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ALL-DISTRICT TEAM NAMED

The Steers, district 9-B champions, had four members on the all-district first team and three on the second.

Following are members of the all-district teams selected:

First Team:

Ends, Phillips of Lake View, and Powers of Robert Lee.

Tackles, Suggs of Bronte and Herring of Norton.

Guards, O. Smith of Mertzon and Herring of Norton.

Center, Latham of Robert Lee.

Backs, Lowery of Robert Lee.

Carr of Mertzon, Modgling of Bronte, Compton of Norton and Scott of Robert Lee.

Second team:

Ends, Modgling of Bronte and Underwood of Norton.

Tackles, Coleman of Miles and Bennett of Miles.

Guards, Havens of Robert Lee and Jolley of Robert Lee.

Center, A. L. Smith of Norton.

Backs, Tubb of Robert Lee.

Thompson of Lake View, Curtis of Mertzon and Gentry of Norton.

Family Moves to Marfa

Robert Lee and Coke County lost four of its most distinguished citizens last week when Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Simpson and their two sons, Wilbur King and John Rodger, left to make their home near Marfa, Texas, where Mr. Simpson recently purchased a large ranch.

Coming here in 1909 from Clinton, Okla., to join his family, Mr. Simpson and his father W. K. went into the grocery business.

On April 30, 1911, Mr. Simpson and Miss Bertha McCabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCabe, were married. Later in the same year, Mr. Simpson purchased his father's interest in the grocery business and established the W. M. Simpson Grocery Store, later adding the market department.

He remained in the grocery business from 1911 until early in 1936. The store was destroyed by fire in 1932, but was immediately repaired and restocked. In 1936, Mr. Simpson retired, selling the stock and building to Arch Lewis of San Angelo, who established the M'System Grocery and Market.

Old "Santa" hasn't any coffee You get that from Rathliff.

Wayne Clift was moved from Sweetwater to a San Angelo hospital Monday and at last reports was in a fair condition.

Plans have been completed for the establishment of a textile mill in Eldorado by J. M. Christian. Machinery for the West Texas Woolen Mills, the first of its kind in Texas, has already been bought and will be housed in a building made of native stone.

For Sale - 17 pigs, six weeks old \$34.00

H. D. Gartman, Phone 2302 Sanceo.

FARMERS TO VOYE

All 1940 operators and landlords are eligible to vote on the 1940 Community Committeemen and Delegates to the County Convention. The election is to be held on Monday, Dec. 18, at the following places at the stated time.

Robert Lee - Court House 2 p. m.

Bronte High School - 7:30 p. m.

It is very important that you be at one of these meetings to help elect these committeemen and delegates.

Coke County voted a top-heavy majority to continue the cotton marketing control program this year. Out of 213 votes cast, 188 voted for and 25 against the program. Texas supported the plan 128,864 to 28,940.

Baptist Notes

The Baptist W. M. S. met at the church Monday afternoon. The program was on "Personal Service". Mrs. DeLashaw made a talk on the subject. A special item of personal service was mentioned, to be brought up again at the next meeting. Those present were Mmes. John Adams, R. C. Roberts, Paul Good, and Fred DeLashaw.

The Sunday School and W. M. S. Co-operated in a four-night Study-prayer session last week.

It commemorated the Lottie Moon Christmas thought of "Christmas for Christ".

There were about thirty-five in attendance on the study which was taught by Bro. McGuire and three of the leaders of Immanuel Baptist Church, San Angelo.

The weeks study and prayer was climaxed by an offering to missions.

Robert Lee merchants and public are highly pleased with the attractive cross street lights that have been put up for the Christmas season. The West Texas Utilities Company agreed to furnish the current for the arrangement if the city would buy the wiring and globes. The city bought the necessary equipment and will use it again next year with additional decorations.

The place to eat and drink coffee is at Rathliff's.

Bill Mulroy, manager of the West Texas Utilities at Santa Anna, is legging for dear old Poland's restoration. The reason: some 15 years ago a smooth-talking salesman sold him a City of Warsaw bond for \$17. However, restrain your sympathy because ill since has collected almost \$25 in interest.

LOST - A bundle of clothes between the Home Laundry and Fred Robertson's home. If found please notify the laundry or Mrs. Robertson.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Methodist and Baptist Churches of Robert Lee are to have a joint Christmas service at the Baptist Church on Sunday night, December 17, at 7:00.

A Christmas pageant entitled "The Bells of Bethlehem" will be presented. The principal characters are Bryce Stewart as Marjorie, a girl who is seeking to ring the bells of Bethlehem; Wallace Clift, as a newsboy who comes to pray for a teacher for the immigrant children at the settlement house; Rev. Fred DeLashaw, as the modern shepherd; Rev. G. T. Hester Hyman Teague, and Felix Puett as the Three Wise Men; Ray V. Stark as a Mohammedan; Louise Stewart as a Syrian girl; Lorene Fikes as a missionary; Josephine Taylor as Mary, the mother of Christ. The group of singers known as the Spirits of the Bells is made up of members of the choirs of both churches and the High School Choral Club.

P. T. A. NOTES

A mad scramble on the streets. Shops filled with people jostling, pushing excusing each other in gay good humor. Only seven more shopping days until Christmas, and innumerable tasks to be completed.

A few more days of this rush and good nature will begin to fade from the crowd. Tired nerves will mark the faces and conduct of hurrying shoppers. They will need a period of relaxation.

The P. T. A. will provide that needed rest on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock in the school auditorium when a lesson on Spiritual Grace will be presented. Let us urge that all who are weary take advantage of this opportunity to relax and restore the significance of the season. By doing so we can carry on in the true Christmas spirit and bring more happiness to our children, our neighbors' children and our loved ones.

Thursday 4 p. m. School Auditorium

With an attendance of twenty two members and guests the County Council of Parent Teachers Association of Coke County met at Bronte, December 7. Guests present were Mrs. C. T. Womack, 1st vice-president of the 6th District; Mrs. Frank Loffing, president of the Tri-County Council; Clyde R. Nail, superintendent of Christoval school and Superintendent L. K. Pinnell of Veribest.

Supt. Nail gave an interesting talk on "Three Environmental Steps in a Child's Life." Supt. Pinnell discussed "Religious Moorings", and Supt. Covey of Bronte spoke on "Why Educate the Child."

The Coke County Council accepted an invitation to meet with the Tri-County Council at Lakeview in April, so the County Council will not have its usual meeting at that time.

STEERS LOSE BI-DISTRICT

The play-off for the bi-district championship here last Friday afternoon was witnessed by the largest crowd in the history of the local gridiron. Fans from Eden, Bronte, Norton, San Angelo, Miles, Robert Lee and all surrounding communities were in attendance.

Eden kicked off to Robert Lee and soon got possession of the ball when the Steers failed to make yardage for a down. The Bulldogs began marching on their own 48. Plunges, lateral passes and long passes gained them one down after another all through the game. They made their first touchdown early in the first quarter. Extra attempt failed.

The breaks were in Eden's favor, as could be seen all during the game.

