

The Baird Star

Our Motto—"Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But The Get-Up-And-Get That Makes Men Great."

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Baird and Aspermont Battle for Bi-District Championship Here Today

The Baird and Aspermont football teams will meet here today to decide the Bi-District Championship. The game which will terminate the football season, will be called at 2:30 this afternoon in the Baird Bears Den.

SPORTS BUREAU P A E

Wow Roll up your sleeves and wade into the finest football game ever brought to Baird. The Baird-Aspermont game has been brought to the Baird field for the convenience of the Baird patrons who have been so darned nice through the season in backing the team on and off the field.

Aspermont, in case you haven't heard, has been scored upon only by a count of six points during this season, which isn't a bad record at all but can be interpreted two ways, either Aspermont is a powerful team or the competition has been slack. We prefer to believe the last named, but it's hard to tell.

Baird has been scored upon, and more times than once but they have always manage to come out on top and that, after all, is what counts. Baird started out as the least promising team in the district, with a string of boys who had no experience in the line of battle. They manage to pull from under the jinx of a poor start to wind up on top of the heap. Baird has been pitted against every kind of a team and under every circumstance. The boys have played in bitter cold weather rain on sandy fields and at night. They have played teams noted for their deceptive plays rock-walls lines, and fast backs and have taken it all their stride with out a defeat.

Aspermont has on its string one Jim Baugh who is their ace player, Baugh has received good publicity, not only because of his ability but because his name spelled like that of Slinging Sam Baugh, has brought him a great deal of attention. To off-set this, Baird has Bill Yarborough who is greased lighting on a field, Bullet Cook, and Charlie Coats. Yarborough's eighty-yard run in the last two minutes of play minutes in the May game made football history. That wasn't just good that was dad blamed sensational have brought the fan s to their feet with a cheer as loud as the crowd gave young Yarborough. Talking it all around, and weigh in this and that Baird has more than even chance to slice the bacon their way to-day, so we say bring em' on We're ready or them.

Game is called for two o'clock. The merchants will close their stores, the whole town will turn out lock stock and barrel and you'll I chum will reserve a ring side seat for the best bout of the season.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Kids: Once again the Star will print your letter to me in their issue of December 22, telling what you want me to bring you this Christmas.

As there will likely be a large number of you who will want to write, and it will be a big job to set them in type. I want to urge you to get them in as early as possible.

Just write what you want on one side of the paper only, and either mail or bring it to The Star office, Baird, Texas.

Now, don't fail Old Santa Claus, as this is the only way I can know just what you want for Christmas and you know I want to bring you what you want as nearly as I can.

So just write it down, or get Mother or Dad to do it for you, and mail or bring it in as quickly as you can. The letters will all be printed in the Christmas edition coming out December 22.

Your Old Friend,
SANTA CLAUS.

Luncheon For Sunday School Class

The Ruth Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church was entertained Tuesday at noon with a luncheon held in the home of Mrs. Haynie Gilliland, Mrs. Frank Bearden, Mrs. James Ross and Mrs. Nichols were hostess. The following were present:

Mms. Austin, Lewis, Tankersley, Coats, Atchison, Daniels, Nichols, Ford, Hooker, Davis, Ray Ross, Payne, Smith, Hadley, Snyder, Bearden, Gilliland and Morgan.

Richard Windham On Track Team At John Tarleton

Richard Windham, freshman in John Tarleton college, Stephenville College Stephenville is one of the forty tracksters reporting to Coach Frazier and will begin work out about February 1.

Scheduled contests for the year includes the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, the Howard Payne track meet, A and M Freshmen meet, and the Texas Relays.

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES TO SERVE LUNCH

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church will have a cooked food sale in the building north of Estes, Cafe, on Saturday Dec. 9. Coca, coffee and sandwiches will be served. Come and lunch with us.

COOKED FOOD SALE

The Wednesday Club and High School Dramatic Club will hold a cooked food sale in the luncheon club room on Saturday, Dec. 16.

THE GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club met Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. H. Schwartz, with Mrs. King presiding over the meeting. Roll call was answered with Bible Quotations. A very interesting program was given during the afternoon with Mrs. R. L. Alexander giving a talk on Flowers of the Bible" which was very interesting. Mrs. Lee Ivey and Mrs. Hamilton Wright accompanied by Mrs. V. E. Hill at the piano sang two Christmas Carols. Mrs. Charles Coats read two beautiful poems.

Gifts were exchanged by members of the club and a very lovely refreshment plate was served from hand painted china that is 54 years old that was a wedding present to Mr. and Mrs. H. Schwartz.

Those present were: Mrs. Joe McGowan, Mrs. Ace Hickman, Mrs. Virgil Jones, Mrs. E. C. Fulton, Mrs. Will Boydston, Mrs. S. H. Hill, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. W. T. Wheeler, Mrs. E. Wheeler, Mrs. Lee Ivey, Mrs. Feterly, Mrs. Vernon King, Mrs. A. R. Kelton, Mrs. Bearden, Mrs. Charles Coats, Mrs. Harry Ebert, Mrs. O. F. Stiffler, Mrs. N. L. Dickey, Mrs. Earl Hall, Mrs. Clyde White, Mrs. Felix Mitchell, Mrs. Georgia Luseby, Visitors were: Mrs. R. L. Alexander, Mrs. Hamilton Wright, Mrs. V. E. Hill, Miss Beatrice Green, Mrs. R. C. Hardin and the Hostess, Mrs. Schwartz.

Mrs. J. A. Jackson returned Saturday from a month's visit with her nephew, Cagle Healep and family in Houston. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mitchell also of Houston. Mrs. Harry Ebert, Mrs. R. V. Hart and Jackson in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Terry and son Donald, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Terry and children, Peggy Jean and Marvin of Fort Worth were the Thanksgiving guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McLaughlin at their country home three miles west of Baird.

Goodfellows Will Again Remember Needy At Christmas

The Goodfellows met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the Public Library to make plans for their annual drive for funds to bring cheer to the needy of our city at Christmas time.

Ralph Ashlock was reelected as president and Eliza Gilliland re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

The following committees were appointed by Mr. Ashlock: Soliciting Committee: Borah Brame, chairman; Mrs. Fred Heyser, W. O. Wylie, Jr., and Clarence Nordyke.

Purchasing Committee: Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, chairman, Mrs. C. W. Coats, Mrs. Ace Hickman, Mrs. Carroll McGowan.

Committee to Secure Names of Families to be Sent Gifts: Rev. A. A. Davis, chairman, Rev. Floyd Embree, Rev. Hamilton Wright, Olaf South, Hugh Smith B. C. Chrisman, Mrs. Gertie Sprawls, Miss Doughty, Miss Ann Johnson, Mrs. S. L. McElroy and Mrs. L. B. Lewis.

Packing Committee: Mrs. W. B. Atchison, chairman, members of the Wednesday Club, Junior Wednesday Club, Delphian Club and Junior Delphian Club will assist in packing the baskets.

Distributing Committee, Borah Brame, chairman and he will secure help as needed.

The Baird Fire Boys are repairing and repainting toys. All who have used toys are urged to carry them to the Fire Station or leave them with some of the Fire Boys or at The Star office.

Jars will be placed in business houses for collecting of funds for this worthy cause. This work was begun by the late Dr. R. G. Powell and has been faithfully kept going since his death some years ago.

M. J. Dugan Former Baird Resident Died At El Paso

M. J. Dugan, 83 former Texas and Pacific Ry., round house foreman at Baird, died at his home in El Paso, Monday night Nov. 27th Death resulting from a heart attack following an illness of some duration.

Mr. Dugan was in the employ of the T. and P. Ry for many years. He served as round house foreman here for several years some 25 years ago later serving at Big Spring and Toyah. He retired some years ago and moved to El Paso where he has since resided.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Dugan; three sons, Ed Dugan of San Diego, California; Joe Dugan of Beaumont; and W. H. Dugan, T. and P. conductor of Big Spring; two daughters, Mrs. M. Soares of San Diego, California; and Mrs. R. J. Ahern of El Paso, and sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Homan of Big Spring.

