

# Merry Christmas

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### A WEEK AT A TIME

by J. M. RANKIN

#### A TEXAS POET TO COLONEL CARTER

In the Saturday Evening Post of recent issue, Alva Johnson paid a splendid tribute to Amon G. Carter of Fort Worth in a story entitled "Colonel Carter of Cartersville." Personally we were delightfully entertained with it, but down at Rising Star Lexie Dean Robertson was inspired. In "The Book Shelf" she gives the following happy verses:

Amon G. Carter

While such as he engage the heart  
The West will never die,  
The ancient glamour still will paint  
Its romance on the sky.

The Bucking bronc, the robust laugh,  
Ten-gallon hats, askew,  
The hospitality of space,  
The welcome that is true,

The long-horned steer, the rodeo,  
Rich boots and silver spur  
Will never moulder into dust  
With such interpreter.

His is the handclasp, warm and kind,  
A Texas saga spins,  
That jaded souls many only find  
"Out where the west begins." —LDR

#### MORE ABOUT THE BAND

As promised last week we take up again the matter of the Band. We have not had time to inquire thoroughly into the matter. We do not know exactly what contributions the various tax-supported bodies of the city are making to the support of that fine social manifestation of our school and community life.

But we do know there is also a number of others who have not the full information required to pass final judgment on the situation as it now presents itself. We cannot stand in one door and say that those living in the other house should do so and so until a complete understanding of the problem is arrived at.

Each tax-supported unit of our city has its own problems to solve and its own projects to finance. Each body is required under the state law to make early in the year a budget showing how its funds are to be expended. A minimum of publicity for this is required, but no one of these bodies nor any member of one of them is averse to complete publicity of all the financial affairs of these public businesses. If adequate publicity were required, then everybody could go to his list and see just what funds each body may expect, and where it is to be applied when collected.

But after all, the whole matter calls for understanding first and after that co-operation will result. We can get nowhere—that we want to go—by seeing our side only and saying the other fellow is shirking. We believe every organization contributing to the support of the band should send members to a conference that should be able to come to an agreement that will assure this enterprise the support it deserves. So far, it seems only fractional information concerning the relations of each body to the problem have been available to the other bodies. Information and understanding and co-operation must go together.

#### DON'TS FOR A MERRY XMAS

From the Industrial News Review, we offer the following:

A Merry Christmas to you and yours! And remember—it can't be

(see A WEEK AT A TIME page 6)

### City To Close For Xmas Monday 26th

Banks are different maybe. They always close for holidays. Either on, before or after. Slaton businesses will play bankers next Monday. Announcement is made through the Retail Merchants Association that Slaton will close for a holiday, Monday, December 26. So if you are out of groceries or need a new hat or a hair cut—well, there are two more shopping days until Xmas.

### Travis Ferguson Home For Holidays

Travis Ferguson is home for the holidays from Kirksville, Missouri, where he is a student in Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery. He will play the piano at the First Baptist Church at both morning and evening services Sunday. The church cordially invites all who will to worship with them on this Christmas Day.

### Christmas Carols To Be Sung

The young people of the several churches in town are going caroling jointly Christmas Eve night. May we remind you to place your candle in the window so we will know you want us to sing. We are meeting at the City Square at 9:30 and will work from that point.

We will have soloists, special choruses, and instrumental music. All young people are urged to join us, later in the evening if it is not possible to get away from work till late.

### Gulf Well in Garza Is Hard To Find

The Gulf Company's Garza County well that is being talked about so much at this time is in the center of the NW 1/4 of Section 25, Block 2, 7 1/4 miles south of the Crosby County line and 1 and 3/4 miles west of the Kent County line. The distance from Slaton via Post is approximately 48 miles. It is 30 miles east and 6 miles south of Southland, but there is no direct road that way. The best way is to go 10 or 12 miles beyond Post on U.S. Highway No. 380, then turn to the left and follow a country road north and northeast 15 miles to the well. It could not be travelled in rainy weather.

No visitors are allowed at the well.

### Red Cross Pharmacy Has Xmas Show

The splendid variety of gifts on display at the Red Cross Pharmacy is the result of years of experience and of months of careful planning and buying. There is variety in kinds of gifts to suit those of all ages and tastes, and variety in prices to suit every purse. No matter how large the store anywhere, nowhere could be found more suitable and satisfying gifts than those offered and cheerfully shown by the courteous staff employed in the store. A page of helpful suggestions is to be found in the Slatonite.

### Marr Plumbing Moves To North Ninth St.

Bill Layne, energetic manager of Marr Plumbing has moved the shops of his business to a new location at 125 North Ninth Street. While every thing is not quite straightened up after the move, he can still attend to your plumbing needs.

Mrs. Clifford Simmons returned from Amarillo Tuesday evening. She was called there to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Mr. Chas. E. Smith who died Saturday and was buried Sunday.



As previously announced, no issue of the Slatonite will appear next Friday, December 30. We take occasion to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

THE SLATONITE STAFF:

J. M. Rankin, Editor  
W. D. Donald  
Adelle Custer  
Mrs. Carl Lewis  
Roy Yuzbick  
Raymond Yuzbick

### Was Rotary Guest



Judge E. L. Pitts, of the 99th District Court who was guest speaker at the Slaton Rotary Club yesterday. Judge Pitts presides over the juvenile court, and the problems of juvenile delinquency were discussed in his address.

### ROTARY

The Rotary Club met last week with the published program indicating only that American Tobacco Company's Mr. Dockrey would entertain. A package of Luckies was at each plate, and after the meal, Mr. Dockrey gave a short program. The surprise numbers were violin solos, by Kirby L. Scudder, accompanied by Mrs. Inez Ferrel, and vocal solos by Wade Robertson. Mr. Robertson sang "Old Man River" and "There's a Golden Rule" and for encore "Alice-Blue Gown".

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McGee went to Amarillo last Saturday to bring to Slaton, Mrs. McGee's mother who was seriously burned in an explosion at her home some weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Abernathy will have as their guests Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Starnes, of Coleman, Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Starnes, Mrs. M. E. Starnes and daughter of Lubbock.

### Mahon To Return To Washington

LUBBOCK.—Congressman George Mahon, who has maintained his office here since September, announced early this week that he had closed his Lubbock office and would return to Colorado for the Christmas holidays. He will leave for Washington December 27th to attend the session of Congress which convenes January 3rd. He stated that he would reopen his Lubbock office next fall after the adjournment of Congress.

His secretaries, Lloyd Creshin of Lubbock and George Witten of Colorado, will also return to Washington next week.

### Legion Commander To Give Xmas Greeting Over CBS Network

National Commander Stephen F. Chadwick, of the American Legion, will deliver a Christmas Greeting to the Legion in the nation over the Columbia Broadcasting System, Saturday, December 24. The address will be primarily to the World War Veterans ill in hospitals and to service-disabled World War veterans elsewhere. The time will be 3:00 to 3:15 p. m. in this zone.

### Presbyterians to Omit Xmas Day Services

Rev. J. Paul Stevens, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, announces that in consideration of the expressed wishes of so many of the congregation to spend the day at home, there will be no services either morning or evening at the church.

### One-Minute Interviews Featuring BCD Column

In this issue will be found the first of a series of ONE-MINUTE INTERVIEWS which it is hoped will be a continued feature of the Chamber of Commerce and BCD column—and incidentally of the Slatonite.

Ralph Dickson and Walter Buenger, of Fort Stockton, visited Ralph's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Dickson, and friends Saturday.

### H. S. Auditorium Scene of Concert

At the High School Auditorium Tuesday evening, the High School Band gave its annual Christmas Concert. Famous for its capacity to entertain with popular music, the Band seemed at its best in the special field of Christmas music and the audience was delighted with the offerings.

Especially well received were the cornet solo by Lannes Hope and the brass sextette in "Joy to the World". Visiting band directors were liberal in the commendation of the band, and encouraged Director Rowe to believe his band is well able to enter the State Band Contest.

### Santa Fe Railway Helps Santa Claus

Again Santa Claus rides the rails in Texas:

Again the Santa Fe Railway comes to the assistance of school teachers with an advance of funds so that they may enjoy the holiday season to the fullest.

The Railway plays an important part in the general spread of Christmas Cheer through its annual huge payroll expenditures and taxes, a few of the many forms under which the railway serves the people.

So that the true spirit of Christmas may prevail to a greater extent officials advanced payment of taxes to insure salaries for school teachers in Independent districts. Hundreds of school teachers benefited through the replenishment of District treasuries in this fashion although the tax payments are not mandatory until next year.

The Santa Fe Lines in the state pay nearly a half million dollars annually towards the education of youth through State, County, City, Independent and Common School departments.

In continuation of this policy, Tax Agent J. E. Owens and Assistant R. E. Logan, have drawn checks for advance payment to all of the 131 Independent school districts embraced in the territory served through the Amarillo offices. Total tax payments alone to the Independent Districts, in this area, for the year amounted to approximately \$147,000.

General Manager H. B. Lantz, of the Panhandle and Santa Fe Western Lines, with headquarters in Amarillo, declared that it was the aim of the Railway to serve public needs in every possible way and that consideration shown the school teachers during the holidays is but part of the program to meet public emergencies.

### Crow Gets Limit Learns About Deer

O. O. Crow, who opened the deer season by slaying a buck and a turkey, went back to Gillespie County last week-end and made the season perfect by getting the other buck the law allows him. He learned a lesson this time that comes eventually to most hunters. He shot down his meat and sat down to let it quit kicking. It kicked into the brush, got up and ran away. But for a dog to trail it, it would have been another meatless day. From here on, Crow says he will stand with a gun pointed at a kicking buck.

### Sherrod Bros. & Carter Bring Santa Claus

Santa Claus has been in Slaton all the week at Sherrod Bros. and Carter's. He is holding forth there until Saturday night and wants to see the boys and girls there in the big Christmas array that is so tempting and so complete that you can find just what you want to get or give.

Job Work Neatly Done

### Poultry Show - Fair Held Last Week-end

Slaton's Second Annual Poultry Show and Community Fair, held last week-end proved its worth and popularity the number of fine birds exhibited, by the number of exhibitors, and by the number and quality of other farm exhibits crammed into the buildings available for the event. The Fair also proved the dire need for a building large enough for such an exhibit, and it is hoped permanent and satisfactory housing can be arranged for as the appropriate committees begin already planning to make the 1939 show bigger and better in the light of their past experience.

