

Merry Christmas

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Today Great Britain can under-
 sell us in China and other silver-
 money-using countries by 20 per
 cent.—Sen. Key Pittman, Nevada.

The Weather

WEST TEXAS: Partly cloudy to-
 night and Thursday. Slightly cooler
 in the west and south portions to-
 night.

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RACES TO BE STAGED CHRISTMAS

Program Is Virtually Completed for The Events

Virtual completion of the Christmas race card was announced late Wednesday by B. W. "Timberline" Floyd, one of the owners of Cowboy park, where the events will be run. The same program will be run the day following Christmas, Floyd said. Later announcements will be made of three other days of racing to follow on Dec. 30, Jan. 1 and 2. Races will start promptly at 3 o'clock and will be run at 20-minute intervals. The entry list as given by Floyd follows: First race, quarter mile free for all; Moon Dime (Neatherly stables), Pet (Smith), Red Wing (Floyd), Flapper Fannie (Alvin Roberts). Second race, three-eighths, free for all; Netty Harrison (Trammel), Flare (Floyd), Uncle Abe (Smith), Sallo (McManus), Jay Boy (Mayfield). Third race, half mile free for all; Son of Midway (Smith), Attoo (Taylor), Pretty Ambre (McManus). Fourth race, three-eighths for two year olds; Blue Jay (Mayfield), Fatima (Floyd), Black Bess (Neatherly), Crazy Jane (Neatherly). Fifth race, Roman standing race; Brownie Boy and Buck Shot (Hutton), Bally Keys and Billie M. (Smith).

'Broncho' Charlie, Last Survivor of Famous 'Pony Express' Visits in City

"Broncho" Charlie Miller, last survivor of the famous "pony express" days, reached Midland Wednesday on his transcontinental trip by horse from New York City to Los Angeles. Born on a buffalo skin spread in an ox cart, his parents killed by Modoc Indians when he was slightly more than 12 years old, one of those intrepid riders of the express at the same age, thrice wounded by Indians and renegades, a famous show rider with Buffalo Bill throughout this country, England and Continental Europe, a member of "Queen Mary's Own" during the World war, and now on his way to the west coast to aid in the supervision of a new picture of RKO that shows the real historical background of the pony express—Broncho Charlie is a well-known figure to the reading and show-going public. Before the admission to the union of several of the western states, Broncho Charlie broke horses all over the country, carried dispatches and scouted during several Indian campaigns, and had any number of narrow escapes from death. Once while Broncho Charlie was riding across the prairie land, he was ambushed. An arrow stabbed through his right wrist at its juncture with the hand. He outran the Indian riders who started in pursuit of his fast horse, to a remount station 20 miles away. Here he found that Indians had burned the stockade and trading post and had scalped all inhabitants. He had to continue his wild ride, but his horse outdistanced pursuers, who had to give up the chase. A stone hatchet wound is reflected by a heavy scar on his head. A 45 slug tore into his side when a renegade tried to pot him. The pony express run was from St. Jo to Sacramento, and Broncho Charlie rode from the western terminal to Carson City, a distance of about 150 miles the way he had to ride. The trip was made at break-neck speed. "At first, the Indians could not understand why we rode at full speed when no one chased us," he said, "but soon they provided a hazardous role of pursuer." It was in '85 that Broncho Charlie and Buffalo Bill became acquainted. Two years later they showed before English royalty at the Queen's jubilee. That year they wintered in Glasgow. They returned to America, but offers came in for a European tour. All the European powers saw the show, and the great troop wintered at Petrograd. Later it went to Rome, and thence to America. This was in 1880. (See 'BRONCHO' CHARLIE page 8)

JAPS TAKE TWO CITIES OF CHINESE

With No Government, Chinese Fear in Solid Mass

TOKYO, Dec. 24. (UP)—Japanese troops Wednesday advanced across Manchuria in a drive against Chinese. Troops and bombing planes captured two Chinese cities. Warships were ordered into action to head off retreating Chinese. Aerial bombing continued. Japanese started their advance by capturing Faulkner, one of the largest cities north of Mukden. "The three Kings brought their gifts to Christ One day in Bethlehem, Though he whose star had been their guide Could make no gifts to them. They asked for nothing in return— Wise men have always known He is more blest who does not seek A favor of his own. So we today must bring our gifts Where empty stockings hang, If we would keep our faith in words An angel chorus sang. A doll and horn and spinning top, Small toys a child-heart sought, May be as shining as the gold The ancient Magi brought. "UNCLE" NOAH ILL

FRENCH TABLES GROANING WITH HOLIDAY FOOD

PARIS, Dec. 24. (UP)—Christmas will be celebrated in Paris and every city of France this year with all the traditional festivity and gaiety of yore. French children can be sure that Pere Noel—the French Santa Claus—will leave their shoes full of presents. All the toy-shops and department stores have been jammed with hordes of Christmas buyers. Business was as brisk as in previous years, due mainly to cheaper prices. All restaurants, cafes and cabarets here, from the Latin Quarter to the high-priced section of the Champs Elysee have arranged elaborate programs. Dinners, made sparkling with silver buckles of champagne and musty bottles of wine, will start any time after 10 p. m. Most of the Americans residing in France have already reserved tables for their families and friends. Special turkey dinners, advertised to be just like those back home, will be served in the American bars and restaurants. On Christmas afternoon, most of the theatres will offer a special program of appropriate plays. To the poor children, it is a glorious occasion, for the President of the Republic receives them at a banquet in the stately halls of the Elysee Palace. As they munch their turkey and plum pudding, President Doumer will wander around the long table and personally distribute presents. A great Christmas tree will adorn the dining room. The American legion dance tonight in the Crystal ball room of the Schubarer hotel is not essentially a "charity ball" but the money received is to be used for the benefit of disabled veterans. A number of ex-soldiers from Midland are now in government hospitals and the proceeds from the legion dance are to be used to pay rent and buy groceries for their families. Barney Smith's Midland Melody Makers are providing the music for tonight's celebration. This is the last legion dance of the year and the committee in charge promises a good time for everybody and an unusual program. While no one knows just what the program is going to be, from veiled suggestions that have come from it, a dance committee it promises to be a signal affair. SOLINE FAILED TO BURN NGVIEW, Wash. (UP)—Gasoline filled a bathtub, did not fire when a two-story dwelling burned down here. The fire was

GERMANS HAVE MANY CUSTOMS FOR CHRISTMAS

BERLIN, Dec. 24. (UP)—Germany, the home of Santa Claus and the Christmas tree, also has a variety of other observances of the season, which are little known, but none the less picturesque. Although in the larger cities, the now orthodox symbols of Christmas—the tree and the "Christmas man" (St. Nicholas)—are the general rule, several sections still cling to observances which, in some cases, antedate St. Nicholas. In southern Bavaria, and the country bordering Austria, the children do not watch for the "Christkind" or Christ child, who is the bearer of gifts in so many other parts of Germany. The tree also is absent. But the children leave their plates (the stocking is not a German custom) outside their windows or doors, and they are filled with gifts by the "Golden Horse." No one has ever seen the "Golden Horse," nor can anyone explain how he can carry enough gifts for everyone, but he continues to come to many homes and announce that the presents are there by a stamping and a scurrying of hoofs. The "Golden Horse" is also a part of Westphalia and parts of Rhineland, where, however, he is only the charger upon which the "Christkind" rides. In some sections, Christmas celebrations begin earlier. In Swabia, the children, at dusk on Dec. 12, assemble in large groups, going from house to house singing carols and demanding sweets. The custom of using, instead of a tree, the Christ Child's manger, with the table scene carved from wood depicting Mary, Joseph, the three wise men, the shepherds, and angels, is still observed in some parts of Swabia and is gradually being revived. EARTH MIXED WINTHROP, Me., Dec. 24. (UP) Earth surrounding the international shrine here is a mixture of native soil and earth brought by Legionnaires from the graves of the World war dead in France. GUINEAS ADOPT BROOD ALBION, Neb. Dec. 24. (UP)—Two guinea hens belonging to Mrs. J. F. Thompson went "native." They went to a cornfield and adopted 20 young pheasants and raised them successfully. RIPE MELONS PICKED MARSHFIELD, Mo., Dec. 24. (UP) Two ripe watermelons were picked in a cornfield and adopted 20 young here. "They were delicious," said Silkey. "One weighed 15 pounds, the other 20."

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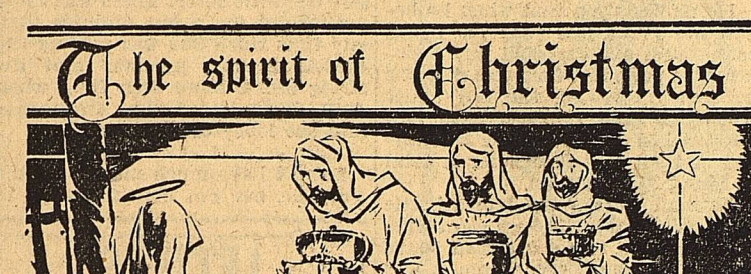
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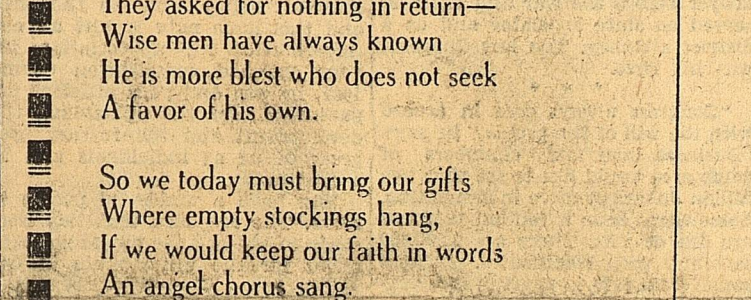
LATE NEWS

OMAHA, Dec. 24. (UP)—Police believed Wednesday that political enemies were responsible for killing Harry Lapidus, Jewish manufacturer who was found slumped in an automobile seat early Wednesday with three bullets through his brain. Police admitted they were without clues. Lapidus incurred the underworld's enmity by warring against vice rings. DALLAS, Dec. 24. (UP)—Meteorologist J. L. Cline Wednesday predicted a green Christmas for Texas. Cline said that barring unexpected changes the mercury will remain above freezing over the holiday. Vegetation is still green in parts of the state. ATLANTA, Dec. 24. (UP)—Bishop James Cannon Wednesday filed a \$300,000 libel suit against the Atlanta Constitution. The action alleged that editorials printed during Cannon's attendance at the world Methodist conference last October were defamatory. TULSA, Dec. 24. (UP)—Detective Lieutenant Bob Kennedy and 39 negroes were arrested Wednesday when 40 federal agents raided a score of speakeasies and gambling houses. Kennedy was charged with conspiracy to violate the liquor law. Federal said they had evidence to charge that Kennedy received \$1,000 monthly in protection money. LAREDO, Dec. 24. (UP)—Oilie Carter, drug clerk, was indicted Wednesday for murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Mary Ellis, 23, on Nov. 22. The court of criminal appeals at Austin ordered Carter to be allowed bond of \$5,000. AUSTIN, Dec. 24. (UP)—The supreme court held valid the tax relief act passed at the last legislative session remitting a penalty and interest on delinquent taxes paid by Jan. 31, 1932. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (UP) Harry H. Riley and wife, Elsie, were given two-year prison sentences Wednesday for keeping their daughter, Edith, 13, a prisoner in a dark closet four years. The maximum penalty for cruelty was imposed.



The spirit of Christmas

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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. "Dear Editor—I am 8 years old. "Some of my little friends says there is no Santa Claus. "Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus." Virginia O'Hanlon.

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. 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 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.

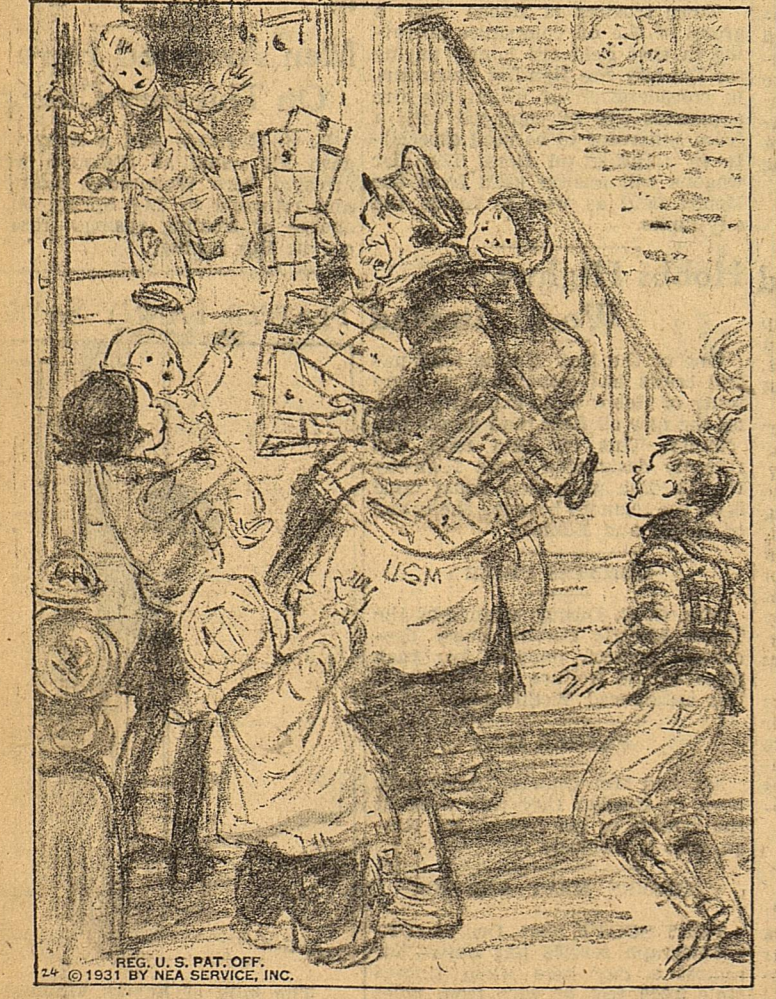
Not believe in SANTA CLAUS. You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch SANTA CLAUS, but even if they did not see SANTA CLAUS coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees SANTA CLAUS, but that is no sign that 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 supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it 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.

