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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hope Wins From Artesia

BASKETBALL NEWS

Last night the Hope "B" team lost to Artesia 18 to 25, while the "A" team came through with a strong finish to victory—35 to 26. The former football players were a bit rugged and the referees were quite generous in this respect. Refereeing is no vacation. I don't care to referee anymore, the average spectator does not know the technical side of the game, but some referees try to call a game so as to assuage the spectators' pent-up emotions. The Yellowjackets made a slow start. First quarter held us 9 to 2. The ball wasn't coming in, passes were not good and shots off — no rebounds. Second quarter saw us behind 14 to 11. Our trouble was inferiority complex—"Little Hope," BIG Artesia, but during the last half we set up our strategy and took the lead at 21 to 20 for the third quarter. The fourth quarter was basketball. Passes began to click. The tally put us in front by 35 to 26. There was not much danger of loss after the third quarter. Our boys had plenty of shots, but were tied up quickly. We play Artesia Jan. 7 here. We hope to settle down to more technical basketball and outshoot, we will have done kethal and if we can outpass, out-a good job. We are working on a new system, which is just beginning to show up. Our Forister made his 15 points, R. Kincaid and Potter 9 each, Wilburn 2 and A. Kincaid 1. Work or worth to the team. Many non-scoring players do more to prevent opponents scoring than those who score. We don't care who scores or prevents scoring, but we want active participation. In our "B" game, Parrish is the one who remembered to play as we have been drilling. Why do boys drill on fundamentals and then when going against competition, flop? The answer is simple: They have not mastered the technique. How then? When a boy has a chance to practice, he should work hard and correctly to do the thing he is being coached to do, and think for himself when things go wrong. Too many boys do not make a serious job of play. Basketball is work. A game of intricate skill and maneuvers. A game for a clear mind and split second thinking. This brings us to the end of the year. We trust that the boys as well as other students will take proper care of themselves and come back after Christmas with renewed spirits. If I could just be a little boy again and hang up my stocking by the fireside. Won't you make an extra effort to see that some little boy or girl has a beautiful Christmas? Happiness is the result of giving. Cheer, love, thanks, appreciation — not money. For all your kindness, we thank you! —Coach Evans.

SCHOOL NEWS
Superintendent Moore was in Santa Fe Monday and Tuesday, along with the other superintendents of Eddy County, applying for some of the buildings at the Carlsbad Army Air Field. If the Hope school is successful in getting a building, it will be used as a teacherage.
Myllinda Beverage, a senior, has written saying that she would be in school the second semester so she can graduate in May.
We thank Mr. Wood, manager of Central Valley Electric Cooperative, for presenting the Hope school with an American Beauty electric iron.

SALE A SUCCESS
The sale held Monday at George Schneider's was well attended and to the of the cold weather. Everything brought a good price. All appreciated the sandwiches, pie and coffee served by the Methodist ladies. D. W. Carson bought the combine, Bryant Williams the feed grinder. The Grandi brothers from Carlsbad purchased several of the milk cows, all of which brought good

prices. Hogs were in demand and sold at top price. Mr. Schneider has purchased a residence in Artesia and will move there in the near future.

ANOTHER LETTER FOR SANTA CLAUS

A letter addressed to Santa Claus, North Pole, was delivered to The News office last week, for the reason, possibly, that Santa Claus has already left his home and could not be contacted by the local postmaster. We have filed this letter and as soon as we get in touch with Santa we will deliver it personally. Following is the letter:

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll bed, and a buggy, a doll with hair and a pair of skates, dishes and a phone, too. Love, Barbara Nell Sully.

Of course, it may be a few days before we can get in touch with Santa, for the reason that he has a large territory to cover. The last we heard of him he was up in Canada and he has a large country to cover there. We have written to him that Hope has a Christmas tree all ready for him and he sent up a message saying that he had it down on his schedule, that he would be in Hope some time Tuesday night, Dec. 24, and would be glad to meet as many of the children as he has time for. So don't be impatient, Santa will be here all right.

MARCH OF DIMES TO START SOON

In a letter from R. H. Westaway, of Carlsbad, he states that the campaign for the March of Dimes will be on again immediately after the Christmas holidays. Mr. Henry Felts, of Carlsbad, has been appointed campaign director for Eddy County. He will be in Hope in the near future to appoint a manager for this district. We are sure that Mr. Felts will receive the whole-hearted support of the Hope people.

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RESIDENTS OF EDDY COUNTY

To encourage the necessary interest in higher education which is essential to the continued well being and progress of all American industry, International Minerals & Chemical Corporation is announcing the establishment of two scholarships for residents of Eddy County, according to George T. Harley, manager of the company.
The scholarships, each amounting to \$600 annually towards a complete four-year college course, will be awarded each year to either an employee or a son or daughter of an employee of the corporation locally employed, plus a son or daughter of a resident of Eddy County not employed by International.

The awards will be made annually by a committee composed of the county superintendent of public instruction, a representative of the Carlsbad school system, a member from among local institutions or service clubs representing the general public, an employee of International Minerals & Chemical Corporation selected to represent all local employees of the company, and the manager of the company.

Eligibility requirements will include superior scholastic performance by the applicant while in high school, high character, and evidence of leadership qualities. The scholarships will be made available at any accredited college or university located in New Mexico selected by the student receiving the awards, and will permit them to select any course of instruction leading to a degree. Top-quarter scholastic rankings must be maintained by the students to continue their eligibility throughout the four-year period. The first scholarships to be awarded under this program will begin with the fall term commencing September, 1947.

Applications for the scholarship will be entertained by the committee as soon as its membership is announced, Mr. Harley stated. Further information regarding these scholarships will be released by the committee in the near future.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF CONFIDENCE!

