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Through the Editor's Spectacles

By GEORGE

The occasional remark which Mr. Roosevelt concerning the Dies committee investigation of American activities in this country is led to believe that Mr. Roosevelt approves of the Dies committee or its investigation. He evidently thinks the Dies investigation is as un-American as the fact that it is intended to investigate.

Mr. Roosevelt and all Americans are entitled to express their opinions and to express them when they please. The State scandal sheet, the Worker, communist in New York, is also entitled to publish what it deems short of treasonable. It would be a mistake to attempt to suppress it. Then, indeed, we become truly un-American, having violated the provision of our constitution which guarantees freedom of speech, press and religion.

There is that about the investigation, although it has elements of the theatrically much of its procedure is inspired by the sordidly political motives which make it truly a investigation of the sort never been conducted but deserving criticism of the sort. Most members investigating committees men and women with biases and preconceptions and these prejudices color the procedure for that matter, nearly every contest for the achieves its end, if it achieves it, by a clash of opposing prejudices. No one side has a monopoly.

A great deal of what the committee has uncovered may be pure piffle. The fact is that communism and its allied "isms" made startling inroads in this country. Its activities have been insidious, camouflaged under the name of American activities at the average citizen has little real knowledge of what has been going on.

The Dies committee may accomplish much in unearthing tangible, usable evidence of the seditious activities of anti-American "isms," but it is this: It is making average American do serious thinking on his state in connection with that is taking place in the right now, and it is to him appreciate more, as a result, what his heritage he enjoys as a citizen, a heritage which ingrates as Stalinwood Brown and other his communistic ilk replace with the sort of government that exists in this right now.

I say, let the Dies committee continue to probe in the dirt. We shall later find out what is used to adulterate the pap that is being as idealism these

S. Jenkins has returned a visit in Hereford, Lubbock, Amarillo.

French and No. 1 Fan A-hunting Go



Larry French, Chicago Cub southpaw, and his son, Larry, Jr., do not return empty handed from a quail hunt in the rugged hills of Santa Catalina Island.

Finns Claim Red Attack Is Repulsed

HELSINKI, Dec. 13 (AP)—Finnish troops and airplanes smashed a large scale Russian offensive Tuesday, a Finnish communique reported, wiping out "three enemy battalions" and leaving "hundreds of the fallen enemy lying before our positions."

"The Russians were repulsed with tremendous losses," in hard fighting on a 200-mile front from the Karelian isthmus to Tolvajarvi, about 75 miles north of Lake Ladoga, the Finns said.

At the same time, a report from the Finnish post of Mantyluoto said the 2,217-ton German freighter Bullheim had been sunk in the Gulf of Botnia by a submarine. Several of 29 survivors insisted the submarine was Russian although there was no positive identification.

BRECK TEAMS FIRST IN FFA CONTEST HERE

Teams of the Breckenridge FFA chapter won the contests in chapter conducting held yesterday afternoon at Cisco high school with five chapters participating. Breckenridge won first in both the first year and second year contests, Albany took second in the first year group and also second in the second year group, while Cisco was third in the second year group and Ranger third in the first year group.

Potatoes, Peanuts Apples Yield Quarter Million

BAIRD, Dec. 13 (Sp)—Gross proceeds from production of apples, sweet potatoes and peanuts is expected to reach almost a quarter million dollars in Callahan county this year, according to Ross Brison, county agent.

Apples made around 20,000 bushels, netting approximately \$20,000. John Perrin and Homer Shanks of Clyde produced about 4,000 bushels each and Frank Browning, near Baird, produced 4,000 bushels each.

The yam production is estimated at 180,000 bushels, which brought about 75 cents a bushel. The peanut yield is estimated near 120,000 bushels, selling at 90 cents, bringing in \$108,000. A by-product was another 120,000 bales of hay, which sold for 35 cents each.

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SCHOOL LUNCH FUND READY TO BE DISBURSED

Eastland County's Part of \$2,085,000 Aid Is Available

"Eastland county's portion of the \$2,085,000 federal appropriation matching state and local funds for free lunches to school children is now available and being used for warm lunches to the school children of the county," according to T. C. Williams, county school superintendent.

Mr. Williams has recently received official notice of the receipt and distribution of this federal appropriation to the various counties of the state. The official notice came from L. A. Woods, state superintendent.

Post Office to Remain Open Saturday p. m.

To accommodate Christmas mailers, the Cisco post office today announced that the parcel post and stamp windows at the office will remain open Saturday afternoon and that the money order window would be open until 3 o'clock.

Post Season Peaches on Carbon Farm

Hubbard Gilbert, deputy tax collector, was showing some post-season peaches, which were grown on his farm, east of Carbon. The fruit usually matures in October, but before the ripening period the long drought came, and the fruit failed to develop. But as the rains came later, the tree and its fruit revived, and soon the fruit developed to near its normal growth, and are now just getting ripe enough to eat, despite the fact that the fruit remained at a stand still for several weeks.