Funeral services were held Thursday in El Paso.

JUNIOR DELPHIAN CLUB

The Junior Delphian Club met Nov. 29 in the home of Maxine Williams with Mrs. R. L. Elliott Jr., leader.

The following program was presented A Soliloquy on Parliamentary Law; La Verne Christman; "Ten Commandments of parliamentary Law", Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Jr.

The Club adjourned to meet with Beatrice Hickman, Dec. 7.

The following answered roll call: Jo Ruth Arvin, Evelyn Barton, Mrs. Edward Donaldson, Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Jr., Juanita Farrar, Ida Louise Fetterly, Beatrice Hickman, Mrs. Fayne Hollingshead, Susie Lee Smith, Mrs. Curtis Sutphen, Maxine Williams, La Verne Christman.

G. A. Dunn Jr. Will Speak At Church of Christ



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Next Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. Brother G. A. Dunn, Jr history instructor of Texas University and Minister of the Church of Christ at Rising Star will speak at the Church of Christ here.

Brother Dunn has just returned from Europe and the Holy Land He was in Istanbul, Turkey when the war broke out and returned to America by way of Paris. He spent several days in Paris before being evacuated.

If you miss hearing him tell of the Jews plight in Palestine and Turkey, and also the conditions in England, France and Germany you will overlook an opportunity of hearing a history scholar who has been there and seen the things of which he speaks.

The people of the community are urged to hear Brother Dunn Extra chairs will be placed in the balcony to take care of a large crowd. These will be many present from adjoining communities.

The services Sunday morning will proceed as usual with Bible Study beginning promptly at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m.

FLOYD EMBREE, Minister

EPISCOPAL SERVICE

Rev. Willis P. Gerhart will hold services at the Episcopal Chapel of the Lord's Prayer Sunday, Dec 10th at 3:30 p. m. Holy Communion and Sermon. All cordially invited to attend.

SAVE OXYDOL CARTON TOPS

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church request all housewives to save all Oxydol carton tops for them. Leave tops at A and P Store or at The Star office.

CLUB TO GIVE SOCIAL

The Fellowship Club of Baird is planning a social to be given Saturday night, Dec. 9 at the home of Mrs. Norman George. A good time is planned and all the members of the club are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Clay have returned from Mission where they spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Clay's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Boatwright.

Our 52 Birthday

Fifty-Two Years Ago To-day, December 8 the first edition of The Baird Star was issued by its founder, W. E. Gilliland, deceased. We have had several letters from old subscribers and a number of calls, but due to the fact that we have had extra work in the shop this week we did not get up the article as we wanted to, so will publish these letters and names of subscribers who were on the list when The Star was founded, succeeding the Callahan County Clarendon later.

Red Cross Roll Call Goes Over The Top In Baird

The Annual Red Cross Roll Call has gone over the top in Baird, exceeding any previous record. Baird's quota this year was 250 members and 262 members were enrolled and Baird has done her part in response to the appeal of the American Red Cross for a million new members to meet the emergencies of the new year, which means thousands of homes restored and lives saved.

Mrs. Ace Hickman, chairman in charge of the local roll call wishes to express her appreciation to those who helped in the roll call also those who so willingly gave. The list of names of Baird citizens who enrolled will be published next week.

Tea Baulch county roll call chairman informs us that he does not have a full report from the county but feels sure that the county quota of 500 members have been secured and hopes to have a report within the next few days.

Postmasters of 17th District To Honor Judge Garrett

The Postmasters of the Seventeenth District of Texas will honor their Congressman, Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland with a banquet given in his honor at the Laguna Hotel, Cisco, Texas, Saturday, December 9th, at 7:30 P. M. A district meeting of the Postmasters of the District has been called at 6:00 P. M., the same day for the purpose of electing their officers for the year 1940.

The Congressman from the adjoining district have been extended an invitation in honoring Congressman Garrett, and Dr. Earl Lightfoot, Pastor of the First Methodist Church of Mineral Wells and Hon. T. E. Brooks of Abilene, Texas, will be the principal speaker.

The Chamber of Commerce and The Host Postmaster, Luther McCrea of Cisco, working with the committee on arrangements, state they are expecting the one hundred and eleven postmasters, their wives and the husbands of the lady postmasters of the district to be there.

JUNIOR WEDNESDAY CLUB

The Junior Wednesday Club met in its regular meeting Wednesday, Dec. 6 at the home of Miss Beatrice Green with Miss Burma Warren as hostess.

Eighteen members answered roll call on Federation News. Mrs. Bill Banks was leader of the program on Federation. Should Junior Club's Join The National Federation? Miss Burma Warren.

What Junior Club's are Doing in other states, Mrs. Roy Hamby Miss Burma Warren, who was the club's delegate to the state meeting of Federated Clubs at Wichita Falls, gave a very interesting report of the meeting.

R. P. Stephenson, Patsie to The Star readers, of Eula, was in Baird Wednesday.

Miss Jean Powell of Eastland spent Thanksgiving with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell Miss Jean was recently transferred to Eastland as district secretary of Dept. of Public Welfare. She served as district secretary in the Wichita Falls office of Old Age Assistance until all state welfare agencies were combined under the department of public welfare.

The Workers Meeting of Callahan Baptist Association held the Quarterly meeting at Potosi Tuesday. Rev. A. A. Davis pastor of the Baird Baptist Church preached the 11 o'clock sermon.

Morgan Grocery Have Opening Sale

The Morgan Grocery Store recently opened in the Flores building, are having the grand opening sale today and tomorrow. See their big ad on last page.

Mr. Morgan was formerly in business here, first opening in partnership with Mr. Sailor whom he later bought out. He later sold out to Allen who in time sold to Norvell.

It is rather unusual in that Mr. Allen only a few weeks ago returned to Baird and bought out Houston's Food Store and last week Mr. Morgan returned and bought the Curtis Store, only recently established.

Mr. Morgan and family, Mrs. Morgan and son, Billie George are at home in the Davis residence in North Baird.

Ernestine Higgin Makes Honor Roll At McMurray

Miss Ernestine Higgins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Ernest Higgins of Baird was among the eleven freshmen who gained the honor roll at McMurray College.

The roll was released through the register office last week after totaling the mid-semester grades. Places on the list are gained by points, allotted; A, 12 B, 9; C, 6. Miss Higgins made 54 points.

She was also elected at the first of the years to the Wah Waitaysee Drum and Bugle Corps. She is a member of the Scribblers Club and the Foreign Language Club.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICES

The Presbyterian Church will have services next Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, instead of the usual evening services.

The public is invited to attend. Special music will be given.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Junior League of the Methodist Church met Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 6:30 p. m. The following program was given:

Songs, No's! 60 and 39.

Scripture by Norman West.

Wonderful Words of Life, Romana Wright.

Bible Questions, Entire Group.

Piano Solo, Flora Brison.

League Benediction.

Betsy Hickman, Reporter

SERVICES AT DEEP CREEK CAMP GROUND

W. E. Hawkins, directors of The Radio Revival F.R.I.D. Dallas will preach in the assembly hall at The Deep Creek Camp Ground on State Highway, No. 80 Lone Star Tourist Camp where John Hughes is the proprietor, Saturday, December 9 at 7:15 p. m.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

Regular meeting of Callahan Chapter No. 242 O. E. S. Tuesday Dec 12, Initiation work.

Christmas Program. Each member requested to bring a gift not to exceed 25 cents in price. All visitors welcome.

Elizabeth Fetterly, W. M. Verda James, Sec'y. Pro Tem.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howell and son Charles Jr., and Mrs. Lillian Collins and Warren Jones of Fort Worth and Mrs. George Scott of San Francisco Calif., spent Thanksgiving with their grand mother Mrs. G. W. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, parents of Warren Jones who is attending school in Fort Worth.

Rupert Jackson of Dallas and Randall student in the University of Texas, Austin spent Thanksgiving with their mother Mrs. Rupert Jackson.

