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Local News

Mrs. J. O. Hays of Post spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellis of Spring Lake are visiting relatives here.

Roy Preston has returned to Ontario, Calif. after working here for Ellis Chevrolet for several weeks.

Leon Martin of Jackboro visited his brother, Bill Martin over the week end.

Lee Taylor spent last week end visiting in Hobbs, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Shack Blocker visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Davis in Levelland Sunday.

Mrs. Coy Woffard, Mrs. M. B. Allen, Jr., Mrs. Elmer Stainbrook all of Odessa visited Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Turner over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Line and boys and Mr. and Mrs. John Spears attended a Christmas concert at the First Baptist Church at Seminole Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Middleton sr. visited his brother at Seagraves Sunday.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
The Darcus Class of the First Baptist Church had their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. J. T. Middleton Sr. last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heath and daughters of Amarillo are visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vermillion. Mrs. Dick Gofflighty of Odessa, another daughter, underwent surgery at Lamesa last Thursday week.

Friends will be glad to know that Clarence Brock is home from a Lamesa hospital after undergoing a stomach operation; he was quite ill for several days but is doing fine now.

Mrs. Ed James and Betty visited her daughter at Seminole Sunday.

Mrs. Harvey Jordan returned from a Lubbock hospital Monday and is greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garner at Anton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wood spent Sunday at Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Henry of Littlefield visited in the James Bowlin home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Brewer visited friends in Snyder Sunday.

Swiss Brotherhood Sang at Christmas To Banish Plague

One of the most impressive customs in the world is observed in Switzerland where the "singing at the fountains" is done by the Sebastiani brotherhood in the picturesque spa town of Rheinfelden.

According to the Swiss writer Gottlieb Wyss, the custom is more than 400 years old, dating from 1540 when a plague, sweeping through many lands, visited Rheinfelden. Twelve men formed a brotherhood in honor of St. Sebastian, promising to pray to him to safeguard their town from further distress. They also undertook to nurse those afflicted by the plague and to bury its victims.

If one of their own members died, the brethren acted as pallbearers, and up to the present day, by their own selection, the membership of the brotherhood has remained at 12. Pestilence in the medieval period was ascribed to the evil spirits in the water, and when the Sebastiani brethren make their rounds of seven fountains on Christmas eve, they start at the fountain in the "Froschweide" where the plague started in the 16th century. After singing for the seventh time near the town church, they join its congregation for midnight mass, first placing their quaint mounted lantern, with its lighted candle, before the altar of St. Sebastian.

For their Christmas eve singing at twelve, brethren are dressed in dark clothes and black silk top-hats. Around their lantern-bearer they stand in a circle and three times, as the name of Christ is mentioned in their song, they uncover their heads. The song dates back to the middle ages.

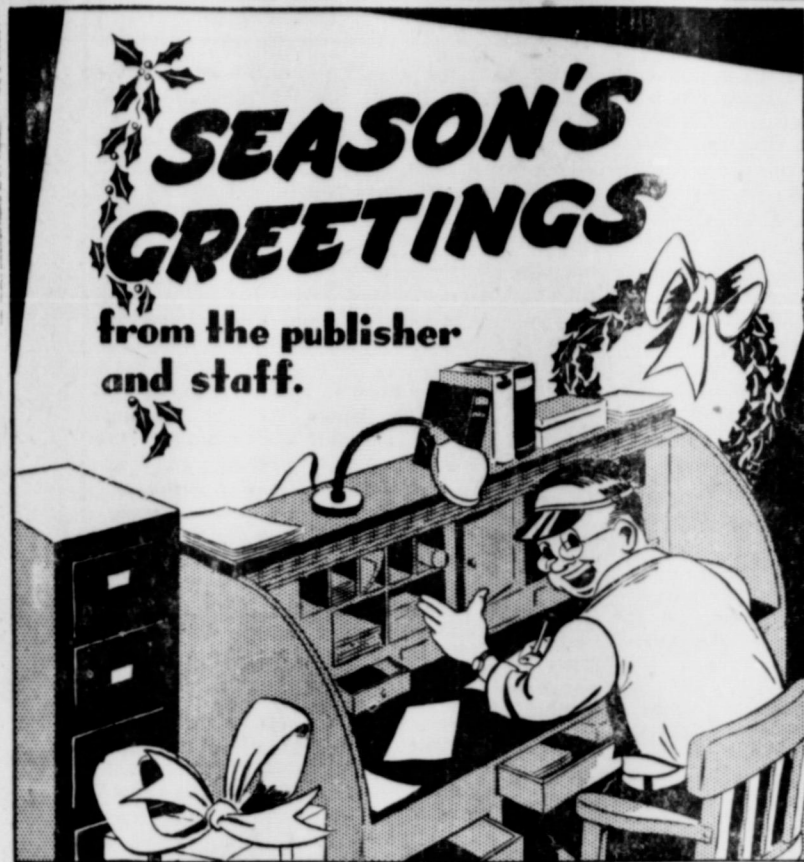
NAVAL SCHOOL EXAMS

New Orleans, La., Dec. 21 — A deadline of Jan. 1st has been set by the Navy for accepting applications from naval reservists to compete for 160 special appointments to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., 8th Naval District headquarters announced recently.

High men in a competitive examination to be given next April will receive the reserve appointment.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

from the publisher and staff.



Twin Sisters Observe 78th Birthday Here

Last Wednesday Mrs. P. P. Brewer and Mrs. Lee Brewer, twin sisters, celebrated their 78th birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Brewer. Incidentally Uncle Pink is 83 and he gets around like a spring chicken; he's one of the Index's favorites.

Also attending were Mrs. R. L. Taylor, a sister who is 81 and lives here; Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart, Mrs. Annie Simmons, R. T. Brewer and Miss Gloria Ballard of Tahoka and Mrs. Nettie Anderson of Brownfield as well as other guests.

A CHRISTMAS VISITOR

Miss Helen Goto, an attractive young Hawaiian girl from the City of Honolulu, is spending Christmas with her friend, Mrs. A. J. Barnes of the Wells Community. Since September Miss Goto has been a student at the Wayland Baptist College at Plainview and she expects to return to her home and become a Christian teacher in the public schools there. Last Sunday night Miss Goto spoke at the Baptist Church of Wells. Folks of this area will want to meet our holiday visitor and especially the young folks.

A right Merry Christmas to you, Helene

Mrs. S. S. Sumrow of Greenville is here to spend the holidays with her son and family, the D. E. Sumrows.

All Stores Will Close On Monday, Dec. 26th

The majority of the merchants have agreed to remain closed Monday, Dec. 26th to give their employees more time for the season's holidays. Please plan your week end shopping to last you until Tuesday.

Star of Bethlehem Continues to Puzzle Modern Scholars

Once again Christendom sees the Star of Bethlehem and, like the Wise Men of old, rejoices with exceeding great joy.

Astronomers have discounted possibilities that the star may have been a natural phenomenon since such phenomena occur too far from the earth to serve as any sort of local guide. Modern opinion is, however, inclined to hold that there was a Star — although the story probably has been touched by Oriental imagery.

St. Matthew suggests that even the Wise Men may have lost sight of the star while they were in Jerusalem; hence, they rejoiced when it reappeared to their vision as they approached the Manger of Bethlehem.

Come to think of it, astronomers have sought an astronomically authentic star — and found it not; historians have sought an historically human Jesus of Nazareth — and are still arguing whether or not they have found Him; even zealous theologians, striving to harmonize messianic and eschatological theories with the illusive historical and human Jesus, have sometimes lost sight of the Babe in the Manger Who from His lowly stable draws unto Himself all who are weary and heavy-laden.

Pressing close to that sacred Manger, Christendom glimpses the Star of Bethlehem once more and rejoices in the light of righteousness and peace which has conquered every tyranny that evil men could think of, the light that shineth in the darkness and shall not fail.

The Eagle SCREAMS

Brief School Items

The neatest boy and girl as selected by the student council were Jackie Hale and Shirley Gass.

The new curtain and the seats are installed in the auditorium.

Sam Singleton returned recently from a visit in California.

Jack Houston is improving after a recent appendectomy at a Lamesa hospital.

The menu for today was country fried sausage, gravy, crowder peas, hominy, beets, pickles, milk ice cream.

The Senior class met Friday and voted to put 50c each into the class treasury instead of exchanging gifts.

The neatest boy and girl as selected by the student council Friday were James Hodge and Dorothy Locke.

Two weeks after Christmas the student body will pick their favorites for the Annual; so everyone, be thinking of someone you think should be honored.

Anyone having snapshots of juniors, please turn them in to Nadene Roberts and Maxine Stokes of the annual staff.

Have you noticed how nice room 25 is decorated for Christmas?

Jimmy Melton is using crutches; he collided with Carroll Pearson while playing basketball.

The menu in the lunchroom was: grilled wieners with cheese, Lima beans, tomatoes, pickles, milk, bread, apples.

It will help the ones who have the concession stand if everyone will be sure to leave their pop bottles in the gym after the games.

Do you believe in Santa Claus? If you don't, ask yourself "What would Christmas be WITHOUT Santa Claus."

All is quiet around the empty coke machine this week.

The neatest boy and girl as selected by the Student Council were Bill Staggs and Elaine Hohn. The neatest boy and girl were Wanda Atkins and Don Vaughn.

There will be a complete and thorough book checking in the near future. You must have all your books covered and ready for inspection.

WITH THIS ISSUE . . .

We offer you our Annual Christmas Greeting edition. In truth the messages expressed by the firms appearing herein are a simple "Thank you" and as such we are sure you will appreciate their thoughtfulness in making this edition possible. A large majority of your home town merchants appreciate your good will beyond the value of a material thing and in closing a year the Index expresses its appreciation to the local advertisers who week after week make this paper possible.

We hope you enjoy the Christmas stories and features and as this

Mrs. W. C. Brush Passes

As we go to press we learn of the passing of Mrs. W. C. Brush at an Austin hospital Monday night. She had been in failing health for several years. Burial will be at Hillsboro, probably Wednesday. Besides her husband, she is survived by several children, two boys of whom are in school here.

The Brush family moved here about 4 years ago from Slaton and during that time he served as our city officer, our deputy sheriff and he is currently an employee of the school system here. A more detailed obituary will follow next week. Our sympathy to the heartbroken husband and family.

BOOTLEGGER ARRESTED

Deputy Sheriff Cleve Balmington reported a moderately active week end with 15 latins being jugged as drunks and one latin bootlegger was tagged. The peak rush of the harvest is over and law enforcement tabulations reflect this condition; a few weeks ago 45 were jugged as drunks. All in all Cleve has made a nice record here and the community is well pleased with his record.

Alfred Ward Injured In Car Mishap

Monday afternoon Alfred Ward was painfully but not seriously injured when his head went thru the windshield of a car as it overturned. The accident occurred about 6 miles south of town on the Lamesa highway. Stuck Burrus, who was driving and who owned the 1941 Ford passenger car, was not injured other than bruises. It was a rear wheel break freezing that caused the car to roll several times. Mr. Ward received cuts on the face requiring 45 stitches at Dr. Lehman's office. The community is glad that a more serious accident did not occur. The car was badly damaged.

GINS NEAR 40,000 MARK

According to a roundup of the town's gins, approximately 39,000 bales of cotton have been ginned from this season's crop. The estimate at the first of the season was for 50,000 bales but it is thought now that 45,000 bales will be a nearer estimate.

ESCAPES INJURY

Last week Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Does and two sons barely escaped serious injury when they awoke at night suffering from lack of oxygen. A floor furnace burning had used up a necessary part of the oxygen in the air. Carnie says now he'll open a window every night. YOU should too if a fire burns all night.

Christmas falls on a Sabbath it is our earnest desire that we all will find our way to the Lord's House of our choice. Also a special greeting to our little friend, Rusty; hurry and get well; AND TO ALL... A... VERY... MERRY CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY. The Country and his family.

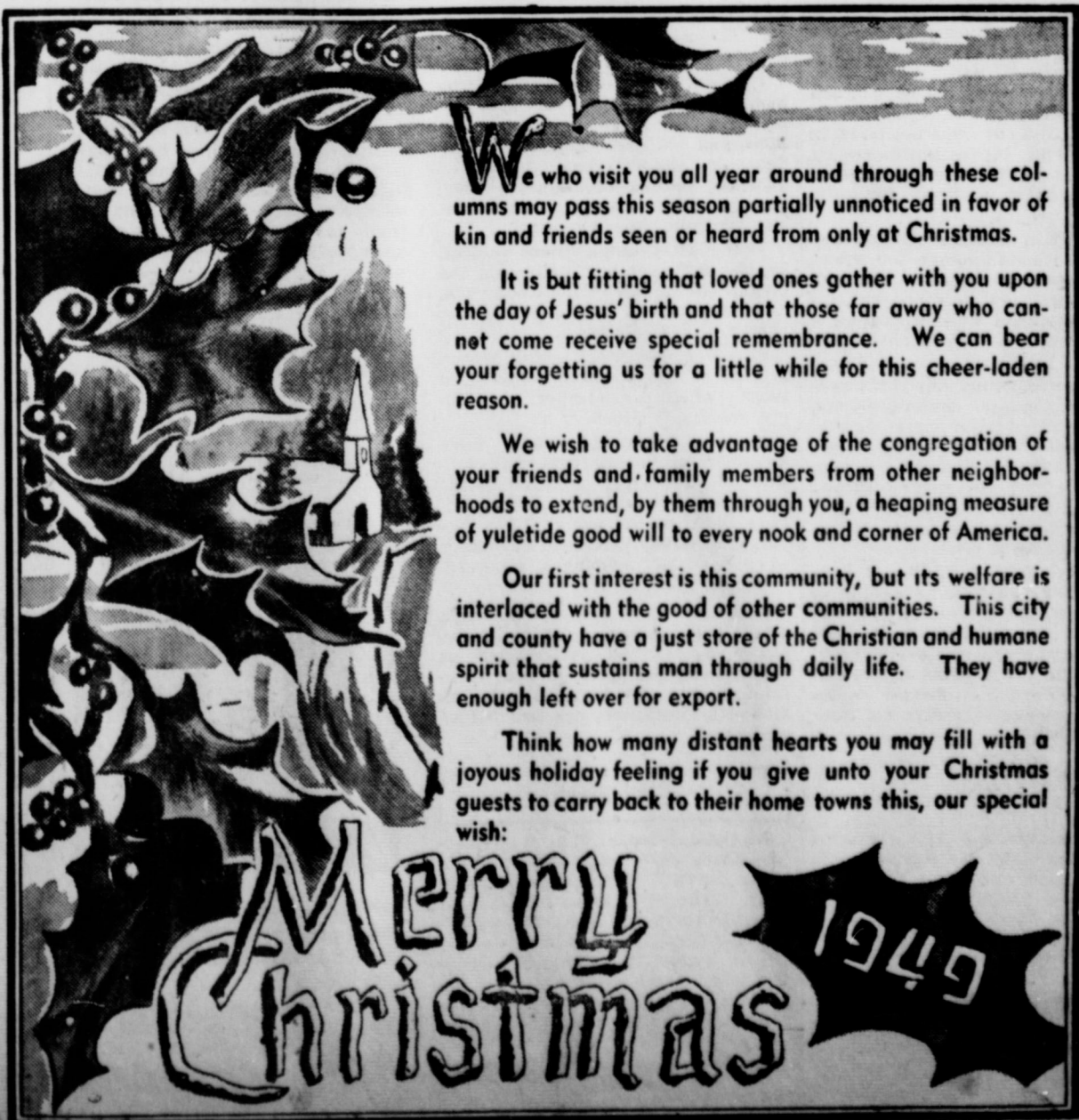
We who visit you all year around through these columns may pass this season partially unnoticed in favor of kin and friends seen or heard from only at Christmas.

It is but fitting that loved ones gather with you upon the day of Jesus' birth and that those far away who cannot come receive special remembrance. We can bear your forgetting us for a little while for this cheer-laden reason.

We wish to take advantage of the congregation of your friends and family members from other neighborhoods to extend, by them through you, a heaping measure of yuletide good will to every nook and corner of America.

Our first interest is this community, but its welfare is interlaced with the good of other communities. This city and county have a just store of the Christian and humane spirit that sustains man through daily life. They have enough left over for export.

Think how many distant hearts you may fill with a joyous holiday feeling if you give unto your Christmas guests to carry back to their home towns this, our special wish:



WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

A-Bomb 'Powder' Declared Given To Russia in Lend-Lease Deals; Federal Tax Reforms Suggested

EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.



