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Snoopin' Around

By D. A. Davis

Folks, this week I'm going to give out some advice to the young men and a sound warning to older men.

You young men that's figuring on getting married need to select a wife that's about four or five years older than you are. For some unexplained reason it's always been right and proper to select a wife that was four or five years younger, and during the younger years of your life that may be all right, but when you get up toward fifty-five or sixty years old it's different. At sixty you are old and ugly but at fifty-five the wife is still young and beautiful. At sixty, after working hard at the job of making a living, whatever your occupation is, you want to go home and set by your vine and fig tree, relax and have a few hours of enjoyment, but at fifty-five the wife is all dressed up and raring to step out in society or something. If you stay at home to enjoy a few hours of quiet and rest you are called an old grandpa and out of date, and if you get up out of your easy chair, rub a few kinks out of your back and mosey off to spend the best part of the night kicking up your heels and acting a blankety-blank fool you wake up the next morning feeling like heck, and no doubt carry a grouch the rest of the day, and you finally wind up by kicking off sudden like with heart trouble.

Folks, have you noticed how many of us hard working men are dying off by the thousands from heart trouble at the age of from fifty-five to sixty-five? And have you stopped to realize just what the trouble is? The answer is nothing in the world but overwork during the day and gadding around too much at night.

You know these modern times are sure telling on us older men; the requirements are so great and our responsibilities are so much greater, we are working ourselves to death trying to keep up with this fast and crazy world, especially us folks that's got the dollar-down-and-dollar-a-month craze. Everything that comes along, we cabbage onto it by paying a dollar down and a dollar forever, and the first thing we know we're head and heels in debt to every cock-eyed "finance" agency in America, and instead of us putting on the brakes and easing up a bit, we put on full steam ahead and go lickety-split better skelter until we akid and topple over the brink of eternity with a busted heart or a busted pocket-book.

And another thing, did you know most of the new fangled gadgets we are cluttering up our homes with are contrivances to save work for the average housewife? Folks, it's got so nowadays that all a woman has to do is push a button or turn some kind of gadget, and some kind of infernal machine is right at her finger tips to do her work without scarcely any exertion whatever. She can take a vacuum sweeper and clean her house in five minutes, she can turn on the gas and cook a meal in five minutes, and during the time she's doing this awful drudgery she can be entertained by turning on the radio. She can step into the bathroom, take a nice warm bath, walk over to her "Vanity" (we used to call them bureaus) and put on a lot of paint, smear up her lips and dye her eyebrows and go down to the beauty parlor and get all fixed up, and presto! she's a raving beauty and a laring to step, while us old men work like the deuce all day, come home at night tired enough to drop, but what do we get? Just a casual reminder that the Joneses are having a bridge party or there is a good program at the school house, or there is a dandy picture show on, or the church is giving a social, or some confounded something to do somewhere that you just have to go to, and the results are you are dragged away from your warm fire-side into the dizzy whirl of "society" just about three-fourths dead, while the good wife is fresh and beautiful and everything is hotsy tosy.

SEEN, I'm wondering when we are going to pinch ourselves and wake up to the realization that we are burning the candle of life at both ends, and unless we get a little sprunk in our backbones and stand up for our rights we will soon see the greatest number of widows and the smallest number of widowers that history has ever recorded.

However, there are a few men that's smart. They still imagine they can go these gals and survive. I've

Santa Claus Day Success, Is Verdict

According to the kiddies of the community, last Saturday was a very successful Santa Claus day in McLean.

Beginning at 2 p. m., a monster parade was staged by the children under the direction of Principal Sam Branch of the grade school, assisted by different room teachers.

The parade was headed by an Indian and boy scouts on horseback carrying the United States and scout flags closely followed by the high school band.

Various floats and uniforms were in the parade: a group of Indians in blankets and feathered headdress, negroes singing plantation songs, a bicycle brigade, clowns, Cinderella, pioneers with guns, horsemen, Little Red Riding Hood, Mary Mary Quite Contrary, fairies, and other nursery rhyme characters.

The parade marched from the school building to the downtown district, circling the business streets several times before stopping at the intersection of Highway 66 and Main street for Santa's visit.

Old Santa came down the chimney erected on the awning between the City Drug Store and Trimble's Grocery, meeting the big truck loaded with boxes containing bags of candy, nuts and fruits, where a number of helpers assisted Santa in distributing the gifts.

The celebration officially opened the Christmas buying season in McLean, many local advertisers reporting a nice business during the day.

METHODIST WOMEN HAVE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Mrs. W. E. Bogan was hostess to the W. M. S. of the Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon for their annual Christmas social.

The home was decorated for the occasion and Christmas carols were sung. A Christmas story was told by Mrs. Creedy Bogan. Mrs. C. O. Greene presided at the Christmas tree from which gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments were served, with Christmas favors, to Mesdames J. W. Story, Creed Bogan, S. A. Cousins, J. E. Kirby, C. O. Greene, J. L. Heas, L. S. Tinnin, C. J. Magee, Ellen Wilson, D. A. Davis, C. A. Cryer, J. B. Pettit, W. B. Swim, Scott Johnston, Byrd Gull, J. A. Sparks, the hostess and little Jane Alice Cryer.

EMBROIDERY CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mrs. W. E. Bogan was hostess to the Centennial Embroidery Club last Friday evening for their annual Christmas dinner, with their husbands as guests.

Christmas decorations were tastefully arranged, with blue and silver as the predominating colors. The mantle was banked with holly.

After the turkey dinner, gifts were exchanged and games played.

A delightful evening was reported by the following: Messrs and Mesdames H. W. Finley, J. R. Phillips, C. H. Leeds, R. L. Apping, Kid McCoy, Byrd Gull, Creed Bogan, H. E. Prannas, Amos Thacker, John B. Rice, Pete Fulbright, Carl Jones, W. H. Floyd and W. E. Bogan.

H. M. KUNKEL INJURED

H. M. Kunkel slipped and fell on the ice while walking from his home in the south part of town to the business district Monday, breaking his hip.

Mr. Kunkel was taken to a Pampa hospital for treatment.

Mrs. E. L. Sitter, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bourland and Mrs. Laurence Bourland visited Mrs. C. A. Gattlin at an Amarillo hospital Sunday.

often heard some old fossil bragging on "how young he feels," and quite our good friend Will Rogers (who was the wife of the greatest humorists the world has ever known) that life "begins at forty." The heck it does, and if you want to know something, it just about quits at fifty-five.

To my way of thinking, Will Rogers never uttered a greater joke than when he said "Life begins at forty." And yet there are just thousands of us old fool men that ain't got no more sense than to think he was telling a truth.

Funeral Rites Mrs. Hudgins Here Saturday

Funeral rites were held at the First Baptist Church Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Elliott Elizabeth Hudgins, who died Dec. 7, 1937, at the age of 84 years, 4 months and 2 days.

Services were conducted by Pastor Troy A. Sumrall, assisted by Rev. W. A. Erwin, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, and Rev. S. A. Cobb, Baptist minister.

Pallbearers were: W. E. Bogan, Geo. Colebank, Chas. E. Cooke, Bud Back, Donald A. Beall and Johnnie R. Back.

Flower bearers were: Miss Estelle Kunkel, Mesdames John W. Cooper, Merle Grigsby, Ralph Caldwell, Rael Smith, Donald Beall, Durwood Riddle and W. W. Boyd.

Burial was made in Hillcrest cemetery, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hudgins was a pioneer settler here, having moved to Gray county in 1900 with her husband, W. T. Hudgins, who preceded her in death. She had lived at McLean for the past 25 years.

One son, Howard, of McLean; four daughters, Mrs. L. H. Shockley and Mrs. Nora Erwin of McLean, M. S. Lillian Simpson of Canadian and Mrs. Lucy Bogan of Stanley, N. M.; and other relatives are left to mourn her passing. One son and one daughter preceded her to the great beyond.

BAPTIST CHOIR TO GIVE CANTATA SUNDAY

"Chimes of the Holy Night," a Christmas Cantata, will be presented by the choir of the First Baptist Church next Sunday evening, under the direction of Prof. C. H. Leeds, with Mrs. W. H. Floyd as accompanist.

The program has been arranged as follows:

Chorus, "Christmas Bells Are Ringing"—Choir.

Alto solo and chorus, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains"—Ermadell Floyd and choir.

Chorus with soprano obbligato, "But Thou, Bethlehem"—Women, Marietta Young, Willie Louelle Cobb and choir.

Soprano and alto duet, "Earth's Weary Waiting Done"—Georgia Colebank and Juanita Hancock.

Soprano solo, "In the Watches of the Night"—Miss Dale Smith.

Chorus, "Good Tidings"—Men.

Chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest"—Choir.

Chorus, "On Earth Peace"—Choir.

Bass solo and chorus, "Let Us Go Even Unto Bethlehem"—Reep Landers, men and choir.

Soprano solo and chorus, "Jesus Our Lord"—Willie Louelle Cobb and women.

Chorus, "Break Forth Into Joy"—Choir.

Tenor solo and chorus, "The Star in the Eastern Sky"—Wayland Floyd and choir.

Chorus, "The Lord Is Born Today"—Choir.

McLEAN DRY GOODS CO. GRAND OPENING FRIDAY

The McLean Dry Goods Co. holds a Grand Opening Friday morning with free gifts offered the first 50 customers and free souvenirs for the children.

The store is opening in the location formerly occupied by the Fair Store. New goods are arriving daily, and full announcement is made in our advertising columns. The News also printed the circulars for the opening.

DR. MOORE TO SPEAK

Dr. J. Walton Moore, returned missionary to China, will speak at the First Baptist Church tonight (Thursday). Everyone has a cordial invitation to hear Dr. Moore, according to Pastor Troy A. Sumrall.

According to R. H. Wilson, special agent, the census report shows that 1,859 bales of cotton were ginned in Gray county from the crop of 1937, prior to Dec. 1, as compared with 1,538 bales for the crop of 1936.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wood of Pampa visited the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wood, over the week end.

Mrs. R. T. Dickinson and daughter visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Ida Porter, at Shamrock Friday.

Spanish Class Entertains at Lions Luncheon

Miss Julia Slough of the high school presented her Spanish class in entertainment at the Lions Club luncheon held Tuesday.

The program consisted of songs, both in Spanish and English; a talk on the value of Spanish, a tap dance number and a take-off on members of the club, in Spanish.

The young people put over the program in a very pleasing manner, according to statements by the Lions present.

Lion Tamer W. E. Bogan presented Rev. W. B. Swim, Prof. C. J. Magee and Lewis Tolliver as visitors.

The Christmas charity committee reported progress, and the major activities committee reported some \$29 in the school lunch fund for underprivileged children.

Boss Lion Creed Bogan made a rolling that all biscuit throwing must cease after the first twenty minutes of each session.

