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Tragedy of Real Life Suppressed on Stage

That perverse imp of fate who enjoys seeing honest men make spectacles of themselves must have timed this murder trial at Wise, Va., to come just as the play "Tobacco Road" was up for public discussion.

The play, as you have doubtless heard, is an unvarnished picture of the dreadful things which can happen in the lives of isolated poor whites. Because its picture is so ugly, the mayors of certain American cities have refused to let the play be performed.

Right on the heels of this comes this Virginia mountain trial, in which a young woman named Edith Maxwell was convicted of first degree murder for battering in her father's head with a shoe after he had taken butcher knife and club to her for staying out with a boy friend later than 9 p. m.

The testimony in this trial doesn't make pleasant reading, but you might take just a glance at it and charge it up to education.

Edith came home to her parents' mountain shack and found pappy drunk. Pappy announced that he was going to whip her for staying out late; she replied that he could whip her when he was sober, but not when drunk. So he seized the nearest weapons and fell to.

The scene that followed is the sort of thing which we jermits happen in real life, but at which we balk when someone tries to use it in dramatic literature. The drunken mountaineer gets the girl by the hair, rips her clothing nearly off, forces her down on the floor, mouthing threats.

She grabs the nearest weapon—a shoe, it happened to be—and flails him on the head with the heel. His grasp relaxes, at last, and she escapes, leaving pappy dazedly muttering, "Jesus, why can't a man whip his own child!"

It would be silly, of course, to say that this sort of thing is in any way typical of the mountain folks as a group, any more than a play like "Tobacco Road" is typical of southern poor whites as a group.

But both things, the trial and the play, show the price that our society does have to pay now and then for permitting backwaters of poverty and bleak ignorance to exist.

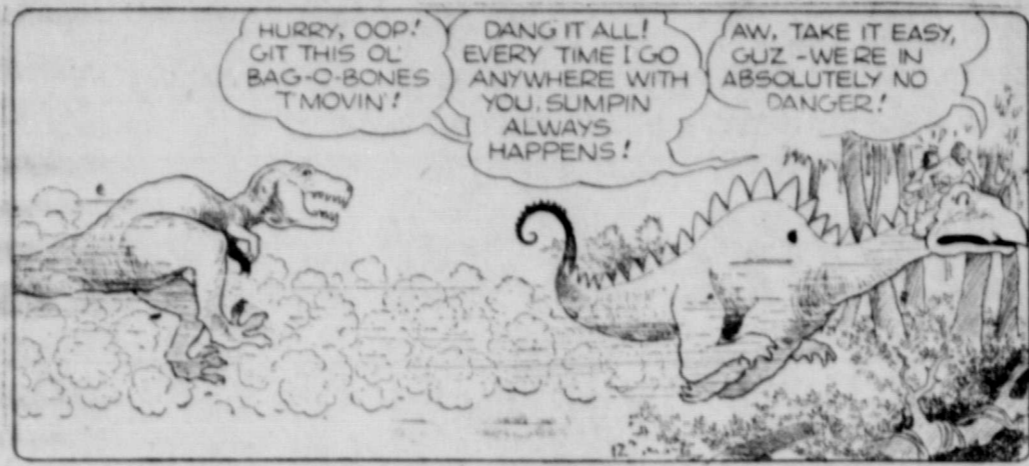
The righteous mayors who refused to let their constituents have a look at the play doubtless felt that they were saving America from something pretty dreadful. Unfortunately, fate chose that moment to hand them the double cross by offering an equally mean and repellent drama from real life.

We don't get anywhere by shutting our eyes to evils. Frightful things can happen in this world when we let isolation and wont grind people down to primeval brutality. We can suppress things like "Tobacco Road"; we don't seem able to suppress things like this Virginia tragedy.

Modern Actor

Word puzzle section with a crossword grid and a list of clues. Clues include: 1. Canadian-born actor, 10. Mexican dollar, 11. Theater stall, 13. Organ of hearing, 15. Being, 16. To carry, 17. Fiber knot, 18. Exclamation, 19. Road, 20. Guilty of bigamy, 21. Wing, teacher, 22. Citrus fruit, 23. Maple syrup, 24. To think, 26. Smell, 27. To split, 29. Dewy, 30. Encountered, 31. Toward, 32. Coal box, 33. Half an am, 34. Blue grass, 35. Natural power, 36. To exist, 37. College, 42. To damage, 43. Work, 44. Destruction, 45. Ovens, 46. Chamber, 47. Dyeing apparatus, 48. Bulb flower, 50. He was born in, 51. He stars on the Amer-lean stage, 12. Opal, 14. pertis are his speciality, 16. Duration, 17. Chaos, 18. Olorasta, 20. To lie, 21. Oak fruit, 22. Raw cotton, 23. Belonging to, 25. Hammer head, 26. Shaded walk, 28. Mass of bread, 31. Implement, 34. First (music), 36. Shallow dish, 37. Needy, 38. Hence, 39. To woo, 40. Courtesy titles, 41. Upon, 42. Masculine, 43. Also, 45. Color, 46. Right, 47. Preposition, 48. Transpose, 49. Postscript.