This is another evidence of this being a great fruit section, it was said. Some have, on rare occasions, produced a second crop from one tree, but this is the first case coming to notice where arrested development delayed the maturity and late moisture caused the fruit to revive and take on a second development, and then produced edible fruit two months after its regular date of maturity. The flavor of the specimen shown was quite palatable, and the fruit was firm and juicy.

County Committeemen to Be Elected

An election will be held Monday, December 18, at Eastland, Carbon, Gorman, Cisco and Rising Star for the purpose of electing from each community three AAA community committeemen and two alternates to serve for the year of 1940. It was announced. There will also be elected a delegate to the Eastland county convention, for the purpose of electing the county committee to serve for 1940.

Each farmer who has qualified for any payment under the AAA in 1939 or signifies his intention to comply for a 1940 payment is eligible to vote in the election.

Each farmer in Eastland county is urged to participate in the election of the committeemen to represent him for 1940.

The election will be held at the following places at 1:30: Eastland—county court room, Carbon—Methodist church, Gorman—Theater, Cisco—city hall, Rising Star, theatre.

Tom Bryan Coker of Westbrook is visiting in the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elkins.

Russian Bombs Set Car Afire, Shatter Building



Fire by a blast from the sky, a blazing automobile stands near the heap of shattered masonry, once a building, where Russian bombers made a direct hit during air raid in Helsinki.

COMMODITY MARKETS IN SHARP RISE

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—Leading commodity markets Tuesday came out of a long slumber to register the sharpest gains since the September war buying flurry.

Manufacturing consumers and speculative forces engaged in brisk competitive bidding for such staples as cotton, rubber, wool tops, hides, and wheat.

The war influence, which commodity brokers had been calling a dud in recent months because of the listless drift of markets, suddenly became a vital factor again, particularly in cotton where gains ran from \$1.50 to \$1.80 a bale.

Rubber pushed up 22 to 48 of a cent a pound, hides 22 to 28 of a cent, cocoa 7 to 10 of a cent and wool tops 3 to 1.1 cents a pound. Wheat closed 5-8 to 1-4 cents a bushel up. In some instances closing prices were under the day's best.

Cotton, bellwether of the move, got its rising impetus from unusually steep advances in the staple at Liverpool, Bombay and Alexandria.

Cables reported the British government, concerned over recent violent fluctuations at Liverpool had put curbs on some of the speculative dealings. Similar action was taken at Bombay previously.

Tuesday's Liverpool quotations were again up the permissible limit of 25 "Liverpool points" which was computed as the equivalent of more than \$2 a bale for the American fiber.

Foreign buying was an important factor in the upturn, brokers said. At the same time trade sources insisted manufacturers were showing a lot more interest in raw cotton coverage. Coincident with the rise there were signs of revival in the Worth street cotton goods market.

Highlight of the day in the cotton exchange ring was the topping of the 11 cent mark by December deliveries. Since the end of August the staple has advanced 2 to 2 1-2 cents a pound.

11 Indictments by 91st Grand Jury

The 91st grand jury, just recessed, returned three true bills of indictment for felonies, and eight indictments for misdemeanors.

The felony indictments, for which processes have been served, were:

N. B. Louder, drunk driving, librated on bond of \$750; Archie Mann, driving while intoxicated, posted a bond of \$750; and J. B. O'Neal, indicted for car theft, held in jail Tuesday in default of bond of \$750.

Pete Tindle, charged with possession of liquors for sale, was held under bond of \$250.

Bremen Eludes British, Reaches German Port

BERLIN, Dec. 13 (AP)—Germany's \$20,000,000 adventurer, the Bremen, raced swiftly through the long fingers of the British fleet Tuesday and slipped safely into a German port, writing "home" on her three-and-a-half month log of war.

The Bremen reached the unidentified "safe zone" in the hands of Commodore Adolf Ahrens, the skipper who sailed his ship from New York 36 hours before Germany invaded Poland, disguised her at sea and outwitted the British navy to sail a northern route to Murmansk, soviet Russian Arctic port.

Later, a communique of the German high command said: "The fast liner Bremen arrived home tonight from overseas. The navy department had taken measures to bring the ship home safely. Among them, warplanes were detailed to give the ship the necessary protection. A British submarine in the North sea attempted to attack the Bremen. One of the planes sent to protect the Bremen forced the submarine so far under water that the attack was thwarted."

Belief was expressed that the Bremen was at her Bremerhaven base alongside the Europa, her sister ship.

Other German ships, including the 22,337-ton liner New York, which fled to Murransk at the beginning of the war, have been slipping quietly into Hamburg recently. These smaller vessels were sent ahead to test the possibility of sending the huge gray-painted Bremen around the Norwegian coast and down through the North sea to her home port.

