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### BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Now the God of peace make you perfect in every good work, to do His will.—Heb. xiii. 30, 21.

Around the man who seeks a noble and Not angels but Divinities attend.—EMERSON.

The blessedness of having, is being able and willing to give, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

"Labor," saith St. Paul, "that ye may have to give to him that needeth." We can only give what we have, but there is no limit to what we may have for the asking. Blessed be God, We may comfort others by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.—Laws of Life.

### Industry Knows the Answers

NO one understands better than industry itself the tender relationships that exist between it and the consumer. Nor has industry forgotten that the kind of treatment it accords its employes will reflect on the community and ultimately back on the industry.

Apparently aware of their present limitations and prompted by a desire to set their own house in order, representatives of industry, attending the Congress of American Industry in New York, recently adopted a 28-point program, designed to bring about a better understanding between manufacturers and the people upon whom industry is dependent.

Dominant in the platform was an appreciation of the sociological importance of industry and emphasis of the belief that free enterprise has a definite responsibility toward labor—that without recognition of this responsibility, things can not be expected to run smoothly.

HERE are a few objectives to which industry has pledged itself:

Increasing the value of products the consumer needs and wants, reflected both in the price he pays and the quality he receives.

Use of research facilities available in the creation of new products and to the end of increasing the quantity, variety and usefulness and improving the quality of goods put upon the market.

Maximum income for employes, based both on the greatest regularity of employment, and on such equitable wage rates consistent with conditions in the community, as will promote increased production and employment.

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according to ability, with due regard to past service.

Co-operation with the employe in making provision against the hazards of death, old age, sickness and disability.

Recognition of the right of the employe to join any labor organization, or none at all, as the employe himself may deem best in his own interest, of his own free will and volition, without coercion, duress or intimidation from any source.

BACK in the roustabout days of industrial pioneering, there was little thought given to consumer relationships or responsibility toward employes. A man built a factory and tacked up a "Men Wanted" sign—and that was that. From there on, his sole duty was to produce; everything else took care of itself.

Today the industry-employe-consumer circle is not so simple. Systematized, intelligent progress is necessary. The welfare of all groups is closely linked. Government has attempted to step in and soothe the wounds that were opened in 1929. Industry was not satisfied and has now proceeded to formulate its own credo.

Anything that can put men back to work, produce a higher standard of living will be welcomed.

A waiter threw a \$500 bridal party for his daughter in the swank New York hotel where he is employed. Future diners may be stared into kicking across with larger tips.

No more mixed dancing at one southern college. Bobbing for apples is still permitted.

A London bookmaker is offering 10 to 1 odds that Britain will win the war in 18 months. If she doesn't there may not be anyone around to collect anyway.

Roosevelt is thinking of having two budgets for next year. Maybe he has an idea they'll balance each other.

It was Britain, the nazis say, who is responsible for the fall of Poland. Germany and Russia are merely accessories after the fact.

Two flyers survived an airplane crash and an auto accident while they were being taken to the hospital. They will probably die by slipping on a cake of soap in the bathtub in years to come.

Mussolini comes pretty high up on the list of persons whose shoes we would not care to be in.

Miners striking for higher pay refused to take over management of the mines. It would be a bit embarrassing to strike against themselves.

The soviet union ribs the United States about shipments of gold coming into this country. We don't mind the ribs; just don't stop the gold.

A cowpuncher has been crowned croquet king and will meet the women's champion in a dual tournament. We knew the west would come across with a real, two-needle hombre.

Fritz Kuhn is sentenced to from 2 1/2 to 5 years in jail. Now, at least, the Dies committee will know where he is when it wants him.

There are twice as many Indians in New York state today as there were 244 years ago. They don't want it to get around, however, or someone will propose to give the country back to them.

## Under the Mistletoe



### Eating His Way Into the Air



U. S. Army Private Joseph G. Froberg of Brockton, Mass., yearned to enter the air corps. He passed all requirements except weight, lacking seven pounds. What to do? Of course! Here he is at Mitchell Field, L. I., doing it—with spare ribs, sauerkraut, baked potatoes and chocolate cake.

boy rushed in gesturing wildly, pointing across the street, making motions of filling his pockets, and pointing to a telephone. The idea went over. Police were called and the paper got a first hand account as officers nabbed persons robbing a filling station.