Secretary Johns, President of the Poultry Association Dickson and Voc. Ag. Teacher Strickland of the high school who did the heavy lifting are trained down pretty fine for some Xmas feasting after going in a high lode the last four days of last week. Judges of the show were J. D. Strickland of Lorenzo for the poultry, and Miss Clara Pratt, Lubbock County Home Demonstration Agent, for the women's exhibits.

#### Poultry show winners were:

A. O. Williams of Slaton, in white leghorns division, first cock, second cockerel, third cockerel; first hen, fourth pullet, first pullet, one grand champion hen and one grand champion pullet, one young pen of four chickens and grand champion.

Charlie Splayn won first in farm displays and will receive a \$3 prize. He also won, in Rhode Island Red division first old pen, first young pen, first cock, second cock, third cock, first cockerel, third cockerel, first and second hens, second and fifth pullets, one grand champion cock, a grand champion cockerel, and a grand champion old pen.

Pat Appling and Homer Jones, members of the Slaton Future Farmers of America, combined their exhibits to win, in the white leghorn, second pullet, third pullet; in Rhode Island red division second and third young pens, first pullet, second cockerel, fourth cockerel, fifth cockerel, and fifth in buff orpington.

Mrs. T. G. McEver won first white leghorn cockerel, fourth cockerel; and first young hen of partridge rocks, second cock in buff orpington division.

Wallace Sanders: third and fifth silver lacc wyandott pullets.

W. H. Mudgett, an FFA member: first and fifth buff orpington pullets, first australorp cockerel and first, second and third pullets.

Douthit Grinstead, second young pen of white leghorn.

R. M. Nash, a member of the Slaton high school faculty: second young tom in bronze turkey division, second pullet, second old pen of buff orpington; first gander, and first goose.

Mrs. G. W. Bussell: in white wyandotts, first hen, first young pen, second pullet, first white rock pullet, second white rock pullet, second white rock hen, and third white rock hen.

Kenneth Lilly: pit games, first hen, second hen, third and fourth hens.

C. E. Lilly: first old pen of pit games and first cockerel of pit game.

Edd Miller: first black australorp pullet; first and second auster white pullet and first pullet in buff australorp division.

L. B. Kitten: white rock division, first cock, first cockerel, first hen, first young pen, first old pen, and third pullet.

Joe Victor Harvey, FFA member, first New Hampshire hen and first mallard duck.

Glenn Nesbitt, first young pen, in buff orpington division, first old pen,

(see POULTRY SHOW page 6)



# THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

Clean Comics That Will Amuse Both Old and Young

### BIG TOP

"Skookie" goes out to do his act with Alta who, so far, is going through her stunt o. k.



### LALA PALOOZA

Gonzales and Professor Zero Get Together

By RUBE GOLDBERG



### S'MATTER POP— For a Second, Pop Forgot

By C. M. PAYNE



### MESCAL IKE

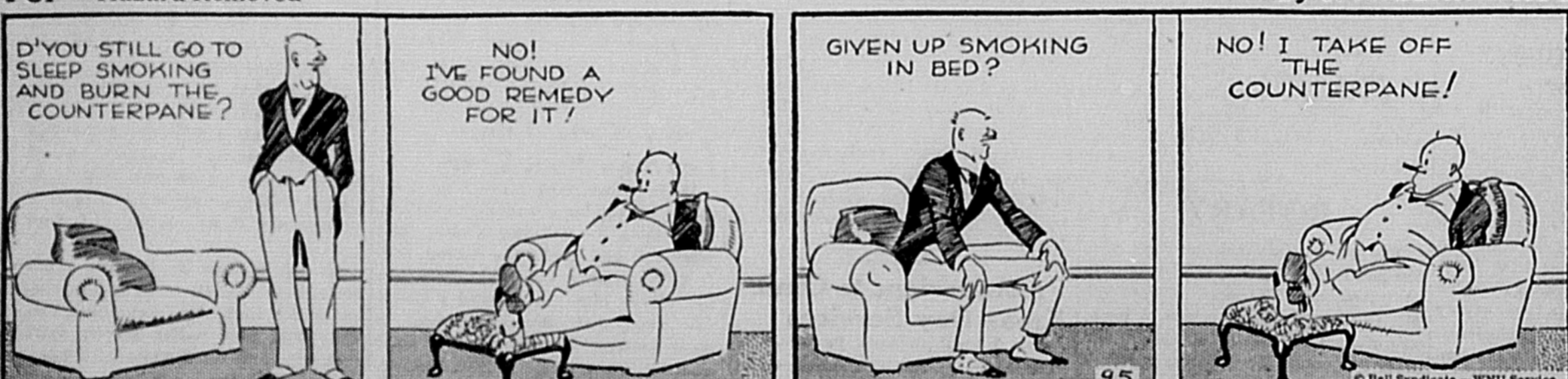
By S. L. HUNTLEY

The Process of Law



### POP— Hazard Removed

By J. MILLAR WATT



### Curse of Progress



### SPUR TO THOUGHT

"Bridget," said Dennis timidly, "did ye ever think of marryin'?"

"Sure now," replied Bridget, looking demurely at her shoe, "the subject has never entered my mind."

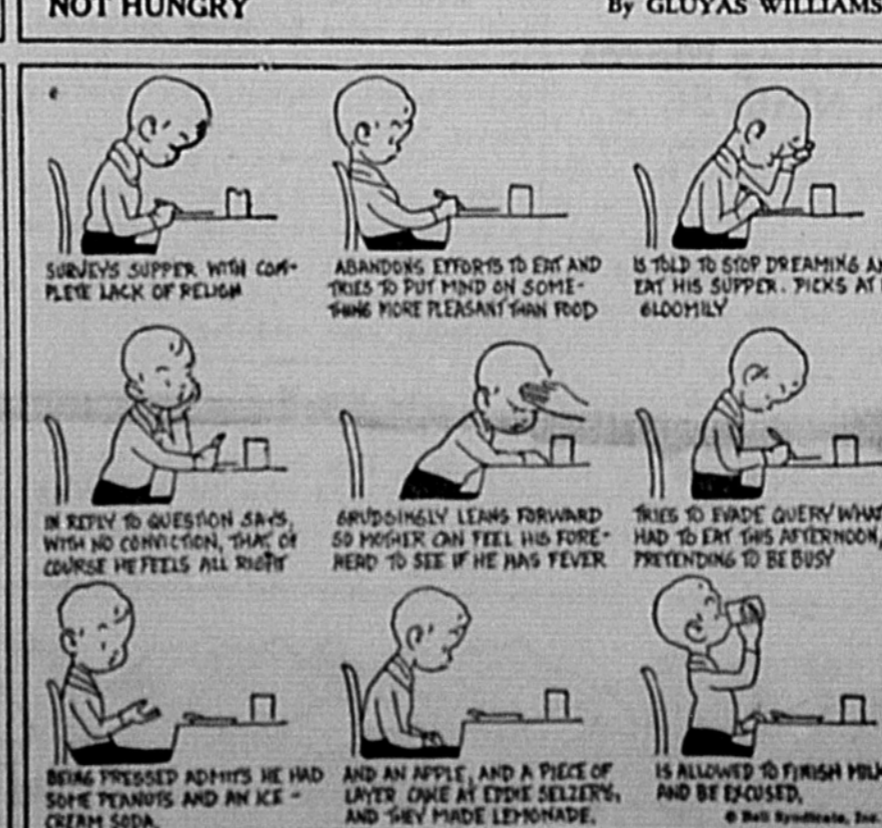
"Then it's sorry I am," said Dennis, as he started to leave the room. "One minute, Dennis," called Bridget, as he was going. "Ye've set me thinkin'."

**Good Enough Evidence**  
 Manager—Where is Mr. Brown?  
 Clerk—Speaking on the telephone to his wife.  
 Manager—How do you know it's his wife?  
 Clerk—Well, he's been on the telephone half an hour and I've only heard him say "Hullo" and "yes" so far.—Stray Stories Magazine.

**And Some Sawdust**  
 "Darling," said young Justwed, "what did you say this stuff is?"  
 "Cottage pudding, sweetheart," cooed the bride.  
 "That explains it! I've got hold of one of the beams!"

### NOT HUNGRY

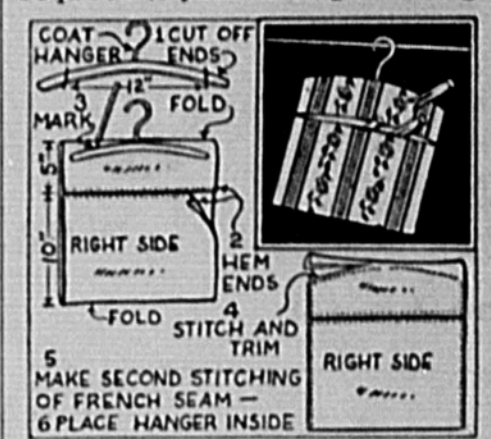
By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



### Make This Useful Bag on a Hanger

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

THIS bag has been a great success. Several others can be made for different purposes. They are good to hang in the closet or the sewing room for patterns or small equipment. When traveling I find a little bigger one perfect for laundry. The size shown here requires 3/4 yard of bright ticking.



You will notice in the sketch that French seams are used. This makes the first stitching of the seams on the right side. Trim close to this stitching, turn the bag inside out and stitch the seams again so that the raw edges are covered. Punch a small hole in the center top for the hanger hook. Clip today's lesson and add it to the many gift suggestions contained in the books offered below.

NOTE: Mrs. Spears' Book 2—Gifts, Novelties and Embroidery, has helped thousands of women to use odds and ends of materials and their spare time to make things to sell and to use. Book 1—Sewing, for the Home Decorator, is full of inspiration for every homemaker. These books make delightful Christmas gifts. Mrs. Spears will autograph them on request. Books are 25 cents each. Crazypatch quilt leaflet is included free with every order for both books. Address: Mrs. Spears, 210 S. Desplaines St., Chicago, Ill.

### Wise and Otherwise

A rumor is often very skimpy, but it soon gets round all the same.

It's not much of a brag when a man tells another he has forgotten more than he has ever known.

Courtship makes a man spoon, but marriage makes him fork out.

Work is the secret of success, says the millionaire. Yes, but you've got to get other people to do it for you.