"SUCKER MONEY"

According to a recent statement from W. O'Neil, president of the General Tire and Rubber Company, one of the prime causes of the present depression has been an abundance, in prosperous times, of "sucker money." "Sucker money" is the money which the investing public, prior to 1929, was ready to throw into industrial securities without proper investigation. As Mr. O'Neil points out, it led to many unwarranted expansions of industrial plants. This inflated the business boom beyond proper proportions, and when the crash came there was no possibility of re-employing the men who had had jobs in the over-expanded trades. "Expansion," says Mr. O'Neil, "should be financed by earnings, not by sales of bonds and stocks, except in rare instances." That is an excellent warning for industrialists to bear in mind when prosperity returns. When we go too fast and too high we are apt to come down the same way.

Side Glances by Clark



"Say! Who do you kids think I am—Santa Claus?"

Washington Letter

By Rodney Dutcher

State Legislatures Have Memorialized Congress on Everything From Euphony and Insects to Indians and Waterways.

Congressman Wright Patman Predicts His Bill to Cash Soldiers' Bonus Will Pass This Session Despite Opposition.

WASHINGTON.—Despite the treasury deficit, despite President Hoover's bitter opposition and despite the American Legion's conspicuous lack of support, Congressman Wright Patman of Texas predicts that his bill to cash all soldier bonus certificates will be passed at this session.

He says it would cost \$2,200,000,000 and suggests Congress stop paying off the national debt, divert to the veterans money earmarked for the debt sinking fund.

Patman's bill to pay full face value of the adjusted compensation certificates at once was the first measure introduced in the House. It is called H. R. No. 1. He has toured the country, whooping up the veterans for the cause and still makes brief speaking trips.

He reminds you that when he began his effort last year for bonus cashing no one expected any legislation to pass. But Congress did pass by vast majorities, the bill under which 2,500,000 veterans have now borrowed 50 per cent of the face values of their certificates for a total of about \$1,500,000,000.

Patman started the bonus battle last year by rounding up signatures for a petition to get his cash bonus bill out of committee, where it was buried. American Legion support, favored by rank and file demand, was responsible for passage of the loan bill as a compromise. Patman now has the Veterans of Foreign Wars supporting him, but the legion, after President Hoover's personal plea at Detroit, voted against further cash demands at this time.

Patman is a tall, rosy-faced, jaunty gent of 38, who enlisted for war service as a private and won a commission, but did not get overseas because of disability. He recalls that under the old bonus loan law he once paid 7-1/2 per cent interest on his certificate loan. He was a lawyer before the war and later he served as state legislator and as a district attorney. The last Congress was his first.

"Congress always goes in accord with the will of the people," he says. "Business men and chambers of commerce would like to see that two billion dollars or more in circulation. Somewhere near a million veterans are out of jobs. There are 3,000,000 veterans with certificates, which range from \$125 to \$150 in face value, averaging about \$1000."

"The certificates were given to make up the difference between what the soldier and the lowest paid laborer got during the war. We ask merely liquidation of a debt. Under the present system the soldier is credited proportionately with his length of service at \$125 a day for overseas and \$1 a day for home service, plus interest at four per cent dating from 1925. That's why they say the certificates are not redeemable until 1945. I propose that Congress add six per cent compound interest as of 1917, 1918 or 1919, which would mean that the certificates matured last October."

"Soldiers need the money worse this winter than the government needs the interest on their loans. The loans haven't contributed a penny to the deficit and cash payment now would increase money in circulation by \$12 per capita for the entire population. Secretary Mellon has said that retirement of the national debt is \$3,500,000,000 ahead of what Congress expected 10 years ago, and we can take the money out of that, temporarily suspending debt retirement. The two other methods are, first, a bond issue, and second to issue currency to pay the certificates. A plan which would stop all interest."

"Soldiers won't take the present loans or pay the interest and so much of the average certificate will be devoured by compound interest that it will be worth only \$66.55 by the time it matures in 1945. Patman says the Legion convention vote didn't represent legion sentiment—that "bonus votes" were traded for "booze votes."

DOG GETS HOME

FORT WORTH, (UP).—Wanderer the telephoning dog, has found a home. He has adopted Dick Knight, filling station operator, as his master. It happened when the homeless Alredale whined at the door of Knight's filling station and was admitted.

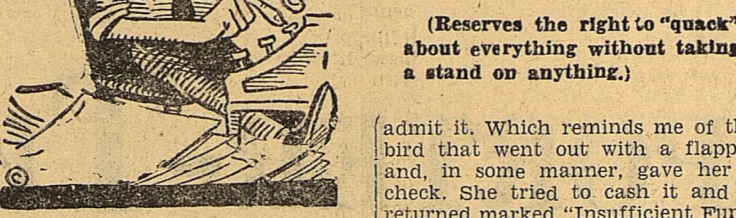
When closing time came Knight put the dog out, and went home. But the animal slipped in unnoticed just before the door was locked. Along toward morning the office became cold and the silence made Wanderer uneasy. So he knocked over the telephone and began whining into the receiver. An excited operator notified police that a mutter seemed to be in progress. Officers dashed to the station and found the dog. All this has caused Knight to believe Wanderer is something unusual in the dog line.

"I guess he can stay," said Knight.

STICKERS

GENERAL TOMATO LED ON HIS EVIL LEGIONS. The names of two Spanish cities are concealed in the above sentence. Can you find them?

The Town Quack



(Reserves the right to "quack" about everything without taking a stand on anything.) admit it. Which reminds me of the bird that went out with a flapper and, in some manner, gave her a check. She tried to cash it and it returned marked "Insufficient Fun."

Just a hope or two: When Jim and Herb write classified ads for the new season, may they never make the mistake of that clerk on the Jensen (La.) Times that read: "Lost—A 12-gauge shotgun between the bridge and school by a farmer with J. B. S. on the butt."

And over in the news room I wish them better luck in getting statements put into the paper right. I'd hate to see the cub reporter write his story like that done by a cub on the Dellevan (Maine) Commercial, which allowed the following last week: "An organ grinder well known here felt the rigors of a real Maine winter when he became lost in the woods and returned with a badly frozen monkey."

Now, one request: When you have eaten your Christmas dinner, observe the correct table manners and have all the guests please stand while the hostess passes out first.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor: As we rapidly approach the Christmas time of gladness and good cheer, my thoughts turn to those individuals and organizations that have contributed to the personal and collective pleasure and progress during the year that is rapidly passing. Yourself, and your splendid small town daily, push forward for prominence in these remissive, happy Yuletide thoughts, and this little note is just an expression of my appreciation for your splendid contribution during 1931, by you and your efficient organization, for the upbuilding, development and the further progress of us as individuals and as a community.

You have a wonderful people to serve. The response that has been made to the call for providing some cheer for the unfortunate in our midst during these days, surpasses anything I have ever seen. I am advised that more offers to furnish a basket of Christmas cheer to some one has been made than there have been names submitted by the Welfare association. What greater expression of the real spirit of Christmas time could there be? You have served well. I am sure that I am but expressing the wish of many when I wish for you and your employes a very joyful and happy Christmas time. Yours very truly, W. I. PRATT.

Appreciation Is Written in Letter

Mrs. Beulah Graves Brown, formerly a member of the Midland high school faculty and now a resident of Cisco, has written to Supt. W. W. Lacey appreciation for courteous extended her and Mr. Brown on the night of the recent football banquet.

"She also praises the school system," Mrs. Brown said. "While the football banquet doesn't need a word of praise from me, I just feel as if I must thank you for the pleasant evening's entertainment you afforded my husband and me."

"I can't tell you how astonished I was when I looked into the banquet hall and saw such a vast crowd. I had not anticipated seeing half as many. I was not the least surprised that the program was such a success. I've never seen anything yet the Midland high school put on that didn't go over with a bang. I couldn't help but have a feeling of pride last Friday night when I recalled that I was once a part of that school, a school that is far ahead of the ordinary run of high schools."

"Too much praise cannot be given your faculty and the board. I feel as if school boards and superintendents over the entire state could profit by visiting the schools there. You have built a noted system and one that reflects the cooperation received from the citizens. They appreciate you and are behind you. That's three-fourths of the battle."

DOG RAISES LAMB

PROMISE, Ore.—Mother love prevailed over a natural police dog complex for killing sheep and a German police dog here has adopted a full grown lamb. The dog already was raising one puppy. The combination of livestock is owned by Roy Morris.

BREWERS FACE EXTINCTION ON BRITISH ISLES

LONDON, Dec. 23. (UP).—The great breweries and distilleries of the British Isles, whose huge profits kept polling in while other industries went to the wall, now feel that they are slowly being taxed out of existence.

The fact that the poorer classes of Britain spend almost one-third of their income on drink has been largely responsible for the towering financial strength of the breweries. But with new taxes being piled on them, the uneasy brewers are beginning to wonder if they may not, before long, be going the way of the Scottish distilleries.

Almost half of the distilleries in the north have closed, their business ruined, they declare, by prohibitive taxation. Most of those still running are open only a few months a year. For whisky is no longer a workman's drink. Since 1929 the distilleries have lost two-thirds of their business as the government tax soared from a mere few shillings to 50 and then to 72 shillings, sixpence (\$17.40 a gallon).

In vain did the Scots buy full-page advertising space in the newspapers to appeal to Chancellor of the Exchequer Snowden to lower the tax. But it has remained at that level and there is little prospect of it going down.

NO REGARD FOR LAW

HOUSTON.—Three automobile thieves in this city not only have no respect for law, but make a practice of stealing a policeman's auto. Detective Tice Wilkins didn't know whether to swell with pride or sell his auto as a result. Three times in the past month his car has been stolen. The last time it had been repainted to disguise it. "Well, I got a new coat of paint for nothing," Wilkins remarks.

Reporter-Telegram—NOW—\$4 Year

PIG IS PORK NOW OIL STRANGLED FARMER

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—A little piggy went to market, and so did Patrolman John R. Keeley. The officer spied the pig strolling about unconcerned in the traffic of the street. Keeley gave chase. Autos screamed to a stop as officer and pig risked their lives darting in and out of traffic. Finally Keeley caught the pig. It was taken to headquarters, where it was tied up to await an owner or a butcher's knife.

CARTHAGE, Mo. (UP).—A farmer, Wayne Gault, 27, was killed when an automobile collision pinned him beneath his car, and oil, dripping from the crankcase, strangled him. He was not injured otherwise. A grain sorghum seed analyst is being sought by the Lubbock chamber of commerce. Alfalfa is being grown successfully in Hall county sub-irrigated land.

FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE GIN

Advertisement for MERRY CHRISTMAS featuring a woman and child, with text: "We thank you for your business during the year. It has been both pleasant and enjoyable. We wish for you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year 1932."

SMILES for your lips. Twinkles for your eyes. Music for your ears. Cheer for your hearts. Those are the things we wish you on Christmas.

CONNOR ELECTRIC CO. Reporter-Telegram—NOW—\$4 Year

MENU Christmas Dinner THE SCHARBAUER HOTEL COFFEE SHOP "Home of happy dinners" \$1.00—SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DINNER—\$1.00

CHRISTMAS advertisement featuring a tree and a person, with text: "The 365 days in the year are not enough to hold all the good fortune we wish for you this Christmas. Prosper, friends, and be everlastingly happy."

MIDLAND MERCANTILE Ben F. Whitefield

Merry Christmas advertisement for West Texas Gas Co. with text: "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 and will continue to inspire us to do our best to keep your gas service good."

WE OFFER OUR STOCK OF Watches, Clocks and Jewelry At Cost Until January 1, 1932 INMAN'S "Gifts of Beauty, Usefulness and Permanence"

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The Three Undersigned
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FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE GIN

XMAS CAMP HAS RECORD OF LITTLE CRIME

CHRISTMAS, Ariz. (UP).—A jewel among mining camps is Christmas, Ariz., which has a record of being almost crimeless and viceless.

The first mine, in the head of a canyon above the roaring waters of the Gila River, was staked Christmas day, 1902, and later the community gathered around that original Christmas mine.

During its 29 years of existence Christmas never has had a crime problem, a saloon, gambling hall, or house of vice. It has had but one shooting.

The record of Christmas is in decided contrast to the usual conduct of Arizona mining camps, which generally are "open towns."

But Christmas always has shunned wild ways, wild men and wild women. Seemingly, those living here have taken inspiration from the camp's name.

Grant Green, the Gila county deputy sheriff, who is stationed here, has so little police work to do that he is worried over his job. Green's last arrest was in April, 1931, when he caught three Mexicans bringing in stolen beef. That one crime, and it was committed by outsiders, is the only black mark on the Christmas record for this year to date.

The one gunfight occurred in 1917, when a Mexican killed Deputy Sheriff Thomas Frank in a quarrel over sugar. The Mexican escaped.

That "Christmas Cheer" never has flowed in Christmas at Christmas, or any other time, is due to the policy of those controlling the lone mine here.

All of Christmas is owned by the Christmas Copper company. A private road, seven miles long, staggering upward along the lip of a canyon, is the only way of entering the camp. Therefore, it

Cagney's 7th Film His Biggest Yet

James Cagney, who will be seen Wednesday and Thursday at the Ritz theatre in "Blonde Crazy," a Warner Bros. production, has been fortunate in the pictures in which he has been presented.