City Water Given Rate A by State Dept.

The State Health Department has given the McLean water supply an A, or excellent, rating in a recent report to Mayor Vester Smith.

This rating is enjoyed by very few towns in the state, and carries an authorization for the city to erect permanent highway markers advertising the purity of the water here.

The report states that the rating is largely due to improvements effected in the local water system, representing a great increase in the factor of safety.

The city expects to erect proper signs at an early date calling attention to the fine water here.

MRS. CAMPBELL REACHES H. D. KITCHEN GOALS

By Mrs. Luther Petty

Mrs. W. L. Campbell, kitchen co-operator of the Home Demonstration Club, has completed her goals in the kitchen work and added a large number of quarts of canned products to her pantry.

A breakfast room has been added to the kitchen by taking in the back porch and adding five windows, a color scheme of black and white being carried out in both rooms.

White curtains trimmed in black have been hung at all the windows.

During the year a gas refrigerator and white work table trimmed in black were added, and a child's high chair converted into a kitchen stool. The linoleum was repainted and the whole house was given much attention, under the instruction of Mrs. Jella E. Kelley, county home demonstration agent.

Any woman who is interested in home demonstration work is urged to bear in mind she is needed the coming year. The next meeting will be the first Friday in January, unless otherwise arranged. The place will be announced later.

MARSALEE WINDOM CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Little Miss Marsalee Windom celebrated her 5th birthday Monday with a party. Games were played and refreshments were served. A number of gifts were presented the honoree.

The following were present: Sue Bell, Dorothy Humphreys, Clifford Callahan, LaWanda and Darline Hadid, Clifford and Leola Yeldell, Joyce Jean Tuckness, Jo Bell Dodson, Jimmie Don Shamlin, Carl David Wall, Jerry and Marsalee Windom.

The following from McLean attended the Methodist Harvest Day at Pampa last Friday: Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Swim, Mesdames C. A. Cryer, C. O. Greene, H. C. Rippey, L. S. Tinnin, J. L. Andrews, C. S. Rice, A. B. Christian, J. W. Story, J. B. Pettit, J. A. Sparks, Callie Haynes and J. L. Hess. They were accompanied by Mrs. R. M. Stone of Amarillo.

Mrs. Victoria Kiser and son, Ernest, of Cartersville, Ga., are visiting the lady's sister, Mrs. W. L. Stockton. It had been 35 years since the sisters had met.

Miss Odessa Kunkel of Pampa visited home folks here last week.

Mrs. Lively Funeral Rites Here Tuesday

Funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Eva Jane Lively, who died at her home east of town Sunday night, at the age of 59.

Services were in charge of Pastor W. A. Erwin, assisted by Rev. C. F. O'Conner of Delhi, Okla., pastor of the Second Adventist Church of Lela, of which Mrs. Lively was a charter member.

Pallbearers included J. B. Pettit, H. M. Roth, Robt. Stokes, W. T. Adkins, W. E. Bogan and Ewell Hardy.

Flower bearers were: Mrs. Frankie Roth, Mrs. Ewell Hardy, Mrs. Luther Petty.

Burial was made in Hillcrest cemetery.

Mrs. Lively was a pioneer settler here, having moved to this section with her husband in 1907. She had been in a Pampa hospital where she underwent an operation some three weeks ago, being brought home Sunday, thinking she was recuperating, but death overtook her Sunday night.

Survivors include her husband, J. W. Lively; one son, Floyd; a sister, Mrs. Emma S. Milliken of Hamilton, Ill.; three brothers, Caleb Smith of Pagan, Isaac P. Smith of Tacoma, Wash. and Nelson Smith of Black Hills, S. D.

TIGERS BANQUETED AT VESTER SMITH HOME

The McLean Tigers, runners-up for district 3-B honors, were honored last Thursday night with a banquet by Mrs. Vester Smith at her home.

Twenty-seven boys attended the banquet, and Coach Bill Allen announced the lettermen for the 1937 season. Twenty boys received letters and seven received reserve letters.

Those receiving letters were: Joe Billy Bogan, Harry Barnes, Junior Braxton, Bill Cash, Ed Cadra, Clyde Glenn, Ray Humphreys, Paris Hess, Randy Mantooth, Myrie Norman, Albert Overton, George Watson, Gene Wells, Ralph Wells, Mike Wingo, captain-elect; Leonard Roach, LeRoy Braxton, Vester Lee Smith, and "Poe Wee" Turner, manager. Reserve lettermen were: Jack Bogan, Bill Cooke, Clyde Carpenter, J. W. Hanes, J. L. Hancock, Herman Hugg and Ed Wehba.

Seven of the lettermen are graduating this year: Joe Bogan, Barnes, Hess, Capt. Nicholson, Watson, R. Wells and Overton.

Coach Allen made a speech of appreciation, Mrs. Smith responding with a welcome.

As the banquet ended, Mrs. Chas. E. Cooke invited the Tigers to be her guests at the Lone Star Theatre.

S. S. CLASSES HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the intermediate department of the Baptist Sunday school were entertained at a Christmas party Monday evening by their teachers, John Cooper and Miss Eunice Stratton, at the home of the latter.

Table games were played, and gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree. Refreshments of candy and apples were served.

Intermediates present were: Misses Sibyl Lee, Jackie and Margaret Foley, Ila June Wesner, Evonne Floyd, Vala Appling, Jewel Allen, Dora Mae Overton, Frances Hudzeits and Glenda Landers; Messrs. John Kelly Lee, Bobby John Corbin, Lawrence Foley, Herman and Harold Petty, Billy Allen, Robert Senclair and Truitt Stewart.

P. T. A. REPORT

The Parent-Teacher Association met in regular session Thursday afternoon with a Christmas program as previously outlined being given.

Mrs. W. L. Campbell, president, was in charge of a business session, with Miss Helen Heath, secretary, reading the minutes.

Miss Clem Embry, second grade teacher, was awarded a \$5.00 prize for obtaining the largest percentage of members, and was also awarded \$1.50 for having the largest number of members present at the meeting.

The room mothers met to make plans for Christmas.

The next meeting of the association will be on the second Thursday in January.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weems of Ramsdell visited the lady's sister, Mrs. Boyd Meador, Saturday.

Hit-Run Driver Kills Mrs. Smith at River Bridge

Mrs. J. Fred Smith died in a Pampa hospital Monday night of injuries received when she was struck by an automobile on the bridge of the North Fork of Red River near Lefors.

Mrs. Smith was enroute home from Pampa when she saw a car ahead of her slip from the icy pavement of the bridge and plunge through the railing into the river below. She crossed the bridge, parked her car and returned to see if either of the two men in the overturned car were hurt. She hailed an approaching car for help, and Mrs. W. W. Boyd, Mrs. Donald Beall and Mrs. Roger Powers, who were driving to McLean, parked their car on the bridge. The death car was seen over the hill approaching at high speed, weaving from side to side, trying to stop. The women scattered. Mrs. Beall jumped from the bridge into the water of the river, but Mrs. Smith was caught as the car struck the parked car and careened off, striking her and crushing her head against the side of the bridge.

Two men were in the death car. They stopped and helped the injured woman into the parked car, but refused to give their names, and left, going toward Lefors.

Tuesday, W. F. McDowell of Borger surrendered to Pampa officers as the driver of the death car, claiming that the other occupant was a hitch-hiker. McDowell was placed under a \$1,500 bond in justice court, for drunk driving.

The women told officers they saw a whiskey bottle thrown from the death car, and officers discovered a whiskey bottle near the scene of the accident.

The men in the overturned car were B. M. Howell of Kellerville and J. H. White of Wellington, who were rescued with only minor injuries.

Funeral services for Mrs. Smith were held at the Church of Christ Wednesday afternoon by Rev. W. B. Andrews of Tucuman, N. M., former pastor of the McLean church.

Pallbearers were: Geo. Balley, W. S. White, F. H. Bourland, T. J. Coffey, Fred Stags and Arthur Scroggs.

Floral arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Pete Fulbright.

Burial was made in the Shamrock cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, J. Fred Smith of Lamesa, two sons, J. F. Jr., of Kermit and Gene of Lamesa; one daughter, Mrs. G. M. Yates of Lamesa, her father, T. W. Franklin of McLean; her mother, Mrs. T. W. Franklin, who is in a Dallas hospital; one brother, Roy Franklin of McLean, six sisters, Mrs. Porter Smith and Mrs. Ted Woods of McLean; Mrs. R. H. Wells of Marshall, Mrs. Fred Carmichael of Dallas, Mrs. J. W. Galloway of Shreveport, La., and Mrs. A. L. Gilliland of Carlsbad, N. M.

BAPTIST W. M. S. CHRISTMAS PARTY

Twenty-five members and friends of the Baptist W. M. S. met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Troy A. Sumrall for a Christmas social.

After a brief devotional period, a variety of entertainment features was given; an outstanding number being a reading by Mrs. Norman Johnston.

Before the serving of a delicious plate luncheon which carried out the seasonal colors, as also did the house decorations, gifts were distributed from a very pretty Christmas tree.

Enjoying the merriment of the afternoon were: Mesdames Lee Wilson, D. W. Thomas, C. H. Duncan, Ralph Caldwell, Frank Reeves, C. E. Hunt, T. N. Holloway, Frank Howard, C. H. Leeds, H. W. Finley, Norman Johnston, John Cooper, T. H. Andrews, Vernon Johnston, J. T. McCarty, Bob Thomas, E. L. Minix, J. A. Thomas, J. F. Corbin, Homer Abbott, Geo. Colebank, Boyd Reeves, Jesse J. Cobb and the hostess.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

More homes are showing Christmas lights in their yards and houses this week.

Prizes will be given for the best decorated homes, judging to be done by out of town judges. It is not too late to get in the contest.

A local dealer says that the problem this year has been to keep lights in stock to supply the increased demand.

News Review of Current Events

CONGRESS CONFUSED

President Returns to Find His "Must" Measures Are Facing Failure of Passage in the Present Session



Pictured above from left to right are Senator William Borah of Idaho, Senator Edward R. Burke of Nebraska and Professor Henry W. Edgerton of Cornell university...

Edward W. Pickard SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

Stormy Days in Capital

RETURNING from his fishing trip in Florida waters with an infected gum, President Roosevelt was confronted with a situation that was decidedly disconcerting.

The senate's farm bill seemed to have the best chance to get through, but it differed so radically from the house measure that it was certain a conference committee would have to try to find a common ground.

Secretary Wallace was reported dissatisfied with both senate and house bills. One official close to him said Wallace might urge President Roosevelt to veto any bill finally enacted which approximated either the senate or house measure.

Democrats were so badly split over the wage-hour bill that hope of passing it before the regular session of congress was about abandoned. Labor, too, was divided concerning this measure, the A. F. of L. opposing it and the C. I. O. advocating its passage.