### 850,000 New Loans Are Made by Texas Banks

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (Sp)—That banks in Texas are actively meeting the credit needs of their communities is indicated by figures announced by the American Bankers association showing that the commercial banks of the Lone Star state made more than \$50,000 new loans totaling \$580,000,000 to business firms and individuals during the first six months of 1934 and renewed \$725,000,000 outstanding loans totaling \$725,000,000 during the same period.

The survey also reveals that business firms in the state are using less than half of the "open lines of credit" maintained for their use on the books of the banks.

These figures are based on reports received from 182 of the Texas banks holding membership in the A. B. A., or 21 per cent of the 873 commercial banks in the state, and make allowance for the concentration of lending activity in the metropolitan areas of Dallas and Houston.

The 182 banks reported they made 232,237 new loans totaling \$193,841,000 between January 1 and June 30, 1934, and renewed \$35,947,000 outstanding loans totaling \$256,332,552. In addition, they reported 2,469 new mortgage loans to home owners and other real estate owners totaling \$6,728,148.

The average number of new loans reported per bank was 1,276, and the average loan was for \$835.

The average number of renewals per bank was 857, and the average renewal was for \$1,644.

The average number of new mortgages reported per bank was 14, and the average mortgage was for \$2,725.

In addition to making loans on individual applications, the banks of the larger cities maintain what are known as "open lines of credit" on their books, available to regular business borrowers at all times. Nineteen banks reported such open lines of credit totaling \$25,227,971. However, only \$10,253,120, or 40 per cent of this credit, was being used by business firms on June 30.

### Hunter Re-Elected Mid-Continent Head

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 19 (Sp)—The board of directors of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas association approved Monday a resolution opposing enactment of the Cole bill seeking federal control of the industry.

The board also re-elected all officers, including J. C. Hunter, Abilene, Tex., president; J. D. Collett, Fort Worth, chairman of the board; Robert S. Gerr, Oklahoma City, first vice president; Frank O. Prior, Tulsa, vice president for Oklahoma; W. H. Francis, Dallas, vice president for Texas; D. W. Harris, Shreveport, vice president for Louisiana-Arkansas.

Look in the Classified First.

### McMurry Forms First "Evil Old Man" Club

ABILENE, Dec. 19 (Sp)—Students of McMurry college, Abilene, lay claim to having formed the first "Evil Old Man's" club in the history of American colleges.

The organization is in the interest of the candidacy of John Garner of Texas for the democratic presidential nomination next June. The name of the club dates its origin to this summer when John L. Lewis called Garner a "whiskey drinking, poker playing, evil old man."

Founded by two seniors, Robert Bickley of Merkel and Weldon Edwards of Clyde, the club has approximately 32 charter members.

The co-founders hope that the "evil young men and women" of McMurry will set a pace which will be followed by other college students throughout the south.

They have pointed out that eight countries college students stigmatize practically everything for the betterment of the world. They emphasize the fact that Garner is the choice of democrats, a reliable of keeping America for Americans.

Every type of McMurry is included in the membership of the newly formed club. The charter members said Garner could get all the drinkers, power players, men behind him, he would nomination and subsequent presidential election by slide.

ONE OF THE FEW who ever seen in Texas was this year by a game warden Gillespie county. He was through field glasses at 2,000 and reported it appeared pure albino with pink eyes.

### BRUCE CATTON'S AMERICAN ROUNDUP

BY BRUCE CATTON  
 NEXA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—There may have been more than met the eye behind Secretary Ickes' recent assertion that he wasn't taking any stock in the talk about Paul V. McNutt's being the New Deal's pet candidate for the presidency.

Until Ickes made this remark, there had been some strong indications the inner circle was looking on McNutt with a good deal of favor. The Hoosier made several very New Dealish speeches in November and seemed a particularly welcome guest at the White House; and the assertions of some of his backers that he was getting the blessing of the inner circle at least went uncontradicted.