Have you heard of the absent-minded gangster who held his machine-gun on his lap and fired his secretary.

### Bothered by Constipation?

Get relief this simple, pleasant way!

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• In the morning, Ex-Lax acts... thoroughly and effectively! It works so gently that, except for the relief you enjoy, you scarcely realize you have taken a laxative.

Ex-Lax is good for every member of the family—the youngsters as well as the grown-ups. Available at all drug stores in handy 10¢ and 25¢ sizes.

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### Advertisements Best Guides to Value

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This is a sure index of value and an assurance against careless workmanship, or use of shoddy materials. Advertised products are worthy of your confidence and you'll find it pays to read advertisements and to buy advertised goods.



**ELATHEAN S. S. CLASS**

The Elathean Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas party with the monthly business meeting in the home of Mrs. C. W. Wilkes, Jr. Mrs. Walter Edwards had charge of the business and Mrs. O. O. Crow the entertainment. Mrs. George Green told the Christmas Story and Mrs. R. L. Smith, Jr. gave a reading. Several songs were sung by the group. Mrs. C. V. Young teacher of the class, was presented with a lovely house coat by the class, and Mrs. Wilkes who is leaving town was given a handkerchief shower.

Guests present were: Mrs. E. D. Thornton, Mrs. George Green and Mrs. C. W. Wilkes, Sr and Ruth Nell Walters. Members present were Mesdames Jess Burton, Glasscock, Fred Walters, Boyd Meeks, Walter Hord, O. O. Crow, C. M. Conner, T. N. Bickers, Tip Anderson, Curtis Dowell, Cecil Long, C. H. Sartain, C. D. Childress, J. C. Cummings, Walter Edwards, R. L. Smith Jr., Ray Nelson, C. B. Jones, Fred Stephens, Mary Dawson, Alra McClanahan, C. V. Young, and R. C. Berry.

**CIVIC CULTURE CLUB**

Mrs. H. G. Sanders was hostess to the Civic and Culture Club, in her home on 500 West Garza street, December 17, 1938.

In the absence of the president, the business meeting was presided over by the vice president, Mrs. J. C. Jenkins.

Mrs. A. C. Strickland was program chairman for the afternoon. She told the beautiful story of "The Other Wise Man," by Henry Van Dyke.

Mrs. James Rayburn read from the Bible the story of the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

After the club adjourned the members exchanged gifts which were taken from a Christmas tree.

Refreshments were served by the hostess to about twenty-five guests.

**SANTA FE CLUB MEETS FOR CHRISTMAS SOCIAL WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**

A Christmas party for the Santa Fe Recreation Club was given in the home of Mrs. M. L. Foster.

Upon arriving each member's gift was numbered and placed on a beautiful Christmas tree. Each member drew a number for her present.

Very interesting games were enjoyed. The hostess served refreshments to eighteen members and one guest, Mother Colston.

The next regular meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, January 12, in the home of Mrs. Dave Gerron.

**HOMEMAKERS CLASS HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE**

The Homemakers Class of the First Baptist Church held a Christmas party last Friday evening at the clubhouse. Forty-five members and guests were present. Hostesses were Mes-

dames Armes, Scott, Champion and Brown. Turkey and all the trimmings were served, gifts were distributed from a Christmas Tree and a program given on "Christmas in Other Lands."

**MISSES BALDWIN HAVE DINNER PARTY IN LUBBOCK HOME**

Tuesday evening Misses Elizabeth and Florence Baldwin at their Lubbock home entertained with a buffet supper and bridge party. Attending from Slaton were Misses Doris Peavy, Marian Bechtel, Gertrude Legg, Betty Paek, Docia Tucker, Doris Minor and Betty Rue Stanford and Mrs. Greely Sanders. Miss Minor won high score and low score went to Miss Evelyn Patty.

James (Red) Kirksey of Coffeyville, Kansas arrived here Wednesday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kirksey, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Alcorn will have as their guests during the holidays their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Watson and husband of Quanah and son, Arnold and wife of Dumas.



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Christmas is just one occasion when we take the opportunity of greeting you. Our thoughts are for your comfort and satisfaction the other 364 days, too!

**SLATON COAL & GRAIN**

**GREETINGS**

From the Pioneer Lumber Yard of the South Plains

Since 1909, when this pioneer yard was established on the Plains, it has been our happy privilege to serve thousands of pleased customers, including many from Slaton and territory.

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are in order. May we join the chorus to wish you a splendid happy Christmas and New Year!

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But mainly for gracious friendships expressed in Loyal Patronage, we are most grateful, and we extend to all our best wishes for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

**THOMPSON'S READY-TO-WEAR**



**THANKING**

you all for patronage that was more than we deserved, and wishing for you a Very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

**Slaton Floral Company**

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**AT OUR STORE**



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A Beautiful Blue DeLuxe Coupe - Mohair Velvet upholstery; white side wall tires; Ford 6-tube radio Ford Hot-air heater 1938 Model Ford V-8 R&G	1929 Ford Coupe --- \$65	Modern Stream-line Body - 1938 DeLuxe Tudor Washington Blue color Roomy rear trunk; Mohair Velvet upholstery. Actual 15,000 Miles on this R&G Ford
1838 Ford DeLuxe Tudor Sedan - Ren-Tan dark color; white side wall tires Radio and heater equipped. Actual mileage is 15,000 - A Really Fine Car R & G	1931 Chevrolet Coupe --- \$65	A Black 85 H.P. Tudor Sedan - Prestone Anti-Freeze; Ford 6-tube Radio; Ford hot air heater; Original Mohair interior - This 1937 - Ford is ready for Winter
	1929 Studebaker 4-dr --- \$65	
	1930 Ford Pick-up --- \$95	
	1934 Ford Tudor --- \$95	
	1930 Ford Tudor --- \$150	
	1932 Ford B Coupe --- \$120	
	1933 Ford Tudor --- \$135	
	1933 Chevrolet Coupe \$150	
	1935 Ford Tudor --- \$245	

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**Posey Paragraphs**

Lorene Gentry, Correspondent

Visitors of Grandmother and Miss Emma Lamb Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lamb and family of Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. John Lamb of Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Lemon and family of Slaton, and Mr. and Mrs. Onis Ray of Slaton.

Mrs. Clara Stahl and son, Fabian, have gone to California to visit her son, Ben Stahl.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Burns and son of Spur visited in the W. E. Burns home Sunday.

Mrs. Bert Darland and children of Morton are visiting relatives of this community this week. They will remain until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Johnson and family of Shallowater visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morrison and family Sunday.

Miss Janie Faye Bevel visited with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. K. Westbrook, of Shallowater this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bevel visited their son, Horace, and his family of Robertson Saturday evening.

Rev. J. R. Goodan held services at the school house Saturday night. He will not, however, hold services any more until after the first.

The First Quarterly Conference was held Friday night at the Posey School House. A dinner was served before the business session. Delegates from Canyon, Posey, and Monroe attended. Others attending as guests were Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey Ashley, local pastor, and Rev. and Mrs. Clark, Presiding Elder.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Miller have just returned from a visit with friends and relatives of Merkel.

**O.E.S. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The O.E.S. entertained their families with a covered dish dinner, program and Christmas tree, at the Masonic Hall Thursday evening, December 22.

The dinner was served at 7:30 in the dining room, after which the following program was given:

Drill by O.E.S. Officers; Song—"Silent Night" by audience; violin number by Laura Jane Lovett; Christ-

mas song by Leanita Tunnell; piano solo by Reta Jo Adkins; violin solo by Johnnie Pearl Peebles; song—"Christmas Chimes" by Mary Frances Landreth, accompanied at the piano by Betty Lou Turner; musical number by Mary Nell, Harold and Tip Culver; reading—"The Night Before Christmas" by Cleo Joyce Marr.

During the reading Santa came rushing in covered with snow. After his Merry Greeting he was seated in the East.

Prayer by John Hood. After Officers Retiring Drill every one was invited to the Library where a beautiful Christmas tree and a gift for every one was waiting.

The outstanding feature of the tree's decorations was a lighted star, in the five O.E.S. colors in the top, symbolizing "His Star in the East." Santa in a charming and clever manner distributed the gifts.

63 members and visitors enjoyed this Merry Yuletide feature.

Let Our Want Ads Do Your Work.



**REJOICE**

WE rejoice with you as we wish you Merry Christmas

**C. C. BYARS**



**A LIGHT**

LIGHTS in our windows wish you a Merry, Merry Christmas.

**Hoffman Realty and Insurance**

**LOYAL WORKERS CLASS IN CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Loyal Workers Class of the First Methodist Church met in regular social and Christmas Party Thursday in the home of Mrs. Ray Conner with Mrs. C. L. Suit as joint hostess.

Devotional by Mrs. J. D. Holt. Talk by Mrs. O. W. Ray; reading by Maryann Suit; Song by Jimmy Zimmerman. Recreation was led by recreation lead-

er, Mrs. Suit.

There were 312 chapters for the past month (read); 25 trays sent; 103 visit made; 7 flowers.

Lovely refreshment were served to the following members:

Mesdames W. H. Proctor, O. R. Satterlee, C. A. Porter, E. G. Robertson, J. I. Jones, Jack Sheppard, T. Williams, R. C. Sanner, Marion Hodge, Zimmerman, P. M. Wheatley, L. L.

Frazier, J. D. Holt, Roy Brewster, N. Galloway, O. W. Lemons, O. W. Ray and V. L. Cade.

Gifts were exchanged.

Next meeting will be the 5th of January with Mrs. Marion Hodge.

Mrs. R. T. Bohannon left Sunday after visiting friends in Slaton, Lubbock and Lorenzo. She will spend Xmas with her son and wife of Big Spring. After the holidays she will go to Kilgore, Texas to visit her daughters.

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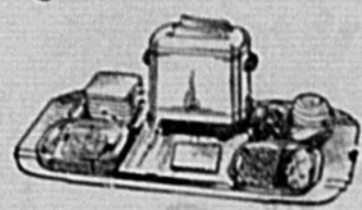
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# WHAT to EAT and WHY

## C. Houston Goudiss Asks How Do You Get Your Vitamin D? Relates Need for and Sources Of This Necessary Vitamin

By C. HOUSTON GOUDISS

There is scarcely a mother of a young baby today who has not at one time or another been told to give her child cod-liver oil. Perhaps she does not know this substance must be given to the baby for the vitamin D that it contains. But she has heard that there is something in cod-liver oil which makes it valuable to the baby's health.