Tax Setup Needs Revision

DANIEL C. ROPER, secretary of commerce, says the entire tax structure of the United States should be revised. He was speaking at a banquet of the Business Advisory Council in Chicago, and his statements appeared to meet with general approval.

"A general revision is necessary to simplify determination of tax liability, to distribute the burden of taxation more equitably, and to broaden the base of taxation to include a larger percentage of our earning population," Secretary Roper said.

He asserted that the undistributed profits tax had not entirely fulfilled its proponents' expectations that it would "bring about a higher velocity of money through larger and more widespread distribution of corporate earnings."

Mr. Roper expressed confidence that a "constructive approach will be found to the solution of the utilities dilemma and that significant results will be forthcoming."

That this confidence has a sound basis was indicated by two announcements made the same day by prominent utility executives.

standing between utilities and the administration, Wendell L. Willkie, president of Commonwealth and Southern corporation, proposed a general truce between business and the Roosevelt administration.

Lindbergs Come Back

AFTER two years of self-imposed exile in England, Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh returned to the United States. Presumably they came over to spend the holidays at the home of Mrs. Lindbergh's mother, Mrs. Dwight Morrow, in Englewood, N. J.

The landing of the Lindberghs at New York was accomplished with such secrecy that they almost escaped the notice of reporters and news photographers.

Infantry Comes First

IN WAR operations on land the infantry is still the most important branch of the service, says Gen. Malin Craig, chief of staff of the army, in his annual report. Lessons learned by skilled observers of the civil war in Spain and the Chino-Japanese war have modified the American defense program, but, says the general, it is still the infantry that renders the decision in the final analysis.

Inventories of armament, motorization, mechanization and equipment, in the light of the lessons abroad, show several vital needs of the first line forces, General Craig declared.

Edgerton Backs Water

CONFIRMATION of the appointment of Henry W. Edgerton of Cornell university as associate justice of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals was endangered because it was thought from his writings that he did not believe in judicial review.

"I regard it as not only thoroughly established as a legitimate part of our constitutional system, but which was intended by the great majority of the men who framed our Constitution. I think it was properly established by John Marshall and I haven't the least criticism of any court for any declaration of the validity of that part of our constitutional system."

Leviathan to Be Junked

JAPAN made a bid for the Leviathan, huge liner seized from Germany in the World war, but the United States Lines rejected it and sold the vessel to Metal Industries, Ltd., of London for \$300,000. It will go to England under its own power and will be junked.

The Leviathan cost ten millions to build and the American government spent more than eight millions to reconstruct it; and also paid Germany \$45,000,000 for its capture.

Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!

"The Babe in the Blazing House"

By FLOYD GIBBONS Famous Headline Hunter

HELLO, EVERYBODY: These adventures provide a cross-section of life, and if they didn't show its grimmer side occasionally, they wouldn't show a faithful picture.

Imagine running back into a blazing house to rescue your eight months old baby brother only to find the smoke so dense you couldn't see what you were doing.

That's what happened to Mary. The time was the fall of 1921, around September, and at that time Mary's father and mother and Mary's three brothers lived in Thayer, a small mining town in the lower part of West Virginia.

Left in Care of the Children.

Thayer is a valley, situated between two large hills. To get out of the valley, Mary tells us, you had to ride on a sort of incline. It was a box-shaped affair, the car, let up and down the side of a hill by means of a cable.

On this fateful morning Mary's mother and dad had to go to town, where mother was going to have her teeth fixed. Before she left she called Mary, who was the eldest child, aside and warned her to watch the three younger children, her brothers, while her parents were away.

Of the three John was the oldest brother, then came six-year-old Pete, and last of all little Eddie, who could show only a scant eight months. Mary had her hands full keeping them all out of mischief, and when night began to fall she began to glance nervously out the window, wondering why mother and dad didn't come.



Groped Her Way Through Smoke-Filled Halls.

frightened with the approach of darkness, and, at their urging, not to mention her own uneasiness, Mary finally bolted all the doors and windows.

To set the scene for this story it is necessary to explain that next to the house they had a little wash-house, where Mary's dad used to wash when he came home from work.

And so it came to pass that as the children sat huddled in the darkness, queer red shadows, ghostly and lengthening, began to dance on the walls of the children's room.

Eddie, the Baby, Was Missing.

Remember, this was no grown-up. This was a nine-year-old child with the care and responsibility of three younger brothers on her little shoulders.

This will explain, perhaps, how it happened that on looking around, they discovered that eight-months-old Eddie was missing.

Mary, who was frantic by this time, berated John for leaving the baby behind, as she had understood he had taken Eddie from his crib while she was looking after getting Pete out.

Meanwhile, inside the burning house, little Eddie lay asleep in his crib. The thought of her beloved little brother in that blazing inferno was too much for Mary.

Heroic Rescue by Mary.

The flames were searing hot now, but Mary had but one thought: She must get Eddie out. In the black pall she stumbled against something—"the crib"—she thought. Hurriedly she reached down, grabbed what she thought to be Eddie and almost deliriously now with the desire to escape from those hungry flames she rushed out of the house into the open air.

Outside, safe under the open sky again, she thought of the bundle in her arms. In the smoke-suffused house, Mary says herself, "I did not know for sure whether I had him or not."

When you contemplate how easy it would be for a nearly hysterical child of Mary's age to mistake her precious burden in a fog of rolling smoke, you will understand how close is the line between happiness and tragedy.

Saba, Strange Isle

Rugged, volcanic and with an area of less than five square miles, Saba might be called the strangest of the Caribbean. Her first families long ago regarded a son who left the island to seek work and a wife as disloyal to the homeland.

How Lightning Affects Trees

Although lightning frequently strikes trees, there is usually no damage to the trees or else the injury is limited to the path of the electrical discharge, occasionally stripping off a narrow piece of bark or splitting the trunk or limb.

Irvin S. Cobb thinks about:

How to Be Fair.

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—Every time the heirs to an undivided estate start litigating, I think of a decision which had in it more wisdom, more common sense and more fairness than even King Solomon's inspired justice.

I can't remember whether 'twas a ruler upon the throne or a judge upon the bench who handed down this ruling. But two brothers fell out over a proper division of their father's possessions.



Irvin S. Cobb.

So his majesty, or his worship, or his honor, as the case may have been, said:

"Let the older brother apportion the property into what he regards as two equal shares—and then let the younger brother have first choice of the shares."

But, of course, the lawyers couldn't have favored the plan. It was too beautifully simple to suit any lawyer in any age.

Cemetery Salesmen.

I RECEIVED a letter from one of our plushiest cemeteries. We have some of the plushiest cemeteries on earth; it's a positive pleasure to be dead out here.

I was urged to invest in a highly desirable lot, for only a few thousand smackers; or buy a perfectly lovely crypt—slightly more expensive, but most luxurious.

Through some private whim or pique, I failed to answer this tempting communication. Today I received an appealing follow-up letter. I gather that, if I neglect this splendid opportunity, I'll live to regret it.

Such thoughtful attention merits response. I'm replying as follows: "Dear gents: Space in a graveyard is the last thing I shall require.

When that time comes, somebody else will do the shopping. Trusting these few lines may find you the same, yours gratefully."

But if a representative calls in person—as he will—I'm a gone gosing. Those slick talkers always do get me. You just ought to see my collection of oil stocks. Now, there's something that does need burying.

Making Juleps.

SOME disputatious soul seeks to reopen the ancient debate over the proper recipe for mint julep. I decline the invitation.

Naturally, the only perfect julep is the Paducah julep. Just drop in next summer and sample the real product on its native heath—not at a saloon, where the bartender is likely to have heretical ideas, such as using preserved fruits and even putting the sugar syrup in first, which amounts to downright crime—but in the private home.

Western Superiority.

IN BORNEO, tigers slay such an incredible host of natives that the yearly mortality is proportionately almost one-tenth as great as the average number of persons who will be wiped out in traffic fatalities on American highways during any given 12 months.

In India, owing to the refusal of those benighted Hindus to destroy any living creature, 20,000 inhabitants annually are killed by venomous serpents, whereas, in this country, in 1936, we spent only 15 billions for crime, or 18 times as much as we spent on national defense, yet managed to let many poisonous human snakes go free to build up murder statistics.

In Japan, geisha girls are governmentally licensed and protected, which is indeed an affront to the principles of an enlightened people who patronize so-called world's fairs that are dependent on unabashed nudity for popular favor, and shows dependent on foul lines and nasty situations.

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500 Women at Science Meet Not a single man among the 500 scientists at a conference in Moscow, Russia. All the speakers as well as all the members of association were women.

Another, Professor M. L. Rokhlina, stated that the number of women students in the universities had grown from 16,700 in 1914 to 183,000. Half the total number of doctors in Russia are women. Most of the women "scientists" are found in medicine, chemistry and biology.

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THE TIGER POST

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 Sports—Morris Turner
 Band—Wanda Estes
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GLEE CLUB ENTERTAINS

Last Wednesday morning the girls Glee Club gave an impromptu entertainment in chapel. This was their first appearance, and no preparation had been made for a special program. The two numbers given were "On the Road to Mandalay" and "Barcarolle." The Glee Club will appear in the all-school Christmas program, December 21.

REV. SWIM SPEAKS

Using a jar of various sized nuts to illustrate his points on the topic, "How Big Are You?" the Rev. W. B. Swim, new pastor of the Methodist Church, conducted chapel services at the high school Dec. 8. Reminding us that there is always room at the top, Rev. Swim pointed out that one's failure to rise is more often due to lack of effort than to lack of intelligence, and assured us that our station in life will depend on our size. Just as big nuts work their way to the top when the jar is inverted and shaken, just so big men and women find their way to the top in the shakeup of life. Rev. Swim concluded his remarks by quoting two verses of scripture: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," and "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." We hope he will visit us again soon.

HOME EC. ACTIVITIES

Home economics 1B girls are having their first fittings. They hope to have their dresses finished soon; some think they will have them by Christmas.

The second year girls had a great success with their faculty dinner, and plan to serve a Christmas dinner soon.

The third year girls have finished reporting on the book, "Orchids on Your Budget," and have started on their handwork for Christmas presents. They are also studying house plans and furnishings for the home on a small income.

SENIOR RECEPTION TONIGHT

Tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 the members of the senior class are giving a reception in honor of their parents. The following program has been planned:

Welcome address—Kid McCoy.
 Chalk talk—Miss Winton.
 One-act play, "Christmas Memories"—cast: Grandfather Hiram, Morris Turner; Grandmother Sarah, Enid McMullen; Granddaughter Sue, Louise Biggers; vocal accompanists, Paris Hess, Jeff Coffey, Jesse Dean Cobb, Wanda Estes, Shirley Johnston, Viola Clemmons and Frankie Mullin.
 Dickens' "Christmas Carol"—Mrs. Jim Back.