His first was "Sinners' Holiday," in which he was an amusement park employe, cocky and sullen till he is caught in the toils of the law and then craven as he pleads with his mother to protect him.

In "Other Men's Women" he is realistic to the last degree as a rough but kindly railroader. In "The Millionaire" he makes much of a comedy moment when he appears as a young and delightfully brazen insurance agent.

In "The Public Enemy" he terrifically portrays a heartless gangster. In "Smart Money" he is the right hand man for the king of gamblers, and in "The Doorway to Hell" he is again a member of the gangs.

His seventh and most unusual picture shows him as a bellhop in a hotel which is frequented by sharpshooters of both sexes. He decides to beat the tricksters at their own game and does so, in a way to make you laugh and thrill—and marvel at the gift of this youth who is not yet 27. Joan Blondell is co-featured. Roy Del Ruth directed.

has been an easy matter for the company to keep vice merchants out.

Just now, of course, not much crime could be committed in Christmas. There isn't enough people there. The population has decreased from 1,000 to 100, due to the fact that copper now sells for less than the local cost of production.

UNUSUAL GOLD PIECE

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo. (UP).—A \$50 gold piece was on display at a department store here. The coin, believed to be one of the few in existence, is six-sided and about one and a half inches in diameter.

Two Real Stars At Grand Sat.

There are two stars appearing in "Westward Bound," the new Syndicate all-talking western, which will appear at the Grand theatre on Saturday. They are Buddy Roosevelt and Buffalo Bill Jr., well known for their work in western pictures.

Both of these stars are westerners, having lived their lives on the plains where they are thoroughly at home either on a horse's back or in a camp.

One of the most appealing features in "Westward Bound" is the wonderful scenery. This picture was filmed in California where the scenery is always wonderful, but Director Harry Webb has selected locations which are new in pictures and particularly adaptable to the situations confronted in this unusual talking western. The excellent photography aids in making this picture what the producer claims for it—some of the best westerns ever made.

Grand Has Connie In "Born to Love"

A great star in her greatest picture. That is the RKO Pathe picture which came to the Grand theatre today for an engagement of two days. Here is a story so stirring, so original, so dramatic that Constance Bennett and Director Paul L. Stein couldn't rest until it was in production. So enthused was Ernest Pascal over the story's possibilities that he put aside the new novel he was writing and rushed to Culver City to do the screen play. They knew they had something.

Problem dramas have been done many times, but never like this one. Love or convention—Duty or love—mother love or the love of a woman for the man to whom she has given her body, her heart, and her soul—Constance Bennett as Doris Kendall has to make these choices. Tremendous is a strong word but it is too weak for "Born to Love."

The story has woman appeal. It is swift moving and thoroughly frank, daring in its dialogue and accurate in its reflection of the age in which we live.

All the world remembers Constance Bennett, of course, for her stunning triumphs in "Son of the Gods," "Common Clay," and "This Thing Called Love"; it also recalls the

heights she reached in "Three Faces East," and again in "Rich People," then in "Sin Takes a Holiday." Her achievement in "Born to Love" is unquestionably the greatest performed with remarkable fitness and there is no exception.

Gas Stoves Free Switches From Ice

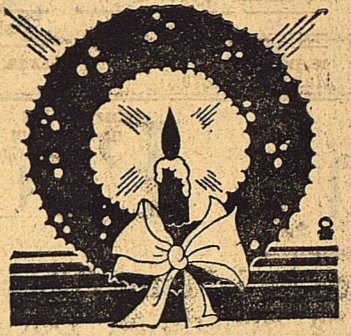
BOSTON. (UP).—While frying eggs on the rails outside North Station is not expected to become a popular pastime, Boston & Maine railroad officials point out that it is now possible to do so.

To insure the unbroken operation of switches and signals throughout the winter, the company has installed 1,065 gas stoves under the rails in the North Station yards.

Heat from these stoves will make it impossible for snow to clog switch and signal gadgets.

INDIAN PAYS TAXES

ELKO, Nev. (UP).—Taxes due notices find Indian home owners of this city among the first to respond and pay up, according to Tax Collector Miller.



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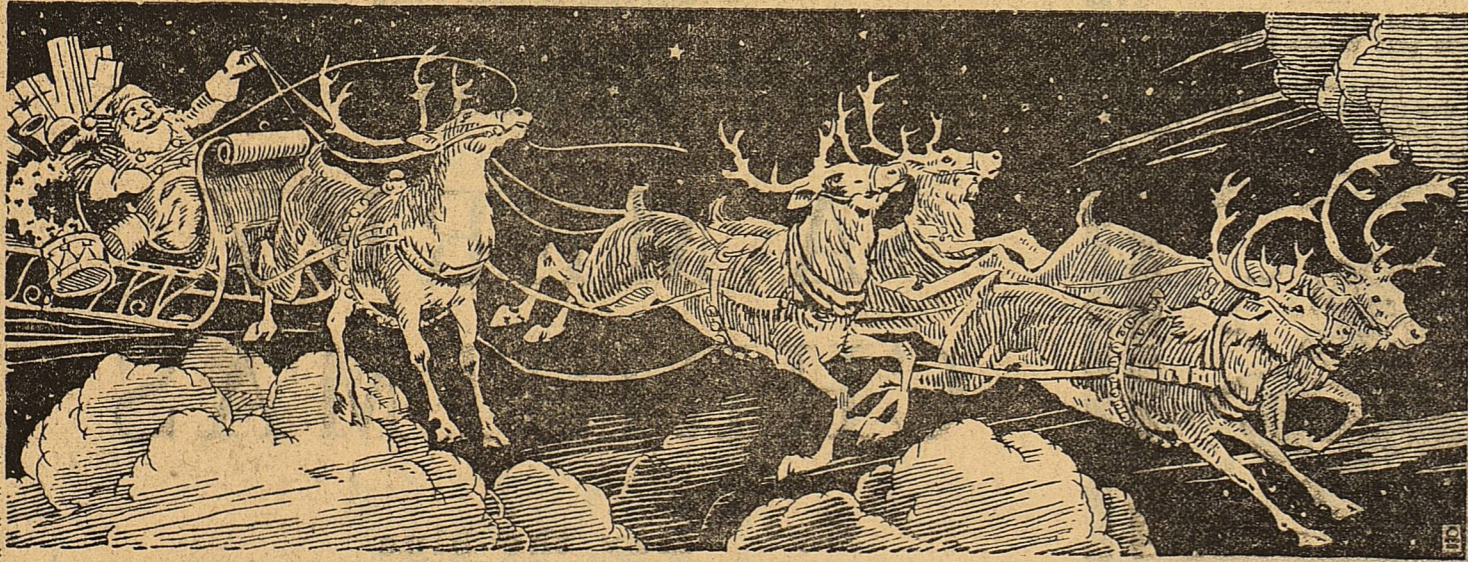
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SOCIAL NEWS PAGE FOR WOMEN

Holiday Program Is Gay with Elaborate Functions

Dances, Open Houses and Many Other Entertainments Are Scheduled During Remaining Days; Some Already Given

A Merry Christmas for everyone! Dances, open houses, bridge parties, dinner parties, family reunions, rooster parties and church Christmas tree program—all of these are making Christmas joyous this year. With the formal Midland country club ball dated for next Tuesday evening and the New Year's Watch party at Hotel Scharbauer holding the highest interest, this season's social season will possess all the brilliance of any other. Elaborate dinner and bridge affairs marked Tuesday with members of the Entre Nous, Joi De Vie and Enigma club being honored. Red candles in silver holders lighted the private dining room of Hotel Scharbauer when members of

Happy Birthday!

TCODAY Ruby Hodges A. B. Coleman Ben Wall Fred Stout Vivian Arnett TOMORROW Billy Orson John Dublin S. M. Francis Rose Lee Johnson

Midland and Big Spring Endeavors Join for Picnic

Meeting in Stanton on Monday evening, members of the Midland Christian church Endeavor and the Big Spring Endeavor motored to a place several miles south of Stanton for a weiner roast. From Midland were Mary Wisdom, Velma Winborne, Marie and Virginia Garrett, Catherine Dunaway, Howard Dunaway, Haskell Watkins, Woodrow Templeton, and Johnny Kapp. In the Big Spring group were Georgia Owens, Flora Bell Williamson, Pauline Hart, Ida Ruth Anderson, Walter Bell, Bill Early, Robert Cochran, A. C. McClendon, Helen, Evelyn and Nell Creath.

Xmas Greetings

CHRISTMAS I wish you Christmas happiness, Sweet memories of days long past And hours well spent. I wish you Christmas joyousness, With loving hands stretched out toward you, And sweet content. May Christmas blessing fall on you, And all good things that come to you, Be heaven sent.

Church of Christ Women Distribute Six Xmas Baskets

Women of the Church of Christ Bible class met at the church this morning to arrange the distribution of Christmas baskets for the poor. The class studied a lesson Tuesday afternoon on the subject "Conversion of Enoch," taught by the Rev. J. A. McCall. Attending were Meses. J. A. McCall, J. J. Mills, Lewis Bewley, Paul Jackson, Curtis Bond, O. H. Jones, Joe W. Pyron, Gertrude Cantalou and W. F. Hejl.

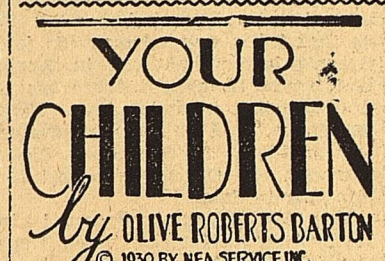
leaved for years, that there is too much home work. I have written it, preached it! But mine is merely one voice crying in the wilderness. All about us the curricula of schools are changing in this respect of extra work and for the worse, not the better, as a rule. There will have to be another change somewhere, sometime in the other direction. What is the answer? Parents blame the teachers. Let us look past the teachers at the "grade books" showing each teacher at the beginning of the term precisely what work "must" be covered by her pupils in so many months, weeks and days, on which they will be examined and on which her position depends. New Sandwich Spread Peanut butter and raisins make an appetizing and nourishing sandwich spread for the children's lunch. Cook the raisins in an equal amount of water. When they have plumped, add half as much peanut butter and set away to cool. Your Home Paper—\$4 Year—NOW

bie and at other vantage points of the room. A Christmas tree glistening in tinsel and electric lights stood in the corner of the room. Placecards, later used for score cards, were of the Santa Claus motif and the score books harmonized. A four-course turkey dinner was served, which was followed by bridge games. Comic hats, horns and whistles furnished gay amusement for the guests. Mrs. M. C. Ulmer won a blue and rose blanket for holding high score and Mr. Bedford Taylor received a card table for playing high among the men. The guests were Meses. and Mmes. R. B. Cowden, R. M. Barron, John Dublin, Fred Hull, Charles Klapproth, J. R. Martin, Foy Proctor, M. C. Ulmer, M. E. Cole, Bedford Taylor, J. M. Speed, Roy Parks and Mr. George Glass.

Evening Christmas Party Honors Young People

A Yuletide party honoring members of the Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian church was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. C. Crabb. Rooms of the home were brightly colored with Christmas decorations and a tree laden with comic gifts for each guest. Forty-two games furnished the evening's entertainment, with Miss Lucille McMullan scoring high. Guests made candy and enjoyed other refreshments. Complimentary to Mrs. Crabb, superintendent, the Endeavor presented her with a Christmas gift.

I think of you, dear friend of mine, For it is Christmastide, May health and happiness be yours And peace with you abide. And although I may not see you, Although we are apart, The memory of the hours we've spent Is Christmas in my heart. And because today is Christmas, Because I love you too, I hope within your memories, I still am dear to you. I write because it's Christmas, I want to tell you so, That I am thinking of you, And those we used to know. My thoughts are full of gladness, Though words be poor and few, With just a touch of sadness, For those whom once we knew. Blessings, peace of mind and joy, Descend on you like dew, And may the peace of God rest With those others whom we knew. —Louise B. Haight.



School hours are officially from nine to twelve and from one or one-thirty to four. Unofficially they last from the time a child leaves home in the morning until he is through with his home work at night. Time off for lunch, recess and trips back and forth to school must be included in school time, because although a child is getting exercise and certain social contacts, it all rotates around school and school experience. He cannot use that time for anything else. Then he takes home five or ten problems to do, a page in history and a page in geography to memorize, English to be done—a theme, a lot of diagramming, or a list of verbs to conjugate; a spelling lesson to learn, and an extra book or two in which he must do "outside" reading to be examined on later. If he is smaller he will have less work, if he is older he will have more, but most children have home work. The real truth is that for five days a week most children are either actually studying or carrying about with them the complex of studying every minute of the day. The short interval between desk and study table at home is not a free time mentally because ahead are all those lessons to do. Always a task ahead! Opposed to Home Work Personally, I believe, I have be-



I wish at this time to thank the customers and friends of Rockwell Bros. & Co. for the patronage and friendly relations of the past year and to extend best wishes for the coming months. RAYMOND LAWRENCE

Members Exchange Xmas Gifts

The home of Miss Thelma White was the setting of the Entre Nous party. Appointments favoring the Yuletide season were used in bridge and dinner details. Red tapers were burning in the center of each table as the turkey dinner was served. Gifts were exchanged from a brightly lighted tree. Christmas gift packages went to Miss Jerra Edwards high score, and Miss Thelma White, high cut. Members attending were Mmes. Alredge Estes, J. B. Zant, A. C. Weyman, Misses Jerra Edwards, Theresa Klapproth, Juliette Wolcott, Lotta Williams, and White. Miss Cordelia Taylor called for the tree program.