Baird Coach Trip to Sugar Bowl Tender

BAIRD, Dec. 13. — Bill White, coach for the Baird Bears, winners of the bi-district tiff with Aspermont last week and winners of this district last year, is to be tendered a trip with all expenses paid to the Sugar Bowl classic January 1.

CHRISTMAS GRANT

AUSTIN, Dec. 13 (AP)—A \$5 payment on the \$22 per capita student apportionment will be mailed more than 7,000 Texas schools before Christmas for the first time in history. Superintendent L. A. Woods said today.

Weather

East Texas—Partly cloudy and cooler Wednesday; Thursday fair, warmer in northwest portion. Fresh northerly winds on the coast.

West Texas—Fair, cooler in southeast portion Wednesday; Thursday fair, warmer in north portion.

RUSSIA TURNS DOWN LEAGUE MEDIATION

Considers Finland's Appeal to Body Is Unfounded

GENEVA, Dec. 13 (AP)—Russia Tuesday night rejected a league of nations proposal to mediate the Russian-Finnish war and opened the way for league condemnation of the soviet union as an aggressor and possible banishment from Geneva.

The rejection was included in a telegram from soviet Premier-Foreign Commissar Molotov to Joseph A. C. Avenol, secretary-general of the league, in reply to a diplomatic "invitation" to Russia to take part in proposed league mediation resulting from Finland's appeal to Geneva.

"The government of soviet Russia thanks you, monsieur president, for your kind invitation to take part in the discussion of the Finnish question," Molotov's telegram said.

"At the same time the government of the U. S. S. R. brings to your attention the fact that it can not accept this invitation for reasons outlined in its telegram on December 4, sent in response to M. Avenol's communication." "Not at War"

In his previous communication Molotov said that Russia considered Finland's appeal "unfounded" that she did not consider herself in a state of war with Finland; that Moscow was maintaining "peaceful relations" with the soviet-sponsored, communist-headed Finnish "people's" government; and that the regular Helsinki government had "resigned" its post and was not authorized to make representations on behalf of the Finnish people.

Molotov's telegram tonight arrived more than three hours after expiration of a "deadline" set by the league for a reply.

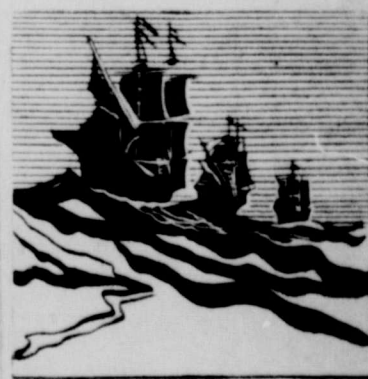
Its rejection on the eve of Argentina's formal demand for Russia's ejection from the league increased odds that this step would be taken. The soviet action automatically killed league efforts at mediation.

Jakob Surits, soviet ambassador to Paris, and Moscow's representative here, received the soviet reply at his hotel an hour after it had been communicated to the league. He received no separate communication from his government.

The league's deliberations, meanwhile, threatened to precipitate a race to see whether the British-French allies or the soviet union would be the first to break off relations with one another.

French intentions of severing relations with Moscow were in-

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I SAW THREE SHIPS

I saw three ships come sailing in, On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; I saw three ships come sailing in, On Christmas Day in the morning.

Lands by the sea have long had their legendary folk-carols of Christmas ships bearing gifts just as in hill towns there are shepherd and manger stories. In Greece, it is said St. Basil was provided with a ship as for use at Christmas in the manner St. Nicholas uses a reindeer sled in the north. This traditional carol dates to the 14th century.

9 Shopping Days Till Christmas

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Being therefore justified by faith, let us have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who for us, who are many, have suffered the wrath of God, that he might show to us the riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

O Holy Saviour, Friend and Redeemer, who hasten to our aid, when we are in trouble, and who art our strength and our salvation, we beseech thee, O Lord, to preserve us from all danger, and to bring us to everlasting life, Amen.

Bliss is my lot, whate'er befall,
What can disturb me, who am still,
While, as my strength, my Rock, my All,
Saviour, I cling to Thee?
—C. ELWOOD

Progress is the law of life.—Robert Browning

Business Is on Good Behavior

AMERICAN business has been behaving remarkably well during the course of the European war, and Uncle Sam is openly pleased. It is true that the government, long before the war actually began, took a number of precautions to nip in the bud any tendencies toward profiteering, and it is also a fact that there are other devices ready just in case. But these additional restrictions against enterprise may never need to be imposed.

On the whole, after three months of war, the attitude of business has not changed much. For a little while after Britain de-

clared war on Germany, there was a spurt in activity and a rise in prices. But the boom never took shape. It simply resolved itself into a process of slow, sane progress.