Introduction of seniors and their guests.
 Refreshments of spiced tea and cookies will be served to the seniors and guests.

SHERLOCK SNOOPINGS

Wonder why Paris called Miss Cousins "dear" when he told her he made 65? Paris, you can't bribe her.

For a good time you should hear Mr. Bralley tell jokes about Amos and Andy.

The physics class has the entertainment of seeing Ray keep his trouser leg above his knee.

Would you think Leta Mae, Shirley and Dorothy could wear Georgia's clothing? Well, they did.

Who is "sweeping Wanda off her feet?"

What did M. H. do to Dorothy Sue's dress?

Leta Mae, you should know what you are talking about before you begin.

Folks, we've picked out an all-star girls' football team that we believe could do state honors: End, Shirley Johnston, because she has plenty of experience; tackle, Wanda Estes, because she is weighty; guard, Marguerite Kramar, let her hit you; center, Georgia Colebank, because she can get out of the way; guard, Dorothy Sitter, because she can stop them; tackle, Mollie Turman, because she works well in a huddle; end, Veima Mann, she is pretty fast; halfback, Naomi Gunn, she can hit that line; halfback, Leta Mae Phillips, because she is shifty; quarterback and captain, Margaret Kennedy, because she is the brains of the bunch; fullback, Julia McCarty, 165—er—pounds—125 pounds of T. N. T.;

coach, Miss Cousins, because she would look cute in a football suit; water girl, Dorothy Sue Young, because she is all wet.

BAND LEADS SANTA PARADE

The band led the parade Saturday when Santa Claus came to McLean. With the proceeds from the amateur contest that the band received, they bought some new music which includes several marches, overtures and novelty numbers. They have been practicing on the contest numbers to be played at Vernon next spring at the annual Band and Orchestra Festival. The band will furnish part of the program on Dec. 21, which will include three quartets.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following high school students made an A average for the second six weeks: Jesse Dean Cobb, Georgia Colebank, Ermaded Floyd, James Fulbright, Robert Wilson, Olive Louise Atwood.

The following made B averages: Adella Cadra, Patsy Funderburk, Enid McMullen, Bernice Lois Bradstreet, Gwendolyn Koen, Marie Hornsby, Margaret Kennedy, Dorothy Sitter, Elsie Reese, Ira Patty, Earl Green, John Saunders, Woodrow Patrick, Jack Bogan, Marguerite Wheeler, Eugene Stewart, Mabel Back, Bennie Finney, James Everett, Willie Louelle Cobb, Kid McCoy, Albert Overton, Johnnie Mae Scott, Vada Appling, Beth Evonne Floyd, Naomi Hancock, Mary Ellen Gething, Oran Back, Nancy Maud Maxwell, Jackie Foley, Mary Louise Brawley, Edwin E. John, Edith Duncan, Mattie Wilson, Wanda Nell Ladd, Oleta Tidwell.

MOBEETIE CAGERS WIN

The Mobeetie girls and boys beat McLean's teams Wednesday night at Mobeetie.

The Hornets girls played a good game, having fast basket-shooting forwards and guards which held the McLean offensive to the trifling score of 27-3.

Mobeetie's forwards made baskets from all over the court.

The McLean boys succeeded in losing the second game of the evening, also; however, it was a much more interesting game than the girls', as they lost only 12-6.

Again on Monday, Dec. 13, in the McLean gym, the Mobeetie girls defeated the Tigerettes with a final score of 15 to 11.

Fleeta Cunningham was high point forward for McLean with 4; Allison Lancaster was high point forward for Mobeetie with 6 points.

The Hornets are an all-state team and the Tigerettes feel proud to have held them down to the lowest score they have made in two years.

ALANREED LOSES

The Tiger team won a hard game from the Alanreed boys. The score was 37-26. This was really a rough and tumble battle with most of the Alanreed team being fouled off. Floyd, McLean center, was largely responsible for the number of Tiger points that were rolled up.

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE

Monday, a picnic.
 Tuesday, a dog show.
 Wednesday, an all day chapel.
 Thursday, a holiday.
 Friday, a day off.

McLEAN GIRLS WIN OVER ALANREED

The McLean girls were victorious over Alanreed with a score of 33-16. Fleeta Cunningham of McLean was high point player with a score of 14 points. Wilsie Blakney was the Alanreed ace. There were plenty of winning of this game places the thrills, and the game was much better than the score indicated. The McLean Tigerettes in the bracket with the rest of the outstanding teams of the Panhandle.

The girls are showing much improvement in every game, and their motto seems to be "Consistency, sportsmanship and training."

Mrs. Ellen Wilson and son, and Mrs. Wheeler Foster visited the ladies sister, Mrs. Walter Foster, in Pampa last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stone of Amarillo visited their daughter, Mrs. C. A. Cryer, over the week end.

Mrs. T. N. Holloway and daughter, Mrs. Ruel Smith, were in Pampa Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reeves and daughter of Alanreed were in McLean Saturday.

Charles Stratton of Fort Warren, Wyo., is visiting home folks here.

Mrs. M. C. Burdine of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

News from Liberty

Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Preaching each Sunday night.

Mrs. J. W. Lively died Sunday night. She was brought home Sunday from a Pampa hospital, where she underwent a major operation three weeks ago. Although apparently doing well, she died unexpectedly from a heart ailment.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Cunningham of Quail visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Stokes, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Sullivan of McLean, made a business trip to Shamrock and Wheeler Tuesday.

Mrs. A. L. Morgan visited in the Lively home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith and little daughter, Verna Grace, spent Sunday in the Hardin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Irvin and son, Clay Edward, of Borger spent Sunday with the lady's mother, Mrs. Kate Stokes.

Mrs. Ella Stewart returned Thursday from a week's visit with her niece, Mrs. I. P. Sullivan, and family at McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Stokes and little son, Bernice Lee, visited relatives at Abra Sunday.

Messrs. and Mesdames A. L. Morgan, B. L. Stokes, C. A. Myatt, and J. W. Lively were among those who transacted business in Shamrock Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gatlin went to Pampa Thursday, the lady undergoing an operation.

Mrs. W. E. James of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

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 THE FAMILY.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Hunley and son of Clinton, Okla., visited in the R. T. Dickinson home Sunday.

Mrs. Callie Haynes visited her daughter, Mrs. Frank Rodgers, at Pampa one day last week.

Rev. R. Underwood of Oklahoma visited his sister, Mrs. W. M. Smith, last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Massay are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jack Behannon, at Gainesville, Fla., and their son, James, at Sarasota, Fla.

Mrs. J. T. Hicks was in Pampa Friday.

Mrs. S. R. Jones was a Pampa visitor Friday.

C. A. Watkins takes advantage of our bargain rate on The News and Amarillo News.

Mrs. J. P. Dickinson was in Sulphur, Okla., last week to attend the funeral of her grandfather, R. Jones.

Mrs. W. M. Smith visited at Prague, Okla., over the week end.

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SYNOPSIS

Joyce Sewell, on the eve of her twentieth birthday, rebels at her lot, dependent on her detested stepmother, Irma, and full of tragic memories of her mother's murder twelve years before and her father's death six months ago. Irma calls in Helm Blackadder, an admirer, to help her persuade Joyce to marry rich young Michael Kirkpatrick. Mike, sent up to Joyce by Irma and Blackadder, demands a showdown on his proposal and is rejected. Joyce realizes that La Barranca, a Mexican hacienda which her father had owned, legally belongs to her. Later, she receives a letter enclosing a warrant on the United States Treasury for \$10,000 compensation for her mother's murder at La Barranca. She confers with Mr. Bradley, a banker and only remaining friend of her father's. She confides that she wants to make a secret journey to Mexico. Bradley arranges all details for her. She departs by plane undetected. Dirk Van Surtart, second secretary of the American embassy in Mexico City, gives Joyce a chilly reception and she loses her temper. She finds a Mexican woman lawyer, Margarita Fonseca, who takes her to General Onelia, right-hand man to the Mexican minister of war. Margarita reminds Onelia that the usurper of La Barranca is his dangerous enemy, General Dorado. The two make plans to send Joyce with a few picked men under Pancho Buenaventura to drive Dorado out. Adán Arnaldo, a young man who runs El Tenebroso, a night club, knows Dorado's present whereabouts, so they take Joyce there that night, where she notices Dirk. General Dorado arrives and in the course of sudden gunplay, the lights go out and Joyce is left alone. Adán Arnaldo whisks her out and takes her home. The following morning Joyce drives off to Toluca with Pancho. Back in Elsinboro, Joyce's disappearance has been discovered. Blackadder upbraids Irma, but succumbs to her helpless charm and plans to marry her. Blackadder gets the secretary of state to wire the embassy at Mexico City to locate Joyce. Dirk is delegated for the search. Dirk getting no information from the lying Onelia, goes to El Tenebroso and interviews Arnaldo. Arnaldo bids Dirk follow him. Meanwhile Joyce and Pancho reach La Barranca. Pancho and Eusebio, one of his band, leave her and at dawn climb the wall. Suddenly shots ring out.

CHAPTER VI—Continued

She sprang through the first zaguan and ran across the second court. She reached the second zaguan, entered the inner patio and plunged through odoriferous blooms to trip and all but fall over a dead body. Here also everything was silent—not the stillness of peace, the silence of terror and death. Every door on the lower floor was tightly sealed. She dashed up one branch of the double stairway which led to the balcony above. Fury still possessed her to the exclusion of all fear. Murder was being done on her account—murder before her very eyes.

Again shots pierced the silence, but they were rhythmic, punctuated. They came from the formal dining room. She dashed along the balcony and entered upon a scene so astonishing it brought her to an instantaneous halt. Her eyes were riveted on a figure as hideous as a gargoye which stood as if crucified against the wall beneath one of the sconces.

She recognized the visage of General Dorado, now twitching with terror as the rhythmic shots shattered one by one the lustres dangling over her head. Two other men were in the room, Eusebio and Pancho, both seated. The jumpers were gone, disclosing what had caused the bulges—bandoliers still half full of cartridges. Eusebio was rolling a cigarette, Pancho was doing the shooting and Dorado, wondering why he was being spared, had his glittering eyes fixed on his tormentor.

"Pancho!" cut in Joyce's voice between two shots. "You lied. You promised Gen—" "In one movement Pancho sprang up, snatched off his big sombrero and swung it backward at a venture, striking her across the mouth. For an instant Dorado stared at her with unbelieving yet consuming eyes, then his paralysis passed and he made a leap for the nearest door. With a double bloodcurdling yell Eusebio and Pancho were after him. Half knocked off balance by the rush of their passage Joyce was yet able to reach the balcony in time to watch the pursuit through the patio, across the visible section of the great court, through the zaguan at its far side and out by one of the gates into the limitless freedom of the prairie.