A generation ago, cod-liver oil was given to children in the winter time, "to build them up" after colds or various other respiratory illnesses. It was not until 1921, however, that a long series of painstaking investigations, terminating in the discovery of vitamin D, made it clear that cod-liver oil is valuable as a source of vitamin D, and also why this vitamin is essential in the diet of growing children, as well as adults.

### Discovery of Vitamin D

After years of patient work and many thrilling and dramatic experiments, seven forms of vitamin D have been revealed by science. And scientists have also solved the mystery of how such widely separated factors as cod-liver oil; sunlight; a diet that is rich in, and carefully balanced with calcium and phosphorus; and ultraviolet light, all can perform the same service for the body.

Readers of this column may have observed that the discovery of a number of the vitamins came about chiefly through the efforts of investigators to discover a method of treating or curing obscure nutritional diseases. In most instances, however, carefully controlled laboratory experiments played their part in reaching the ultimate goal after some clue had been found as to what the mysterious substance might be that helped to control a baffling nutritional disease. The discovery of vitamin D was no exception!

Vitamin D is associated intimately with the prevention and cure of rickets, the most devastating nutritional disease of children in temperate climates. Indeed, it is the moderate, and in some cases the small amount of sunshine in the temperate zone that accounts partially for the presence of rickets.

Historians have given us reason to believe that this disease may have existed in England even before the Roman conquest. Certainly it appeared in a serious form, both in England and in other North European countries, in the Seventeenth century. In fact, early literature refers to it as the English disease, and the early attempts to fathom its causes were written in Latin by English and Dutch doctors during the 1600's.

In rickets, the child's head grows large and out of proportion to the body, while the leg and arm bones, and in severe cases even the ribs, are bent and twisted out of their normal shape.

The two principal minerals required for constructing the bones and teeth are calcium, obtained chiefly from milk, cheese and green leafy vegetables, and phosphorus, found in generous amounts in eggs, whole grain cereals and dried legumes. But one of the things that made it so difficult for scientists to determine the cause of rickets was the fact that apparently well fed children, who had plenty of calcium and phosphorus, frequently developed the disease.

**Mystery of Cod-Liver Oil**  
Cod-liver oil had been used for many years because of its supposedly "tonic" or "building" properties, when it was observed that regular doses of cod-liver oil not only cured rickets in children, but also cured the corresponding disease in adults, called osteomalacia, in which the bones become soft as the calcium and phosphorus already deposited in them are withdrawn and excreted.

One of the strangest paradoxes to the scientists in their early investigations was the fact that while cod-liver oil appeared to cure rickets, another substance high in

quantities to give. But if they want to give their babies the blessing bestowed on them by the scientists who discovered vitamin D, they must not overlook this important substance.

As guardians of the health of both children and adults, mothers should see to it that vitamin D is supplied regularly through the use of eggs and salmon; irradiated foods and those fortified with vitamin D; and if necessary, fish-liver oils or concentrates.

### Questions Answered

**Miss G. M. L.**—Yes, it is true that sweet potatoes contain a small amount of protein. In fact, their protein is composed of four amino acids known to be essential to nutrition. Some of the protein may be lost if the potato is boiled, but it is entirely preserved when the potato is cooked by dry heat.

**Mrs. M. B.**—Both cooked lentils and baked kidney beans contain over 20 per cent of carbohydrate. Low carbohydrate vegetables include cabbage, celery, cauliflower, kale, lettuce and spinach.

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### HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

**Keep Baking Oven Clean.**—Many a cake is spoiled by burning fragments left in the oven. Rub the inside of the oven frequently with coarse emery paper. This will remove rust and keep the oven in good condition.

**To Judge Grapefruit.**—Notice its firmness, weight, and shape as well as the thickness of the skin. Good quality fruit is firm yet springy to the touch. It is well shaped, thin skinned and heavy for its size.

**For Creaking Shoes.**—Rub the sole of a creaking shoe with a flannel dipped in boiled linseed oil.

**Improving Mince Pies.**—Run your mincemeat through the mincing machine before putting it into pastry. It makes it much more easy to digest than if the currants, etc., are left whole. Remember that mince pies should be served very hot.

**Removing Indelible Ink Marks.**—Equal parts of turpentine and ammonia will remove indelible ink marks from white fabrics when everything else fails.

**When Fruit Cake Becomes Dry.**—Fruit cake that has become dry may be moistened by saturating a clean cloth with spiced fruit juice, wrapping the cake in the cloth and returning it to its airtight container for a day or two.

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## Bruckart's Washington Digest

# Legislation Against Chain Stores Will Come Up Again

### Danger to Independent Store Operator Will Be Theme of Discussion; Question of General National Policy Needs Thought; Sane Regulation Is Possible.

By WILLIAM BRUCKART

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WASHINGTON. — The politician who is a demagogue—the fellow who has nothing on the ball and gets into politics on his gift for gab—always must have a bogie man, a hobgoblin. There must always be an immediate threat, like the sword of Damocles, hanging over the heads of the dear pee-pul. If the political demagogue doesn't have that sort of thing, he is utterly lost, because usually he can not talk about fundamental issues.

The favorite bogie man of fellows like former Sen. Tom Hefflin was "Wall Street." Day after day, ole Tom would drag Wall Street onto the floor of the senate and shake the gizzard out of it. There were others like Tom and there were other hobgoblins. The chain stores, for a number of years, were the meat and drink of the demagogue and many an otherwise punk got elected to office because he could talk for 10 hours about the evils of the chain stores. We always have had our trust busters, the baiters of corporations. One bogie dies and another takes its place and the thing goes on until presently one of the old and almost forgotten bogie boys is brought to life again.

As pre-session plans take shape, it appears that the country is going to be told again about the evils of the chain stores. There is going to be an attempt to legislate them out of existence. Many a shout will ring out on the floors of the senate and house about the danger to the independent store operator, the man at home. The bill, whatever form it takes or whatever it proposes to do, will serve as a vehicle for a shouting mob of representatives and senators. As usual, they will offer no new argument, but they will send copies of their speeches back home and make a great howdy-do over themselves.

**Should Give Thought to General National Policy**

Because of this prospect and the existence of several other things like it, there ought to be some thought given to the question of a general national policy. In other words, I am of the opinion that the congress and the several state legislatures ought to keep their feet on the ground instead of jumping off the deep end when there is no boat in which to ride. I see no profit in cutting off my nose just to spite my face. There is just a little sense to that as selling out to the "vested interests."

There is something to the argument in favor of regulation of great chains of stores. It can be truthfully said that they exert a lot of pressure on the independent. They deny this, of course, and answer that there is no pressure. Their statement may be true insofar as it may mean that the chain store has made no calculated plan to drive the independent out of existence. Yet, their very bigness is, of itself, a pressure because they can buy in larger quantities and obtain lower cost prices than the individual who buys a few cases of canned goods at a time. When they buy at lower prices, they can sell at lower prices, and the independent finds himself hard put to meet the competition.

That sort of thing happens in every community where chain stores are in operation. It will continue to happen, because there is not a man nor a woman who will say honestly that he or she will pay a higher price simply because the store at home is owned by somebody who is a local citizen. I am old fashioned about it. I will go to a chain store many, many times, because I save money. It is my money that I am spending and I am going to get the most for it that I can. The fellow who owns a local store is in business to make a profit and I am willing that he shall have a profit, provided he can give me the same value for what I spend as does some other store. If the independent runs his store in a slipshod way, fails to manage his affairs efficiently and thus has to have higher prices, I see no reason why I should be the goat. To me, the situation is exactly the same as if both competing stores were home-owned and one of them gave better values.

### Sane Regulation of Chain Stores Can Be Accomplished

If the chain stores are abusing their power, a power they have solely because they are big, the congress and the several states surely ought to take notice. There can be sane regulation of them. They can be made to correct any abuses, but I can not find any legitimate excuse for destroying them. I am in the role of a consumer, and every legislator ought to consider that his constituents are consumers and that they must be given consideration.

I have been told by men in the government whom I believe have a general understanding of the problem that destruction of chain stores will raise retail prices of the things they sell by as much as 20 per cent. Who is going to pay that? You and I and everyone who buys for consumption. If I can get my cigarettes at two-for-a-quarter, I am not going to pay 15 cents. So, if congress or the state legislatures find it necessary to protect the independent, that policy should be adopted. But the extreme position of taxing them out of existence or destroying them some other way is utterly silly. It is, as I said earlier, rather like cutting off my nose to spite my face—and I have a beak of which no one could be very proud!

This chain store bogie man is just another of the many that are used by politicians to build up themselves. Once before, in these columns, I expressed the hope that some time I would like to see an honest politician. I think it would be refreshing to all of us.

I heard lately, too, of a movement against those people who sell direct to the consumers. There are certain types of them that ought to be looked up. Most of them, however, have a legitimate product and they are making that product to sell to consumers. The movement that is now said to be spreading has evolved into what is called the "Green River ordinance," a municipal law which is designed to prevent any house-to-house canvassers.

### Problem of Separating Crooks From Honest People

Now, there may be sound reasons for a city council to bar anybody from selling direct. At the moment, I do not know of any. Yet, according to the reports received by the federal trade commission, there was a small town out in Wyoming which actually convicted some boys from the neighboring farms and sentenced them to jail because they violated the city law, by selling direct to the householders in the town. That town ought to have a very red face, it seems to me.

I said that there were certain types of canvassers ought to be barred. I refer to the racketeers who scour the country in crews, selling this or that or the other; who are here today and gone tomorrow, and who many times leave a wake of dishonest dealings, insults and sometimes plain thievery. Of course, there ought to be punishment of that type. But why punish the honest ones by placing them in the same category as the crooks. The problem becomes one of separating the crooks from the legitimate people, but your demagogue will not do that, whether that demagogue be a member of congress, a member of the state legislature or a member of the city council. He would not be able to bleed so long if he attempted to analyze the real situation.

This "Green River ordinance" hysteria is being promoted by some outfit which, it appears from the federal trade commission information, goes from town to town and operates campaigns for passage of such a law. Those fellows make money out of their campaigns. The local merchants pay the bill. For the life of me, I can not see where they are any better than the agents of the direct sellers whom they are seeking to prohibit, because the agents make a profit. I must correct that last statement. The agents of the direct sellers are different. Usually, especially the legitimate agents, live in towns in their territory and pay their taxes and buy their human needs there. The promoters run the campaign, take their profit and scoot.