No blood-sucking has been uncovered—no instances of excessive profits or unseemly conduct in the face of death and destruction. Production has generally increased, but in a more or less normal manner. Some business men are increasing their inventories, not because they want to realize huge profits later, but because they want to feel protected against the possibility of a bottle-neck market if foreign demands become too heavy.

LIKE everyone else, business lived through the years of the First World War. It hasn't quite forgotten—not any more than it has forgotten that desolate day in the fall of 1929 when the post-war chapter came to a sudden, explosive finish. Long before 1939 the government started figuring out means of forestalling the disastrous results of another war boom. But business was doing its own planning, making its own vows that never again would it snap at the bait of quick and fabulous war profits.

Twenty-five years ago, industrialists in the United States had no precedents to fall back on. They had to make their own experience. When war orders began rolling in, business men grabbed at them. The orders began to increase. New plants had to be built, more men hired, new machinery purchased, new processes developed. Without flinching, business went ahead and expanded. Things looked satisfactory until suddenly the orders stopped, and industry found itself trying to maintain inordinately large production units against a reduced demand.

TODAY, there is no immediate prospect of business expanding beyond the limits of its normal production. Even though orders for materials might suddenly start pouring in, it would be a long time before most industrialists found themselves cramped. A great many of the facilities set up during the last war still exist, a great many still lie idle. It would take some time to get industry back to full capacity.

Business men have repeatedly asserted they don't want war again. They don't want it for sound reason that it's expensive. Neither they nor the American people can afford to have another war. After all, hitting the jackpot doesn't mean very much if you have to put it all back into the machine.

A democratic leader was cleared of voting twice because he said he was absent-minded. Thought he had voted two years ago instead of that morning.

Clemson Thrilled by Bid to Dallas Cotton Bowl

CLEMSON, S. C., Dec. 12 (Sp.)—It's like a dream come true. Clemson Tigers, when told of Clemson's bid to the New Year's day game in the Dallas, Texas, Cotton Bowl. "We've all had something under another ball game, I guess—and now we have a chance to get that out of our systems."

"Boy, oh, boy," chimed in all-American Banks McFadden, another game with the same old gang of blockers, protectors and pass receivers. What more could a senior ask for? I've practically been itching for another 80 minutes with those babies in front of me.

"And I thought my college days were over, mused guard Walter Cog, a five-year man, who graduated last June but returned this fall because he had another year of football eligibility. "What a climax to three years with the finest ball club a fellow could hope to play with."

And so it went on down the

KFRO, 1370 kc., Longview. Austin high (Houston) plays the Austin Texas, high school team in the Rice stadium, at Houston, Saturday, December 16. The play-by-play description will be given by Vis Box, with local color being handled by Harfield Wheaton. The game starts at 2:30 p. m. and will be broadcast over a network consisting of KTRH, 1290 kc., Houston; KNOW, 1500 kc., Austin; KTSB, 550 kc., San Antonio; KRIS, 1350 kc., Corpus Christi; KRGV, 1260 kc., Weslaco; and KFDM, 560 kc., Beaumont.

Waco plays Tyler in the Lion Stadium at Tyler, Saturday, December 16. Play-by-play description will be given by Cy Leland, with local color being handled by Dave Chapman. The game starts at 2 p. m. and will be broadcast over a special network, consisting of KGKB, 1500 kc., Tyler; WACO, 1420 kc., Waco; KTEM, 1370 kc., Temple; KAND, 1310 kc., Corsicana; KNET, 1420 kc., Palestine; KOCA, 1210 kc., Kilgore; and

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time and far into the night at Clemson, as the boys rolled restlessly in their beds awaiting the return of skipper Jess Neely from the Southern conference meeting in Roanoke. The student managers have their hair and beards for the training room to get practice equipment in shape for the first workout.

There were long races in only one spot on this hysterical campus. Down at the field house the basketball team glared again at a schedule that takes them against the University of Kentucky on December 21, Baltimore on December 30, Maryland on January 1, George Washington on January 2, and watched center Banks McFadden, who was also selected on the only all-America team picked last year, pack away his court duds until after the Cotton Bowl classic.

Coach Joe Davis was thrown "between the devil and the deep blue sea." His days will be filled to capacity, what with instructing the football ends in the afternoon and working with the McFadden-less basketball team at night.

Whirling through the excitement is an undercurrent of determination on the part of the gridmen to put on a football show right in the heart of the southwest district that will prove to the Texans—those Missourians—why Banks McFadden was placed on all of the big all-America football teams and why Clemson's Tigers of 1939 were labeled one of the most spectacularly colorful teams in football.

THE CUSTOM OF using the name "Jack" as a general term for the average man, originated in the Middle Ages.

THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE was for years without a standing army until in 1330 one was made up of forced levies of Christian children. The troops became known as Janissaries.

