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Tojo Due To Take Stand At Trial

Well...
I Dunno,
But...

Called to our attention today was the fact that tomorrow is the 20th anniversary of the famous Santa Claus bank robbery in Cisco. That became one of the most famous robberies in the country. One of the bandits masqueraded as Santa Claus and entered the bank with eager children following him while three other bandits walked in with him and ordered hands up. It was December 23, 1927, that Marshall Ratliff, Henry Helms, and a man named Davis, entered the bank and had their plans frustrated by a cool headed woman, and then shot their way out of the city leaving a trail of blood behind them. Davis was killed. (Ratliff while in the county jail killed jailer Tom Jones and was later hanged near the jail by a group of citizens); Helms was executed at Huntsville, and Robert Hill was given a life term in the penitentiary. C. E. (Bit) Bedford and George Carmichael were the Cisco policemen who died of wounds received in the shooting fray.

True to promise, the carillon bells rang out in Ranger before Christmas with the first program on Saturday night. Besides the ringing of the bells, Coy Sims and Ledia Ussery sang carols which were broadcast over the tower. Betty Reauer was the one that played the bells. We really something nice for our town and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McLaughlin who have heard the bells of a number of churches, including the famous ones at Valley Forge, say that they are as clear and musical as any they've ever heard.

We're indebted to Mrs. R. P. Avery for a beautiful silver Christmas arrangement of leaves and pine cones. It's all done up with blue cellophane ribbon and is an added touch of Christmas cheer at our house.

And thanks to everybody for the lovely Christmas cards. Like we've said before we love getting Christmas cards and knowing that people have thought of us.

Such gorgeous weather! If memory serves us right last Christmas saw just about the same kind of weather and quick after Christmas came that record breaking blizzard.

Not that we'd predict anything of the kind this year but it could be, Texas weather acting like it does.

Sure! enough we're in the last minute before Christmas dinner that we always get into. Some day we're gonna fool even ourself and be ready when the day arrives.

One of the most beautiful programs ever heard in Ranger was given Sunday night at the First Methodist Church when Charles Kiker of Breckenridge presented three Breckenridge choirs in Christmas music.

The Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah which climaxed the program was one of the most excellently executed presentations the audience had ever heard.

Following the program members of the choir of the church honored members of the choir at a reception in the lower auditorium of the church. Arranging the reception were Mrs. J. E. Matthews, Mrs. Stanley McAnelly, Mrs. B. A. Tunnell, Mrs. H. C. Henderson, Mrs. A. W. Brazda, and Mrs. A. J. Ratliff.

It was announced today that a record was made of the cantata given at the First Baptist church Sunday night and the record will be broadcast tonight at 7 o'clock. It was stated that the music was not broadcast last night in order not to interfere with the services of other churches and that is why the record was made.

For Goodness Sake!
DECATUR, Ind., (UP)—An increasing number of male Jean Harlowes are walking around the Decatur high school campus. The newest fad among the high school males is peroxided locks.

No 'Holy War' Here



Jews and Arabs may be shedding each other's blood in Palestine, but not here. Edmond Catton, right, an Arab from Palestine now studying at Boston College, was given a home by Jews in their Back Bay fraternity house. Catton is pictured with his roommate, Milt Gans of Brookline, Mass., Jewish student at the college.

PRIEST DRAWS GRIM PICTURE OF U. S. UNDER RED RULE

ST. PAUL (UP)—The United States, on the brink of famine, is seized by Moscow-directed Communists who first stir up riots, strikes and religious prejudice on a nation-wide scale. The downfall of democracy is swift, complete—and simple. That is the picture shown in "Is This Tomorrow" a comic book type of publication—one edition only—released by a St. Paul Catholic priest as part of his continuing campaign against Communism.

The Rev. Louis A. Gales draws a grim picture in his 48-page booklet, the way of warning young Americans that they would favor under a Communist dictatorship. The booklet ends on a depressing note with no solution offered, but even no editorial succor is on the way in a sequel, "This Is The Answer," currently on Father Gales' planning desk.