Then Ickes spilled the beans, saying bluntly that the "liberal and progressive elements" in the administration weren't for McNutt.

One explanation for all of this—offered here for what it may be worth—is that McNutt served as the White House's "straw man" while having its troubles with Postmaster General Farley. Now, it is said, Farley and Roosevelt have come to a harmonious understanding; hence it is no longer necessary to present McNutt as FDR's heir apparent.

ALTHOUGH the New Dealers were quick to criticize Thomas E. Dewey's Minneapolis speech, a number of them feel that Dewey was making a considerable contribution to the cause of a good presidential candidate.

He has a first rate radio voice and some of the same talent for "sundry" call it acting ability, if you like—which Roosevelt himself has.

At a press conference here

### ONE OF THE FEW

who ever seen in Texas was this year by a game warden Gillespie county. He was through field glasses at 2,000 and reported it appeared pure albino with pink eyes.

It's a little thing, maybe it has been one of the best in FDR's effectiveness.

THE speed with which the administration accepted its opportunity to blame the fall of the Ohio relief tangle on Governor Bricker is not entirely connected from the fact Bricker has for some time considered the leading dark horse in the Republican presidential race.

Bricker is not an avowed didate. He is, on the contrary, pretty definitely on the side in favor of the other Ohio senator Robert Taft.

Yet there were a number of important Republicans who felt that no candidate would be named at the next convention with a mandating lead, that a new would ensue and that Dewey would then emerge as the likely choice.

ONE of the interesting points of the fall is the New Deal administration suddenly emerging as an anti-Communist force.

Two months ago the administration was definitely on the side as far as Communism concerned. The Dewey camp was making a considerable amount about Communist infiltration of the New Deal.

Now the administration is sailing Russia, giving aid to land, and—through Attorney General Murphy—opening a grand jury investigation of Communist agents in the east.

### RED RYDER



AS THE SHOCK FROM COLD WATER BRINGS CONSCIOUSNESS BACK, RED RYDER TUGS IN VAIN AT THE ROPES AND SACKS WHICH BIND HIM.

THROWING BACK HIS HEAD, RED WHISTLES—THE SHRILL CALL FOR HELP PIERCING THE MIGHTY ROAR OF THE RIVER—

### By Fred Hart

### Cheaney Couple Married 50 Years

RANGER, Dec. 19 (Sp)—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Strickland of the Cheaney community celebrated their golden wedding Friday, December 15, with an open house to their many friends.

At the noon hour a bountiful lunch was spread in the yard on the long white table.

After lunch the crowd was entertained by a song-fest that was enjoyed by all.

The couple was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. Those enjoying the affair were Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Blackwell, B. C. Weekes, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Love, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Barton, J. O. Snell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dean, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snell and children, Leola Thurman, Doris Gayland and John Albert, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Blackwell and children, Marene, Ray, Herman, Berle and Edward, Mr. and Mrs. E. M.

### STORY WITH A POINT

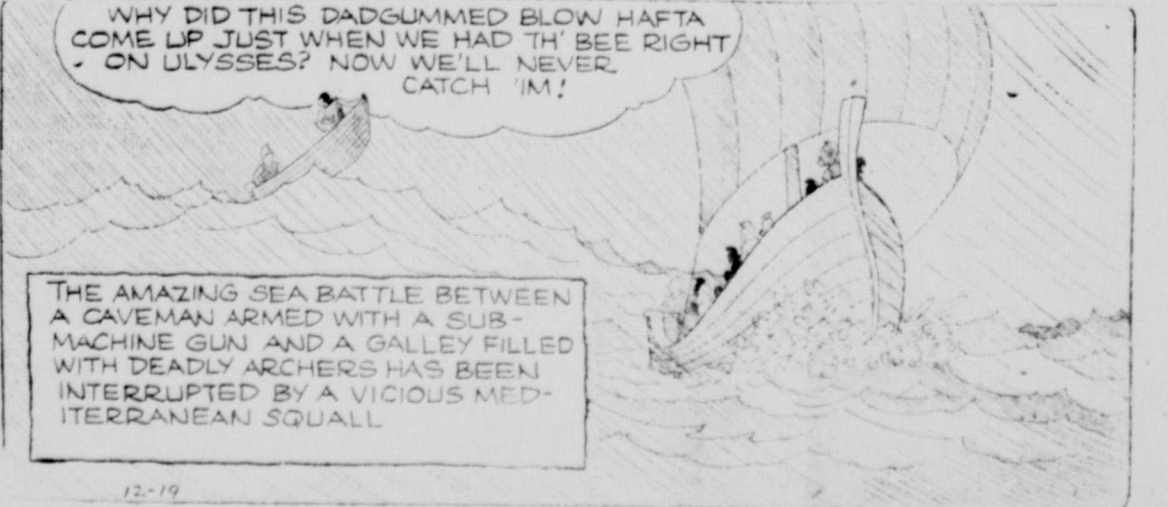
RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 19 (Sp)—Morton Adelski, a deaf-mute newsboy, took personal pride in selling the Richmond News-Leader when "his story" appeared in print. Adelski startled the paper's employes, recently, when he