Garden Club Sponsors Beautification Program

The Garden Club have perfected plans for the annual beautification program. The program is limited to residences only and all who wish to enter the contest must enter their names with the Beautification Committee by Dec 18, when lights are to be turned on and lights must be burned at least three hours each night until Dec. 27. It is suggested that the lights burn from 6 to 9 o'clock.

The displays will be judged on Dec. 23 and prizes will be awarded Jan 1. Prizes to be given will be announced later.

The beautification committee is Mrs. F. E. Mitchell, chairman; Mrs. W. D. Boydston, Mrs. Virgil Jones, Mrs. Carl Daniel, Mrs. Murry Harris and Eliza Gilliland.

Notify any member of this committee if you wish to enter the contest.

Humble's Final Football Broadcast

The official Southwest Conference football season closes Saturday with the game between Southern Methodist University and the Rice Institute at Dallas.

The game will decide whether or not Baylor's Bears, who have lost two Conference games, will have undisputed, second place in the final Conference standings, or share that place of honor with the Methodist; if Rice wins, S. M. U. wins, the Ponies will be all even with the Bears.

The game will be broadcast over Texas stations by the Humble Oil Refining Company, Kern Tips will be at the microphone for the play by play description of the game, and Cy Leland will handle statistics and between-halves color.

Humble's broadcast will began at 1:15 p.m. and can be heard over stations WFAA, Dallas-Ft Worth; KPRC, Houston; and WOAI, San Antonio.

A feature of the broadcast is the fact that the Humble Company, following its custom of past years, dedicated this final broadcast of the regular Conference season to the seniors who have played on Southwest Conference squads this year.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Fine selection of Native Cedar Christmas Trees of all sized, on display at my home.

SAM BLACK.

PREACHING AT MIDWAY

Announcement is made of special services to be held at Midway Church Friday night of this week, Dec. 8 Pastor A. A. Davis of Baird Baptist Church will preach. Services will begin at 7:15. He will also preach at the regular Monthly Meeting at Midway, Sunday afternoon Dec. 10 at 3 P. M. All residents of Midway community are urged to attend these services.

Special Merchants' Christmas Edition Of The Star Will Be Dec. 15

The Star will issue a special Merchants Christmas Edition next week, Friday Dec. 15th. We have a nice selection of Christmas advertisements of every line of business and will be glad to assist any one in getting up their advertisements for this Christmas edition. We will call on all business institutions soliciting advertisements for this special edition which will be issued on Dec. 15th. Just in time to be of assistance to shoppers for Christmas.

All advertising must be in by the first of next week for this edition.

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Christmas Invitation

By Katherine Edelman

JACK TRESLAR hunched his broad shoulders deeper into the big chair, turning a new page of his book. He was reading a Christmas story, trying hard to become absorbed in the tale.

A sharp ring from the telephone brought him to his feet. Who could be calling him on Christmas eve?

A strange voice responded to his "hello." "I hate to bother you on Christmas eve, Mr. Treslar. But I'm ringing up to ask if it would be possible for you to come and spend Christmas with me. My name is Bevan Willers. I live out at Richmond. I have a big home, and—"

"But—but I don't even know you, Mr. Willers. There must be some mistake."

"I want you!" the low voice was emphatic. "Will you come or not?"

Jack repressed a quick exclamation. "I—I had thought of spending Christmas—" he began.

"Wouldn't it be possible to change your plans? I have a feeling they could be side-tracked easily."

Jack thought of the lonely Christmas he had been anticipating. Af-



He ascended the steps leading to the massive door.

er all, there might be something to this unusual invitation.

"You are right about my plans," he admitted. "They are rather in the air. But—but going to spend Christmas with an utter stranger took me back for a moment."

"That's why I thought you might come." There was a note of disappointment in Bevan Willers' voice. "I probably got the wrong man, however."

Jack thought again of the lonely Christmas before him. And before he could debate the question, he heard a voice inside of him answering, calling through the wire to Richmond. "You got the right man, Mr. Willers. I'm coming."

An hour later, bathed and dressed, Jack Treslar was speeding along the frosted highway to Richmond. Following the detailed instructions that had been given him, Jack found the long winding drive leading from the roadway. What a secluded, ghostly place, he thought, as he drove under the snow-sprinkled trees.

BEVAN WILLERS was waiting. In the dim light from the chandelier, his tall bent figure seemed grotesque. "I have let the servants away for the evening," he said, his bony hand motioning toward the end of the shadowed hall.

Jack Treslar felt a twinge of fear as he followed. Here he was—alone in the house with this strange old man. Anything could happen. There wasn't another residence within blocks. Then, his adventurous spirit asserted itself, and he looked smilingly across the table at Bevan Willers. "Well, what's it all about?"

A dead silence was the only answer. Gray eyes under heavy bristling brows stared at him intently. Jack stared back unflinchingly.

Then a hearty laugh rang through the library. With amazement Jack saw the old man straighten up in his chair. Years seemed to fall off his shoulders. The twisted, grotesque appearance vanished as if by magic. He spoke quietly.

"I'm not crazy," he began; "I'm just a lonely old fellow, ticketed as a sort of recluse. The true facts are that I've been trying for years to write. Yesterday I got word that a story of mine had been accepted."

"But I still don't understand your strange invitation, and—" Jack interrupted.

"I'm coming to that," Bevan Willers continued. "The hero of my book is a daring, adventurous fellow. A man willing to answer a strange call that came in the night. I got intrigued with the fellow, and began thinking. Wondering if there was any young fellow who would act as he had done. So I rang the first hotel that came to mind and described my hero. Young, unmarried, interesting sort of chap. Pretended his name had slipped my mind for the moment. They connected me with your room. You know the rest."

Jack stretched out his long arm across the desk, and gripped the old man's hand. "Now that I'm here, Mr. Willers, do you still believe you have got the right man?" There was wistful entreaty in his dark eyes.

"I don't just think—I'm absolutely positive."

Christmas In The New Home



"THE first Christmas in our new home," Janice Wray announced joyously as she stepped across the threshold of Stewart's and her new home.

"Christmas in our new home," Stewart echoed, switching on the light.

"Oh, isn't it just grand!" exclaimed Janice.

"I'll say it is—but slow up—slow up, Janny! I've got about all my arms will hold, without taking you aboard," Stewart warned her as Janice attempted to throw her arms about him.

"Oh, keep quiet! You're just as excited as I am—so why pretend?" Janice answered with a toss of her head.

Stewart put his packages down and then with his arms around her he assured her. "You bet I am, Honey. I think it's wonderful! So pardon!" And just because they were so happy, they both laughed.

"Come on—let's get busy with the tree," Stewart suggested.

"Right!" agreed Janice, "just as soon as I change my dress."

The tree must be neither too large nor too small. Some time had been consumed deciding just the proper size for a Christmas tree for two. They were to be alone this Christmas—the first Christmas in their new home; there was no doubt about that, for they had definitely decided that when they purchased the house, and now here they were ready to trim the much-discussed tree.

"Isn't that star lovely?" Janice said as Stewart placed it at the top of the tree.

"Yes. But I thought you had planned on something else," Stewart replied.

"I changed my mind," was all Janice said. She didn't tell him she couldn't think of a Christmas tree without a star at the top. They always had one on the tree "at home."

"Thought you weren't going to get any red balls," she reminded Stewart.

"I changed my mind." Both laughed at Stewart's echo of Janice's answer of a moment before.

"Mother would love this silver ball," Janice hung the ball where it caught the most light.

"Wouldn't Bess love this blue ball?" Stewart picked up the large blue globe.

"Our dads would enjoy that open fire—and Bill those spruce boughs over the mantel"—Bill, the older brother of Stewart, loved anything from the woods.

And so each thing reminded them of someone's fondness for it, or of some of the happy times of former holidays.

"Well, I guess that's all for now," Stewart said when the decoration of the tree was finished and he and Janice stood admiring it. Janice made no reply to her husband's remark at first.

"All but the presents," she said hesitatingly.

"Oh, we can put those out later," Stewart suggested.

"But I mean the ones for the family," she explained.

"Didn't you distribute those today?" Stewart asked in surprise.