Since before the war, the priest has engaged in a fight against Communism and all other forms of totalitarianism. He does it from his office in the Catechetical Guild Education Society, publishing house of Catholic teaching aids.

Father Gales' field has been the fertile minds of young people, where he feels the seeds of democracy must be planted firmly to prevent the spread of authoritarian principles.

During the war, the Guild suspended its anti-Communist publications "because of the complicated international set-up."

"But in the light of today's

New Violence Flares At Jaffa

JERUSALEM—At least three Arabs were killed during a clash with Jews outside Jaffa today in a renewal of violence which left 17 dead over the week-end.

The battle flared outside the Arab village of Yagour, where two Jews were stabbed to death and their truck burned yesterday. Jews retaliated by firing into Yagour, killing one Arab and wounding two others.

Arab snipers returned to the attack this morning.

SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



Lucky Christmas Belle can play 'Mid happy Yuletide banter. 'Twas better to see and shop today. 'Twas days left, then Santa!

NOMINATIONS FOR ODDEST CRIMES MADE

HARTFORD, Conn. — If the underworld awarded "Oscars" for the best performance of 1947, the man who stole a 20 ton bridge at Gooding, Ia., probably would win it.

He just pulled the bridge one night, and that was the end of it. Runnerup would be the thief who stole a brick wall from in front of a Del Mar, Calif., residence, while honorable mention undoubtedly would go to a less ambitious operator who was satisfied with hauling away a telephone pole at Palm City, Calif.

These were among the many odd crimes which called for a payoff by the Travelers Insurance Companies during the past 12 months.

Other nominations of the year Opportunist—the thief who snatched a \$3,000 diamond ring from the finger of a Los Angeles woman driver as she put out her hand to indicate a left turn.

Most patient—the guy who tunneled under the fence of an Atlantic City coal yard and removed 10 tons—lump by lump.

Most considerate—the man who walked into a Chicago cafe and handed the cashier a note which read—"Madam, this is a holdup. On you rests responsibility for the aversion of a tragedy."

Most professional—An Oakland, Calif., man fell asleep in a movie. When he awoke \$45 was missing from one of his shoes. "Never even felt it," he admitted, "and I am ticklish, too."

Most persistent—Chased out of an Ionia, Mich., garage, the robber returned two hours later with a revolver, relieved the owner of \$200 and admonished him—"This will teach you to treat people better."

Most surprised—the Stan Gabriel, Calif., sneak-thief who took a box from a parked car and discovered it contained rattlesnakes.

Students Plan To Aid European Aid Program

CLINTON, N. Y. (UP)—Hamilton College students have started what they hope will grow into a nation-wide collegiate program for student aid to starving Europeans.

The Hamilton plan, begun as Congress debated the foreign aid program, will be carried on by three upper class honorary societies on the campus and by European representatives who are Hamilton alumni now studying in Switzerland.

The students hope colleges and universities throughout the country will take up the idea, working through their own campus organizations and the hundreds of American college students and alumni now in Europe.

At Hamilton, the students plan to collect food and supplies from every dormitory room married veteran's apartment, every fraternity house and faculty home.

Details of European distribution will be worked out by the three alumni now studying in Switzerland. They are Lee H. Bristol, Jr., of Westfield, N. J.; William Sherman, of Oneonta, N. Y., and George W. Thompson, of Galesburg, Ill.

Elton L. Francis, Utica, N. Y., army veteran and senior honor society member at Hamilton, said the program would show Europeans that "younger Americans—a great percentage of whom fought for the liberation of Europe—are also their friends in peace."

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Enrollment of students at North Carolina State College's School of Textiles, the largest textile school in the world, is more than double what it was in any pre-war year.

NEW SPRAY MAY REVOLUTIONIZE FARM METHODS

WASHINGTON—Hundreds of farmers who couldn't get into their flooded fields with a cultivator weeded their corn with a chemical spray this year.