To dispel for all time the untrue and malicious rumors that have been circulated about the permanence of Satisflo ink used in all Reynolds Pens, Milton Reynolds, chairman of the board of the Reynolds Pen Company, in Miami backed his confidence in his product with \$100,000.

The occasion for this was the writing of a check for \$100,000 in the safe deposit vaults of the Mercantile National Bank in the presence of Mayor Herbert A. Frink, Maurice Liberman, president of the Mercantile National Bank, and Ruth Byrd, Sun and Fun Queen of Miami Beach. As further evidence of his confidence, the check was written under water and placed in the vaults of the Mercantile National Bank.

Mr. Reynolds announced that he would pay \$100,000 to any designated charity if, at the end of one year, the check for \$100,000 was not clearly legible.

Mr. Liberman stated that at no time has his bank refused to permit the use of Reynolds Satisflo ink on any of the bank records or other permanently retained material.

Mr. Reynolds said that a report from a nationally-known research laboratory in Chicago showed that, with the exception of Parker "51," all standard inks now used in the United States faded as much or more than the Reynolds Satisflo and that all exceeded U. S. government requirements. Many of these inks are considered and sold as "permanent" inks.

Reynolds Satisflo tests were made on good quality office second sheet paper such as used for carbon copies. The paper itself completely faded and decomposed on the surface but Reynolds Satisflo ink remained clearly legible. The actual exposure was 1000 times the exposure necessary to develop a severe case of sunburn on the human skin.

ECUADOR WANTS AMERICAN OR BRITISH SETTLERS

The Republic of Ecuador in South America, announces its bid for colonists by opening up 124,000 acres of rich land for British and American colonization. This unusual offer has been made possible by Presidential Decree and the endorsement of the Minister of Economy and Minister of Public Works.

Every settler may obtain 124 acres of potential farm land and a new township lot in one of the two villages of the land concession located upon Ecuador's new, all-weather highway that links the concession with Quito, capital city of the republic, and will soon link the colony with the port city of Esmeraldas on the Pacific Coast. Married men, or heads of families, may have twice as much land, 248 acres. Settlers are allowed to bring to Ecuador, with them, all their personal effects, household goods and agricultural equipment free of all customs duty charges. Top stands of magnificent tropical woods are to be found upon the land and settlers can use this for building purposes, selling the surplus at good local prices.

Interested parties may obtain a 26 page pamphlet giving full and complete details of the land concession and colony, with instructions on how they may obtain land either as settlers or absentee owners, by writing to the Government Co-Intermediate, Dr. J. M. Sheppard, Casilla 315, Quito, Ecuador, South America.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Three oil-burning heaters, in good shape. Will trade for hay or around \$100. Inquire at The News office at Hope, N. M.

Since the above ad was published, we sold two stoves. We still have one circulation heater left for sale. It has a 12-inch burner and is guaranteed to be in first class shape. Inquire at The News office at Hope, N. M.

LOST—One turkey coop, between Hope and Artesia. Reward will be paid for its return. Bryant Williams, Hope, New Mexico.

"A Sister's Instinct." This Girl's Fears For The Safety Of Her Sister Were Well Founded and Culminated in a Hanging. This is Another of Peter Levins' Stories from The Album of Famous Mysteries. It Appears in The American Weekly, The Magazine Distributed With Next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

A LITTLE ABOUT THIS AND A LITTLE ABOUT THAT

Jack Hanna has been in the hospital in Artesia for the past week. The school will at Hope was worked over during the week end. Hilary White, Jr., was here the latter part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alward expect to leave a few days before Christmas for Albuquerque, where they will get their daughter, Wilma, and then proceed to San Diego, where they will spend Christmas with their son and his wife and family. J. C. Buckner's chuck wagon is on display in Baldwin's display window in Artesia. It is attracting quite a bit of interest.

Mrs. V. L. Daugherty and daughter, Linda Kay, are here from Roswell and will spend the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lee. J. W. Mellard strung lights on the Christmas tree last week; he was assisted by Jimmy Thompson. Dick Carson is leveling some of his farmland, which will make irrigating easier. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Musgrave returned Saturday from Palo Verde, N. M., where they had been on a business trip. Mr. Priestley, publisher of The Artesia Advocate, was here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Knott. Mrs. Robert Parks, who has been in California visiting a sister, was in Hope last Sunday visiting friends and attended church services. Wallace Johnson is installing a propane heating system. Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Olson and so leave for El Paso the 22nd, where they will attend the wedding of Mrs. Olson's brother, which takes place on the 23rd. Mrs. Bert Weddige was in Artesia Monday buying her husband a Christmas present; she is expecting her daughter, Frances, to come home from Lubbock to spend Christmas with them. Orland Parker has purchased Lovejoy's truck. Mr. Lovejoy has nothing to do now; he is a man of leisure. Mr. Beyers of the Scarbrough ranch was in Artesia Monday getting ready for Christmas. New Teel and J. P. Menefee were in Artesia Monday buying supplies for the dinner which the ladies of the Methodist church

served at the sale Tuesday. Mrs. Sam Hunter and Mrs. Lyle Hunter and baby were in Artesia Monday. D. W. Carson was in Artesia Monday trying to get a glimpse of Santa Claus. Mr. Kaiser of the Mann-Kaiser Electric Co. is in the El Paso hospital for medical treatment. Bob Wood and daughter Tiny were in Artesia Monday trying to decide what to buy for Mrs. Wood for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Thompson were in Artesia Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Penn Trimble autoed to Artesia Monday. Lee Glascock was out to the ranch Monday; we understand he is thinking of buying a radio for Christmas. Henry Crockett and wife and family were in Artesia Monday trying to decide what to buy for all the grandchildren. Mrs. Knott and Mrs. Williams were in Artesia Monday. Penn Trimble has purchased an old Keller place. Smith Bros., who operate a mattress factory in Artesia, have purchased a mattress factory in Alamogordo. A cold wave hit Hope Tuesday A. M. Everyone is around trying to borrow some heavier clothing. That's all that happened in Hope the past week.