### All Factors in Situation Need Careful Consideration

I suppose that some of the things I have said in this analysis of a national problem will make me as popular as a skunk with some local merchants. I believe, however, that there are two sides to the argument and that there must be moderation in dealing with the hobgoblins that are built up for selfish reasons, either political selfishness or for monetary gain.

Hence, I argue that the country and its legislative bodies must look at all factors involved in the situation. Hysteria and demagoguery go hand in hand, with the demagogue leading and capitalizing on the circumstances he has created. If it can be shown where the brush salesman or the salesman for the floor sweeper or the home remedy salesman are wielding a bad influence upon the life of the nation, prohibit them as is done many places with the saloon. If it can be shown that the vast majority of the people get no benefits from chain stores and that the chain stores damage the national life, get rid of them or regulate them closely. My thought continues to be, however, that there must be moderation in legislation. © Western Newspaper Union.

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Canned tomatoes: Mrs. Long, first; Mrs. McEver, second; and Mrs. Reynolds, third; canned grapes, Mrs. Homer Jones, third.

Watermelon preserves: Mrs. Meeks, first; Mrs. Wilson, second; and Mrs. Crosby, third.

Canned greens: Mrs. McEver, first, and Mrs. Meeks, second.

Canned beans: Mrs. Wilson, first, Mrs. V. L. Cade, second; and Mrs. Crosby, third.

Canned peas: Mrs. Long, first, second and third.

Canned corn: Mrs. Wilson, first; Mrs. McEver, second; and Mrs. Long, third.

Canned peach pickles: Mrs. Crosby, first; Mrs. Long, second; Mrs. McEver, third.

Canned pears: Mrs. Long, first; Mrs. Crosby, second, and Mrs. Long, third.

Canned cucumber pickles: Mrs. Long, first; Mrs. Wilson, second and third.

Canned carrots: Mrs. Long, first; Mrs. Wilson, second.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. A. DeLong and little son of El Paso are expected Saturday night to spend the holidays

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Among Tech students who will be home for the holidays are: Wayne Liles, Billie Ball, Betty Rue Stanford, Wayne Catching, Rodney McReynolds, John Henry Gregory, Juanita Williams, Evelyn Meading, Lucille Savell, Troy Pickens, William Holt, Doris Minor, Doris Peavy, and Milton Kessel.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Brady and children will spend Christmas holidays in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie and daughters of Levelland, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Hazen were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Yuzbick last week.

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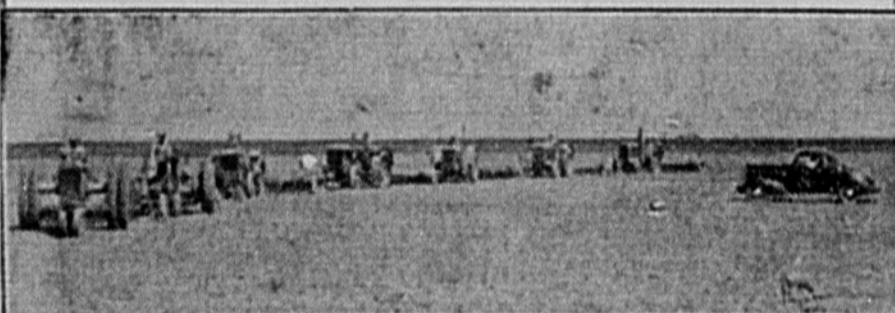
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Besides the brilliant star team, the cast includes a list of players that reads like a "Who's Who in Hollywood"—Anita Louise, Jane Bryan, Ian Hunter, Donald Crisp, Beulah Bondi, Henry Travers, Alan Hale, Dick Foran, Patric Knowles, Lee Patrick, Laura Hope Crews, Harry Davenport, and many others.

The story opens in the early nineteenth century, on the eve of Teddy Roosevelt's election. The many readers of the novel will remember that the story is concerned with the fortunes of three beautiful sisters who start their lives in a small Montana mining town, with most of the interest centered on the oldest sister, played by Miss Davis, who marries a wandering newspaper man (the role taken by Flynn), and goes with him to San Francisco, where her life is a struggle for love and happiness against overwhelming odds. The other girls marry, respectively, a middle-aged millionaire, and the town banker.

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### DAUGHTERS OF PIONEERS MEET WITH MISS WARY WATKINS

Daughters of Pioneers met Monday night at the home of Miss Mary Watkins. After a Xmas Tree, games were played, Mrs. Herschel Crawford winning high score in bridge. In checker checkers the high score was won by Mrs. Clarence Hutton. All club members were present and Mrs. George Lemon and Miss Betty Pack were guests.

### DINNER PARTY AT MISS MINOR'S

At the home of Miss Doris Minor on Wednesday evening a dinner party was held, attended by Misses Florence Baldwin of Lubbock, Mrs. Baxter Bardwell of Levelland, Mrs. Greely Sanders, Miss Mary Jane Nicholson of Topeka, and Miss Minor. Bridge was played after the dinner.

### MEXICAN INN IS SCENE OF GAY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Greely Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Bardwell of Levelland; Misses Florence and Elizabeth Baldwin of Lubbock; Miss Virginia Nicholson of Topeka, Kansas and Bob Smith of Lubbock; Miss Doris Minor and Troy Pickens of Slaton; Miss Mary Jane Nicholson and Zeke Baldwin, attended a dinner party at the Mexican Inn at Lubbock last Monday evening.

### MERCY HOSPITAL REPORTER.

Mr. W. B. Trammel was a medical patient a few days last week.  
 Dr. Schaub was in the hospital for medical treatment.  
 Mrs. N. J. Repman underwent minor surgery.  
 Garland Perry, of Lubbock, was a surgical patient.  
 Jimmy Curry of Lubbock was a medical patient.  
 Evangeline Sager was a medical patient.  
 Petra Ybarra was a medical patient.  
 Refugia Baylen was a medical patient.

Mrs. Sam Badry, of Enid, Okla., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Yuzbick.

Mrs. W. R. Ginnings, of Wilson, is employed in the English Beauty Shop this week.

Miss Brooksie Ecker will spend the Christmas holidays in San Angelo, visiting Mrs. Carl Shirley.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Henderson and children will spend the Christmas Holidays in Quanah visiting Mr. Henderson's parents.

Mrs. H. H. Edmondson has returned home from Llano, where she has been visiting her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Austin and children of Lubbock spent Sunday with Harvey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stokes and family will spend Christmas in Lamesa visiting Mrs. Stokes' mother.

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Robert Green will spend the holidays in Baird, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hamilton will spend the Christmas holidays in Abilene.

Jean Thompson will spend the holidays in Dumas, where she will visit her mother, Mrs. Bill Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Wright will spend Christmas in Denton and DeLeon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hestand and daughter, Miss Jo, are spending Christmas in Dallas.

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### AT YULETIDE

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Mrs. W. O. Hubbard and son left Wednesday for Itasca, Texas, where they will spend Christmas.

Mrs. C. D. Young is suffering with a severe case of tonsillitis this week.

Mrs. Kenneth Kimbrough of Austin is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Robertson of V Ranch near Slaton. Mr. Kimbrough will arrive this week-end.

Miss Bettie McGee, of Denver, Colorado is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McGee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Steckman, of

Lubbock, will be the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Carl Lewis, Christmas day.

LeRoy Holt, of Allen Academy, Bryan, Texas, will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sears of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Turner of Wink will spend Christmas with relatives and friends here.

Demp Cannon of Coffeyville, Kansas, arrived here Thursday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cannon, and friends.

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 To our friends and our neighbors, to the stranger within our gates, allow us to offer our best wishes for a merry holiday season.  
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**Weekly News Analysis**  
**G.O.P. Keeps Election Promise,**  
**Drafts New Pension Measures**  
 By Joseph W. La Bine

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—When opinions are expressed in these columns they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of the newspaper.

**Congress**

As the U. S. becomes a nation of older men and women (caused by declining birth rate) federal-state support of the indigent aged is no longer a political football but has emerged as an acute problem recognized by Democrats and Republicans alike. The present social security setup was a New Deal inspiration, but 1937's recession proved even this revolutionary step was insufficient. This month almost every congressman converging on Washington carries a new plan in his portfolio, foreshadowing the most heated battle to confront the seventy-sixth congress.

Many Republicans would like to forget that 40 of their 81 new members were elected this year on promises to support the Townsend measure or bring the pension issue to a vote. But one who refuses to forget, and who will undoubtedly fire the opening gun in next month's pension argument, is Massachusetts' Rep. Allen T. Treadway. Ranking minority member of the house ways and means committee, he will embarrass his political partisans by offering a resolution for hearings on Townsendism.

When pension arguments are sifted down, Washington observers expect Townsendism to drop from the picture, to be followed by a clear-cut Democrat-vs.-Republican debate on how social security shall be amended. In this argument the most surprising feature may be Republican support of a \$30-a-month federal old age contribution, featuring a 60-year age limit as against the present limit of 65 years. If states could equal the \$30 federal contribution, pensioners would then receive \$60 a month.

Where the federal government could raise \$30 a month, or where states could raise even less, is a moot problem. There are currently 1,656,700 persons on pension rolls, costing the U. S. about \$238,500,000 for the fiscal year. States pay \$250,129,000. This gives each of the 1,656,700 indigent an average of \$19. If all eligible persons were added to the rolls, the number would swell to more than 3,000,000. Since the U. S. is already using social security payroll taxes as fast as they come in, and since most states are unable to raise their \$15 monthly share for each pension, any plans to increase payments must be preceded by plans for financing the system.

While Republicans are attempting to iron out their pension program, the administration prepares to offer congress a sweeping plan for revising the present old age insurance system. Probable recommendations:

- (1) Monthly payments to widows and dependent children of workers covered by social security, plus \$200



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funeral expenses to families of "covered" workers who die before 65.  
 (2) Payments to wives and dependent children of men who have retired at 65, but whose monthly income under social security is insufficient.

(3) Starting old age payments January 1, 1940, instead of January 1, 1942.

(4) Immediate inclusion in social security of 2,600,000 seamen, bank employees, charitable and religious workers; inclusion in 1941 of 6,000,000 farm and domestic workers.

(5) Provision for payments of \$10 more each month to married men than to single men.