The chemical, 2, 4-D, killed the weeds and left the corn untagged.

Even the agriculture department scientists were amazed. They had reason to believe it wouldn't work.

An agriculture department scientist who told the story today said the farmers may have been officiating at the "birthday of a revolution in farming methods."

"The results almost knocked us off our feet," said Dr. L. W. Kephart. "If adopted on a wide scale, it will mean a revolution in farming techniques."

He said many farmers in the years to come might be able to throw away their cultivators and plant their rows of corn closer together. That would mean higher yields. The rows now are 36 to 40 inches apart to leave room for weeding by cultivators.

Special Church Service Held For Odessa People

A special service was held at the First Baptist Church at 12:30 o'clock Sunday for people from Odessa who were enroute home from the Highland Park-Odessa game in Dallas Saturday.

The services were arranged after officials of the school at Odessa requested it of Rev. D. C. Ham. With only a few minutes notice the service was arranged and the regular order of service followed.

Patricia Schmidt Gets 15 Years

HAVANA — Patricia Schmidt today was sentenced to 15 years in prison and ordered to pay a \$5,000 indemnity for killing John Lester Mee of Chicago.

Miss Schmidt also was ordered to pay all court costs. She was convicted of homicide in the slaying which occurred last April aboard the yacht Saturna which Mee had named for her. The sentencing was announced today after the court had deliberated for 72 hours.

Aluminum was considered a precious metal during the Civil War.

Reluctant Guests of the Police



Police Sgt. Herbert Litz offers 23-month-old Donald Blythe, right, a cup of milk as his brother, William, Jr., 5, looks on. But little Donald appears to want no part of the milk or the sergeant. The two are currently "guests" at a Chicago police station, where their father, William, 38, is being held on an open charge while police search for the mother. Blythe told police he has been evicted and didn't know the whereabouts of his wife.

EXPECTED TO ACCEPT FULL BLAME FOR PEARL HARBOR

TOKYO — Former Premier Hideko Tojo, Japanese warlord who pulled the trigger on the Pearl Harbor attack, will take the stand before the Far East International Military Tribunal today or tomorrow to testify in his own defense against war crimes charges.

Tojo is expected to accept full responsibility for Pearl Harbor and the war that flamed across the Pacific. From statements made since war's end, it is believed he also will try to shield Emperor Hirohito.

Testimony of Tojo, top man of the lagging Tokyo trial into high gear and toward a conclusion expected next summer.

The stage was set for Tojo's appearance when Shigenori Togo, foreign minister at the time of Pearl Harbor, was called to the stand at the morning session.

Togo testified that he and Tojo drafted Emperor Hirohito's reply to President Roosevelt's 11th-hour message on Dec. 7, and obtained Hirohito's consent to send it without consulting the Emperor's adviser Marquis Kido.

Kido, lord keeper of the privy seal, is also a defendant. Togo admitted that Kido's "most important function" was to "advise the throne on political matters."

Tojo was premier on Dec. 7, 1941, when Japanese warplanes struck without warning at Pearl Harbor and in previous statements he has admitted full responsibility for leading Japan into war but has declared himself innocent of war crimes.

Food Workers In Italy End Strike

ROME—A nationwide strike of 300,000 food workers ended today and the biggest of scattered general strikes was settled in Sicily, where 15 persons were wounded in a gun battle last night.

Industrialists and union leaders reached a temporary agreement on the food strike issues—dismissal pay and seniority—just before midnight. The union ordered work resumed today, lifting the threat of a hungry Christmas for many Italians. Both sides agreed to resume negotiations Jan. 9.

Commodity Traders List Is Released

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Agriculture Clinton B. Anderson today released a list of 229 large-scale commodity traders who were in the market on Oct. 31, 1946, and Oct. 31, 1947.

It showed that Edwin W. Pauley, now special assistant to Secretary of Army Kenneth C. Royall, held 300,000 bushels of oats futures on Oct. 31 this year and 300,000 pounds of cotton seed oil futures on that same date.