"The Face of Christ." John Erskine Has Written A Stirring Article On The Shape and Expression Of The Saviour's Countenance. Beautifully Illustrated in Four Colors, His Story Appears in The American Weekly, The Magazine Distributed With Next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

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AND GLADNESS
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By PETERLIN

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CANDY SALES LAST YEAR TOTALLED APPROXIMATELY 2,562,000,000 POUNDS

CLOSE TO 10% OF YOUNGSTERS IN THE UNITED STATES ENTERING KINDERGARTEN HAVE VISUAL SHORTCOMINGS

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Christmas Dinner Needs Color and Good Cooking To Appeal to Appetites



Christmas dinner is for family and friends. They should be given their favorite foods, prepared family style. Plan meal ahead and save last minute musing and fussing.

We may all get somewhat worn-out by the hustle and bustle of the holidays, but, confess now, would you give any of it up? I don't think anyone would say "yes," because that's half the fun of Christmas.

Christmas is the time to put on your feast of the year, for this is truly the meal that's remembered. Whatever you have, set it on a colorful table with red and green decorations predominating. Have everything cooked to perfection and let the rest take care of itself.

Do your marketing and planning well in advance so you won't be disappointed, and do get most of the food prepared in advance so you won't be caught in the last minute rush. Dessert, refrigerator roll dough and salad can all be prepared the day before Christmas if you follow the suggested menu.

***Cranberry Juice.**
Mix equal quantities of cranberry and orange juice. Add half as much ginger ale and chill thoroughly before serving.

***Roast Beef.**
Wipe roast with a damp cloth; dredge bottom of pan with flour. Place roast in pan, skin side down, and rub over with flour. Place in a moderate (300 to 350 degrees) oven and cook as follows: for a well done roast 15 minutes per pound, plus 15 minutes; for medium done, 12 minutes per pound plus 15 minutes; and for a rare roast 10 minutes to a pound plus 15 minutes.

***Green Beans with Mushrooms.** (Serves 6 to 8)
2 pounds green beans, cut in slivers
1/2 pound fresh mushrooms
1/2 cup minced onion
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 cup water
3 tablespoons butter or bacon fat
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup milk or cream

Combine beans with mushrooms which have been washed and sliced. Add onion, salt, water, butter and sugar. Cover and cook over low heat until tender. Add remaining ingredients, heat well and serve. Canned mushrooms and green beans may be substituted for fresh produce, if desired.

Cranberry Relish Salad. (Serves 6)
2 cups fresh cranberry relish
1 tablespoon plain gelatin
1/4 cup cold water
12 apple slices
Real mayonnaise
Salad greens

To cranberry relish, add gelatin soaked in cold water and dissolved in hot water. Turn into shallow pan rinsed with cold water. Have mixture at least one inch deep. Chill until firm. Cut with a scalloped cookie cutter and place on salad greens. Top with 1/4-inch apple slice cut with same cutter and dipped in lemon juice. Top with real mayonnaise and garnish with a half a cherry.



CHRISTMAS DINNER
*Cranberry Juice
*Rib Roast of Beef
Browned Potatoes
*Green Beans with Mushrooms
Hot Rolls
*Molded Salad Relishes
*Plum Pudding with Sauce or Fruit Cake
*Recipe given.

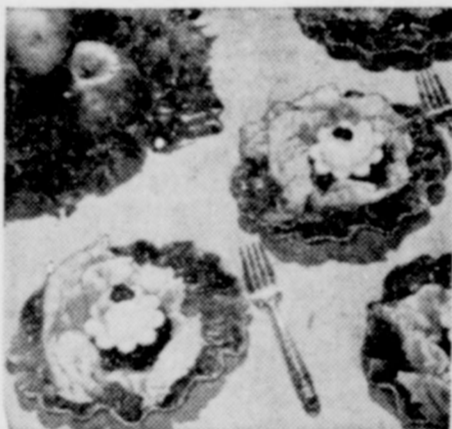
To make the cranberry relish used in the recipe for the salad use the following directions:

French Cranberry Relish.
1 pound raw cranberries
1 large orange
1 large red apple
1 cup honey

Wash berries, orange and core apple. Put through the meat grinder, using medium knife. Add syrup and let stand in the refrigerator. This will make 3 1/2 cups of relish. It may be used as a relish for meat, if desired. Trimmings from the jellied relish salad can be added to fruit cup the following day.

A good plum pudding may be kept for several weeks, if desired, and allowed to mellow like a good fruit cake. Or, if you want some for New Year's Day also, double the following recipe:

***Royal Plum Pudding.**
2 eggs, separated
3/4 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
3/4 cup chopped suet
1 1/4 cups soft bread crumbs
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
3/4 teaspoon nutmeg
3/4 cup seeded raisins
1/2 cup currants
1/2 cup nutmeats
1 1/2 tablespoons flour



*Cranberry relish salad is made of easy-to-get foods like apples, oranges and honey. It can be prepared the day before and garnished prettily by cutting the molded salad with a scalloped cookie cutter, and topped with an apple cut the same way, garnished with mayonnaise and a red cherry.

Add beaten egg yolks to brown sugar and mix in lemon juice. Blend in suet, bread crumbs and remaining ingredients. Lastly, fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Use a 2 quart mold which has been greased well. Sprinkle with flour and pour in pudding. Cover and steam for 3 hours, or bake at 250 degrees for 3 hours. If individual molds are used, this will make six puddings.

To make a sauce for the pudding, beat 1 egg yolk and add 1/4 cup of sugar slowly. Fold in 1 stiffly beaten egg white and another 1/4 cup of sugar. Add 1 teaspoon of vanilla. Just before serving, fold in 2/3 cup of cream which has been whipped. Orange or lemon flavor or grated rind may also be used for flavoring.