Announcements

Saturday Boys' and Girls' World club at the Methodist church at 3:30. There will be no Children's story hour program at the county library.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Conner and Julian Aycock and Haley Aycock of Fort Worth are here to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. T. J. Stokes of Carrizozo, N. M., is in Midland spending the holidays with his parents. Mrs. Claude Haley has gone to Dallas to visit during the holidays. Jack Wilkinson of Winters is expected to spend part of the holidays in Midland. Mrs. Carl W. Covington expects to leave Friday evening for Fort Worth to spend the week end with Mrs. J. Eddie Sims. Mrs. S. G. Forney and daughter-in-law of Odessa were visitors here Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Benedict and children of Dallas are in Midland for a visit with relatives. Curtis Nance of Pecos spent a few days in Midland this week. Mrs. J. E. Moffett of Stanton was here Wednesday afternoon. L. H. Tiffin has gone to Graham to spend Christmas with his mother. Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Harkins of Houston are expected here today to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Haley. Mr. and Mrs. Boltz of Corsicana are in Midland this week as guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. R. Ashley. Cowden, Harry Neblett, Homer Rowe, Clarence Scharbauer, Allen Tolbert, A. S. Legg, Harvey Sloan, M. C. Ulmer, Leon Goodman, Clifford Hill, C. M. Goldsmith and Miss Lois Patterson.

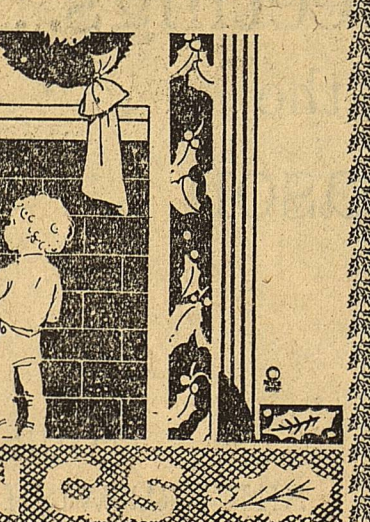
DEPRESSION PERHAPS

Here's wishing a Merry Xmas to you, And a "depressionless" Nineteen Thirty-Two. The most common expression, Perhaps, is depression. It's becoming an obsession, too. We have it for breakfast, for luncheon, for dinner, It's served with every menu. There's common confession 'Tis awful depression 'Tas become a compression now. But there have been depressions, obsessions, repressions And people lived through them somehow. I'm resolved the depression Shall not hinder expression of the spirit of love and good cheer. More reason than ever for warm hearty greetings To be in abundance this year. Tho' our checks may be cold, our hearts remain warm. And I'm bound to make this confession— You're still just as dear as Xmas draws near, As you were before the depression. —Ruth Ozment.

James P. Capper of San Angelo will spend Christmas day visiting friends here. Fred Fuhrman of Dallas is in Midland this week on business. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hargrave and son, Jack Lawton, have gone to Dallas for Christmas. Mrs. Jim Flanigan and baby arrived here yesterday from Durant and Oklahoma City after a visit with relatives. They were met in Sweetwater and accompanied here by Mr. Flanigan and Miss Emily Flanigan. B. C. Hendrick of Odessa came to Midland on business Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. John Fowler of Odessa were visitors here Wednesday. A new telephone line is being built from Olton to Littlefield in Lamb county.

Christmas Flowers Pretty Decorations

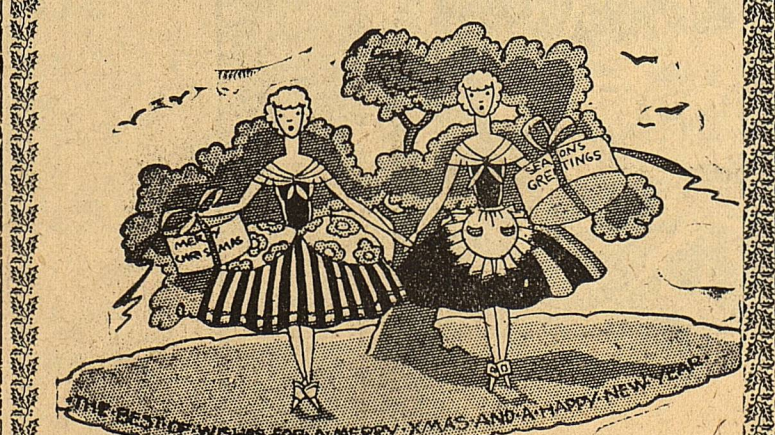
Enigma club members were given a smart afternoon party by Mrs. Harry Tolbert at the C. M. Goldsmith home. Pointsettias and miniature Christmas trees decorated the rooms where the tables were arranged for bridge. Table markers were of the season's design. Mrs. Harvey Sloan was receiver of the high score gift. Those present were Mmes. Elliott



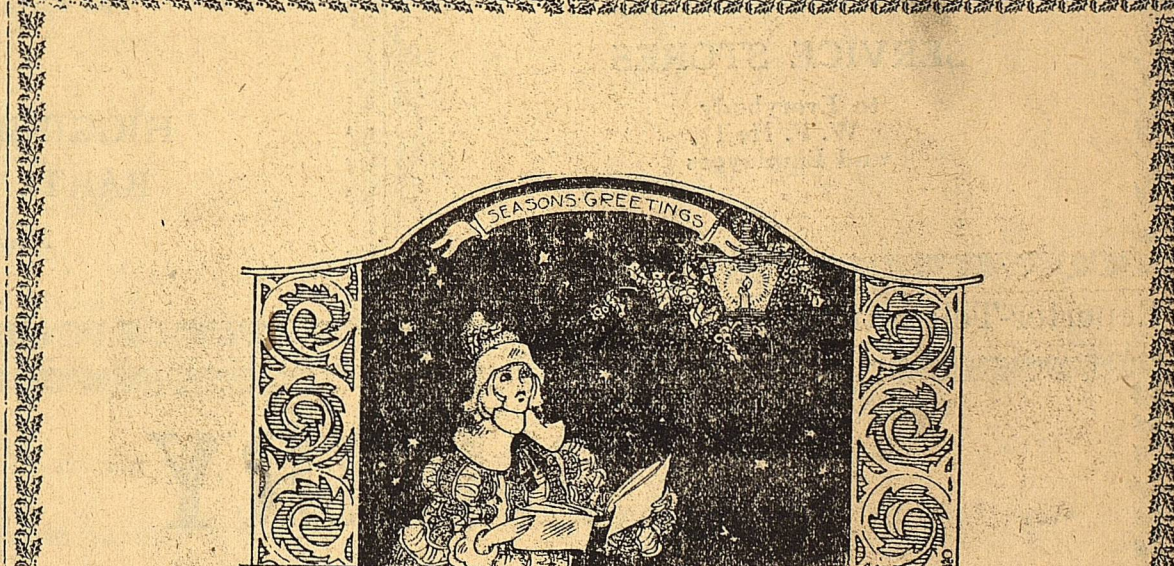
SEASONS GREETINGS

To the Kiddies! To the Grownups! TO EVERYBODY We Wish A Merry Christmas The Employees and PERRY BROTHERS VARIETY STORE

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Santa Claus of Seaboard Is Using Ship for Travel

By ALFRED ALDEN
Written for NEA Service

BAR HARBOR, Me.—The sea-going Santa Claus of this rugged Maine coast is sorting his gifts and labeling big bundles of food and clothing preparatory to chugging away on his chilly, hazardous rounds of hundreds of lonely islands and

isolated mainland homes. The Rev. Orville J. Guptill, pastor of the Maine Sea Coast Missionary society, with headquarters here, is a Santa Claus in oil-skins. But his vehicle is as welcome a sight—and nearly as capacious—as any legendary sleigh. The mission has a Christmas de-

partment and all through the year it accumulates gifts for distribution throughout the remote places of the coastal area. This has been a hard season for the fisher folk, whose catches have brought unprecedentedly low prices. Some families, in fact, are destitute. But all will be remembered and visited by the mission's motor cruiser, the Sunbeam.

The Rev. Guptill, who knows the needs of his people, distributes the gifts. Those most in need of money or food will get it. At least 500 adults will receive substantial presents, and some 2000 children are on his Christmas list. About 50 Coast Guard and lighthouse stations also will be visited. Several cruises of the Sunbeam will be necessary to transport all this holiday cheer.

It was 26 years ago that the unique missionary society was established, to unite the men and women living on the isolated islands and mainland points of the Maine coast "in a bond of Christian brotherhood, regardless of race, creed or religious denomination." The Rev. Henry Van Dyke of New York, and Bar Harbor, long was the society's active president and even now acts in an honorary capacity.

The watery parish extends from the St. Croix river on the east to the Kennebec river on the west.

A Boat Serves
The Sunbeam is the ultimate means of all the mission's accomplishments. It is 80 feet long, powered by a Diesel engine, and has a cruising radius of 750 miles.

"She gives a tow to the fisherman whose engine is stalled," said the Rev. Guptill. "She transports the sick to medical hospitals. She carries the dead to their last resting place. She responds to distress signals from any point and brings relief. She carries hundreds of people to conferences, and transports doctors and nurses in any wind or weather if navigation is humanly possible.

"No wonder the coast folk call the Sunbeam 'God's Yacht!'"

She is the fifth and largest craft to be built for the mission, and on her the pastor and his staff spend most of their time. There are state-rooms with running water and a comfortable salon with chairs and tables, books and charts for meetings held on board.

In the after cabin is a small operating room. Surgeons have performed numerous emergency operations in those surroundings, and countless minor mishaps have been cared for there by the registered nurses who accompany the boat.

Ready to Bring Cheer
Tons of necessities, as well as toys and useful gifts, are ready now for loading on the Sunbeam and Kris Kringle of the Coast is busy checking and re-checking his lists to be sure that no one has been forgotten.

When winter seas rage, northeast-

Alonzo Sends King Christmas Card

LONDON, Dec. 24. (UP)—Alonzo sent his buddy, King George V of England, a Christmas card this year. He has done it every year for a long time now, and he doesn't intend to forget it this Christmas.

So on the King's plate at breakfast tomorrow will be a nice card with plenty of snow, and holly, and angels, that has come all the way from one Alonzo Saunders, negro squatter, of San Salvador, in the Bahamas.

Alonzo is descended from slaves, has never seen the King, has never been in England, and lives an isolated life on his coral island.

Alonzo holds most of his property by squatter's rights. His land would have been a complete square, if a 20-acre triangle of fertile Crown land had not broken its symmetry. Alonzo worked hard for years to accumulate money to buy this Crown property. Twenty pounds was the price, and 20 pounds Alonzo carefully saved.

But when Alonzo went to the government surveyor-general's office in Nassau he found that a land boom had forced up the price to 40 pounds. Alonzo didn't understand. "Who dis land belong to?" he demanded.

The officials told him it belonged to the king. "Very well," said Alonzo. "I will write and complain to King George." Months passed. Alonzo disappeared into his one-man paradise. One day the Bahama governor received an important communication from England. It "suggested" that Alonzo Saunders be allowed to purchase that piece of land at the pre-boom price.

"I tell the schoolmaster what to say to King George and de King he see me right. Ha! Ha! I send de King a Christmas card," Alonzo told officials.

And Alonzo always does.

ers howl, harbors freeze and the mercury falls below the zero mark navigating the Sunbeam along the treacherous coast is a brave man's job. At the same time, however, it's a pleasure jaunt to the salty Santa who brings Christmas each year to the isolated and forgotten.

HANGAR SPACES HIKED

McALLEN, Tex. (UP)—Oil activity in Starr and Hidalgo counties has caused hangar space to be doubled at the McAllen-Hidalgo airport because many of the visiting oil men have resorted to aerial transportation.

A new hangar, 56 feet by 80 feet is under construction and will be ready for use within a short time. A hangar of similar size has been in use at the airport for the past 18 months. It can accommodate one tri-motor ship or four smaller planes.

An underground gasoline pump system for refueling ships on the runway aprons in front of the hangars has been completed. A large storage tank has been installed and gasoline, oil and other supplies are now available at the airport. The field is equipped with 1,500-foot hard-surfaced runways.

JUST BAIT

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Lee Youngblood has the following fish story to tell: Recently, while fishing off Egmont Key, Lee hooked a 10-pound grouper. He hurriedly reeled in the fish and got it to the top of the water alongside his boat. Just as he was about to land it, a huge jewfish broke water, gulped the grouper Lee had caught, broke the rod, reel and line, and made away with Lee's fish.

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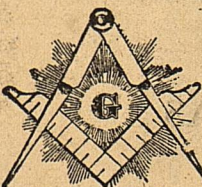
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Swiss to Skii On Christmas Day

GENEVA, Dec. 24. (UP)—Heavy snowfalls, especially on the mountain slopes, made it possible for Switzerland to celebrate Christmas as usual in spite of the economic depression.

With the steady development of winter sports and especially of skiing Christmas has become largely a day of winter sports here.

Santa Claus, or rather Pere Chand, as he is known here, if he were rigged out up-to-date, would be equipped with a pair of skis instead of reindeer's and bells.

Virtually everyone in Switzerland is now equipped for skiing, and all that is necessary is a winter holiday like Christmas to see a goodly

portion enjoying the sport. The wealthier population have their automobiles especially equipped for carrying skis and the other necessary paraphernalia.

For those who do not have automobiles, the government provides special Christmas trains and reduced rates to the snowfields, so that from the earliest hours there is a steady flow towards the mountain sides.

While for Christmas eve there is the usual Christmas tree and shoes under the mantlepiece, the real celebration comes on Christmas day itself on the snow fields.