OUT OUR WAY By William



4-H Achievement Day at Eastland

EASTLAND, Dec. 13 (Sp.)—Five hundred children are expected to attend the county-wide 4-H achievement day program Saturday at the Eastland high school auditorium. The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock at the Eastland high

school auditorium. Lunch and games will be held at the school gymnasium.

Congressman Clyde L. Garrett is scheduled to present 4-H pins to 160 club boys and girls who have completed their demonstrations this year.

Omah Jacks and L. L. Johnson, state extension service club agents, both of College Station, are to be present or have their rep-

representatives present. W. S. Adamson, county also is to be present.

SEVERAL of the ancient clans such as the O'Learys, O'Hickeys, the O'Shields, O'Casidys, had their own books, which contained the ancient lore of leech healing.

Daily Press Want Ad. the job done.

High School Title Tilts to Be Broadcast

Four special Texas radio networks have been created to broadcast the quarter-final games in the Texas Intercollegiate Football Championship race.

Each broadcast will originate at the field and play-by-play descriptions will be given by outstanding sports announcers.

The first game of the quarter-finals will be played Friday, December 15, when Lubbock meets Sweetwater, at Lubbock, with local color being

Texas Tech stadium. The play-by-play description will be given by Cy Leland, with local color being handled by Bill McAllister. The Kick-off is scheduled for 2 p. m. and the game will be broadcast over a special network, consisting of KFYO, 1310 kc., Lubbock; KNXK, 1210 kc., Sweetwater; KPDN, 1310 kc., Pampa; KGNC, 1410 kc., Amarillo; KWET, 620 kc., Wichita Falls; KRBC, 1420 kc., Abilene; KGKL, 1370 kc., San Angelo; and KNEL, 1500 kc., Brady.

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handled by Jim Crocker and Bill Ware. The game starts at 2:30 a. m. and will be broadcast over a network, consisting of KRLD, 1040 kc., Dallas; WRR, 1280 kc., Dallas; KGKO, 570 kc., Fort Worth; KFJZ, 1240 kc., Fort Worth; and KRRV, 1310 kc., Sherman.

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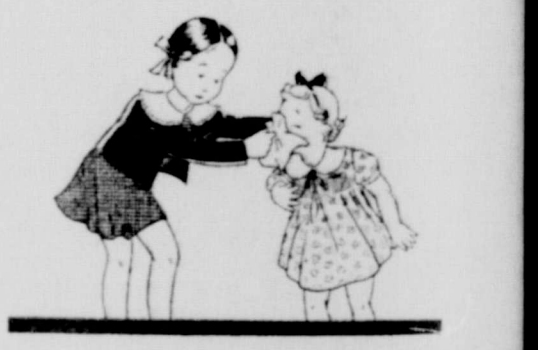


DON'T HUDDLE!

HEAT YOUR ENTIRE HOME, and live all over it FOR YOUR HEALTH'S SAKE



"Huddling" is the unhealthy practice of living in one or two rooms during the winter season. "Huddling" invites colds that are forerunners of many serious winter illnesses. If you "huddle", with part of the house blocked off in a shivering quarantine, sudden body chilling temperatures are unavoidable every time a member of the family leaves a heated room to go to some other part of the unheated home.



Fight the dangerous common cold this winter with these simple rules: (1) Don't "huddle" but provide comfortable temperatures in every room so that quick body-chilling changes will be avoided at all times; (2) Introduce sufficient oxygen-laden air into the home through adequate ventilation; (3) Keep connecting doors open so that a natural circulation of warm air prevails from one room to another; (4) If you should "catch cold" consult your family doctor before it has an opportunity to undermine your health.

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SERIAL STORY

SANTA CLAUS BROWN BY MILDRED GILMAN

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—Illustrated by Harry Grissinger
"Are you the real Santa Claus, Santa Claus Brown?" Betty asked him earnestly. "Or are you just working for the real Santa Claus?"
Santa Claus Brown smiled down at her. "If you believe in me, I'm Santa Claus, Betty."

CAST OF CHARACTERS
SANTA CLAUS BROWN — Beloved friend of all children.
ALICE BANKS — a pretty young school teacher.
JERRY DONALDSON — pampered son of the city's richest merchant.
BETTY CARTER — awaits the coming of Santa Claus.

CHAPTER ONE
It was Christmas Eve, and the small town of Southbury glittered gaily with Christmas cheer. Festoons of holly were strung across the center of the street and lighted trees blazed along the walks. The snow was falling gently, whirling into soft white drifts. Street lights gleamed in the darkness.

Along the main street of the town, men were busy clearing the street with snow shovels, stopping occasionally to blow on their hands and stamp chilled feet.

By far the most festive place in town was Southbury's main department store, Donaldson's Palais Royale, its glittering windows filled with toys and games and Christmas trappings. Last minute Christmas shoppers passed in and out through its doors, and hurried homeward along the snowy street, their arms full of packages. It was a good-natured crowd that hurried and jostled and called greetings to one another.

