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FOLLOWING THE STAR

The best thing about Christmas is not the day itself. It is the period immediately preceding it.

If, as we fondly believe, the heavens parted and a shining miracle broke through on the Judea hills 20 centuries ago, the day of miracles is not over. There will not be any miracles on Christmas Day, of course—unless you count that shy, breath-taking look that comes into a child's eyes when he gets his first glimpse of the presents that are awaiting him; but during the last fortnight or so before Dec. 25 there is an authentic miracle in which the whole nation shares.

Look at it this way. During all of the rest of the year most of us human beings, sadly imperfect as we are, are moved by one chief motive—selfishness. Each of us is out for the main chance. It is every man for himself, without qualifications.

But when December begins to slide past us a change comes over us. We begin to discover that there are others in the world besides ourselves. The thought of a hungry man or a disappointed child is too hard to bear. We actually find ourselves thinking about the sorrows and disappointments of our fellow men.

So, in every city and town in the land, we put on these "Give-a-Christmas" campaigns. We form committees to get the names of those unfortunates who are not going to be able to make much of a Christmas by their own efforts, and we collect money so that these people can be helped. We give, according to our ability, moved by the sincerest and finest motive that comes to us in the entire year. A Rockefeller gives a million dollars; we less gifted ones give our dollars and our half-dollars; and the result is a solidarity and a unity which the whole nation feels.

And the funny part about it is that it is not the recipient of this charity who is the chief gainer by it. It is the giver. The man who parts with money that he himself really needs, and gives it to those who have nothing at all, is doing a great deal more for himself than he ever imagines. He is putting himself in tune with something that is much bigger and profounder than he can guess. He is enabling himself to partake, in the best possible way, of the Spirit of Christmas.

And that Spirit, in turn—what is it? Isn't it, after all, the deep and imperishable conviction that all men are, or ought to be, brothers; the feeling that the fate of one is the concern of all; the belief that there is a God in the universe, and a soul, and a compassionate heart?

It is easy to envy the wise men their privileges of following the star and finding the ultimate meaning of creation in a Judean village. But that privilege is open to us, in a different way. We have our star, and we can follow it if we know what brotherhood and kindness mean—and if we do follow it we may rest assured that at least one gleam of light from beyond the borders of ordinary living will come to us and transfigure us.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor—I am 8 years old.
"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
"Papa says 'If you see it in the Sun, it's so.'
"Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?
Virginia O'Hanlon.
"115 West Ninety-fifth street."

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, VIRGINIA, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

YES, VIRGINIA THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no SANTA CLAUS! It would be

Side Glances . . . . . by Clark



"Just think, Dottie—only twenty minutes more and it will be a year until the Christmas rush."



Daily Washington Letter By Rodney Dutcher

Senator Bingham Has a Disagreeable Task in Fighting Further Extension of Maternity and Infancy Legislation, But the Connecticut Lawmaker Has Had Disagreeable Experiences Before

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—"There is probably no more disagreeable task," says Senator Hiram Bingham of Connecticut, "that a member of a law-making body can take upon himself than that of opposing legislation obviously intended to relieve suffering and to prevent disease."

But Senator Bingham has had disagreeable experiences before. He is the man who was censured by the Senate because he got the secretary of the Connecticut Manufacturers' Association into the secret tariff deliberations of the Senate Finance Committee. Now his conception of patriotism and public service has caused him to lead the fight against any further extension of maternity and infancy legislation such as was carried on for 10 years under the Sheppard-Towner act. He finds himself cooperating with some of the more radical patriotic societies which invariably begin shouting about the "bolshhevik menace" to American institutions whenever anyone mentions the maternity act or the Children's Bureau which supervised it.

Jones Sponsors Bill
The act expired a year and a half ago. It authorized an annual appropriation of about a million dollars, to be paid to states accepting the act and appropriating equivalent sums for health and welfare work among mothers and children. The bill to revive this work is sponsored by Senator Wesley Jones of Washington and has strong, active support from many women's organizations. Senator Bingham refers impressively to the fact that, in addition to the American Medical Association, the Sentinels of the Republic and the celebrated ladies of the Woman's Patriot are opposed to the measure. The association's reasons are professional, but the

as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in SANTA CLAUS! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch SANTA CLAUS, but even if they did not see SANTA CLAUS coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees SANTA CLAUS, but that is no sign that there is no SANTA CLAUS. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. It is all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

NO SANTA CLAUS! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, VIRGINIA, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood—New York Sun.

Mary and "Office Boy" Composer



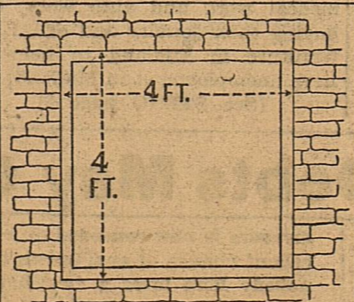
Mary Garden, famous star of the Chicago Civic Opera company, is shown here with the new American composer, Hamilton Forrest of Chicago, formerly an office boy for Samuel Insull, utilities magnate. Forrest's new opera, "Camille," was recently produced by her company with Miss Garden as the star.

other groups contend that such a federal attempt to save the lives of babies and mothers is communistic and hence highly dangerous.

The senator from Connecticut has even gone back to the days of the Spanish inquisition in his arguments to the Senate. It all may seem a trifle far-fetched, but Bingham classes inquisitions and maternity legislation under the head of "legislation regarding the welfare of bodies and souls, religious legislation, sumptuary legislation . . . which has always failed in the history of the world whenever a great central government has attempted to apply to sumptuary matters laws enacted by it."

Of course the gist of Bingham's argument is that maternity and infant hygiene should be left to the states; that in some cases federal

STICKERS



A man had a square window four feet high, four feet wide, as shown in the diagram. He decided to nail up half of it and when he did so, he still had a square window four feet high, four feet wide. Can you figure how this would be possible?



The Town Quack

Reserves the right to "quack" about everything without taking a stand on anything.

Now, as Christmas Eve comes along and we are getting out a Christmas paper, my usually voluminous vocabulary fails me. I have the Christmas spirit all right but I don't know how to express it as a columnist. I'm taking off about noon today and I won't show up until Friday morning. If I happen to have some vitriolic copy in this column Friday, you may know that I ate Christmas dinner until I was completely satisfied. I always eat too much if I get a chance on Christmas, and I believe I'm going to get the chance because I've drawn my pay check in advance and will have every cent in Midland to choose from.

I dreamed a funny dream last night about Christmas gifts. I dreamed that my wife and children and I loaded in the flyover and drove over to see Mrs. Ola Dublin Lee Haynes, deputy tax collector and chief of the Chief of Police. My wife got out of the car, carrying a Christmas gift, took it in and told Mrs. Haynes that she was giving her this to go on the mantel or on the dining table. Mrs. Haynes opened the package and found a squat piece of pottery of some sort. She sat it on the mantel, then on the dining table, and handed it back saying, "I don't believe it would do for either the mantel or the dining table, so I guess you'll have to take it back."

is not a Communist.

"The scheme was undoubtedly brought to the United States by Alexander Kollontay in 1915 and 1916," writes Miss Mary G. Kilbreth, president of the board, who learned how to fight the important women's organizations unsuccessfully in the old anti-suffrage cause.

Miss Grace Abbott, chief of the Children's Bureau, reports on permanent work resulting from the act in her latest annual report. Twenty-eight states had child hygiene bureaus or divisions before the act was passed she says, and the act stimulated creation of them in 19 other states. As a result of aid given through the act 1594 permanent local child-health prenatal or combined prenatal and child-health consultation centers were established. County health organizations were widely expanded with that aid. State appropriations were greatly increased, first to match the federal funds and later to continue or expand programs when the act lapsed.

The Jones bill is likely to be buried in the House and not be permitted to come to a vote in that chamber.

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Now that isn't like Mrs. Haynes a bit, so I'm sorry I had the dream. She's one of the most appreciative people in Midland. But it was so funny I had to tell it. I just got to thinking this morning how funny it would be if all of us gave back the gifts we didn't like. Or, better than that, how would it do for us to bring everything we didn't like to some central point and do some swapping until we all got something we liked better. Paul Vickers would bring down everything he got and trade them off for red neckties.

I'm thankful, however, that it is the act of giving that makes Christmas worthwhile. We get pleasure from giving things to others and we hope that they will appreciate our act whether they like our gifts or not.

Merry Christmas, everybody, and thank you for your patience during all of these long months you have had to put up with my column.

URNS BACK CHICKEN

SAN ANGELO, (AP)—Unable to locate the rightful owner, police have turned over to the community service a coop of chickens taken from a suspect who ran away from them. Police still were holding a car which the suspect also left behind him.

CLOSED TAVERNS CAUSE CRIME

LONDON, (UP)—Crime is on the increase in Ceylon, according to the annual report which blames the rise to the closing of taverns. "There is no doubt," said the report, "that the closing of taverns tends to defeat its purpose by causing more crimes of violence than when taverns existed and liquor was obtainable between fixed hours."

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SOCIAL NEWS PAGE FOR WOMEN

Family Reunions Hold Highest Interest in Midland Today; Many Homes Brightened By the Return of Children for Vacations

Christmas means the gathering of home folk 'round the hearthside to recall many pleasant memories and spread the joyous Christmas cheer.

Practically every home in Midland will be brightened with the spirit of the Yuletide.

Plans have been made for a dinner in the private dining room of Hotel Scharbauer and probably other informal entertainment at the homes of relatives during the entire week.

Thirty-Five Here Members who are here include: Mr. and Mrs. Whit Stafford of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Nobles and children; Martha Louise, John, Jack and Gerald; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Blakeney and daughter; Mrs. Harvey Conger and Mr. Conger of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer and son, Clarence Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cowden and sons, James Franklin and Courtney Holt and baby daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hill and daughter, Francis; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Girdley and sons, Fred and B. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Cowden and daughters, Eddie Blanche and Mary Sue; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rowe and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cowden.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Black for Christmas noon dinner will be their children, Messrs. Glenn, Ben and Ed; and daughters, Doris Black and Mrs. Albert Norred, and Mr. Norred and son, Billy of Snyder.

Benedict Ranch The Benedict family will gather at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Benedict for Christmas day. There will be Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Benedict and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Benedict and daughter, Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradshaw will have their children home for the holiday. Those coming are Mr.

and Mrs. Goodpaster, Mrs. Willard Sullivan, Misses Bird and Pyrie, all of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Al Strawn of Wink; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Iron, also of Wink and Mr. and Mrs. L. O. O'Neal of Odessa.

Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Pemberton and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington will have their family dinner on Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingham and other members of the immediate family are expected to attend. Miss Josephine Guly will be a guest.