Pauley also held 240,000 bushels of oats on Oct. 31, 1946.

It Took Four Years
SNYDER, Okla., (UP)—Local football fans hoped a jinx had been broken when Snyder High School beat Grandfield 21-12. It was the first victory for Snyder in four years.

The Weather

Fair. No important change in temperature.

Temperature at 1:30 p.m. today
Maximum 58
Minimum 39
100's Reading 53
Temperature for the last 24 hours ending at 8:00 a. m. today
Maximum 62
Minimum 54

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—The National Association of Real Estate Boards has decided to disown its two-year-old baby, the National Home and Property Owners' Foundation. The result is to split the housing lobby wide open on the eve of the congressional battle to extend rent controls beyond next Feb. 29, as requested in President Truman's anti-inflation program. Whether or not the Foundation can survive at all without NAREB support is now an open question.

The bust-up is interesting, because it reveals how these lobbying "front organizations" get founded, who puts up the money and what for. In July 1945, Herbert U. Nelson, executive vice president and chief Washington spokesman for the realtors, had the bright idea of trying to organize a home owners' protective association. Nobody had ever done it successfully before, even on a state or local city scale.

They started a house organ, "The Property Owner," and they put out a dope sheet, "Washington News Letter," to give their members the real inside of what was going on. Binnis tried to stir up the real estate boards against the specter of government housing. Local real estate boards were urged to form chapters of the Home and Property Owners' Foundation. Dues were put at \$2 a year per home owner, with maintaining memberships from realtors at \$50 and \$100. Field secretaries were sent out to recruit members at so much a head. This year the Foundation claims 162 chapters and 62,000 members.

To make the thing look independent and prosperous, headquarters were moved out of the NAREB offices. At one time there were about 40 people employed. Dr. Joseph W. Seay, an ex-college president, became director last February at a salary reported to be \$12,000 a year. J. E. Mack, the legislative representative and the only registered lobbyist, reported a \$5,000 a year salary. Binnis, Nelson and others worked for free, plus expenses. During the first nine months of 1947, the Foundation reported to Congress it spent \$106,000.

The Realtors' Washington Committee, NAREB spent an additional \$64,000. Both fought against the Taft-Wagner-Elender housing bill, public housing and rent control.

In August, a federal grand jury charged the Realtors' Washington Committee with conspiring to fix real estate commissions in the District of Columbia. The Department of Justice slapped an anti-trust suit against them.

ALL this hullabaloo was in the background when the National Association of Real Estate Boards met mid-November at San Francisco. Binnis made an impassioned speech for more support to the Home and Property Owners' Foundation, and got a lot of applause from the several thousand delegates on the floor. But when the directors of NAREB met in executive session next day, they decided they had had enough.

Herb Nelson kept pushing for affiliation of the Foundation with the parent association, to give the infant organization fuller financial support. Nelson even offered to work for a dollar a year.

At the present time there are only seven people in the Foundation headquarters. A California field secretary is suing for unpaid expenses and commissions he claims due him.

Dr. Seay denies that the organization is broke or is going to fold. Dues are being raised to \$5 a year, but the outfit won't know for another month how many members it will have next year or how much money it will have to fight rent controls.

SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—(NEA)—Old Tom Smith is back at Santa Anita, the scene of his greatest triumphs, happy to be with a new string of horses.

During the summer Silent Tom quietly severed relations with Mrs. Elizabeth N. Graham and the Maine Chance Farm he made fabulous. The story is that he was no longer given a free hand.

Tactless Tom had 22 head, including eight yearlings that cost Mrs. Ada L. Rice of Chicago \$124,500. All Mrs. Rice has to do to take her place among the big money-winners of the turf is let the graying, bespectacled Smith, now in his early 70s, tutor and spot them. Any racing man will tell her there never was an able man with a horse.

