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WHY CHRISTMAS? THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN ASKED MANY TIMES DURING RECENT WEEKS.

To those who can see no good in the spiritual values of the day, it can be argued that as a shopping period there is nothing quite like Christmas.

But Christmas is not primarily a commercial period. It is too much so, of course, but it should not be so.

It were better that there be many Christmas—in the sense that thoughtfulness of others should not be confined to ten days or less per year.

PAMPA'S PARKING PROBLEM HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT LESS ACUTE. ALTHOUGH AS LONG AS TEN THOUSAND CARS ARE CONCENTRATED IN GRAY COUNTY THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN PARKING SPACE HERE IS SCARCE IN THE BUSINESS SECTION.

Double parking remains to be the difficulty of parking, one is prone to overlook momentary stopping of a car providing the driver remains at the wheel, but leaving a car unoccupied often prevents motorists at the curb from backing.

In this regard it seems a propos to mention that delivery trucks should stop in the middle of the street, instead of against parked cars as some of the drivers now do.



Well Christmas is over, and now many of us know why resolutions are reserved for New Year's day, soon to

follow. A person of our acquaintance, surveying a stack of handkerchiefs, remarked that it was hard to decide whether to take the lot as a compliment or a hint.

Among the little tragedies reported to us was that of the man who walked proudly out of a local drug store with a pint of prescription liquor, only to drop it on the sidewalk a moment later.

And in keeping with his building program, President Hoover can erect a new White House wing to replace the one that burned. He probably was discomfited aplenty by the need thereof, however.

A cuckoo clock merger has been effected in Germany. Which reminds us that kind of clock is a good sort of wedding present for a pair of cuckoo humans.

John Santa Fe never burns his bridges behind him, so that fire east of town will have to be charged to someone else.

"Try to forget" says a philosopher in talking of the modern tendency to "slight" acquaintances in the general rush of things.

We are greatly worried because the geese are eating up the crops along the Canadian river, but more worried because we cannot join the boys in the trenches at the "front".

Poison Liquor Is Blamed in Death of Baylor Student

HOMER, La., Dec. 26. (AP)—Glenn Grafton, 20, of Bernice, student of Baylor university, was found dead in an automobile 4 miles north of Homer today.

A coroner's investigation has been ordered to determine the cause of Grafton's death and Lindsey's illness. No marks of violence were found on the body of the dead youth.

The body of Grafton was taken to Haynesville undertaking establishment to be prepared for burial.

Young Grafton was a member of a prominent Union parish family. He was a brother of Hoye Grafton, Shreveport attorney.

After Lindsey had regained his composure in the hospital, he told Sheriff J. F. Kidder he and Grafton were returning from a dance when their automobile left the road.

E. B. Middleton, Clairborne parish coroner, expressed belief that Grafton had been drinking poison liquor and forwarded a sample of liquor found in the automobile to Shreveport for analysis.

Miss Frances McKenzie spent yesterday with relatives in Clarendon and Memphis.

BLAZE—

(Continued From Page 1) rested for disorderly conduct. Two of these who had driven their automobile over the hose in the street were taken to the police station by Officer Hamilton, but they escaped in their car before they could be placed in jail.

Chief Schneider said the fire was virtually extinguished by Firemen Warhurst, Latus and Comer. To drown the blaze in the partition between the barber shop and Gordon's store, Warhurst found it necessary to chop two holes in the wall.

Sound Gas Burning Chief... was said there is a possibility that the fire started in the toilet of the barber shop, but as firemen found the gas jet under the hot water heater burning when they reached the flaming wall, he believes that papers in a corner of the heater room may have become ignited.

There was no fire in the store until the water crashing off the flaming partition scattered sparks over the rear of the store. A rack of ladies' clothing in a rear corner of the store burned, while another rack just a few feet from the fire was not damaged.