MONUMENT TO PEACE . . . This new view of progress being made in construction of the United Nations world headquarters in New York City shows workmen carting their wheelbarrows of cement on the 39th floor, in the shadow of New York's tallest skyscraper, the Empire State building.

DEFENSE: Skeletons Rattle

Skeletons of the Franklin D. Roosevelt "inner circle" were being rattled again. This time, it was Harry L. Hopkins, Roosevelt right-hand-man in the glittering days of the New Deal and the early war years, who was being resurrected in charges he gave U. S. atomic secrets to the Russians.

THE ACCUSER was G. Racey Jordan, a former army captain, who declared in a radio interview that big loads of what a Russian colonel called uranium and "bomb powder" were flown to Russia in 1944 under hurry-up instructions telephoned Jordan by the late Mr. Hopkins.

Ex-captain Jordan claimed possession of documentary proof, including a diary and copies which he said were of letters he wrote informing his superiors of these events.

U. S. officialdom who might have been concerned, or who were intimate with or associates of Hopkins and the "inner circle," were quick to brand Jordan's charges as "fantastic," a "cock-and-bull story," or to claim they had "heard nothing" about any such happenings.

JORDAN'S ACCOUNT described Hopkins as "the button the Russians touched every time they needed emergency help," and said Hopkins "was in the picture all the time."

Despite the overall denial in high places, a congressional probe group set to work to investigate the charges. Its action was directed by Chairman McMahon (D., Conn.) of the senate-house atomic committee.

TAXES: Reform Urged

It wouldn't be all beer and skittles for Mr. Truman and his let's-increase-taxes adherents in the second session of the 81st congress.

As everyone will recall, Mr. Truman has indicated he will ask a multi-billion dollar tax hike in January, and he was bolstered in that position by a statement by John Snyder, treasury secretary, who also saw a need for more taxes.

HOWEVER, Senator O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) didn't share the views of these two gentlemen. Instead, the senator said publicly that any tax increase not only would be a mistake, but a "practical impossibility."

The senator, who heads the senate-house economic committee and might reasonably be presumed to know what he was talking about, told newsmen he thought the government could get more revenue by revising the tax system to give new incentives to business, rather than by raising taxes.

HE WILL SUGGEST, it was indicated, that wasteful spending in government be eliminated but not too sharply, and that no tax hike be made. Declaring the present tax system to be badly in need of reform, he said it should be revised to provide incentive for business expansion.

CZECH REDS: Church War Looms

The smouldering row between church and state in Czechoslovakia threatened to erupt into open conflict as the nation's Roman Catholic bishops warned the Communist government that they could not submit to church control laws that destroy religious freedom.

The bishops even went so far as to suggest the possibility of a "religious fight" to protect their position.

Giveaways Going

Public apathy, according to current reports, appeared to be beating the federal courts to the punch in obliterating giveaway shows from the nation's radio networks.

Although proposed federal bans remained tied up in the courts, the public already had knocked off a number of jack-pot shows by the most effective means in radio—not tuning them in. Four such shows already had folded, one was on the way out, others were being revised.

The decline of the giveaway was attributed to the passing of a fad—a falling off in interest among radio listeners; but, whatever the reason, it is axiomatic in radio that a loss of audience is as fatal to a program as any federal edict could be.

HIGH COURT: A State's Right

A state's right to enact laws forbidding use of force and violence to keep workmen from their jobs was upheld by the United States supreme court.

THE CASE came up on appeal from Arkansas where the C.I.O. had attacked enactment of such a law. The labor unions called it a violation of federal constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and assembly.

But the high court was not confused. The Arkansas law, it ruled, did nothing of the kind. It did not penalize any peaceful assembly at the site of a labor dispute, nor did it "infringe the right of expression of views in any labor dispute."

All it did, the court said, in effect, was to require that labor disputes proceed without the use of force or violence.

JOBS: On Increase

The national labor picture was looking better than it had in months. In November job totals increased 517,000 and Commerce Secretary Charles Sawyer declared "the job picture in November was perhaps more favorable than at any previous time this year."

NON-FARM employment jumped 250,000 in November, reflecting the pickup in factory operations that had been slowed in October by the steel and coal strikes.

Farm employment itself scored a gain of 168,000 in November, a month when the number of workers usually declines.

It was estimated there were about 1.5 million persons with full-time (35 hours per week or more) employment who were on a part-time basis in the week of the November survey because of "slack work, material shortages, job turnover and similar factors."

UNDER the census bureau's statistical methods, anyone who has a regular job is counted as employed, even if he is not working at his job. Coal miners on strike, for instance, are counted as employed.

'Unveiling'

In Independence, Mo., a mysterious blaze 'unveiled' a gift by President Harry S. Truman to his home town. The gift was a statue of Andrew Jackson, and the unveiling had been set for a later date.

The statue, mounted in front of the courthouse, was concealed by a muslim covering. Somehow the muslim covering caught fire and burned completely away. Police indicated they suspected pranksters.

BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

Another Kind of Courage Has It All Over Standard Heroics

By BILLY ROSE

Recently, a doctor in Maine sent me a story about a courageous kid and, unless I'm getting soft in the heart, it's the most touching tale of heroism I've come across in a long time.

Some time ago, the medico got a hurry-up telephone call to come out to a small summer camp 20 miles west of Bangor. There, half an hour later, he examined a six-year-old girl and found that one of her legs was broken and that she had lost a lot of blood from a gash in her thigh.

The story, as he got it from the mother, was that the girl and her brother, aged 7, had gotten into the loft of an abandoned barn and, when a rotten plank gave way, she had fallen, broken her leg and ripped her thigh on a piece of rusty farm machinery.

As the doctor was cauterizing the cut and setting the leg, the boy—his name was Pete—kept watching from the doorway with worried interest.

"Is Molly going to be all right?" he asked when the splints were in place.

"She's lost a lot of blood," said the doctor, "but if she gets past the crisis tonight, everything will be okay."

"What's a crisis?"

"It's—well, I guess it's the time when a person is sickest."

"When people lose a lot of blood, do they die?"

"Sometimes. You see, the heart needs a certain amount to keep going. In a way, it's like the motor of a car, it stops running if it doesn't get gasoline."

"I see," said Pete.

LATER THAT NIGHT, the little girl's pulse began to slow up.

"I'm afraid your daughter needs an immediate transfusion," the doctor told the father, "but there's a

complication. She has an unusual type of blood, and I doubt whether the blood bank in Bangor has it in stock."

"Her brother has the same type," said the father. "I know, because the pediatrician who examined the kids last year told me so . . ."

Pete looked startled a minute later when his dad asked him if he would give up a cup of blood to help his sister get well.

"How can I?" the boy asked.

"The doctor does it with a little rubber tube."

"Can I think about it?"

"Sure," said the father, "but don't take too long."

Pete went to his room, and his parents heard him close the door. Five minutes later, he was back, looking very earnest. "All right," he said.

WHEN IT WAS over, the doctor bandaged the boy's arm and told him to lie down and take it easy.

But instead, the kid went out on the porch and, when his father found him there at midnight, his face was white and his fingers were clenched.

"What's the matter, Pete?"

"Oh, nothing," said the boy.

"Look here," said his father.

"There's something going on in that head of yours. What is it?"

"I was wondering how long it will take."

"How long will what take?"

"How long it will take me to die."

The Fiction Corner

★ UPSTREAM NEMESIS ★

By Richard H. Wilkinson

JOHN WAS ONLY 29 and already life was bitter. Today, with the rain lashing in his face, wetting the newspapers before he could pass them to customers from beneath the oil skin covering, chilled to the bone, envying those who filed into the subway entrance with their sleek, contented, well fed looks, he hated life. He hated people; hated the world.

"Paypare! Paypare! Wuxtra! Wealthy society women slays husband and runs off with suitor!"

Life had been unkind to him. Life hadn't given him the breaks. That's it. It was life's fault. Either you were born into the easy way, or you didn't have a chance. This stuff about fighting your way to the top, overcoming obstacles, being a whooping, self-made success—Nuts! You can't fight when life is against you, when the crowd is way out ahead and throwing dust into your face.

"Rich society woman knocks off her spouse! Buy a paypare, sir."

A thousand smackers! Ha! Fat chance! Not when the breaks were against you. A man was a fool to try and buck the crowds when they were against him. Like that guy in the green hat. Look at him, trying to fight his way up those stairs. Didn't the dumbhead know that it was just after 5 o'clock and hundreds of people would be coming down the stairs on their way home?

"Hey, gimme a News." There was a man at John's elbow, looking impatient and irritated. John jerked himself back to earth.

"Sure. Evening News. Here you are, mister. Thanks. Paypare! Wuxtra! Wux—" John stopped abruptly. A shot had sounded above the pounding of rain and the rumble of traffic. It

rified, staring at something on the ground. John glimpsed the figure lying there, grotesquely sprawled across the steps. He heard the name of Silas Berry mentioned. Judge Silas Berry.

"Hey, Newsy, how about a paper?"

John turned. It was the man in the green hat. John felt his heart pound, then stand still.

"Nice stand you got here, sonny. Must make a lot of dough. Must see a lot that happens, facing upstream like that. Didn't happen to see what occurred just now on the elevator steps did you?"

JOHN GULPED. "I heard a shot. What happened? Was somebody killed? I didn't see a thing. I was selling a paper. Who do yuh suppose done it?"

The cold light dimmed in the eyes of the man with the green hat. He smiled. A siren sounded. The crowd scattered. John saw Officer Mike Clancey elbowing his way towards him.

"Hi, Johnny! Look, you must

have seen who did it, standing here like that. You had a view. You were the only one who did, facing upstream like that. See who done it, Johnny?"

Johnny glanced at the man in the green hat. The man's hand was inside his coat. "Sure," he said. "Sure, I saw it all. It was that guy there."

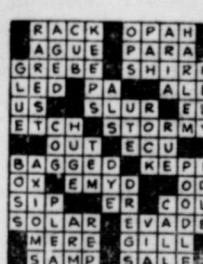
Then he jumped. He heard the muffled explosion of a revolver, saw Clancey leap, heard shouts and swearing and knew that other cops were coming. Then he heard more shots. He felt a stinging pain in his arm. He felt something hot running down inside his sleeve. Things began to reel. He knew he was fainting . . .

Officer Clancey was bending over him when he came to. "You're all right, kid. Just a scratch. And what a break. That was Moe Consoletti. He had threatened to get Old Silas. They're both dead. And you get the reward, kid. One thousand smackers! Is that a break or is that a break?"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

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| ACROSS | 6. A town | 28. Previously |
| 1. Bog | 7. Alcoholic beverage | 29. Coin (Port.) |
| 6. Peevish | 8. Wise | 30. Exclamation |
| 11. A size of type | 9. A starch (Malay) | 31. Sash |
| 12. Per to the country | 10. Vehicle with runners | 32. Sash (Jap.) |
| 13. The last king of Troy | 16. Wager | 35. Shed blood |
| 14. Semblance | 19. Vigor | 36. Undershot water wheel |
| 15. Condiment | 20. A wing | 37. People of Switzerland |
| 16. Exist | 21. Division of a play | 38. Search for |
| 17. Food fish | 22. Chinese silk | 39. Sea eagle |
| 18. Diverse | 25. Pinch | 42. Serf |
| 21. Like | 26. Cuckoo | |
| 23. Neuter pronoun | | |
| 24. River (Sib.) | | |
| 27. Fascination | | |
| 30. A shallow vessel | | |
| 31. Story | | |
| 32. Bird (Hawaiian) | | |
| 33. Jumbled type | | |
| 34. Hair bows | | |
| 38. Observe | | |
| 40. Measure (Chin.) | | |
| 41. Has obligations | | |
| 44. Rub out | | |
| 46. Brisk | | |
| 47. To clothe | | |
| 48. River (Fr.) | | |
| 49. Having key | | |
| 50. Founded | | |
| DOWN | | |
| 1. Charts | | |
| 2. Site of the Taj Mahal | | |
| 3. Bars of timber or metal | | |
| 4. Nature | | |
| 5. Garment border | | |



"Hi, Johnny! Look, you must have seen who did it, standing here like that. You had a view."

came from the direction of the stairs. There was a stir, a wild scrambling, shrieks, curses. The sea of humanity came tumbling down, pausing, shrinking away, hor-

QUIET THINGS

THESE I have loved with passion, loved them long: The house that stands when the building hammers cease,

After wild syncopation, a sane song, A tree that straightens after the wind's release, The cool green stillness of an April wood, A silver pool unruffled by the breeze, The clean expanse of a prairie's solitude, And calm, unhurried hours—I love these.

I have been tangled in the nets too long, I shall escape and find my way again Back to the quiet place where I belong, Far from the tinselled provinces of men. These will be waiting after my release: The sheltered ways, the quiet paths of peace.

GRACE NOLL CROWELL

Star Dust STAGE SCREEN RADIO

By INEZ GERHARD

WITH the "Stop the Music" show growing and growing and growing, Bert Parks has become one of the most sought-after men in the country. Everybody, Bert says, wants to know the name of the Mystery Melody. People stop him in the street to ask what it is; neighbors call him at home. Old



BERT PARKS

friends beg for "just a little hint." Between shows he tries to forget there is such a tune; he never talks about it at home, never mentions it to his wife. Since the program was launched he has passed along hundreds of thousands worth of prizes—and then gone happily home to his wife, his twin sons, aged three, and his unlisted telephone.

"Riders in the Sky" filled the air waves and Gene Autry turned it into a Columbia picture, so nobody was surprised when the same thing happened to the ever-present "Mule Train." Sheila Livingston, who recently completed work in "The Cowboy and the Indians," with Autry, plays the feminine lead; John Miljan and Robert Livingston have leading roles.

A rumor has been going around that the sponsor of "Curt Massey Time" was auditioning a show to replace it. Whereas their survey ratings put anything else on the air in that spot, and Curt and Martha Tilton are set through April, and Curt is getting chuckles out of a fan letter saying "You sing like I think I sing in the bathtub!"

Last July the censors in the Union of South Africa banned the magnificent "Home of the Brave" on the ground that "it might disturb the peace." For the first time the censorship board of Southern Rhodesia has reversed the censors' decision, but natives and children will be excluded from showings of the picture. United Artists engaged counsel to appeal the South African ban.

The second annual "Toys for Tots" campaign, to provide Christmas toys for underprivileged children, sponsored jointly by Warner Bros., and the United States marine corps reserve, was officially launched by Virginia Mayo and Col. J. O. Brauer.

Joan Crawford has four leading men in "The Victim." For some reason or other her kissing scenes with each one were filmed between Monday morning and Friday afternoon, on location at Palm Springs. And they do say that it was so hot at the famous resort that cold air blowers had to be turned on every take to lower the temperature enough to make it bearable.

PRESS WANT ADS HAVE FARMER'S INTEREST
COSTS BUT TWO CENTS A WORD

The Year's Biggest Day

is just around the corner, and we are
all as happy as children. For this is
really going to be a merry Christmas.

That it may be especially joyous
for you is the sincere wish of

Quick Service Station



The O'Donnell Bargain Store

MRS. E. CLEMAGE

Abbreviation, Xmas Of Greek Origin

There has been much unfavorable
comment on the abbreviated form
for Christmas that is commonly
used. Many think it inappropriate
and undignified to use the shortened
form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is
that the initial letter of the Greek
name for Christ is X and the coin-
cidence of its cruciform shape led
to an early adoption of this letter as
the figure and symbol of Christ. X
is frequently found on walls of the
catacombs. When the early Chris-
tians wished to make a representa-
tion of the Trinity, they would place
either a cross or an X beside the
names of the Father and the Holy
Ghost. From this came the short-
ened form Xmas, instead of Christ-
mas.



The poinsettia has no Christmas
legend and its adoption as a symbol
or decoration for Christmas is
of recent origin. In Spain it is known
as the flor de noche-buena, and
is connected with the sentiment of
Christmas.

Its beautiful flaming star is one of
the favorite flowers of the Christmas
season, and its use as an indoor dec-
oration is universal.

Legends of Holly

Many beliefs are connected with
the Christmas holly:

Legends relate that the crown of
thorns was plaited from the holly,
the white berries
turning red like
drops of blood after
the crucifixion.