Eden kicked to Robert Lee and Lowery brought the ball back to the 48. Eden intercepted a pass on their 35, but this time the Steers held them until they were forced to punt. The ball went to the Steers' 3 yard line, where the referee claimed the ball touched Lowery. Since an Eden boy had recovered, the ball was theirs. They scored again. Extra point was no good. Eden-19, Robert Lee-7.

The Steers started gaining with passes from Scott to Lowery, end run by Tubbs, and several good plunges. The Bulldogs finally stopped them and took possession of the ball. Robert Lee intercepted a pass; then Eden intercepted a Steer pass and started gaining when the half ended.

The second half started with the Steers kicking off. Eden headed for the goal, and, with the aid of a 15-yard penalty against the Steers, they scored again.

Lowry received the kick-off and ran to the 29. The Steers made 15 yards, but were called back because both teams were off side. They lost 10 yards, then punted for a first down, but the ball went to Robert Lee when Eden got a 15-yard penalty and did not recover yardage. Robert Lee failed to make a first down. Eden rusted for a first down before being forced to punt again. The ball went out on Robert Lee's 20. Eden rushed through to throw passer for a 12 yard loss. The Steers made a short punt. Eden took the ball and went on the romp for another marker. Eden-31, Robert Lee-7.

The Steers received the ball on the 20, returned to the 31 and got to Eden's 40 on a pass. Another pass put the Steers on Eden's 21 with a chance to score.

Eden drew a 15 yard penalty, putting the ball on the 2-yard line. As Lowery plunged through the line for a yard and a half gain a tackler knocked the ball out of his arms. An Eden boy managed to get the ball before it touched the ground and, upon instructions from another Bulldog, trotted 99 yards for a marker. Extra attempt failed. The game ended, Eden 35, Robert Lee-7.

SCOUT FIELD MEET

The District Boy Scout Field Meet will be held at San Angelo Saturday. Boy scouts from Robert Lee, accompanied by Troop Master T. M. Wylie, Jr. will motor over to enter the following contests.

1st Pitching - Jack Tubb, Memory Gramling, Floyd and Lloyd Higgins, Wallace Clift, Eddie Paul Good.

Fire by Flint and Steel - Jack Tubb, Memory Gramling.

Water Boiling - Derwood Davis, Floyd Higgins.

Knot Tying - Wallace Clift, Jack Tubb.

Message Relay - Memory Gramling, Jack Tubb, Floyd and Lloyd Higgins.

String Burning - Derwood Davis, Lloyd Higgins.

Tug-of-war Team of 8 boys, not to exceed 800 pounds.

Merit Badges will be given the following boys at the Court of Honor: Eddie Paul Good, Jack Tubb, Memory Gramling and Wallace Clift.

Bridal Shower

Miss Christine Glenn, whose approaching marriage to Bill Tom Roach was recently announced, was the honoree at two guest parties given by Mmes. J. S. Craddock, Fred McDonald, Jr., Delbert Walling, T. M. Wylie, Jr. Geo. L. Taylor and Miss Charline Morrow Tuesday afternoon and evening. Table games were played in the afternoon and bridge in the evening.

The wedding bell motif was carried out in refreshments and decorations. Plate favors were mistletoe tied with bells. About fifty guests were entertained.

Trade at Home

Your attention is called to the pre-Christmas sale at M'System Grocery and Market this week end. Free coffee and cakes will be served all day Saturday. Barney Brooks will be there with his broadcasting equipment for a store-wide broadcast. The M'System Penny Savers will entertain at 3:30 Saturday afternoon. Read the ad in this issue for bargains that will help economize your Christmas shopping.

Read Cumbie's ad for suggested items for him or her. Visit Cumbie's toyland and select gifts for the children.

The local merchants have stocked their stores with Christmas gifts, candies, fireworks, and decoration that will compare with any you can purchase elsewhere. Trade at home and help your home merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark have purchased the W. M. Simpson home and are now living there.

The most complete feed store in town at Rathliff's, across the street from the Bank.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Sharper World Power Lineup Results From Russ-Finn Clash; Japan, Italy Maintain Silence

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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INTERNATIONAL:

Finlandia

Russia's invasion of Finland provided the first authentic touch of fierce conflict which observers have seen in the European cat-and-dog fight which started September 1. Carnage was spreading but so was peace talk, because most of the civilized world (except Germany and Japan) was outspoken in its denunciation of Soviet aggression.

Plucky, even though pathetically outnumbered, the Finns surprised most military experts by stalemating the enemy along a 750-mile front. Off Hango, one Russian de-



RUSSIAN WEAPON

Top photo shows how Soviet troops are bedded down in wing compartments. Over site of attack they are parachuted (below) to the ground.

stroyer was sunk and two others badly damaged by coastal batteries. While civilians fled bomb-wrecked Helsingfors, hardy soldiers fought off the Soviet advance in the north. They even drove the invader from snow-bound Petsamo after the Russians had taken that city with a new weapon—soldiers dropped by parachute.

There was no hope for negotiation, nor did Finland expect to hold out very long. Foreign Minister Vaino Tanner appealed to the world for "effective help" as well as sympathy. Later he tried to reopen negotiations with Moscow through the Swedish minister there, but only a few hours earlier the Soviet had made its own peace—with a puppet "democratic republic of Finland." Finally, in desperation, Finland appealed to the League of Nations.

Embarrassment

For three years the frightened league has "played dead" whenever a political question was broached. Last spring Secretary-General Joseph A. C. Avenol ignored Albania's protest during the Italian invasion, and a recently scheduled meeting to hear Poland's protest over her Russian-German invasion was politely called off for fear of embarrassing the Kremlin. Reason: Russia's Ivan Maisky is league president.

This time the league had its last chance to retain international respect. Secretary Avenol dispatched the Finnish protest under pressure from France and Britain, who saw a chance of forcing Russia to show her hand. This hope was dashed when Russia announced she would not attend the meeting. Nor did any observer expect the lesser neutral nations to support either side.

Instead the peace seekers looked to Italy, a non-leaguer, and Japan, whose foreign policy since September 1 has been as coherent as the gibberish of a Mongolian idiot. Officially the Italian government was sphynx-like, but there was no doubt about the feelings of a mob of uniformed Fascists who cheered before Rome's Finnish legation and hooted before the Soviet embassy. Though moving softly, the fine Italian hand was seen encouraging formation of an anti-Communist bloc in the Balkan states, where the Soviet bear will positively strike next.

Germany was silent, and with good reason. To denounce the Reds after Adolf Hitler's great show of friendship with Moscow would mean either (1) the repudiation of Der Fuehrer and a subsequent admission that the allies are right, or (2) a simultaneous war on two fronts against two hostile enemies (Russia on the east and the allies on the west). But a good sign of the average Nazi's sentiments was the pro-Finnish demonstration in Hungary's parliament.

How about Japan? Britain believed the recent Jap-Russian truce had paved the way for Finland's invasion, but Shanghai and Tokyo observers thought otherwise. Said an anonymous Jap army major: "It is a good lesson. It proves what we have always suspected, that Russia cannot be trusted."