Orson Family

The Frank Orson family will hold their reunion tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Tom and son, and Messrs. Francis, Wilton, Henry and Billy Orson will be here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cowden and children of Abilene will arrive today to join her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Connell, in a family dinner. Others to be here are Miss Eleanor Connell, Calvin and Burt Cowden and Mrs. Ella Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Goldsmith and son, C. A., will join his mother, Mrs. C. A. Goldsmith for the holiday dinner.

Three daughters of Mrs. W. H. Brunson will be in Midland Thursday to spend the day. She expects Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Weyman of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Z. B. Zant of Colorado and Miss Lois Brunson.

Ligon Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ligon will have have as their guests on Christmas day members of her family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Proctor and daughter Jo Ann of Pecos will arrive today. Others living in Midland are Mr.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Children of Midland will be greeted by Old St. Nicholas at four protestant churches tonight when the annual Christmas tree bearings gifts for every child will be held.

R. D. Scruggs and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rountree and family.

At the home of Mrs. J. S. Cordill will be a merry dinner for her children and friends. Her daughter, Mrs. Leslie Adams, Mr. Adams and children of Coahoma will arrive sometime today.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dunaway will have all of their children here for the day. Miss Lillian Dunaway is here from Ft. Worth; Mr. Howard Dunaway has arrived from Austin and Mr. Alton Dunaway is from El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Neal will also prepare for a family dinner tomorrow. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rotterman of Big Spring will arrive today.

The J. H. Barron family will have Christmas dinner with Mrs. Barron. Among the guests will be Mr. and Mrs. T. Paul Barron and son, Charles; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Spaulding and son, Barron, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Elliott H. Barron and Mr. C. S. Aycock.

A pleasant evening will be spent by members of the J. M. Caldwell family who gather tomorrow for dinner. The children and their families are Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Marshall and son, Tom, of Deming, N. Mex.; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodland of Freeport; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caldwell and three children of El Paso and Mr. Robert Caldwell.

Every member of the John Haley family is here for the annual Christmas reunion tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. J. Evetts Haley of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Conner and children of Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. Harkins of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. John Haley from the ranch and Alice Mason will have dinner with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Elkin will have a group of relatives as their guests tomorrow. Their daughter, Miss Lula, is here from Lubbock. Mrs. Elkin's brother, Mr. H. T. Boyd, and family of Lubbock are also expected. Mrs. I. A. Boyd, Mrs. Elkin's mother, who lives here will also be among the guests.

Members of the Dunagan family will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Daunagan on Christmas day. Those who are planning to be present are Mr. and Mrs. Sneed Dunagan and daughters, Roberta and Doris; Mr. L. E. Dunagan and children, Dorothy, Katherine and L. E. Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dunagan and the John Dunagan children, Conrad, Helen, Rowena, Robert and Virginia Ann.

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Christmas day will be celebrated at the M. W. Whitmire home with every child present. Mrs. Willis Blackburn is here from Corpus Christi and the sons, Witzel and Harwell are here from A. & M. Miss Myrtle Whitmire is the other daughter.

Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hale will be at home for the day. Mrs. Clyde Cowden, and Mr. Cowden and baby, Alma Faye, will be here and so will Miss Virginia Hale of Sul Ross. Mr. Ralph Barker of Taylor will also be a guest.

Children of Mr. Ben Ethridge will be guests at his home on Christmas day. Those here are Misses Ike and Charles Ethridge; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kuykendall and son, Ray; and Mrs. Carroll and son, Jack Ray, of San Diego.

Mrs. O. P. Buchanan will serve evening dinner to her family and several guests. She expects to be present Mrs. J. H. Bartin of Houston, Miss Alice Buchanan, Mr. George Buchanan; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Black and children, Miss Ruth Norwood, Mr. Durwood Elder of Carlsbad and Mr. Dick Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Bucy will have a group of their relatives to dinner tomorrow. Her mother, Mrs. Lige Davis, and sister, Miss George Kirk Davis, of Big Spring are here for the day. Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis will also be guests at the Bucy home.

Mr. and Mrs. U. Hampton are spending their Christmas vacation with relatives in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Smith have gone to Tulsa where they are spending a Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer and son, Clarence Jr., returned last night from Mineral Wells where they have been for the past ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Haygood have as their house guest this week, Mrs. Null.

W. A. Cox of Seminole was a business visitor in Midland this morning.

T. J. Richards of Colorado is expected to spend the Christmas holidays with friends in Midland.

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Several Celebrate Birthdays Tomorrow

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Santa Claus should be especially good to these folk and fill their stockings running over full. Why not you send a special greeting to these friends?

- DECEMBER 25 Billy Orson Mr. John Dublin Mr. S. M. Francis Mrs. A. M. Gantt Rosa Lee Johnson

B. Y. P. U. Members Are Guests at Umberson Home

A group of 20 merry-makers of the senior B. Y. P. U. were guests at the home of Mrs. W. E. Umberson who was hostess at a Christmas party Tuesday evening.

Rooms of the home were attractively decorated in the season's colors and a brightly lighted tree banked with gifts attracted most attention.

Mrs. Umberson directed peppy indoor games during the evening and later served dainty refreshments.

Christmas Tree Is Held by Scruggs Buick

Joyously celebrating the Christmas season, employees of the Scruggs Buick company and their wives enjoyed a get-together at the show room Tuesday evening.

Gifts were exchanged on an attractively lighted Christmas tree, and later informal entertainment was held.

About 35 guests were present, including Mr. DeLaney of the G. M. A. C. in El Paso.

W. B. Elkin returned yesterday from Ft. Worth where he spent several days on business.

Miss Jennie Elkin, who has been attending university in California, is expected to arrive tonight to spend a brief vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Cragin have gone to Dallas to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Alcorn.

Mrs. R. D. Macanelly of El Paso is in Midland visiting her daughter, Mrs. Claud Cowden.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sheppard and children have gone to Anson to spend Christmas with relatives.

Kenneth Yost has gone to Ft. Worth to spend Christmas day.

J. L. Tallant left yesterday for El Paso to spend a few days of the holiday week.

Miss Virginia Hale, who recently sustained an appendicitis operation in Big Spring, was returned to her home here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Holster and sons will leave this afternoon for McCombs where they will spend Christmas day with relatives.

Marvin Booth of the Prairie Oil & Gas company has gone to Harlingen where he is spending the holidays with relatives.

J. T. Hiett of the De Luxe laundry left last night for Ft. Worth where he will transact business and spend the holidays.

Mayfair Party Is Compliment to Husbands

For their husbands, members of the Mayfair club were hostesses at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Adams Tuesday evening at one of the merriest parties of the yule season.

Holly wreaths, poinsettias and tinsels graced the playing suite. There was also the colorfully decorated Christmas tree on which were hung gifts for each member and gay toys for the husbands.

In the games, Mrs. John E. Adams scored high for a handsome picture and Mr. A. E. Horst held high for linen handkerchiefs.

Guests were Messrs. and Mmes. D. E. Carter, W. P. Knight, D. E. Shoemaker, J. M. Haygood, M. E. Smith, H. W. Matthews, Bill Van Huss, M. M. Seymour, John P. Butler, Adams, A. E. Horst, Mrs. S. M. Warren and Mrs. Null.

John Hix made a business trip to Hobbs, New Mexico, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Baugh of Stanton will spend Christmas day with Mrs. M. J. Allen.

W. W. Lackey is leaving today for Ft. Worth where he will spend Christmas with his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Haight have recently moved to the Scharbauer hotel to make their residence.

Thomas DeCrow left yesterday for Austin where he will visit for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Baker and son, A. P. Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Schroder left this morning for El Paso where they will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Baker and Mr. Schroder's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Summerhill and family of Andrews are expected to arrive tomorrow to spend the day with her mother, Mrs. S. F. Tyner.

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When the pumpkin pie is ready, Cut in slices thick and wide, And my children's at the table Sittin' close up by my side,