It is said that
whoever brings the
holly into the house
first, either husband
or wife, is the one
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December 24. Hardly have the chil-
dren recovered from their oversup-
ply of candy and wild duck when
Santa returns in time for "Old
Christmas," which for hundreds of
years Rodantheans have celebrated
on January 5. This time, however,
Santa is accompanied by a menac-
ing ogre, known as "Old Buck."



who takes care of the bad children
while Santa administers to the good.

The historical background of "Old
Christmas" is uncertain. It may be
a throwback to the Gregorian calen-
dar or it may have started as a
celebration of the Twelfth Night—
when the wise men came to Bethle-
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Time Not Constant In the Celebrations Of Christ's Nativity

While December is now the month in which Christ's birthday is celebrated by Christians all over the world, research and study show that Christ's nativity has been celebrated in January, March, April, May, September and October by various peoples.

And although few people know it, it was for the purpose of substituting a Christian festival for pagan ones of Romans and Druids that celebrations of Christmas in December were popularized.

No historian pretends to fix the actual date of Christ's birth or the date at which Christmas became a general festival.

About all that is known is that during the fourth century the feast of the Nativity was observed in all western world churches at different dates.

The confusion resulting from celebrations in seven months of the year caused the western church authorities to meet in 340 to set a definite date for the celebration. The eastern churches did not cooperate until the sixth century when December 25 was set as the day to be observed.

The question has arisen innumerable times as to why December was selected as the month for rejoicing. The answer is that this month was chosen in order that a Christian festival could compete with those of the pagans, because December was noted for its feasts and holidays in nearly every civilized land.

Greeks, Romans, Saxons and Scandinavians all took part in the celebration of these festivals which had originated before the birth of Christ.

From the Saxons came the ceremony of burning the Yule log. The Saxons burned great bonfires in honor of their god Thor. From the Romans came the giving of presents, for this custom has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia.

It may seem strange to claim that the pagan riotousness might be the forbear of the Christian holiday of goodness and love, but intermingled with that which was objectionable, were things that have gone straight to the hearts of people throughout the Christian world.

Santa Affected By Restrictions

It's difficult to understand, but the genial spirit of Christmas, Santa Claus himself, hasn't always had it easy. There have been occasions when laws or traditions or regulations have put certain curbs on the old gentleman. Here are some examples:

In Newark, N. J., Santa is required to pass a stiff physical examination before he can serve in a department store. And even then he is barred from kissing any of the children who perch upon his knee.

In Charleston, S. C., charity Santas have been forbidden to make a pitch on public streets on the grounds that children flocking in to see them may create a traffic



hazard. And in Washington a few years ago, when the postmaster general was asked to print a Santa Claus stamp at Christmas time he rejected the proposal with a scornful, "I should say not!"

Outside the U.S.A., Santa has had trouble, too. In Montreal, Canada, an influential organization fought against holding of the city's annual Santa Claus parade on the ground that it was "merely a display of grotesque and vulgar buffoonery." A prominent journalist in Rio de Janeiro fostered a movement to do away with Santa Claus (Papa Noel) in Brazil and substitute a toy-bearing grandfather Indian. In Mexico City the minister of education recommended that the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, instead of St. Nick, should bring gifts to children.

In the field of opinion, Santa has encountered some detractors. A Prof. Ivan E. McDougall, sociologist at Goucher college, Baltimore, declared: "The Santa Claus myth has lived too long. Parents should substitute philosophy"—whatever that is.

A Toronto psychiatrist got in his blast. "It should be made clear to children," he said, "that Santa Claus is not necessarily a real man any more than any other character out of a story book."

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The climax is reached with a festive board on which you've placed delicious foods in holiday colors.

Red and green are the colors which you want to push forward, and this comes easily if the menu includes ham, cranberries and avocado in the salad, and a cake frosted in white and green.

How to Bake Ham

REMOVE WRAPPINGS from ham, but do not remove rind. Rewrap loosely in inside glassine wrapping paper or heavy waxed paper. Place flat side up on rack in any shallow uncovered baking pan. (Place butt or shank end of ham cut side down on rack.) Bake in 325° oven for length of time as follows:

- Weight of ham
- 10 to 12 pounds 18 min. per lb.
- 14 to 16 pounds 16 min. per lb.
- Over 16 pounds 14-15 min. per lb.
- Half Ham 20-25 min. per lb.
- If ham is chilled 20-22 min. per lb.
- 18-20 min. per lb.
- 16-18 min. per lb.
- 24-27 min. per lb.

Cooked hams should only be reheated 10 minutes per pound.

If meat thermometer is used, remove ham when the internal temperature reaches 150 to 155°. In inserting the thermometer, be sure the bulb of the thermometer reaches the center of the thickest part of the meat away from the bone.

Half an hour to 45 minutes before done, remove paper and rind, score fat, stud with cloves if desired, and cover with a glaze. Finish baking at the same low temperature (325°) until well glazed. Use any of the following glazes:

Glazes for Ham

Orange Glaze: Mix 1 cup brown sugar, juice and grated rind of one orange and spread over fat surface. Finish baking. Garnish with orange slices.

Jelly Glaze: Mix 1 cup bright red jelly with about ¼ cup hot water and spread over fat surface of ham. This forms a lovely red glaze. Stud with cloves or decorate with halves of candied cherries.

*Mashed Potato Puff (Serves 6)

- ½ cup hot milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ teaspoon pepper
- 3 cups hot mashed potatoes
- 2 egg whites, beaten

Add milk, butter, and seasonings to mashed potatoes and beat

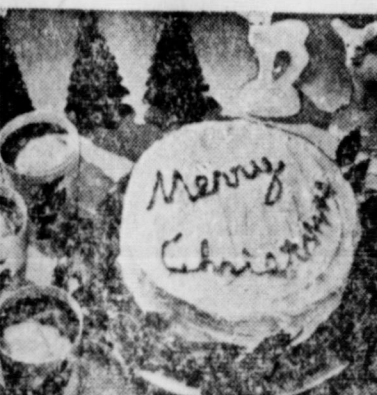


Beautifully glazed ham is beautiful to behold and pure joy to eat at the Christmas feast when baked properly. Use the time chart given in the column for regular ham or ready-cooked ham which needs only heating through.

LYNN SAYS: Make Your Holiday Foods Interesting with Flavor

Large slices of ham, turkey or chicken make good sandwiches when they're served on those crusty, split and toasted rolls. Plenty of butter is indicated to make them succulent.

Simple but festive desserts during this season include small cups of custard which have been well chilled and decorated with candied fruit. Serve with thin slices of fruit cake.



Your cake for Christmas can convey the holiday greeting simply if you write it in gay green tinted frosting with a pastry tube as shown here. Garnish the base of the cake with glossy leaves and holly berries.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

- *Tomato Soup Francaise
- Celery
- Carrot Sticks
- *Baked Ham
- *Mashed Potato Puff
- Buttered Lima Bean
- *Cranberry-Avocado Salad
- *Cinnamon Twists
- Nut Cake with Boiled Frosting Beverage
- *Recipe Given

until smooth. Fold in egg whites and put into a greased baking dish. Bake at 400° for 45 minutes.

*Cranberry-Avocado Salad (Serves 6-8)

- 2 cups cranberries
- 1 cup water
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon gelatin
- ¼ cup cold water
- ½ cup diced celery
- ½ cup coarsely chopped walnuts
- 1 avocado

Cook the cranberries in the cup of water in a saucepan for 15 minutes. Just before removing from heat, add the sugar, also gelatin which has been softened in the cold water. When cool, fold in celery and walnuts. Pour into individual molds. Chill until firm. Arrange lettuce on individual salad plates. Arrange three or four thin slices of avocado on this, then unmold the jelly in the center of it. Serve with mayonnaise.

LET THE FRAGRANCE of cinnamon in these rolls give that homey touch to the Christmas dinner. The dough requires no kneading and the rolls are simplicity themselves to prepare.

*Cinnamon Twists (Makes 30 rolls)

- 1 cup milk, scalded
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup shortening
- ¼ cup lukewarm water
- 2 packages yeast, compressed or dry granular
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 5½ cups sifted all-purpose flour

Add sugar, salt and shortening to scalded milk and stir. Cool to lukewarm and add water. Sprinkle or crumble in yeast and let stand until dissolved. (If dry yeast is used, the time required is from 5 to 10 minutes). Add and stir in eggs, then flour. Place dough in greased bowl and brush top lightly with melted shortening. Cover and chill or store in refrigerator for at least 2 hours.

When doubled in bulk, punch down and turn on lightly floured board; divide in half. Roll out each half into an oblong 15x15x½ inches. Brush lightly with butter, then sprinkle with a mixture of 1½ cups sugar and 4 teaspoons cinnamon. Sprinkle center third of each oblong with 4 tablespoons of the cinnamon-sugar mixture. Fold one-third of dough over center third. Sprinkle with another 4 tablespoons of the sugar cinnamon mixture. Fold remaining third of dough over the two layers. Cut with a sharp knife crosswise into strips 1-inch wide. Take hold of each end of strip and twist in opposite directions. Seal ends firmly. Place on a greased baking sheet 1½ inches apart. Sprinkle tops of twists with remaining sugar-cinnamon mixture.

Cover with a clean towel. Let rise in a warm place free from drafts until doubled in bulk. Bake in a hot (425°) oven about 20 minutes.

Small potato balls are appropriate to serve for holiday time if they are given a frosty look with dil-seasoned sour cream.

Brazil nuts make a nice item for those who like to nibble if the nuts are boiled for five minutes, then shelled and sauteed in butter and seasoned with salt.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENT



By Shirley Sargent

THE SMALL KITTEN called Tupid watched preparations for Christmas dully. Only the middle boy, one Archie Raymond, noticed his apathy. The tree, in all its green splendor, stood tall in the living room bedecked with an increasing number of ornaments.

"Careful," Marcia Raymond admonished her son sharply. "Don't hang those big balls down so low. The kitten will break them."

Gently Archie lifted them to a higher bough, drawing in the pungent scent of the pine. Only he saw that the kitten walked slowly under the tree unaware of the boughs tickling her furry back. His youngest brother had named the roly-poly butterscotch kitten Tupid. Young Billy was easily aroused to fits of anger. His favorite expression, under stress, was a lisped, "You 'tupid, you big 'tupid."

Archie, his ten-year-old brother, Joe, and his parents laughed at the little boy's wrath and, because the kitten was slower than the others in



Tupid circled and smelled at the black kitten until he was satisfied. Then his tongue flicked out to lick the kitten.

the litter, they named him, most affectionately, Tupid.

"Archie," Mrs. Raymond was flurried from all the excitement. "That blue globe is much too low. Tupid will get it. I don't doubt," she added pessimistically, "that we will lose half of our globes."

Archie could see that Tupid had no interest either in the swaying boughs or the brilliant-colored fragile balls. For two days Tupid had wandered carelessly about the house and yard. He wasn't playful or friendly and he had stopped purring. Only Archie sensed that the kitten was lonesome for his sisters and brothers and his mother. At first there had been four balls of fur and a proud old alley cat mother. As they grew, they had become playful, pattering swiftly through the house. But now they were all gone, including the mother. Just Tupid was left to keep. Even the black imp with shoe-button eyes had been given away. Tar Baby, who had been the boss of the litter, had been gone barely two days, and Tupid missed him.

"Well," his father's voice boomed again, as he climbed down the ladder. "All done in time for Christmas Eve. Come here, Joe, Archie, you too Billy. I want you to see this fine tree."

Mrs. Raymond switched the lights off and Archie shivered in delighted excitement as the tree blazed, illumined by the strings of lights and balls. The magic moment was shattered by the sharp ring of the doorbell.

A rush of cold air came in as Mr. Raymond flung open the door wide to admit a bundled figure. "My father says I can't keep the kitten," Gerald Parks recited automatically, close to tears. "I have to give it back because it gives my father hay fever." Gerald went out in another rush of frosty air, but not before Mrs. Raymond had pressed a fat candy cane into his mittened hand.

Tar Baby huddled in the middle of the floor. "Watch it, boys," Mr. Raymond warned. "Let's just watch him. He feels strange here now; he'll be all right in a while."

Archie saw Tupid jump from the sofa with a purr of delight. Tupid circled and smelled at the black kitten until he was satisfied. Then his tongue flicked out to lick the kitten. Tupid's paws caressed him as his tongue washed him. The black kitten stood passive, as Tupid showered his pent-up love on him.

"Thay, mommy," Billy lisped, "Tupid's kissing him, isn't he?" "Um," Mrs. Raymond agreed, "Tar Baby's Tupid's Christmas present."

Mr. Raymond's eyes swept his sons' awe-struck faces. "No," he said firmly, "He's our Christmas present too."

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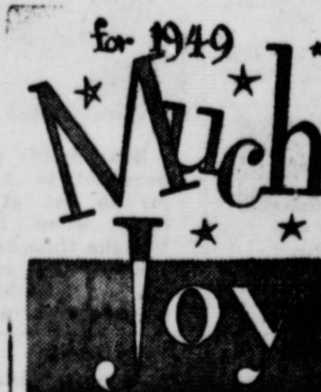
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8 Years Ago a Lutheran Pastor Set Up the First Tree in Church

December 24 this year, the tradition of the Christmas tree in American church services will be 98 years old—for it was back in 1851 that a Lutheran minister in Cleveland, Ohio, lighted the first tree at church services.

The minister was the Rev. Henry Schwan, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church on Cleveland's York street.

His action brought on a storm of controversy which lasted several years. This was caused by the fact that the Christmas tree had so long been associated with pagan observance of the season that many conservatives believed it had no place in Christian ceremonies.

However, some of Rev. Schwan's congregation, especially the children, thought the beautifully decorated tree, glowing with candles, was just the spirit of the Christmas season.

But the objectors had their way and they were determined that Rev. Schwan's tree was to be the last of the Christmas trees erected in America.

Through the years that followed, the minister did all in his power to turn the tradition in order that he might show that the tradition was far from the "heathen" ceremony it had been called.

He wrote countless letters to friends and acquaintances all over the world; he questioned strangers and made long notes of their conversations. And, when he learned that a particular part of the world already had Christmas trees, he would mark that place on a large map which hung in his study—a

dark green tree where the tradition was established, a light green one where Christmas trees, at least, were known.

Pastor Schwan made his search for knowledge of the Christmas tree almost a crusade.

But as Christmas time approached in 1852, Rev. Schwan had not found enough church support for the tradition to light another tree at his Christmas service that year. So, with great regret, he resigned himself to the end of his hope of establishing the custom.

But on December 24, he received from the pastor of one of Cleveland's older churches the present of a new tree. Rev. Schwan realized immediately that the present meant the acceptance of the custom by a churchman far more influential than himself, and his sadness vanished.

There was a Christmas tree in the York street Zion Lutheran church that year—and once accepted in Cleveland, the custom spread all over the United States.

York street where Pastor Schwan's church once stood is changed now and long ago was renamed Hamilton avenue; and the first tree, decorated with candles and a gold star at its top, has given way to trees with brighter, more colorful decorations.

But the tradition of erecting and lighting Christmas trees, which is observed throughout the nation, is the same tradition which Pastor Schwan introduced to this country in the town of Cleveland nearly 100 years ago.



Christmas carols express better than anything else, probably, the true spirit of Christmas.

The word "carol" itself signifies joy and was originally used to accompany a dance. William Wallace Fyfe concludes that the term carol "signifies a song of joy or exultation." Another definition states: "A carol is a hymn of praise especially such as is sung at Christmas in the open air."

In England, which gave America most of its carols, they were sometimes gay and sometimes convivial until the time of the Puritans, who tried to suppress the Christmas spirit.

After the Restoration, the religious nature of the day was for a time almost forgotten in the reaction from Puritanism, and the carol was temporarily lost in the songs.

There are many quaint customs associated with the early carolers that might be used today to break the monotony of going from house to house singing Christmas hymns.

It was about the 16th century that caroling became a Christmas custom, and is supposed to have been brought to England from Italy by the traveling clergy. The first real Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi who made a model of the Bethlehem manger to help him tell his people the Christmas story.

The idea of caroling fitted admirably into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration

and a great home day with neighborly feeling, so it grew and flourished in that country.

Little bands and groups of singers which sprang up in the towns and villages came to be known as "Waits." A natural explanation of the name seems to be that it refers to watching and waiting, for Christmas Eve is called the Vigil of Christmas.

As early as December 21, which is the day dedicated to St. Thomas, mummers and carolers would begin going from door to door, announcing the great feast at hand. It was natural for the householders to offer hospitality to these Christmas troubadours, and gradually in many places the custom of giving alms and presents of various kinds was established.