The Other War

Thousands of older French soldiers were released from the western front as the allies settled on their new strategy: Fighting Germany with seapower and economics instead of land offensives. There was no great show of seapower, although the disastrous allied shipping losses from Germany's magnetic mines had apparently been stopped. British aviators bombed Heligoland, the Reich's North sea naval base, claiming they had scored direct hits on several warships. But the biggest news was the new allied blockade on all German exports, designed to strangle the Reich's sources of foreign exchange.

American Reaction

Thoroughly startled when Russia ignored his plea that civilian bombings be avoided in the Soviet-Finnish invasion, President Roosevelt issued an unprecedented statement: "Despite efforts made to solve the dispute by peaceful methods . . . one power has chosen to resort to arms."

This silenced spiteful critics who hoped to capitalize by pointing out how the President had erred in rec-



LEAGUE'S AVENOL
Last chance?

ognizing Russia back in 1933. But it didn't silence New York's Communist *Daily Worker*, whose front-page editorial accused the U. S. of provoking war against Russia "by using Finland as a pawn."

Next the President asked manufacturers and exporters of planes to remember "the unprovoked bombing and machine-gunning of civilian populations from the air" before negotiating any more contracts with the Soviet. Not content with this "moral embargo," many a congressional leader began yelling for severance of diplomatic relations with Russia.

Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



"Temple of Death"

STRIKE up the band, here comes a sailor—and let that band play soft, mysterious music to fit the scene, for that sailor is going to tell us a tale about India, the land where strange things happen.

William Mutch is the sailor's name and he lives in New York City. It was in July, 1925, that Bill stepped off his ship, the S. S. Steel Trader, at Bombay and started out to see the sights of the town. And Bill says he saw the town from all angles—the funny side and the deadly, serious, too.

Right off the bat he had a brush with a native corn doctor—and Bill says the joke was on him. Early that morning when the ship docked dozens of native peddlers swarmed aboard. Among them was a corn doctor, who wanted six rupees to take a corn off Bill's foot. Bill offered him three, but the corn doctor shook his head. Finally they compromised. Bill paid him three rupees and promised to pay him three more that afternoon.

When Bill stepped off the boat there was the corn doctor. He wanted his three rupees, but Bill told him he'd pay him the next day, and he and his buddy got into a gharry to drive away. But he wasn't fooling the corn doctor any. That little Hindu trotted right along behind the carriage yelling, "The Sahib owes me three rupees," until finally Bill stopped him and paid him the dough.

Bill Manages to Square Accounts.

"He smiled and said, 'Thank you, Sahib,'" says Bill. "But I didn't smile because quite a crowd had gathered to see me hand over those coins."

So Mother India had her joke on Bill—but she also had another surprise waiting for him.

The gharry moved on, with a crowd behind it all laughing at Bill's expense, and it didn't stop until Bill saw a curious building and asked his driver what it was. The driver said it was the Pydhoni temple—at



Those white clad Hindus fell on Bill and his pal, hitting, kicking, biting and even spitting.

Least that's what the name sounded like to Bill. Bill had a camera along and he wanted to take some pictures of that temple, so he paid off the driver and he and his buddy alighted and went up to the building.

Bill's eye fell on the curious carvings on the pillars of that temple, but his pal was impatient. "I don't like the looks of this place," he said. "Let's go to some place that's lively and where we can get a drink."

But Bill wanted to get some photographs first. He noticed an open door and sauntered over near it to take a look through it. "No one was about," he says, "so I decided to go inside—against the advice of my friend, who refused to go with me."

So Bill went in alone. He took off his hat and passed through that door and up at the far end he saw a large image with a few smaller ones grouped around it. With his hat in one hand and his camera in the other, he moved toward that idol. Then, just as he had reached it, he heard a scream of rage on the other side of the big room.

Bill Is Frightened by Scream of Rage.

Bill dropped his hat and camera. Wheeling around he saw a door open. A short Hindu dressed in white stood in the doorway waving his arms at him. That was enough for Bill. He started running for the doorway. "My friend at the door shouted to me to hurry," says he. "But there was no need for him to yell. I was running as fast as I could then. I had just remembered my hat and my camera on the floor behind me when I saw four more Hindus coming out of the side door. They were trying to head me off by reaching the front door before I did. They didn't mean to let me get out as easily as I had gone in."

"Just by the door one Hindu tried to get me by the throat. But my friend, like a good shipmate, stepped in and started to help me out. He hit the Hindu on the side of the head, knocking him down. But by that time the others were on us and the fight was on in real earnest."

Those white-clad Hindus fell on Bill and his pal, hitting, kicking, biting and even spitting. Bill says. "It didn't take us long," he writes, "to find out they meant business. And we were sure of it when we saw a knife in the hand of one of them. He tried to stab me in the chest, and the only reason he didn't is that he couldn't reach me. Two of his friends were busy right then trying to kick me to pieces and they

The Temple Warriors Fight Their Way to Safety.

The man with the knife turned, then, and made a vicious slash at Bill's face. Bill's pal threw up his arm and the knife ripped through the sleeve of his jacket. "The Hindu lost his balance," says Bill, "and fell to the floor, giving us a much needed break. The others gave way a little when he fell—not much, but enough to give us a chance. We smashed our way through them, dashed through the door and out into the street."

Bill left half of his coat behind him in the hands of two of those Hindus. A small crowd, attracted by the noise, had gathered in the street outside, but for some reason they didn't try to stop Bill and his pal as they ran past them and down the street. They had only gone about half a block, though, when the whole mob was after them, yelling and shouting.

"But luck was with us," says Bill, "for just then a vacant taxi came along. We told the driver to take us to the docks as fast as he could. He looked at us curiously—and, no wonder, for we were a sight and a great crowd was after us—but he nodded and got going."

The driver was a Mohammedan, or he wouldn't have been so willing to help them out. He took them to the docks and Bill and his pal went neither one of those lads went ashore again. "We stayed on ship," Bill says, "expecting a visit from the English police or a Hindu knife between our ribs while we slept. But neither one of those things happened and we were glad when the ship sailed for Karachi."
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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

My dog is sick and perhaps he'll die. My heart just aches with care— Still if sorrow is one of the facts of life I want to bear my share.



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Facts as Bricks

Facts are no more wisdom or knowledge than a trainload of bricks is a habitable house. The bricks are necessary to the house, but if we want to turn them into a house we must know something of the technique of building. We too must learn how to use facts—Sir Norman Angell.

There's a Good Reason You're Constipated!

When there's something wrong with you, the first rule is: get at the cause. If you are constipated, don't endure it first and cure it afterward. Find out what's giving you the trouble.

Chances are it's simple if you eat the super-refined foods most people do: meat, white bread, potatoes. It's likely you don't get enough "bulk." And "bulk" doesn't mean a lot of food. It's a kind of food that isn't consumed in the food, but leaves a soft "bulky" mass in the intestines and helps a bowel movement.

If this is your trouble, you should eat a natural "bulk" producing food—such a one as the crunchy, toasted, ready-to-eat cereal—Kellogg's All-Bran. All-Bran is the ounce of prevention that's worth a pound of cure. It's a good, healthy, and tasty drink plenty of water, and "join the Regulars." All-Bran is made by Kellogg's in Battle Creek.

Weak Consciences

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NAMES

... in the news

Jan Sibelius, Finland's idol and world-famed composer, denied by telephone from his home in Helsingfors' outskirts that he was dead, a bomb victim.