In the past decade, Smith has conditioned two of the nation's most successful stallions—those of Charles S. Howe and Mrs. Graham. During that stretch the wonder man from Georgia developed such noted runners as Seabiscuit, Kayak II, Sorcerer, Miodland, Porter's Cap, Chiquita Mia, Knockdown, Lord Boswell, Star Pilot, Bengory, War Dale and many others.

Maine Chance Farm topped every stable in the country in 1945, when Smith's steeds popped down in front like trained pigs.

Finally the stewards dragged the old man up for blowing out the lights of a hide named Magnificent Deal with ephedrine in a cheap race at Jamaica, Nov. 1.

Smith got back in time to culminate three years with Maine Chance by preparing Jet Pilot for an upset victory in the Kentucky

Derby.

Tom Smith is as much a part of the Santa Anita scenery as the lofty Sierra Madres track has for a backdrop.

court attaches said it was at least 20 years since he had been previously.

REBORN (UP)—Justice Felix Frankfurter of the United States Supreme Court, a 70-year-old man when he sat down here as member of the Circuit Court of appeals.

It formerly was the custom for justices of the Supreme Court to sit on at least one case in their home districts each year, but

This Is Happy

By PEGGY DERN

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GEORGE, his face white with anger, watched them for a moment before he said thickly, "It wasn't very sporting of you to gang up on me the moment my back was turned."

Madeline drew a long, jagged breath, but her voice was steady as she said, "So you know."

"I know," said George grimly. "By now you should know, Madeline, that it isn't easy for even you, my own mother, to put anything over on me. Though it seems a bit odd to me that you should want to."

Madeline was white and tense, her eyes frightened. Not for herself, Happy knew instinctively, but for Joyce.

"I suppose you are going to try to stop them?" Madeline brought her fear out into the open.

George's mouth curled. "And create even more of a scandal? You should know me better than that, Madeline. No, from this moment on, Joyce shall do as she likes and face the consequences. I've tried to keep her from making a mess of things, and you see what has happened. From now on, she is no longer a Harrell—so I have no further interest in her."

He looked at Happy, and said sternly, "Happy, I admit I'm a little surprised at your participation in this scheming and planning behind my back."

"Happy had nothing to do with it," Madeline said instantly. "She didn't even know about it until just before the wedding."

George looked slightly relieved. "I'm glad to know that," he said, and managed a thin smile. "Run along then, Happy—I'll see you at dinner."

Happy, knowing that the inevitable scene that would follow would be easier for Madeline alone, turned and went up the stairs to her own room.

She began swiftly to pack. For a moment they were both

silent. And then he said harshly, "Is it Steve Landers?"

"I'm afraid it is." He looked at her sharply, frowning a little.

"Afraid?" he repeated. "Because he doesn't love me, you see. He—wanted me to marry you."

"Oh, he did, did he?"

"Well, you see, he's not in love with me, but he likes me, and he thinks Sundown is such a glorious place, and he thought that if you wanted me to, it would be a fine thing for me," she blurted out miserably.

"But you don't think so, eh? The—er—material advantages don't appeal to you?"

"They wouldn't be advantages unless I loved you," she pointed out quietly. "And if I loved you, they wouldn't be important."

"I can see that we're wasting time, Happy," George said, and his voice was still harsh. "I'm sorry. I think we could have had something—retty fine, but of course, no man wants an unwilling wife. So we'll drop it, shall we?"

"I think that would be wise," she agreed. "And now I'd better say good night and finish my packing."

"Oh, you're leaving?"

"Of course—in the morning." He was silent for a moment and then he nodded.

"Perhaps that would be best. I understand Madeline is going out West for a visit with some of her relatives," he said carelessly. "I'd better say goodby now. I shall probably be gone when you wake up in the morning; a place like this drives a fellow pretty hard. It's been swell having you down here. Happy, I'll give you a ring next time I'm in New York and we might go places."

"Yes, do, and thanks for letting me visit Sundown and for all the things you've done."