This benign custom threatened at one time in England to become a profession and to lose its original simple charm.

For a period beginning just when no one knows and ending in 1820, there were in London and Westminster companies of "Waits" whose leaders held office by public appointment and who obtained an exclusive right to solicit contributions from the public.

The carolers were often accompanied by entertainers who gave a spirit of revelry to the occasions. The mummers often interrupted the singing to give their interpretation of "St. George and the Dragon." Tumblers, dressed in bright red, would perform their arts of skill to entertain the onlookers.

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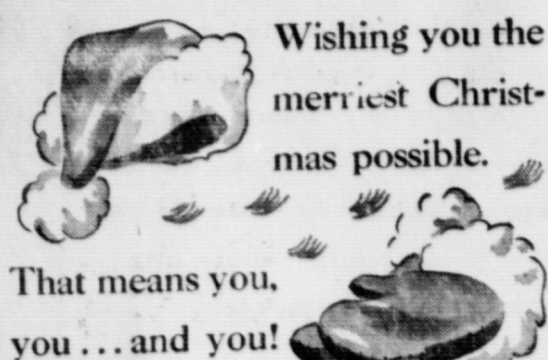
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December 27 — Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, outspoken foe of Hungary's Communist regime, was arrested on charges of plotting against the government, spying, treason and blackmarket dealings in currency.

In an extemporaneous speech at Kansas City, President Truman made this remark that caught the interest of the world: "There are certain leaders in the government of that country (Russia) who are exceedingly anxious to have an understanding with us."

December 29 — President Truman returned to Washington after a Christmas vacation in Independence, Mo.

December 28 — Twelve stranded air force men were rescued by plane from an icecap in southern Greenland by Lt. Col. Emil Beaudry.

December 31 — The 80th congress, denounced by President Truman as the second worst on record, passed into history with the adjournment of both houses.

December 31 — At year's end, America's favorite popular song for the moment was "On a Slow Boat to China."



By Vera Tarpley

Let EVERY HEART

"BUT THEY don't believe in Christmas, Jim—you know that." Laura wished she hadn't spoken quite so loudly; her remark had stopped in midstream three rapid-running conversations. Her guests studied the rug pattern. Jim merely looked at his wife in silence.

"I mean, after all," she went on, "it's not their religion. . . so I assumed it would be embarrassing—to them—to invite them to our Christmas party." She swallowed uncomfortably.

"And I assumed that this party was for all the fellows in our office, including Ben." He smiled then, but didn't soften the accusation. Everyone in the room knew of the close friendship between Jim and Ben—they only guessed at his wife's resentment of the friendship.



"He asked us to sing 'Silent Night' and guess what? He gave us ten dollars! And she invited us in and gave us candy and cookies."

Mr. Adams, office manager, broke the silence next. "I wouldn't worry about it too much, Jim. After all, Christmas is . . ." He emptied his glass and returned it to the coffee-table. "And we all feel a little differently about the holiday than they do."

About nine o'clock carolers came to the door, singing lustily and slightly off-key. "Let every heart prepare him room . . ." The oldest caroler was scarcely twelve. He rattled a box full of coins. Mr. Adams snatched the donation box from him, ceremoniously deposited nine pennies, and passed from guest to guest, bowing after each donation. Everyone put in nickels and dimes. Jim put in a five-dollar bill and everyone shouted "Show-off!" Laura was annoyed but kept still. Laura and Jim's little girl, Bonny, was out caroling too, but her group covered a different neighborhood.

No one noticed much when the telephone rang later in the evening and Jim went to answer it. But they noticed Jim's face when he returned to the living-room—it was white and twitched unpleasantly. Laura walked over to him. "Who was it, dear?"

"It was Ben—he called to apologize for not coming tonight."

"His daughter's been in Children's Hospital for the past month, you know."

Adams broke in. "Say, that's right—Ben said she was pulling out of it—that was last week I believe. How's she doing, did he say?"

"She died this afternoon."

Nobody seemed to have anything more to say after that. The party broke up within the next half-hour.

Just as the Adamses were leaving, Bonny came in from caroling. She was flushed with happiness and excitement. Laura clutched her in her arms convulsively.

"Did your group make a big haul tonight, Bonny?"

"Did we!" she gasped. "We got more than any other group I bet! And Mon, we sang for that Mr. Ben at Daddy's office, and—"

"Oh but you shouldn't have!" Laura looked at Jim with alarm. "Why not, Mom? He asked us to sing 'Silent Night,' and guess what? He gave us ten dollars! And she invited us in and gave us candy and cookies, and gee, they're nice! And I told them hello from you and Daddy, and you know what? She cried! Isn't that funny, mother?"

Jim looked at his stricken wife and wanted to take her in his arms, but Mr. and Mrs. Adams were standing there with their mouths open, so he merely grasped her hand firmly. Bonny babbled on happily.

"And you know what else? Mr. Ben asked me what the donations went for, and when I told him he took all the money out of his wallet and put it in our box, can you imagine? And then I asked him if he had any boys or girls like us and would they like to go caroling with us and he said no. And then she started crying again and we left. Wasn't that funny?"

Mr. Adams cleared his throat. "By the way, Bonny, just what were those donations for anyway? I forgot to notice."

"Why, for the Children's Hospital fund—or something like that—it was all printed on the box."

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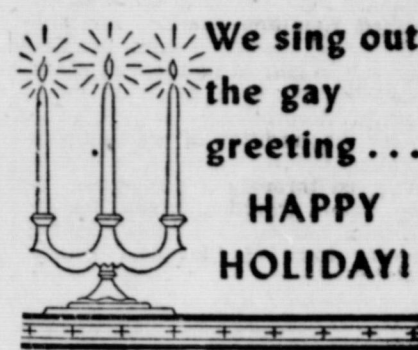
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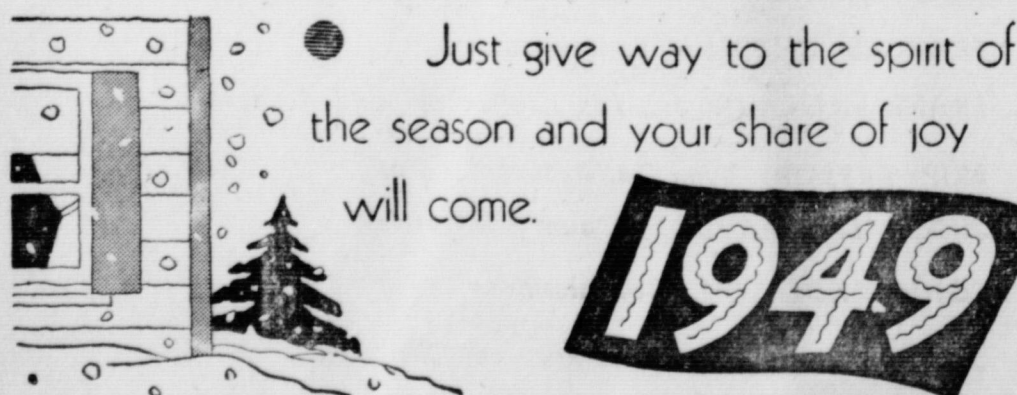
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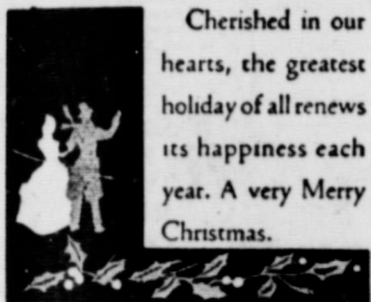
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When Celebrating Christmas

While Christmas is the merriest of all seasons of the year it can also be a time of tragedy if certain hazards aren't avoided and some particular precautions taken.

The National Safety Council annually points out that the Christmas holidays are the most dangerous of the year, usually replete with casualties, home accidents, fires and falls.

The council has listed the following "don'ts" and precautions which if remembered will help make this Christmas season a safe one:

The Christmas tree shouldn't be placed near a stove or fireplace.

Don't give children any toys that could prove dangerous, such as those with sharp points. If toys are operated with electricity, be sure some grownup supervises their use.

The Christmas tree should not be decorated with lighted candles. Carefully-wired electric bulbs definitely are much safer.

Don't leave a lighted tree unguarded at any time. One should be on the lookout for fire all the time the tree is lighted. Especially dangerous is the practice of some families in leaving the Christmas tree lighted and unwatched all night long.

One should never use a rick-

ety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.

Don't place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or any other inflammable decorations.

Remember, the Christmas tree can be made fire-resistant. According to the United States forestry service, it can be done in this manner: Divide the weight of your tree by four and buy that many pounds of ammonium sulphate. Dissolve it in water—one and one-half pints of water to each pound of ammonium sulphate. Cut the end of your tree trunk on a diagonal. Put some of the solution in a jar and stick the diagonal butt of the tree into it. Add more solution as the tree drinks it up.

Don't be excessive about Christmas "spirits."

Keep toys out of places where people might trip over them.

Remove the tree from the house before it dries out.

During Christmas you'll probably have many guests, so sprinkle salt or sand on icy steps and sidewalks.

Druids First to Use "Magic" of Mistletoe

The greens which are used for Christmas decorations found their way into early festivities because of certain virtues attributed to them by the ancients, and many of them which adorned pagan seasonal rites were later taken over to grace the ceremonies and celebrations of Christmas Day.

In both England and America, the holly and the mistletoe are associated with Christmas as invariably as are the plum pudding and Christmas tree.

It was the Druids who first used the mistletoe. "Heal-all" was their name for it. The plant was supposed to have curative values, and gradually they assigned to it all manner of magic powers.

Their priests, each year around the time when we now celebrate Christmas, would have high platforms built around the sacred oak trees which, in a manner of speaking, were "hosts" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments of white, they ascended these platforms, and with golden sickles especially made for the solemn occasion they cut away the mistletoe.

The Saxons also prized it and it was they who gave to it the name of mistletoe.

Eventually the green came to be regarded as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce, and it was customary to hang it over the entrance doors so that they who entered might be assured of friendship.



AND I WANT . . . This is a candid camera shot of a little girl being interviewed by a genial Santa on the subject of her desires in the line of Christmas presents. The rapt expression on her face is typical of small girl-and-boyhood when a lovely crisis like this presents itself.

On Christmas

While the litter from Christmas packages is still about, be particularly careful of smoking. Hot ashes dropped on tissue paper or a carelessly-tossed match could result in tragedy.

December 25 was decreed as the date of Christ's nativity by the Roman emperor Julian who began his reign as a Christian, but reverted to paganism before his death.



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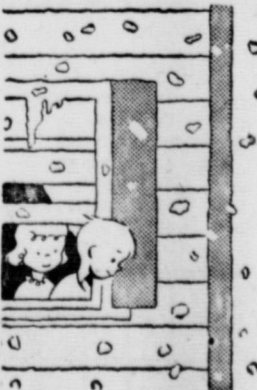


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BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

Hope Diamond—Not a Jinx Gem But a Marble Carrying a Hex

By BILLY ROSE

The members of the gang squatted in a small circle on a patch of green, a block away from the subway station at 242nd street. Their eyes were in fixed focus on a shiny object at their feet—the Hope Diamond.

Let me end the suspense here and now by announcing that the gang was made up of boys who had gotten together to decide the marble championship of the Upper Bronx, and that the shiny object at their feet was not the unlucky stone of great price you've been reading about for years, but a legendary agate known to small fry from the Triborough Bridge to Spuyten Duyvil as the Hope Diamond shooter.

Now, a shooter, or "real," as the aficionados call it, looks a lot like an ordinary marble, but any kid who knows a heist-shot from a knuckle-down can tell you the difference. The shooter is heavier, truer, more cunningly fashioned than the ordinary immie, and, even more important, there exists between it and the thumb and forefinger of its owner a spiritual affinity which makes it more precious to him than all the other marbles he owns. When a player loses in a "for-keeps" game, he pays off with common, earth-bound miggels—he would no more think of parting with his shooter than a good family man would with his life insurance.



Billy Rose

As the fen-everything set recalls it, the Hope Diamond was first brought to the Bronx by a player who originally hailed from Chepachet, Rhode Island. After a series of backyard triumphs, he won the right to participate in a semi-final, but the morning of the contest one of the ball-bearings in his skates got stuck and, in the header which followed, his shooting finger was so badly bruised that he had to withdraw.

Then, for a while, the malevolent marble was owned by Irv Sondergaard, but shortly after he acquired it, the boy developed a game leg and was forever barred by his doctor from kneeling on the damp earth.

Finally, Whitey Wizcoczki, reputed to have the most skillful thumb north of the Harlem river, latched on to the shooter, but two days before the big tournament, the jinx caught up with him and he broke a couple of ribs falling off the back of an ice truck.

The easiest thing, of course, would have been to throw away the hex-heavy shooter but, as you know, the ways of men and urchins under the spell of superstition are hard to explain. Harry Winston's Hope Diamond, too, is supposed to carry a curse with it, but as you may have noticed, Harry hasn't thrown it away either.

AND SO, five minutes before the contest, Charlie Hersch, Whitey's

I Sheltered Many a Care

SHELTERED many a heavy care
And hugged them to my bosom,
I held them close and guarded them
For fear that I should lose them.
One day I sat beside the road
All spent and worn and sighing,
Too tired to listen to the birds,
Or mark the white clouds flying.

Then suddenly, a shining note
Like silver dropped from heaven,
Pierced my ears; the cooling shade
Offered its wayside haven.
The swaying grasses bent to touch
My fevered cheek, and blessed me;
A wild flower reached its gentle hand
And lovingly caressed me.

The morning dew was like a drink
Of water for my thirsting;
I saw a lark lift from the grass,
His gold throat swelled to bursting.

I rose to take my cares again,
And carefully to bind them
About my heart—but they were gone.
I searched, but could not find them.

— GRACE NOLL CROWELL



closest friend, dropped the Hope Diamond shooter in front of the contestants with the dire words, "Wizcoczki says anybody wants it kin have it, only he oughta make sure his family kin afford the doctor bills."

Eleven of the players regarded it with awe and distrust, but the twelfth—a dark horse from the swanky Riverdale section—was not impressed. He picked it up, tried a test shot, and said, "If nobody wants the Diamond, I'll use it."

"Ya be lucky if ya don't bust a leg," said Hymie Michernick.

Well, for most of the contest it looked as if the rich kid was a cinch to win. Not only did the Diamond connect with everything it went after, but it seemed to hex the other shooters that attempted to hit it. Inspired and made confident by its performance, the kid from Riverdale sighted long and carefully, considered the topography of the ground and, when the situation called for extreme measures, even shot from the stomach position.

However, as the match entered the tenth and final round, a station wagon pulled up and a hefty Swede of a nursemaid got out.

"Ja-ackie," she shouted, "Dinner's almost ready and look at your clothes. You're a sight!"

"Wait a minute," said the kid, squinting at a marble four feet away.

"Albert!" yelled the nursemaid. A chauffeur with big shoulders got out and walked toward the circle. Jackie dropped the Hope Diamond in disgust, said "Aw, nuts!" and climbed into the station wagon. And as it drove away, the blood-shot eye of the blue shooter seemed to wink at the other players.

Hymie Michernick picked it up. "This is the last time it's going to put the squitch on anybody," he said, and threw it as far as he could.

Now, if the Hope Diamond had been an ordinary shooter, the story would end here. But, as I have gone to some pains to make clear, it was not. Propelled by the Michernick muscles, the little ball of fire sailed through the air for 50 feet, bounced off a tin can onto the sidewalk, and was picked up an hour later by an intern on his way to the hospital.

"I know someone who'll get a real kick out of this," he said, handing the Hope Diamond shooter to one of the nurses. "Will you give this marble to the patient in room 218. Whitey Wizcoczki—the little boy who broke his ribs."

The Fiction THE PRICE

By

Richard H. Wilkinson

Corner

THERE was a strangeness about Pancho Ortega that was hard to describe. There was mystery in his eyes, a wildness, a curiously detached look. Yet he had the high forehead of intelligence, the cheekbones and nose of breeding, the erect carriage of pride. He was the type of man that you looked at twice.

I first saw him two summers ago in Cano. It was sweltering hot outside, but within the dark interior of Cabello's saloon you could forget the heat.

Ortega was sitting alone at a table, an untouched drink at his elbow, an open book in his lap. No one bothered him; the dancing girls veered away; there was respect in the attitude of the waiter who served him that wasn't evidenced for other customers.