Joyce turned, went out and descended to the patio with a firm step. She must do something, summon aid. But first she wished to orient herself, revisit the spots she knew best. She glanced toward her one time playroom and saw that the huge key was on the outside of the lock. A moment later she had turned it and thrown open the door. She stood transfixed. It had become a stable—a pig-pen. Two horses turned their heads and stared at her as though startled and three fattening hogs, penned in one corner, grunted low as if only muzzling. She closed the door hurriedly and stepped back against a bush. The bush moved and she thought it was because she had touched it but the next instant her ankle was seized in an unbreakable grip. She looked down and saw a brown hand, a brown hairy arm.

She opened her mouth and she knew but no sound issued from her throat. She staggered back with her hands raised, eyes fixed on the creature that appeared to have seized her. She stared

more furiously than ever. The other hand added its grip to the first. Now she could see his waist, the whole body, his shattered and bleeding thigh. He looked up and instantly she knew he was asking for no aid. The single thought in his eyes was as clear as if he had shouted it. He wished to pull her down, transfer his grip from her ankle to her throat and kill her before he died—all this for mi General Dorado. Then her voice came back—not her familiar grown-up voice but the voice of memory uttering a cry of the past.

"Luz! Luz! Luz!"

CHAPTER VII

Dirk followed Arnaldo around the crowded dancing floor, retrieved his overcoat and hat and a moment later the two men sprang into the same car that had rescued Joyce from the same spot four nights before. Adán barked a direction and the tone of his voice was sufficient to send the chauffeur tearing along through one street after another, skidding around corners and ignoring lights until he drew up with a squeal of brakes at an apartment house shrouded in darkness. On the third floor he stopped at a door,



"He's Dead," Said Several of the Crowd in Unison.

Dirk rose. "I'm leaving for Toluca in half an hour," he stated. "What about it, Arnaldo? Any chance of your coming with me?" "No," said Arnaldo, snapping out of his daze. He turned to Van Surtart. "Sit down," Dirk obeyed. "What do you suppose I'm thinking about? Do you know Dorado? No. Well, I do. We're too late—too late by hours. To make the trip would be a mere sentimental gesture." "Just the same I'm going," said Dirk.

"To take a fall out of a windmill," asserted Arnaldo impatiently. "Have you any idea what a Mexican hacienda is like?" "No." "It's a fortress. Don't be a fool. If you insist on making a journey to bring back the remains wait until you can take a hearse and a troop of cavalry along with a battery of seventy-fives to help you. If your ambassador can't get them, come to me and I'll see what I can do."

"No," said Dirk. "You don't understand. He gave me a job and if I tried passing the buck back to him he'd be through with me for keeps and I wouldn't blame him. Do you mind dropping me at my place?"

Joyce stared down in horror at the wreck of a man at her feet. Reason told her since he was mortally wounded she must be stronger than he, yet she was not—all her strength had turned to water. From the waist up he was terribly alive. His right hand was still clamped on her ankle so tightly that circulation had almost ceased and with his left he had managed to seize her skirt. Rather than have it dragged off her she sank to one knee, straining her head back from the sight of his face.

"Luz!" she cried in a last despairing wail. A bar clattered on the far side of the patio, a door opened and the figure of a woman stepped forth. She was ageless as are all peons once the bloom of youth has passed, but strong with the toughness of rawhide. Her leathery face would have been expressionless had it not been for the brilliance of cavernous black eyes. The instant they beheld Joyce their expression underwent a startling transformation. It did not occur to her she was staring at the babe she had nursed at her breast; what she thought she saw was that babe's mother to the very life.

She dashed to the rescue, screaming as she went: "Senor Maximiliano! Julio! Leonardo! Plutarco! Riquieta! Nataniel!" As the last cry for help left her lips she sprang through the air to pounce like a cat, claws out, on Joyce's assailant. Heedless of the shattered hip which was uppermost she dug knowingly under his other thigh and presently tugged into view a sheath knife with a glittering blade a foot long. Gripping the handle with both hands she raised it on high. The man promptly gave up. He released his hold on Joyce, rolled over and with a sigh of relief exposed his breast to descending death. But he counted without Joyce. She seized Luz's wrists and wrenched them upward.

"No, Luz, no!" At Luz's call doors had opened on every side and people were coming on the run. As the wondering group gathered Luz looked up, her face distorted in bewilderment. An instant later she dropped the knife, threw herself on her knees, bowed her head to the ground and began kissing Joyce's feet with a fervor interrupted only by elucidating wails.

"Joycita! Cita! Ciquita! My baby! At my breast—my own breast!" She looked up at the crowd through streaming eyes. "Our baby has come back to us!" Joyce lifted her up and kissed her

"Norway Pine" Misnomer; Forest Service Orders It Shall Be Known as "Red Pine"

The Federal Forest service has decreed that hereafter the Norway pine, so common to the Lake states, shall be known as, and called, the red pine. Instructions to this effect have been sent to all National forest custodians. The name "Norway" has been in common usage with us although it is a misnomer. According to authorities the name is wholly out of place, for the tree is not a foreigner but a native of North America. It is related that the name Norway pine was given the tree by a Spanish captain who first found it here. Its close resemblance to pines he had seen in Norway caused him to suppose it identical with such as he had seen growing there, which undoubtedly were Scottish pines. Simon B. Elliott, in his work on important timber trees of the United States, said: "Its technical name also is inappropriate. Pinus resinosa, which it is called, means resin pine, and why the red pine should be given that name when its wood

contains less resin than any other hard timber pine is very strange." The name red pine is appropriate for this tree and is quite generally recognized throughout its eastern range. The bark and wood are reddish, the winter buds red-brown, the staminate flowers scarlet or reddish purple and the scales of the pistillate flowers scarlet.

The red pine, next to the white pine, used to be the most important timber tree of the lake states. Today it is planted as extensively as white and jack over state and federal reservations. It has one advantage over white for reforestation purposes—it will take root and thrive in soils too sterile and light for white pine, and for this reason is found in extensive stands on the sandy plains of the North.

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Rising Tide. A new magazine has made its appearance on the newsstands of the country. It is pictorial in character under the name of the "Rising Tide," originally issued in England and now being prepared for distribution in eleven countries under nine different languages. The magazine is reported to be a non-profit publication carrying no advertising but such matter that is of interest to the people of the world who are seeking answers to their own problems. It is said that these problems are covered without regard to race, class or creed.

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"Norway Pine" Misnomer; Forest Service Orders It Shall Be Known as "Red Pine"

The Federal Forest service has decreed that hereafter the Norway pine, so common to the Lake states, shall be known as, and called, the red pine. Instructions to this effect have been sent to all National forest custodians. The name "Norway" has been in common usage with us although it is a misnomer. According to authorities the name is wholly out of place, for the tree is not a foreigner but a native of North America. It is related that the name Norway pine was given the tree by a Spanish captain who first found it here. Its close resemblance to pines he had seen in Norway caused him to suppose it identical with such as he had seen growing there, which undoubtedly were Scottish pines. Simon B. Elliott, in his work on important timber trees of the United States, said: "Its technical name also is inappropriate. Pinus resinosa, which it is called, means resin pine, and why the red pine should be given that name when its wood

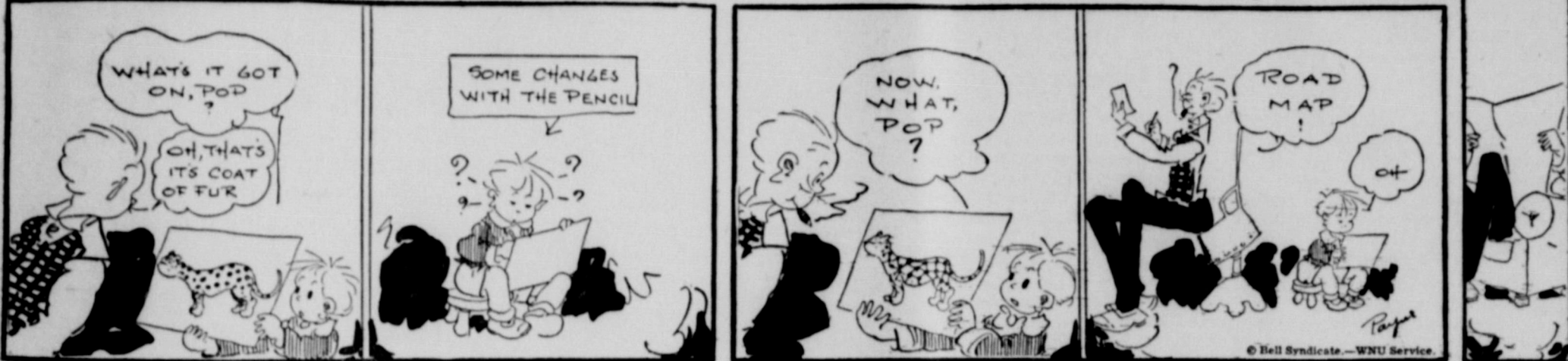
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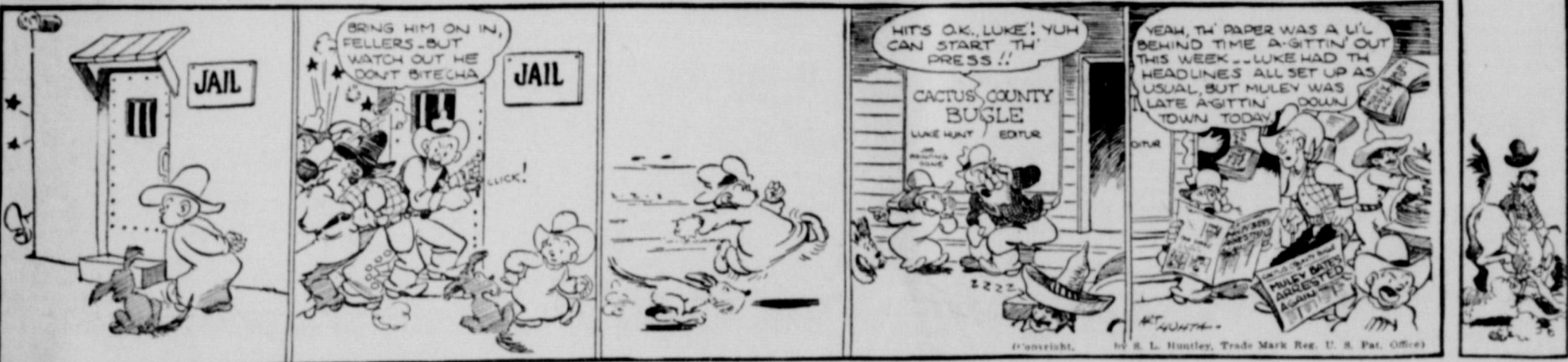
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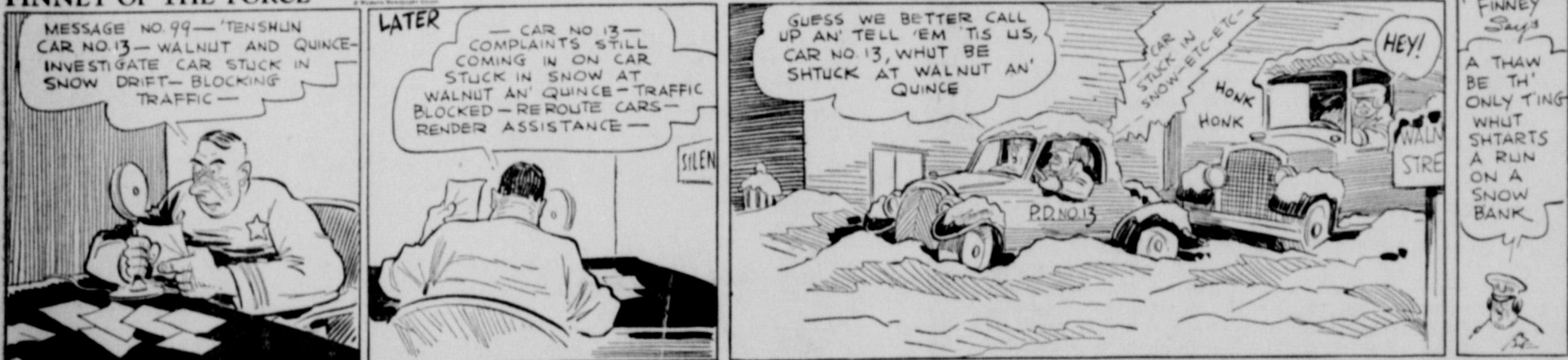
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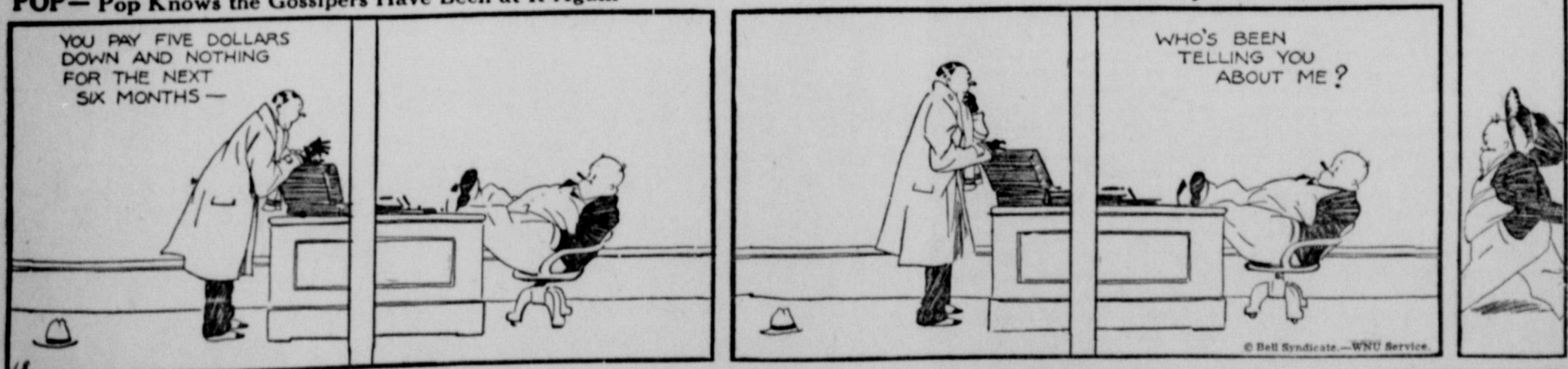
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Stuck