ALLEY OOP . . . . . By HAMLIN



The Newfangles (Mom 'n' Pop) By Cowen



FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS—By Blosser



LETTERS FOR SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: I want a balloon-tire wagon and a little electric train, and some nuts, oranges, apples, candy, firecrackers. Your little friend, Kenneth Earl Wilkes, P. S.—I am not going to be at home Christmas. I am going to be at my grandmothers at San Saba, Texas. I want you to bring my toys and things there.

dy, nuts and fruits. I am a little girl nine years old and I want you to be sure and stop at my house this Christmas. Betty Jean Sneed, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus—I want a doll, a table and a piano, a bear, a chair, a streamlined train, a bed, some candy, nuts and fruits. I am a little girl five years old and I want you to be sure to stop at my house this Christmas. Zonia Mozell Sneed, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 7 years old. I think I have been good. Please bring me a little car and a G-man gun. I would like a cowboy suit, too. Don't forget my little sister, Marilyn, who is two years old. Good-bye, Bobby Bobby Crouch, Rt. 2, Eastland.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 4 years old. I have tried very hard to be good, but Santa, I am sure you know just how hard it is for a little boy to be real good, for you were once a little boy yourself. I'd like to have a little air-gun and some BB shot for it. I'd be glad if any little toy that you have to spare me. A little broom would be real handy. I'm not a sissy but I help Mother keep the house clean. I also like candy, nuts and fruit. I want some fire crackers and sparklers.

Santa, don't forget my sister and brother. They are 12 and 11 years old. I love you lots. Your little friend, Monte Ray Walker, Carbon, Texas, Rt. 2.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 5 years old, and go to kindergarten and I want you to bring me a Shirley Temple doll and a buggy and a doll bed and a table and chair and anything you think I would like. Your little friend, Norma Jean Walters, Eastland.

Dear Santa Claus: I am just a wee little girl, 2 years old, but I love baby dolls and little dishes, and a doll buggy so I am going to leave the door open for you to come in. Your little friend, Gelma Ray Harris.

Dear Santa Claus: How are you Santa? I am just fine. For Christmas I want a BB gun and a scooter and fruit and candy and boots. I go to school at Colony. My teacher is good. His name is Mr. Townsend. Goodbye, Santa Claus. Billy Pounds, Rt. 2, Box 64, Ranger.

Dear Santa Claus: How are you? Just fine I hope. I am just fine. I want a Shirley Temple doll. My name is Marjorie Neal Pounds. I have a little sister. Her name is Betty Jo Pounds. She wants a Shirley Temple doll, too. I want a pair of boots. My little sister wants some dishes and table and chairs and bed to lay her dolly on. I want a ring, I want a desk and a chair for my school books. My mother wants a stove, too. With love, Marjorie Pounds, Ranger.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl eight years old. I want a Shirley Temple doll and a cooking set, tin dishes and anything that you want to give me besides nuts, candy, apples and oranges. Lots of love, Gloria Ringold, Olden.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl five years old. I have tried to be a good little girl. Please bring me doll and a little piano, also some nuts, candy, fruits and sparkles. Goodbye Santa, hope to see you this Christmas. Betty Jean White, Gorman, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am 10 years old. Please bring me some nuts, candy, fruit, sparkles and fire crackers and I will be proud of anything else you would bring me. I got a bicycle not long ago so that was for Christmas. Bye bye dear old Santa. Virginia White, Gorman, Texas.

Dear Santa: I want a pair of skates and twin sweater suit. Don't forget the other children. Bring me some candy and nuts. Mother wants a floor lamp. I am 11 years old. I have been a very good little girl. Be sure you don't forget other children. Lots of love, Evelyn Dorothy Grass, Ranger.

Dearest Santa: I am a little boy five years old and I have been a very good little boy. I think I want an air rifle and a double barreled pop-gun and plenty of BB shot and I also want some candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget to bring my little sister and all other boys and girls something nice. Lots of love, Russell Edwards, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and table, an ironing board, a pair of skates, a blackboard, some can-

MARKETS

Table of market prices for various commodities including wheat, corn, and livestock. Includes sub-sections for 'Closing selected New York stocks' and 'Curb Stocks'.

Advertisement for HANES underwear. Text: 'When your knees don't knock... that's a boost for HANES!' Includes an image of a man in a suit.

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Advertisement for PRINCE ALBERT 30 CIGARETTES. Text: 'STEP UP, MEN, AND TRY 30 CIGARETTES AT OUR RISK'.

Advertisement for HILTON HOTELS. Text: 'Pride of SERVICE' and 'HILTON HOTELS'.

OUTOUR WAY" - - - - - By Williams



With All My Love by Mary Raymond Copyright NEA 1935

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