing hadn't started yet, so the size of holiday meals wasn't as affected as it would be in following years. People hadn't yet started replacing some Christmas presents with war bonds to support the war effort. We received

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Interesting Ohio History

Jack Nicklaus of Columbus, OH is the greatest champion in golf history. He has 120 professional tournament victories worldwide, and his major championship record remains unequalled: 18 professional major championship titles. As a global ambassador, businessman, acclaimed course designer and tireless philanthropist, he is the first sportsman and only the fourth person in history to be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Congressional Gold Medal and the Lincoln Medal.

GYST October Winner:

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many clothes as presents that year. Growing up during the Great Depression, Christmas gifts were always clothes, not toys or bicycles. While the economy was doing better in 1941, Depression-era customs lingered. I had been told my entire life that things were hard to come by."

Lee Tolksdorf, Chicago, IL

"We lived out in the country with no electricity or running water. We had lost our house in a tornado in 1933 and rebuilt. The well was a half-a-block away. My mother worked in a garment factory, and my father worked building houses. To keep up with what was going on in the world, my family would listen to the radio. It was a little scary. We'd hear bits and pieces of what was going on. For Christmas, my brother, sister and I received clothing made by our mother out of fabric remnants from the garment factory. My only gift was a Christmas dress."

Elinor Richoz, Elgin, IL

"It wasn't a happy Christmas, but the glimmer of hope was the country's show of unity. Families already were already struggling. Efforts began focusing on the war. Aurora at the time had all kinds of factories and everything went for war production. People joined hands. It was wonderful how the country united."

Richard Miller, Aurora, IL

'I remember hearing President Roosevelt on the radio with my parents, and our reaction in the days that followed was, how could this happen? To me, it seemed impossible the Japanese could do that much devastation and that we didn't know anything about it beforehand or what they were capable of doing. Christmas that year was sedate. My only present was a pair of slippers. I had two older brothers named Joseph and Carl, and they had already been drafted into the Navy by then. One was on a submarine, as I recall, and the other on something like a cargo ship that was bringing other soldiers oversees. My sister had enlisted, too."

Francis Barenbrugge, Naperville, IL

"I had recently accepted a new job and was away from my family in Kentucky and living in Wilmington, DE that Christmas. I was raised in a family of nine children, so being separated from my immediate family already made it a difficult holiday. After Pearl Harbor,

everyone was ready to go fight. It brought the country together. The thought on people's minds that Christmas was that we have got to win this war."

WWII veteran G. William Moore, Aurora, IL

We should always remember and honor the sacrifices that previous generations made for

May your Holiday season be filled with love and happiness! Merry Christmas from all of us at Ohio Logistics!

Stephanie Miller Recognized for WMS Upgrade



Stephanie Miller, Midwest Operations Analyst was recognized by Chuck Bills and the Southern Tier Logistics Team for her expertise with the successful upgrade of our WMS system.

Stephanie is a key member of our Leadership Team and her knowledge and customer service skills support our valuable customers and associates throughout all Divisions of Ohio Logistics.

Congratulations on a job well done, Steph!

Did You Know?



Home prices are falling in the most expensive cities. Although inventories of homes for sale are at record lows nationwide, they're up sharply in Manhattan and San Francisco, where would be sellers outnumber buvers for reasons that include sky high prices and the realization that quality of life has deteriorated ranging from rising crime and homelessness to shutdown of cultural and culinary attractions. To the contrary, homeowners are not fleeing less expensive, less crowded cities in massive numbers despite the pandemic.

Useful Info.



The recent pandemic has been making our weather forecasts less accurate. The reduction in commercial air travel means that fewer planes are in the air sending meteorological data down to weather stations. Such observations were cut by 50% to 75% between March and May of this year, resulting in measurable inaccuracies, especially when it comes to long term forecasts.