Harold D. Jacobs, ex-Washington newsman, was made "stoooge" wage-hour administrator until congress will okay an army man for the job (Col. Philip Fleming of St. Paul).

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt showed up for the third day at anti-Americanism committee hearings, watching Texas' Rep. Martin Dies hunt Communists in the American Youth congress.

Attorney General Frank Murphy refused A. F. of L.'s request that unions be exempted from anti-trust laws, thereby avoiding implication in the current inquiry of building industry irregularities.

King George VI of Britain braved a rough channel crossing to join his army on the Western front.

THE GIFT WIFE . . .

By RUPERT HUGHES

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CHAPTER VIII—Continued

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Jebb's eyes the man was utter-
ranger, but Mr. Rosen no
saw Jebb than a smile be-
quirk his mouth corners. And
thing was:
"Is the trouble this time?"
"You refer to the time I was
here?"
"Truly?"
"I stood in embarrassment.
I haven't lost your passport
have you?"
"I'm afraid I have."
"It hasn't been found. If it
the police would have for-
it to us. Say, you must be
as you say, for you pay
at for the fun of it. Where
been all this while, Mr.—
you trying to say 'Pier-
it, Mr.—Vanderbilt Pier-
"I added. "Tell me, Mr. Ro-
remember that little child I
me the time you saw me?"
"No. You had no child
when I saw you. I'll not
get the first picture I had of
ford came here that some
was in trouble with the cus-
use. It's a common occur-
Americans are forever
into Turkey without the in-
passport. The consul
down as usual to get our
countryman out of hook. I
sitting there now. You
very haughty. I thought at
that perhaps you had been
a little in magnificent wa-
sat there hugging a Glad-
and threatening to report
inspector to your part-
friend the Sultan."
"A Gladstone bag with me?"
"The fellow had found
suspicious looking documents
Everything looked suspicious
ays of the old Sultan. You
had come to Turkey to buy
—I don't remember just
So many Americans come
buy things. Anyway, you
ave a passport and the in-
wanted to fine you. You
illions for defense, but not
t tribute. I remember
calmed you down and per-
the customs people to accept
ar guaranty and give you
passport. And then you went
s. Now you've lost it again.

Jebb insisted. "And not Cecilia, but
Cynthia."
"Oh Lord, Oh Lord!" Jebb
groaned. "they've misspelled the
name." He looked further. "And
got the description wrong! She
doesn't look a bit like that! The
search has been useless, useless."
Suddenly Rosen was startled by a
new idea:
"You say the child's real name
was not Baxter, but Thatcher?"
"Yes, Thatcher."
"Any relation to—" he put his
hand out to another pigeonhole for a
card, "to John Thatcher, of Ber-
lin?"
"That's her father."
"Is that so?"
"Yes. How did you get his
name?"
"It was like this. A few weeks
ago a Turk who keeps a little khan
in the outskirts of town came in
here with a Gladstone bag—"
"A Gladstone bag?"
"Yes, same style as the one you
carried, now that I come to think of
it. The Turk—Hafiz Mustafa was his
name—he went to America as a
wrestler once. He can speak and
read English a little. He came here



"I see right away you are American."

with a Gladstone bag full of papers.
He told a long cock-and-bull yarn
about some American gentleman
who had left them with him and never
came back. The Turk came here
to see about it. He wouldn't leave
the bag, but he let us look through
it. There were a lot of blueprints
and mechanical drawings with the
name of John Thatcher on them.
And a bundle of clippings and let-
ters. I made a note of the name
and promised to keep it in mind."
"Where can I find the fellow?"
"I'll have him here tomorrow."
"I can't wait to see him. Where
is he to be found?"
"His name is Hafiz Mustafa and
he keeps a little khan out near the
Adrianople Gate, close to the
Mosque of Mirima. Better go to
the foot of the bridge and take one
of the Golden Horn steamers—they
run every fifteen minutes—get off at
Avian Serai, this side of Eyub, and
then go west through the Greek
quarter. While you're up there you
ought to see the wonderful cemetery
of Eyub and the old landwall."
"I don't want to see any ceme-
teries. I want to see that Turkish wres-
tler with the Gladstone bag. Good
afternoon."

CHAPTER IX

"At last the effendi is on the job!"
This was Jebb's greeting from a
ponderous Turk at the door of a
shabby khan. The man had all the
look of a retired athlete, whose sin-
ews of steel had degenerated into
swaddles of fat.
He recognized Jebb on the in-
stant, and he was big enough to be
rememberable on his own account;
but Jebb could not recall an ounce
of him.
Hafiz Mustafa bustled about mak-
ing coffee and preparing a narghile
for his honored guest. He spoke
what English he had with a strong
flavor of the Bowery, in whose en-
vions he had picked up his smat-
tering.
"How you like my little khan, eh?"

He is not so worse, I theenk, huh?"
"It is beautiful," said Jebb,
though he could not imagine a more
doleful spot.
"It is not such a dam racket out
here as in New York Ceety, eh? For
long tam I had a how they say?—a
hash-house on Washeenton Street.
Yes. I get lots of the long green in
America and I buy that leetle hash-
house from an Osmanli who is home-
seeek for Stamboul. Bine-by I get
the homeseek too."
"So at last I sell out for big pile
of dough and come home. Eet ees
not such a much business here, but
I can rest and theenk. Eet is a
small walk out to the beeg fields
where the tombstones is nice to set
on and smoke and dream the nice
long dream. And she is out there,
my little hanim what I breeng from
America."
"You brought your wife from
America?" Jebb inquired politely.
"Evet, effendim—I mean, sure,
Mike, I breeng her. She is dancer
in music hall on Bowery."
"A Turkish dancer?"
"Not on your life, Bo. She is pure
American blood; comes from the
great ceety of Weesconseen. I see
her dance one night. I theenk she
is mos' beautiful theeng what ever
ees—she wear the leetle trunks and
the seek tights and the—spengles,
and she stand up on her toes like
she enjoy it. Bine-by, she ees love
me, too, and we get married. She
says she ees sick of that tarrible
life, and so when I buy pretty leetle
hash-house she help me. One day
she is make coffee in those beeg
boiler they have in America and
the water spills over, and she is
tarrible—how do you say?—scalded.
Her pretty face is tarrible burned."
"But she is still beautiful to me,
and her body is still the body like a
seraili from Circassia. But after
that she hates to go out in the
street."
"I tell her, 'You come home to
Stamboul where honest wives is
wear the yildirma'—the veil, effen-
dim. The veil is very kind thing.
It keeps all women the same. Eet is
more equality than the hat."
"Her name in Weesconseen was
Annie Meetchel, but I geeve her
new name—Osmanli name—Nayi-
ma, eet ees one nice name—yes?"
Jebb thought, yes indeed—not so
pretty as Miruma, but a great im-
provement on Annie Mitchell.
"I used to have my khan near
the Egyptian Bazaar," Hafiz went
on, "but since my Nayima is out in
grave there I like thees better. In
evening I sit there and smoke and
theenk, nobody is in hurry—nobody
say, 'Get a move on, Hafiz!'"
"The Gladstone—they tell me you
found it?—where?"
"The Gladdastone, effendim?
What is that?"
"The bag—the valise—the—that
thing of mine, you found."
After another thimbleful of cof-
fee, another mouthful of smoke,
Hafiz rose, and, entering the khan,
brought forth the Gladstone bag.
Jebb recognized it with intense de-
light. He wanted to caress it. It
was the first material link to his un-
substantial past.
He rummaged the contents with a
sharpness of eye that might have
offended a subtler Turk than Hafiz.
"All is there, I theenk?" Hafiz
asked, and Jebb nodded as he re-
cognized every document he had col-
lected in John Thatcher's cause. But
he had cherished a wild hope of
finding something more. With some
embarrassment he asked:
"You didn't find ten thousand dol-
lars in here, did you?"
The Turk smiled. The Yankees
always joked. His politely amiable
smile was more convincing than any
other disclaimer could have been.
"Oh, yes," he chuckled, "I find
ten thousand dollars—in a peeg's
eye."
"Would you mind telling me
where you found this?"
"Sure, I'll tell you, but not unteel
the boss has something to eat."
"Oh, thank you. I'll go back to
the Bristol Hotel for my dinner."
"The Brestol—not on your teen-
type, Bo. It is so late you never
get there. You must take a—how
did they say?—a snack with me."
He would hear of nothing else,
and Jebb was forced to resign him-
self to the delay, hoping that per-
haps some clew might yet transpire
to aid his further search.
Afterwards Hafiz began his story:
"The day I feerst laid my eyes on
to you—the old Padishah Abdul Ham-
mid—whom Allah preserve!—if it
please Allah—and I hope it does not