The Salvation Army Santa Claus, standing outside the Palais Royale, hummed softly to himself. " 'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house—"

He looked into his kettle, smiled approvingly at his earnings, and continued to hum to himself. The snow shovellers began to relax. They leaned on their shovels and joked with each other; all except one—a young man with an earnest, intelligent face, who went right on with his work. Jim Carter had but one purpose in mind—to shovel snow until he had enough money to give his three small children should have. He looked up at the town clock. It was only 3:30. . . . he could shovel for hours, and hours.

His comrades called to him. "Come on, knock off for the day, Jim. It's Christmas Eve!" "I'll be along in a little while," he answered, as the others slung their shovels off toward home, and trudged off toward home. Jim Carter stood for a moment before Donaldson's department

store and gazed at its toy-filled windows. He found himself picking things out for his Pete, his Joe, and little Betty, impossible things with high price tags, that a man shoveling snow at 40 cents an hour can only look at, never buy.

And then suddenly he saw Betty, his 6-year-old daughter, skipping up the street with a group of playmates. He turned away and bent over his shovel so that she would not see him, but he watched them out of the corner of his eye as they all trooped into the big store.

"Going to see Santa Claus Brown," he told himself. "Bless their hearts, how the children all do love him."

Betty and her little group of friends hastened to the toy department inside Donaldson's Palais Royale. To them it was fairyland; they stood wide-eyed with awe and wonder. Then one of them shouted.

"There's Santa Claus Brown!" They rushed over to a plump, jolly Santa, who sat enthroned among the wonders of the toy department.

As the children approached noisily, a floorwalker called. "Time to quit, Santa Claus Brown. You worked half an hour late last night. Better go home and fix up your own Christmas."

But Brown didn't even hear him. He was smiling at the children.

Betty asked them earnestly: "Are you the real Santa Claus, Santa Claus Brown? Are the others just phonies? Gosh, you look like Santa Claus. Or—are you just working for the real Santa Claus?"

Some of the children snickered, but Brown smiled down at her and answered seriously: "If you believe in me hard enough, I'm Santa Claus, Betty. If you believe hard enough you'll get what you want. What do you want, Betty?"

"I want a doll carriage for myself, and a sled for Pete and a tool set for Joe," the child answered. "So please be sure to bring them?"

Mr. Donaldson, proprietor of the store, approached Santa Claus Brown. He was a pompous, small-town, big business type, bristling at all times with his own importance. The children became silent at his approach.

"Brown, could you do me a big favor?" Donaldson's tone was a command. "Work a little later tonight. The wife has a party—her idea. They want you to put on an act for the youngsters. Ten dollars extra. Guess you can use it this time of year—eh?"

He slapped a condescending hand on Brown's shoulder. "After all, old fellow, you are Santa Claus. Every youngster in this town believes in you. You've been Santa Claus for almost 20 years—ever since you first came in and asked for the job with that little girl of yours riding piggy-back. Where is that daughter of yours now, Brown?"

Santa's smile disappeared. Everyone in town kept asking him, "Where is that daughter of yours?" None of them realized how cruel the question was.

"She's—a—she's doing very well in New York," he answered politely. "On the stage you know. Keeps her on the go—doesn't have time to get back here. Always was ambitious for the stage."

"Children should have enough respect for their parents to come home once in a while," Donaldson was unsympathetic. Then he beamed with pride. "My son's coming back from college on the 6:10. Fine boy. Won't take over the business, though. Wants to be a lawyer. Maybe that's just as well. Good profession, law!"

He paused. "Then you'll help me out tonight?"

"Sure. Might as well stay right here till you need me. You're keeping open till 9, aren't you?" Donaldson nodded. "Have to help out these last minute fellows."

Santa Claus Brown turned back to the waiting children.

"Santa Claus will remember every last one of you," he promised. "Now you'd better run home to your dinners. Good night, children, and Merry Christmas!"

The children left reluctantly. "Good night, Santa Claus Brown," they called back.

"Do you suppose he's the real Santa Claus," Betty asked her friends in hushed tones as they went out to the street.

"Now, there's no real Santa Claus," answered a little boy scornfully. "Course there is," responded Betty, shocked.

Several of the children laughed.

"Yeah—she still believes in Santa Claus," cried one, and the other took up the taunt. "Betty thinks there's a real Santa Claus that comes down an hones-to-gosh chimney, and wears a red suit, and . . ."

"Children, what on earth are you doing?" The children stopped and looked around, surprised, as Alice Banks, their school teacher, came up behind them.

Alice Banks was a pretty young woman, with frank blue eyes and a warm, pleasant smile. Her cheeks glowed, pink as a child in the chill of the December day. But she was not smiling now. She looked down sternly at her pupils. "I heard all that 'you said to Betty,'" she said. "Now stop teasing her!"

