People in Watertown who are confined to their homes because of illness or other reason, and therefore unable to attend Christmas exercises in the city churches tomorrow or next day, will not feel the lack of Christmas cheer if plans completed by a group of singers today can be carried out. Under the direction of Prof. Dwight E. Cook, over 20 singers will tour the city Christmas eve, tomorrow night, and sing Christmas carols. Mr. Cook said he had received responses following this announcement of the plan last Wednesday and has the names and addresses of over a dozen families who will be visited, with more names expected to be added to the list before tomorrow. The singers who have volunteered for this service of spreading Christmas cheer will make the trip over the city in automobiles. They will start at 9 o’clock and finish their tour by 11 in order that no interference with any who desire to attend midnight mass will result.

President Roosevelt signed today the bill enlarging the selective service plan while the senate heard demands that all recruiting be halted and that the nation rely entirely upon the draft to build up a war machine of 6,000,000 men or more. Under the new law, all men of 18 through 64 must register and all from 20 through 44 are liable for active military service. The senate later approved legislation to increase the authorized enlisted strength of the navy from 300,000 to 500,000 and to raise the limit on the marine corps from 60,000 to 104,000 men. The measure now goes to the house. Secretary of War Stimson already has announced that the army will stop accepting volunteers as soon as there is a falling off in the patriotic rush prompted by the declaration of war against the Axis powers. The navy already has asked and received from congress the right to draft 50,000 for the fleet and 10,000 for the marines.

If sharing and caring is a hallmark of the Christmas season, then the person we dedicated to this year’s Good News edition is indeed fitting. Chuck Langner is a familiar and easily-recognized person around Watertown and much of the surrounding area. As an Extension educator for the last 25 years, Langner has crossed paths with many in both the agriculture and civic worlds that make up our lives. And for many, that has made their lives a little bit better. Langner, a native of Madison, joined the S.D. State University Extension Service in 1974 as a summer ag agent in his home town. Three years later he became an assistant ag agent in the county. Since 1993, he has been the Ag Extension Educator in Codington County, beneficiﬁng not only the Watertown community with his vast knowledge, but also the entire region of northeast South Dakota.