### Church-Goers Get a Lesson In Manners

PARIS, Tenn., Dec. 19 (Sp)—Worshippers at First Presbyterian church were astonished at a group of young people who cracked jokes, audibly munched peanuts and otherwise had a rousing good time during service.

It wasn't lack of manners, though. The goober-eaters and joke-crackers were just doing their part in a "clinic in worship." Theirs was "the wrong way of worship." Another group showed "the right way."

### ALLY OOP



THE AMAZING SEA BATTLE BETWEEN A CAVEWOMAN ARMED WITH A SUB-MACHINE GUN AND A GALLEY FILLED WITH DEADLY ARCHERS HAS BEEN INTERRUPTED BY A VICIOUS MEDITERRANEAN SQUALL



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## SERIAL STORY

### SANTA CLAUS BROWN

BY MILDRED GILMAN  
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**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.

**YESTERDAY:** Alice meets Jerry Donaldson, realizes she is still in love with him. He urges her to go out with him to get away from all the Christmas festivities. In her room, Alice watches the Carters, listening to an old, old Christmas story.

#### CHAPTER VI

Mr. Donaldson and Jerry stood glowering at each other in the Donaldson living room. Mrs. Donaldson stood near, weeping audibly.

"Fine show you've made of yourself," Mr. Donaldson said. "I listened to your mother, gave in to her, let you study law—"

"She wanted me to study law," Jerry reminded him. "I didn't want to."

"Then what in blazes do you want?"

"At the rainbow's foot lies surely gold," quoted Jerry, half facetiously, half seriously.

"What are you talking about?" scoffed his father.

Jerry shrugged. "You wouldn't understand," he said. "You think all you gotta do to bring up children is to send 'em to expensive schools, send 'em to expensive camps—keep 'em out of sight."

He started toward the door. "I don't want anything—except not to work at the Palais Royale . . ."

"That's just where you are going to work, young man, right in my department store," his father retorted, angrily. "I've spent my last cent staking your pleasure tours. All you've learned in three years at college is how to drink—"

"—you're staying right here in Southbury now, unless you want to support yourself elsewhere."

He handed Jerry a bunch of keys.

"Here are the keys to the store. You can open the place from now on—starting Tuesday. You'll begin at the basement and work up. May make a man of you—get you away from your mother's apron strings."

Mrs. Donaldson sobbed as Mr. Donaldson thundered.

"She's won all your battles for you so far. Well, I hope she's"

satisfied with what she's turned out."

Jerry put the keys in his pocket, absently.

"As you say, pater, only—" he smiled craftily. "I don't think you're going to enjoy having me around—even in the basement!"

He walked toward the door, past the tree, the holly, the cheery fire. He stopped and looked at the mistletoe draped over the door, then reached up and broke off a piece, absently, went outside to his car and drove off in the direction of Mrs. Deakin's boarding house.

Alice kept glancing at the clock. Jerry wouldn't come, of course. She didn't want him to. Just start that cycle of misery all over again. It would be much better never to see him again.

Mrs. Brown watched at the clock, too.