"Who is he?" I asked Juan.

"Pancho Ortega, the head hunter."

"Head hunter?" I stared, drink held suspended. Juan's white teeth flashed against his dark skin.

"It surprises you, yes? That business of head hunting. Come, surely you have heard of the head hunting tribes?"

"Who hasn't?" I assented. "But who ever believed them?"

"Come," said Juan. "You Americans must be shown."

I followed Juan down Cano's single street, beneath the blazing sun, and into the cool dark interior



"Pancho Ortega!" I exclaimed suddenly.

of what might pass as a gift shop back home. Juan spoke rapidly in his native tongue to the swarthy gentleman behind the counter. The swarthy gentleman looked at me, shrugged, and disappeared into a back room. In a moment he reappeared carrying in his hand an object that caused my flesh to crawl.

The object was a human head, shrunk symmetrically to about the size of an orange.

The swarthy gentleman offered me the head for \$25. When I refused it, he shrugged indifferently and disappeared behind the curtains.

THE Ecuadorian government will fine you \$400 for possessing one of these heads," Juan explained as we left the store. "No one has yet been able to discover how the average tribes remove the bones before the shrinking is done, and little else about the actual shrinking process.

"Pancho Ortega is a scientist. He came down here two years ago, determined to solve the mystery. Naturally he ran into difficulties because of the government rules against head hunting. But this only made him more determined. He visited tribe after tribe. Those who were friendly played innocent, flatly refusing to admit any knowledge about the business. From the other tribes, the hostiles, Pancho barely escaped with his life.

I glanced at Juan quickly. "Do you mean . . ."

Again Juan shrugged. "Who knows. One cannot experiment without the proper ingredients. Certain natives have mysteriously disappeared during the past six months.

Unconsciously I quickened my step, but when we arrived at Cabello's, Pancho Ortega was gone.

I did not see him again for two years. The second meeting left an even more vivid impression than the first. Juan and I were renewing our acquaintance and discussing old times over a bottle of Cabello's fine liquor. Across the room an old man was reading a book.

"Pancho Ortega!" I exclaimed suddenly.

Juan shook his head. "No, that is no one more important than Cabello's old father, who comes here daily to get out of the heat." His face became grave. "You are curious about Pancho Ortega, eh?"

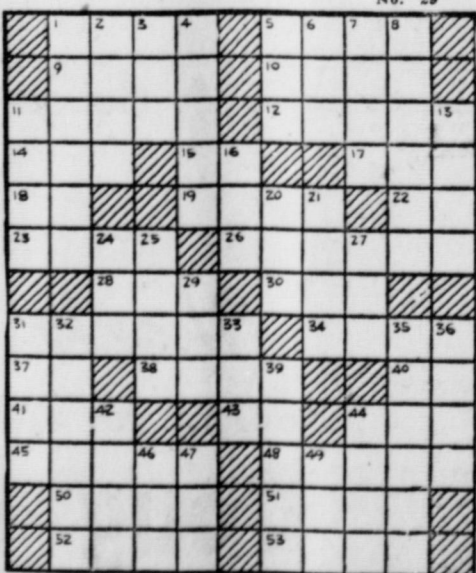
I admitted that I was.

"Come," said Juan. And once more I followed him down the blazing street and into the gloomy interior of the shop we had visited before. The object that the shop owner carried when he reappeared sent a cold wave through my body. There was no mistaking it. It was the shrunken head of Pancho Ortega.

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JOHN DALL

through six years of work in stock companies and little theaters, then as a walk-on in two Broadway plays, finally in a good part in a third one, which brought him his Hollywood contract. He stands six feet one, has brown hair and blue-gray eyes.

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The animal, unfortunately, picked up the bird's back scent and followed it swiftly for miles and miles. Finally he reached a tree. He looked up into the branches and barked loudly. When the hunter caught up with the dog he followed the dog's gaze and saw the nest from which the pheasant had been hatched two years before.

He never did explain how the pheasant's egg got into that nest.

Retriever

"One, two, three, four; five, six, seven, eight, nine," counted the visitor in an English woman's home, "my goodness! What a big family!"

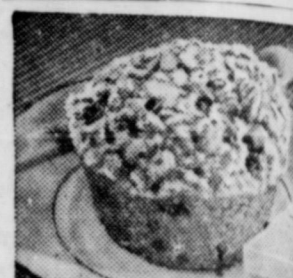
"Yes'm," agreed the woman proudly, as she held the family group picture up for closer inspection. "a fine lot of children. Hi 'ave, thank 'eaven. An' we've managed to nymme them so that each child 'as a nymme beginnin' with a haitch."

"Really?" said the visitor.

"What are their names?"

"Well, this un's Enry, that's Arold, the one on the left is Ugh, the one next to 'im his Erbert, then Ubert, the little chap his Orris, and the two girls are Arriet and Ettty. The tall boy in front was always picking things hup so we nymmed 'im Holiver."

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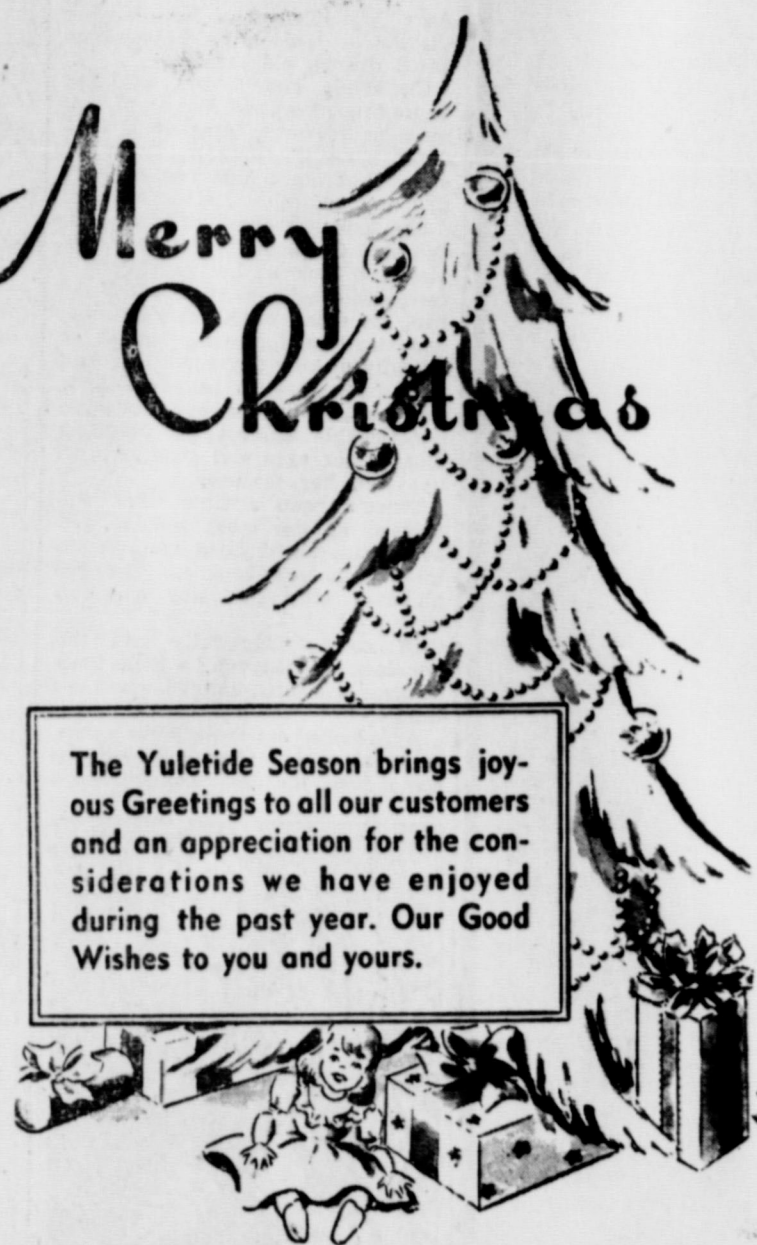
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By JESSIE WEST

AMY looked out at the bright day and was about to decide it was the loveliest New Year's Eve she'd seen in years when she saw Clarabelle Carter crossing the street; and then she thought the day wasn't lovely at all.

She could hear Clarabelle talking to Mille as she had that day in the store when she'd been standing behind shelves lined with groceries deliberately eavesdropping.

"I do declare, it does look like Amy Wells could get someone," Clarabelle had said. "I suppose she'll die an old maid."

Clarabelle hadn't said anything degrading of course. But from that moment forward, Amy had wondered if people generally didn't assume that old maids just couldn't find any takers.

She took her eyes from the window and Clarabelle going down the street to look at her reflection in the dresser mirror. At almost forty-five, she didn't think she was being egotistical in appraising herself as actually looking thirty-five. She had very little gray in her dark hair, and the faint lines on her face were unnoticeable against the startling blue of her eyes and general prettiness of her features.

There'd been a time when she reigned as the most popular girl at Obane; she'd been pictured in the college year-book as "the girl all men want but only one can have."

Of course Clarabelle and the populace of Donovan, a little town of three thousand, didn't know these things.

Amy looked out the window again, and not seeing Clarabelle on the street now, the day resumed some



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of the brightness that Clarabelle's presence had blighted, and she got to thinking about a trip that 20 years ago had been scheduled for tomorrow. Memory of the tryst had come to her with the approach of another New Year, but she had not planned to enact a promise that years of separation had cast into youth's frivolous dreaming, disappointments and temperamental pride. Yet, seeing Clarabelle and remembering what she'd said about her somehow filled her with unexpected sentiment.

She had nowhere to go on New Year's day, and thought of the trip suddenly became entrancing. It would be emotionally uplifting to go back to the old haunts, and no one would know of her foolish living just for a day among memories of a past that through her own foolhardy pride, had led her into her present state of lonely maidenhood.

"If anything ever separates us," Lance had said that night long ago, "it'd be fun just to meet again, sort of a tryst affair, 20 years hence. Maybe in Park Rendezvous where we first met. . . ."

They'd talked like that often, then laughed—because they knew they'd never separate. Someday they'd marry. But they didn't marry. Too soon a trivial misunderstanding had risen between them, and she'd had too much pride to admit that she'd been a little wrong, too.

It was almost noon when Amy reached the Park Rendezvous at Obane on New Year's day. She'd have lunch, she decided, then visit about town. But already she was sensing regret for having made the trip. You couldn't live in the past even for a day without returning to the present with greater pain. How well she knew it now!

She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly. "Hello," he said.

Amy's heart fluttered in recognizing his voice. She looked up. "Why, Lance—!" It was all she could manage.

He sat by her at the table and covered her hand with his.

"Looks like we both remembered," he said, chuckling happily. "But, you married, Lance, I heard." She couldn't help saying it.

"That was false news, dear," he said. "Do you think—but you surely know now! I tried to find you, Amy, but I lost all trace of you."

Amy laughed and her cheeks colored. "I wouldn't have come today," she said wistfully, "but for a person named Clarabelle. . . ."

"Clarabelle?" Amy nodded. "It's a queer little story, Lance," she said, and then she wondered with a little gloating, what Clarabelle, and all of Donovan for that matter, would think when they heard!

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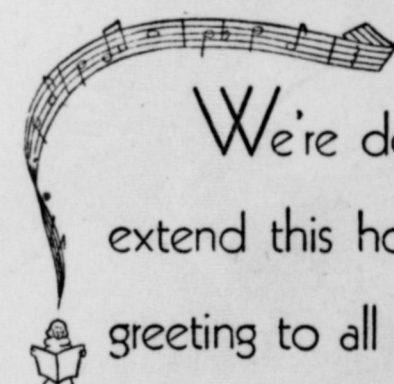
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The "high level" assumptions on which the report is based are a combination of factors including high fertility, low mortality, annual net immigration to the U. S., and a high degree of internal migration—that is, moving back and forth within the United States.

NEW SOVIET CLAIM

Reds Report Vegetation on Planet Mars

The Russians, whose claims to pre-eminence in discoveries and inventions of things the western world had known and invented years before, were "out of this world" in their most recent assertion of scientific discovery.

This time, Soviet scientists were fairly sure of no contradiction, by means of visible proof at any rate. The Kremlin's telescope crews had

In Contempt



Attorney Vincent Hallinan, defending labor leader Harry Bridges in the latter's trial on perjury - conspiracy charges, was cited for contempt of court during the trial which was presided over by Federal Judge George B. Harris, in San Francisco.

LABOR: T-H Waiver Asked

A psychological swipe at the Taft-Hartley labor law was taken by employer association and labor unions in the vast U. S. construction industry. Both joined in asking the national labor relations board for exemptions from Taft-Hartley labor law election requirements.

WHATEVER EFFECT the move might have on congressional action on Taft-Hartley when members convene in January, there was no denying the action was well timed. With employer associations throwing in with labor in requesting the blanket exemption, opponents of Taft-Hartley would find added strength.

The construction industry's major management and labor groups contend that strict application of the T-H law to them will wreck long-standing collective-bargaining practices and hamper building activities.

Here, too, was a scintillating strategic maneuver, for with housing still short and the problem still far from solved, anything which might be considered as an aid to increased building could expect to get some consideration from congress.

UNDER PRESENT T-H LAW, elections such as those mentioned, a vote must be taken before a union can be certified as the proper bargaining agent, and before a union can get a union-shop agreement—one that requires workers after they are hired to become members of the union.

It is a complete waiver of both these provisions that management and labor in the construction agency are asking.

'KICKBACK': Solon Accused

The long-postponed trial of Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R., N. J.) opened with charges that he forced a former secretary and codefendant to aid him in a salary "kickback" scheme.

THE CHARGE against Thomas was made by John R. Fitzpatrick, attorney for Miss Helen Campbell, one-time secretary to the former chairman of the house un-American activities committee.

Both Thomas and Miss Campbell were charged with fraud and conspiracy by which the congressman allegedly padded his office payroll and took salary "kickbacks" from two employees.

If convicted, the representative would face up to 32 years in prison and fines up to \$40,000. The house of representatives would have to decide whether he could remain in congress. Miss Campbell would face a somewhat lesser penalty.

MISS CAMPBELL's attorney conceded that she aided in the "kickback" scheme, but only under Thomas' orders, and denied she was guilty of conspiracy. Actually, he said, she went to the justice department and voluntarily told "everything the government knows about the case."

The government claims the alleged plan netted Thomas a total of \$812. While he is accused of filing false payroll claims totaling nearly \$1,700, it is not alleged that he got all the money.

come up with the statement that there was actually vegetation on the planet Mars.

An astronomer at an observatory in south central Russia, so the report went, reported that: "Plant life on high mountains and in the arctic (of the earth) resembles Martian vegetation in luminescence. It appears that all wild plants radiate waves."



SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 7:14; Jeremiah 29:31; Luke 1.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 139:1-10.

Is God Available?

Lesson for December 18, 1949

DOES GOD EXIST? Yes. There is every good reason to believe that he does. But when we have answered that in the affirmative, we have not settled the most important questions of religion. There are the other two questions of equal importance: What kind of God is he? and, is he available? Let us give some thought to this last question.

One of our Christmas carols begins, Dr. Foreman "Draw nigh, draw nigh, Immanuel!" Immanuel is one of the names by which Jesus is called, for the Christian church has always read Isaiah 7:14 as a prophecy of Jesus Christ. The name means "God with us" and is the answer to the deepest cry of the heart.

God in heaven far away, God the Creator who set in motion this mighty universe, God the All-powerful ruler beyond the stars, God the Eternal who knows neither youth nor age.

Such a God has sometimes been believed in by men who nevertheless walked in a dark cloud of linelessness, doubting that so great a God could possibly have any interest in their own affairs.

Is God WITH us? Is God WITH US? Is GOD with us? That is the question that torments the troubled mind. With one voice, the whole church of God answers Yes; the name of the one in whose face we see the glory of God is named "God-with-us."

In the first chapter of the Bible we hear of a God who walked with his children in a garden. In the first chapters of the Gospels we hear songs to the God who has "visited his people;" and in almost the last chapter of the Bible we hear the promise, "God himself shall be with them and be their own God."

"When ye shall search for him with all your hearts"

MOST TRUTHS are two-sided. You have to keep both sides in mind or you will not fully understand. God is with us; God is with all men, yes—that is, there are no favorites with him, he refuses his presence to no one. God is always available, available to all. That is one side of the truth.