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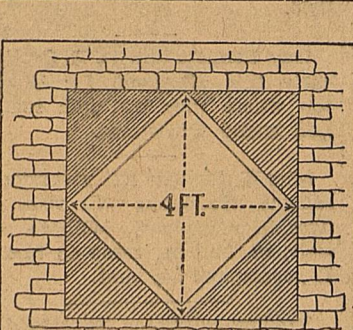
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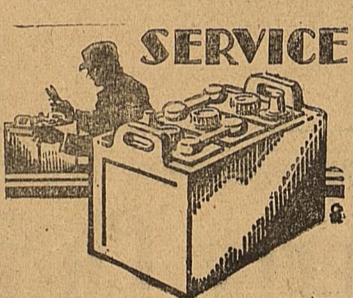
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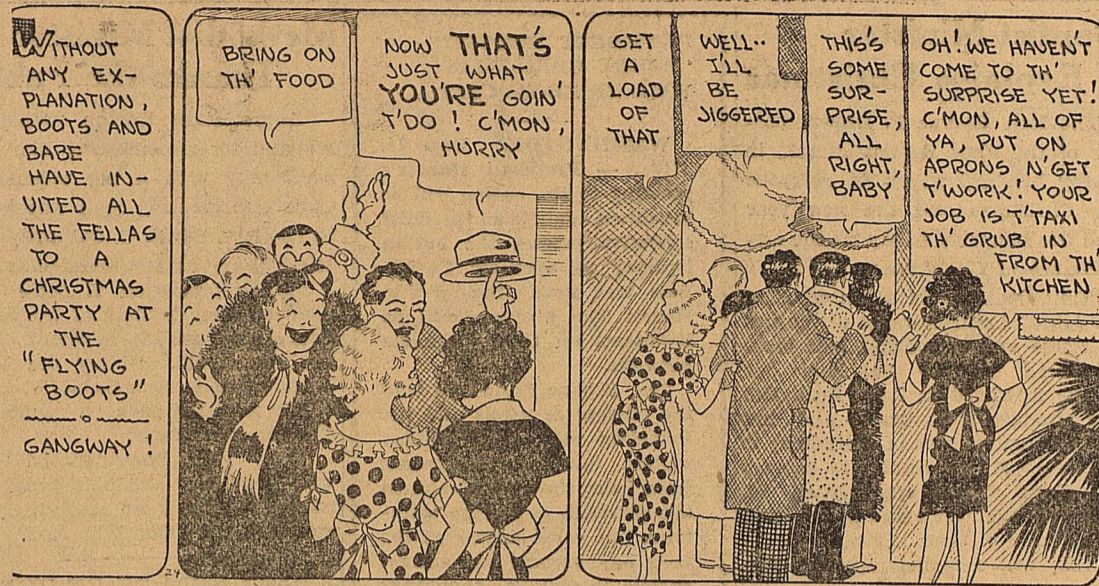
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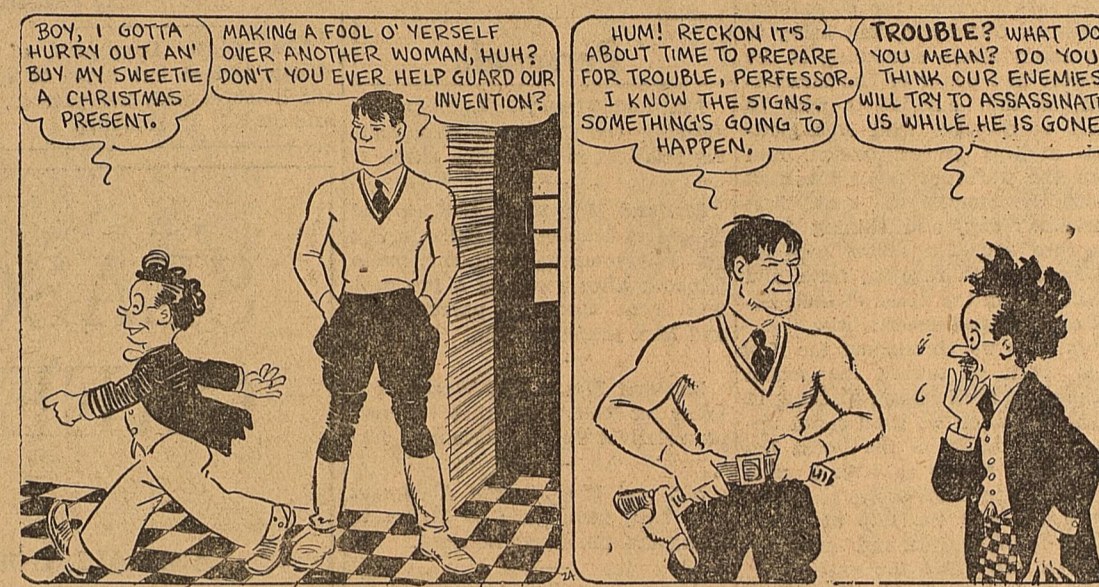
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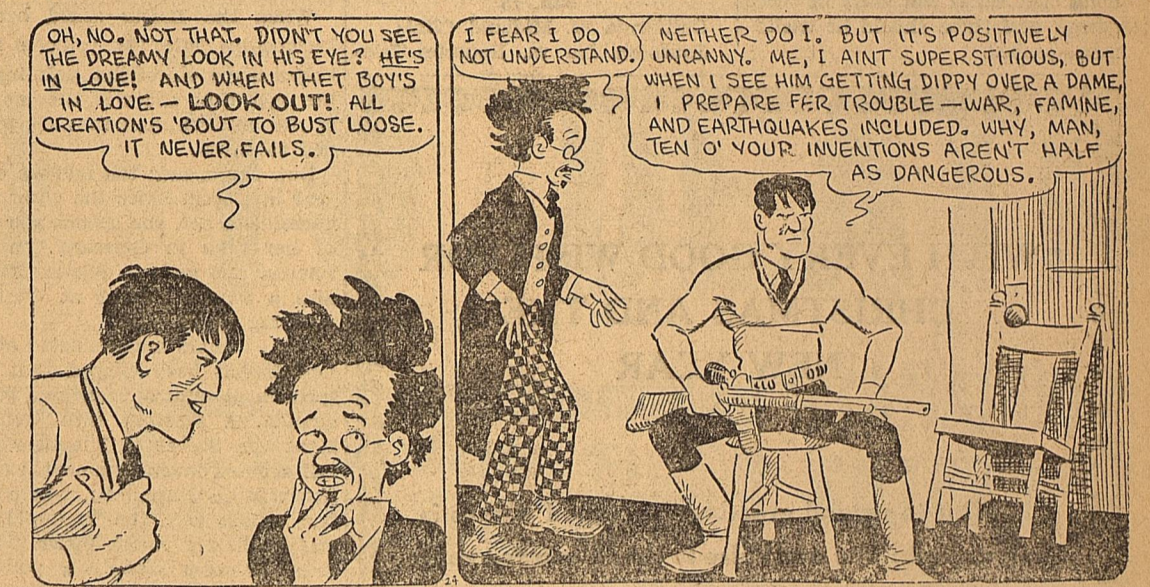
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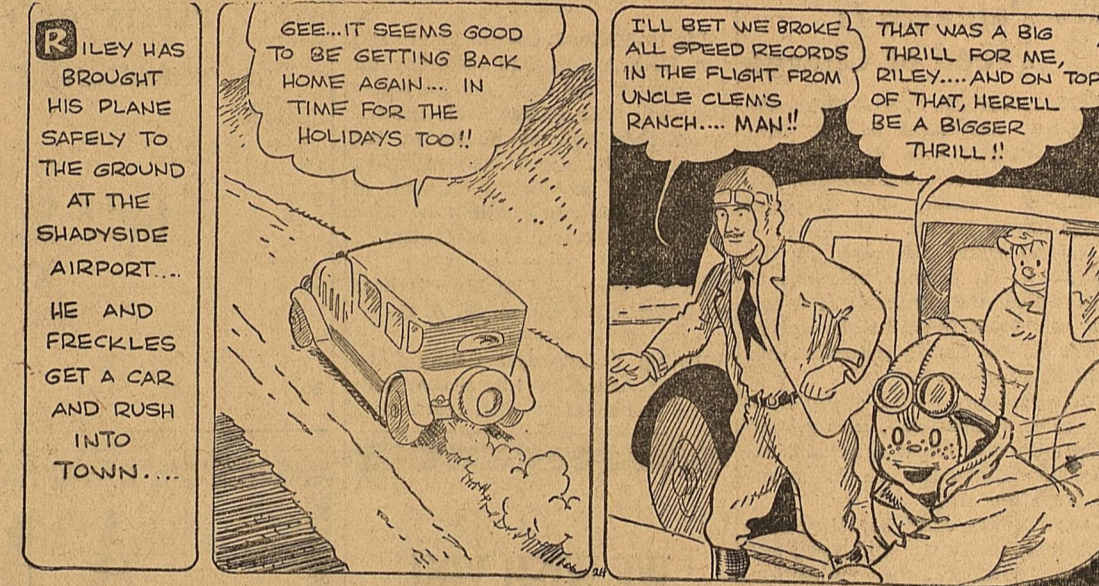
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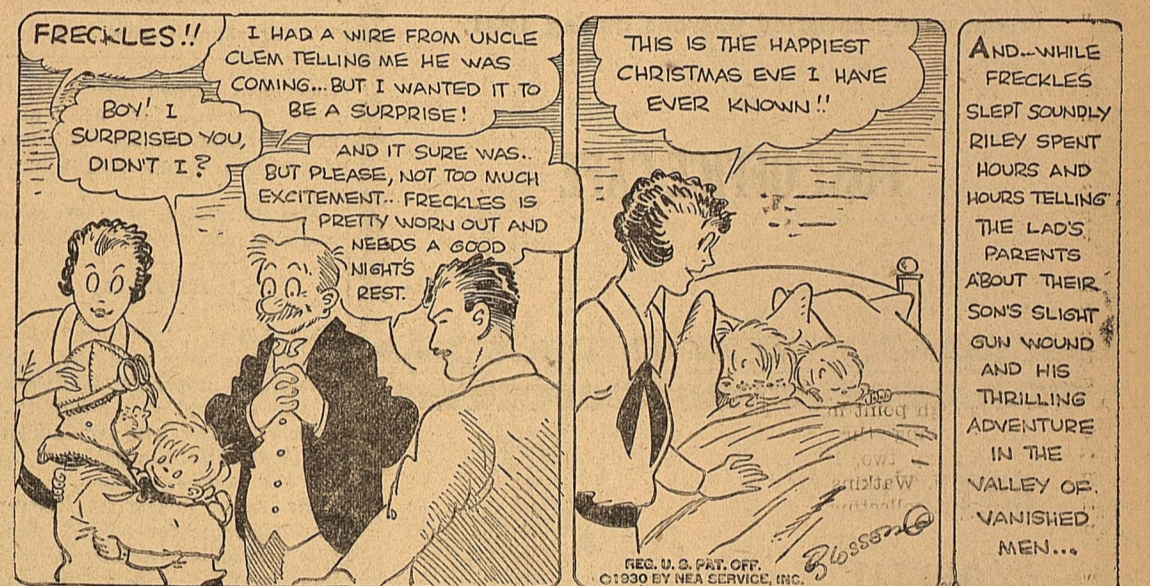
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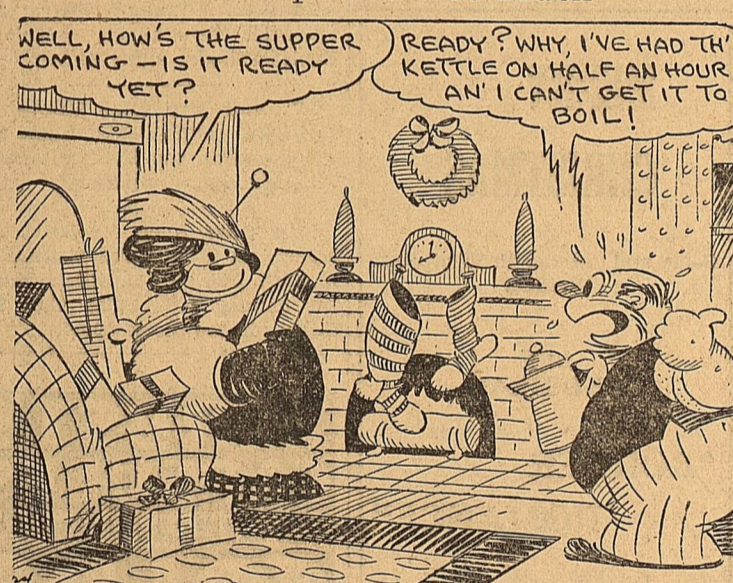
## Merry Christmas Eve!



## SALESMAN SAM



## Guzz Expected Too Much



## OUT OUR WAY



## OUR BOARDING HOUSE



By Martin

By Crane

By Blosser

By Small

By Williams

By Ahern

### BASKET BALL TEAMS OF CITY LOOPS LOOKING TO SECOND HALF; EACH TO BE FAR STRONGER THAN NOW

Plans for a rushing strategy in the second half of the Industrial Basketball league are being formulated by the six entries. There, the Clinic, Reporter-Telegram, California, Southern Ice, Texas Electric and Hughes tool, are counting themselves far stronger than at the beginning of the first half.

The competition has not narrowed down to Clinic, Reporter-Telegram and California, as many are saying. Southern Ice, Texas Electric and Hughes Tool may be in the second division as regards the percentages, but not in purpose and hope. And there are only six clubs in the league—which should not make the heights appear unscalable to even the lowest club.