"It makes me nervous to have Mr. Brown working so late these nights," she said. "Of course, I suppose a Santa Claus should expect to work on Christmas eve, but still . . . I never go to sleep until he comes."

As the minutes ticked by, Alice sat in silence. Finally she said, hesitatingly:

"I'm not very good company tonight. Would you mind if—I'd kind of—like to be alone, a little—"

"Of course, dear," Mrs. Brown said, understandingly. She looked out of the window and peered toward the Carter house.

"I think I'll go over and sit with Mrs. Carter a while," she announced. "The children have gone to bed. She's waiting up for Jim to finish shoveling snow."

She patted Alice's shoulder sympathetically and went out. A few minutes later she was breaking a path through the snow to the Carters. Mrs. Carter greeted her at the door. A shawl was thrown over her shoulders.

"I hope you won't be cold in here," Mrs. Carter said. Betty wanted me to put out the fire."

She smiled. "Afraid of burning Santa Claus. I fell guilty just dis-illusioning the poor youngster. But it's so hard to do."

"I don't think you could," Mrs. Brown said. "Don't let it worry you."

They sat down before the fireplace, getting what warmth they could from the faintly glowing embers.

"Papa had to go to some kind of party," Mrs. Brown said. "The Donaldsons wanted him to be Santa Claus for some of their friends. The store's open late tonight and as soon as it closes he's going up to their house. I tell him he makes too good a Santa Claus. He lets people take advantage of him."

The two women talked far into the evening. Finally Mrs. Brown said:

"Papa ought to be home soon—it's nearly 11 o'clock."

"Our daddy ought to be home, too," said Mrs. Carter. "Poor dear, he's been shoveling snow ever since the storm started. He wants to make as much as he can to buy—"

"Where's he going to buy toys this time of night?" Mrs. Brown asked.

"He'll find them somewhere—I hope he isn't too desperately tired."

"I ought to go home," said Mrs. Brown, after a time, "but I hate to sit there alone. I can see papa pass by here, so I won't miss him."

She went to a window and looked out, then sat down in a chair near the window.

"I've been worried about him lately," she went on. "He takes it harder all the time, not hearing from Frances. He wants to take time off to go to New York to find her. But I tell him when she wants us, she'll write."

"We haven't heard for five months—that's the longest time yet."

"They never realize till they have children of their own," Mrs. Carter comforted her. "Think of her as having a nice time, making her own way. Be grateful she can—these hard days. One of these days she'll remember you—all of a sudden, and regret her neglect. But you won't mind, when you see her again."

"I won't—mind—how long we wait—if she'll just come sometime," Mrs. Brown said fervently. She rose to go. "Well, papa ought to be along in a few minutes, and I mustn't keep you up any longer. Alice and I have a few little things for the children. We'll bring them over in the morning. Good night!"

When Mrs. Brown had left, Mrs. Carter slowly went upstairs. She stopped to peep into the children's bedroom. The snowstorm

had ended and a bright, round moon shone in the bedroom window, lighting the sleeping figure of little Betty. Mrs. Carter gazed at her youngest fondly for a moment, then quietly shut the door.

Betty stirred in her sleep and awakened. She sat up in bed, full of excitement, alert. Outside an alley cat knocked against the garbage can. The cover clattered noisily to the ground.

Betty thrilled with excitement. A verse ran rapidly through her mind:

There arose such a clatter—

She rose from her bed ran to the moonlit window, and threw open the blind which hid the front walk from her view. Unmindful of the cold, she stood before the window in her nightgown, a transfixed look on her face.

At that moment, Santa Claus Brown too weary almost to walk, came into view. He was far up the street, clearly visible against the snow, walking from the Don-

aldson's to Mrs. Deakin's boarding house. He still wore his Santa Claus suit. The momentary sight of Santa Claus seemed real to Betty. She gasped, rushed back to bed, and hugged the covers tight around her neck.

"He's real," she told herself excitedly. "I heard the sound. I saw him."

She started to call her brothers, hesitated, decided against it. She alone would know the secret.

Again the words of the poem drummed in her ears. A noise on the roof startled her.