Following the installation of a waterworks system, Vaga, in the Texas Panhandle, is planning a beautification program of planting trees, shrubbery and flowers.

CARNERA? POOH!

BERLIN.—The man-mountain of the prize ring, Carnera, would look like one of Singer's midgets alongside a new boxer found at Chemnitz. The fighter is an 18-year-old boy who promises to be a big fellow when he grows up. He is Karl Zehe, 8 feet 2 inches in his stockings, and weight 315 pounds. At present he is an amateur but hopes to enter professional ranks soon.

BOSS OF COPS CAUGHT

DETROIT. (UP)—When Police Commissioner James K. Watkins returned to the street after visiting a hotel, his automobile, a small sedan, had disappeared. The commissioner reported the "theft" to find his car had been towed to the police auto pound for violation of parking regulations. He paid the customary fee of \$3 for his auto.

A new postoffice building is under construction at McCamey.

A modern lime kiln is to be built at Big Spring.

GREETINGS OF SINCERITY



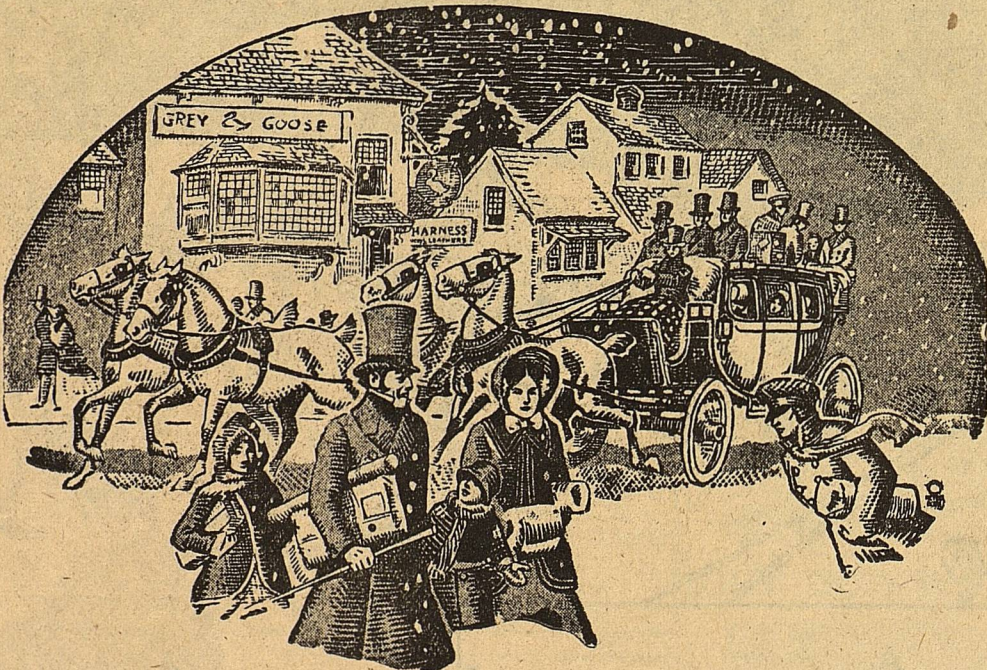
FRIENDS, we greet you this Christmas Day with wishes for your everlasting Health and Happiness

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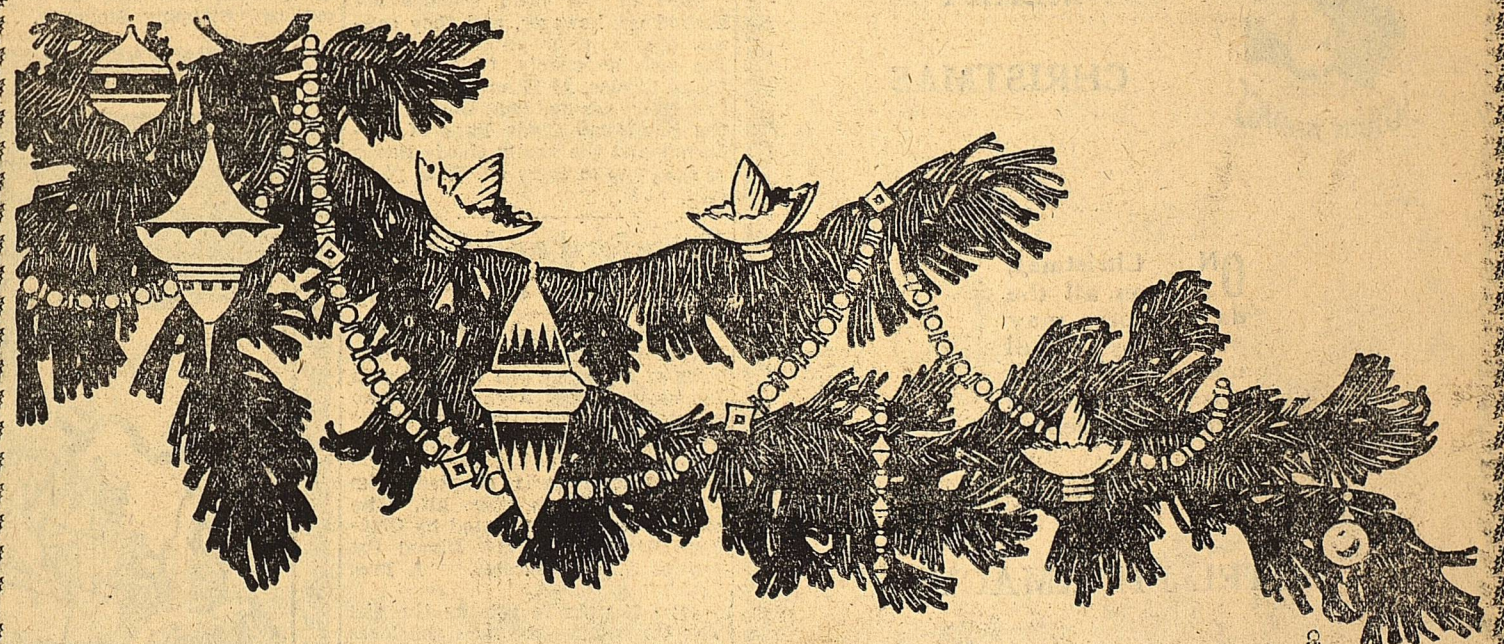
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Holiday Greetings

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for Happiness and Prosperity for the coming Year. We appreciate your patronage during 1931 and hope to have your continued support through 1932.

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Other Sport Scribes

Editor's Note: The "Chatter" of the McCamey sports writer lays some serious charges to various other scribes of the district, and to a few coaches. While we suspect Bill Collins of being more than half way right about his convictions, we must disclaim any desire to be included in his matrimonial bureau. In fact, as we recall, he had more girls than a dozen hanging around him while he was at the Midland-McCamey game.

By BILL COLLINS. After having visited with and read their columns during the past season, we have come to the conclusion that practically every sport scribbler in the district is troubled with the age-old malady, "GIRL-ITIS," and most of them go into a tailspin every time they cast their eyes on one of the more beautiful of the feminine species. Blondy Cross of San Angelo devoted practically his entire sport column last Saturday to the beautiful girls he saw at the Abilene-Sweetwater game. He just couldn't say enough about them. They seemed to have impressed him much more than usual. Mark Williamson, Big Spring editor, whom some of the boys tell us is the most sought after male in Howard county, is probably the worst of all. When the Badgers played in Big Spring we were sitting in the press box with Mark, trying to secure an adequate account of the game and he interrupted us so often with questions about the good-looking McCamey pep squad leader, and other girls in attendance at the game that we finally gave up and copied most of the game from the story written by another reporter in attendance (a married man, by the way). Mark was so interested in the young ladies that he couldn't even see the massacre. Hankins of Midland is about as bad about the ladies also. Hankins devoted more space to the good-looking girls of McCamey than he did to the entire football game in the first issue of the Midland sheet after the Badger-Bulldog scrap on Armistice day. Millard Cope of Sweetwater became so absorbed in the sweet young things over San Angelo way that he has given up all other girls, and is to be married within the next two weeks. We do not know the Colorado scribe, so we will make no comment about him. So you see, most of the boys are in a bad way. It seems that yours truly is the only sports writer in this district who does not lose his head and go completely wild every time a good-looking girl obstructs his view. Confidentially, we are just a quiet sort of a personage anyway.

With the exception of Millard Cope, all of the district 4 writers are single, and all seem to be satisfied with the possible exception of the Midland scribe.

Most of the head coaches are hooked up, however, and they cannot display their enthusiasm over the girls so openly. Obie Bristow, Harry Taylor, Al Hennig and Sherlock Barry are married; leaving only the handsome Clyde Park of McCamey and the manly Hardy Pierce of Colorado to carry on. Good pickings, girls.

Crawford and Gable At Ritz on Friday

The romantic team of Joan Crawford and Clark Gable in a dramatic story of a factory girl who becomes the toast of Park Avenue makes an engrossing talkie of "Possessed," which comes to the Ritz theatre on Friday only.

The picture was adapted from the Edgar Selwyn stage hit, "The Mirage," and was directed by Clarence Brown, who last filmed the Norma Shearer success, "A Free Soul."

Miss Crawford's role as the girl who turns down the man she loves in order to leave him, free to become governor of his state, gives her every opportunity for a display of her dramatic prowess.

Her transformation from a plain factory worker to a member of the leisure class entails sixteen costume changes. The story also entails a number of spectacular scenic backgrounds.

The star sings a new song in this picture, "How Long Will It Last?" which title in itself gives away much of the plot.

Gable is seen as the candidate for governor. Wallace Ford, popular New York stage leading man, makes his screen debut in this picture as Gable's rival for the affections of the heroine. The supporting cast also includes the amusing Skeets Gallagher, Frank Conroy, Marjorie White, John Miljan and Clara Blandick.



BEST WISHES for a MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the Day find you surrounded by those you love and those who love you. For this will your Christmas be merriest.

LLANO BARBER and BEAUTY SHOP

Exit Fred Stone? Much Doubt Felt

By GILBERT SWAN, NEA Service Writer

NEW YORK.—The magic oil of Oz, which changed a "tin-woodman" and a "scarecrow" into creatures of eccentric and elastic animation, loses its potency when a clown reaches the age of 60.

Fred Stone, trouping the country again, said the other day that he was beginning to find this out. And so he is going to bow to Time. When his present show, "Smiling Faces," ends its run, he will end his run, too, he said.

But Broadway, accustomed to viewing Stone as something of a miracle man, is disinclined to believe it. The show-folk associated with the veteran recall how, not so long ago, he somehow extricated himself from plaster casts and bandages and came tumbling and somersaulting from a property airplane for a new comedy entrance.

And yet, less sentimental gentlemen of the theatre point out his show was a failure. True, his mob of loyal fans trooped to their seats and applauded and shed a tear for old times sake. But another generation had come along. It was said that his show was too old-fashioned; that there wasn't enough spice and paprika.

Stone shook his head in wonderment. "I'll play clean shows as long as I live. I'll never appear in any other," he said flatly.

And yet, when "Smiling Faces" opened in Connecticut, it seemed that Stone had definitely compromised his old stand.

"There are more bare legs, more cooch dancing and more broad-humored lines than ever before crapt into a Stone show," read one review.

So Broadway asks itself: What is behind Fred Stone's threat of retirement? Certainly, from road reports, it isn't a fear of another flop. For towns thus far played have "packed 'em in."

But Stone talks of being weary and ready to quit.

"I'll believe it when I see him carried off the stage!" said one intimate.

So Broadway wonders, sits back and waits to see what will happen pondering legends that go back to the year 1886 when a lad got his first clown job with the old Sells-Renfrew circus. Then the first stage job of "Topsy" in a traveling "Uncle Tom" shows. Then the accidental meeting with Dave Montgomery, 36 years ago and the beginning of one of the greatest stage partnerships.

Sudden great success with "The Wizard of Oz," followed by "The Red Mill" and the death of Montgomery a dozen years ago. The discovery that he had a growing family of talented kids and the stepping out of "Stepping Stones" . . . an

accident that threatened death and later seemed to promise only a life in a cripple's chair . . . a miraculous comeback . . . And what next? asks Broadway, which loves a sentimental exit quite as much as a sensational entrance.

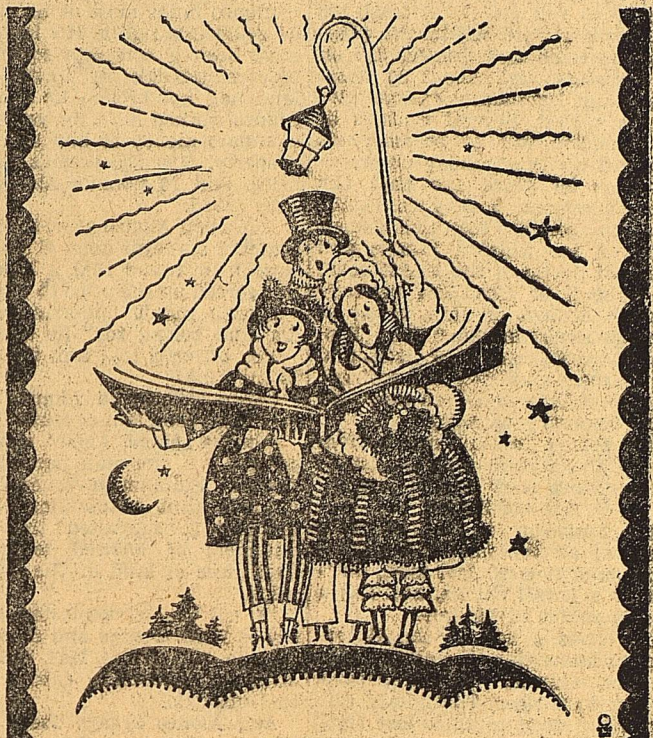
DICTIONARY BLAMED

MARTINEZ, Calif. (UP)—Because a juror assertedly consulted a dictionary instead of the court for a definition of gross negligence while deliberating on a \$10,500 damage suit, attorneys for Mrs. Anna Baker, defendant, are seeking a retrial of the case.