The second half winners will be met by the winners of the first split, which should feature two improved clubs. The series will likely be three games, and these should be excitement-packed.

The second half schedule features a flying start, with California playing the Clinic. Then California plays Reporter-Telegram Jan. 22. Clinic and the newspaper meet the next week.

The second half schedule follows:  
Jan. 15  
California vs. Midland Clinic  
Southern Ice vs. Reporter-Telegram

gram  
Jan. 16  
Texas Electric vs. Hughes Tool  
Jan. 22  
California vs. Reporter-Telegram  
Southern Ice vs. Texas Electric  
Jan. 23  
Hughes Tool vs. Midland Clinic  
Jan. 29  
California vs. Texas Electric  
Southern Ice vs. Hughes Tool  
Jan. 30  
Clinic vs. Reporter-Telegram  
Feb. 5  
California vs. Southern Ice  
Feb. 6  
Hughes Tool vs. Reporter-Telegram  
Clinic vs. Texas Electric  
Feb. 12  
California vs. Hughes Tool  
Southern Ice vs. Clinic

#### Kaiser's Wife--

When the Kaiser asked her to become his wife, the princess first voiced some objections, pointing to the fact that she was the mother of five children, and that she planned to travel.

Now she spends ten months each year in Doorn. Since the climate is harmful to her, she spends the rest of her time in Germany. In the summer she goes to Silesia. She is also a frequent guest at German watering places.

Many rumors are circulated about her. It has been alleged that she spent large sums of money on propaganda. A meeting with General Hans von Seeckt at Kissingen this fall aroused much comment, as did her visit to Nuernberg, where she had a talk with the "national socialist" leader Adolf Hitler. However, Princess Hermine's political activities are not taken seriously.

#### Steno--

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they have learned mail order tires, suits, hardware, etc., after all, are not as cheap in the long run as these same things bought in Midland.

Midland people are for Midland and they are buying in Midland.

#### IMPROVE

Mr. Moore, Crane City, who was operated upon several days ago for a ruptured appendix, is improving in the Midland Clinic-Hospital, as is Mrs. Conover, who was brought in for treatment from Jal.

Mr. A. L. Ackers left today for Sweetwater where he will join his wife and daughter, Billy Joyce, who have been there several days visiting relatives. They will return to Midland after Christmas day.

### Baptist Minister Explains Christmas

The Rev. George F. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist church, in giving his best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the new year had the following to say on the significance of Christmas:

"Christmas should be an occasion for grateful remembrance of the ties of home and friendship, but most of all for the 'Tie that binds our hearts in Christian Love.' Such ties are stronger than death, and one of the greatest joys of Christmas is the renewed opportunity to express something of our appreciation of friends, both near and far, new and old, and for that Friend, Jesus Christ, who remains forever the same.

"May the Spirit of that One who was, and is, God manifest in the flesh save us from the curse of a Christless Christmas, and bring to our minds afresh something of the mystery and power of His incarnation, so that our hearts may be made to overflow with true gladness at this annual season. And may the name of Jesus, written above the manger of that first Christmas day, and shining from the threshold of the New Year, fill all hearts with renewed faith and confidence in the midst of life's fitful changes and uncertainties.

"And, as we, throughout the New Year, push on toward the golden windows of life's sunset, thinking of that hour when we shall stand upon the threshold of the Great Beyond, may we do so with a calm confidence in Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life of a lost world. For it is thus, and thus only, that we may find the gates ajar, when at last we reach the end of our way."

### Pres. Hoover's "Merry Christmas" Will Be Broadcast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (UP).— President Hoover's greeting to the nation will be broadcast tonight as the chief executive presses the button lighting an open-air Christmas tree near the White House. The program will be broadcast on the Columbia network.

The Marine Band will lead the singing of carols and the President will extend holiday wishes. Special arrangements were being made to transmit the exercises to foreign countries. The carol singing at the tree has become an annual custom in which thousands have taken part.

### Methodist Minister Thanks the Public

Appreciation to the people of Midland for remembering him and his family with a big volume of Christmas greeting mail was made by the Rev. Edwin C. Calhoun, pastor of the First Methodist church.

"My appreciation is more pronounced when I think of the briefness of the time I have been in Midland," he said. "Truly the West Texas spirit is remarkable."

The minister gave a collective Christmas message:

"May your Christmas be filled with prosperity and happiness; and may the New Year reflect your closeness with God," he said.

Wayne Harris left last night for Abilene where he will resume studies in the business college. He spent a few days here visiting relatives.

W. W. Woodland arrived last night from his home in Freeport to join his wife who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Caldwell.

Mrs. C. L. Sweatt and family of Golden City, Mo., are spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pyle.

Guy Bennett and D. E. Scott left early this afternoon for Wellington where they will join relatives and spend Christmas.

Miss K. Sinclair left yesterday for Abilene where she will visit relatives. Her nephew, William Sinclair, of Abilene, came to Midland to accompany his aunt.

Feeding cultivated trout dyed salmon eggs gives the fish brilliant coloration.

GLIDER LOOP RECORD  
GLENDALE, Calif.—A record for glider loops was established here by Lyman Voelpel recently. He was towed to a height of 4500 feet, where he cut loose and ended up a few hundred feet from the ground after he had completed his twentieth loop. He broke his own former record of 17 loops.

McDonald and Whitman's Sample Chocolates. Fresh shipments. All size boxes for Christmas. Miller Drug Store. 248-2z

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Pick of the Pictures—Always!

**Last Times Today**

A stunning sensation of gorgeous gowns and a love tangle that makes you shiver and tingle. See it!

New Romance  
New Thrills

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RAYMOND HACKETT

"MEET THE BOY FRIEND"  
Screen Act

"HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN TONIGHT"  
Comedy Cartoon

### WITH EVERY GOOD WISH FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

But to extend greetings and good wishes is not enough. We want also to thank you for your patronage during 1930 and to assure you that we are anxious to continue to have you as one of our many satisfied patrons during 1931.

### POST OFFICE CAFE

### JUST A CORDIAL FRIENDLY GREETING

We cannot close the year satisfactorily to ourselves without an expression of gratitude to you who have made our business possible.

In a spirit of thankfulness we extend greetings and our very best wishes for the holidays.

In the hope that we may be privileged to serve all our old friends and many new ones, as well, during 1931. We are making plans for even better service and values than we have given in the past.

### SCRUGGS-BUICK CO.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

Come and get the thrill of your lifetime!

SEE  
AND HEAR

"BORDER  
ROMANCE"

That thundering drama of the thrilling West.

YOU'LL HOLD ON TO  
THE SEAT

as the smashing climax pile up!

Also

"LITTLE BIG HOUSE"  
All Talking Comedy

**PALACE**

ALWAYS 10c & 25c

### Mrs. Pantages Is Fred of Charge

LOS ANGELES, (UP).—The manslaughter conviction against Mrs. Lois Pantages, wife of Alexander Pantages, millionaire showman, was dismissed Tuesday by Superior Judge Carols Hardy.

The procedure was based on the statute which permits entrance of a new plea and dismissal of a felony conviction in event the defendant's action during probation has been satisfactory.

Mrs. Pantages, found guilty by a jury after a Japanese gardener, Juro Rokomoto was killed in a collision with her automobile, was placed upon probation then.

Judge Hardy ruled that her conduct was satisfactory and upon her request withdrew her probation, permitted her to enter a not guilty plea of manslaughter and dismissed the charge.

Pantages is under a 50-year sentence for the criminal assault of Eunice Pringle, young dancer.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moran and baby have gone to Tyler where they are spending the holiday vacation with Mrs. Moran's parents.

Miss Olive Allen of Clovis, New Mexico, is in Midland visiting her mother, Mrs. M. J. Allen, during the holiday week. Miss Allen is a teacher in the Clovis schools.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Carroll Florey and son, Dick Austin, left yesterday for Brownwood and San Antonio where they will visit relatives. In Brownwood they will be guests in the home of Mr. Forley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Florey Sr., and in San Antonio they will visit Mrs. Florey's mother, Mrs. McCulloch.

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Benton Collins and family have gone to Arlington where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

**ZERBST'S  
CAPSULES**  
The Quick Relief for  
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At Any Drug Store 25c-50c

### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hahn are spending the Christmas week visiting relatives in Oklahoma cities.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Carlock and daughters, Harriet and Sally Jo, left yesterday morning for their home in Lubbock after spending a few days with Mrs. Carlock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingham.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Warren left today for Rule where they will visit his relatives during Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Abell and son, Lyn, have gone to Dallas to spend the Christmas holidays.

Buster Howard left last night for a week's visit with relatives in Hillsboro and Paris.

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A HAPPY  
PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR!

What more could  
We Say?

West Texas Office  
Supply  
Hotel Scharbauer Bldg.

### A Merry Christmas AND MANY MORE

Let us add joy to your Xmas pleasures—Come and see the most joyous romance of all time!  
All Talking!



**FREDRIC MARCH**  
He thrilled you in "Sarah and Son" and "Manslaughter"



Carried away in spite of herself! This petted society beauty can't resist a laughing lover, though all the world stands between him and her. Away with wealth, luxury. She plunges into a maelstrom of emotion that make this throbbing drama really great. Nancy Carroll in her most revealing role. As the ex-Follies girl who conquers New York's most exclusive society circles, only to throw all aside for a new kind of love.