Jack Horner Pudding
2 1/2 cups milk
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 cup seedless raisins
1/2 cup cut figs
1 teaspoon grated orange rind

Scald 2 cups milk in the top of a double boiler, add brown sugar and salt. Stir the remaining 1/2 cup cold milk into the cornstarch to make a smooth paste. Stir into the hot milk mixture, and continue to stir until smooth and thick. Add raisins, figs and grated orange rind. Cover and cook over hot water 1/2 hour. Pour into deep custard cups, cool and chill. Unmold and serve garnished with sprig of holly.

Released by Western Newspaper Union.

AROUND THE HOUSE

To block hand-crocheted hats, pill-boxes, or beanies, immerse the hat in cold water, place the top of the crown on a flat surface over a dry towel and pull into shape. Allow to dry with the cloth inside.

Much time and labor can be saved in the finishing touches when dressing a spring chicken, if an old safety razor is used to remove hairs and small feathers.

Be sure that all of the starch has been washed out of summer clothes before putting them away.

To prevent chipping your dishes, drain them on a turkish towel if you have no draining rack. When through, rinse towel and hang up to dry for next time.

Small corks make good shields for knitting or crochet needles carried about in a sewing bag or handbag.

To remove mildew from a shower curtain, wash it in hot suds then moisten the spots with lemon juice and salt and hang the curtain in the sun to dry.

Sun Tan Disappears Only As Skin Layers Are Shed

Sun tan itself does not fade away, either in skin that tans or skin that first reddens and gradually tans, says Collier's. In both cases, the brownness is imparted by the permanent pigment melanin which is produced by the exposure, and the coloration disappears only as the permeated layers of the skin are shed.

What shall I buy for him this Christmas? If he's a cigarette smoker, select a carton of 200 mild, choice cigarettes. The brand? Give him a cigarette with long, popular acceptance—Camels. They're sure to please. And for the man who smokes a pipe, give Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco, the world's largest-selling pipe tobacco. Special holiday gift wrappings make both Camels and Prince Albert particularly desirable choices. Camels are conveniently packed—ten packages of flavorful, mellow cigarettes to a carton... Prince Albert is hand-somely wrapped in one pound moisture-proof containers. All of the packages include space for a holiday message. Your nearest dealer is featuring these choice Christmas gifts now.—Adv.

Gems of Thought

OF GREATEST benefit to his fellows is the man who looks ahead with clear vision and with conscientious effort to achieve the good.

To be a good American means to understand the simple principles on which our nation was founded, to observe them in our daily life and to fight for them.—Newbold Morris.

The blue of heaven is larger than the clouds.

Most of the things that are put off until tomorrow should have been done yesterday.

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Christmas

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- It is our hope that this blessed season will bring to your home not only the festive joys of Yuletide but that deep inner peace which is essentially a part of Christmas.

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Artesia



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- Time for us to send you our best wishes for the happiest Christmas you have ever known.

Hopkins Firestone Store

117 W. Main

Artesia

*Thanks.
Friends.*

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
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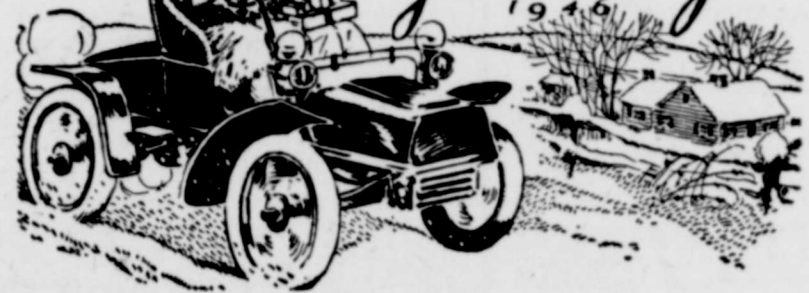
MAY THE TREASURE OF ACCUMULATED MEMORIES

of Christmases past and gone gladden your Christmas celebration this year. We wish for you all the good things for which Christmas has always stood.

E. B. BULLOCK

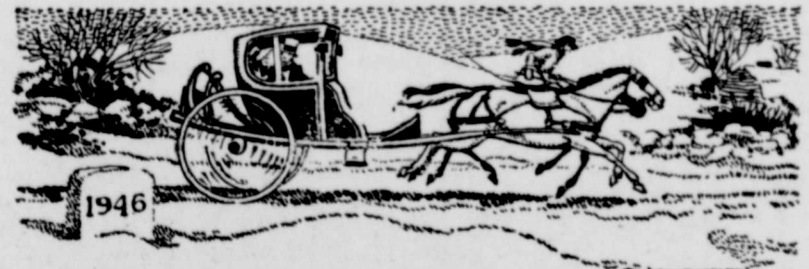
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Old Fashioned Yuletide Greetings



- It isn't always stylish to be old fashioned, but there are times when it's very genuine—and Christmas is one of them. Yes, folks, we wish you an old fashioned Christmas this year . . . the best one of them all!

McClay's Furniture Store
Artesia



Merry Christmas
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Styles change, methods change, but Christmas—never! Beneath it all is the same old love of man for his folks and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

So now in that changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors, as so often before, with that timeworn message of cheer and good fellowship, **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

BALDWIN'S

Artesia,

N. Mexico

Fanatical Monarch Bars Modern Developments

Doubtless, the most fanatical reigning monarch is Imam Yahya of Yemen, a country of the Arabian peninsula, which is 75,000 square miles in area and contains 3,500,000 inhabitants, says Collier's. Being intensely religious and detesting modern developments, this 77-year-old Mohammedan keeps his kingdom in complete isolation.

It is still without a telephone, printing press, railroad or even a physician. The country is so destitute that the king's harem is obliged to support itself by making uniforms for the kingdom's armed forces.