"It's been a pleasure, Happy." Before she was halfway up the stairs, she heard him at the telephone. And before she reached her door, she heard him saying, "Hello, Drusilla? I'm at a loose end tonight. What shall we do about it? Good—I'll pick you up."

(To Be Continued)

Condition Serious



Herschel V. Johnson, American UN delegate, is in serious condition in New York's Lenox Hill Hospital. He was stricken by a second severe heart attack.

for an anti-administration candidate for governor.

His candidate, Feliciano Leviste, won the governorship of Batangas province with that undisguised support.

Behind Manila's political scenes the wise boys are saying that already two dangerous opposition candidates have appeared as possible challengers of President Manuel A. Roxas in the next presidential election. One is Laurel; the other is Camilo Osias, former Philippine resident commissioner in Washington, against whom

trouble charges still are pending.

The November elections this year confirmed what most observers already had said—that the brand of "collaborator" no longer carries a political curse here.

In this first national election since the islands became independent in 1946, the charge of collaboration turned out to be an ineffective weapon.

Osias, education minister under Laurel and leader of the alleged collaborationist Kallitani party at that time, ran sixth among eight candidates elected to the Senate. All senators were elected on a country-at-large basis, so his popularity was not confined to one district.

His victory was the more remarkable because he was the only Nacionalista party candidate elected to the Senate. The others were Liberals the administration party.

Observers doubt that both Laurel and Osias will be presidential candidates. They are not sure yet which will run.

Laurel's trial, although being conducted by an able, sincere prosecutor, Solicitor General Manuel Lim, is dragging and it is becoming a better bet each day that Laurel will not be convicted.

If the administration did not win this year by an overwhelming majority, it at least got a conclusive victory. With seven Liberals elected to the Senate, Roxas is assured of a working majority in the upper house. The new senate lineup is 17 Liberals out of 24 seats.

In the provinces, the Liberals elected 37 out of 45 governors. The new Senate will have its first woman senator—Mrs. Geron-

ima T. Pecson—who worked for Laurel during the Japanese occupation and who later became social secretary to Roxas. She managed to keep her skirts clean on the collaboration issue and even was credited with assisting the guerrillas under the noses of Laurel and the Japanese.

Wife of a provincial judge, Mrs. Pecson is outspoken in her bitter dislike for Osias. She insists he was in reality propaganda minister and responsible for undermining Filipino faith in the return of American forces to the Philip-

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But his neighbors didn't think so. They wanted Findley's farm machinery repair establishment in their community and they began work to rebuild it.

More than 500 persons donated labor, money or materials to help Findley see the brighter side again.

Laurel May Run For Presidency In Philippines

By Ralph Teatorth
United Press Staff Correspondent
MANILA (UP)—Dr. Jose P. Laurel probably will be an important factor in the 1949 Philippine presidential election.

To some Filipinos he is an arch-collaborator with the Japanese; to some, a national hero.

Even though the so-called "puppet" president of the Philippine republic under Japanese occupation is now on trial on charges of treason, there is no doubt that he is a powerful figure in national politics. The November elections this year proved that.

Laurel's trial as a collaborator began Oct. 20 but recessed conveniently during the latter part of the campaign. That was to permit him to stump his own province

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Queen of Roses

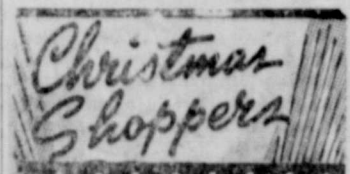


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tic comedy, "Out of the Blue," played by George Brent, Virginia Mayo, Turhan Bey, Ann Dvorak, and Carole Landis, the picture, hailed by the studio as the "best time of your life" comedy, will begin a two day engagement on Wednesday at the Arcadia Theatre.

Based on an original story by Vera Caspary, author of "Laura" and "Bedelia," "Out of the Blue" is set in New York's Greenwich Village and involves a handsome artist with a prize dog; a Philadelphia debutante interested in finding a mate—for her dog; a heckled husband and a domineering wife; and a beautiful artist's model with a penchant for flipping the bottle and complicating men's lives.