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WITH  
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Cars Greased.....\$1.50  
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Sincere  
**BEST WISHES**  
for all the Season's Joys

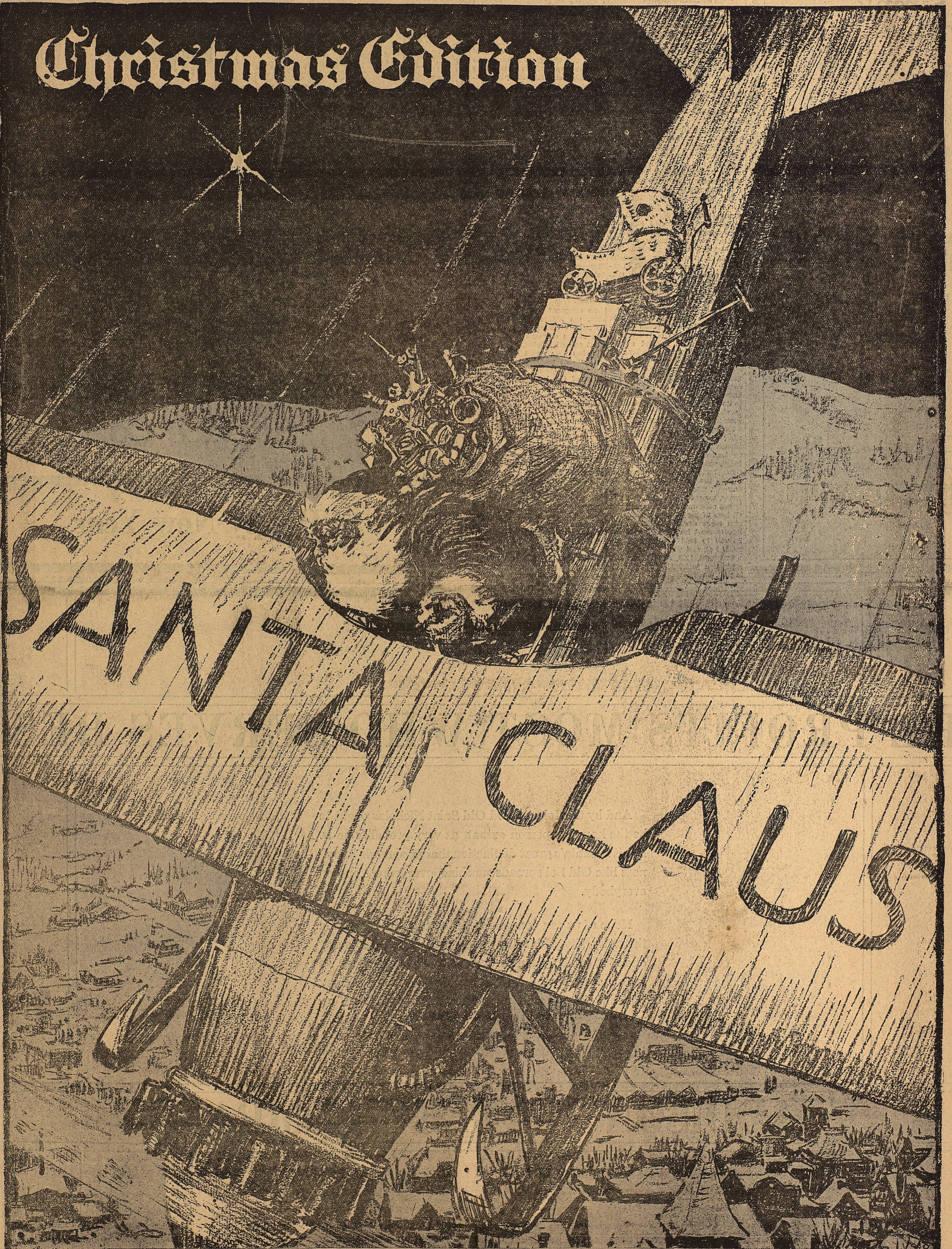
Your Ice Company takes this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

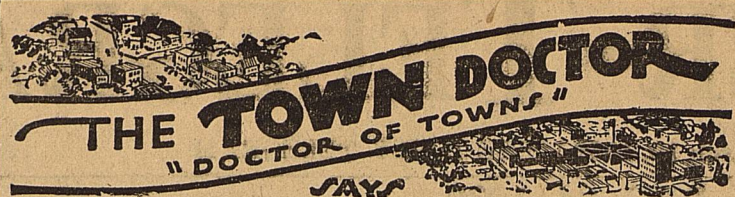
May all the Season's joys be heaped upon you in abundance.

SOUTHERN ICE & UTILITIES CO.

**YOUR  
ICE COMPANY**

## Christmas Edition





A SUGGESTION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

I have never seen a town that could not raise money for some sort of a shindig, the supposed purpose of which was to bring trade to the community. To raise the money it appears that it is usually necessary to have much hip-hurrah, the element of chance, or a show with fireworks. Such, perhaps, makes it easier to raise the money, but it is the very element that often is the cause of failure to gain the desired end—permanent increase of business.

I have seen towns that would not get going on sound, workable plans for consistently increasing community business, even when it was imperative to do so, just because it required working together, plus plain common sense, and "thinking" without "hollering."

But perhaps this condition that we have brought on ourselves has changed or will change that. If this "depression" has caused organizations composed of business men, or at least men in business, actually to think and work as a body instead of individually guessing, procrastinating, and passing the buck as regards community affairs, then it is almost worth the price.

There is no end of things to think about and do right now, or at least have done. We have just had an election. At election time there is always profit for the group of purveyors and creators of the various forms of printed lettered advertising. Some day office workers are going to be required to take down, after election, the signs, stickers and placards they have put up before election; but that day has not arrived, and therein lies something to do that will serve the community well, to say nothing of giving work to deserving unemployed.

Paper, cloth, wooden, metal and other election signs are hideous enough before election day, but after that day they are worse. Torn, faded, out-of-date signs of any kind stuck, hung and plastered around a town are bad for every kind of business. They give a community a junky, messed up, littered and unkempt appearance that repels, when all laws of good business and common sense demands that a community must look inviting and attractive to hold the trade it already has, and win new customers.

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Christmas IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW. (UP).—In the Soviet Union the Christmas holidays this year once more will be signalized by intensified anti-religious propaganda.

The organized atheists, who have not merely freedom of propaganda, but the unanimous support of the press and public institutions, will attempt to meet the holiday spirit with new blasts against "religious superstition."

Throughout the country thousands of special mass-meetings, cinema performances, lectures, concerts and other diversions will be timed to coincide with the hours of prayer to "complete" with the churches for congregations.

As usual special efforts will be made to win the youth away from the church ceremonies. It is likely that theatrical performances, dances and mass games will be organized to last into the wee hours Christmas eve, admission tickets being distributed gratis in order to dissuade the younger Soviet citizens from visiting houses of worship.

As compared to last year, however, the anti-religious drive will be mild. Christmas 1929 marked one of the dramatic peaks in the fight against religion. Hundreds of churches were closed and organized atheist mockery of the worshippers was carried to the very doors of the leading churches in Moscow and other centers.

Since that time a somewhat more considerate spirit has been brought to bear on the activities of the "Godless." Last Easter Communist leaders warned that the susceptibilities of believers must not be hurt. Presumably those warnings are still valid.

To an outsider the Christmas season in the Soviet Union offers an extraordinary spectacle. On the one hand there are the magnificent and well-attended services in the thousands of churches; devout scenes unsurpassed for grandeur. On the other hand there is the loud anti-religious campaign frankly intended to counterbalance this magnificence. The sharp conflict in the field of religion will again be exemplified in terms of dramatic pageantry.

A Simple Wish

IN JUST A SIMPLE WAY—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR DAY

IN ALL SINCERITY

WE THANK YOU

Barrow's

FURNITURE & UNDERTAKING

Merry Christmas

Our Heartiest Greetings

May all the merriment, the joys, the glamors, the thousand and one lovely and sparkling thrilling little things combine with all the smiles and handclaps and heart throbs and greater things of the season to yield to you a most happy Christmas and a New Year bright with promise.

Texas Electric Service Co.

Happy New Year

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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

And by this token Good Old Saint Nicholas ought to be the happiest person extant, as very probably he is. For it is Santa's great distinction that he spreads happiness like Old Sol spreads sunshine, everywhere and on everybody.

None of us can compete with the Christmas Saint in the university of his joy-giving proclivities, but every one of us can brighten the corner where we are. This we endeavor to do, and as a part of the job we are wishing you the brightest and happiest Christmas and New Year you ever had.

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# We Were, We Are We Will Be GLAD

... to wish you the Merriest  
Christmas and Happiest New  
Year you have ever spent.

**IT HAS BEEN** a real pleasure to us to  
serve you in whatever  
ways we were able to do so during the year  
that has just passed.

**IT IS NOW** a joy no less genuine to wish  
for you and all yours an  
abundance of the choicest blessings of the  
season.

**IT WILL BE** a source of continuous sat-  
isfaction should we find  
within our power to render you material  
service during the months to come.

## Midland Drug Co.

L. A. ARRINGTON, Mgr.

### EXPERTS REVIEW HORSES FOR THE YEAR THAT HAS JUST GONE

There are numerous reasons on which to base the assertion that 1930 was an excellent year for horse racing.

Despite the business depression, which accounted for a shrinkage in gate receipts at all tracks, and reduced the revenue derived from the betting at mutual tracks, all meetings went through as scheduled with no reduction in purses at any of the major circuits. Racing officials generally predict a continued healthy growth for 1931.

Gallant Fox, William Woodward's magnificent three-year-old son of Sir Gallahad III, was the outstanding performer of the year. His glorious deeds, performed with the guidance of the one and only Earl Sande, have placed him at the top of the list of money winners on the American turf. "The Fox" has set a record for future generations.

The one blemish against Gallant Fox record was chalked up when Sande and Sonny Workman astride H. P. Whitney's Whichone, at a tempted to make a match race of the Travers and raced each into defeat permitting Chaffee Earl's Jim Dandy to gallop to an easy victory.

**Sun Beau Year's 5-Year-Old Star**  
Willis Sharpe Kilmer's Sun Beau, a five-year-old Sun Briar horse, was the star of the older division of handicap performers. He ranks fourth on the list of money winners behind Gallant Fox, Zev, and Blue Larkspur, and should he account for the \$100,000 Agua Caliente Handicap next March, would top the record of Gallant Fox.

The fastest mile was turned in by George D. Widener's Jack High at Belmont Park on May 24, when the four-year-old son of John P. Grier ran eight furlongs in 1:35 to set a new American record for the distance.

Four brilliant male juveniles of championship caliber were introduced during the year. Heading the list is George D. Widener's Jamestown, with six firsts and one second in his seven starts earning his owner \$151,925. Next was Equipoise, which passes on to Cornelius V. Whitney with the death of his father, Harry Payne Whitney. His earnings total \$106,475. The Greentree Stable's Twenty Grand ran the fastest mile of any juvenile when he beat Equipoise a nose in the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes in 1:36. A. C. Bostwick's Mate ranks next, with G. A. Cochran's Epithet worthy of honorable mention.

**First Bet Reported On Kentucky Derby**  
It is a bit premature to attempt setting a price on either of the above mentioned stars in the future-book betting on the Kentucky Derby, but a wager has been reported on Equipoise for this stake at 6 to 1.

There was no filly or mare during the year which was able to give her male opponents much of an argument. Lady Broadcast was probably the best mare, while Mrs. John D. Hertz' Valenciennes was the outstanding three-year-old filly. Tambour, Baba Kenny, Risque, Poheen and Sunny Lassie were shining lights among the juvenile misses.

The leading rider, as usual, was a good but not great jockey, H. R. Riley, whose apprentice allowance and acceptance of many mounts put him on top with 160 winners, in a tabulation compiled Dec. 5. Raymond Workman was second with 152, and Kenneth Russell was tied with A. Robertson for third with 125.