"I thought it would be more fun to take them together."

"Stewart stopped and kissed her. "I think so, too, honey—so let's go."

"Wait until I get my hat and coat."

"And I'll bring the car up to the door."

When Stewart returned to the room Janice was placing packages under the tree.

"Janice, doesn't it seem to you there is something wrong with the tree?" Stewart asked suddenly.

"No," Janice walked all around the tree looking at it critically.

"No," she said the second time—then suddenly—"Yes, Stewart, there is something wrong—something missing—the loving sharing of decorating the tree. Our families would so have enjoyed it. We trimmed it just for ourselves. It does seem selfish."

Then after a moment's silence she cried: "I have it! Suppose we leave the presents here and invite our families here for a good old-fashioned Christmas eve celebration. What do you say?"

"I say—great! Here goes," and Stewart hurried toward the telephone.

A Straw for Remembrance Reminding gay celebrants of the poverty of the Christ Child, Christmas feasts in Poland always have a piece of straw sticking out from under the dining table cloth.

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Yuletide Shower

By Elizabeth Eastman

"I WISH we could do something exciting—something different at Christmas," Peggy looked out at the winter landscape as she spoke.

"For instance?" Vivian Clark glanced up from the magazine.

"Something like making someone terribly, tremendously happy." Peggy came closer to her sister as she answered, and Vivian saw that she was very much in earnest.

"I've been thinking," Peggy went on, "how wonderful it would be to bring something thrilling—something unforgettable—into someone's life. I don't mean like helping with the baskets and the entertainments at the church; we've always done that; but a sort of special something, for one particular person."

For a minute youthful voices surrendered to silence. The gay little clock on the dresser made audible sound. Suddenly Peggy jumped to her feet. "I've thought of something!" she cried breathlessly, "something really different! You know Sara Werby—she's been an invalid for 10 years—shut in from the world except for a few friends who run in every now and then."

"But what can we do for her? We do visit her occasionally, and have always taken her a little Christmas gift. You know she's much too proud to accept charity."

"Who's talking of charity? What I have in mind is something that will just thrill her. I'm going to write to Mona Muir—you know, she runs that department on the Star—and I'm going to tell her how wonderful Sara has been, and ask a card shower for her."

Vivian whistled through her teeth. "Well, that is a grand idea, Peggy. I know she'll be thrilled."

"She's bound to be! Think of the postman stopping with loads and loads of mail every day." Peggy's blue eyes were dancing.

"But suppose people don't write? You know how busy everyone is at Christmas." Vivian's face reflected the doubt in her words.

"But they will write," Peggy's voice was emphatic. "I'm going to hold the thought that Sara Werby will be just swamped with mail."

TOGETHER they penned the letter to Mona Muir on the big city paper. Later, between snatches of shopping, they discussed the possible number of cards and letters that would be delivered at the little cottage on Bank street. They both seemed to be more concerned with what Sara Werby was going to



"I've thought of something!" she cried breathlessly.

receive than about what they themselves were going to get.

"It's funny how doing something for others gets a hold of you," Vivian said one day; "I wasn't nearly as enthusiastic as you at first, Peggy; now I believe I'm even more eager."

But their real happiness came on Christmas eve when they stood by Sara Werby's bed and saw the radiance upon her face. Stacks of letters, cards, and packages were piled everywhere, with postmarks from almost every state in the Union.

"It's the most thrilling thing that ever happened in my life," Sara told them. "I never knew there were so many wonderful people in the world. It will take me weeks and weeks to answer them all, but it's going to be loads of fun." Her brown eyes sparkled like a girl's.

"I imagine some of them will develop into lasting friends," Peggy ventured. "Vivian and I are so happy about it all—in fact, I think we're just about as excited as you are."

"You're pretty happy then," Sara Werby whispered softly. "For I don't believe there is anyone—anywhere—who is going to have a more thrilling Christmas than mine."

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"AREN'T the dolls beautiful?" exclaimed Joan to her mother, as she gazed upon the finished product of the "Two Little Dolls in Blue" which Dorothy May had ordered from Santa Claus. "They are quite the loveliest I have ever seen," spoke mother. "I do believe that you have put your very heart and soul into their fashioning."

Joan had spent many days and nights, too, stitching a loving holiday thought into each tiny garment. The dainty materials had been transformed into things of beauty. The dresses of pale blue silk with bonnets and slippers to match, had proclaimed them the "Two Little Dolls in Blue!"

"Oh, won't Dot love them?" beamed Joan, as she again eyed the dolls from head to foot with a happy smile of complete satisfaction.

"I dare say this will be her happiest Christmas, one that she will never forget," said mother.

Christmas eve, with its bright lights and cheer, was in full progress and the two little dolls in blue were being fondled by one of the happiest little girls in the world.

Rocking in her own tiny chair Dorothy May began singing a lullaby to the dolls, wholly oblivious of the attendant surroundings. It was such an adorable sight that the others had stopped their celebrations and were beaming upon her with transformed emotion.

The spell was broken when Dorothy May suddenly stopped singing and called out, "What shall I name the 'two little dolls in blue'?"

"Well," said Joan, smiling thoughtfully, "since they are dressed in blue and are two very important little ladies, why not call one Alice Blue and the other Elinor Blue?" And so the dolls were named.

On Christmas morning in another house around the corner, Bonny Jean awoke with the joy of the holiday and shouted, "Mother, did Santa come and did he bring me a big baby doll with curls and eyes that open and shut?"

"Yes, dearie, Santa came and brought you a very pretty doll."

Then spying it, seated beneath the tree dressed in scarlet finery, Bonny Jean closed it to her breast. Upon close inspection, she soon learned that it was the same sort of doll she had always received, only with new features.

Just as she was about to burst into protest at her bitter disappointment there came a rap upon the door and a kindly neighbor was saying, "Merry Christmas." Then with a happy smile—

"What is the matter, little girl? Hasn't Santa Claus come yet?"

"Oh, yes, he came, but he brought me the same old rag doll again. I thought sure it would be a real one this year, because I'm nine, you see."

"Oh, I am so sorry," said Dorothy May, with true feeling and thinking of the two beautiful dolls which Santa had left for her. Then with a happy Christmas thought, she whispered something very lovely to her mother.

They all went right over to the big house on the hill nestled under its burden of Christmas snow. Bonny Jean forgot all about the rag doll when she glimpsed the great tree through the holly wreaths in the window. But when she saw the two little dolls in blue sitting beneath it her joy was unbounded. She clapped her hands and danced with glee. "Such darling dolls!" she gasped, breathlessly.

"Their names are Alice Blue and Eleanor Blue," said their little mistress, proudly.

"I want to give you one of them, Bonny Jean; which do you like?"

With unbelievable surprise, her eyes fairly dancing with joy, she clasped the beautiful doll in her arms and asked, "Is it—really—mine—for—keeps?"

"Really and truly for keeps," said Dot.

Dorothy May explained it all to her mother after the happy little girl had left, that somehow she just did not miss Eleanor Blue very much when she saw how happy she had made Bonny Jean.

In her heart she felt that it was truly "more blessed to give than to receive," and hugging the one little doll closely, she whispered, "Merry Christmas, Alice Blue."

Alice's doll must be unpacked, and her stocking filled. What time is it?"

He looked at his watch. "Almost midnight."

"Not really!"

He nodded, and put his watch on the table. "Here, pooch," he said, "it's bedtime for you." He lifted the puppy into its bed, and turned back to his wife. "And as for you, milady," he said, "in about ten seconds I want a kiss for Christmas, and then we're going to pitch in together and clean up this mess, and trim the tree, and maybe even chance another batch of candy. OK? Then, it's time, darling, to say Merry Christmas."

Merry Christmas, Alice Blue.

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A Christmas Reconciliation



MARY and John had quarreled—just before Christmas, too. The Christmas candy had burned, and then, in the excitement, each had blamed the other, making cruel retorts, until Mary fled to her bedroom in tears and John stalked off in the snowy night.

The Christmas candle beamed welcome from the window as John started around the block again. He was cold, and sorry, but he mustn't go in too soon.