TAUGHT HERSELF

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—A case of the teacher being taught appeared before Judge I. M. Anderson. The teacher was a woman who, according to her testimony, decided to get drunk in order to teach her husband a lesson. "I thought if he could see me drunk he wouldn't drink any more," she explained. She succeeded in getting drunk, but the result was that she and friend hubby had a fight. The uproar brought police and caused her arrest. She learned the lesson instead of the husband.

Lubbock is seeking a federal rating for its municipal airport.



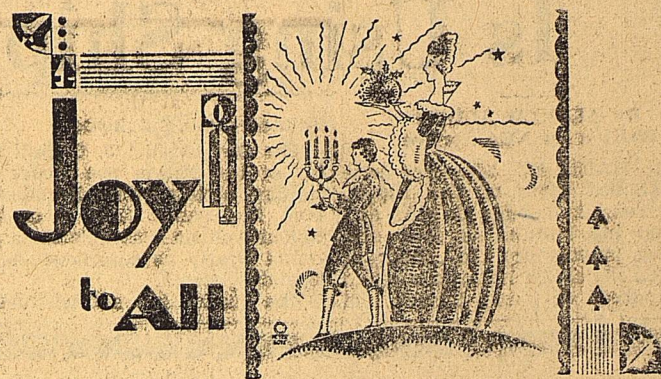
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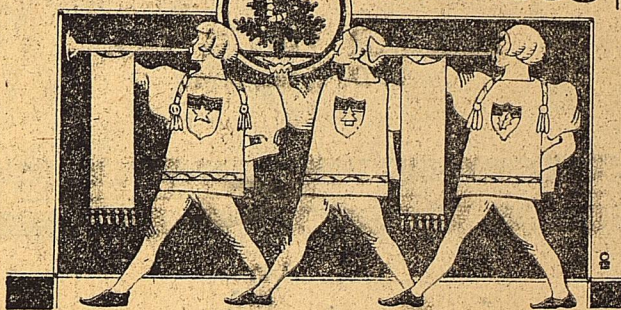


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PRISONER VS. PRISONER

SEATTLE, Wash.—Attendants at a garage here had E. W. Nelson arrested because he was sleeping in a parked car. James F. Smart, was asked to testify against Nelson. Came the trial. The court was notified that Smart, too, was in jail. He had been arrested on a charge of drunkenness. He was called to the witness stand, however, and testified against Nelson. The latter was told to leave town.

PICKERS ORGANIZE

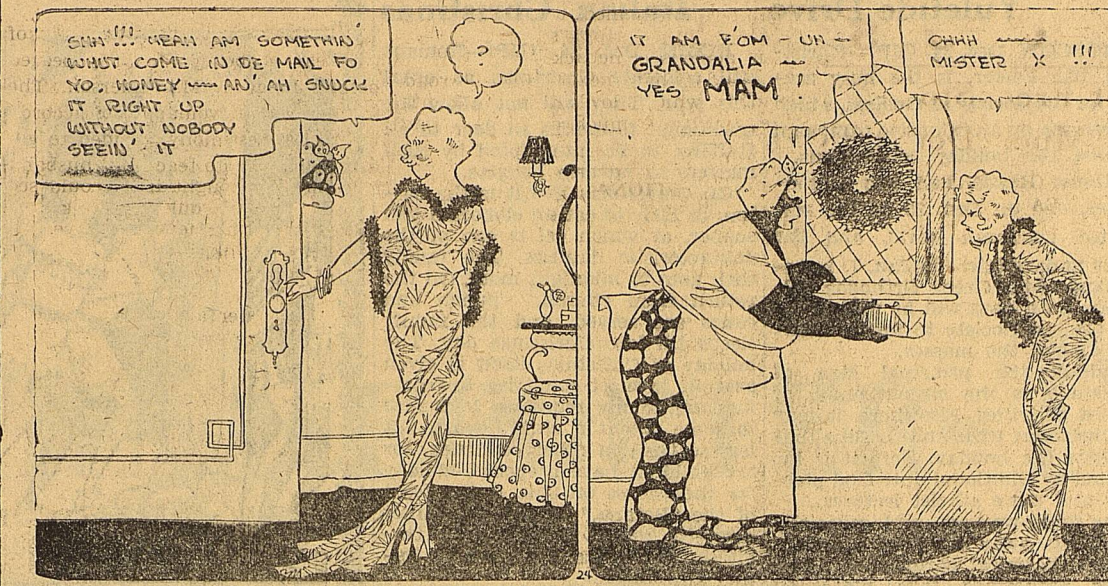
MONETT, Mo., Dec. 23. (UP)—Even the berry pickers have organized. At a meeting here recently, more than 200 growers and pickers assembled to talk over problems that will confront the producers next year, when they begin to harvest the berry crop. More than \$4,000,000 is brought into Missouri every year from the sale of berries.



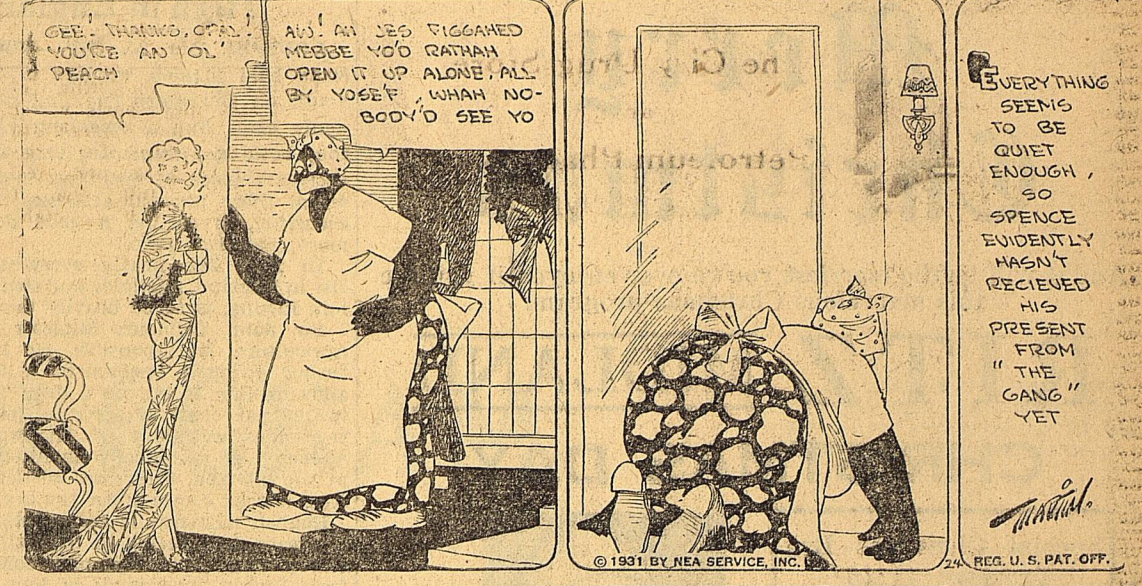
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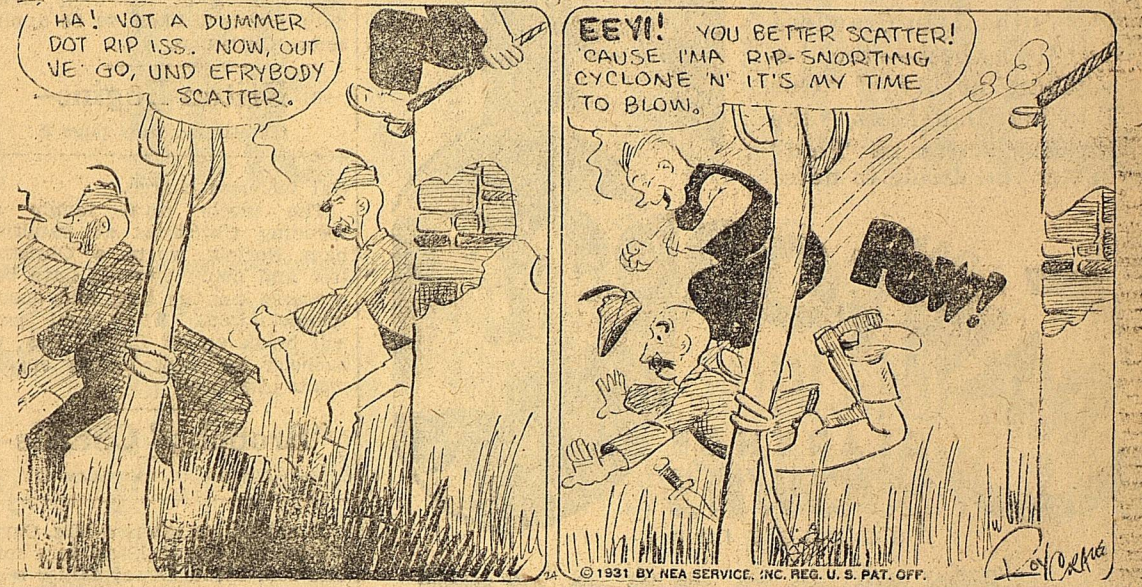
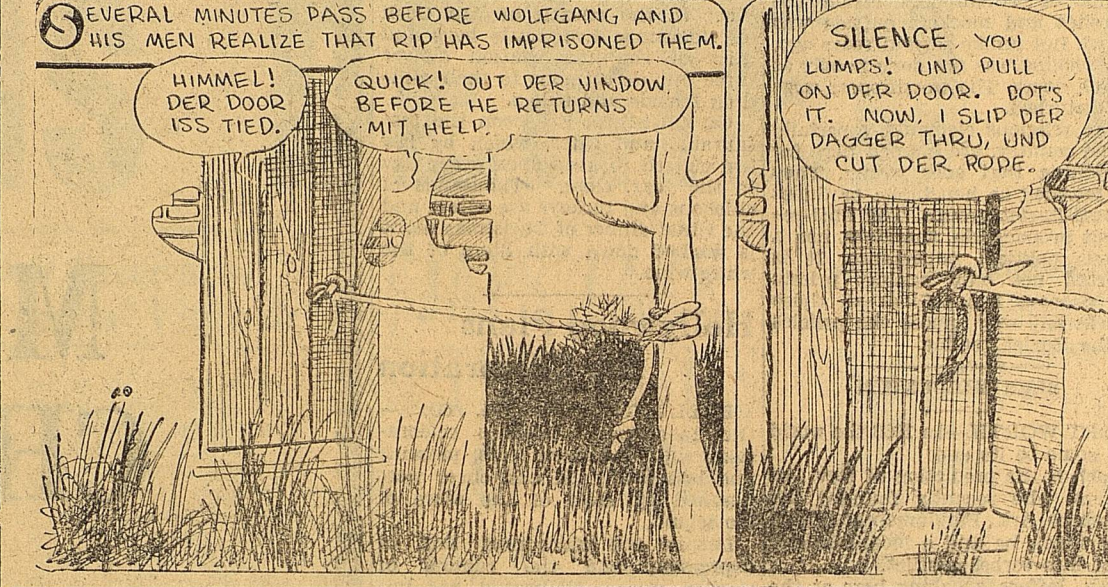
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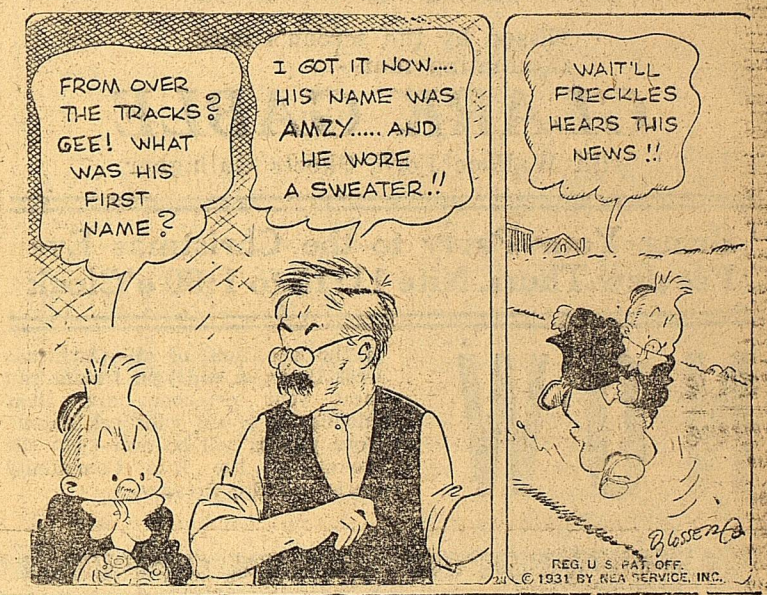
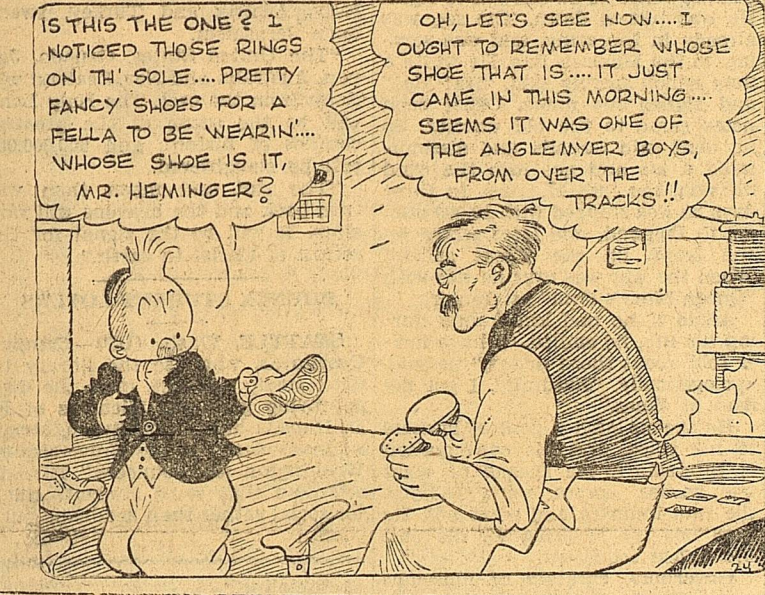
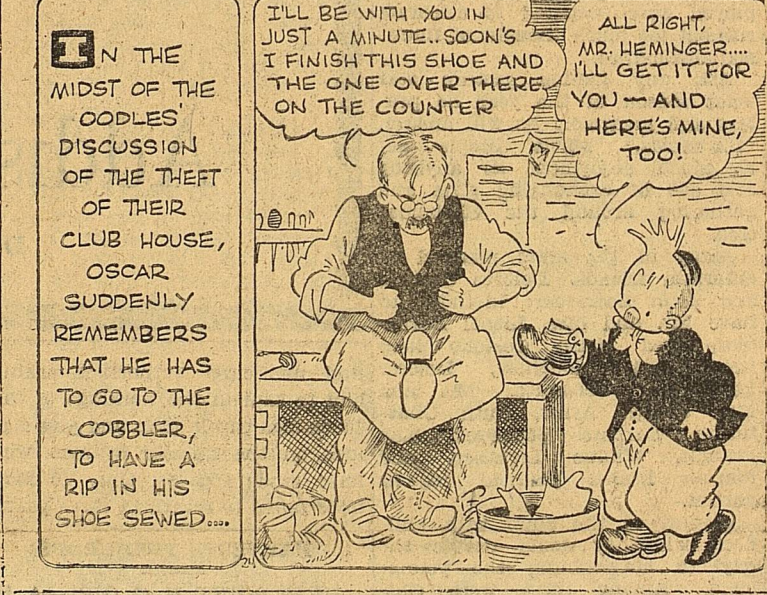
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By Crane