MOST MOTHERS DO THIS If Baby Has A Cold



Best-known home remedy you can use to relieve distress of children's colds is comforting Vicks VapoRub. Even while you rub it on, VapoRub starts to work to ease distress... and it keeps on working during the night. No wonder most mothers always do this when a cold strikes. **VICKS VAPORUB**

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**WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS
 Colleges Take Livestock Honors;
 Violence Marks General Strike;
 German Scientists Aiding U. S.**

Released by Western Newspaper Union
 (EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



130,000 AFL unionists walked out in general strike in support of retail clerks.

STOCK SHOW: Colleges' Day

Perhaps it was only fitting that the nation's agricultural colleges, which have devoted so much effort toward the improvement of American farming, topped the major honors at the 47th International Live Stock exposition in Chicago.

Royal Jupiter, a 1,370-pound Short-horn steer entered by Oklahoma A. & M. college, was awarded grand championship, with Wyoming Challenger Standard, another Short-horn owned by the University of Wyoming, named reserve titleholder.

A 222-pound Hampshire barrow entered by Purdue university was adjudged the grand hog champion, marking the 10th victory chalked up by the Lafayette, Ind., institution in this class since the stock show started.

Having taken firsts in the steer and hog competition, the colleges contented themselves with a second in the lamb showing, Ohio State university winning runner-up honors with a 147-pound Hampshire wether. Sixteen-year-old Wayne Disch, Evansville, Wis., took first place with a 110-pound Southdown.

4-H Makes Hit

All Chicago seemed to take out the welcome mat for more than 1,000 rural farm youth attending the 25th annual 4-H congress. Clean and wholesome, with an open and winning manner, the boys and girls went right on to steal the Windy City's heart.

Perhaps because they most typified the hundreds of 4-H representatives present, the eight health champions chosen attracted wide attention. There was especial praise for Nancy Jean Davis, 17, Pittsburg, Okla., who not only corrected a curvature of the spine and built up her own health but also wholeheartedly participated in the 4-H program for better sanitation, nutrition and medical standards in her community.

Girl champions in the spotlight included Patricia Morgan, 18, Westville, Ind.; Mildred Bruce, 17, Newport, Ark.; homemaker; and Doris Anders, 19, Heron Lake, Minn., food preparation.

Wendell Straughm, 17, Oldham county, Ky., displayed the biggest heart at the meet, having canned 1,300 quarts of fruit, meats and vegetables last year and given most of them to a Baptist orphanage and hospital.

LABOR: Stiff Penalty

When Judge T. Alan Goldsborough slapped a \$3,500,000 fine against the United Mine Workers and a \$10,000 penalty against UMW Chieftain John L. Lewis for contempt of court in staging the soft coal strike, it marked a new phase in American labor relations.

Judge Goldsborough would not imprison Lewis and thereby set him up as a martyr to labor's cause; but the stiff fines imposed against both the union and its big boss were designed to impress labor generally that in a dispute involving government interests, the government stood above all parties.

Set back by the decision, the UMW command took immediate steps to appeal, but regardless of the outcome of a higher court hearing, the

rank and file of the union continued to swear by John L. From Charleston, W. Va., Pres. William Blizzard of District 17 charged: "This is part of a plot by the Democratic party to destroy the union." In Mahan, W. Va., Secy. Chester Cadle of Local 6713 said: "The boys down my way



John L.: In Biggest Fight

are sure mad. They'll stick with (Lewis) now until hell freezes over." Miner Bill Jones from Bentleyville, Pa., growled: "Let the government attorneys dig the damn coal."

General Walkout

The downtown district of Oakland, Calif., seethed with violence during the general strike of AFL unions over two retail establishments' refusal to recognize the Retail Clerks union.

As militant pickets milled about, business and labor leaders and City Manager Herbert Hassler met to end the strike. The walkout resulted when the two stores joined with the Oakland Retail Merchants' association in demanding that the union show a majority in all 26 of the member establishments or drop their demands.

AFL truck, bus, trolley and train employees walked out with the retail clerks, paralyzing the transport system. Other AFL unions followed suit. Having indicated their support of the striking clerks, the other unions then were ordered back to their jobs by their leaders.

SCIENTISTS: Work for U. S.

German scientists recruited from the reich and working on year-to-year contracts have turned over secret research data worth millions and advanced American aviation from two to 10 years, army authorities at Wright Field, Ohio, declared.

Numbering both former Nazis and independents, the scientists are hard at work on development of supersonic (faster than sound) passenger aircraft, guided missiles and other new weapons. More prominent among them include Dr. Rudolph Hermann, aero-dynamicist credited with perfecting the V-2 rocket, and Dr. Alexander Lippisch, chief designer of the Messerschmitt plant.

The scientists' contracts with the U. S. call for an allowance of \$6 daily for payment of personal living expenses and salaries ranging from \$2.20 to \$11 a day, depending upon their abilities. Families of the scientists in Germany have been given preferential treatment.

Christmas In Many Lands

Early Christians did not celebrate the birthday of Christ. It was not until the fourth century that December 25 came to be accepted as the presumed anniversary of the great event. In that year Pope Gregory V set this day officially. His intention was partly to absorb the old pagan festival of the returning sun (the winter solstice on December 22) in a Christian feast. A number of pagan celebrations were overlapped in this manner during the first centuries of Christianity.

It is for this reason that the remnants of ancient rites and customs have become intermingled with genuine Christian practices and symbolism. The Yule rites of the Scandinavian, Germanic and British nations blended with the new Christian holy day in northern Europe. In Italy, France, Spain and other nations descended from Roman colonies, the rowdy festival spirit and customs of pagan Rome hung on to some extent, and merged with the observation of Christmas. In the main, however, the birth of Christ was a religious holiday—joyous, but restrained in mood—in the early centuries of the Christian era. Gradually, however, in the middle ages, the feast became more robust, as peasants and lords made merry in the baronial halls.