The longest priced winner of the year turned up at Jefferson Park on Dec. 8, when the seven-year-old plater, Clapper, won at the mutual price of \$269.00—or equivalent odds of \$133.89 to \$1. Other outstanding longshots were Jim Dandy, which paid 100 to 1 to beat Gallant Fox, and Epinax, which won a stake at Belmont Park at the same quotation.

**Many Tracks Experience Setbacks**  
Racing in the New York area, where the betting is conducted orally, did not thrive as well as in states where mutual wagering is in vogue. Both attendance and speculation have declined approximately 30 per cent from last year's figures.

Maryland associations did not lose money as a whole, but gate receipts and mutual revenues were off about 15 per cent as against 1929 figures.

Although Illinois set a new record in disbursement of prizes when the various associations distributed \$2,375,645 in six months of racing, the sport was conducted on a small margin of profit. Kentucky was hard hit by the drought, and the Blue Grass State will list this year's balance in the red. Louisiana wagering last winter was light.

**Bad Season for Racing in Ohio**  
No check can be made on the numerous tracks in Ohio, due to the lack of official reports, but using reports of hardship sustained by many horsemen in that state, the season was not prosperous.

meeting starting Jan. 15.  
Tanforan is the only California track to attempt racing, and excellent sport is being conducted there at present. Tanforan witnessed a new American record for the Futurity distance, slightly less than six furlongs, when Bruce Johnson's Lamp Black covered the sprint in 1:07 4-5 to slip one fifth second from the 39-year-old mark held by Kingston.

**COW FLOATS TO SAFETY**  
ABINGDON, Va. (UP).—C. H. Hayter's 800-pound cow went for a stroll. She fell into a cistern. The cistern was 16 feet deep and contained six feet of water. Volunteers placed a chain halter about the cow, then water was pumped into the cistern and the victim "floated" to the surface. Aside from a few bruises, she was unharmed.

**LABOR MEN IN TWO CABINETS**  
CHICAGO. (UP).—With appointment of William N. Doak, legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, to President Hoover's Cabinet, it is recalled that railroad organizations now have the labor portfolios in both United States and Canada. Minister of Labor Gideon D. Robertson of Canada is vice president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor.

**FIRECRACKER SHOOTERS ARE WARNED**  
AUSTIN. (UP).—Firecrackers at Christmas may seem strange to people in northern states, but in Texas they are so much a part of Christmas celebration that State Fire Marshal J. W. DeWeese has issued a bulletin asking for special care in their handling. The custom of using fireworks at Christmas dates back so far its origin cannot be traced.

**TEXAS EMPLOYS 13,000**  
AUSTIN. (UP).—Texas has 13,000 employes on its regular payroll and 900 more who are occasional employes, Governor Dan Moody discovered in making a survey for Col. Arthur Woods of President Hoover's Unemployment Committee. These 13,000 are state employes only. No compilation was made of the municipal and county employes.

A pencil eraser will polish a gold piece and make it look fresh from the mint.

## To Our Friends

To our many friends and casual patrons whose business has meant so much to us during the past year, we desire now to express our heartfelt appreciation of your favors and to wish for you the finest blessings of the Christmas season. May your New Year be both happy and prosperous.

**DE LUXE LAUNDERERS & CLEANERS**

PHONE 575

## All Christmas Joys to You

Busy as we have been during this glad season of beautiful things and lovely sentiments, we have not forgotten our host of friends and patrons whose visits to us have been a continuous source of pleasure and to whom we are now glad to express our sincere gratitude.

We invite you to make your calls upon us no less during the New Year and to look upon us as a firm genuinely trying to render a useful and satisfaction-giving service to you. And we wish you all the choicest joys of the season.

# HOKUS-POKUS GROCERY

J. M. Speed

Roy Stockard

## IN ALL SINCERITY.....

We Extend our Best  
Wishes to all of You  
for a very

# Merry Christmas and A Happy Prosperous 1931

May this Christmas and the coming year  
be the best you ever spent.

# Jackson Chevrolet Inc.

Chevrolet Sales and Service

# We Greet You

*with an old time wish  
for you and yours*

May we Serve you  
Better Throughout  
1931—

We feel we will be bet-  
ter prepared to serve  
you in 1931 than ever  
before.

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

Everybody is happy at Christmas time. We have had a share of the burdens and responsibilities of the year and have tried to meet them worthily and in a way that would redound to the benefit of our community.

We have had a share of the better things of the year and for this we are truly grateful, more particularly to our many friends and patrons whose good will has been our most prized possession.

We trust that it will be our pleasure to serve you in the New Year to our mutual profit.

**PIGGLY-WIGGLY**

"All Over the World."  
A. A. Price, Mgr.

## Greetings, Friends

Wherever you may be we hope this Christmas will be one continual round of happiness for you and that the hopes you have cherished in the past may be realized during 1931.

Whatever we can do to add to your pleasure and satisfaction during the coming year will be a genuine pleasure to us.

**MILLER DRUG CO.**

## CHRISTMAS CHEER

—AND BEST WISHES  
FOR THE NEW YEAR!

May this be the best Christmas you ever spent. Our wish for you and yours is one of everything good, that you would wish for yourself.

We thank you for the many  
courtesies of 1930.

**HASSEN CO.**

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—Our Pledge for 1931

**Midland Hardware and  
Furniture Company**

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# Cordial Christmas Greetings

HE WHO IS HAPPY  
IS RICH . . . .

The final test for measuring either success or wealth in this life is happiness. He who achieves happiness has gained the best that the world has to offer, and it is the glory of the Christmas Season that teaches so many of us how easy it is to be happy. Kindness and thoughtfulness for others are watchwords of Christmas. May you find in the hearts of those you love the best reason for being happy during Christmas and throughout the New Year.

WE THANK YOU FOR FAVORS OF THE  
PAST AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT  
WE MAY BE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
YOU THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR.

**Midland National Bank**

MIDLAND, TEXAS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our Wish for You

We desire to extend to our customers and friends our sincere wishes for a Christmas every moment of which will be a jewel of delight and for a New Year that will be continually opening to you a storehouse of new and pleasant experiences.

We greet you—We thank You for your many favors bestowed upon us during 1930!

“MY BAKERY” Bond & Carroll

MAY WE SERVE YOU BETTER THROUGH-OUT 1931—IS OUR CHIEF AIM.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

BELOVED PRIEST FOUND TO BE THE AUTHOR OF SEDITIOUS LITERATURE

By MINOTT SAUNDERS, NEA Service Writer.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—After 40 years of service, ostensibly as a devout Catholic priest ministering to the religious needs of the faithful, but under cover the author of blasphemous and heretical works attacking the faith and all other religions, Abbe Joseph Turmel, has disappeared from his associates under the ban of major ex-communication. Those who have been shocked by disclosures of his double life wonder where and under what personality he will be heard from again.

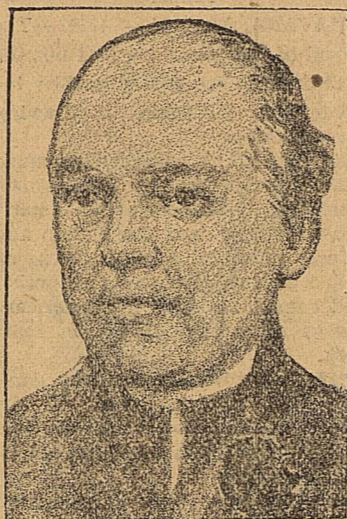
Turmel has left an amazing record as a Jekyll and Hyde character. Although unfrocked priest and dismissed lecturer in theology in the Roman Catholic University of Rennes, in Brittany, he will probably not be worried financially because of royalties from his books written under 17 different pen names.

The case is described as unprecedented in the annals of the Roman Catholic Church. Turmel, as a French priest, was known by his associates as an exemplary cleric and loved by his parishioners for his zeal and religious devotion. His trickery, as exposed by the Holy Office of Rome, remains a subject of psychological study.

Contradicted Church Teachings In his writings, Turmel reviled the most sacred religious beliefs, scoffed at church practices and treated the Deity as something like a monster. In the meantime he was saying daily mass, hearing confessions, and teaching the word of God.

Over a period of time that runs into the last century, Turmel has carried on his infidel practices with most complicated arguments with his various literary selves, either through a curious twist of his mind or to keep clear of all suspicion. Among the names under which he wrote books and articles attacking the church were: Hippolyte Gallerand, Guillaume Herzog, Andre Lagarde, Louis Coulange, Henri De-lafosse, Armand Duluc, Antoine Dupin, Paul Latourneur, Gouleven Le-zurec, Alphonse Michel, Edmond Perrin, Auguste Siouville, Alexis Van Beck and Robert Lawson.

Not all of these agreed, and apparently they were not all heretics. One would write a bitter, blasphemous article, and another would reply perhaps in truly orthodox style and appropriate indignation. Another name would be used for a different shade of opinion of re-



Joseph Turmel, who was a respected priest for many years. Now, however, because of his heretical writings, he has been placed under the ban of major excommunication.

ligious subjects. Four example, Gallerand would often attack Turmel for his devout beliefs, and the Abbe would personally answer from the pulpit. He conducted four or five-cornered arguments with himself with great skill and financial profit.

Had Been Suspected One of the first to suspect Turmel, who is now 71, was Cardinal Charost, archbishop of Aennes, who died recently. Other church workers suspected him at various times, but Abbe Turmel was so plausible and emphatic in his denials that neither his fellow priests nor his superiors dared to press accusations. He was never at a loss to give proof of his sincerity.

His undoing came when the Abbe Turmel was identified with one of the 17 pseudonyms. A book written under the name of Hippolyte Gallerand was criticized by a Strasbourg priest in an article published in a French review. The priest received a letter signed Gallerand and the editor of the review received another letter on the same subject from Turmel. The letters were exchanged and both men were struck by the similarity of the handwriting. Experts were consulted and they declared that both letters had been written by the same hand.

Immense plans were taken by his ecclesiastical superiors to obtain the

full facts about the activities of Abbe Turmel and not until the most convincing evidence was collected were charges against him submitted to the Holy Office in Rome.

Strictest Ban Imposed

The sentence is the most severe ban that the Holy Office can inflict on members of the Roman Catholic Church. Turmel not only has been rejected forever from the exercise of his priesthood, publicly named as incurring major excommunication, but he has been cut off, by the sentence of "vitandus" from any association for his lifetime with any member of the Catholic Church.

The sentence of "vitandus" (one who must be shunned) is extremely rare and it is stated that at present there are only five persons alive who have suffered this punishment. As a result of it, Turmel must never set foot again in any Roman Catholic Church. If he does so, all religious offices or ceremonies in progress must at once be suspended, and may not be resumed until he has departed.

No Roman Catholic may meet, talk or write to the person who is under this sentence, or be associated with him in any way. If he enters any house or room, it is the duty of Roman Catholics immediately to leave. They must not bow to him, salute him or recognize his presence in any way. Only the immediate relatives of the person under this interdiction, and his servants, are admitted as exceptions to this order.