—was still wearing the great sword
of Othman. But it was after the
people from Salonica had come down
and made him call back the Consti-
tution. He took it off the ice—see?
"When feerst the Young Turks is
come to town some of the ladies
think everytheeng going to be turned
upsidown. They throw off the yil-
dirma and go out to the streets, even
to the theater. Some of them ride
in carriage with their husbands.
Some of them wear beeg hats from
Paris. This make the reelegious
people mad like what if in New York
all the ladies is wear bathing suits
on Broodway, yes?"
"Me and some pals is stopping a
carriage and telling a lady she bet-
ter go home and put on her veil or
she's goin' to be very sorry. She
is educated Osmanli lady; she
makes poetry and writes a maga-
zine, but she read too many French
novels, she goes out in the high-
heel shoes, the tight clothes over the
immoral corsets—and her face is
naked. She is scream when we tear
off her big feathers. First theeng
I know, somebody grabs me. I turn
round; it is you, and you say: 'You
beeg brute, I'm going to break ev-
ery bone in your body if you say one
'nother word to that poor child!'"
The huge wrestler looked at the
slender physician, then at his own
boa constrictor arms, and laughed.
There was no inuit in his superior-
ity.
Jebb smiled, too, at the magnifi-
cence of this Vanderbilt-Pierpont-
ism, and asked:
"Why didn't you beat the life out of
me?"
Hafiz smiled: "I see right away
you are American, and the Ameri-
cans is so nice to me—my Nayima is
American, and the words you use
they listen good to me. So I take
your wrists and I hold you very gen-
tle and talk to you nice and say in
Eengleesh, 'Please, mister, kill me,
but spare my life.'
"You say, 'If you let that lady go,
I let you live a little while.' I turn
round and the lady is already vam-
oose. The other mens is want to
have your blood, but I tell them
you are a friend of a friend of mine,
and they go away."
"Then I say, 'Boss, it's my treat,'
and we sit down at a little table in
a little khan and I blow you off to
coffee. Bine-by, you say you got a
date weel' the Padishah, and I say,
'So long, old pal, I stay and feenish
thees narghile!'"
"So you go and I stay. Bine-by,
I see you have leevied this—Gladda-
stone, yes? on the ground by your
table. Nobody knows your name or
where you live at. I go to the Ameri-
can consulate. Nobody knows you.
They say, 'Leave the bag here. We
give it to him.' I say, 'Nix on the
hot air. I know about the American
graffer. I keep it till my friend
calls for it his own self.'
"I wait long tam, but at last you
are here, and here is the Gladda-
stone. And that is all."
Jebb sat in deep reverie, deeply
dejected. Then he shook off the old
sorrow, and prepared to go. He
wondered what reward Hafiz would
think appropriate. He decided to
throw himself on Hafiz' mercy:
"I can't thank you enough, for
finding this and keeping it for me.
And now, how—how much do I owe
you?"
"Look here, boss," Hafiz groaned,
"have I act like a piker, a panhan-
dler, have I? I thought you and me
was friends. I was doin' this as one
American to a pal."
Jebb took his big limp hand and
tried to wring it.
"Excuse me," he said, "I'm
ashamed of myself."
"Let her go at that," said Hafiz;
"cut it out, and clean it off the slate.
When you git back to New York, if
you'll stop in at some Osmanli res-
taurant down on Washeenton Street
or somewhere and tell them you
know me, and I was lookin' well,
and sent my best regards—they'll
blow you to the best there is in the
joint, and I'll call it square."
"I promise," said Jebb. "And now
I've really got to go."
(TO BE CONTINUED)



Smiles

Perfectly Frank
Clara—There goes Mabel. I
wish I were half as pretty as she.
Frank—Oh, but you are.