There was a pattering sound on the roof. Betty listened, blissfully unaware that the indignant new cook at Deakin's boarding house had emptied a wastebasket out of her window, so that its contents rattled onto the Carter roof.

At last Betty fell asleep, a happy look on her face, dreaming that Santa and his reindeer actually flew to the roof and that Santa was at the moment sliding down the chimney, dusting him-

self off and distributing his toys.

Except for the sound of an automobile drawing up to the curb right outside the Carter home, everything on Park Ave-

nue was again "as still as a mouse."

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MONTICARLO, Dec. 19 (AP). Monte Carlo casino has again for gambling.

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### SOCIETY and CLUBS

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#### YWA Meets With Miss Reams Monday Night

The First Baptist church YWA met with Eulalia Reams Monday evening. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Frances Coldwell. Dorafae Collins presided and an interesting program was presented on the Christmas theme by Opal Finley and Miss Reams. Refreshments were served to Frances Coldwell, Marian Gormley, Willie Frank Walker, Dorafae Collins, Lucille Harper, Opal Finley, Mrs. E. J. Poe, and the hostess.

#### VFW Auxiliary to Sponsor Dance

The ladies of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post here will sponsor a dance Thursday night in the VFW hall, it was announced. This is an annual holiday dance at the post. Dalton Adams' musicians will play. The public is cordially invited.

#### Eastern Star Xmas Tree This Evening

The Eastern Star will present its annual Christmas tree program at the Masonic hall this evening and every member is urged to be present and to bring a gift. Price of the gift is limited to 25 cents, the announcement said.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Huffman and R. L. Petty and daughter, Patsy Ruth, are visiting in Fort Worth this week.

#### DEATH TO TAXES

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 19 (AP)—Thanks to State Liquor board funds, a prosperous water system and pinball machine license fees, the town of Ridgewood, near Vancouver, will NOT ask its citizens to pay one penny of taxes next year. Ridgewood's 600 citizens were assessed on a 6 mill basis this year; 7 mills in 1938.

#### NIGHTSTICK TO BAYONET

PARIS, Dec. 19 (AP)—Thirteen hundred Paris policemen are doing service with the bayonet. Although left with a short force and necessity of patrolling a black-out city, police authorities say that crime has actually diminished in Paris since the war.

### Over 5,550 Farmers Helped to Buy Farms

HOUSTON, Dec. 19.—More than 5,550 Texas farmers have bought farms with financing through agencies under supervision of the Farm Credit administration in the past four years, according to a statement made today by A. C. Williams, president of the Federal Land bank of Houston.

"Broader ownership opportunities made possible by the 1935 farm credit act and by administrative measures of the Farm Credit administration have produced at least a small crop of new farm owners in almost every county in the state," Mr. Williams said. "In some counties, credit to purchase has been extended to 50 or more families.

"These farmers have obtained altogether \$12,990,000 of mortgage loans and other credit to purchase farms—some of which have been bought from farmers who have retired, from other individuals, or from the Federal Land bank.

He said some families had been assisted specifically by the farm credit act of 1935 when first and second mortgage financing through the land bank commissioner was made available for purchasing. The Federal Land bank has always made first mortgage loans for this purpose. "Second as well as first mortgage financing meant a better opportunity to purchase," Mr. Williams continued, "particularly for the young men and tenants who did not have large savings.

"Although the land bank and commissioner cannot lend to farmers who have nothing to pay down on a farm, their financing opens the road to farm ownership to many farmers and tenants who do not have all cash to buy the farm they want but have moderate savings and can meet the requirements of land bank and commissioner credit to get the rest of the money.

"The average amount of credit extended by the Houston Land bank and the commissioner for purchasing has been about \$2,340, representing in some instances about 75 per cent of the value of the property purchased. On November 30 the Federal Land bank of Houston has outstanding \$7,849 federal land bank loans aggregating \$195,301,906.52 and 31,603 commissioner loans aggregating \$46,318,694.96, a total of 99,452 loans amounting to \$241,620,601.56."

#### Great Britain--

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areas to sink a 6,000-ton cruiser of the Koln (Cologne) class at the mouth of the Elbe river, a strongly fortified area between Cuxhaven and Brunsbuttel. The cruiser was not otherwise identified.