POP— Pop Knows the Gossipers Have Been at It Again

By J. MILLAR WATT



The Curse of Progress



Crafty
Earth flew in all directions as the crimson-faced would-be golfer attempted to strike the ball. "My word," he blurted out to his caddie, "the worms will think there's an earthquake."
"I don't know," replied the caddie, "the worms 'round here are crafty. I'll bet most of them are hiding underneath the ball for safety."— Pearson's Weekly.

That'll Stop Him
He—You know last year the doctor told me that if I didn't stop smoking I'd become feeble-minded. Girl—Why didn't you stop?

No Scarem
Dick—I understand the sultan's son is inclined to be a little—er— Doc—Harum-scarum? Dick—Oh, no, he's used to them.

More Ways Than One
Neighbor—Is your husband a good driver? Woman—Yes, he just simply drives me crazy.

LUNG POWER

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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Ask Me Another

A General Quiz

1. What are the freezing and boiling points of mercury?
2. Which is larger, the United States of Brazil or the United States of America?
3. What do the designs and colors of Scotch plaids indicate?
4. What were the first messages sent by telegraph and telephone?
5. Does the use of veneer on furniture imply poor quality?
6. How much torn and defaced money is sent to the United States Treasury for redemption?
7. Is there a law which permits the United States government to withhold and conceal the existence of treaties between itself and foreign powers from its citizens during the time of peace?
8. Who first referred to the Lost Battalion by that name?
9. How much money is collected in toll charges in one day on the George Washington bridge in New York city?

Answers

1. Its freezing point is -37.96 degrees F., and its boiling point, 675 degrees F.
2. The United States of Brazil, which is 272,000 square miles larger.
3. The clans or regiments to which their wearers belong.
4. The first by telegraph was, "What hath God wrought," and by telephone, "Mr. Watson, please come here: I want you."
5. It does not. It is the only method by which the grain or figure in some rare and beautiful woods can be displayed to advantage.
6. Approximately three billion dollars a year in mutilated currency is turned in for redemption.
7. The United States cannot have secret treaties with other countries.
8. The name was given by Harold D. Jacobs, who at that time was cable editor of the United Press in New York city. Mr. Jacobs now is editor of the Santa Barbara (Calif.) Morning Press.
9. On an average day for 1936 there was collected in toll charges on automobiles and pedestrians at the George Washington bridge the amount of \$10,840.40.

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle, and a desk. And please bring me a didie doll and a pair of skates, and please bring me a sewing machine.
Your friend,
MONA CATHRYN MEIER.

Dear Santa:
I want a scooter and a two-gun holster. I want a doll for my niece.
Love to Santa from
W. N. BOWEN.

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a doll and a dress and a little typewriter. My little sister wants a Shirley Temple doll. She wants a pencil to write with.
Your friend,
EULAMAE LIVELY.

Dear Santa:
Be sure to bring me a bicycle and be sure to bring my sister a doll and bring me a gun. I have been a good boy.
Your friend,
RICHARD ORIGSBY.

Dear Santa:
Will you bring me a wagon with balloon tires, and a bicycle. I have been a good boy.
Your friend,
LOUIS THURMAN KITE.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll for Christmas, and a cradle and a set of dishes and a doll buggy and a sewing machine. I love you.
BETTYE RUTH JOHNSTON.

Dear Santa:
I have been a good little girl. I would like a doll and a cook set for Christmas. And don't forget my little sister. She wants a doll and a tricycle, and a set of dishes. She has been a good little girl too.
DOROTHEA BACK.

Dear Santa:
I want a little cleaning set and a sewing machine and a blackboard. I have been a good girl.
Your friend,
PATSY JO ALEXANDER.

Dear Santa:
I have been a bad boy, but I want a BB gun for Christmas and lots of BB's, and a boat and airplane.
Love from
QUENTIN BROOKS.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll that costs \$1.98. I have a little sister and she wants a rubber doll that costs 69c. Hello, Santa Claus, I have been a good girl.
OMABELL McPHERSON.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll that wets its pants. I want a Mickey Mouse wrist watch. I want a little typewriter and a little sewing machine.
Your friend,
DOROTHY LEE McDANIEL.

Dear Santa:
I am going to be at town when you come. I want a truck that hauls four cars. I have been a good boy.
J. FRANK RUFF.

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a doll and a buggy and a set of dishes and some doll clothes. My little sister wants a wagon and a doll.
Your friend,
RUS.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a didie doll for Christmas and a pair of skates and a buggy and a pair of house shoes and a doll house and a bath robe and a machine. I have been a good little girl, and don't forget my little sister.
Your friend,
GWENDOLYN McADAMS.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl and I want a bicycle.
RUTH SWIM.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a BB gun for Christmas and a coaster wagon, cap gun, some BB's. I have been a real good boy.
JOHN LOWE.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a girl bicycle and a pair of skates and a doll that has a bottle. My little sister wants a doll and a ball and a top and a teddy bear. Hello, Santa Claus, I have been a good girl.
DOROTHY LAVERNE CLARK,
House No. 530.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl. I am in the third grade. I am eight years old. I want a big Shirley Temple doll for Christmas. Please bring it to me.

to me, and a bicycle and a new coat and a doll buggy. My teacher's name is Miss Carter. I like her, too.
Your friend,
ROSIE LEE JONES.

Dear Santa:
I want a weve doll. I want a dress with spots. I have a fine doll. I want a machine. I love you.
ANNA BETH COMBEST.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll for Christmas and a doll buggy and a bicycle and a set of dishes and doll house, and a desk and sewing machine and shoes.
Your friend,
JOHNNIE PAULINE MOORE.

Dear Santa:
I want a big doll and a tricycle, pair of skates and a doll buggy, sewing machine and a BB gun. I love you.
PATSY.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl. My name is Thelma Lemar Griffin. I am in the third grade. I want a Mickey Mouse watch and a Shirley Temple doll and a bicycle and a doll buggy and some skates.
Love to Santa Claus,
THELMA LEMAR GRIFFIN.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl. My name is Velma Luvina Griffin. I am 8 years old. I want a chair and table. I want a pair of house shoes. Don't forget my little brother. He is good, too. He wants an airplane and a baby buggy. He wants a cap.
Your friend,
VELMA GRIFFIN.

SUGGESTIONS TO PARENTS ON "PROBLEM OF SANTA"

Stillwater, Okla.—Every mother and father of small children is faced with the "Santa Claus problem"—the question of determining what the child should be taught about St. Nick and how to make the Christmas season the most joyous and beneficial for all.
Children should not be taught to believe in Santa Claus as a person, but rather as the spirit of good will and regard for others, believes M. R. Chauncey, psychologist at Oklahoma A. and M. College. Children thus would be enabled to secure the fullest enjoyment from the idea of Santa Claus without any embarrassment or inconvenience to anyone.

Procedure Suggested
When children have been taught to believe in Santa Claus as a person, the parents are faced with the problem of guarding these children from reality and of hastily decorating the tree and arranging gifts after the youngsters have retired on Christmas Eve.

In place of this, Chauncey suggests the following procedure. The parents take the children into their confidence, with all helping Santa Claus arrange the tree and gifts. As gifts arrive or are prepared, they are placed about the tree. Thus the preparations for the event develop gradually and at the appointed time the family gathers to "see what Santa Claus has brought." This method permits children to play Santa Claus, lets them share the joy of giving as well as of receiving.