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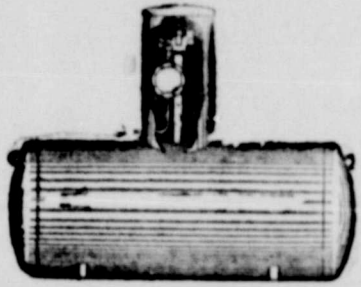
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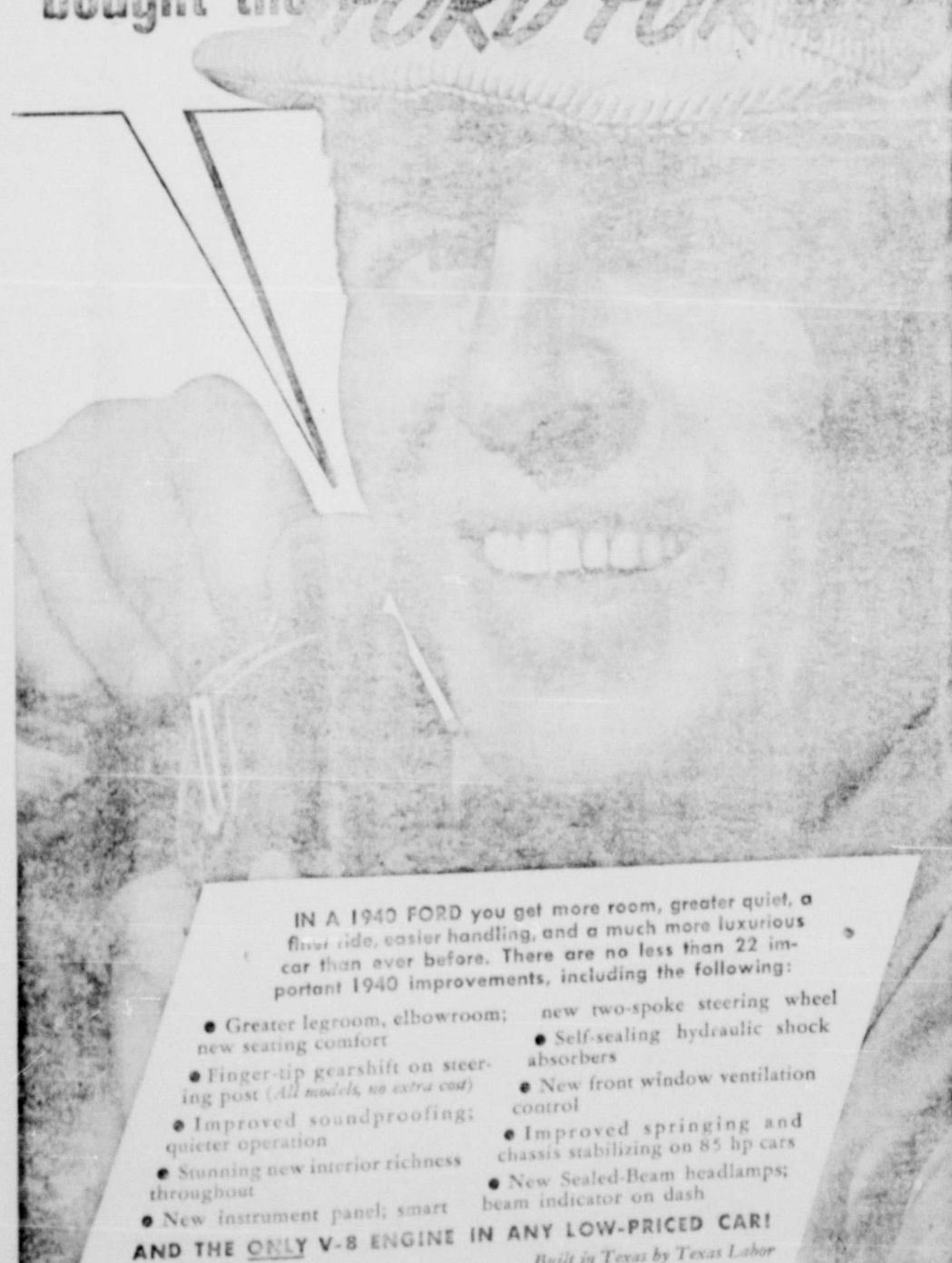
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'Merry Christmas, Mary Christmas,' Says Santa Claus

What's in a name? Plenty, if it happens to be Mary Christmas, or Santa Claus, and that's actually happened.

Both Evansville, Ind., and Racine, Wis., have their Mary Christmas, and at Marshall, Mo., there's a jolly fellow whose last name is Claus, and whose parents christened him Santa.



Mary Christmas

Evansville's Mary Christmas comes from an old family which has had a Mary in each generation. Racine's Mary Christmas got that way by marrying a fellow named Samuel Christmas, and she's now a telephone operator.

Racine's Mary Christmas, who is short, chubby and looks just like the artist's conception of Mrs. Santa Claus, gets hundreds of fan mail letters every year. Three years ago she appeared on a Yuletide radio program and has been so deluged with fan mail ever since that she's founded a "shut-in" club which has members in 40 states, Canada, Hawaii, India, China and New Zealand.

Mary Christmas

Marshall's Santa Claus is similarly Christmas-minded. Each Yuletide he tries to answer the fan letters which come from all corners of the globe, many in such strange foreign languages that he can't reply. He's much in demand for church parties and other Christmas affairs. Santa is a plumber on weekdays, a vegetable gardener on the side and a preacher in the Church of God at Blue Lick, Mo., every Sunday.

DON'TS

Safety Is Watchword For a Merry Christmas

Here are a few "don'ts" for Christmas, recommended by safety authorities:

- 1. Don't give small children toys involving alcohol, kerosene or gasoline engines. They may tip over and set the house on fire.
2. Don't permit small children to run electrical toys without the supervision of an adult.
3. Don't permit small children to use toy movie projectors without using safety film which burns slowly. Ordinary film burns explosively and gives off smoke and fumes which may cause death if inhaled.
4. Don't use candles or light extra fires without being extremely careful, especially in regard to candles on trees.
5. Don't wear inflammable costumes, especially Santa Claus beards, without fireproofing them.
6. Don't use inflammable ornaments and evergreen decorations.

Superstitious Villagers Fear Year of Bad Luck If Candles Die on Tree

LONDON.—Early Christmas traditions still endure among English Yule celebrants.

No Christmas tree is considered complete in rural areas unless it is bedecked with little candles of different colors. Many people count it an ill sign if once lit the candles go out or are snuffed out before they have burned to their ends.

The Yule log, which many hold should be lit by a brandy preserved from the previous year's stock, should be blown into a blaze by the maids, but these must have clean faces and hands or the log will not light easily.

Jap Villagers Kneel at Mound They Call Christ's Burial Place

TOKYO.—Peasants in a remote northern Japanese village do not celebrate Christmas but they believe Jesus Christ died in Japan.

Nor are they Christians, but each year they kneel before a strange mound which they believe is Christ's burial place.

This takes place at the village of Herai where Buddhists or Shintoists gather each year around a mound surmounted by a pillar on which are three Japanese characters and a six-pointed star composed of interlocking triangles, like the Hebrew emblem.

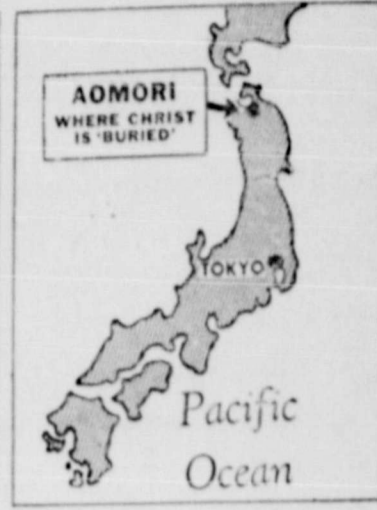
How this strange tradition arrived in Japan is not known, but visitors notice that the village, which is located in Aomori, near the extreme tip of Honshu island, is no great distance south of Mount Yadaijin, which is pronounced almost like the modern Japanese word for "Jew."

The six-pointed star is completely foreign to the people, yet some peasants are familiar with the Biblical version of Christ's death. The Aomorian story, which they have believed for 20 centuries, is this:

During the reign of the Emperor Sunin, the eleventh emperor, a young white man came to live in the district. Twelve years later, at the age of 34, he disappeared. His name: Soraitaro.

Fifteen years later he returned and told the people he had been in the land of his birth teaching religion and that, because of his beliefs, had been sentenced to death by crucifixion.

Soraitaro is then said to have told



the natives that his younger brother, Iskiri, sacrificed his own life on the cross. Then he traveled for four years, across Europe and through Siberia. Finally reaching Aomori again, he died at the age of 105 in the eleventh year of Keiko Tenno's reign.

Near the alleged burial mound is the ruin of a stone building which villagers call "Tsukino-Tatte," the House of the Moon. Many foreign articles are reported to have been unearthed from this place. People say it is the place where Jesus worshipped.