May Pray for Him

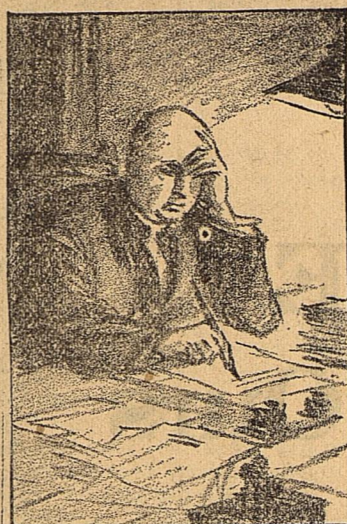
The only comfort of a religious nature which is left to Turmel is that the faithful may pray for the salvation of his soul, but privately.

Only shortly before he died, Cardinal Charost, who death was sudden, called Turmel and demanded a confession. Instead of complying Turmel walked out of the room, slammed the door and left Rennes.

The question is now asked, what might be expected of this man who efficiently served as a priest, but showed by his other works that he doubted the divinity of Jesus Christ, the Virgin Birth and the sacrament of the Mass? Some of Turmel's works have been translated in foreign languages and circulated by "Modernists."

STICKS TO SMITH

MONTICELLO, Ind. (UP).—The surname "Smith" has never left Mrs. Fred B. Smith despite the fact that she has been married, divorced and remarried. Her maiden name was Smith, she married and divorced Archie Smith, and now has married Fred Smith.



The work of many years came toppling down when it was discovered that Joseph Turmel, a Catholic priest, spent many of his spare hours writing attacks on all religions. His Church has disowned him.

NEW QUEEN HONORED

SOFIA. (UP).—Bulgaria's new queen, formerly Princess Giovanna of Italy, is now Honorary Commander of three of her country's crack regiments, the 10th Cavalry, and 2nd Artillery and the 11th Infantry. She was given this triple honor, which in Europe corresponds somewhat to that of sponsor or patron in American military and social circles, by a special order of the Bulgaria's Adjutant General.

STATE AUTOS LIMITED

BUCHAREST. (UP).—The Rumanian Premier, George Mironescu, as part of his program of economy, has issued an administrative decree which limits the number of state autos available for high government officials to one for each Ministry. The autos may be used by the Minister or placed at the disposal of his subordinates.

AUSTRIAN EXPORTS DOWN

VIENNA. (UP).—During the first nine months of 1930 Austria's exports showed a decline of \$31,000,000 and her imports a decline of \$48,500,000 as compared with the same period of 1929. Her trade balance was \$93,200,000 as compared with \$106,500,000 during the first three quarters of 1929.

A safety valve has been invented to shut off the flow of gas to a cooking stove should its pilot light be extinguished.

WE CANNOT LET CHRISTMAS PASS WITHOUT A MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS

Christmas affords us the welcome opportunity to broadcast to all our friends, wherever they may be, our good wishes and to say again that we appreciate your patronage.

May the season be a most joyous one to you and yours.

With pleasant anticipation we look to the year ahead and assure you in advance of painstaking efforts to meet your requirements.

CONNER BROS. MARKET AT HOKUS-POKUS GROCERY

THANKS and BEST WISHES

It is but one phase of our courteous service to feel a genuine gratitude for the favors of the great numbers of people who have made our business in this community successful.

We enjoy expressing this thankfulness in whatever way we have opportunity, and at no time more than at Christmas when the amenities of the season call for more than ordinary manifestations of the spirit of good-will.

All thanks to you for your patronage of the past and may all the best blessings of the future be yours, as together we tread the mazes of the New Year.

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# Christmas

### IN ENGLAND

LONDON. (UP).—Blazing Yule logs, costumed carol singers and gay hunting parties help transform dark England into the Merrie England of old at Christmas time.

But the "groaning board" is the chief characteristic of an English Christmas. Ordinarily the Englishman eats four good meals a day. At Christmas he eats only one—but that one is continuous.

The feasting begins at Christmas Eve with a modest eight or ten-course dinner, followed by a bed-time supper. The real gastronomic feast begins on Christmas morning and continues until midnight. On Boxing Day, the day after Christmas, 40,000,000 valiant Britons renew the attack on food and a day-long battle follows with but few fatalities.

This Christmas Britain has 2,200,000 unemployed, a million more than last year. Hitherto the poor and the jobless have been well taken care of during the holidays, but whether that can be done this year is a question which is taking a bit of the cheer out of John Bull's Christmas smile.

The streets of London are deserted on Christmas. All the Londoners who can afford to leave the city spend a season at continental winter resorts or following the hounds.

Christmas cards are circulated freely—but not the kind popular in America. The Englishman's idea of a cheery Christmas card is a picture of Lord Nelson dying in a pool of blood on the deck of his flagship at Trafalgar.

In Scotland, Christmas is only a minor feast, although presents are exchanged. The big day is new Year's Day.

Ireland observes Christmas as a great religious festival. There is plenty of joviality in the air, tables are heaped high and wine-cellar are depleted, but the religious note is predominant.

### SURPRISE!

MOORHEAD, Minn.—Eric Martinson is one of the most surprised men in the country. After elections recently he was informed that he was elected county surveyor. He hadn't filed for office, but had won anyhow, by a complimentary vote of 11 ballots, as no other person had filed for the office.

Because women's vocal chords are lighter and move more easily than men's, requiring less effort to use, women talk more than men, according to a German scientist.

### IN CUBA

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—(UP).—The squeal of the young pig and not the loud cries of the turkey gobbler indicate that Christmas is drawing near in Cuba.

A roast pig is regarded as much more suitable for the Christmas meal than the turkey of the American table that day. The Cuban also refuses to accept apple-sauce as an added garnish to his roasted porker and cannot see why the Americans always serve this dish with roast pork.

"If they want dessert, why don't they wait until the end of the meal?" is the attitude that the real Cuban takes to his American neighbor's custom.

Havana's city council in solemn session yesterday voted to suspend the 15 cent tax usually paid for each hog killed to five cents during the holiday season. This applies to all porkers killed in private homes for individual consumption as well as the butcher shops.

Sales of toys, candies and sweetmeats will also be free from taxation during the Yuletide season. While this tax is reduced to help the hundreds of street peddlers, it is understood that they are not to sell their wares near bonifide toy or grocery stores selling them also.

While Christmas Day is not celebrated as extensively in Cuba as in the United States, Christmas Eve is regarded as much more important than the day following. Most everyone goes to church on that day and the children usually receive their presents then.

### MAY BAN RELIGIOUS QUIZ

RALEIGH, N. C.—Questioning of witnesses regarding their religious beliefs would be forbidden under a statute recommended for passage by the North Carolina General Assembly. The State Supreme Court, in its decision in the case of Fred Erwin Beal, growing out of the Gastonia strike riots of 1929, did not answer the question whether a witness can be impeached by reason of his religious belief.

### "POP" MOUSE WORTH \$1,000

PRINCETON, W. Va. (UP).—Mrs. Helen Jeffcoat, Princeton, drank a bottle of "pop" last June and was horrified to find a dead mouse in the liquid. Circuit Court here awarded her \$1,000 damages for the mental and physical distress she says she suffered. The mouse, preserved in alcohol, was shown at the trial.

# WE HAVE A RIGHT TO WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—Because we have been right here on the job trying to do everything we could to add to your well being and satisfaction throughout the year.

—We have found your patronage something to be thankful for and one of the elements which have combined to make a happier Christmas for us, and we trust that the glad holiday season will find opportunity to bring to your home its richest blessings.

—And we desire to remember that during the days of festivity or upon any other occasion when our services can be of benefit to you, we are anxious to please you in every way.

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### GROCERY & MARKET

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## Heartiest Good Wishes Of the Season...

### 1930

Christmas is the season of the heart. It is that festival of the year in which we gratify our innate yearning to do good things for those about us and adds much as we can to the happiness of the world.

In the busy care and striving of the humdrum affairs of everyday life we sometimes let too much selfishness develop in our character and crowd out the nobler impulses which spring up when we see a chance to do a good deed. But during the Christmas season it is our universal delight to throw off this mask of self-interest and revel in the natural joys of spreading smiles and gladness on every side.

We are always glad to enter into the spirit of the Christmas season. In fact, we are not willing that we should ever lay aside this wholesome attitude of benevolence. We haven't found it too hard to carry some of the Christmas spirit in our business and use it through out the year.

### 1931

It is our pleasure at this time to wish you all the heart-gladdening joys of Christmas time. It will be our pleasure at any time and at all times to serve you in any way within our power.

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### OF THE CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN US

### [1930]

We realize that we cannot repay with words those friends who have been so loyal to us during the past year with their patronage and support, but we can thank you and give you the assurance that in the future we will be found **WORKING** each day that we may give tangible evidence of our appreciation.

May the holidays bring you a full measure of wholesome happiness and may the New Year open the way for better and happier days than you have ever known before.

### [1931]

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When hens were \$3.00 a dozen, roosters 10c apiece, eggs three dozen for 25c, butter 10c a pound, milk 5c a quart; when the butcher gave away liver and treated the kids with bologna; when the hired girl received \$2.00 per week and did the washin'; when women didn't powder and paint (in public), smoke, vote and play poker.

When men wore whiskers and boots, chewed tobacco, spit on the sidewalk and cussed; beer was 5c and the lunch was free; laborers worked ten hours a day and never went on a strike; no tips were given to waiters and the hat check grafter was unknown; a kerosene lamp and a stereoscope in the parlor was luxuries.

When no one was ever operated on for appendicitis or bought glands; microbes were unheard of; folks lived to a good old age and

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS

### TODAY YOU KNOW . . .

Everybody rides in automobiles, or flies, plays golf, shoots craps, plays the piano with their feet, goes to the movies nightly, smokes cigarettes, drinks Rukus Juice, and blames the H. C. of L. on the neighbors.

These are the days of income taxes, profiteers, rent hogs and prohibition. If you think life is worth living, we wish you

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

### A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Nobles & Tolbert

### HARDWARE

# Spain's Leader Is Flying "Lindy" of That Nation

By NEA Service

MADRID, Dec. 22.—Major Ramon Franco, the black-haired Lindbergh of Spain, who broke prison a month ago in order to join a revolt against the Spanish government and who wound up by hopping a plane and sky-rocketing to safety in Portugal, has been an extremely troublesome celebrity for his native land.

It was in 1926 that Franco made himself Spain's popular idol by being the first man to fly the South Atlantic; and before the cheers provoked by that exploit had died away he had ruffled the feelings of his government in the first of a series of rows that were to grow more serious as time went on.