George Brent and Carole Landis as the mis-matched couple have the next door terrace apartment to artist Turhan Bey. When the painter's prize dog buries a bone on the Brent terrace, Carole forces her husband to take legal action. Virginia Mayo, lovely enough to be an artist's model, comes calling on Bey with the idea of mating their dogs. Ann Dvorak manages to turn up in the Brent and Bey apartments, under the influence of alcohol—and love, much to the consternation of Carole and Virginia.

But when Ann passes out and neighbors swear to the police that they have seen a body on the terrace, then the trouble and the laughs begin as Ann changes from a corpse to a rather lively lady and back again to a corpse—to everyone's bewilderment, including her own.

The supporting cast is headed by Elizabeth Patterson, Julia Dean and Richard Lane. Leigh Jason, who recently directed the same studio's "Lost Honeymoon," handled the chores on the new comedy-romance. Miss Caspary with Walter Bullock and Edward Elicu wrote the screenplay. "Out of the Blue," a new romantic ballad by Will Jason and Henry Nemo, is introduced in the film by Hadda Brooks, nightclub and recording singer.

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Society-Clubs

Dorothy Ann Imholz Has Role In Play

COLUMBIA, Mo. Dec. 19 — Miss Dorothy Ann Imholz of Ranger, Texas, a junior student at Stephens College here, was a member of the production crew for "Years Ago," Ruth Gordon's autobiographical play which was presented by the Stephens drama department recently.

The play is about a girl in 1912 who decides to go on the stage and causes a crisis in her family circle. Included in the cast are William Craig, former Broadway and radio actor who is now on the Stephens faculty.

Following the opening night performance to persons were received from Fredric March and Florence Eldridge, stars of "Years Ago" on Broadway; authoress Ruth Gordon and her director-husband Garson Kanin; and many others.

Miss Imholz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Imholz, 1400 Tech Street, Ranger, Texas.

P. T. A. Presents Xmas Program At Young School

A Christmas program for students of Young School sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association was held Friday in the school auditorium.

Carols were sung and readings and playlets were presented by the children. Two handpainted plates were presented to Mrs. M. E. Huff as a farewell gift and in appreciation for her services as president of the P.T.A. by that group. Mrs. Johnny King made the presentation.

At the close of the program the children returned to their rooms for the Christmas trees given by the teachers and room mothers.

Miss Kirk Mr. Richardson Married In Ceremony Sunday

In a ceremony performed in the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, December 21, at 2:30 o'clock, Miss Hattie Lucille Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Kirk of Ranger, became the bride of Mr. J. L. Richardson, Jr., son of Mrs. R. A. Smith of Cleburne and J. L. Richardson of Ranger.

The double ring ceremony was read by Rev. David C. Ham before an altar banked with pink gladioluses, fern and silver foliage and wedding bells, and flanked by seven branch candelabra holding tall white tapers. Miss Mary Sue Danley lighted the candles.

Pre-nuptial music was furnished by Miss Betty Reuwer at the organ. Miss Jacqueline Edwards, soloist, sang "Always", accompanied by Miss Reuwer, who also played the traditional wedding march.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, chose for her wedding a grey crepe street length dress fashioned with draped bodice and skirt and long fitted sleeves. Her accessories were grey and pink. She carried a white Bible topped with four vanda orchids.

Miss Lillian Jo Kirk was her sister's maid-of-honor. She wore an aqua crepe dress with black accessories, and a shoulder corsage of pink carnations. Miss Patsy Wheat, bridesmaid, wore a pink crepe dress with black accessories.

Billy Anderson acted as best man. Glen Lyon was groomsman and Leidon Martin and Jim Wallace were ushers.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the basement of the church. The table was covered with a lace cloth and appointed with crystal and silver.

At one end was the three tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom, and at the other end was the crystal punch bowl where Mrs. Clayton Lusby of Abilene, aunt of the bride, presided. Another aunt, Mrs. T. S. Jones of Abilene, served the cake.