They do not worship His memory in a religious way, nor is the mound especially sacred. They describe Jesus as a "Sei-jin," a saint or wise man.

Christmas Comes But Once a Year—Almost Any Time!

Merry Christmas is whatever you make it, whenever you make it. From December 5, when Saint Nicholas arrives for Dutch children, to the Aleutian islanders' Christmas on January 7, someone is celebrating this festive day most of the time.

Holland chooses December 5 as the eve of the festival day which the church has set aside in Saint Nicholas' honor. In Hungary Santa Claus pays his first visit several weeks ahead of the Yuletide, leaving boxes of candy in preparation for his second visit.

Most of the unusual celebrations, however, come after December 25—indeed, fall after New Year's day. Remote Shetland islanders north of Scotland celebrate January 5, still clinging to the old Julian calendar and refusing to accept that of Pope Gregory which most of the world has used for two centuries.

January 5 is also Christmas day in at least one part of the United States proper, isolated and windswept Rodanthe island off North Carolina. The custom, apparently a holdover from "old Christmas"—the Twelfth night, or Epiphany—the occasion finds all 300 residents hanging their stockings and awaiting Santa Claus.

In Alaska, where mid-summer delivery of Christmas presents makes them suitable either for last Christmas or the coming one, part of the residents celebrate on December 25 and the rest, January 7. The latter date is observed chiefly by Aleutian islanders, which is populated by natives who were interbred with Russians hundreds of years ago. They use the Russian calendar, which has not been changed to conform with that used by the rest of the world. By this calendar, New Year's is celebrated January 14.

Men of Christmas

Postmaster General James A. Farley receives Christmas cards at the rate of 1,090 a day during the Yule season.

Vasco Da Gama, the great Portuguese navigator, was born on Christmas day in 1469, discovered Natal, Africa, on Christmas day, 1487, and died on Christmas eve, 1524.

Oscar Phillips, postmaster at Santa Claus, Ind., cancels a half-million pieces of mail each Christmas season.

President Roosevelt gets a toothbrush and cake of soap in his stocking each Christmas—an old family custom.

Edward Keenan, who has enacted the role of Santa Claus in Milwaukee since 1927, keeps a small herd of reindeer all year round for this purpose.

No, This Isn't Santa, Kiddies



Just a few of the boys entering into the festive spirit. Top to bottom: Eddie Cantor (couldn't you recognize those eyes?); Jimmy Durante (you couldn't miss that beak), and Boris Karloff, shudder merchant of the films.

Next Year's Yule Cards Already Being Designed

Workers on Christmas cards carry on steadily all through the year. The artists who draw them have already produced their designs for the 1940-41 season, and as soon as the holidays are over the printer will begin work on those cards. One big firm in England has 500 men and women employed in the production of these cards, sometimes with calendars added.

Just Commenting: A lecturer said that Roman soldiers sometimes received property as the reward of bravery. Presumably that is why Horatius kept the bridge. Mr. Ford is quoted as saying that a million dollars are no more to him than an old belt. Well, both are nice to have around. They say it's bad manners to scold your wife in front of company. But it isn't safe to do it after they've gone. When a novice plays the stock market, it's the other people who get all the fun. It's an easy matter for a young man to support a wife if she doesn't object to changing from one knee to the other occasionally.

Quickly Made Dolls For Late Gift Choice

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS: HERE is a boy and a girl doll that you can make quickly. The body is two tubes of material made of fabric stitched together to simulate socks and shoes and then stitched, turned and stuffed as indicated at the left of this sketch. The head is a two-inch ball of cloth covered first with cotton and then with tightly



stretched cloth sewed in the back as in steps 1 and 2. The wig is made as in step 3.

Sew across the top of the legs to make the doll jointed. Sew the arms down and the tips of the feet up as indicated. Sew clear through the head when adding the bead eyes about half way between the top and bottom. This shapes the cheeks. A few stitches in red make the mouth. The pleated skirt is cut straight. The trousers are slightly shaped in the crotch. The sweaters are made from the tops of children's socks.

NOTE: The 10 cent edition of Sewing Book No. 4 is now ready for mailing, as well as the 10 cent editions of No. 1, 2 and 3. Mrs. Spears has just made quilt block patterns for three designs selected from her favorite Early American quilts. You may have these patterns FREE with your order for four books. Price of books—10 cents each postpaid. Set of three quilt block patterns without books—10 cents. Send orders to Mrs. Spears, Drawer 10, Bedford Hills, New York.

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Housemaid Summed Up Situation in Few Words

One Sunday afternoon the silence was shattered by the sound of an uproar from the kitchen. Voices were raised in indignation; there were loud and violent arguments and much bumping and banging about. The mistress of the house hurried down to investigate and reached the kitchen just as the angry voices reached a deafening crescendo of sound. "What on earth is all this shouting about?" she demanded. "Tell me, what does all this noise mean?" "If you please, mum," replied the hot-eyed and panting maid, "the cook's not speakin'."

HE KNEW HER WELL ENOUGH TO TELL HER

NOT FEELING WELL, JANE? ADD INDIGESTION?
YES, GUESS I'M DONE FOR THIS EVENING

LISTEN, I HAVE SOME PHILLIPS' MILK OF MAGNESIA TABLETS IN MY POCKET. TAKE A COUPLE. YOU'LL FEEL OK FAST.
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But tyrants have any business to be afraid.—Hardouin de Breze.

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66 TABLETS NOSE DROPS

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D., Dean of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Lesson for December 17

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PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 13:3-8, 31-33, 44-46.
GOLDEN TEXT—Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live.—Isaiah 55:3.

The interpretation of the parables of Jesus has brought forth much difference of opinion. The important point to bear in mind is that the interpretation must be one consistent with other scripture, as well as with our Lord's own revelation of its meaning when given. We have His own interpretation of the parable of the Sower (Matt. 13:18-23), but He did not interpret the other parables of our lesson, leaving it for us to carefully seek their meaning and gladly receive their instruction.

I. Take Heed How You Hear (vv. 3-8).

This parable is rightly called the parable of the Sower for our Lord so named it (v. 18), but as we read it we see that the lesson it teaches relates primarily to the four kinds of hearers of the Word of God.

There are some who hear and their hearts and minds have so long been the common road over which every worldly influence has passed, that it has become so hard the Word of God finds no lodgment, but is quickly carried away by the birds, which are the "vultures of worldliness" and wickedness (see v. 19). Reader, if your heart is like that, ask God to break it up. Let us all shun those hardening influences which destroy our susceptibility to God's Word.

Others there are who hear and the seed takes root, but the soil is so shallow that it has only a quick growth which soon withers. These are those whose life is largely emotional, thrilling to a new experience, but not ready to face trials and the responsibilities of life (v. 21). As long as the Christian life looks attractive such shallow folk want to be counted in, but when they learn that it involves sacrifice, they are gone. Shallow souls, pray God to give your life depth and real meaning and worth.

Others hear and receive the truth, but soon permit the cares of life to choke and destroy it (see v. 22). This so aptly pictures modern life.