The tree, the holly, their little girl asleep in her crib and dreaming of Santa Claus—all were a mockery. Mary went into the living room and snapped on the radio, looking for a jazz band and forgetfulness.

Instead there came the strains of "Silent Night"—"peace on earth, good will to men."—"God bless us, every one"—"may nothing you dismay." Wasn't there anything on except Christmas programs? A clic brought back the silence.

She opened the front door. Next time she would ask John to come in. Tell him she was sorry. Now that she stopped to think, she knew that he was sorry, too. Why let a few excited words that neither of them meant spoil their Christmas?

But John did not come. It was too cold to stand at the door any longer, but she sat at the window, with the curtain drawn aside, watching for him. An hour went by.

When at last she saw him coming the relief almost choked her. He was striding rapidly, carrying something in his arms. She opened the door for him and he handed his burden to her.

"Here, Mary, hold him. Careful, now. His leg's hurt. I'll get a box and we'll fix a bed."

Mary looked down at the warm bundle. It was a furry puppy. One leg was in splints. The puppy whimpered a little and licked her hand.

"But, John, where did you get him?"

"Accident. Over on Linden. Fell out of a passing car. I took him to a vet and had him fixed up. Thought he'd make a cute pet for Alice—"

He stopped his work and straightened up. "I'm awfully sorry, Mary. I was a fool."

"It was my fault, John." Their eyes met in perfect understanding. How silly to quarrel. The silence was a more impressive reconciliation than words. Mary broke it nervously, for fear she would cry again. "There are some clean rags in that drawer. And we ought to get him something to eat. He can have this old bowl for his dish."

She worked with one hand, cuddling the puppy. "Won't Alice be surprised? And what shall we name him?"

"Ought to have some connection with Christmas eve, don't you think? How about Scrooge, or Marlow?"

"Oh, no!"

"Good King Wenceslaus?"

"Such names for a poor innocent puppy! Maybe we had better see what Alice wants to call him in the morning." She put the puppy down with a saucer of warm milk. John came and put his arm around her, and they stood close together watching their pet lap greedily.

"We ought to call him Peacemaker, honey," said John. "If it hadn't been for him, I might have still been out there in the snow."

"Oh, John!" She held him close. "Weren't we silly? I was so worried when you didn't come. If anything had happened to you I could never have forgiven myself."

"Felt pretty rotten myself. Not my idea of the best way to spend Christmas eve."

"Of course! I forgot! We have so much left to do! The tree, and

the stockings, and the candy, and the trim, and the tree, and maybe even chance another batch of candy. OK? Then, it's time, darling, to say Merry Christmas."

Merry Christmas, Alice Blue.

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I RESOLVE

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Around Town

Otto B. Grate

Shhh I think the rumor is out that Baird will play Aspermont for the Bi-district champion ship game to-day in the Bears Den the best game of the year has been left on our door step so let's take it in.

Ye merry Yuletide spirit is in the air. The home town has been decked out in all of her Christmas finery. This week strings of colored lights were twined up and down main street and in a few more days the Home lighting contest will be in full swing and the resident section will get into the festive spirit.

The Christmas spirit is entering into every shop and store, and the Star will join the parade as soon as we can enough on my friend Mr Harris to blackmail him into helping with the clean-up job. Of course Professor Grate might do it himself but for generations now we Grates have been thrown constantly with work without being tarnished with it, and who am I to break a family tradition.

I did break down and clean up the desk the other day in preparation for the Holidays, and by the way, after the dirt was rubbed off it turned out to be a red topped affair. There has been some doubt to the exact hue, in fact we used to while away the long autumn evenings at the office by trying to guess what the contraption looked like originally. Editor suggested, but only once, that I brush it off and settle the matter, but we tossed her out as a Revolutionist and she hasn't tried that again. The contraption seemed a cross between an ink blot and a sort of smudgy rust. If the stylists ever create something in the line of color "sand-storm" that will match the natural surroundings it will go like hot cakes at least in Texas and what else matters.

Have you seen the lovely Poin setta plant grown by Mrs. L. L. Blackburn? It is now in the County Library and if you would like to see a really beautiful flower you should drop in some day soon.

One of our gal friends Curley Seale came into town the other day lugging the finest saddle ever thrown over a piece of horse hide. It was hand-tooled and very

fancy, a prize Curley took at the West Texas Fair for her ability as a cow-girl.

The Plaza goes Zanie next week with two pictures by Holly wood's prize Nut Brothers. The Ritz Brothers rovert "Pack Up Your Troubles" with Jane Withers on Sunday and Monday and the Mark trio come in Wednesday and Thursday with "A Day At The Circus". You'll like 'em both. The Ritz Brothers picture is a remake of the silent movie, "Tin Hats" which came out some time in 1924 and was one of the better pictures of that year. The new story will have Jane Withers worked in and here is hoping that she won't dampen the story with Juvenile pranks. The Mark picture is their best to date and that is enough to say. Maybe you don't like your shows completely ga-ga, and then again, maybe you enjoy a good laugh with no particular reason to it, either way you'll welcome a bit of nonsense as a rest from the double strong drama which is the trend lately.

Spotlight of the week goes to our friends Mr. and Mrs. West, the Elite cleaners, who add so very much to making our citizenry one hundred per cent likeable, cheerful, friendly people with the good neighbor idea always foremost.

On Baird Campuses

ATRELLE ESTES

You guessed it the first time. The Headlines on the Campus this week is the Baird-Aspermont game to be played here to-day. Every one is just a little up in the air about it and you can't blame them in the least, for it isn't every day that they hold a Bi-district champion-ship game in your own front yard no siree

A group of the Baird faculty attended the State Teachers Institute in San Antonio last week. The theme of the programs presented during the meet was "The God Neighbor Policy" and one the speakers present was the president of Panama who addressed the crowd, also Josephus Daniels, Ambassador to Mexico, and Dr. Patte from the State Dept in Washington. Those attending the Institute from Baird schools were Supt. Olaf South, Misses Erolene West, Dorothy Ward Beatrice Hickman Ida Louise Fet

BELLS OF CHRISTMAS

World's Oldest, Simplest Musical Instrument Is Universal Yuletide Symbol

Each nation has its individual symbols of Christmas: In England there is the Yule log, in France the candles and in Holland the wooden shoe. But throughout the entire world there is one universal symbol, the bells of Christmas.

This is strange because bells were not associated with the church until at least 400 A. D. when Paulinus, an Italian bishop, installed them in his church. Some bell authorities claim that Pope Sabinianus gave us the first church bells in 604.

The custom has grown until there is perhaps no use of church bells so widely known in Christian countries as the ringing of chimes to herald the advent of the birth of Christ. From huge cathedrals to tiny country churches, from the frozen arctic to the sunny tropics, the bells peal forth each Christmas season an old, old story of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

America's very national existence is wrapped up in the priceless Liberty bell at Philadelphia, and certainly no one can say that bell music isn't the most democratic music in the world.

In recent years the ancient bell has "grown up" into the carillon, a highly sensitive instrument on which Christmas carols seem to find their most perfect expression. There are now more than 200 of these instruments, 30 of them in the United States. Similar to the carillon, but differing in the number of bells, tuning and arrangement of keyboard, are chimes. Some of the finest chimes hang in English cathedrals and spread the Christmas message each December.

A chapter in the history of bells may be found in the story of almost any creed or culture. First known in the East, they were used by aboriginal people as ornaments. They came down through Grecian days and called Roman citizens to the forums, later summoning early Christians to worship. In the Middle ages they called people to arise, guided the far-away traveler

Napoleon loved bells so dearly he would not destroy them, while Henry VIII took fenshish delight in destroying them.

Bells have made people laugh and cry, have stirred them to action and

lulled them to sleep. Bells are the simplest, yet the most compelling musical instrument in the world and it is fitting that they should toll the universal message of Christmas, of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

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Quency Loven of Denton was in Baird Wednesday.

Mrs. Lawrence is visiting relatives on Dallas this week.

Tom Windham and son Frank and Tommie of Oplin were in Baird Wednesday.