Nativity Plays.

On the other hand, the Nativity plays were purely Christian in origin,—having arisen spontaneously in many parts of Europe in the early middle ages. In one form or another they have been enacted all over the world, with additions and embellishments. There are puppet versions, elaborate pageants, musical scores, all treating of the birth of Christ. In Spanish countries the "Posadas" is the name given to a combination procession and party with religious overtones, that covers the nine days preceding Christmas itself. The Polish Christmas play is an intermingling of the Nativity story with elements of Polish history and legend.

The Santa Claus tradition represents the combining of a number of widely differing relics of old superstition and beliefs. The northern Europeans in pre-Christian times believed in a spirit of woods and fields who had to be placated now and then, or he would ruin the harvests. This being was known in Norway as the "Nisse," and by various names in other Scandinavian countries. It is still the custom in rural regions for children to set out porridge and beer on Christmas eve to please the Nisse.

In Britain the character known as "Father Christmas" is supposed to be a Christian version of this ancient spirit of the fields. The Dutch Sinter Klass, or St. Nicholas, is still recognizable as the good bishop of Myra in Dutch plays, but he too is being absorbed in the more popular version of Santa Claus, the fat, red-coated little man with the big bag of presents. This idea of Santa Claus is a south German interpretation. In other parts of Germany the dispenser of gifts is "Dame Bertha." The custom of hanging up stockings comes from Italy.

Switzerland has developed the custom of parading from house to house and singing carols in a picturesque way. Costumes are remarkable. Young men and women wear headdresses representing houses, ships, mountains, and so forth. Huge sleigh bells tinkle from their waists and shoulders. These Swiss carolers also have a peculiar dance used only on Christmas eve. In Switzerland, as in other European countries, the gifts are brought to good children, not by Santa Claus, but by the Christ Child, who comes from the North Pole in a fairy sleigh.

Members of the Orthodox Greek church, who cling to the old style calendar, celebrate Christ's birthday on January 6. Many people in Greece, Serbia, Romania and other Balkan states, as well as many Russians, belong to the Orthodox church.

Their Christmas feast traditionally begins with a bowl of "kutya," which is a combination of wheat, honey, ground poppy seed and pecans. Mushroom soup, fruit, fish and nuts are also served. A small layer of hay is spread under the table cloth to show humility for Christ's birth in a stable.

Little Co-Operation

Tom applied for work at the railway yards. The foreman, to test his ability, told him to drive an engine into a nearby shed.

Tom climbed into the cab and was appalled by the various valves and switches. He turned one of the wheels and, to his surprise, the engine started off towards the shed. In an effort to stop it, he turned a few more wheels, but the engine reversed and puffed out of the shed.

After he had repeated these maneuvers two or three times, the foreman shouted: "Hey, you fool, what do you think you are doing!" "You're the fool!" retorted Tom angrily. "Why didn't you shut the doors? I had it in three times!"

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A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

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Lesson for December 22

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A MESSAGE OF LOVE (CHRISTMAS LESSON)

LESSON TEXT—John 3:16; Ephesians 3:14-21.
MEMORY SELECTION—Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.—II Corinthians 9:15.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem there were only a few men and women of faith who could see in the Babe of the manger the glory and the power of Christ.

Indifferent, ignorant and sinful people are glad to try to capitalize on the spirit of Christmas, but they still despise and turn away from the Son of God, Jesus the Saviour.

It behooves us, therefore, to present once more the message of the Saviour who came at Christmas, that all men may hear of him.

Our lesson speaks of God's great gift of love and tells what manner of men and women we should be because he did give his Son for us.

I. God's Christmas Gift to Us (John 3:16).

God loved—so God gave. Love prompts the heart to give. One may give without loving, it is true, but one cannot love without giving.

God's love for man existed from all eternity. It provided a way of redemption for man and in due season the Saviour came, to live, to love, to die for all mankind.

It was no chance event, no accident in history; it was the heart of God speaking in his "unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15) of his only begotten Son.

That leads us to our second Scripture and our second point. We who receive gifts try to express our appreciation in a polite and proper way.

II. Our "Thank You" to God (Eph. 3:14-21).

Paul's prayer for the Ephesian church (and for us also who are in the "family," v. 15) tells us how we may live our lives as Christians and express our gratitude to God.

The church of Christ, made up of those who are believers in him, should show its relationship to God, and its appreciation of his grace by its

1. Strength (v. 16). It does not honor God nor is he properly represented in the world by those who are spiritually weak and ineffective.

It is the privilege of the believer to be "strengthened with might" (v. 16) and this takes place as the Holy Spirit has liberty "with power penetrating to your inmost being," as Weymouth translates it.

2. Love (v. 17). This is the strong foundation of all spiritual development and usefulness. Roots are put down deep (as we change the figure of speech) to hold the life steady, and to provide the nourishment for spiritual living.

3. Knowledge (vv. 18, 19). The believer has to know not only the knowable, but also that which passes knowledge, namely, the love of Christ.

We shall grow in grace as we grow in the knowledge of the love of Christ (II. Pet. 3:18). We with all of God's people—what a great and delightful company—are to comprehend, to really grasp, the length and breadth and height and depth of his love.

We say with the psalmist, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain to it" (Ps. 139:6). But then we remember that it is as Christ dwells "in our hearts by faith" (v. 17) that we are able to comprehend such truth.

4. Faith (v. 20). Here we see why it is possible to do the impossible, to know that which passes knowledge, to see the unseen. It is by faith in him who "is able to do infinitely beyond all our highest prayers and thoughts" (Weymouth, v. 20) that we attain unto this blessed place of blessing.

So this is the "Thank you" that God wants this Christmas. He wants the unbeliever to turn to him in faith, and the believer to really be what he ought to be and can be in Christ. Then a man's whole life will say, "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul."