Thank God, some of the seed brings forth a rich harvest! There is encouragement for every teacher and preacher of the Word of God. Notice (vv. 8, 23) that if we should bring forth a hundred-fold it would be tragic to bear only thirty or sixty.

II. Beware of the Power of Evil (vv. 31-33).

Just as the mustard plant was never intended to grow into a tree in which the birds would dwell, so Christianity was never intended to be a nominally Christianized world empire in which ungodly men, the dark birds of the evil one (v. 19), should find comfortable lodgment. Unfortunately, that is what much of professing Christianity has become. Let those of us who love the Lord beware that we are not misled by it.

The parable of the leaven teaches the same lesson. Always in the New Testament leaven stands for evil (see such passages as Matt. 22:16-21, 23, 29; 23:14, 16; 1 Cor. 5:6-8; Gal. 5:9). It is any influence that weakens testimony, encourages hypocrisy, formalism or worldliness. Who can deny that this leaven has spread throughout the Church? The Evil One is powerful. Let us beware of his power and of his leaven.

III. Value Redemption Aright (vv. 44-46).

In interpreting this parable we observe that obviously the sinner had nothing to sell with which to buy salvation, even if it were to be bought, which we know it is not (Eph. 2:8). We do give up some things to follow Christ, but are they not the worthless and degrading things? On the other hand, He gave us His all, even to the shameful death of the cross. This He did for His own people, Israel, and what we are even more interested in, for the Church.

Let us value our redemption highly. We have been purchased with the unspeakable price, the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us then heed the admonition of the apostle Paul, "Ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:20).



FOR THE NEW YEAR'S PARTY
(See Recipes Below)

Household News
By Eleanor Howe

Foreign Parties Are Fun

For your New Year's eve party, why not plan one that is foreign in flavor? Whether you like to sway to the rhythm of the rumba, or prefer swing, you'll find a rumba party with a menu of Cuban delicacies, full of charm for your guests.



There are all sorts of amusing, inexpensive favors to give an authentic note to your rumba party decorations—little pottery figures and tiny dolls dressed in Cuban costumes; and for noisemakers, a pair of maracas, those gourd-like rattles filled with seeds that rumba orchestras shake to emphasize the beat of the music, and tiny wooden castanets that the dancers manipulate with their hands as an accompaniment to their steps.

Refreshments, too, can be distinctly Cuban. A dish that has gained fame among visitors to Cuba is rice with chicken—"Arroz con pollo." With rolled sandwiches and plenty of coffee, you have a delicious, satisfying supper.

The Cuban idea of coffee is small cups and plenty of them, filled with strong, black coffee. If you like, use decaffeinated coffee, so that your guests can drink many cups in the Cuban manner, without fear of sleepless hours later. Remember that decaffeinated coffee needs a little extra brewing to bring out the rich flavor.

After-Dinner Coffee or Demi-Tasse.
(Extra Strength)

Use 1½ heaping tablespoons coffee, regular grind, for each cup (½ pint) of water. Make by any method desired. If using decaffeinated coffee, drip grind, measure well-rounded tablespoon instead of heaping tablespoon.

Arroz Con Pollo.
(Chicken with rice)

Cut a chicken into small pieces and wipe dry. Melt ½ cup butter or other fat in a saucepan and fry the chicken and a cup of diced sliced ham, uncooked, until golden brown. Add a cup of canned tomatoes or tomato paste, half a dozen small olives, a teaspoon of chopped parsley and salt to taste. Then add ½ cup of rice. Brown the rice lightly, stirring constantly. Then add 1 cup of boiling water and cook slowly, in a casserole in the oven, keeping tightly covered, until chicken is tender and rice is done.

Vegetable Salad Bowl.

1 head lettuce (cut in wedges)
Raw spinach leaves (coarsely chopped)
1 cucumber (peeled and sliced)
1 green pepper (cut in rings)
1 bunch radishes (sliced)
Onion (cut in very thin slices)
Prepare vegetables and dry thoroughly in clean towel. Chill. Place all the vegetables in a salad bowl and toss together with well-seasoned french dressing. Serve at once.

Garlic Bread.

Slice French, Italian, or white bread in thick slices to, but not through, the bottom crust. Crush one clove of garlic. Add to ½ cup of butter and heat over a low flame for about 5 minutes. Strain out the garlic. Brush slices and top of the bread with the garlic butter. Heat

in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees) for about 15 minutes. Serve at once.

Rolled Sandwiches.

Cut fresh bread in thin, even slices. Trim off crusts. Spread with soft butter or with any desired filling. Roll and fasten with toothpicks. Place sandwiches in a deep pan, and cover with a cloth wrung out of hot water (this must not touch the sandwiches). Let stand for 15 minutes. Just before serving, tuck a sprig of watercress into one end of each sandwich, for garnish, and remove the toothpicks.

An Italian "Help-Yourself" party is a grand idea for informal entertaining—especially when you plan to have a crowd. Cover tables with brown wrapping paper in place of linen, or use coarse cotton tablecloths in red and white checks.

In the center of each table place a basket or a wooden bowl of fruit, to be served, later, as dessert.

Menu
Italian Spaghetti
Vegetable Salad Bowl
Garlic Bread
Fresh Fruit
Coffee

Italian Spaghetti.
(Serves 8)

- 1 can imported Italian tomatoes (large)
- 1 can tomato paste
- ½ cup water
- ¼ teaspoon soda
- Salt and cayenne pepper to taste
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 clove garlic (grated)
- 1½ large onions (sliced)
- ½ cup parsley (chopped)
- 1½ pounds ground meat (beef, pork and veal)
- 1 package spaghetti (approximately 8 ounces.)
- 1 cup grated Italian cheese (bulk preferable)

Strain tomatoes, add tomato paste, water, soda, salt and pepper. Place olive oil in

frying pan and add garlic, onions and parsley. Fry in the oil until lightly brown. Add meat and continue to fry until it is cooked through. Combine the above two mixtures and simmer about two hours. Stir frequently.

Meanwhile, cook spaghetti until tender in large quantity boiling water (salted). Serve tomato sauce over spaghetti and top with grated cheese. Serve very hot.



Coming, Next Week!

All this talk about entertaining this way and that, and not a word so far about planning parties for the younger members of the family! Something must be done about that right away—and next week Eleanor Howe will do it—with an entire column devoted to young people's parties.

You'll find lots of recipes for holiday entertaining in the specially prepared leaflet "Holiday Recipes," by Eleanor Howe. You'll find old favorites, and brand new recipes, too, for Christmas cakes and cookies, plum puddings, and confections. To receive your copy of this leaflet, send 10 cents in coin to "Holiday Recipes," care of Eleanor Howe, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
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Cheerful Nursery

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"THE only real index to recovery is jobs."—United States Representative Joseph W. Martin Jr.

Our Greed

The great error of our nature is, not to know where to stop, not to be satisfied with any reasonable acquirement; not to compound with our condition; but to lose all we have gained by an insatiable pursuit after more.—Burke.

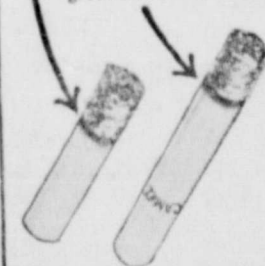


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