Mrs. Murry Harris returned home Tuesday after a week's visit with her daughter Mrs. Ford Allen and family in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill have returned to their home in Fort Worth after a visit with Mrs. Gill's mother Mrs. Preece McFarlane and spending a week in New Mexico and the Panhandle.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hall have returned from a visit with Mrs. Hall's sister Mrs. Leland Bloom in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Cowen Mrs. V. H. Cowan of Baird and Mrs. George Nitschke of Abilene spent Sunday with Mrs. Hamp Cowan parents Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy at Peacock.

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The Sunday School enjoys the faithful labors of a group of teachers not one of whom have been absent or late for the past four Sundays. Our gifts to Missions this year reflected the fine Missionary Spirit that prevails in the Church. The gifts far exceed what had been done by the Church for Missions in many years.

Local expenses have been met promptly and cheerfully.

Prayer Meetings each Wednesday night are well attended good interest prevails in Bible Study and we are going on. The Church is moving along joyfully and faithfully. For all these blessings, we thank God and take courage, giving Him all the Glory and Honor.

We invite all to attend our services. We make no apologies whatever or preaching the Bible message at each service. Let us have even greater crowds next Sunday morning and night. Each Sunday night we are discussing the parables of our Lord. The parable for Sunday night is the far we have discussed the parables of the Unfinished House, the parable of the Dreg-net. Thus pearl of great price, the treasure hid in a field, Life's foolish rivals the sower, the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin.

Sunday morning our message will be on Heaven And A Sure Way To Go There. We want you to be there for that service. Let nothing keep you away; you'll miss a blessing if you are not there. Invite your friends to meet you at the Baptist Church Sunday morning. The Young People will be there the older people will be there—the aged will be there, why not YOU be there. Let us all have a great hour together in Holy Worship.

Methodist Church

A Watchnight service beginning at 8 Dec. 31 and running until 12:15, a. m. Jan 1 will be a special feature at the Methodist Church. A program is now being arranged. Mrs. V. E. Hill is in charge of the music. All departments of the Sunday School and Church have been asked to participate. The Mrs. Ace. Hickman class will furnish coffee and chocolate during an intermission. A group of Leaguers will serenade shut-ins during the first part of the evening. The program will be prepared and published later.

Both morning and evening services were well attended Sunday. We want you in our Sunday School and church. The pastor will preach twice Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

A meeting of district preachers, laymen and mission societies was held Friday at Abilene and attended by hundreds. Lunch was served at noon at St. Pauls Chure. Two fine Leagues to furnish spiritual exercise for the young—Senior meeting in the basement at 6:30 with Lee Loper as president Junior in the auditorium sponsored by Mrs. Ashby White. Come be with us.

Prayer-meeting and Bible study every Wednesday evening at 7:15 Next Wednesday we study second chapter of Hebrews and each succeeding week the following chapter on the epistles. Come and be with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Bennett have returned from a hunting trip near Kent.

Rev. A. A. Davis and sons Billy and Allen spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Davis's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Davis in Elgin.

Mr and Mrs. Henery Benham of Balmorea were Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. Benham's brother Claude Flores of Belle Plains Mr. and Mrs. Benham were enroute home from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Renaud and family in Fort Worth.

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Christmas Dinner

By Katherine Edelman

AS SOON as Darrel Thorpe got a chance to use the phone, he dialed his home. He must tell Edna, how sorry, how terribly sorry he was for what had happened this morning. All the way down on the car he had reproached himself for the hasty words he had said. He couldn't understand how he had spoken to Edna like that, and on Christmas eve.

He drummed impatiently on the desk as he waited. Edna was always punctual about answering the phone and doorbell. It was a way she had, going right through with things.

Which really was the cause of his flash of temper this morning. In her quick, decisive way, she had swept aside his idea of having old Mrs. Darby for Christmas dinner. The little lady, now down on her luck, had befriended Darrel when he had come to the city.

"I'm not going to have her!" Edna had declared emphatically. "We're



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going to skip Christmas as much as possible—go out and eat somewhere—and miss all the rush and bother."

"I think that's a darn selfish way of doing," Darrel shot back. "Christmas is a home day, with a turkey, and a tree, and gifts, and above all, someone to share them with us."

Then, without waiting to see the effect of his words, Darrel rushed from the house, banging the door.

Now, he dialed the number three times, but there was no answer. Panic seized him. Had Edna believed that he meant what he had said? He had heard of young wives who had packed up and left for much less reason. What a brute he had been to flare up as he did!

THE morning was unbearable long. Inwardly fuming, he hung up the receiver, to answer an imperative buzzer from the inner office. It was about the tenth this morning. If it hadn't been for Wheatley, keeping him running around in circles, he might have been able to reach Edna long ago. And if the old man hadn't been in the same ugly mood yesterday, Darrel knew that he himself wouldn't have been on edge this morning, that he wouldn't have spoken to Edna as he had done. He blamed Wheatley as much as himself.

"You sent for me," he said stiffly, as he waited beside the desk. The big man did not seem to hear him. His eyes were glued on a closely typed statement. Darrel spoke again. Then Daniel Wheatley looked up, and rubbed his hand across his forehead as if trying to remember something.

"Oh, yes, yes," he began; "Mrs. Thorpe called before you got to the office this morning. I forgot to tell you. She left word that she was going marketing with a Mrs.—Mrs. Darby, or some such name. Also, she wanted me to be sure to tell you to bring home a Christmas tree and all the trimmings." There was a merry twinkle in Wheatley's usually hard eyes. "Looks as if you were going to celebrate Christmas at your house," he finished, with a laugh.

"We certainly are," Darrel grinned back; "we're going to have a real old-fashioned celebration of the day."

"Think your wife would object if you took a cranky old man to Christmas dinner?"

Darrel wondered if he were hearing things, then his quick wit jumped to the surface. "If you really mean that, Mr. Wheatley, I can assure you of a hearty welcome. My wife thoroughly believes in having people for Christmas dinner. At least, I am sure she does now." The last sentence Darrel whispered to himself.

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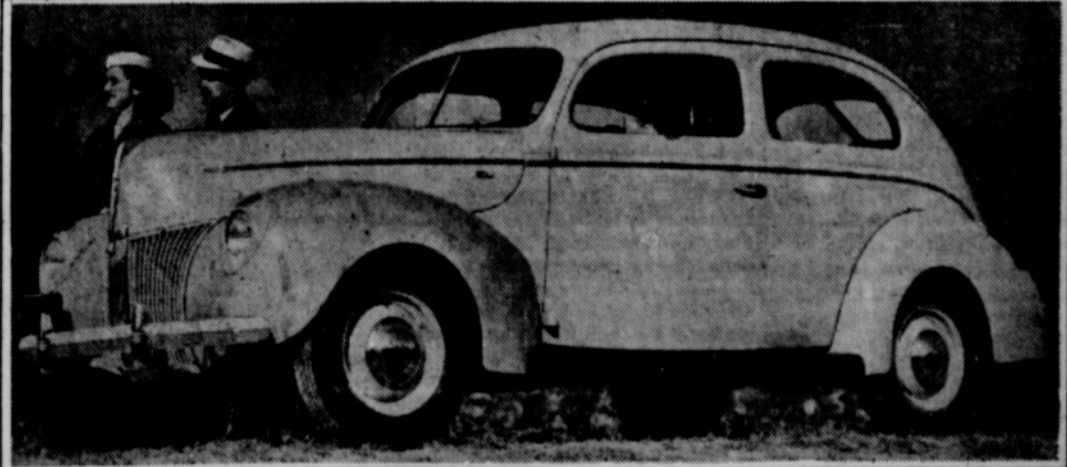
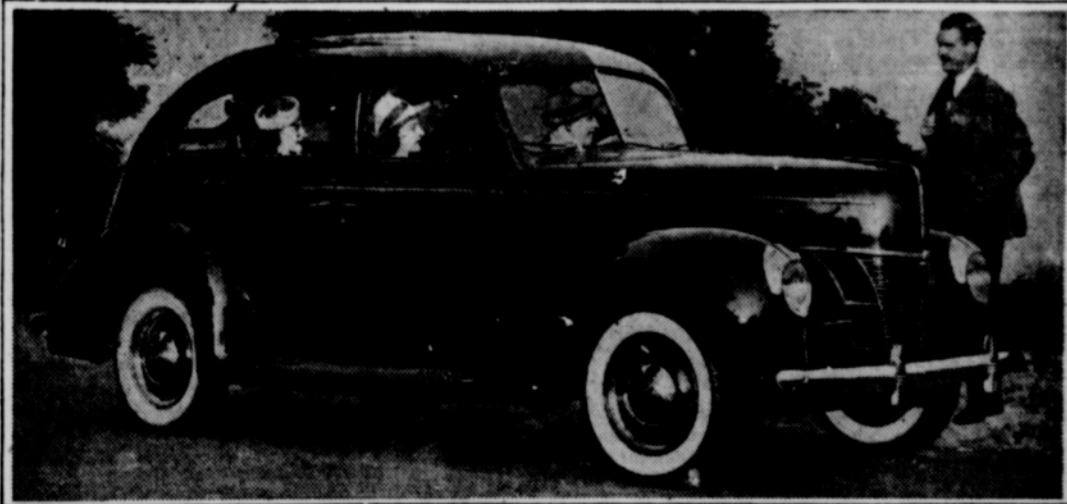
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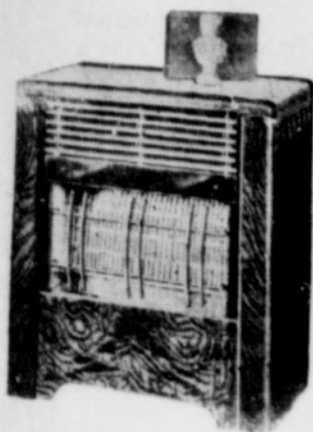
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A Christmas Snowstorm