**Europe**

The long-cherished hope that Great Britain would eventually discover the futility of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's dictator "appeasement" policy is at last bearing fruit. Faced with a new series of crises, Mr. Chamberlain is presumably being forced to reverse his stand or resign. Most significant was the dinner at Lord Stanley Baldwin's home, attended by King George VI and a group of right-wing Labor leaders, all strenuous opponents of the Chamberlain government.

Even as the king broke bread with this crew, another anti-Chamberlain

leader was en route to the U. S. where he leveled veiled criticism at the man whose cabinet he left in anger. Anthony Eden, one-time foreign minister, told the National Association of Manufacturers that democracies must resist "false complacency" in viewing international perils, that "the survival of democracy must depend on the faith which it inspires . . . the results which it can achieve."

Within a few days the long-awaited results of Mr. Chamberlain's Munich "peace" treaty became despairingly apparent on three fronts, making the prime minister realize



**ANTHONY EDEN**  
 Mr. Chamberlain's successor?

he must either turn about-face (if it is not too late) or resign to be followed by Lord Baldwin or Mr. Eden.

**Memel.** Detached from German East Prussia by the Versailles treaty, later ceded to Lithuania, this 943-square-mile territory on the Baltic is being absorbed back into the Reich without consultation with—or protest from—the four guarantors of the Memel statute (Britain, France, Italy and Japan). Using "Sudeten" methods, Germany first provoked Memelites to cry for autonomy. Following a victorious plebiscite came the cry for "anschluss" (union) with the Reich. Although Hitler announced after the Munich treaty that he had no more European territorial claims, no one doubts his agents are behind the Memel coup.

**Ukraine.** While world attention has been focused on the Franco-Italian crisis (see below) Hitler has quietly but effectively begun agitation for his projected Ukraine republic, to be carved out of Poland and Russia. A Nazi-inspired autonomy move in the Polish Ukraine, the first step, is being correlated with activity of German agents in the Russian Ukraine. The latter step is especially well timed, since meager reports out of Moscow indicate the Soviet republic is weakened by internal strife. Not content to stop there, Hitler has opened negotiations with Persia and Afghanistan for German exploitation of oil and wheat lands. In the Balkans, Yugoslavia has practically renounced the little entente to follow pro-Nazi Premier Milan Stoyadinovich.

**France.** No observer believes the recent French-German treaty is worth anything, because the Reich has actually increased anti-French activity since it was signed. France has alliances with Poland and Russia, both of which have been ignored in Germany's Ukrainian drive. France dominates the little entente, which Hitler has defeated in Yugoslavia and is undermining in other Balkan countries. And—most important—France resents Germany's support of Italian demands for Tunisia, Corsica, Nice and Savoy. Current opinion holds that France will surprise Germany and Italy with a strong and unexpected resistance to these territorial demands. In the end, however, Italy may get partial control over the Suez canal and a share in French Somaliland, offering an outlet to the sea from Ethiopia.

**International**

Any shift in world military power is invariably followed by economic changes. One of these is world trade, in which Great Britain finds her position threatened by aggressive Germany. Taking a thoroughly revolutionary position, England has now broadened her government trade insurance plan to safeguard exports of materials ordinarily refused as poor risks. Beginning January 1, the export credits department may incur liabilities up to \$375,000,000 instead of the present \$250,000,000. To cover special risk items, another \$50,000,000 has been set aside. The latter policy, incidentally, will facilitate shipment of war goods to China.

If this aggressive British position has caused Germany any worry, Berlin can rejoice in a \$17,000,000 barter deal with Mexico, under which she will buy oil in exchange for manufactured items. In this case, Germany's gain is Britain's loss, since London has almost completely severed diplomatic and trade relations with Mexico over expropriation of British-owned oil lands.

**White House Shares Yule Spirit**

**WASHINGTON.**—The holiday atmosphere that grips America each December also finds its way to the White House, home of our chief executives for nearly 140 years and scene of many a colorful Yuletide party in bygone years.

White House history is rich with anecdotes of such gatherings since the building was occupied by the country's second chief executive, John Adams. For his granddaughter, four-year-old Suzannah, President Adams gave the first Christmas party ever held in the White House. Those were the days before the mansion was finished, when Mrs. Adams is said to have hung out her wash in the great East room.

Suzannah's party was a success but one of her guests broke a doll dish belonging to the little hostess. Suzannah retaliated by biting off the nose of the young guest's new wax doll. President Adams had to resort to diplomacy.

**Jefferson Played Violin.**

Christmas has always aided chief executives in discarding their dignity for a brief return to the simplicity of their childhood days. It was the widower President Jefferson who played the violin for his young guests, and the aged Andrew Jackson threw wide the White House doors to hundreds of orphans who listened to the President himself tell them wild tales of Indian wars.

Dolly Madison, most famous White House hostess in history, was in charge of President Jefferson's party in 1805 when nearly 100 guests were present. Mrs. Madison also served as hostess at 13 other Christmas dinners in the White House during the two terms each of Jefferson and her own husband, James Madison. Once the Madisons had to flee from the mansion when the British invaded Washington in 1812.

Jackson's party for the orphans was inspired by his own sad boyhood. At his party Santa Claus came to the White House as usual, leaving many gifts for the homeless



Entrance to the White House at Washington as it appears each year during the Christmas season.

youngsters. Jackson himself found a corn cob pipe and warm carpet slippers in his bulging stocking.

**Jackson in Snow Fight.**

"Old Hickory" is said to have participated in a snowball fight at the party, aided by Vice President Martin Van Buren. As his little guests scattered over the moonlit White House lawn he turned to a friend and said:

"They remind me of the one who came to the knees of Jesus, and of whom He said, 'Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.'"

In modern times much more ceremony has been attached to official Washington's celebration of the Yuletide. Each year the chief executive radios holiday greetings to American soldiers, sailors, marines

and diplomatic representatives throughout the world. His most important official duty is a Christmas eve address to the nation, a custom that has probably become permanent.

The nation's "official" Christmas tree in Washington is lighted annually by the presidential finger who participates in colorful ceremonies broadcast throughout the country. During the past decade and a half, four Presidents have used the same switch box for this purpose. Last year a new silver plate was attached to the box bearing the names of these men.

Another recent innovation at the ceremony is the use of a four-toned chime to signal the lighting of the tree. The chimes ring out as the President presses the button lighting the tree, broadcast as a signal to millions of listening Americans.

**A REAL CHRISTMAS**

By Vera Ashton

"Oh, lookit, lookit, Jimmie. Doesn't it look like a real baby? Just 'magine it's for me!" And little Sally's face was radiant with the imagined joy.

"Ah, that's nothin' but a doll! You girls!" and Johnnie's nose turned up with disgust. "If you're lookin', just lookit that!" and he pointed to a scooter that leaned proudly against the wall in the show window. "That's what Santa Claus has picked out for me." And Johnnie's eyes shone.

A well-dressed man standing near them heard the words, and looked curiously at the ragged children. As he saw his wife approaching, the children started on, but not before he heard the boy say to his sister, "It's no use 'magine anything this year. Aunt Meg doesn't even have a chimbley for Santa to crawl down, and he probably doesn't even know that daddy and mother aren't here any more," and his brave little lip quivered.

The man turned to his wife, who had just reached him. "Madge, look at that window."

But her voice was shrill with a hysterical grief, as she exclaimed: "Oh, Phil, I can't look at those toys. You know I can't. When little Elsie is dead, and we have no one to make Christmas for."

"But Madge, that is what I mean. We have someone to make a Christmas for. See those kids there, just going round the corner? They are the Mayne children, whose father and mother were killed in that factory fire last month. They're living with their aunt, who already has four children of her own, and her husband is only working part time since the fire." He said no more but watched his wife anxiously.

Her look of grief turned slowly to one of questioning and then pleasure.

"We'll do it!" she exclaimed in glad tones.

"I heard them tell each other what they wanted," Phil said joyously.

So on Christmas morning Sally and Johnnie were surprised to have an auto drive up in front of their Aunt Meg's house, and have a fine big man ask them to go home with him to dinner. And there, when they had taken off their coats and hats, they found a lovely Christmas tree with a beautiful doll and a perfectly grand scooter, and a new suit for Johnnie and a dress for Sally which made her dress sparkle with joy.

"We don't want you to go home," Mrs. Vigers said when the children began to talk about having to go, after the dinner of turkey and cranberry sauce and all the fixings. "We want you to stay, don't we Phil?"

"Indeed we do, for we need a little boy and girl in our house," Phil Vigers replied, with a happy smile on his face. And he added, under his breath, as he gave his wife a mighty hug, "This is a real Christmas, Madge. I'm glad that there was plenty of room at this inn."

**While Shepherds Watched**



A photographic reproduction of the famous Christmas painting, "The Shepherds Watched," by Carl Mueller, noted German artist. The painting, depicting the birth of Christ, was executed in Dusseldorf in 1885 and was first published in the United States in 1936.

**AMAZED SANTA CLAUS FINDS 33 STOCKINGS IN MARYLAND HOME!**

**LEONARDTOWN, MD.**—No less than 33 stockings are hung by the chimney with care each Christmas eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sterling here.

The couple has 17 children, who with the grandchildren and in-laws add up to the grand total of 33.

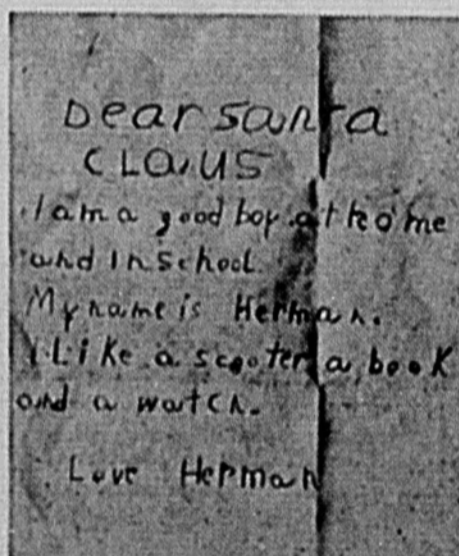
Santa Claus can hardly see the fireplace for the stockings when he slides down the chimney. But he never fails to fill them all. In the years since he started visiting the Sterling home, Santa has found that another caller, the stork, also has the Sterling address in his book.