The other side is this: God is not equally with all men. Some men are alienated from God. Some men are godless. Even among those with whom God lives, we may fairly say that God is with some in a higher degree, in fuller measure, than he is with others. Jeremiah gives the clue to this truth: "Ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." (Jer. 29:13) Those who do not search for God will not find him.

Those whose search is half-hearted only half-find him. God does not enter uninvited. He is available, but he will not force his way in. We can see how this is when we think about Christians we know. It does not make sense to say that they are all equally godly.

We have known some great Christians of whom we might almost dare to say that Paul's prayer had been answered, that they have been "filled with the fullness of God." (Eph. 3:19.) But in other Christians, who certainly have some small seed of faith in them, it may be hard even for a kindly observer to see many signs of God's presence.

"Thou can't, a little baby thing. . ."

GOD IS in all things, he shines in all that's fair," as we sing the familiar hymn. But the center of the Christian faith is that God comes to man especially and most closely in Jesus Christ.

No matter how strongly men believed in God in olden times, always they looked forward, as the prophets show, to a time when God would come nearer than he had been before. True, it was a surprise when finally he came to Bethlehem, "a little baby, thing that made a woman cry."

A world accustomed to kings in purple robes, in well-guarded castles, was surprised that the King of the Universe would be found as a child among the poor. But after all, which better represents the All-Available God—a King behind his palace walls, or a child in a home that loves him?

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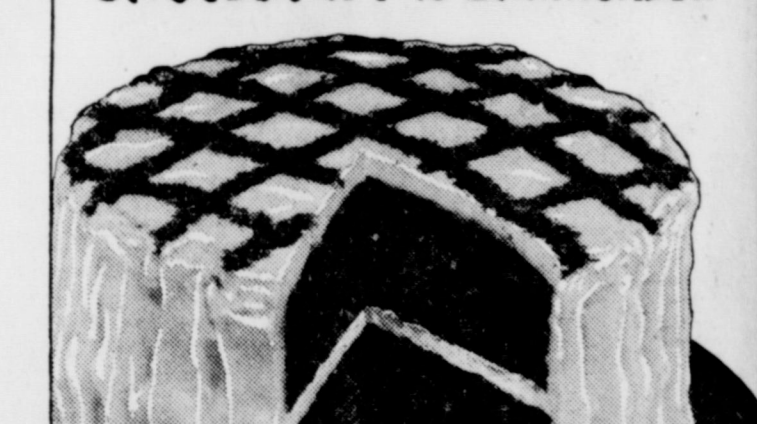
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1/2 teaspoon soda
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1/2 cup buttermilk
Mix enough to dampen flour.
Beat 2 minutes. If by hand, count beating time only. With electric mixer use "low speed"; scrape bowl often; scrape beaters after 2 minutes.
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Such Lovely FLAMES

By John Scott Douglas

FRED DOBSON plugged in the string of lights and then stood back to admire the blue and red and green candle globes on the Christmas tree. Ellen left the table she was setting to study the effect.

"Nice little tree, Fred. Seems a shame, though, not to be sharing it with someone. This was our year—"

And then she stopped, and her face, still pretty in middle age, grew pink. Fred knew she'd been about to say that it was their year to have the Robbins to Christmas dinner. Every year since their children had married and left they had either entertained their neighbors or had been their guests.

But now, by mutual consent, the quarrel with the Robbins was not mentioned. It was characteristic of Ellen not to blame Fred. And that took forbearance because Martha Robbins had been her dearest friend.

Ellen sighed. "Goodness! the turkey must be almost ready."



He was back in a moment with a rake. Lifting the smoldering tree with the tines, he hurled it out onto the snowy lawn.

Fred thought of their quarrel, which had started because of a cocker puppy which wouldn't stay home. Tom, with his usual consideration for his neighbors, had started to build a fence to keep the dog out of the Dobson's garden. Fred thought the fence was a foot within his own property line, and jokingly said so.

Tom had laughed. "Who's paying for it?"

"I'll pay half," Fred had said, "if you'll buy the strip you're using." The joke, within a matter of days, had taken on an edge, and then they gave up speaking. No longer did they fish and hunt together, or play in their usual Saturday four-somes.

By then, beginning to fume at Tom's high-handedness, Fred had his property surveyed, only to discover that his garden had in reality extended onto his neighbor's property. The fence was where it belonged.

Fred wanted to apologize, but every time he stepped outside, Tom walked into the house.

Within a matter of seconds, Fred was too busy to think of the quarrel. The little Christmas tree was on fire and crackling fiercely. He flung open the door and screamed, "Fire! help! help!" And then, snatching up the hall runner he'd been planning to replace, he knocked over the tree and began beating out the flames.

Behind him Tom called, "Stay with it, pal—I'll get something."

He was back in a moment with a rake. Lifting the smoldering tree with the tines, he hurled it out onto the snowy lawn.

Martha Robbins had appeared by then. Seeing Ellen staring dazedly at the cloud of smoke and the blackened wall where the tree had stood, she opened the windows and then slipped her arm around Ellen's shoulders.

"Poor dear! And just when you were sitting down to your Christmas dinner. After the smoke has thinned out, this room will be freezing. You and Fred are having dinner with us."

Ellen looked happy but flustered. "But this was our year—"

"Nonsense!" Tom said heartily. "We'll eat with you next year."

"That will be swell," Fred said, beaming.

When they started Martha Robbins' bountiful dinner, there was at first a little stiffness. But Tom was soon joking about Fred's "high forehead," and Fred was asking Tom if he'd considered selling his hair to a wire-brush factory.

As they said hearty farewells later, Tom remarked, "Can't say I'm sorry about that fire. We've sure missed you folks."

"And it was all my fault," Fred said. "I was wrong about—"

"Aw, forget it," Tom interrupted. "How about some golf Saturday?"

When they reached home, Fred looked at the blackened wall speculatively. "No real damage done, Ellen. A coat of paint will fix it up."

"How do you suppose the tree ever caught fire?" Ellen asked.

Fred grinned sheepishly. "A match and a bunch of tissue paper may have helped."

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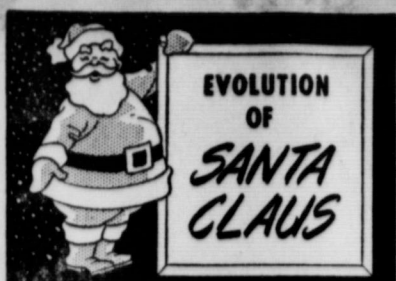
A Salute

to our friends and a big, hearty Christmas wish to you all, this merry, merry Christmas season.

Looking back over the year calls to mind our greatest source of pleasure has been our contact with folks like you.

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Christmas has rolled around once again and Santa Claus with round red cheeks, jolly smile and chunky figure looks the same as he did nearly 90 years ago.

His creator was Thomas Nast, one of America's greatest cartoonists. During the early 1860's he was asked to illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, A Visit to St. Nicholas, better known to us as "Twas The Night Before Christmas." The result was Santa Claus as we know him.

Santa's creator was born in Bavaria in 1840, son of a musician in a Bavarian army band. When he was a fat little boy of six, Thomas' father left Germany to enlist in the United States navy, and Thomas' mother brought the boy to New York to live.

Along about the time stocky Tommy was 15 he landed his first job as an illustrator for Leslie's Weekly at \$4 a week. By the time he was 20 he was sent to England by the New York Illustrated News to sketch the Heenan-Sayers fight, an outstanding sports event of the day.

In 1862 he joined the staff of Harper's Weekly and began the series of emblematic drawings which continued throughout the Civil War. From those he created certain trademarks that have been the inspiration of cartoonists down to the present—notably the Republican elephant and the Democrat donkey.

Famous as the political symbols are today, Nast's Santa Claus probably holds first place in the hearts of Americans. Before Nast's day, a few artists had drawn Santa on one occasion or another, but could not seem to agree on how the old gentleman should look.

Nast changed all that.

He located Santa's home at the North Pole and gave him a sleigh drawn by reindeer. He drew the familiar, fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe.

The artist then gave Santa a spy-glass so that during the year he might pick out the good children from the bad, and also a big book in which to write their names and keep their records.

This conception of Santa Claus first appeared in 1863. Since that time, the pictured Santa has been the same, although the spy-glass and pipe seem to have been dropped by the way.

Renew Your Index



END OF THE RAINBOW . . . The rainbow of at least one human desire had fulfillment at the end when Judy Sue Warschauer found herself face to face with the doll of her dreams—and it was the very one she wanted for Christmas.

Russian People Are Also Able to Say "Merry Christmas"

"S Rojdestvom Kristovym."

That's what a Russian would say to you if you were in Russia on Christmas day and he wished to extend the season's greetings.

The phrase is the Russian's way of saying: "Merry Christmas."

In the past, the Russian's Christmas was closely associated with his church; but how the day is observed now that the religious life has been subjugated in the Soviet, one would have to be behind the "iron curtain" to know.

But it was not always like that. In other days, the Russian Christmas was much like the Ukrainian. There was a Santa Claus known as "Dedushka Moroz" and there were traditional gifts of red boots for children and golden slippers for young girls.

In certain parts of the country the "baboushka" (grandmother) was the legendary dispenser of gifts. According to one story, she repented of unkindness and ever since has tried to make amends by distributing gifts to children at Christmas.

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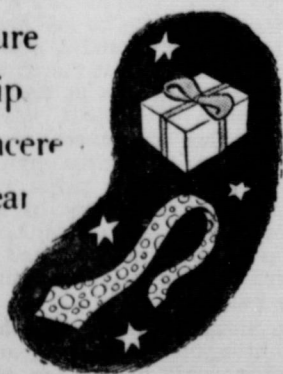


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Harvey Jordon Gin



By Shirley Sargent

THE VERY NICEST thing about Henry Ellis, Henry had decided, was the fact that he was nine years old. He possessed another attribute variously described by his mother as stubbornness, stupidity, and the result of a one track mind.

To get something he really wanted, Henry had learned from experience, he always had to work hard and long. Pestering his mother for what he wanted came easiest.

"Why not, Mom?" he begged. "Why can't I do it? I want to more than anything in the world. I'd be so good you wouldn't know me."

Finally his mother gave in to his endless teasing and what she considered impossible promises.

"All right, all right," she said,



Soundly sleeping, he lay back in the chair, in one hand a noise-maker; clutched limply in the other, a large horn. The box in his lap contained piles of confetti.

"We'll see if you can be good for a whole month and then—well, we'll see."

His long-awaited goal was in sight, but Henry had to admire his mother's shrewdness. Knowing that Rita, who was five, would keep close tab on him, Mrs. Ellis put her in Henry's charge for the month. Playing nursemaid to a five-year-old was a stern task, even when he could be as nasty as he wanted—but taking care of her on his good behavior was purely awful. All this time she would taint her demands with "Or I'll tell mama."

Only once he told her calmly but desperately, "If I ever have any children, they'll all be boys or all be girls. I'm not going to make any little boy of mine have a little sister. No sir, I'll give him a turtle or a goat or something he wants, not a little sister."

Rita just barely listened to him before demanding, "Now be a turtle for me, Henry. Crawl like a turtle and pull your head in a shell."

The days crept past Christmas and Henry knew that being good was surely a most terrible experience. Then at last the month was over and he heard his mother asking, "Had enough of being good, Henry?"

Feeling it to be a trick question, he answered casually that ". . . would be fun to see the fellows again, and just sort of all over relax!" She laughed, encouraging him to go on. "Hey, mom, well, can I do it—you know?"

She kissed him, saying, "Yes."

Henry yelled "Hooray" as he ran into his room. Gosh, it had been worth waiting for after all—my but he hated girls, though. Ugh! There were some very important matters to attend to before he was quite ready. They wouldn't take so long, but the waiting would. He started unwrapping his packages. Thanks to mom, life was really fine.

A little before 12 that night Mrs. Ellis, noting the silence, went into Henry's room. His lights were blazing but the boy was asleep in a chair drawn close to an open window. She walked quietly over beside him. A whole month—thirty arduous days devoted to being good—he had worked for this night, and now he was asleep with the sum total of his dreams in his lap and fists. Soundly sleeping, he lay back in the chair, in one hand a noise-maker; clutched limply in the other, a large horn. The box in his lap contained piles of confetti, while reams of paper streamers were laid neatly over the chair arms. There was a ridiculous paper hat crushed into the chair back by his head, and, on the table near him, there was another horn. It had a white card tied on it labelled simply "For mother."

So, she thought, with tears in her eyes, a little man's plan for one night had included his mother. She shook him gently, settled his hat more perkily on his head, and picked up her own horn. Noise seemed suspended in the air.

"Wake up, little one track mind," she said, sitting him up straight. "Hurry and wake up so you can wish me a Happy New Year!"

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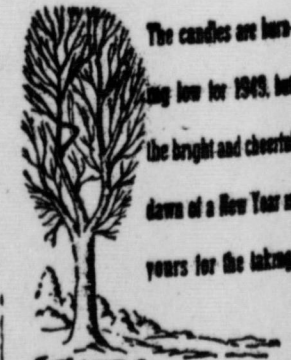


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"The Norwegians who settled early in America brought the first version of the modern Santa Claus, who in Europe had been known as St. Nicholas, but never adequately personally described," said Dr. Arlt.

"When the American Clement Moore described the jolly, rotund gentleman in minute detail in his poem 'Twas The Night Before Christmas,' he assumed the proportion of living legend and thus became an integral part of Christmas legend and folklore," the professor stated.

Archaeologists' Findings Bear Out Bible Stories

Archaeologists' findings oftentimes serve to further establish the authenticity of the story of Jesus. Only recently a group discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D. and perhaps by an eyewitness to the crucifixion, among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

The urns may provide the "oldest archaeological record of Christianity" and an historical confirmation of the trial and crucifixion of Christ, the archaeologists said.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate and mourned the crucifixion of their leader, was believed to have left the writings on the urns in the cave.

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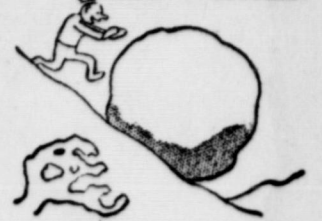
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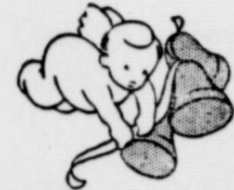
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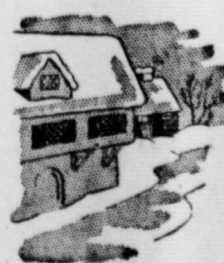
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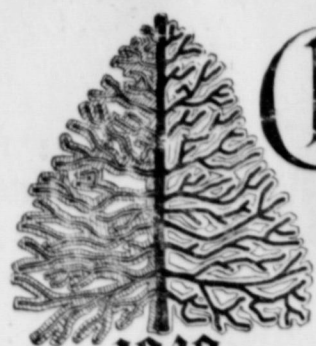
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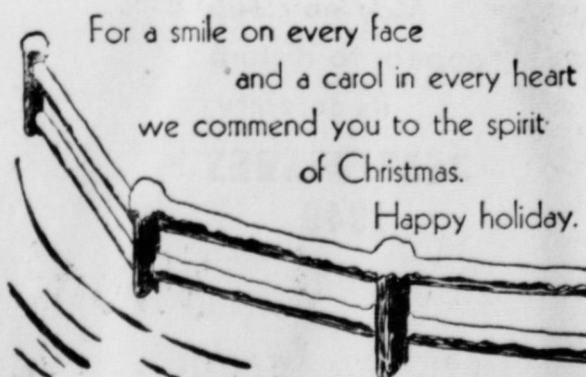
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Bringers of Gifts Range From Santa To Knight Ruppert

In America on Christmas Eve, there is a merry tinkle of sleigh bells as Santa Claus drives up in a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer. He drives from roof to roof, pausing just long enough to climb down each chimney. From a huge pack on his back he fills the children's stockings with toys and goodies. Gifts that are too large to be stuffed in the stockings are put on the Christmas tree or stacked underneath it.

This is Christmas in America—but it is not always Santa who brings the gifts to children in other lands.

The Dutch children anxiously await the arrival on Christmas of St. Nicholas. He was the bishop of Myra, so he is dressed in the traditional bishop's robes of black, wears a mitre, and carries a crozier.

He rides a white horse and is accompanied by Black Peter, his page boy. Instead of hanging up their stockings to hold the gifts, the Dutch children place their wooden shoes in the chimney corner before going to bed. On the window sills they leave a bunch of hay for "Sleipner," the bishop's white horse. It is customary for St. Nicholas to overturn chairs and leave the room in general confusion for Christmas morning.