For the tenth successive year the writer of these notes expresses to his readers everywhere his good wish for a most blessed Christmas both in heart and home. May the Lord give us all special grace this year to thank him for his great Christmas Gift by a life wholly dedicated to him.

How It Started

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This seemed too imitative of British royalty, from which Americans had fought hard and long to separate themselves. So the chief

executive is simply "President of the United States."

Probably Thomas Jefferson was as delighted as anyone over congress' choice, for he was one of the most democratic of all early statesmen.

Stalin's Victory Vase

The Victory vase, recent gift of the Russian people to Generalissimo Stalin, is the largest object of its kind in existence. Ornamented with \$40,000 worth of gold and decorated with a portrait of Stalin and war scenes which took five artists two years to paint, the base is made of pink porcelain and is nine feet in height.

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Along the Ohio and Kentucky rivers are boats that have no masts, but they are equipped with underwater sails. They're called "mussel diggers" and are used to dig mussels from the mud at the bottom of the river. Mussels come from a species of fish whose shells are used to make shirt buttons and cheap jewelry.

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Murder in Plain Sight

by GERALD BROWN



Duke McCale, private detective, is guarding the wedding presents at the Bigelow mansion. He senses that old Miss Adelaide Bigelow is afraid of something more than theft. He meets the bride and groom-to-be, Veronica and Curt Vallaincourt, and Veronica's mother, Sybil, and her brother and sister, Stephen and Victoria. McCale learns that Vallaincourt is a free spender and gambler. He also finds out there was a curious episode in the lives of Stephen Bigelow and his wife. There is a strange tension at the mansion. Christopher Storm, who had once been rejected by Veronica, seems particularly ill at ease. Stephen is also notably jumpy. Karen goes out, and returns in an hour.

CHAPTER VII

Comes in all decked out for the night life. Soup and fish. Gave me the once-over and had a few quick straight ones without more than a glance at me sitting there with my tongue hanging out. When the butler stuck his snoot in the door, he spat out, "Tell my mother I'm going out this evening." Not his wife, and not his mother.

"Mama's big boy."
"Oh, sure. He and his wife don't get along, I take it?"
"Your surmise is a good one, I think."

"Well, while he was having his snort, the wife comes in. I'd been wondering who'd been playing chopsticks all night until she stood there in the doorway, looking daggers at him. 'Going out, Steve?' she says, and he walks by her without a glance. She put her hand out, but he brushed her off."

"Then King, the major-domo, calls her to the phone and she goes out."

"She had a phone call?"
"Yep. After which she banged heck out of the piano for another half hour."

"She went out, you say?"
"Yes, she did. She wasn't gone long. About an hour. When she came home, she messed around the ivories until hubby rolled in, about twelve o'clock. Then the place quieted down for the night."

"Stephen came home late?"
"Yes. He must have heard her going in, 'cause a door opened upstairs. The piano stopped. He shouted something or other at her that I didn't get. Then a couple more doors slammed."

"That the story?"
"All but mamma. She stopped King in the hall and asked for Stephen. She almost dropped when he told her sonny boy was doing the town. Then she yelled for Karen. When the butler reported that Karen had gone out too, she made a beeline for the upstairs. In about twenty minutes, she came down looking like the Merry Widow—and just as worn out. She called a cab and made her exit."

"When did she get home?"
"Just before Stevey-boy. She came in, or floated in, would be more like it. She had just got the shock of her life. No act this time."

McCale nodded thoughtfully and they sat silent for a few minutes. The figment of his imagination was jumping about wildly. He was surer than ever that tragedy stalked the Bigelows. Finally with a gesture—half disdain, half despair—he launched into a description of the events witnessed by Ann and himself at the Abbey.

Miss Adelaide Quits The Pretense

When he had finished, he cocked an eyebrow, looking interrogatively at his friend and employee.

Rocky said at last slowly, "The thing that sticks out farthest, chief, at least as I see it—"

"Is what?"
"Is what Mr. Curt Vallaincourt, bridegroom-to-be, seems to be as busy as a bee, painting himself right into a corner."

At four-thirty that afternoon, Duke McCale stood before the fireplace in the upstairs drawing room of the Beacon street house. He was facing Adelaide Bigelow, who was huddled in the corner of a Victorian sofa.

McCale had been talking quietly, in a voice which surprised himself at its own compassion.

"You'll have to pardon me if I say you have been—shall I say—extremely British about this situation. You have made a concession here, an appeasement there, until it is quite futile to take any action. You have called me in months too late."

"Mr. McCale," there was a light touch of hauteur in her tone in spite of herself, "you are presuming too much. I called you in to look after the house during the week of the wedding."

"I'm sorry, but that is not the truth. Never once have I believed you came to my office with that in

mind. I knew you were in trouble even though you withheld your confidence. Even now you will not admit it, even to yourself. I have gone on that premise from the first—that you wanted me to find out things without even the responsibility on your part of telling me what."

"I wish to withdraw from the case, Miss Bigelow. There's nothing I can do for you."

"Oh, no!" The words, half muffled in the heavy atmosphere, magnified themselves in the vastness of the room.

The fire crackled fiercely for a long minute, while the essence of fear hung in the air like a strong accent.

"It is necessary for me, since you will not confide in me, to tell you exactly what it is that is bothering you—what it is that you fear. You see, I know. What is it?"

Miss Bigelow turned once more to the room and McCale saw into her mind quite easily.

So many things are not as we want them to be, nor as we believed them to be," she said.
Her eyes clouded. "What do you know?"

"I know that a certain young man of undeniable physical attraction is marrying thirty million dollars next week. I know that in your subconscious mind, you believe him to be an adventurer. I know that you should have investigated him months ago—that you are also both-



He stood behind her looking over her shoulder while he talked.

ered by the fact that your entire family seems jealous of his marriage to your niece. Not jealous, mind, of his perhaps having the benefits of a great fortune, but jealous in a more personal way, as if secretly they were all in love with him and wanted him for themselves."