Each year there has been a "new addition" to the Sterling household, or in the homes of their children. As Santa's burden has become greater he has cheerfully risen to the needs and found plenty of toys and other "goodies" to go around. But he has to replenish his supply after each visit to the Sterling home.

**Late Yuletide Observed By Orthodox Christians**

Conforming to the Julian calendar, thousands of Americans will not celebrate Christmas until January 7, 14 days behind the Gregorian calendar. These people are Russians, Serbians, Armenians, Bulgarians, Syrians and Macedonians—followers of the Christian Orthodox church. Greeks and Rumanians, also of the Orthodox church, mark Christmas on the Gregorian calendar but adhere to the Julian calendar in observance of Easter Sunday.

**Who Hasn't?**



Each Christmas season hundreds of plaintive notes to Santa Claus, like the above, find their way to the Post Office department's dead letter office. Others reach the town of Santa Claus, Ind.

**Railway Station Carols Make Travelers Relax**

In metropolitan railroad stations throughout the country this holiday season, hurried travelers will halt to the strains of Christmas carols echoing from lofty ceilings and long corridors. Originally adopted several years ago in New York, the idea has spread each December to more cities until railroad station music has become a tradition. The concerts were started because railroad officials decided "everyone was in too much of a hurry" around Christmas time, and that if people could relax before starting their homeward journey they would have a better time.

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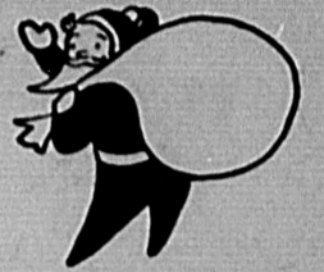
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CHAPTER VII  
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Hale had no desire to linger in New York. The weather was still torrid and he thought longingly of the wash of the waves on the beach beyond his windows at Halcyon Camp.

On Friday he gave his attention to a few odds and ends. That noon he lunched comfortably at the Engineers' Club; and he took an early afternoon train for Long Island. He was ready for Ainsworth now, but he had no intention of rushing the conference with him.

Hale's plan was to see Joan as soon as he returned and persuade her to go out in the motor-boat or take a walk in the woods. His statement of the Craig affair had been formally prepared, with the aid of Mr. Phelps, and impressively typewritten in that gentleman's office. It would be wise to have the signatures added to it while the memory of Craig's activities was still green at Halcyon Camp.

But Joan was not to be seen when he reached there. Indeed, every member of the group was apparently taking a siesta except Mrs. Spencer Forbes. She was stretched out on the couch hammock on the front porch, which was now in the shade, and she held a magazine upside down. She welcomed Rex with flattering warmth. He sat down on the hammock beside her.

"I never closed my eyes last night," she announced.

Somewhat wearily young Mr. Hale went into action, and assured her that such eyes should never be closed.

"I was thinking of you," she continued.

"Of course you were. You have a sympathetic heart. You realized what our hours of separation meant to me."

For once Mrs. Spencer Forbes refused an invitation to play verbal ping pong.

"All I realized," she explained crisply, "is that in some way you've got rid of Craig. I want to know how you did it. I can't breathe deeply until I do know."

"You know why I got rid of him, don't you?"

"I can imagine it, without any strain."

"You knew exactly what was going on, didn't you?"

"Yes, I suppose I did. It seemed so incredible that I couldn't be quite sure I was right."

"You knew," Hale said firmly. "You and Ainsworth must have caught on very early in the action. Yet you'd have let it go on, without lifting a hand to stop it, till young Kneeland cracked. Lady, the discovery has been a blow to me. Where's the big womanly heart I've been trying to win? Your motto is 'Live and let live,' isn't it?"

"No, it's even stronger than that, my friend." Her strange eyes met his with an odd expression. She added deliberately, "My motto is 'Die and let die.'"

He nodded.

"All right. That's the way you feel. You admit that you know, and have known for weeks, perhaps for months, what Craig was trying to do to young Kneeland. You've known, haven't you?"

"I think so. A good prosecuting attorney was certainly lost in you, Rex. I rather like it," she added cheerfully. "I enjoy seeing you filled with such righteous wrath that your eyes take fire and your red hair stands on end. Now be a good boy and tell Auntie how you got rid of Craig."

"It was easy. I told him the game was up. I told him I'd start proceedings to have his license revoked if he didn't clear out. Naturally, he cleared. That reminds me I've got the complaint here, to be signed by us all as witnesses. It will never be used unless he makes more trouble. Are you altruistic enough to sign it?"

She shrugged.

"I suppose so. I wouldn't care to appear in such a proceeding, but of course he'll see that it never comes up. That's one of the things a doctor can't risk. Now, what are you frowning over?"

"I'm frowning because I can't make myself believe even yet that you would really have sat through the summer and watched that devil drive that boy off his head without raising a hand to help him."

Mrs. Spencer Forbes looked patient.

"You're beginning to bore me, Rex," she assured him, "but I'll play with you a little longer. You mustn't be so sentimental. Herbert Kneeland isn't a boy. He's a man twenty-two years old. But he's a weakling, and I haven't much use for weaklings. Let's change the subject. I suppose," she added briskly, "you're going after Ainsworth now."

"I certainly am."

She fingered her magazine.

"I know Ainsworth has Casper Kneeland by the short hairs," she murmured. "I don't know how he got the grip. I suppose it's a matter of blackmail!"

"Not exactly. By the way, I met a friend of yours in New York the other day."

Her lips curled.

"You would. They swarm around me. Which of the multitude was this?"

"George Stuyvesant. Like Ainsworth, he was a classmate of mine at Cornell."

Her cold face warmed a trifle.

"George is a nice boy," she testified, "and Honore is one of my best friends. I don't go in much for the softer emotions, but I get quite mellow when I think of George and his mother."

"I asked him what there was about you that I didn't understand," Hale grinned. "He told me to ask you. He said you would certainly tell me."

Her face hardened again.

"I'm not sure I'll do anything of the sort," she said curtly. "I don't see why I shouldn't have a few feminine reserves, even if you have lived in Spain and learned some Spanish love songs. However, sing

"Yes, I'll sign, since the show is over."

She wrote her negligent scrawl under Kneeland's name, made a blot, swore mildly, and handed back the pen and the statement. Then she looked up at the young man with a malicious light in her eyes.

"I shouldn't have said that I was bored this afternoon," she suddenly admitted. "I was interested. I am still. I'm very much interested."

Rex folded the complaint and put it in his pocket.

"Something warns me this is not a compliment," he admitted. "What interests you?"

Mrs. Spencer Forbes shook her head. Her eyes had in them the flickering lights of a pale star sapphire.

"Your myopia," she said sweetly.

"My myopia?" Rex was mystified.

"Yes. You think you're seeing very clearly. You think you're seeing a whole lot. As a matter of fact, my young friend, in your absorption in Doctor Craig and Fred-

an arm and came face to face with Joan. She had been out for a walk. She looked warm and tired but her face brightened when she saw him.

"What you need," he said promptly, "is a cool swim before tea. Get your bathing suit and come along."

"What a masterful young man it is," she murmured admiringly.

"What would you do to me if I didn't obey?"

"Toss you from here to the beach with one easy, graceful swing."

"That wouldn't be so bad. I've walked all I want to, and the woods were hot. However, go on, Signor Mussolini. I will join you on the beach."

"I'll wait here-till you come, and carry your bathing suit. Something warns me you would sag under the weight of it."

His eyes were anxious as they followed her. She looked "all in." The discovery had an extraordinary effect on him. It puzzled and depressed him, to a surprising degree. It filled him with a conviction that something had to be done about



"I know Ainsworth has Casper Kneeland by the short hairs."

them to me tonight and I'll probably babble all you want to know." Hale met her eyes squarely.

"I don't need to," he told her in a low voice. "I know, now."

She could not be said to change color. Her color never changed. But her expression became harder and very watchful. She spoke, however, as lightly as before.

"My life is an open book. Who directed your attention to Chapter Thirteen?"

"A most unpleasant person who answers to the name of Jim Haines. I kicked him out of the woods back of here the other day."

She frowned.

"Now, you really are becoming annoying," she said sharply. "I don't allow any interference whatever with my private affairs. Please remember that. If you've kicked Jim Haines out of this neighborhood kindly kick him back again, and be quick about it."

Hale kept his eyes on hers.

"You don't really want him," he said gently. "Confess that you don't. You're too level-headed. Why should you play with hell-fire? And why the devil should you drag poor Miss Hosanna into it?"

Mrs. Spencer Forbes sat up very straight and faced him with a complete change of expression.

"Now, see here, my lad," she said incisively, "this isn't amusing any more. Surely you're not fool enough to believe that Hosanna Kneeland ever—"

"No, I'm not and I don't. I want her to stay as she is. Tell me something. Is there any really normal human being at Halcyon Camp, aside from Miss Hosanna and Joan and me?"

Mrs. Spencer Forbes sent him an odd little smile.

"Normal human beings are horribly dull," she observed. "I haven't much use for them myself."

Hale got up abruptly.

"I think I'll have a swim before tea," he announced. "Where is everybody, anyhow?"

Mrs. Spencer Forbes laughed.

"They're all having their beauty sleep except Bert. He has gone out in his boat with the Nash Cub. The others won't be down for an hour. You'll have plenty of time for a swim. I'd go with you; but I'm all freshly enameled in preparation for your return, and I'd crack. I don't mind adding," she ended depressedly, "that you've been a sad disappointment to me this afternoon."

"Bury the memory of it under a good deed." Hale took out his legal papers and his fountain pen. "Sign this. Right here, under Uncle Cass' name. He signed last night."

erick Ainsworth you have been blind as a bat to something more important than either of them. It has been going on right under your eyes. I've been watching it for two months. It is developing quite fast. But you, my little Star of Bethlehem, you who have been lighting up all our dark corners, haven't the least suspicion of it. You're as blind as the proverbial bat."

Hale took a quick turn around the room and then walked back to her.

"Be a good sport," he urged. "Tell me what you're driving at."

"Not for the wealth of Ormus and of Ind," she quoted. "That would be a flat contradiction of all my theories. I'm the innocent bystander in this matter. I'm going to keep on being that. Pleasant reflections in the water, O Star of Bethlehem!"

Hale hurried off to his room to get his bathing suit. He was deeply disturbed. He had developed no faith at all in Mrs. Spencer Forbes during their association. But he had a strong impression that for once, at least, she was really saying something.