Celebrating Three Benchmark Anniversaries

On October 29th, Ohio Logistics management traveled to SW Ohio to celebrate benchmark anniversaries for three associates in our Trenton, OH facility. Tim Blair, Kevin Storck, and James Robinson reached the milestone anniversaries of 25 years, 20 years, and 25 years, respectively. Congratulations, men! It's an honor and a privilege to work with you!



Tim, Kevin, and James with Chuck Bills

BRC Certification

It was recently announced that our Southern Tier Division has successfully completed its BRC certification audit with a AA rating, which is considered as outstanding. Successful completion of the next steps in the process will ultimately lead to certification. STL's Scott Cramer adds, "Special thanks to Cori Gleason, Mark Macintosh and Joe Emanuel for taking care of the physical, safety and form completion aspects required of building management."

The British Retail Consortium (BRC) has been publishing standards outlining the best practices for the food and manufacturing industries for two decades. BRC was the first food safety standard to be recognized by the GFSI organization. The standard is designed as a "total quality management" program, and includes both food safety requirements and quality requirements which food manufacturers must meet in order to be certified.



Veterans Honored



As part of a project for her Junior Rotarians Club, Hailie Steinhauer, an 11th grade student at Thomas A. Edison High School in Elmira Heights, NY, honored the Veterans of our Southern Tier Division. Hailie visited each of our locations thanking the Veterans for their service while presenting them with U.S. Flags and personalized notes.

Ohio Logistics would like to thank Hailie, the Junior Rotarians Club, and Thomas A. Edison High School for this outstanding display of American Patriotism. It was greatly appreciated!

Congratulations! Roadside Inspection Passed

Darrin Simon – Level 1. No violations!

Way to go, Darrin! Keep up the great work!



Test Your Logistics IQ:

1) The practice of partnering between distribution channel members that changes the traditional replenishment process from distributor-generated purchase orders based on economic order quantities to the replenishment of products based on actual and forecasted product demand.



2) The practice of relating resources, activities, and cost objects using the drivers underlying their cost causal relationships. The purpose of tracing is to observe and understand how costs are arising in the normal course of business operations.



3) Pricing according to the value of the product the company is transporting; third-degree price discrimination; demand-oriented pricing; charging what the traffic will bear.



December Dates of Importance:

December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day December 15 - Bill of Rights Day December 16 - Boston Tea Party, 1773 December 17 - Wright Brothers Day December 21 - First Day of Winter December 25 - Christmas Day

Answers to "Test Your Logistics IQ"

1. Continuous Replenishment 2. Tracing 3. Value-of-Service Pricing

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Meet Alicia Meyers

Alicia is an eight-month associate currently working as a Facility Manager in our Southern Tier Division in Horseheads, NY. She quickly responded to our request for a brief interview so that we could learn more about her.



OL: Tell us about your family.

Alicia: I come from a very close family. I am the youngest of five children, and I speak to my Mom every day.

OL: What do you like most about working for STL?

Alicia: I like the people I work with. I appreciate the people who support me as I learn and expand my skills. I also like how STL takes care of the Associates.

OL: What is your favorite local restaurant?

Alicia: Legends and their Friday night fish fry. When I first came to the Horseheads area I was surprised that EVERY Friday they have a fish fry. I am used to living in areas that have a fish fry each day. It gives me something to look forward to.

OL: You've got a day off and nobody to bother you...what are you going to do?

Alicia: I like to get as far away from people and civilization as I can. Hiking and exploring new locations is fun to me. On my Bucket List is the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.

OL: Tell us about the best vacation you've

Alicia: I have lived all over the world, but my favorite vacation would be while I was living in Germany. I traveled to Paris to meet up with the rest of my family for vacation. We were there for Bastille Day. Fireworks and festivals were all around the city. I then traveled alone to Barcelona Spain for three days and explored that city before traveling back to Germany. Excellent vacation!



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"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

- Winston Churchill -

Happy Birthday To You!

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It's Your Anniversary!

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