The admiralty account added that "it seems certain that at least one heavy cruiser in addition to the Leipzig was badly damaged and at least one of the ships might well have failed to reach port."

The Salmon reported she could not wait to determine the exact result of her attack, since the enemy was after her. She had to dive and steer a zig-zag course at top speed at a considerable depth.

Although the Salmon was hunted and attacked with depth charges for more than two hours, she escaped, the admiralty said. After dark, however, she reported,

### Towns 100 Miles From Cisco Buy Produce From This Display



Fruits of almost every clime are represented in the above display which the West Texas Produce company has arranged at its warehouse on East Ninth street for the benefit of its customers over a 100-mile radius about Cisco. Hundreds of buyers and others have inspected the display which was arranged several days ago by Manager Simon Coplin. These included customers from Goldthwaite, Brownwood, Coleman, Sweetwater, Abilene, Stamford, Stephenville, Breckenridge, Eastland, Ranger, Comanche, Hico, Hamilton, Dublin, DeLeon, Albany and other nearby towns.

ed, she returned to the scene. "Then she found an area of nearly four square miles of sea thickly coated in fuel oil," said the admiralty's account. "The fumes contaminated the air to such an extent that the submarine had to leave the vicinity and ventilate with clear air before being able to dive again."

#### THE FIRE SEX

MACON, Mo., Dec. 19 (AP)—The ladies of the quilting bee at the First Baptist church smelled smoke. They tossed down their sewing, grabbed axes and buckets and went to work on a partition inside of which flames were cracking. By the time the firemen arrived, the ladies, thank you, had the blaze well in hand.

A WOMAN ruled the Byzantine empire for 10 years, beginning in 780 A.D. Her name was Irene and she was originally a poor Greek orphan. She married the emperor, Leo IV.

### STORIES IN STAMPS



#### Early French Historian Joins Philatelic Ranks

ONE of France's first historians, Gregory, bishop of Tours, has been honored by a French stamp, above, commemorating the 14th centenary of his birth. Gregory's chief contribution is a history of the barbarian Franks, beginning with the creation of the world and continuing until three years before the bishop's death in 594. While the first books of the series, based upon legend, tradition, and writings of other authors are unimportant, the last group of six, which detail his own observations and experience are of great historical value.

Gregory was a militant bishop, defending his see against kings and princes, and ruling his people with great firmness.

All orders for stamps to be used as Christmas gifts will receive special attention at the U. S. Philatelic Agency if they are conspicuously marked "Christmas Order."

The U. S. migratory bird hunting stamp has been made available to collectors through the Philatelic Agency.

#### First Contingent--

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They cheered the slim grey ships which conveyed them—and the sailors cheered back.

They cheered the people on the dock—and how the Scots cheered back!

"It's the Canadians coming," one woman shouted hysterically.

As the men poured down the gangplank in a stream of khaki, it was easy to distinguish the Americans.

One from Chicago said he had enlisted "just for the hell of it."

Another from Fitchburg, Mass., just smiled and shrugged his shoulders to the question of why he enlisted.

They were Americans all right—they wanted to know who would play in the Rose Bowl.

Two others were from Belfast and Vancorbora, Maine.

General McNaughton said "Yes, we have a hundred or so Americans. They're good soldiers—and really alive."

Although the men sang Canada's maple leaf song as the ship neared the dock, there was dis-

tinctly an American tone to the landing.

The band led by a venerable negro who said "I Tell 'Em I'm 40," blared the Washington Post march and the troops yelled "When Do We Eat" and "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here."

The force is completely mechanized and was drawn from Canadian militia, with the officers and noncoms from the regular army.

It left port for intensive training in Britain.

#### SEASONED BANQUETER

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 19 (AP)—A guest invited to partake of an elk dinner, arrived at his host's home wearing ear muffs, despite delightful weather. "How come?" queried the host. "So I won't have to listen to all the lies you are going to tell about killing that elk," said the guest.

#### THE WHITE TRUTH

ELKHART, Ind., Dec. 19 (AP)—Officers, believing they had spotted a bootlegger, followed a man seen walking around every morning with a sack full of quart jars. They finally trailed him to an out-of-the-way shed, where they found him milking a cow.