English children wait for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own. They also find gifts tied to a green Christmas tree, but this custom has been in effect only since Queen Victoria was a young bride. She married Albert, a German prince, and it was he who introduced this Christmas custom to England from Germany.

It is an angel who leaves the gifts in Czechoslovakia. She descends on a golden chord to accompany Santa.

In Scandinavia gifts are distributed during the supper hour. They are brought by dwarfs and the children leave bowls of porridge on the doorstep for them. Santa comes riding on a goat instead of a reindeer.

The birds receive the largest number of gifts in Sweden. Each family places a sheaf of grain on a pole or on the fence posts for the birds' Christmas dinner.

Spanish children place their straw-filled sleeves on the window sills so the Magi may feed their horses while they leave gifts. The older people fill an Urn of Fate from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

Knight Ruppert, who is the German Kris Kringle, is represented by a young girl wearing a golden crown and gown in a flowing white robe. She carries a small tree laden with gifts which she distributes.

The children of Switzerland have their gifts brought to them by a radiant angel who rides in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer. She brings them goodies to eat as well as toys.

And in Poland, at least before the Communists came in, the people called at the parish house on Christmas morning where the priest presented them with "peace wafers," which symbolized peace on earth, good will to men. The people exchanged Christmas wishes as the wafers were broken and eaten before returning home.

As Americans observe this Christmas in the comfort and luxury of modern civilization, who among them will pause for a thought of how their forebears kept the holy season?

An example of Christmas of the past in America is provided in a study of the history of the old village of Kaskaskia, first capital of Illinois, where the pioneers braved the rigors of a new and unsettled world.

Despite the hardships and discomfort which prevailed in the days of the early settlers of this land, there was hardly a cabin so humble but what its occupants found some way to keep Christmas.



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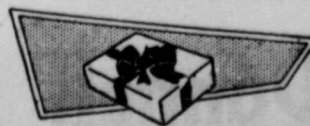
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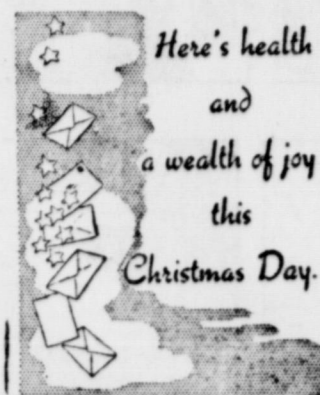
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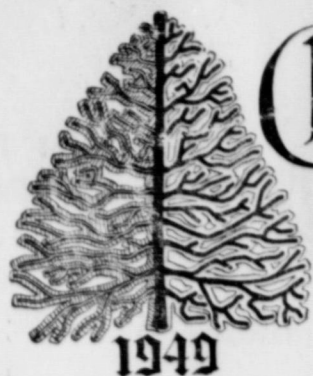
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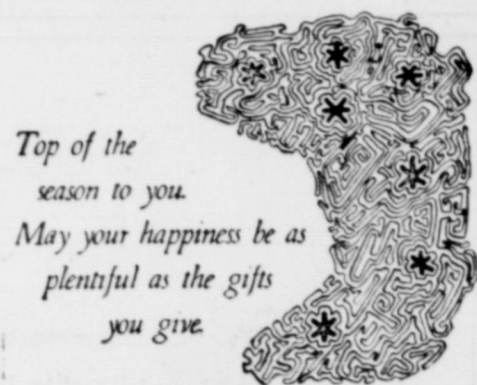
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In America on Christmas Eve, there is a merry tinkle of sleigh bells as Santa Claus drives up in a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer.

He drives from roof to roof, pausing just long enough to climb down each chimney. From a huge pack on his back he fills the children's stockings with toys and goodies. Gifts that are too large to be stuffed in the stockings are put on the Christmas tree or stacked underneath it.

This is Christmas in America—but it is not always Santa who brings the gifts to children in other lands.

The Dutch children anxiously await the arrival on Christmas of St. Nicholas. He was the bishop of Myra, so he is dressed in the traditional bishop's robes of black, wears a mitre, and carries a crozier.

He rides a white horse and is accompanied by Black Peter, his page boy. Instead of hanging up their stockings to hold the gifts, the Dutch children place their wooden shoes in the chimney corner before going to bed. On the window sills they leave a bunch of hay for "Sleipner," the bishop's white horse. It is customary for St. Nicholas to overturn chairs and leave the room in general confusion for Christmas morning.

English children wait for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own. They also find gifts tied to a green Christmas tree, but this custom has been in effect only since Queen Victoria was a young bride. She married Albert, a German prince, and it was he who introduced this Christmas custom to England from Germany.

It is an angel who leaves the gifts in Czechoslovakia. She descends on a golden chord to accompany Santa.

In Scandinavia gifts are distributed during the supper hour. They are brought by dwarfs and the children leave bowls of porridge on the doorstep for them. Santa comes riding on a goat instead of a reindeer.

The birds receive the largest number of gifts in Sweden. Each family places a sheaf of grain on a pole or on the fence posts for the birds' Christmas dinner.

Spanish children place their straw-filled sleeves on the window sills so the Magi may feed their horses while they leave gifts. The older people fill an Urn of Fate from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

Knight Ruppert, who is the German Kris Kringle, is represented by a young girl wearing a golden crown and gowned in a flowing white robe. She carries a small tree laden with gifts which she distributes.

The children of Switzerland have their gifts brought to them by a radiant angel who rides in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer. She brings them goodies to eat as well as toys.

And in Poland, at least before the Communists came in, the people called at the parish house on Christmas morning where the priest presented them with "peace wafers," which symbolized peace on earth, good will to men. The people exchanged Christmas wishes as the wafers were broken and eaten before returning home.

As Americans observe this Christmas in the comfort and luxury of modern civilization, who among them will pause for a thought of how their forebears kept the holy season?

An example of Christmas of the past in America is provided in a study of the history of the old village of Kaskaskia, first capital of Illinois, where the pioneers braved the rigors of a new and unsettled world.

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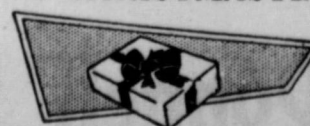
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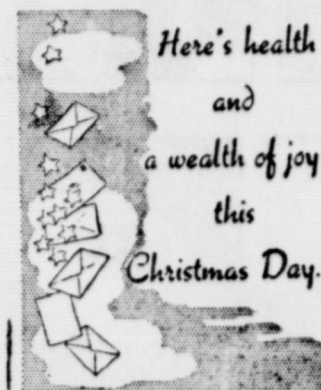
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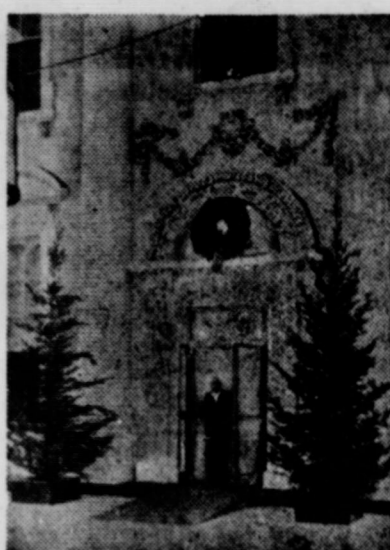
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The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast. His hair was like a star. (O stern and cunning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart. His hair was like a fire. (O weary, weary is the world, But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee. His hair was like a crown, And all the flowers looked up at Him, And all the stars looked down.
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By PATRICIA SINCLAIR

AVIS stood inside the spacious hall of the Carron home with her small overnight bag at her feet and greeted the slim girl approaching her. "Merry Christmas, Barbara! Oh-h, it's snowing beautifully outside!" She looked down at the snow on the toes of her small white boots. "I hate to track it in," she said.

"Don't worry about that. I'm so happy you came," Barbara smiled and helped Avis remove her snow-covered garments.

"Oh, I wouldn't have missed coming for all the world," Avis said, and meant it, now that she was actually there. Her dark eyes swept the attractive, decorated home, and the inviting fire that roared



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about huge logs in an immense fireplace in the room beyond.

"I hope you'll enjoy yourself, Avis," Barbara said. "My guests have not all arrived. Would you like to go up to your room first and—"

"Take the shine from my nose! Yes, thanks so much," Avis responded eagerly, knowing that she needed a few repairing touches after the long trip out to the Carron home by bus.

As she ascended the stairs she thought, how right Barbara had been when she'd told her the other day, after inviting her to her home for the week-end and a Christmas party, "You can't stay in your apartment alone on Christmas. You can't become a recluse just because some fellow preferred another girl to you. You should start all over again."

Barbara was like that. At times Avis couldn't help envying Barbara's carefree, unstable attitude toward men. Barbara would never know the sting of loneliness, the bitter yearning for someone who had become the purpose of life itself.

Avis hadn't told Barbara, nor anyone, everything about her acquaintance with Steve Ross. She hadn't even told Barbara his name. There was no point in going into detail and revealing: "I crossed three states just to get away from the sight of him constantly with the new blonde who came to town."

Avis could hear Barbara's response to such a revelation, "No battle was ever won by an army of cowards!"

But Avis wasn't built that way. She had pride, and from observation she'd learned that one-sided marriages never panned out.

As she ran a comb through her short dark hair she thought of Steve. It had been two months since she left the little town of Allen Glen. He and Ann were married now of course. They'd spend their first Christmas together.

Her eyes flamed, but she quickly brushed aside the threat of tears and hurried from the room to join Barbara and her guests below. She was glad she'd come. She wouldn't have a chance to think of Steve.

Avis started down the stairs but stopped midway when she saw Steve Ross smiling up at her from the hall below.

He said, "I'm not a ghost, Avis! Merry Christmas, and—well, aren't you glad to see me?" He looked uncertain.

Avis moved down the stairs. "But I didn't know you knew Barbara—"

Steve reached for her hands. "Our dads were acquaintances away back," he said. "Was it quite fair for you to skip town, Avis, and not say a word about where you were going?"

"I—I didn't think you'd miss me," Avis stammered.

"Miss you?" He pressed her hands. "Avis, what's that old saying about absence makes the heart grow fonder? Anyway, I've had a terrible time tracking you down, until I thought of Barbara."

"Barbara never said a word," Avis said, still amazed.

Steve chuckled. "She's a regular cupid. She told me to come tonight and explain more fully about the run-away girl I was trying to find. Then after I got here she told me to wait in the hall, there'd be a Christmas gift appear on the stairs. I suspected then, of course."

Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed as they lifted to meet Steve's. "Christmas gift indeed!" she said.

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SOMEONE AT CHRISTMAS

By CARLE FREEMAN

THE little gift shop was crowded when Nancy entered it, but almost immediately she noticed Larry Bryant. She sensed the usual disturbance at sight of him, and recalling the trend of her thoughts for the past several minutes brought a flush of warmth to her cheeks. She'd been thinking, somewhat resentfully, as she went along the busy streets of the little town, how unfair it was that Christmas had come before she could get acquainted with someone in Davenshire—Larry Bryant, for instance, departmental head at the electric plant where she worked. Christmas wasn't Christmas unless it could be shared with someone.

And now Larry was standing at the dish counter deciding about a pair of little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers. It didn't matter particularly that he'd buy the shakers—aside from the significance of such an act—but she'd had her own heart set on them more or less for a week. Larry had been in the shop every afternoon that she'd been there, but this was his first time at the dish counter. The little shakers were as good as gone.

The other day when she'd looked at them, the sales girl had said, "Better buy them. These are the last ones, and they are a bargain at eight dollars. They came all the way from Sweden."

"I know—" Nancy had said, but she had thought they'd be an extravagance and look out of place on the little table in her corner



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kitchenette at Lil Ransom's old rooming house. Then there'd be no one to admire them—only herself.

"They might be gone the next time you come," the girl had said when Nancy left the counter.

But they'd been there the next time Nancy went back to the little gift shop. Every afternoon for a week they'd been there, as if awaiting for her to make up her mind to buy them.

Nancy held her breath as she watched Larry from a distance. For now she knew that if he didn't take the shakers, she'd buy them herself.

But even as Nancy watched, she saw him hand the shakers to a clerk.

She tried to push her disappointment aside and select an inexpensive little gift for one of her co-workers at the plant. Tomorrow was Christmas Eve, and the employees and officials of the plant had drawn names as part of a gift-giving program they'd planned to have about the huge, gayly decorated tree in the arched entrance.

Nancy dreaded the occasion more so now than before. She regretted the day she'd left her home town to take a better job in Davenshire. Why hadn't she waited until after Christmas to make the change!

When the time came the next day for the program, Nancy took the gift that was handed to her and slipped from the crowd. She wouldn't be missed, she thought bitterly, as she hurried from the building. Snow fell softly about her in a gentle burst from the dark sky, and the ring of voices from the plant followed her in a kind of haunting, sad beauty.

Inside her apartment she looked down at the gayly wrapped package in her hands through a blur of tears. It was the only Christmas gift she'd receive, and it had been given only because someone had drawn her name.

She unwrapped the package, and suddenly the blur cleared to reveal the little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers with the long, saucy ears—one up and one limping down provocatively.

Her heart thumped in her throat. Larry had drawn her name. But the cost of the gifts they were to exchange was not to go over twenty-five cents!

Lil Ransom called up the stairs. "You're wanted on the phone, and 'tis a man."

Nancy placed the little shakers carefully on the table and turned to the door. The hum of "Silent Night" came from Lil Ransom's radio up the sweep of stairs, and Nancy found herself singing the words softly as she dashed down them, for she knew even before she heard his voice who was waiting for her on the telephone.

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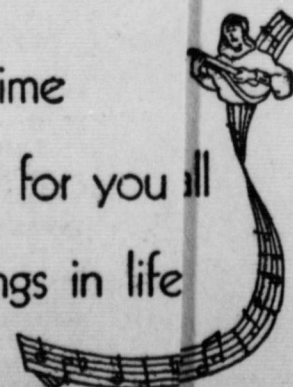
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FIXES THINGS UP

By Dorothy Boys Killian

IT WAS Christmas Eve but the group of people sitting on the floor in the Reeds' living-room certainly weren't in a festive mood.

"Doggonit," Dad exclaimed as he stared gloomily at the shiny tracks and the motionless cars of a new electric train. "What's wrong with this thing anyway?"

"We've put it together exactly according to directions, I'm sure we have," fifteen-year-old Rick insisted.

"Well, something's got to be done," said Mom, looking in from the kitchen where she was stuffing the turkey. "Little Jackie's been praying for that train for months, and how'll he feel tomorrow morning if the thing won't run?"

"Maybe Ralph can help. He's coming by for me in a few minutes, you know," said Wilma, the pretty big sister of the family.

"Oh, him!" Rick was scornful. "That guy from the big city with



He picked up the shiny black engine carefully and turned it over and over. He put it up to eye level and peered into its workings.

his socks and ties and handkerchiefs that match! What does he know about motors?"

"Rick!" Mom reproved. "Oh, I know you all think of him as an outsider," Wilma said. "If you only really knew him better! Mom, I do wish you'd let me ask him to breakfast tomorrow."

"I'm sorry dear, but I just don't think he'd fit in."

The doorbell rang. Wilma answered it and she and Ralph exchanged happy hellos.

Rick immediately threw out the challenge to the tall, blond, well-dressed young man. "We can't make this train go. Can you tell what's wrong with it?"

"Maybe," Ralph said quietly. "I used to have a train something like this."

"Look out, that cotton batting stuff will stick to your trousers," Dad warned.

"That's snow, and the snow around here is clean."

Dad looked slightly startled.

Wilma smiled. She remembered how impressed Ralph had been by the whiteness of the drifts even on Main street last night.

"The flakes are practically sooty before they even reach the ground in Chicago," he had said.

"Tracks are O.K.," Ralph straightened up. Then he picked up the shiny black engine carefully and turned it over and over. He put it up to eye level and peered into its workings.

"The professional touch!" Rick muttered.

"There may be oil in the commutator," Ralph said. "That sometimes happens with a new engine. I'll see if I can get it out."

"I'll get you a rag, Ralph, just a minute," Wilma got up and started for the kitchen.

"Never mind, this'll do," Ralph answered, pulling his perfectly folded wine-colored handkerchief out of his jacket pocket.

He worked quietly for a moment, gently poking the corner of the handkerchief into the inside of the engine. Then he set the engine carefully down on the track and said, "Turn on the juice, will you Rick?"