By Sarah Jane Clark

THREE hours late, the snow-bound train reached Chicago. Mary Lou gathered her baggage together and took the bus across to the other station, to find her connecting train had left on schedule. The folks would drive in to town to meet the train unless she could head them off.

Her message put through, Mary Lou sank down on one of the benches to collect her thoughts and make her plans until train time. Five o'clock, and no train until 9:30 the next morning.

"Going out soon?" a cheery voice near her asked. She looked up to find the chief usher standing beside her. A middle-aged, friendly-looking fellow. Mary Lou told him of her missed connections.

"Here, Eddie, look at this!" a red cap interrupted her story. He was leading a three-year-old child, a dear little girl with big blue eyes and yellow curls.

"What are you doing with the kid? Is she lost?" Eddie asked sharply, turning away from Mary Lou.

"Might as well be. She came in from Denver, in charge of the stewardess. They missed the train north, and the stewardess is celebrating Christmas by having her appendix out, emergency case. They told me to turn the kid over to you," the boy grinned as he handed her over to the chief usher.

Eddie took her clumsily. "See here, what can a bachelor like me do with a kid like this?" He looked appealingly at Mary Lou.

Mary Lou's eyes filled with tears. Then she held out her arms toward the youngster. "What is your name, dear?" she asked.

"Annette Pollard. I am three years old and I am going from Cheyenne to Rio, Wisconsin, to my grandma Pollard. My daddy is there." It was a lesson she had been taught.

Mary Lou held her close. "I had a little girl almost as old as Annette when she died," she said brokenly to Eddie. "Let me keep the child



Mary Lou heard the voice of Annette's father.

tonight, and take her to her home. I missed the same train she did."

Eddie studied her face. What he saw satisfied him. Still he hesitated for a moment. "That sounds good to me. But I'd better get the conductor to authorize it."

IT WAS soon decided that Mary Lou should keep her. But she must not leave the station. "It won't be very comfortable for you, ma'am, but the kid can curl up on a bench here and be dead to the world in no time. There are some rocking chairs in the far room there. Why, of course there are some cots there, and baby beds."

"We ought to telephone the child's relatives," Mary Lou suggested.

"Of course we should. Here is the address and telephone number. You do it for me, will you, please, ma'am? I've got my last minute shopping to do. I'm mighty glad you came in on this train. Eddie'll take the kid while you telephone to Rio," and the conductor was off, after turning over the child's money to Mary Lou. But not until Mary Lou had made him promise to send a big doll back for the child's Christmas.

"We'll let Annette say hello to her daddy herself, if she wants to," Mary Lou exclaimed. And so it was done. Mary Lou heard the voice of Annette's father, tense with concern, and then joyful as he realized where his baby was and heard her childish treble over the phone. "Her mother's parents sent her back here to have Christmas with me. Her mother died two years ago," he added.

The sun was shining dazzlingly bright the next morning when the train stopped at Rio. The red-haired man who was waiting expectantly on the platform had only time to thank Mary Lou, and get her address, before the train pulled out leaving him holding Annette as she waved a good-by to Mary Lou.

But the trip home was much easier. Mary Lou forgot the burning pain at the loss of her own little daughter, the aching loneliness since her own husband's death, as she remembered the soft kiss of the baby lips of the motherless child who had been in her charge the night before. And the look in the face of Annette's daddy made her sure she would see Annette soon.

Warning for Bachelors: Maids Propose in 1940!

Run for cover, you bachelors. It's leap year!

Twenty-nine days hath February in 1940, which gives the maidens free rein to blurt out those marriage proposals they've been saving since 1936.

Leap year is so-called because it "leaps forward" a day as compared with an ordinary year. It so happens that the leap years coincide with years divisible by four without remainder.

'Self-Serve' Party Enjoyed by Guests On New Year's Eve

ENTERTAINING guests on New Year's eve? It's being done more than ever before this year as America turns to stay-at-home entertainment.

If so, you'll want an informal affair with a buffet style supper late in the evening, patterned after the Swedish "smorgasbord." The table is generally placed in the center of the room and covered with any kind of linen suitable for the occasion. Plates are placed in a pile at one side of the food to be served—you'll find guests enjoy serving themselves!

Your menu can be very plain or very fancy, as you prefer. Here are a few samples from which you can choose:

<p>Menu No. I Chicken Mousse on Lettuce, Rolled Sandwiches Sliced Meats, Assorted Cheese, Crackers Olives Radish Roses Hot and Cold Beverages</p> <p>Menu No. II Spaghetti and Chicken Livers Assorted Sandwiches Cold Meats Pickles, Olives, Stuffed Celery Frozen Dessert Small Cakes Beverages</p> <p>Menu No. III Lettuce Sandwiches Toasted Cheese and Bacon Sandwiches Ham or Chicken a la King in Patty Cakes Mixed Sweet Pickles Orange Layer Cake Beverages</p> <p>Menu No. IV Assorted Canapes and Relishes Crabmeat or Shrimp Salad Welsh Rarebit Hot Biscuits Chocolate Cup Cakes, with Whipped Cream Filling Beverages</p>

Plan 'Clock' Party Over New Year's; Do It This Way:

Plan a "clock party" to entertain your guests New Year's eve. For this you'll need all the alarm and "striking" clocks you can find. Set them at different hours and put them in all sorts of unusual places so that chimes and gongs will sound from everywhere in the most unexpected way—under davenport cushions, in the dining room buffet and behind the radio.

Use black-and-white decorations, with clock faces drawn on white cardboard peering from everywhere, black-and-white paper drapes, a black-and-white checkered paper cloth for your table, and black-and-white glass or china.

You can have a clever question-and-answer clock game, too. Have your questions typed on slips of paper with space for answers. Pass them around, set a time limit for answering, and make your prizes something to do with time—a calendar, diary, kitchen clock or egg-timer. Here are some typical questions:

1. What book of the Bible is on a clock? Answer—Numbers.
2. What part of a clock means most to an Oriental? Answer—Face.
3. What has a bed in common with a clock? Answer—Springs.
4. What part of a clock would most interest a lawyer? Answer—Case.
5. What do you have that a clock has? Answer—Hands.