When the couple left for a short wedding trip the bride wore an aqua suit with pink and grey accessories and an orchid corsage. Mrs. Richardson is a graduate of Ranger High School where she was a member of the Sub-Deb Club. Mr. Richardson also graduated from Ranger High School and served in the Navy for three years. They will make their home in Ranger.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lusby, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Jones, and Miss Joan Williams, all of Abilene.

A rehearsal dinner was held Saturday night at 7:00 at the home of the bride's parents preceding the wedding rehearsal at the church.

The dinner was served buffet style from a table laid with a white lace cloth over pink and centered with a miniature bride and groom candle surrounded by silver leaves and candles.

Place cards at the small tables were silver wedding bells tied with pink ribbon. Favours were small bride's cakes.

Those attending were members of the wedding party, Rev. and Mrs. Ham and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk.

Methodist Children To Have Xmas Tree

An old fashioned Christmas tree for all of the children of the Methodist church will be staged at the church Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock.

A short program by the Vesper Choir will precede the distribution of sacks filled with candy and nuts.

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Heartsease

by Elsie Glenn

Graciousness
If there is anything in this tired, old world that lends more comfort than graciousness . . . then I do not understand the meaning of the word.

It means:
"Beneficent, benevolent, charming, agreeable, friendly".

It also means:
"Pleasing, acceptable, attractive, full of grace or charm, granting of bestowing grace, merciful, benignant, kindly, courteous, affable".

And it's truest and strongest meaning is:
"Merciful."

For, if we are merciful, all the other meanings fall into line. Think about it. How gracious are you? Think about it.

Which of them means most to you? Why?

It is the person who causes pleasing reactions in you . . . who is kind . . . considerate . . . who means the most to you . . . and to me

A gracious woman is tender, thoughtful, full of charm . . . and her charm is from within. She may be hideously ugly . . . or she may be radiantly beautiful.

Graciousness does not necessarily mean personality. It is the faculty of "bestowing grace" on others that gives such a woman charm . . . it is her desire to make those about her happier . . . less accursed.

A gracious man is a man who is gentle . . . affable . . . courteous . . . sincere.

Fine clothes are not the mark of a lady or a gentleman.

The heart is the only measuring stick to gentility.

State History Association Opens Contest

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—The Texas Historical Association has announced a first prize of \$100 for the winner of the 1947-1948 Junior Historian Writing Contest. Seventeen papers will receive awards totaling \$420.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Some suggestions for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under twenty-one years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, editor of the Junior Historian, the magazine of the association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1948, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to the Junior Historian, Box 2151, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

Two years after planting, the banana plant often attains a height of 30 feet.

Hopes For Luck SAVANNAH, Ga. (UP).—Charlie Walker, 102, ex-soldier and Yankee soldier during the Civil War, hopes his 103rd birthday Christmas will be luckier than Thanksgiving. The house given to him by the city when his shack was condemned as a fire hazard was destroyed by fire Thanksgiving.

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Personals
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Capt. and Mrs. Frank Hatten and daughter of San Antonio were the week-end guests of Mrs. Hatten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Swaney. Captain Hatten has returned to his home but will be in Ranger for Christmas.

Conrad Gilman of Dublin is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Nicol Crawford, and Mr. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown have as their guests for the holidays Mrs. Lillian Nichols of Long Beach, California and Lt. and Mrs. H. C. Nichols of Weatherford and their son, Charles Brown a senior student at Texas A & M College.

Lloyd Huffman, a student of Texas Technological College in Lubbock, is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Huffman.

Miss Mary Allen Lanier, who teaches school in Monahans, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lanier, for the holidays.

Miss Valerie Leonard of Fort Worth is visiting friends in Ranger and Olden. She is a student at T. C. U.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of expressing our thanks and appreciation to our friends for their kindness and cooperation in the death of our son, A. M. Brown, and for the beautiful floral offerings. May God's blessings rest upon each and everyone of you.

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