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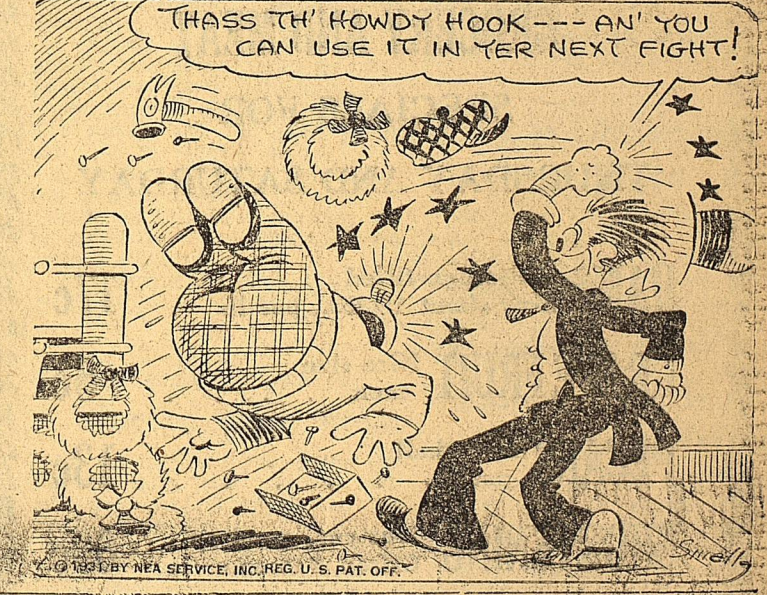
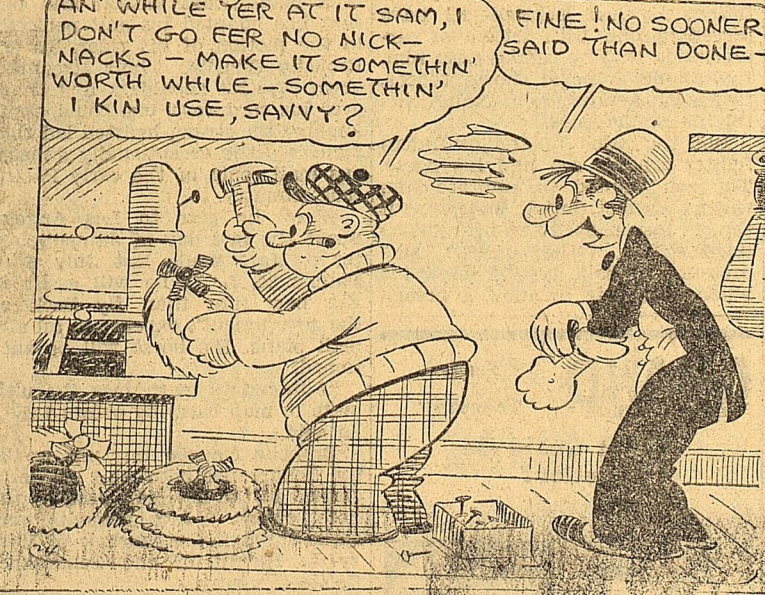
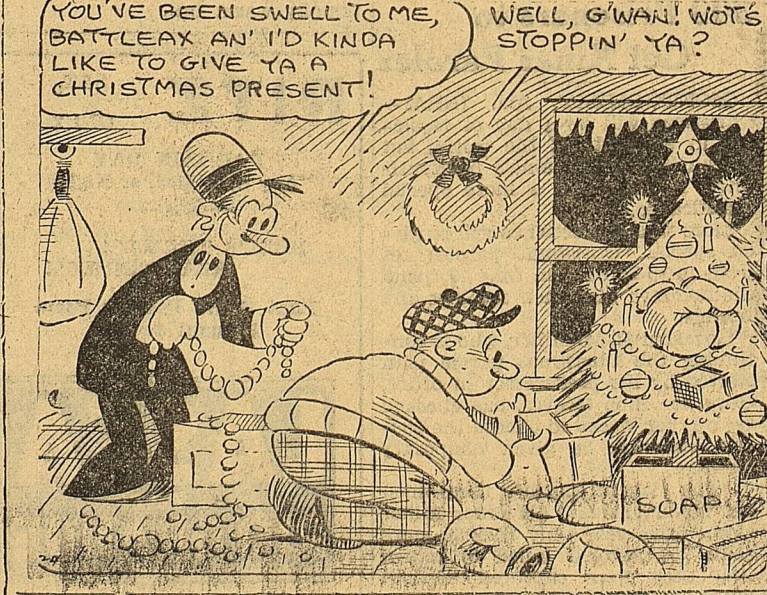
"Sherlock Holmes"!



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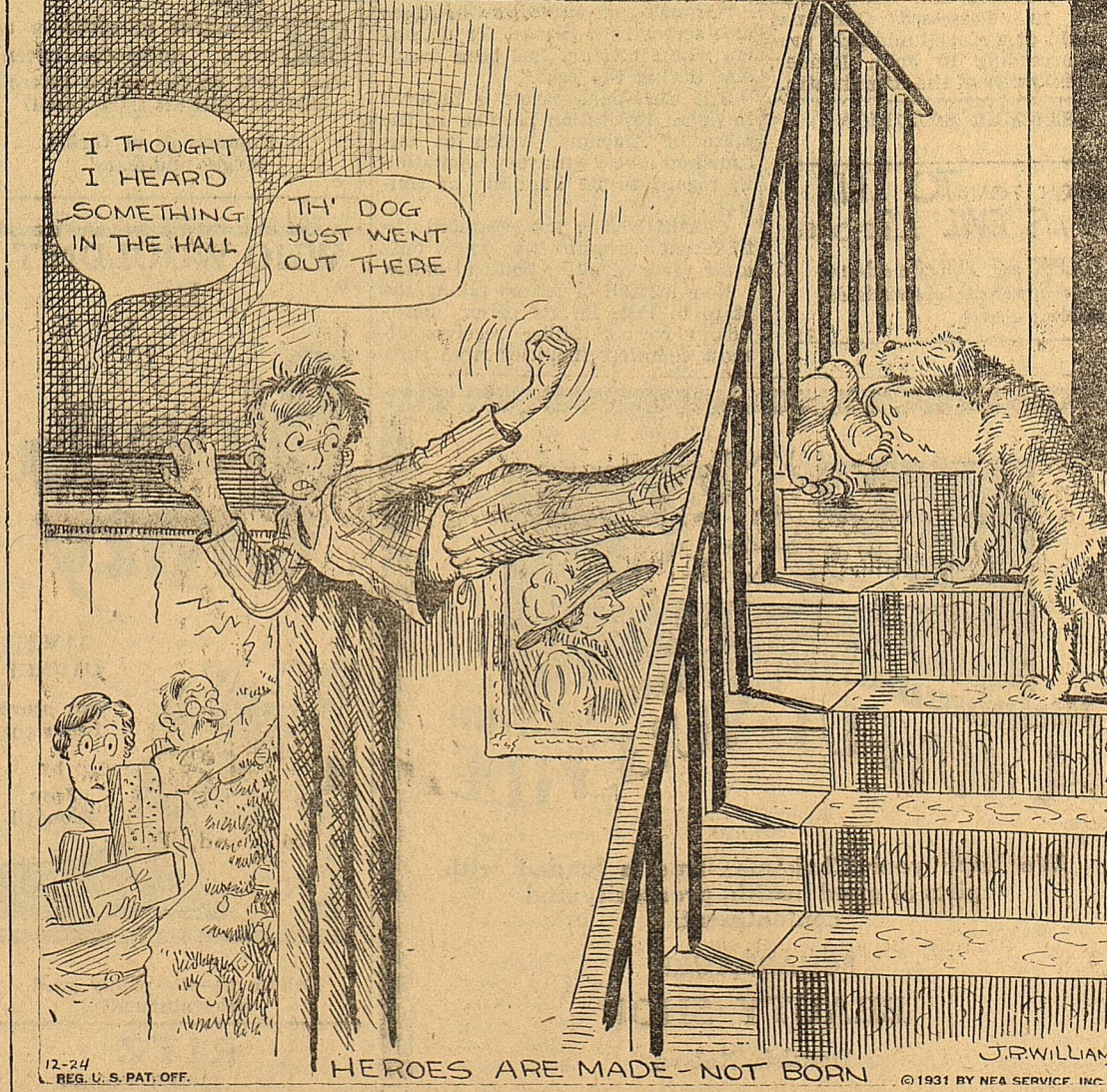
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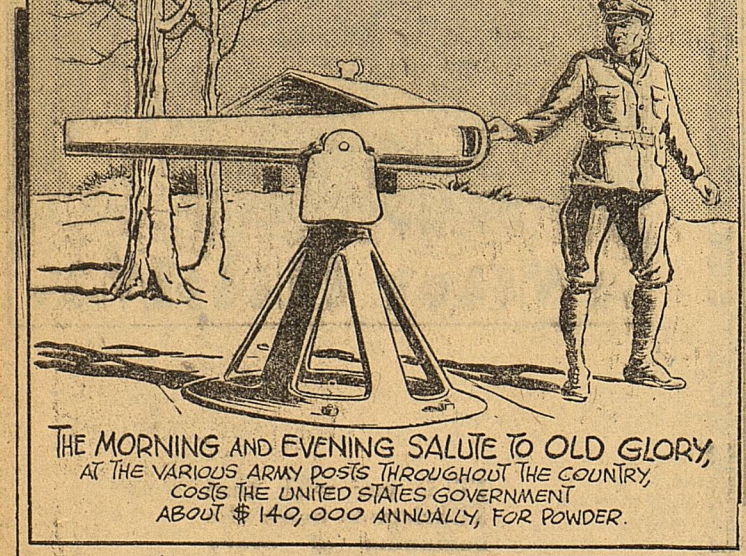


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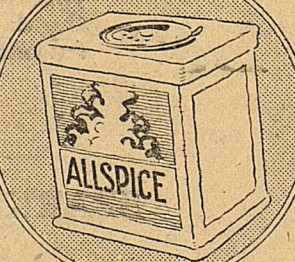
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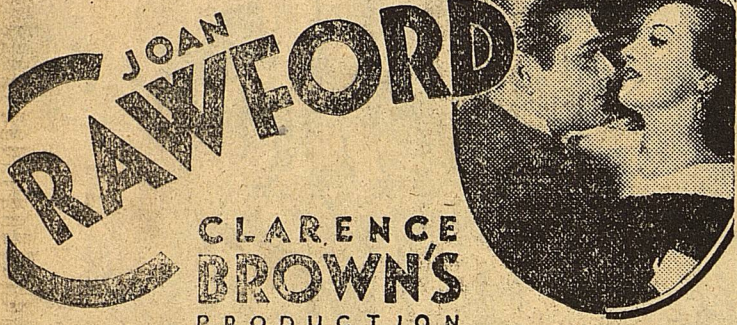
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Special Christmas Eve Preview 11:15 Tonight

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A. W. Stanley, Proprietor

Holiday Kisses High in England

LONDON, Dec. 24. (UP)—When some bold maiden waylays a shy youth on Christmas day and suddenly gives him a smacking kiss, they both may remember that the necessary piece of mistletoe, under which these unusual activities are occurring, is costing a good deal more than last year.