The youngsters muttered unintelligible apologies and then, with the surprising suddenness of

youth, disappeared around corners and down side streets, leaving Betty clinging to her teacher's hand. The child's eyes glistened with tears as she turned her face

"Tell me, Miss Banks," she begged, "is there really a Santa Claus?"
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Willing Workers Meet on Monday With Mrs. Cagle

The Willing Workers class of the First Christian Bible school met Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Leon Cagle.

During the course of the business session, the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. C. C. Greenhaw; treasurer, Mrs. Guy Ward; teacher, Mrs. J. F. Benedict; and reporter, Mrs. Ace Lucas.

Mrs. Nance Is Hostess to Circle

Circle Two of the First Methodist Women's Missionary Society met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. S. H. Nance. The devotional was given by Mrs. Cigler Paschall.

After routine business presided over by the hostess, numerous interesting games were played, and refreshments were served to Mrs. W. H. Hurd, Buena Stansbury, B. M. Holland, C. Paschall, M. A. Northrup, George Winston, Sam B. King, Hartman McCall, C. E. Yates, and the hostess, Mrs. Nance.

Miss Glenn Boatman of Wichita Falls is visiting friends and relatives here during the holidays.

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Mrs. House Hostess to Truly Circle

Mrs. T. E. House was hostess to the Elizabeth Truly Baptist circle at her home Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. C. A. Williams led the opening prayer and Mrs. W. J. Ghormley brought the devotional from the second chapter of Luke. After a brief business meeting, presided over by Mrs. House, Mrs. J. R. Burnett, teacher, taught an interesting lesson from the mission book, "Women and the Way." Refreshments were served to Mrs. A. P. Clayton, W. C. Shelton, C. A. Farquhar, C. A. Williams, W. J. Ghormley, Gayle Moore, Jay Warren, C. S. Surles, J. R. Burnett, N. H. Layle and Miss Miriam Ghormley and the hostess, Mrs. House.

Viola Humphreys Circle in Meeting

The Viola Humphrey Circle of the First Baptist church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Davis Fields. Mrs. A. B. Cooper led the opening prayer, after which the devotional, taken from the second chapter of Matthew, was read by Mrs. R. B. Farley. After a short routine business discussion, Mrs. C. P. Cole taught the lesson from the mission study book, "Women and the Way."

This was followed by a Christmas party for the circle's adopted nursery school child, Joan Brown. Those present were Mrs. C. J. Stephens, Leon McPherson, C. P. Cole, H. J. McArdle, A. B. Cooper, W. F. Walker, J. A. Robertson, W. V. Gardenhire, E. J. Poe, L. G. Ball, R. B. Farley, Misses Willie Frank Walker, Joan Brown and the hostess, Mrs. Fields.

The Notebook

Thursday
The Thursday Forty-Two club will meet with Mrs. G. M. Stephenson at her ranch home at 3 o'clock.

The Loyal Women's class of the First Christian Sunday school will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Minnie Hill, 701 I avenue, at 7:30.

The Parent Education class will meet at the Nursery school at 1:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Friday
The Alhambra class of the First Baptist church will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. W. D. Brechen at 7:30.

MM Club Special Meeting Tuesday

Miss Dorothy Jean Anderson was hostess to members of the Double M club when they met at her home Tuesday night for a special called meeting. The meeting was spent in discussing plans for entertainments during the coming holiday season.

The following members were present: Misses Patty Jean Boyd, Peggy Jean Gallagher, Allene Ely, Cathryn Shepard, Gloria Graham, Wanda June Bond, Jacqueline Ruppert, Rose Ann Woods and the hostess, Dorothy Jean Anderson.

Christmas Is Theme of Group Three Meeting

Group Three of the First Christian Women's council met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. D. Lauderdale. The leader, Mrs. H. R. Garrett, called the meeting to order and presided over the business. After a business report by Mrs. Jack Elkins, Mrs. John Stiles led in prayer. Mrs. Edward Lee then gave an interesting article entitled "Christ's Journeys."

The house was very cleverly decorated, emphasizing the Christmas motif. A beautifully lighted tree stood by the windows and on the mantel was a replica of the village of Bethlehem. An arrangement of Santa Claus and his reindeer on the dining table completed the decorations.

Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the meeting to Mrs. George Atkins, Jack Elkins, L. C. Moore, Rex W. Moore, H. R. Garrett, James Haynie, Edward Lee, John Stiles, Misses Theresa Weddington, Katy Lou Atkins and the hostess, Mrs. Lauderdale.

Charity Dance Thursday Night

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the Cisco post is sponsoring a charity dance at the VFW hall Thursday evening, December 14. Music for the dance will be played by Ocie Stoccard and his Wanderers, of Fort Worth.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Circle Three Has Luncheon

Circle Three of the First Methodist Women's Missionary society met Tuesday morning at the home of Mrs. J. T. Fields. The morning was spent in quilting, and at one o'clock, a lovely turkey dinner was served.