His mind was full of this surprising theory when he descended the front steps with his bathing suit over

it at once. Why should a girl with youth, beauty, money, and the figure of a young Amazon go about looking like the last survivor of a Greek tragedy?

She came down almost at once.

"That must weigh all of two ounces," she jibed as he took the bathing suit from her. She added without giving him time to reply, "Bert told me what you had done for him."

"Did you realize what was going on?"

She stopped short to stare at him.

"What a question," she brought out indignantly. "Do you think I'd have let it continue another minute if I had? I saw that Bert was losing ground all the time, and that Doctor Craig wasn't helping him. I thought it was wholly a case of nerves. I didn't dare to interfere. Doctor Craig has been his closest friend. I'm sure I'd have caught on to it long ago, except that we all seemed to be under the harrow. Whichever way I looked there was something—something—well, depressing is the mildest word for it. I thought it was my own condition. I thought I was imagining things. But thank God that horror is out of the way."

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## Draft Colts' Comeback on Farms in Maryland Now Reality, Shows Reveal

The roar of the motor is heard in country as well as town, but for all the evidences of the mechanical age, the fact remains that draft colts are kicking today on Maryland's hillsides, writes Ruth S. Hopkins in the Baltimore Sun. For the heavy horse is returning to the farm. At the latest state and county fairs, in farmboys' colt clubs, at sales, officials have noticed greatly quickened interest in the animal which had almost been outmoded by a gas-driven motor and a war.

The pinch of a national farm problem has made more effective the influence of the University of Maryland and the Maryland Horse Breeders' association, which preach the economic wisdom of using drafters to balance farm income with farm output, and our bluegrass counties' natural advantages for raising horses.

Bluegrass country begins in northern New Jersey, swings down in a long, gentle curve through Maryland, the Virginias and Kentucky. The horses' own terrain, its lush pastures and mineral streams become rich blood and hard, strong bones; its rolling hills develop the

heart, lungs and muscles of a young horse. These regions, noted for thoroughbreds, are as well suited for drafters.

Obviously, there is a difference between the horse which over night makes you a millionaire and the one which overnight delivers the milk. But one is no poor relation of the other. Both may be blooded animals—one "thoroughbred," the other "purebred"—both boasting pedigrees that reach back through generations of aristocrats.

**Shady Roads in Hungary**

The highroads of Hungary are likely to be much enlivened if the agricultural chamber goes ahead with its proposal for planting Japanese acacias. There is a utilitarian design in this project, also, for Hungary is famous for its honey, especially the pale scented acacia honey, which is the only tree that prospers in the flat and sandy parts of the country. Since the Japanese acacia flowers rather later than the Hungarian, the bees would find a second gathering season when the blossoms of the native trees had fallen.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for December 25

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### GOD'S GREAT LOVE

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 2:1-12.  
GOLDEN TEXT—God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

Christmas Day on Sunday—a what an appropriate combination! Today we commemorate the birth of our Lord, the coming of our Redeemer to dwell among men on the day of the week which is a perpetual remembrance of His resurrection from the dead—the Lord's Day. He came as the babe of Bethlehem's manger in order that He might in His death and resurrection from the grave prove His victory over sin and death. For those who know and love the true spirit of Christmas, this should be a great day of rejoicing in Christ.

We have an unusual opportunity to study the birth of Jesus from a text not commonly used for Christmas, namely, the coming of the Wise Men from the East to find and to worship Him. It is suggested that their experiences may be considered as showing the way to Jesus, who is the perfect revelation of God's great love. We should

I. Look for His Sign (vv. 1-3).  
While most of their fellow men saw nothing but an unusually bright star (if they even noted that much, in their hurried devotion to the interests of everyday life), the men of the East showed that they were wise by recognizing that here was the promised sign of Numbers 24:17. Be sure to read that great prophecy. When they told Herod, he, fearing lest his own power and prominence should be challenged, became troubled in his heart.

The parallel to our day is striking. Everywhere in our lives, personal and national, are the unmistakable signs of the presence and power of Jesus. Most people heed them not in their mad pursuit of gold and pleasure. Others hate His name, and would destroy His influence on earth. Let us be among the wise men who come today to seek and worship Him.

II. Listen to God's Word (vv. 4-6).  
The Wise Men knew that He was to come, but they needed further light. They knew where to find it—in God's own Word. How different would be the history that is in the making in our day if instead of turning to the philosophies of men, or trusting in the might of armaments, we would turn to God's Word and let it lead us all to Christ, the Saviour of the world, the Prince of Peace.

III. Seek the Saviour (vv. 7-9).  
Different motives moved in the hearts of those who consulted the Scriptures on that far-off day in Jerusalem. Herod, while hypocritically professing to want to worship, really was looking into it so that he might kill Jesus. There are hypocrites who study God's Word in our day for the same purpose while ostensibly worshipping. The people of Jerusalem had the curious bystander's interest in an unusual event. They have their counterpart in our churches and communities on this Christmas Day of 1938. Then there were the chief priests and scribes, who had a purely professional interest in finding what the Scriptures taught concerning this promised One. There are plenty of that kind of religious leaders and workers today.

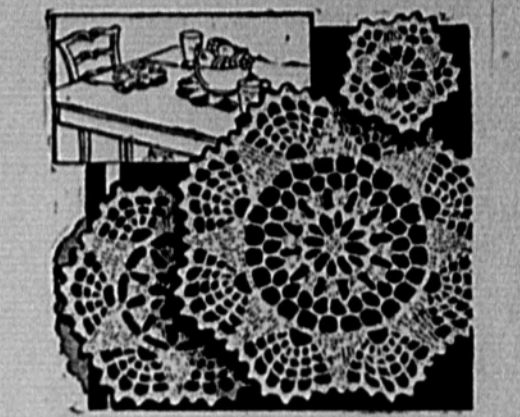
None of these actually sought the Saviour except the Wise Men. Thank God for the thousands of men, women, and children who will today seek the Christ who is the very reason for the observance of Christmas, but who has been all but lost in the nonsense and commercialism that have practically ruined Christmas as a sacred "holy day."

IV. Worship Him (vv. 10-12).  
These faithful seekers found Him, and in Him they found joy (v. 10), worship (v. 11), opportunity for sacrifice of self and gifts (v. 11), and fellowship with God in the great work of redemption (v. 12). God spoke to them, gave them a personal and secret commission which thwarted the wicked plans of Herod. Christmas may mean all of that to each one of us if we let the Lord Jesus come into our lives in all the beauty of His redeeming love and holiness. To you who read these lines just now, the writer makes this plea in the name of Christ—let Him have your life and transform it by His grace and for His glory. Only thus can you have a joyful and blessed Christmas.

**The Parent Mind**  
The souls of the sons of God are greater than their business; and they are thrown out into life, not to do a certain work, but to be a certain thing; to have some sacred lineaments, to show some divine tint of the Parent Mind from which they came.—Martineau.

**The Nation's Progress**  
National progress is the sum of individual industry, energy, and uprightness, as national decay is of individual idleness, selfishness and vice.

## Lovely Dollies Can Be Crocheted in a Jiffy



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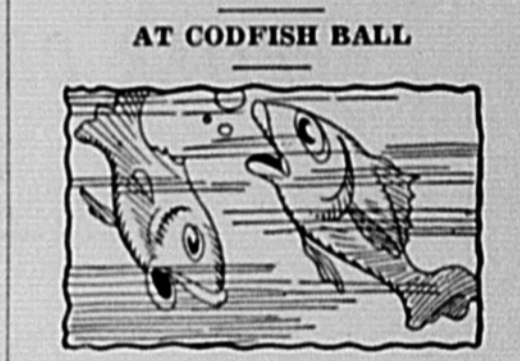


**JUST JESTS**

**It's a Dress**  
"My wife is very busy. She's going to address the women's club."  
"I suppose she's working on the address."  
"No, the dress."

**Customer (to head waiter)—**  
Just as a matter of curiosity, did the waiter who took my order leave any family?

**Qualified**  
"A comet is a star with a tail," said teacher, giving the class a lesson about the stars. "Can anyone name a comet?"  
"Yes, miss," cried one little lad, "Mickey Mouse!"



**AT CODFISH BALL**

"You say he belongs to the codfish aristocracy. Where did you meet him?"  
"At the fish ball, of course!"

**Or What?**  
Police Sergeant—Give the prisoner a bath and clap him in irons.  
Crook—Gosh! First I was collared, now I'm being washed and ironed. Is this a police station or a laundry?

**Before and After**  
Robinson—I think a sharp nose usually indicates curiosity.  
Brown—And a flattened one may indicate too much.

**The Guide—**Yes, it must be over a thousand years old. You can take it from me they don't build such ancient castles nowadays.

**Topsy Turvy World**  
Customer—Isn't the price rather high for such a little pillow?  
Shop Assistant—Well, you see, madam, down is now up.

**2-DROP RELIEF FOR HEAD COLDS**

Head colds do make you feel miserable. Do this for relief: Put 2 drops Penetro Nose Drops in each nostril—no soothing, cooling to irritated membrane of the nose and throat. Astringent-like action of ephedrine quickly allows you "more room to breathe".

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## That Nagging Backache

**May Warn of Disturbed Kidney Action**

Modern life with its hurry and worry, irregular habits, improper eating and drinking—its risk of exposure and infection—throws heavy strain on the work of the kidneys. They are apt to become over-taxed and fail to filter excess acid and other impurities from the life-giving blood.

You may suffer nagging backache, headache, dizziness, getting up at night, leg pains, swelling—feel constantly tired, nervous, all worn out. Other signs of kidney or bladder disorder may be burning, scanty or too frequent urination. Use Doan's Pills. Doan's help the kidneys to get rid of excess poisonous body waste. They are antiseptic to the urinary tract and tend to relieve irritation and the pain it causes. Many grateful people recommend Doan's. They have had more than forty years of public approval. Ask your neighbor!





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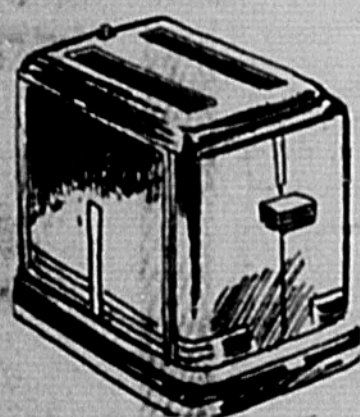
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