In fact, like nearly everything else in England, mistletoe and therefore kissing, is to be heavily taxed. Sir John Gilmour, Minister of Agriculture, is responsible. He has rushed through Parliament a bill allowing him to impose a duty "up to 100 per cent" on foreign fruit, vegetables and flowers. The word "foliage" is specifically mentioned in the bill and, therefore, mistletoe from abroad comes under the tax.

English mistletoe is comparatively scarce, and seems to be getting scarcer each year. Most of it comes from France. Thousands of tons of French mistletoe are normally sent over. Most of it will not be sent this year because of the high import duty, which is likely to be applied before Christmas.

Briton Begins--

(Continued from page 1)

cial inclusive charge. The whole royal family are spending Christmas at Sandringham, Norfolk, where a Christmas tree and many presents have been prepared for the king and queen's grandchildren. The royal party will break up on Boxing Day, the bachelor members having engagements elsewhere.

"Broncho" Charlie--

(Continued from page 1)

The old rider married Mrs. Carrie Potter, and two children were born. The son, Lieut. Dewey Miller served as an officer in the 27th division A. E. F.

When the war broke out, Broncho Charlie asked to be allowed to fight. He was turned down. The son was already in the army, and was serving on the Mexican line. He wrote a note which merely said, "Hal Ha!" and signed his name. Other such notes came to the old warrior. So he went into Canada and dissimulated a bit and got into the 42nd division, the 18th Kuzzars. In three days he was shipped with 20,000 others to England, and later served on the front, on the Ypres salient. When the war was over he was with "Queen Mary's Own" at Dunkirk.

Asked if he had killed men during his life, he smiled. "I have never told about those things," he said, apologetically. "Naturally, I got my man at times."

He speaks with a genteel loquacity in his voice, and his conversation is interesting. He speaks of what one wishes, horses, wars, Indians, the film industry and what not. He does not try to bring up his own life unless requested.

Governors, curators of museums and institutes to whom he has presented wood carving work of remarkable execution and originality, university heads at whose institutions he has lectured—all have presented him with letters of appreciation that he carries with him. Invitations to horse shows, rodeos, race meets and other entertainments fill his saddle bags.

But the pride of the ex-Indian fighter are his son and his horse. The son wanted to embrace him when they met during the war, but the old man shoved him off and saluted stiffly. "Other officers were present," he said, "and I know too much army life to allow a breach

GRAND Today Tomorrow

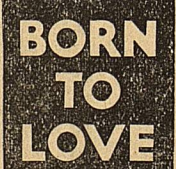
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"DIRIGIBLE"

To crash its way into every heart

Atheists Hold Yuletide Drive

MOSCOW, Dec. 24. (UP)—Christmas, like Easter, is the busy season for the Society of Godless, which is carrying on an intensive campaign against the holiday celebrations.

Atheist Russia had two Christmases, one on Dec. 25 as the rest of the Christian world, and the other 13 days later, on Jan. 7, in accordance with Greek Orthodox calendar. Both days will be utilized by the Godless Society to fortify atheism among the masses.

Indeed, the principal sign of Christmas is the strengthening of atheist activities. Elsewhere, it may be Christmas trees and the like that indicate the holiday. Here it is indicated by additional anti-God placards and more atheist lectures.

To draw workers, and especially the youth, away from the churches, special theatrical performances and other gatherings take place on Christmas Eve.

As usual, the annual Russian drama of worshippers inside the churches and mockers outside was staged. But unlike several years ago the mocking was not done noisily at church doors. The worshippers were not disturbed.

The religious elements, especially in the country, are blamed here for everything that goes wrong. They are branded as henchmen or dupes of anti-Soviet groups. The anti-religious propaganda, therefore, has a serious political importance. It is directed not only against priests and deacons but against all those who in any way oppose the policies of the Soviet regime.

SEES MILLENIUM

FORT WORTH.—In 1933 the world will come to its end! Such is the prediction of Rev. Joe Jeffers, who recently founded the Jonesboro, Ark., Fundamental church over which he and a local minister came into verbal conflict.

Rev. Jeffers, speaking here at the First Baptist church, said: "It's all in the Bible. Russia will crush Germany; then, allied with Italy, Austria and Turkey, sweep upon Jerusalem."

"The United States, Canada, Japan, Australia and New Zealand will move from the east. The Holy Land will be the scene of the greatest conflict of history, and 600,000,000 will be slaughtered. "The sun and moon then will turn back and the heavens will rain stars. It will be the signal for the return of Christ to earth."

BOUNCE STUDENT LOVERS

SEATTLE, Wash. (UP)—Campus Casanovas, who use the library to date, gossip and pet, meet the disapproving gaze and silencers of F. D. Rhoads and Ervin Byrne, termed by students at the University of Washington as "bouncers." Rhoads admitted that some students come for social rather than academic purposes.

of discipline." The horse is called Pole Star and is five years old. Almost 16 hands high and weighing 1150 pounds, he is a magnificent animal and one that has adapted his gait perfectly to the motion of his rider. To see Broncho Charlie, hair streaming down over his shoulders, and chaps over his corduroys, one could easily imagine the strong-hearted lad that pioneered the exceptionally dangerous mail route of the early Pacific coast country.

When he gets to Los Angeles about the last day of January, after a start made last July 6 at Patchouge, L. I. he will assist in the new film then fly back at the government's expense in an airplane. His horse will be auctioned.

"I intend to experience the ultimate in mail carrying before I die," he said. Broncho Charlie was put up by the Scharbauer hotel and his horse carried to the big barn used by the hotel owner. Arrangements were made through the courtesy of Harry L. Haight, of the Scharbauer Cattle company.

PREVIEW SHOWING

Joan Crawford and Clark Gable appear in "Possessed" Christmas Eve night at a special midnight preview, according to John Eomer, manager-owner of the Ritz theatre.

STICKER SOLUTION

GENERAL TOMATO LED ON HIS EVIL LEGIONS.

TOLEDO and SEVILLE are the two names of Spanish cities that were hidden in the above sentence.

Festive Board for Italian Christmas

ROME, Dec. 24. (UP)—Romans will celebrate Christmas as usual this year. They will not allow the traditional festivities so dear to all Italians, to be interrupted by such matters as adverse budgets.

On Christmas Eve it is the custom in Italy to eat an elaborate fish supper, at which eat is one of the characteristic dainties. The family then goes to midnight mass. On the return from church, punch and cakes are served, and the family sleeps till late Christmas day. The holiday of Christmas itself is given over, as in most countries, to feasting and family reunions. It is also to some extent a child's feast, but less so than in other countries, for the children have a special holiday for themselves on Jan. 6, the feast of the "Befana," an old, pleasantly disposed witch, according to tradition, who takes the place of Father Christmas.

One of the most charming ceremonies of a Rome Christmas is the Children's Sermon, which takes place in the church of Ara Coeli on Christmas Eve. Little boys and girls of the congregation deliver three minute sermons to their children friends and elders.

On Christmas Eve even the restaurants and cafes, which by law are obliged to keep open every day in the year, close. Thousands of chickens and turkeys are eaten, and the ritual dinner of Christmas night is washed down with liters of the white wine.

Hollywood Plans Big Celebration

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 24. (UP)—Old fashioned Christmas celebrations with decorated trees, presents and beautiful food and cheer were planned by most of the stars of movieland.

Despite the widespread talk of depression and the rumors of slashed wages, Hollywood has noticed little if any let up in motion picture production activities, and most of the people regularly employed were prepared to celebrate without too much thought of financial difficulties.

Ask any motion picture star what season of the year he prefers and invariably he will answer, "Christmas." Movie people get as much enjoyment as anybody else out of exchanging gifts and gathering around the Christmas tree.

Many of the stars planned to entertain friends. Dolores Costello and Joan Barrymore intended to have Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Barrymore and Helen Costello help their little daughter, Dolores Ethel Mae, celebrate. Mr. and Mrs. George Arliss, Ruth Chatterton, Barbara Stanwyck, Kay Francis, Winnie Lightner, and Marian Marsh planned regular parties.

Several of the stars with children said they would devote the day to entertaining the youngsters. Among these were Chic Sale, Richard Barthelmess and Joe E. Brown.

300 Prisoners to Get Xmas Paroles

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (NEA)—Christmas will be a day of rejoicing in all parts of the world, but to convicts in Alabama's penitentiaries, it will have a more special significance.

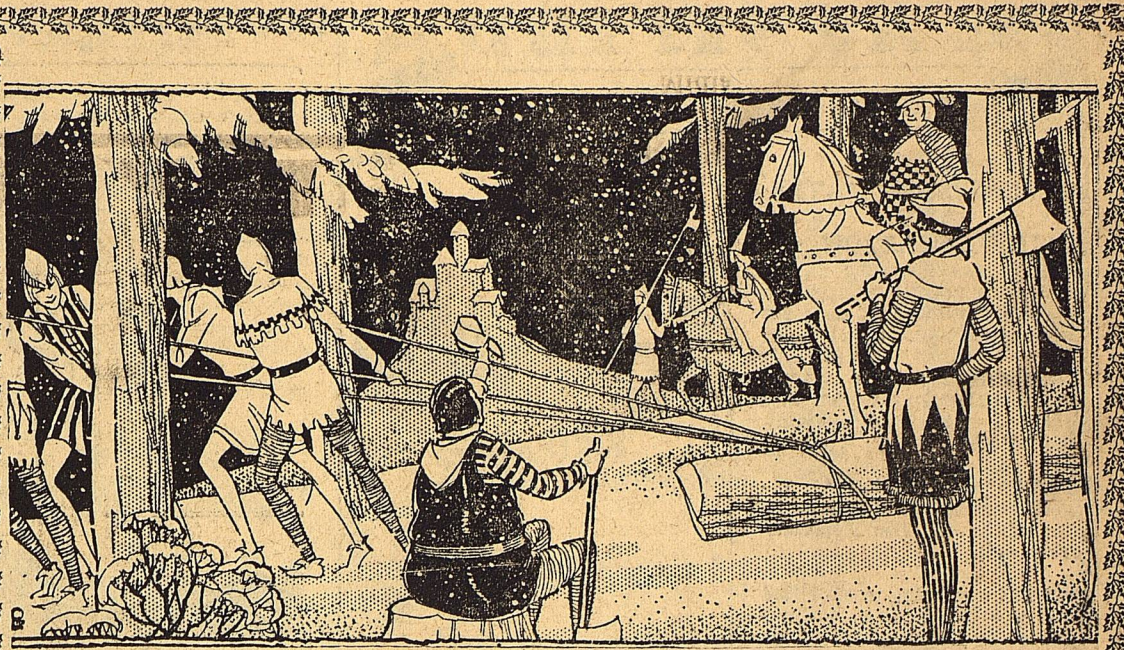
More than 300 convicts will be given special "Christmas paroles" of from 10 to 30 days in time to spend the holidays with their families and friends.

Governor B. M. Miller, who is continuing the Christmas parole plan started by his predecessor in office, Governor Bibb Graves, has checked records for weeks to choose the 300-odd who will be given temporary freedom.

"The risk of turning these men out is very small," Governor Miller says. "Last year only five of more than 300 paroled failed to return and they were captured without much trouble. Of course, we must select the prisoners to be given paroles and we feel little apprehension over whether they will return. "Granting of paroles at Christmas also serves as a reward for prisoners whose conduct has been excellent during the year."

The Christmas parole is believed to be an institution peculiar to the state of Alabama, which at one time had a very unsavory reputation in regard to its handling of convicts.

Convict leasing was practiced until recent years and was ended only after years of bitter political battle. Now instead of letters taking the state to task for its prison methods, Governor Miller receives almost countless inquiries from state



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and municipal authorities asking him to explain the workings of the Christmas parole plan and give figures on the number of men who have made escapes. Only 10 men have failed to return in three years.

HARVESTS TWO CROPS

HIGH POINT, N. C. (UP)—A. M. Vuncannon gathered a second crop of tomatoes and butter beans from his garden here, due to the exceptionally warm fall.

NOT A SHOT FIRED

COLUMBUS, Ind.—A shotgun opines Donald Foster, is useless when you have a good hunting dog along. Foster was after rabbits. His dog, ranging far ahead, was returning on the run. Suddenly a rabbit popped out of its hiding place

and jumped right into the patch of the dog. The hound crashed full into the bunny, and both fell to the ground. The rabbit died of a broken neck.

A railroad line was built recently from Loving, New Mexico, to the potash fields five miles distant.

RITZ

COMING SUN.

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THE ENTERTAINMENT TREAT OF THE SEASON

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WHO WOULDN'T BE

Blonde Crazy

JAMES CAGNEY can prove he's right by Joan Blondell

Believe us—it's plenty good entertainment!

RITZ LAST TIMES TODAY

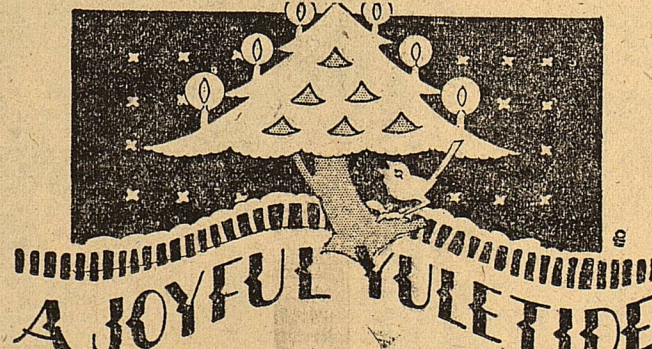


A MERRY CHRISTMAS

It is our wish that Christmas mark the beginning of every happiness for you and your dear ones. May the day be a delightful one.

SPARKS & BARRON

Midland, Texas



A JOYFUL YULETIDE

We hope your Christmas tree is loaded with gifts of good health, prosperity and contentment.

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BEAUTY SHOP

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