"Gotta quit smoking this year... yeah, right now. I'll just toss these stogies in the wastebasket. Er... maybe I'll want to fish out a last smoke after dinner tonight."

Pope Gregory Responsible For January 1 Celebration

Pope Gregory, in 562, instituted the Gregorian calendar and thus placed New Year's day on January 1. During the Middle Ages Europe had observed it on March 25. All countries did not adopt the 12-month system at once, but the Christian world accepted it generally in 1752 when the British parliament finally established New Year's day. Ancient Persians and Egyptians celebrated on September 22.

Unwrapping Christmas Annual Family Program

YULETIDE has come around again and it is time to take Christmas from its year-long wrappings.

At our house we have a wardrobe trunk in one of whose drawers repose all year the Christmas tree ornaments, some table decorations, napkins and favors left from the children's party, bright papers and ribbons salvaged from the last-minute rush to wrap and mail or hoarded from Aunt Louise's gift package, which is always an outward marvel.

Through Easter, Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, they have lain forlorn and unwanted, these remnants of Christmas. But now we open the drawer with as lively excitement as if we had never seen its contents. "Mother, did you know we still had this big silver star?" "Why, here's enough icicles to trim the whole tree!" "Where did these bluebird ornaments come from?"

The light circuit doesn't work—and sister, who has just come from her schoolroom, must dash downtown before the stores close for new bulbs. Then everybody hangs over big brother's shoulder while he patiently determines which of the old bulbs have failed. When the whole set flashes on we all feel like Thomas Edison discovering the marvels of light.

There are even a few unused Christmas cards for a starter on the long list. The baby finds a tin horn, and the hilarious fun that will carry on till Christmas morning has begun. Somewhere in this jumble of familiar things we have unwrapped Christmas. And the best Christmas present of all is Christmas itself!—Frances Grinstead.

From Europe's Christmas Menu
Take your choice of Christmas eats: Plum pudding in England, Peppernusse in Germany, Vierknack in Denmark, Fatigman's Bakkels in Norway, Horse-shoe cake in Hungary, Speculaas in Holland, and Lutsk in Sweden.

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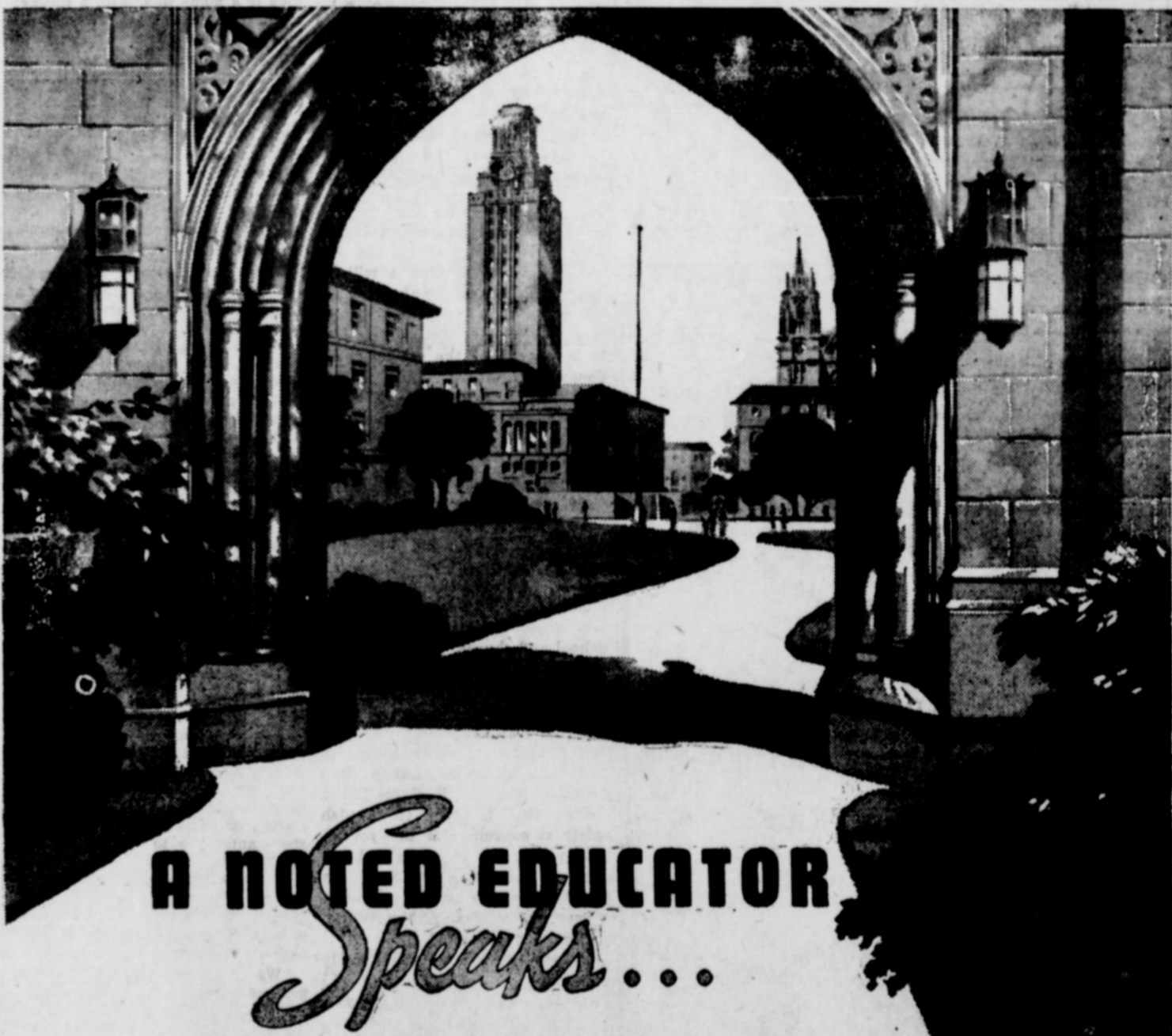
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Christmastown At Last



He Sure Was Here

"Mailing Early" The first reference to "mail early" in the Post Office department files is in November, 1913. This was at the time the parcel post was established. Sending packages overseas during the World War emphasized the idea, and succeeding years have found mailed packages more evenly distributed over the weeks before Christmas.

A Christmas Thrill Look around and get your thrill buying a Christmas doll for a little girl who hasn't any.

Many Christmas Trees Approximately 9,000,000 Americans buy Christmas trees every year.



Dolls Of Yesteryear

by Frances Grinstead



TWENTY-FIVE years ago a little girl's letter to Santa Claus went something like this: Dear Santa: Please bring me a new head for my dolls. Her name is Christina. She still has a nice body, but her head has so many dents it won't last another year. I would like one this time with real hair made into curls and eyes that open and shut. Your trusting friend,

What has become of those Christmas dolls whose bodies could outlast half a dozen heads? When the curls went straight, or the wig



Mother Took the Little Girl to See the Dolls.

dropped off, or little brother Johnnie picked the wax off the eyelids, and sister was consoled by promising her a new head. Mother took her to a department store where there was as large a display of doll heads as of dolls. There were china heads, metal heads, and heads of papier-mache. There were heads with wigs and some without. There were those with parted lips and dainty teeth showing, while others hid their smiles behind firm mouths and staring eyes.

One thing these varied heads had in common. Their necks widened into four-square bibs front and back with holes at the corners for applying the needle to the old body. The bodies in those days were of cloth, their inner substance sawdust. Where now are those torsos that could withstand endless repairing, fresh sawdust, and new heads?

They probably found their way to the attic in time and sister was promised a whole new doll. Then her trip to the department store was a matter of deciding between a "dressed" and an "undressed" dolly. Mothers preferred the latter because they would bear closer inspection as to materials and workmanship. Dolly's clothes were easily made out of the family scrap-bag or by the willing hands of the family seamstress, who did the job for recreation. Moreover, the undressed doll cost a little less. But sister liked to linger over those in silks and satins with poke-bonnets and plumes covering their golden curls. They wore petticoats and often they held their fragile fingers in tiny muffs of mink and sable.

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