Chief Downs rejected the idea that the fire started from faulty wiring in the attic above the cafe. He said that fire tended to burn up instead of down, and that the blaze must have started in the partition and made its way to the roof of the barber shop, then to the cafe.

The manager of the barber shop told officers this morning that he turned out the fire under the hot water heater before he left the shop yesterday afternoon. He did not know how the heater was lighted.

Five Men Are Killed in Airplane Crashes Sunday

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 26. (AP)—Struggle of a student flier and his instructor for the controls of an airplane was blamed today for the deaths of both.

Samuel Bartel, 35, army pilot during the world war, and W. B. Allen, Mountain Grove, Mo., were fatally injured when their dual control biplane fell near Cabool, Mo.

They took off after Bartel had been refused permission to take up passengers when citizens complained the pilot was intoxicated.

Witnesses said Bartel and Allen were seen struggling for the controls of the plane.

DUNN, N. C., Dec. 27. (AP)—Three men were killed when the airplane in which they were stung flying failed to complete a loop and fell here yesterday.

The victims were: Alton Stewart of Coats, N. C., owner and pilot of the plane, Worth Stephenson, student pilot, and Hugh Blaylock, passenger, both of Angier, N. C.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26. (AP)—Boxing's last entry in the ledger for 1929 will be written tomorrow night by Terre Haute's Bud Taylor, and Earl Mastro, Chicago Italian, over the 10-round route at the Chicago stadium.

Among the boys in the derbies, Mastro ruled favorite at 6 to 5.

Portland Police Face Big Mystery

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26. (AP)—Police today were working on one of the most baffling mysteries ever to confront them.

It seems that about \$1,900 worth of a first class, electrically operated still has disappeared from the heavily-guarded basement of police headquarters. Experts previously had valued the contraption confiscated recently, at \$2,000.

As the basement has only two exits—one through the headquarters lobby and the other through the police garage—mode of removal has stumped the department's best sleuths.

Moody Is Wanted in Dallas Court

DALLAS, Dec. 26. (AP)—Dan Moody was due here this afternoon to attend the opening performance of the spectacle "The Miracle," and waiting for him was a deputy sheriff with a summons to appear in district court here tomorrow.

The subpoena was issued in a suit styled Claude Westerfield vs. Clarence E. Pratt, but details of the suit could not be learned, although at the district clerk's office it was said to involve attorney's fees.

Moody was wanted as a witness for the defendant.

Oklahoma Farmer Kills School Boy

OKMULGEE, Okla., Dec. 26. (AP)—A murder charge was filed here today against J. C. Simpson of Turkey Pen hollow, near Henrietta, who Christmas day shot and killed 14-year-old Charles H. Williamson, Henrietta school boy.

Richard Williamson, university of Oklahoma student, hunting with his younger brother at the time of the shooting, said three shots were fired at them. The first two kicked up dust, he said, but the third struck Charles in the right, proving fatal within a minute.

Simpson asserted the boys were in his peanut patch and he fired to scare them. He declared that as he fired the third shot he stumbled and fell, disturbing his aim and causing the bullet to strike the boy instead of the ground near him.

Wants Chain Store Subject Submitted

AUSTIN, Dec. 26. (AP)—If Governor Moody will submit the subject to the special session, Representative Folk Hornaday of Harlingen will propose legislation regulating the chain store business in Texas, he said here today.

Hornaday's idea is to draw a bill along lines similar to the Robertson insurance law, requiring the chain stores operating in the state to invest a certain percentage of their net earnings in Texas securities or real estate.