As a result, Franco has been jailed, ordered about and reprimanded, at intervals, ever since. But he has never lost his hold on the sympathy of the Spanish populace—which is why his present enthusiasm for the revolt has been so discouraging to the government.

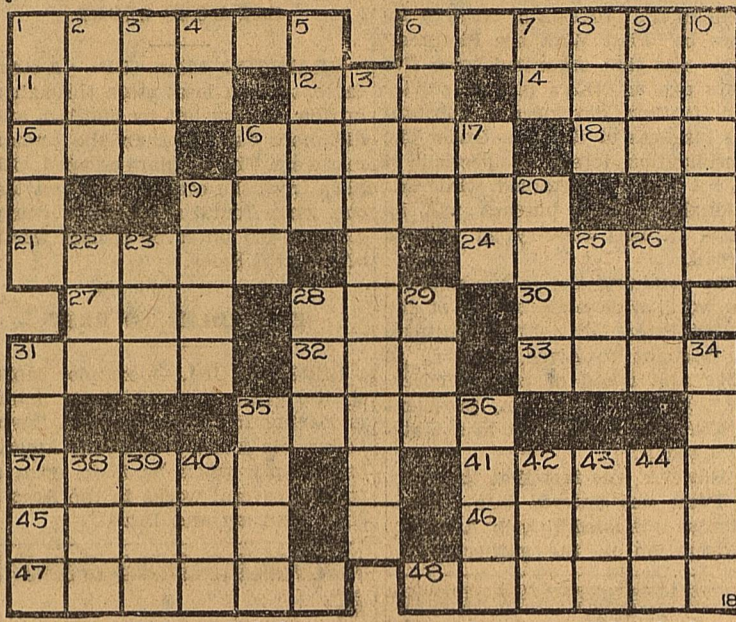
Franco, originally, was just the younger brother of a famous man. Born in the town of Ferrol 34 years ago, he found, when he entered his twenties, that his brother, Colonel Franco, commander of the Spanish Foreign Legion in Morocco, had stolen all of the glory. Ramon, however, went to Morocco too, and as soon as his country began to develop military aviation seriously he became a pilot.

**Was Hero in Africa.** For several years he was something of a celebrity in the army, even though the country at large had not heard of him. His face and hands made rough and red by the desert sun and winds, he was called "Jackal," and his daring exploits with his airplane won him fame.

He used to start out on patrol in the morning with a couple of sandwiches in his pocket, fly beyond the enemy's lines, and return at dusk. Time and again he did this, often being forced down behind the lines, but always escaping unhurt. He was fond of stunting; it is said that whenever the soldiers in Morocco saw a plane gyrating with unaccustomed daring they at once guessed that Franco was its pilot.

In 1926 came nation-wide fame. Franco projected a flight from Spain to South America, won government approval and made the trip—a long hop of more than 6,000 miles, broken by stops at the Canary and Cape Verde Islands and at the Island of Fernando de Noronha. He toured Rio, Monte-

## Question on Site



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tempt, taking off from Cadiz for New York. This attempt came to a quick end, however, when the plane was forced down only 100 miles from Cadiz with a plugged gasoline feed line. Franco came back and made ready for another start.

**Rescued in Mid-Atlantic** In June, 1929, he was ready, and with three companions, took off in a seaplane for New York. A brief stop was made at the Azores, and the journey was resumed. Then, again, came trouble. The plane was forced down at sea, and drifted about for a week, in imminent danger of being swamped by the high waves. At home, Franco was given up as dead, and the nation began to mourn its most popular hero.

But Franco was not dead. After his plane had drifted a week the British aircraft carrier Eagle found it and carried Franco and his companions back to Spain. Popular rejoicing was universal; Spain was as delighted as the United States would be if Lindbergh should be lost at sea and then brought home in safety.

Then Franco began to get into political trouble again. He was known to be an ardent republican. At the time that the late Premier de Rivera's regime fell, Franco openly expressed his disapproval of the monarchy; and a little more than a month ago he wrote such heated articles against the government that he was arrested and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment.

**Escapes from Prison** Instead of being confined in a regular prison he was put in an old convent on the outskirts of Madrid, where many political prisoners were lodged. The place was far from being escape-proof, and prisoners confined there are required to pledge themselves not to try to escape. This pledge the government says Franco gave; but three weeks after his arrival there he got out, twisting the bars out of a corridor window and dropping to the ground. He fled to the French frontier and began organizing brother aviators for the revolutionary forces and climaxed this by daring flights over Madrid, dropping revolutionary propaganda. Considering Franco's hostility to the government and his great popularity with the masses, it is not surprising that his escape was soon followed by a revolt—a revolt with him playing a most spectacular part.

government put a cruiser at his disposal he consented, forgetting his threat. A few weeks after his return Franco bitterly criticized his army superiors, and spent two months in jail as a result. Later in the same year he was locked up for another month for making some other criticism of government policy. Then he began to lay ambitious plans for a world flight. In 1928 he made his first at-

**QUIT AND CALL COPS** PETERBOROUGH, Eng. (UP).—Disgusted because they couldn't open a theater safe here two men called police and submitted to arrest on a charge of attempted robbery.

## DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON—

As you study the beautiful origin of Christmas you are delving into one of the glorious areas of the past when laughter, gaiety and song were every-day echos of life.

In this respect, may Christmas 1930 and the good year 1931 be a very old fashion- one for you and yours.

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## Merry Christmas

It is with real pleasure that we extend our best wishes for your Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

And at the same time may we thank you for your co-operation during the past year.

The helpful spirit which you have shown has inspired us to do our best to keep your gas service good.

## West Texas Gas Company

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AND EVEN MORE

And we promise you here and now that we are going to do all within our power to add to your happiness and satisfaction during the coming year.

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## HAPPY DAYS

ARE HERE AGAIN

## CHRISTMAS

BRINGS US CHEER AGAIN

The good cheer season of the year is always welcome because it brings us to a deeper appreciation of life, of opportunity, of friends and of fellowship. To us it recalls pleasant dealings of the past and leads us to a desire to give expression to our appreciation of our friends.

Our own Christmas, we feel, will only be happy to the extent our friends enjoy the season. We trust it will be the merriest Christmas you have ever experienced and that from this glad yuletide you will go into a New Year bright with promise and that it will be the year in which your fondest dreams will come true. A thousand times we thank you, friends, for your patronage of the past. You have been loyal to us and in turn we have striven earnestly to serve you well.

During 1931 we will be prepared to do your Laundry Work as never before. May we continue to serve you?

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Phone 90

### CHRISTMAS DAY

When everyone takes occasion to remember their many friends - - - on this day, we hope earnestly and sincerely that we will be numbered among them.

MAY THIS BE A VERY MERRY DAY, INDEED, FOR YOU AND YOURS.

**BURTON-LINGO CO.**

Chas. Berry

C. C. Pritchett

### WORLD'S LARGEST NEWS CUT CORPORATION IS FORMED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. — Formation of the world's largest news picture corporation and service, whose pictures will come to The Reporter-Telegram through NEA Service was announced in New York Thursday through the purchase by Acme Newspictures, Inc., of the Pacific and Atlantic Photos, Inc., and consolidation of these two companies. The consolidation becomes effective in January.

As part of the agreement under which Acme and P & A were consolidated, the United Press Association is also brought in as a factor in the news picture field through a contract with Acme for co-operation in the gathering of pictures.

P & A was controlled by the Chicago Tribune and the New York Daily News. With the purchase of P & A by Acme, these two newspapers became picture clients of the consolidated company. In addition, pictures gathered independently by the New York Daily News and Chicago Tribune will be available to the Acme service.

In addition to the comics, features, fashions, editorials, sports

and fiction service coming to The Reporter-Telegram through NEA, this paper will have the benefit of this enlarged news picture coverage that will be made possible through the broadening and strengthening of Acme's news picture resources.

This expansion is another development in the program of NEA to always be "First With the Pictures." Acme was first organized some five years ago as NEA's picture service and, further, developed a substantial business of its own. Under the consolidation, foreign connections of P & A are to be retained, while additional domestic bureaus will be added in this country as well as abroad.

"In obtaining the co-operation of the world-wide organization of the United Press, distinct advantages are brought to Acme, both as to range and speed of picture coverage," Fred S. Ferguson, president of NEA and Acme, said in a statement today.

"However, the fact that the United Press has entered into a contractual relationship with Acme for co-operation in the gathering of

pictures does not mean that NEA has changed its policy as to service in any way.

"NEA is now serving numerous papers under contract which are, at the same time, clients of any one or all three of the press associations. Therefore, NEA's policy of contracting with newspapers without reference as to what their wire service connections may be, will be continued without change in any respect."

#### CAT ROBS STORE

BRAINERD, Minn. (UP).—A stray cat entered a local store through a broken window left by burglars and did more damage than the human intruders. The burglars escaped with \$1.50 from the cash drawer, but the cat, when found the next morning, had chewed up seven dollars worth of muskrat hides.

#### TRAGEDIAN TO REST

BERLIN, (UP).—Alexander Moissi, the great German tragic actor, is leaving for a rest cure in Egypt before his journey to South America in April when he is to open a tour of several weeks in the Argentine, Uruguay and Brazil.

#### HUNTS WITH BOW

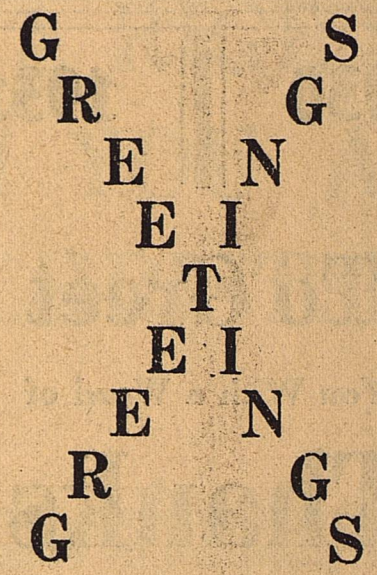
AUSTIN, (UP).—Huge Yantis is hunting deer in Texas with a bow and arrow. "Indians used to shoot them that way. Why shouldn't I?" he asks. His first bow and arrow hunt has been unsuccessful, but not through fault of weapon or aim. He didn't get within range of a two-point buck. Yantis expects to make several more attempts this season. He is archery instructor at the University of Texas.

#### UNIVERSITY PLANS TOUR

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. (UP).—The University of North Carolina will conduct its fourth annual residential tour of France next summer under direction of Professor J. A. Downes. College credit courses will be offered in French composition and conversation and French literature.

#### GEISHA HOUSE RAZED

HANKOW, (UP).—The Kikura geisha house, one of the finest and most costly Japanese style buildings in Hankow, has been destroyed by fire. The structure was built with materials entirely from Japan and cost over \$200,000.



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