Further disadvantages of the implicit belief in Santa Claus as a man are explained by the psychologist.

Some "Don'ts" to Follow
"If the child retains his belief that Santa Claus is an actual person too long, his playmates may seize upon this and make him the butt of their jests and injure his self-respect. Again, parents are sometimes guilty of using Santa Claus as a club over their children. Parents sometimes remark, 'If you children do not be good, Santa Claus will not bring you that pair of skates for Christmas.' I think this violates the very spirit of Santa Claus."

Parents are cautioned by Chauncey to keep children from being overstimulated from too many visits to "see Santa Claus" in department stores, at parties, etc.

There is danger in allowing children to determine their own gifts, he points out. Toys should leave much to the child's own imagination and permit the exercise of his ingenuity in rearranging and marshalling them.

Roses planted as late as January will still have time to make good plants, says R. O. Monosmith, Oklahoma A. & M. College floriculturist, providing they are well watered and hilled up six or eight inches to prevent their drying out by wind and sun.

In 1912 Mrs. Throstlebottom lost her engagement ring and a strict search of the premises failed to turn it up. However, she never lost hope. This year she planted her garden to carrots and just lately harvested the crop. Not a single carrot had grown through the ring.

THE YARD BEAUTIFUL

By R. O. Monosmith, Landscape Architect, Oklahoma A. & M. College

An Inexpensive Christmas Gift
Have you reached the stage in your Christmas shopping where you begin to wonder how you are going to make that battered pocketbook stagger the last mile? One way I'm going to do it is to make a few gifts, using material from the garden.

One thing that will cost only 10c and look like a million is a centerpiece decoration for the Christmas dinner table. When I say 10c, of course, I'm not figuring in my time. But then to a fellow like me time isn't so much after all. And as the fellow says, "The thing that makes time fly is the spur of the moment." Now, about the centerpiece and just how to construct it. First, take a block of soft wood about an inch thick and three or four inches square, or any shape you wish. You can have it three inches wide and six inches long if you like.

Wrap this block in waxed paper, then on top of the paper put a two-inch mat of sphagnum moss. Fasten the moss to the block by string laced diagonally around the block. Moistened tissue paper or small cedar branches may be tied to the block as a substitute for the moss, although the moss pad is the best.

The next step is to get your decoration material from the garden or woods and fit it into this moss. I find that cedar or arbor vitae make a mighty good thing to use as a foundation. Cut the sprays about four to eight inches long and point the ends with a knife. Stick these sprays into the moss, making a nest for the rest of the material. Have the lower sprays almost horizontal to the table.

Then you can insert small twigs of any broad-leaved evergreen such as Nandina, or cherry laurel. A berried spray or two of holly adds to the appearance. And speaking of berries, the woods can furnish deciduous holly berries, buckbush, bitterweet and red haw. If you can get a pine cone or two, it's that much better.

And then, of course, right in the middle of it, plant a nice bright red candle, and as I say, you'll have a centerpiece that will cost only 10c and will look like a million.

WINNING FOOTBALL

Pete Cawthon, head coach of Texas Tech Red Raiders, gave the local men and boys something to think about in his address at the football banquet last Friday night in the matter of a "winning football team."

This veteran coach who "lives his football," says that a boy given a "free ride" to the football team by his instructors without making his grades often expects credit without effort on the team and makes a poor showing when you need him most. The greatest harm to the boy, however, is in his life's work after his school career is finished. He expects the world to give him something because he was passed through his school without working, because he happened to be needed on the football team. He spoke in no uncertain terms in condemnation of a teacher who would "pass" a boy just because he was on the athletic team, even though he did not make his grades. "The boy is the loser" when he is given a free ride to a position on the team, and will eventually be a failure in life because the world does not give without effort on the part of the receiver.

"Winners are often losers," on the football gridiron. Many times boys go up against teams that are their superiors in weight and experience and of course lose by the scoreboard, whereas they played a better game than their opponents, considering physical differences.

Dancing Destroys Football
Coach Cawthon stressed the necessity of clean living to develop a winning football team. He cited a certain city in Texas which has the most dances of any city in the state, also noted for the drinking among its youth. This town has never developed a football team worthy the name, he stated. Small "country towns" just a short distance away, with few of the possibilities of the large city, have winning football teams composed of boys who live clean lives, training for the best service, rather than spending their nights dancing and drinking at "night spots" or other amusement centers, where the body is abused to satisfy the desire for passing pleasure. He paid high tribute to the "glass of water" type of boy who makes his grades, respects his coach, works at practice as hard as in the big game, and takes his rest at night.

The writer appreciated the splendid advice given both the boys and the men by Coach Cawthon. He says he believes in making men as well as football players, because the same

principles apply to both.

We have known school officials who would "pass" the athletes in order to keep them on the team. We heartily agree with the Lubbock coach that this only handicaps the boy in his game of life. When a school official gets so mercenary that he will sell a boy's future for a football thrill of the moment, it is a grave mistake.

The same high type of clean living was stressed by Coach Albert Greer as he named the boys one by one and told of their accomplishments during the football season just closed. He paid tribute to the boys with "fighting hearts," whether or not they were outstanding on the football field. They were "winners" according to the rules of the game as outlined by all the speakers at the banquet.—Monahans News.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mead and Miss Marie Landers of Miami visited home folks here Sunday afternoon.

J. E. Cubine and niece, Miss Kate Morgan, visited relatives at Cartm, Okla. last week.

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Born Monday, Dec. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Johns, twins, boy and girl. They have been named Robert Dale and Patricia Gail.

Mrs. Elsie Thomas and children of Amarillo visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman White and son of Pampa visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Mary Dell Parrish of Erick, Okla., visited in the R. T. Dickinson home over the week end.

Mrs. P. B. Barton of Matador visited her daughter, Mrs. Witt Springer, over the week end.

George Graham of Tulsa, Okla., is visiting his family in the J. M. Carpenter home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes and sons of Pampa visited relatives here Sunday.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

Preparing Starch.—Stir a piece of lard about as big as a five-cent piece into your starch while it is boiling. Your clothes will take on a nice gloss, and the iron will not stick.

Caring for Knit Garments.—In wearing and caring for knit garments, beware of rough surfaces, which cause thread breaks. Give the garment rest periods; steam and reblock occasionally.

For Cooling Cakes.—An ordinary wire dish-drying rack makes a good cake cooling rack when turned upside down.

Watering House Plants.—Rinse water from milk bottles will make house plants healthy and vigorous.

Stuffed Celery.—Blend two tablespoons of peanut butter with two tablespoons of butter and one-quarter pound of grated cheese. Work until smooth, then add one-quarter teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce and paprika, then stuff crisp celery hearts. This mixture is also delicious as a sandwich spread or to use for stuffing dates or prunes.

A Needed Utensil.—A knife sharpener is an essential piece of household equipment as the coffee pot. Not even an expert carver is able to do much with a dull knife.

Selecting Meats.—Good beef or pork or calves' liver is very bright in color and has little odor. Remember these points when selecting it.

Herring Salad.—Boil and cut up about six potatoes as for potato salad. Place in a bowl with two pickled herrings (boned and cut into strips), a hard-boiled egg chopped fine, and a grated apple. Make a dressing of 2 tablespoons each of cream, salad oil, vinegar, and pepper to taste, and pour over salad.

Preserving Stockings.—Because perspiration acids are among the worst enemies of good hose, clothing experts advise washing stockings after each wearing—in lukewarm water with mild soap.

"Quotations"

Pleasures are satisfying in inverse ratio to their cost.—*Bruce Barton.*
Every great cause is embraced first by an aggressive minority.—*Albert Einstein.*

A nation can be judged by its humor.—*Sinclair Lewis.*
Wars are never won; they are only and always lost.—*B. M. Baruch.*
The loveliest rainbow is in our vision rather than in the sky.—*Will Durant.*

Try and be a champion in whatever line of endeavor you choose in life.—*Jack Dempsey.*
Do well and doubt no man—do better and doubt all men.—*A. J. Jennings.*

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Telling St. Nick



Their Lucky Christmas
by Luella B. Lyons

JACK and Ellen Dyson couldn't find a thing for which they could be thankful and merry this Christmas—Jack out of work and Ellen with so little in the house left for meals. But to make matters worse, shortly after Jack left, Ellen missed the emerald setting out of her ring. She hadn't worn it for a long time but it had been her great consolation—if the "worst came to worst"—it could be sold. And with it gone!



Jack and Ellen Joined Hands and Danced About in Their Joy.

"Five presents here and they aren't from the five and ten, either, Jack! I know, you took my emerald to buy these, didn't you?" Ellen cried out, something she wouldn't have said had her nerves and patience not been frayed to the thin edge.

"You honestly think that of me, Ellen? If that's the way you feel, all right, think what you please!" Neither of them realized that they were hardly accountable for their mutual lack of understanding. Tears fairly blinded Ellen as she went out to bring in the little red hen, the last member of their little flock. She kept thinking that at least this, her last offering to the holiday dinner, was honest.

Then suddenly she caught sight of the familiar emerald—there in the little red hen's insides was hidden the gem she had thought poor Jack had taken. It took but a moment or two to wash up, snatch up the emerald and dash into the workroom where she went to her knees before her husband.

"Forgive? Why, Ellen dear, it certainly did look bad for me, no wonder. If I'd not been a stubborn fool I'd have gone on and explained myself. You see, darling, on the street today I found a packet of bonds and when I returned them to their owner, he gave me twenty dollars as a reward and after he found out I was unemployed, he offered me a beginner's job in his office!"

Even an old grouch would have had to grin had he seen Jack and Ellen then join hands and dance about in their joy for a merry, lucky Christmas!

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Custom of Burning Yule Log From Scandinavians

THE Christmas custom of burning the Yule log originated among the ancient Scandinavians. During the period of winter solstice, they kindled great bonfires honoring the god Thor. This was at the feast of Juul. The Saxons and the Goths also celebrated a winter festival which they called Jul, and so we derive our expression of "Yuletide," for the Christmas season.

In the time of the feudal lords, the cutting down and bringing in of the huge Yule log, or "clog" as it was then called, was a ceremony of great importance. One old writer tells us that the Yule clog "was to be lighted with a brand of the last year's log, which had been carefully laid aside for the purpose, and music was to be played during the ceremony of lighting."

CHRISTMAS AND HOW



A Carol for Santa



IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By REV. HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. © Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for December 19 THE BIRTH OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:8-20. GOLDEN TEXT—For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:11. PRIMARY TOPIC—When Jesus Came. JUNIOR TOPIC—When Jesus Came. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Birth of Our Saviour. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—God's Gift of a Saviour.