#### The Notebook

Wednesday  
The Delphin Study club will meet at the clubhouse at 9:30.

The Junior G. A. will meet at the church at 4 o'clock.

Thursday  
The First Industrial Arts club will have its Christmas party at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Clark W. Lambert.

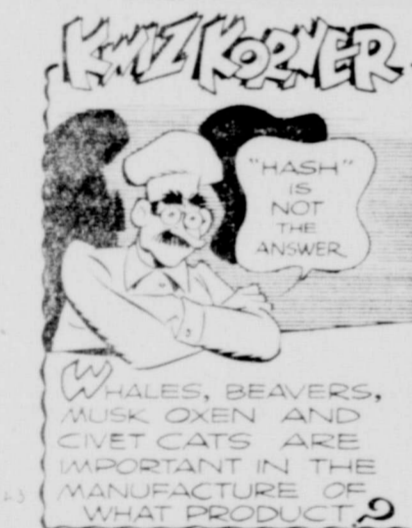
Friday  
The Twentieth Century club will meet at the clubhouse at 3.

Look in the Classified First.

**WHY** suffer from Colds?  
For quick relief from cold symptoms take **666**  
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#### THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: Perfume. Each of these animals produces an aromatic substance used as a fixative base.

#### OUT OUR WAY . . . . . By Williams

GET DOWN FROM THERE. THE HOUSE IS FULL OF SMOKE--WHAT'RE YOU DOING UP THERE ANYWAY?  
OH, WE HAD A ARGUMENT AN' WE'RE JIS PROVIN SUMP'N IS ALL--HE'S TH SKINNIEST ONE, TOO  
OW-OO! IT'S GITTIN' HOT! GIT ME OUTA HERE--I'M STUCK!  
DONT FERGIT YOU AINT FAT--AN HE CARRIES A BAG, TOO!  
BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON  
J. WILLIAMS  
12-14

#### Great Britain held the Hawaiian Islands for a period of five months in 1843.

#### Royal Family of American League



Clark Griffith, president of the Washington Nationals, is with the family has another heads-up ball player in his 19-month grandson, Thomas Griffith Cronin, son of Joe Cronin, manager of the Boston Red Sox. Mrs. Cronin is Griffith's adopted daughter.

#### Sets Bowling Endurance Record



Louis Dreibelis of Sunbury, Pa., set what is believed to be a new endurance record by bowling 52 games in 4 hours and 47 minutes for an average of 219, remarkably high under the conditions. High game was 279.

#### Lotta Svards Cook for Finnish Army



Finnish women have always helped their men in time of war. Never have they been as well trained and organized as now. More than 100,000 of them, members of the Lotta Svards organization, are working as air raid wardens and taking over men's jobs at home. Closest to the front are those that work in Karelian kitchens, above, specializing in broths, stews and porridges.

#### December Most Dangerous Period for Home Fires

AUSTIN, Dec. 19 (Special)—A number of Texas fire departments report that this month shows an increase in home fires, equal to that of 1936 over the preceding year, 51 persons lost their lives by the end of the year, Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, said today. The most dangerous period for home fires, of the wide use of firecrackers and Christmas decorations, is a month in which every household should be on the alert for human lives and property, the commissioner stated. The persons lost their lives in Texas last December, a 60 per cent increase over the year 1936. According to the best available for the past 19 years, approximately one-third of persons who have burned each year were children, a 60 per cent of those who were burned to death in residential buildings. During the past 17 years, deaths by fire have been reported by the state fire insurance department. Peak year during the period was 1926 when 567 deaths were reported.

#### WHERE MEN WERE

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, (AP)—How things have changed in Alaska is revealed by a want-ad in the Fairbanks Miner, the continent's most daily newspaper. The ad of Stampede Inn, at Fairbanks, Alaska, is one of the new west mining boomers, space to announce that it is for sale and that it is a place for a cocktail party.

#### PEACE was the content

first message to go over a successful cable, complete 1886. It was word concerning peace treaty between Prussia and Austria.

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