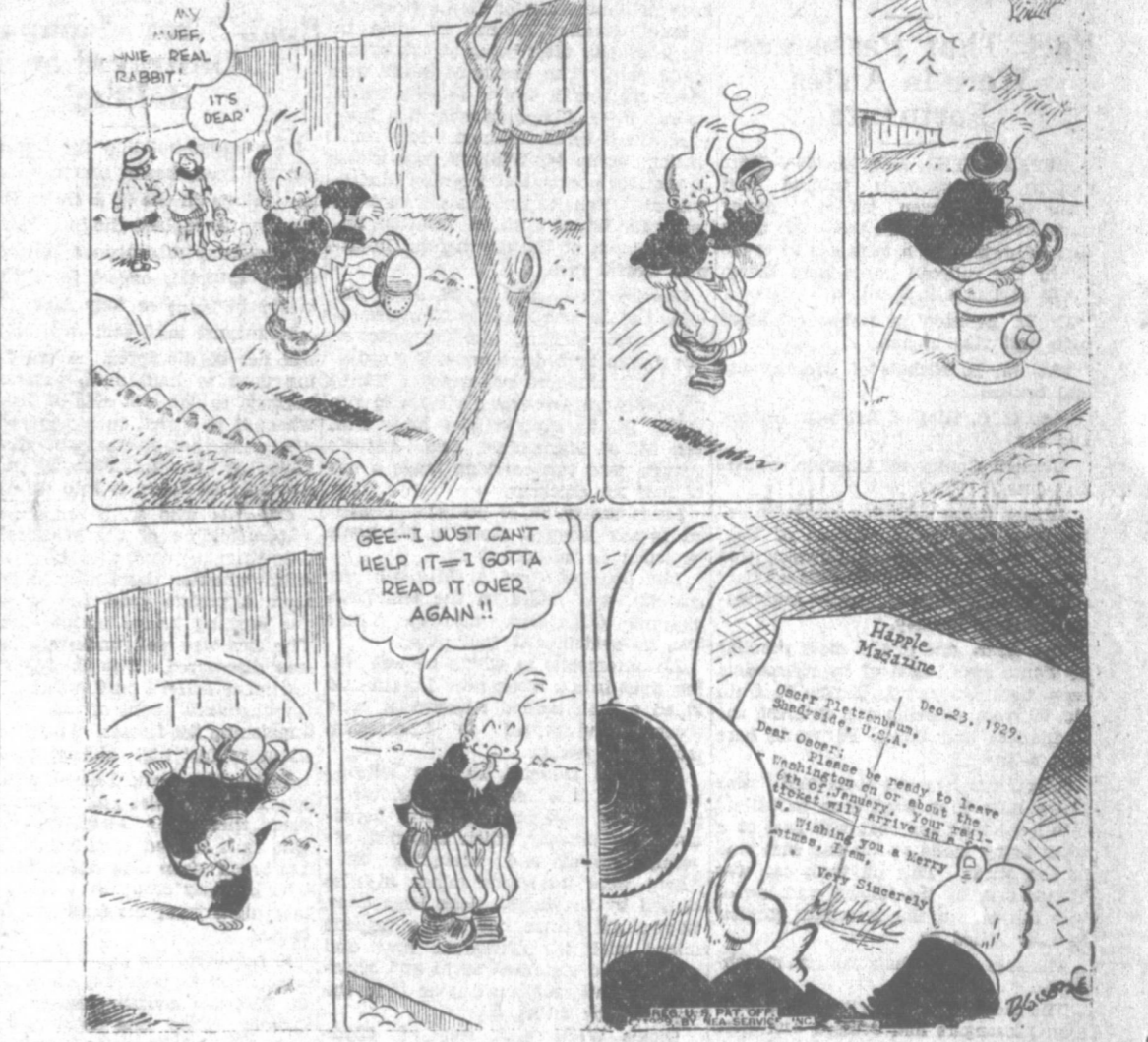
Mrs. C. W. Naylor has returned to her home, after undergoing an operation and spending several weeks in McKean and Connor hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Phillips and children, Jimmie, Jr., and Ruth Courtney, spent Christmas day in Amarillo at the home of Mrs. Warren's and Mr. Phillips' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Meyer.

OUT OUR WAY - - - - - By Williams



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS - - - - - By Blosser



MOM'N POP - - - - - By Cowan