"You are so—right," she faltered. Her eyes lit up in admiration. "How in the world—"

"I am a trained observer. It is my job to see what others miss. Then, too, I have sources of information."

A Strange Will Complicates Things

She crossed to the windows again, searching the outside hastily. What in the world is she looking for there? he pondered. Is she anxious to have this over with before the others get back? The family was having another of the interminable wedding rehearsals. Or was it some other thing she sought in the darkening afternoon? She had glanced at the clock more than once, he noted.

He crushed his cigarette in an ashtray, going over to her again. He stood behind her, looking over her shoulder while he talked. There was nothing to see. The sailor still slumped against the gateway, trying to read a paper in the unsteady glow of a street light. A woman passed in a shiny silk raincoat, a red scarf whipping out from her neck in a sudden gust of wind.

"I know," he went on, his voice low and impatient now, "that you must have another reason, for surely you are not caught in the trap this fellow sets for the unwary. Are you afraid Veronica will lavish too much of the Bigelow money on him, forgetting the others? You see, I have heard that she inherits the bulk of it upon her marriage."

She sought his eyes again, and the queer secret duel that they had all the while been fighting underneath the smooth surface was ended suddenly and completely.

Adelaide Bigelow was giving in. McCale could tell. It was in her eyes, all the pent-up gnawing worry of something horrible and unclear. She wasn't going to hold out on him any more, and now maybe he could help.

"I will tell you," she said simply. "Veronica's father, my brother," she began, motioning him to sit, "was a hard man, I suppose, but

not unusual for his time, I think. He believed that women have no heads for business—cannot handle money. He was heir to my father's business and fortune of about twelve million dollars. With real estate and clever investing, he more than doubled that fortune. There was no male heir to whom he could leave it, you see."

"There was his adopted son, Stephen," McCale put in quickly. "Yes," she hesitated, "but not his own flesh and blood. But there was certainly Stephen." She edged over to the window again.

She faced him from the recess of the window's bay, the high red velvet draperies dwarfing her in the elongated shadows. Her eyes, for a moment, seemed to play hide-and-seek with a memory.

"At one time, I think he intended for Stephen to inherit. But Stephen, in his eyes at least, proved himself unworthy. Sybil always spoiled him. He grew up precocious, extravagant. He ran away once and joined the navy. A bitter experience for him. The more so when he found that Joel could no doubt have procured an appointment to Annapolis for him. He did manage M.I.T. by the skin of his teeth. Marriage to Karen has straightened him out somewhat."

"So the Bigelow fortune is held in trust?"

"Yes and no." Miss Adelaide rushed on now as though pressed for time. "My brother did not believe in having money standing idle for always. He wrote a most peculiar will."

She steadied herself, as if giving information on so private a matter required a supreme effort.

"I think he believed we would all benefit eventually. I—I believed he counted on Veronica's marrying someone whose background we all knew. You see, Sybil and I have to agree on Veronica's choice."

"Rather hard on Veronica, I should say."

"Oh, yes." She was trying hard to explain it as she saw it. "But he thought—"

The old voice rose now, an hysterical note in it. "He wished a man to have control of it. Veronica's husband gains control of it to do with as he will."

"God!" McCale exploded. The spool of his brain turned swiftly in a convulsive unreeling. The plot it brought to mind left him numb—by its malevolence.

It was his turn to go to the window. He stood looking into the blanket of fog, seeing nothing for a moment. He felt lost in the stunned silence of his own thoughts. Behind him, he heard Miss Bigelow sigh.

"Why didn't you come to me before?" was all he could say. And his voice sounded so loud in the stillness that it seemed almost to penetrate the outside. As if he had heard, the loitering sailor across the way actually looked up once at the windows. McCale laughed harshly.

"Now you are caught in a really diabolical web. Too late to extricate yourselves without a scandal."

Light fled from her old eyes as inwardly she contemplated such a thing. He felt cruel and vicious and hard, but at least rational, and was not quite able to comprehend her attitude.

Tragedy Strikes Suddenly

"We can still expose this fellow-lad. It's quite possible that I can dig up something in a few days."

She joined him in the bay window, shaking her head in a quick gesture of distaste.

"Impossible," she murmured. "Then why, in all justice to yourself, did you call me in at all?" he wanted to know.

"I think I wanted to be sure."

He left her staring out into the rain and went back to the fire.

"Who introduced Curt Vallaincourt into this house?" he asked, raising his eyes to the woman at the window.

But his query went unanswered. For on the instant of bringing his glance to focus on her, he saw her sway as if something outside had struck terror to her heart. He thought for a moment she would fall through the window.

A shot split the silence, forcing a cry from her lips. He believed for one awful moment that someone outside had shot Adelaide, half expected to hear the shatter of glass of a windowpane fall to the floor. In one leap, he was at her side. She huddled against him, pointing out and down.

One quick glance and the scene below was forever photographed on the film of his mind. He saw a woman in green running along the by-path of the Common that bisected the hill.

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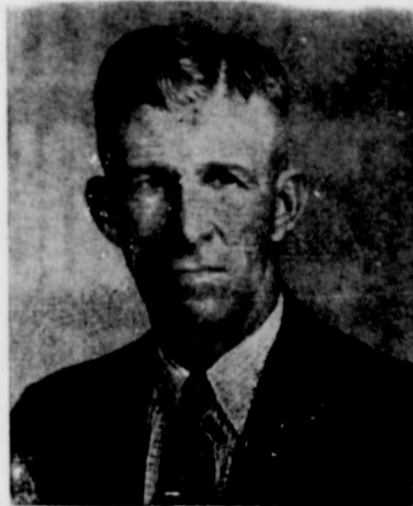


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