Rick meekly moved forward the black lever at the transformer. There was a whirring sound, the wheels began to move, and the little puffer-billy whizzed and clacked around the curve.

"Praises be!" Dad heaved a loud sigh of relief.

Ralph quietly got up from the floor and turned to Wilma. "Maybe we'd better go now, if we want to catch the gang."

"All right, Ralph," Wilma said. Her eyes turned pleadingly to Mrs. Reed. "Mom—"

"Oh, yes, Wilma," Mom interrupted. Turning to Ralph she said heartily. "In all the excitement we almost forgot to ask you to be sure to come over for late breakfast with us tomorrow. It's just a simple family affair, but we surely would like to have you with us."

"You bet," Dad's eyes twinkled. "Something might go wrong again and we'd feel safer with you around to fix it."

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Generosity KNOWS NO SEASON

While giving is the paramount attribute of Christmas, as it is generally observed, records show that giving is not really confined to any one season of the year.

There are thousands of little acts of courtesy and greater acts of self-sacrifice and giving that punctuate the entire year.

For instance, there are the women who shared their ration coupons in the years before rationing was lifted in England . . . There's the quarter of a million Americans who contributed a penny each so that a tiny church in a Colorado community might have a church bell . . . The youngsters in Nunpspeet, Holland, who shared the contents of their piggy bank with their financially embarrassed parents . . . The thoughtful transit company in Calgary that provides free rides for pensioners . . . The railway engineer who backed his locomotive many miles to rescue a motorist he had seen stranded in a blizzard.

The preciousness of giving really knows no season when the human heart is touched.



HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS . . . Another thing that we Americans have good reason to be thankful for is that our youngsters still can sing Christmas carols the way they want to without any dictatorial intervention. These angelic-looking choir boys were photographed at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York as they held a dress rehearsal for the Christmas season.

Watch out for FIRE ON CHRISTMAS

The safest way to insure against fire at Christmas time which might originate from the Christmas tree is to keep the tree standing in plain, ordinary water from the time you get it home until you discard it after the holidays.

That's the most practical, satisfactory and convenient method found so far for reducing fire hazards and keeping tree needles from losing their color or dropping from the tree.

Tests show that keeping trees standing in water will prevent needles from dying out and becoming inflammable. They continue to appear fresh and green. As compared with tests of trees standing in fire-retardant chemicals, it was found that trees so treated did not absorb the chemicals rapidly or in as large amounts

as water. This resulted in increased combustibility, needle discoloration and fall.

Here's how to carry out the tree treatment suggested:

Select a tree cut as recently as possible. Cut about an inch diagonally off the bottom of the trunk. Stand the tree at once in a container of water, and keep the water level above the edges of the cut during the entire time the tree is in the house. If the tree is not set up at once, keep it standing in water in a cool place.

This treatment does not make the tree absolutely flame-proof, so other cautions are necessary. Check the wiring of lights and keep tinsel and other flammable material and decorations away from the sockets of the light bulbs on the tree.

Educated Santas

School Teaches Kringle Know-How

A school for Santa Clauses? Yes, there is one, it's the only educational institution of its kind in the world.

Graduates wear white wig and whiskers, red suit trimmed in white fur, wide white belt and black leather boots.

It is the Santa Claus School at Albion, New York. It gives credits for deep, jovial laughter and twinkling, smiling eyes.

Fresh out of Santa Claus school, a graduate with honors in throaty "ho-hoing" knows, among other things, how to remain calm when a kid glares and yells, "There ain't no Santa Claus," and how to maintain diplomatic relations with a parent who thinks Santa Claus has given her tot the brushoff.

The school holds that to be a good Santa Claus, one has to almost believe he really is Santa Claus.

The Santa Clauses are taught that when a fresh kid declares there isn't any Santa Claus to say: "I wouldn't be too sure of that, son—I wouldn't be too sure, if I were you."

Caroling Held Favorite With Many at Christmas

One of the favorite customs of Christmas Eve in many sections of the world is the singing of carols.

The carols are sometimes called "noels" because of the word having originated in France and descending from the Latin word meaning a "cry of joy at Christmas." Carols also once meant round dancers accompanied by gay songs. The earliest collection of carols was published about 1521.

EPHAPHY EVE

Trees Bow in Adoration of Christ in Syria

Among the most interesting legends connected with Christmas is one popular in Syria and is connected with Epiphany eve. According to this legend at twelve midnight on that night the trees bow in adoration before the Christ-child. The night, which the Syrians call "La'it-al-Qadr" is held to be the "night of destiny." One writer from that country describes the be-

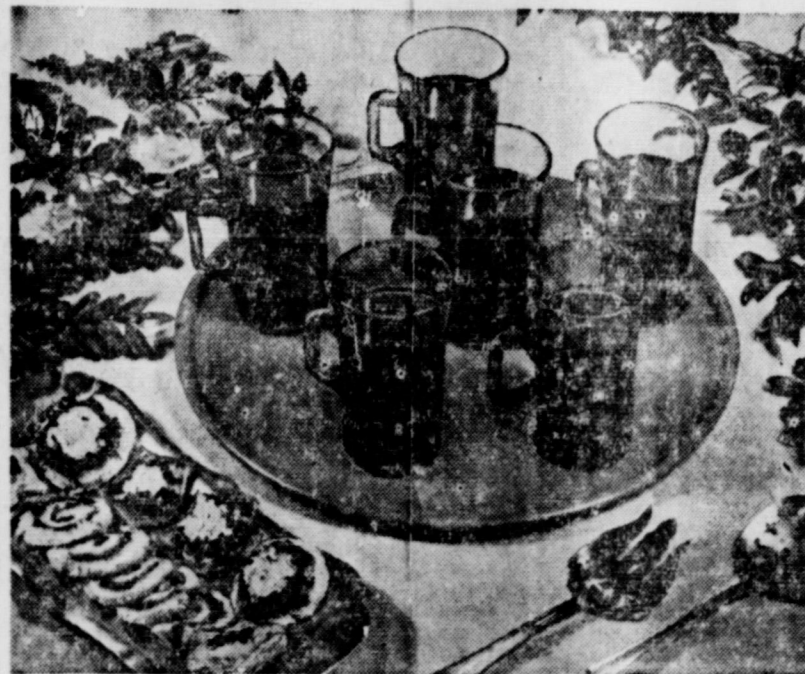
The Yule Log

A medieval Christmas toast always accompanied the burning of the Yule log. It was:

"This Yule log burns. It destroys old hatreds and misunderstandings. Let your envies vanish and the spirit of good fellowship reign supreme for this season and all through the year."

But if you want a Yule log in the best Christmas tradition it should be of oak, ash, olive, apple or pine.

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Spiced Cider Spells Holiday Cheer!
(See Recipes Below)

Holiday Parties

THE CRACKLE of the yule logs, the fragrance of evergreens, the cheer of holly berries and the festivity of the holiday season, all make an ideal setting for entertaining. It's the season of good cheer and abounding hospitality, especially if your kitchen is prepared with a full pantry.

Our holiday parade of recipes features foods ideal for buffet suppers, for those quick but delightful snacks after church, and last, but by no means least, tempting tricks to feature for open house.

YOUR SIMPLEST SNACKS or a small table set for entertaining holiday callers may consist of cookies and sweets to be served with a wonderful spiced cider, perfect for cheer-filled guests.

*Holiday Cider (Serves 8-10)

- 1/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon whole cloves
- 1 teaspoon whole allspice
- 3 sticks cinnamon
- Grating of nutmeg
- Grating of orange peel
- 2 quarts sweet cider

Combine sugar, salt and spices. Add grated orange peel and cider and bring slowly to the boiling point. Strain into a warmed pitcher and cool to drinking temperature with additional sweet cider. Serve in mugs or glasses.

Date Roll

- 1 pound pitted dates
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped candied ginger

Powdered sugar

Grind dates through finest blade on food chopper. Mix together with nuts and ginger. Knead mixture on bread board which has been dusted with sugar. When thoroughly blended, shape into a flat cylindrical roll and wrap in waxed paper. Refrigerate until needed, then slice into thin rounds for serving.

*Snow Balls (Makes 2 dozen)

- 1/4 cup butter
 - 4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
 - 1/4 cup light cream
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 cup shredded coconut
- Melt butter; add sugar alternately with cream and vanilla, stirring well after each addition. Beat smooth. Sprinkle pastry board thoroughly smooth and clean, about 10 minutes. Form balls. Roll in coconut.

*Orange-Nut Cookies (Makes 2 dozen)

- 1/2 cup butter or substitute
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon grated orange rind
- 1 cup sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Chopped nuts
- Candied cherries

Cream butter, add sugar and beat until fluffy. Add egg yolk, vanilla, lemon juice and orange rind.

LYNN SAYS:

Try These Tricks When you Entertain

When serving a hot appetizer like clear tomato soup, place in cups and let guests drink it in the living room. With this serve broiled mushrooms which have been stuffed with scrambled eggs.

Don't fuss with sweet potatoes. Place peeled, cooked potatoes in a casserole and dust with grated orange rind, a dusting of nutmeg and a few spoonfuls of corn syrup. Bake until hot.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY MENU.

- *Jellied Chicken Salad
- *Sugar Plum Loaf
- *Holiday Cider
- Assorted Olives
- *Orange-Nut Cookies
- *Snow Balls
- *Recipe Given



and mix well. Add flour and salt and work together to form a soft dough. Chill. Shape dough into small balls and dip in slightly beaten egg white. Roll in chopped nuts and place on a greased cookie sheet two inches apart. Press a piece of candied cherry on top of each one. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven for 15 to 18 minutes until golden brown.

IF YOU'RE HAVING open house New Year's eve or on the day itself, use a molded chicken salad as the main dish.

*Jellied Chicken Salad (Serves 8-10)

- 2 tablespoons unflavored gelatin
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 2 cups hot broth or water
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/2 cup diced green olives
- 3 cups cooked or canned diced turkey or chicken
- 1 cup mayonnaise, if desired

PERFECT A-COMPANIMENT to a molded salad or for sandwiches made for entertaining is this fruit filled, frosted loaf:

*Sugar Plum Loaf (Makes 2 loaves)

- 1 cup milk, scalded
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cakes compressed yeast or 2 packages dry yeast
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup seedless raisins
- 1/4 cup candied cherries
- 1 teaspoon candied orange peel
- 1/4 cup sliced citron
- 1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts
- 1 tablespoon cardamom seed

Combine milk, shortening, sugar and salt. Cool to lukewarm. Soften yeast in this mixture.

(Allow 5 to 10 minutes for dry granular yeast). Add eggs and mix thoroughly. Add remaining ingredients in order given and mix to a soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic. Place in a greased bowl and cover with a damp cloth. Let rise in a warm place until double (about two hours). Punch down. Let rest 15 minutes. Divide dough into two equal parts. Shape each into a round loaf. Place on a greased cookie sheet and let rise until double. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven for one hour. Brush with hot corn syrup. Sprinkle with granulated sugar or brush with confectioners' sugar icing.

Guests appreciate the old-fashioned idea of serving hominy as an accompaniment to roast chicken or turkey. Top the fried hominy with currant jelly.

It will be a successful party if you serve apple slices fried in butter and sprinkled while frying with maple sugar. Serve these with pork, bacon, sausages or ham.

Place some powdered sugar in a jar and a vanilla bean. When you wanted the sugar, dust it on cookies or unfrosted cakes for delicate flavor.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:1-7; 11:1-9; Jeremiah 33:14-18; Luke 2:14.

DEVOTIONAL READING: John 1:1-14.

'Mine Eyes Have Seen'

Lesson for December 25, 1949

WHAT can the old man see in the baby? There must have been some to ask that question, as the old, old man Simeon took the little six-weeks-old Jesus in his arms. To most eyes he was just another baby; but at the touch of him, Simeon broke out into words so filled with hope and ecstasy, so rhythmic with emotion, that his words, even to this day, are used as a hymn in all the Christian churches of the world. "Mine eyes have seen . . ."



Dr. Foreman

The aged man, already moving across the thin line dividing this world from heaven, could see with the eye of the spirit what was hid from the eye of many a practical man. To Simeon's mind, imbued with the spirit of the ancient prophets, the child in his arms was a center of light.

All the rays from the dim and ancient prophecies came to a focus in this child; and from this child again there shone out to all the future years of man the hope of a better world. What the prophets have foretold, is now to be; this child is the hope of mankind.

They have seen a great light

THE CHRISTMAS PROPHECIES, our Old Testament lesson text, sing the hope of the Hebrew people. It was a hope that spread beyond themselves, their tiny hill-country, landlocked and harborless, out to the "Circle of the Nations," on to the world of vast peoples beyond their ken.

In a leaderless world, where men went blindly through life, smothered by the smoke of torches in the wavering hands of the blind, the prophets sang of the Coming One, the Messiah, God's chosen Leader, who would bring men out of darkness into light, the Divine Counsellor.

In the centuries when the servants of God were enslaved by those who worshiped only the sword, the prophets pointed confidently to the time when the leadership of the world would at least be in the hands of those who knew and understood and obeyed God.

Eyes of Flesh

NOW THE PROPHETS did not now always fully understand their own prophecies, as we are told by Peter (1 Pet. 1:10,11); and certainly most of the Jews did not. When they heard the word "Messiah" or "King" they could think only of the kings they had known and admired, some new David, great in battle, or another Solomon, in a greater and more golden palace.

So when the little boy Jesus was born in the dark stable under the hill, it was not everyone who could see what Simeon saw, that now the hopes of the prophets were coming true, now the Kingdom of righteousness and peace, the Realm of All Nations, was to begin.

What Simeon's fading human eye could see was no great thing—a helpless infant from a peasant carpenter's home. It was only Simeon's inward eye that saw the truth.

Eyes of Faith

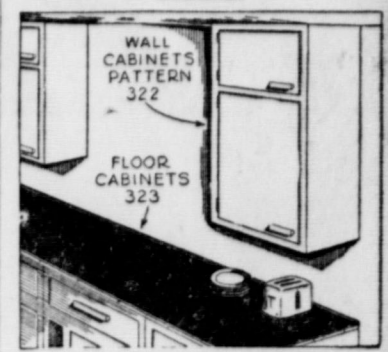
YET THE EYE of faith can see more. The salvation God is bringing to the world has only just begun. As in Simeon's day the salvation and the light were barely at the horizon, so now it is still but sunrise. The colors of sunrise may be mistaken for those of sunset, by those who have been long asleep. It is only those who have watched through the night who know the sunrise for what it is.

The songs of Christmastide are songs of hope, and not only songs of remembrance. It is not the hope of fools, for the world of today is brighter than the world into which Christ was born, and the brightness shines from him.

Who would turn back this world, for all its wretchedness and frustrations, into what it would have been had Jesus never been born? At Christmas time we rejoice, not that all things have been accomplished or that all the prophecies of good have come true; we rejoice rather that the God-sent Leader, the Messiah, the Saviour, has come, and that with his coming salvation and light and glory have begun.

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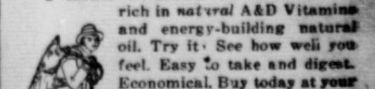
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LETTERS TO SANT:

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl four years old and have been very good. Will you please bring me a doll with a suit case and buggy. Remember my little sister, too. She wants a doll and a doll house. Don't forget my playmates across the street, Jimmy, Sandy, and Kathlene Garrett. See you soon.

SHARON MORRISON

BERRY FLAT NEWS

The Berry Flat Stitch and Clatter Club met with Mrs S A Mensch for the Christmas party and tree; each member brought a package and exchanged and each one brought a package for their pal. Every one enjoyed the evening with cokes and cookies.

Mr. Welsch's brother of Lubbock is visiting him for the week. Rev. Bill Williams of Plainview college, brought the message at the Berry Flat Church Sunday. It was enjoyed by all.

Shorty Bunie, James Dukes, and the Welches were the Sunday visitors in the Staggs home.



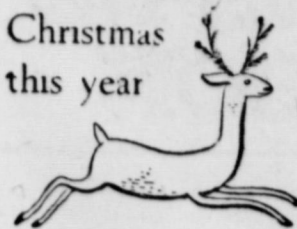
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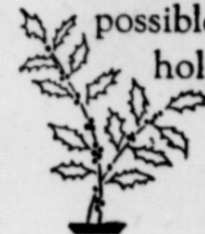


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