After lunch, Mrs. W. G. Powell presided over a business session, during which the year's work was completed and reviewed. Mrs. Roy A. Langston read the devotional.

As an added feature, the members presented the leader, Mrs. Powell, with a linen luncheon set.

Those present were Mrs. B. E. Morehart, W. G. Powell, G. B. Boyd, Levi Wilson, J. T. Fields, Roy A. Langston, W. M. Joyner, C. L. Thompson, L. E. Vaughn, C. D. Barnard, John Shertzer, H. A. Shockey, M. A. Northrup, H. A. Lewis, Roy Boyce, Miss Marie Fields and the hostess, Mrs. Fields.

Party Honors Patsy Putnam

With little Miss Patsy Jim Putnam as honoree, members of the S. D. Club were entertained with a theater party, Saturday, given by Mrs. Putnam, celebrating her daughter's 13th birthday. Before attending the theater, the guests presented the honoree with gifts, and pictures of the group were taken. Names were drawn for the Christmas meeting of the club, to be held at the home of Dorothy Jackson, December 23.

Refreshments were served to Patsy Jim Putnam, Frances Hanahan, Vivian Jean Grantham, Virginia Lou Ford, Dorothy Jackson and Gloria Henson.

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Presbyterian Circle Meets
Circle Three of the First Presbyterian auxiliary met with Mrs. A. J. Olson Tuesday at 3 o'clock. Mrs. F. D. Pierce is chairman of the group and presided over the brief business period. The Bible lesson was taken from John and was presented by Mrs. J. A. Jensen.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. H. H. Monk, Guy Brogdon, W. P. Lee, W. W. Wallace, J. G. Jones, J. A. Jensen, John E. Walter, F. D. Pierce, H. C. Henderson, John E. Moriarty, the hostess, Mrs. Olson, and Billy and Johnny Jones.

NEEDED ANY WAY
SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 13 (AP)—Charles Peters, 53, ran to call an ambulance for a stranger he thought was injured. He slipped and broke a leg. The stranger was just drunk.

CUPID CLOSES SCHOOL
GAFFNEY, S. C., Dec. 13 (AP)—Cupid eliminated the sixth grade at a school near here. The teacher, turning back the free textbooks issued for her grade, explained: "Every one of the five pupils, all from 16 to 18 years old, has quit to get married."

HEADS RETIREMENT BOARD
AUSTIN, Dec. 13.—Gov. Lee O'Daniel Tuesday reappointed Miss Quate Woods of Dallas to the State Teachers Retirement board for a six-year term ending Aug. 31, 1945.

HATCHERY MAN DIES
BIG SPRING, Dec. 13.—Edgar Mosel, 42, superintendent of the state fish hatchery at San Angelo, died here Monday night of injuries received in a car accident 20 miles south of Big Spring last Friday.

BUYS ATLANTA JOURNAL
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 13 (AP)—Sale of the Atlanta Journal and its radio station, WSB, to James M. Cox, former governor of Ohio, was announced late Tuesday by James E. Gray, editor of the Journal.

AS LATE as 1877, the use of steel in bridge-building was prohibited in England.

Mrs. Benedict Is Hostess to Group
Mrs. J. F. Benedict was hostess to Group One of the First Christian Women's council when it met in her home Tuesday afternoon. The opening prayer was led by the hostess, after which Mrs. H. H. Davis taught the lesson. It was reported that the bake sale which is being planned, had been postponed indefinitely.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting to Mrs. H. H. Davis, Ida Painter, George Swartz, F. E. Shookley, A. S. Nabors, C. B. Powell and the hostess, Mrs. Benedict.

Russia Turns--
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dictated by French sources, shortly after soviet Russia had failed to heed the original 24-hour time limit granted in which to reply to a league demand that Russia submit her case to arbitration and cease hostilities.

This limit expired at 6 p. m. (11 a. m. CST). However, league officials said Russia's reply, if any, would be received and considered if it came before the assembly met tomorrow at 10 a. m. (3 a. m. CST).

Soviet representatives immediately intimated that if the league voted to oust Russia as an aggressor, she might break off diplomatic ties with France and Britain.

The 13-nation committee handling the Russo-French dispute adopted part of its report before adjourning for the night. Delegates said the report included condemnation of Russia as an aggressor, but did not suggest just what steps should be taken by the league.

The committee will meet again to consider punitive action after the assembly tomorrow hears Argentina demand that Russia be ousted from the league. At Britain's suggestion the assembly was called for 10 a. m. (3 a. m. CST). Although today's committee

meeting was secret, United States Vice Counsel Donald D. Edgar was admitted as an observer.

Potatoes--
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for an aggregate of \$42,000.

The pecan crop over the county was good despite adverse summer weather conditions. Most of the crop found ready markets in Elmo, Baird and Clyde.

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