Few indeed are the stories that will bear retelling or the books that are worth re-reading. Rare is the song that we care to hear more than once. How significant then that we come to the observance of Christmas each year with hearts full of delight in the story of the birth of Jesus, eager again to hear the account from God's Word, and to listen with attentive souls for the sound of the angel's song in the Christmas music.

The birth of our Lord as the incarnate Saviour of men is still front page, headline news, even in 1937. The glad tidings of his coming still color the thinking and living of a world that has gone far from him, that lives today in hatred and enmity, even while outwardly recalling the coming of the One who was to bring peace on earth. We have even gone so far that men feel that the way to promote peace is to use the sword. Until the Prince of Peace himself shall reign there may be no other way. But let us be certain at this Christmas time that the tender baby hand from the cradle at Bethlehem has reached our hearts and lives, bringing us peace with God and good will toward men.

The first seven verses of our chapter relate the coming of Mary with Joseph to God's appointed place at his appointed time, for the entrance into this world of the Son of God as the "Word" that "was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Our lesson opens with the proclamation of the blessed good news to the shepherds in the field.

I. "Unto You Is Born . . . a Saviour" (vv. 8-14).

Christ was a great teacher, one whom the common people heard gladly, "for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes" (Mark 1:22). He was a leader among men, and lived a life which was an example beyond that of any man. But mark it well, this was not the central and essential purpose of his coming. He came as a Saviour. His mother was told before his birth that she should "call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

It is not enough to be among the countless thousands who superficially observe Christmas with greetings and gifts. We must with the shepherds go and present ourselves in personal devotion to him. If you have not met the Lord Jesus as your own personal Saviour do it now. And if you know him, make this a Christmas in which Christ is supreme.

II. "Let Us Now Go . . . and See" (vv. 15, 16).

Their fear changed to assurance by the words of the angel, the shepherds at once "go" and "see." Would that all those who heard to-day did likewise. The shepherds might well have found all manner of excuses for not going. They had sheep to care for, they were not prepared for a journey. No, the urge was upon them "and they came with haste . . . and found" Jesus.

III. "When They Had Seen . . . They Made Known" (vv. 17-20).

Mary the mother of Jesus had special reason to ponder these things in her heart. But the shepherds "returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen."

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so" (Ps. 107:2). When we have found the Lord Jesus we must not simply rejoice in the satisfaction and peace that has come to our own souls. We are saved to serve. The normal expression of the new life in Christ is the proclamation of the gospel to the ends of the earth. Only in that spirit do we truly keep Christmas!

To every one that sees these lines—whether editor, typesetter, or proofreader—whether a reader in the midst of the clamor of the great city or in the quiet of a distant countryside, whether old or young, whether well or on a sickbed, whether alone, far from family and friends, or in the bosom of your family, the writer of these lines extends in the name of Christ a most hearty good wish for a blessed Christmas.

Lesson of Experience

Experience teaches many things, and all men are his scholars; yet he is a strange tutor unteaching that which he himself hath taught.

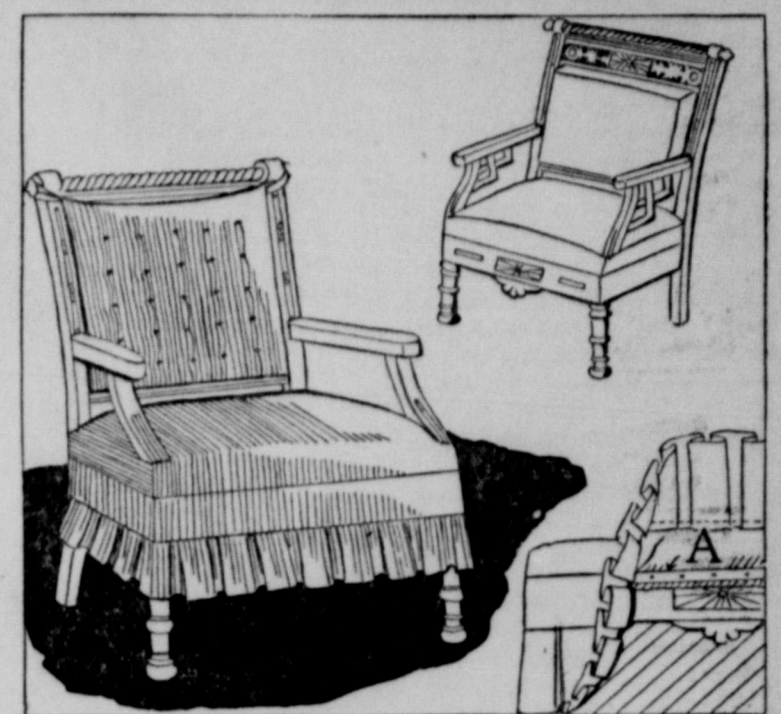
Deeds That Make Us

Our deeds still travel with us from afar, and what we have been makes us what we are.—*George Eliot.*

Burdens

God has furnished us with constant occasion of bearing one another's burdens.

HOW TO SEW
by Ruth Wyeth Spears



Making Over a Chair of the Ginger-Bread Era.

To modernize the old walnut chair at the right the pieces under the arms were removed and most of the carving covered up. The padding at the back was removed entirely and replaced by a fiber board which was covered by a loose cotton filled cushion tufted like an old fashioned bed comfort except that the tied thread ends of the tufting were left on the wrong side. This back cushion was fastened in place with tapes that slipped over the knobs at the ends of the upper carving. If the knobs to hold the cushion had been lacking it could have been tacked in place along the top on the under side by using a strip of heavy cardboard to keep the tacks from pulling through the fabric as shown here for tacking the box pleated ruffle around the seat as at A. A plain rust colored heavy cotton

upholstery material was used for the covering.

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Tolerance, and recognizing the other fellow's rights are needed by everyone. Intolerances causes most of the trouble in the world.

Highway accidents are now the major cause of injury and death in this country. Efforts to prevent highway accidents should have the support of every law-abiding citizen.

We used to call it a panic, but later it was known as a depression; now we hear talk of a recession. Let us hope that no more names of this kind will need to be used.

Week after next we will publish our annual New Year's Greetings edition. Most of the business and professional men of McLean already have their copy in, and others are expected to call the News this week. We take particular pains to give everyone a chance to come in on this good will edition, and most firms do each year.

A printing peddler was in town a few days ago, and a motorist later picked up a hitch-hiker and found him to be the same peddler. In a conversation with him, he was asked what his territory was, and he claimed everything in North Texas and from Santa Fe, N. M., to Tulsa, Okla.; all covered without a car. When asked if he sold any printing in McLean, he said that he made expenses here.

The motorist, who is a business man in another state, thought it strange that anyone would deal with a total stranger who makes his way by hitch-hiking, but the peddler insisted that he is making a good living in this way.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Swim spent Monday with Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Echols at Louis, Okla. Rev. Swim's sister, Mrs. Echols, and children, Edwin and Mary Margaret, returned home with them to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilson were in Amarillo the first of the week. Mrs. Ralph Caldwell and children have returned to their home in Liberal, Kan., after a visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Northam of Denver Colo., are visiting the lady's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Cunningham.

Mrs. Etta Hudgins has returned to her home at Erick, Okla., after a visit with relatives here.

P. O. Koester, engineer for the Brazos River Gas Co., was in McLean this week.

Roger Stone of Amarillo visited his sister, Mrs. C. A. Cryer, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis of Childress visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robertson and children of Lefors were in McLean Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone are to leave for

With the Churches

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Troy A. Sumrall, Pastor
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Preaching service at 11. Subject, "Jesus the Supreme Revelation." Text, Isaiah 53:1.

Evening services: B. T. U. work 6:15. A department for every age, with an efficient leader.

Period of Scripture reading and prayer, at 7. Prophecies of the coming of Our Lord will be read from the Holy Bible.

The annual Christmas Cantata will be offered at the preaching hour under the direction of Prof. Leeds.

The public is invited to enjoy this great day of services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

W. A. Erwin, Minister
Sunday school 10 a. m. Arthur Erwin and Mrs. Chas. E. Cooke, superintendents.

Morning worship at 11. The choir will sing the Christmas Cantata or oratorio, "The King in Zion." A Christmas message by the pastor.

Evening service at 7:30. The choir and congregation will sing Christmas carols. Sermon by the pastor.

Junior choir Monday, 4 p. m. Ladies' Auxiliary Tuesday, 2:30 p. m. Choir practice Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

W. B. Swim, Pastor
Remember next Sunday morning, Sunday school is promptly at 10 o'clock, and we want 150 present, and we can have that number if just a few of you who have been staying at home will come. So let's all meet our friends at Sunday school and see what a fine time we have together.

Morning worship is at 11, with a Christmas message from the pastor. Special Christmas music.

Evening worship: Epworth League 6:30, preaching 7:15. The young people are leaving the church at 8:15 to sing Christmas carols over town. If you would like for them to sing in front of your house, please have a light burning in the window.

All the young people of the town who want to are invited to come and go on this carol singing trip, the more the better. We are expecting to have a good time, so come and go with us.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

W. E. Bond, Pastor
Sunday school 10 a. m.

Morning worship at 11. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:15. W. M. S. Thursday 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:15 p. m. Everyone welcome. Come just as you are.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The Presbyterian ladies' auxiliary met Tuesday afternoon for Bible study. Mrs. T. J. Coffey presided at a short business session, after which Mrs. S. D. Shelburne led a very interesting lesson on the Book of Matthew.

The following were present: Messdames F. E. Hambright, Chas. E. Cooke, E. L. Sitter, Thurman Adkins, Allen Wilson, F. H. Bourland, Arthur Erwin, Ercy Cubine, T. J. Coffey, J. B. Hembree, and S. D. Shelburne.

The auxiliary will meet next Tuesday, Dec. 21, in the home of Mrs. E. L. Sitter for a Christmas program and party, with Mrs. Cooke as assistant hostess. Each member is requested to bring a gift for the orphans.

BAPTIST GIRLS' AUXILIARY

The Girls' Auxiliary of the Baptist Church met in the basement of the church on Dec. 8.

A special Lottie Moon Christmas program was given. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering consisted of \$3.60, and will be used for the support of foreign missions.

During the business session, Jean Burr was elected as reporter. Those attending the meeting were: Mona Meier, Nora Isabel and Zora Isabel Petty, Viola Appling, Mary Lee Abbott, Jean Sumrall, Jean Burr and Miss Lorene Winton.

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News advertising pays.

Mrs. J. T. Glass takes advantage of our bargain rate on the News. Amarillo News.

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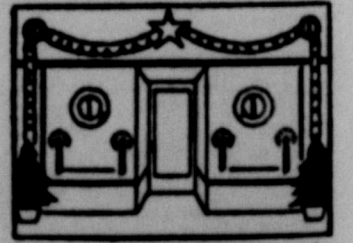
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