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## Pioneer Citizen Buried Monday

Funeral services for Thomas Scown, 78, were held from the Methodist Church Monday afternoon at two o'clock with the Rev. J. E. Shewbert, pastor of the Methodist Church, and Rev. A. C. Hardin of Post, former pastor of the Baptist Church here, in charge. Interment was made in the Colorado cemetery under direction of G. W. Hendrick.

Mr. Scown died early Sunday morning following an illness of several weeks. He had been in ill health for some time.

Thomas Scown was born Mar. 12, 1860, in South Patherwin, Cornwall, England. At the age of 11 he came to America, settling in Pennsylvania. He came to Texas in 1886 and settled in Mitchell County. May 10, 1888, he was married to Miss Hattie Childress at Colorado. They have made their home in this county since that time except for about three years they spent in Eastland County. About a year ago they moved back to "their old county" he said, to be with old friends.

For many years "Uncle Tom" farmed and ranched in the Silver community south of Loraine. For several years he made his home in Loraine. In May of this year Mr. and Mrs. Scown celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary.

While an infant Mr. Scown was christened in the Episcopal Church of England. After coming to Texas he joined the Methodist Church in 1895, remaining in this church until his death.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Scown, six boys and two girls. J. T., George, Mable, Harry, Etta, David, John and Gus. J. T. and David preceded him in death.

Besides his wife and children Mr. Scown is survived by 24 grand children and 4 great grand children.

Mr. Scown had two brothers and four sisters. Two sisters, Mrs. Tamzema Willingham and Mrs. Ellen Carter of San Angelo, were present for the funeral. All of his children were also present except one daughter, Mrs. Etta Wynne of Reno, Nevada, who was unable to come because of illness.

Pallbearers were Robert Bruce, Kirk Taylor, Wiley Walker, August Hackfeld, John Horton, and Stanton Hutchins. Flower bearers were grand daughters.

## LOBARINE RIGHT IN STEP AS USUAL

At no time has Dicken's A Christmas Carol enjoyed more popularity than at this Yuletide season. Ever a favorite Christmas classic, it has received renewed acclaim this year. From our largest cities to even the small towns, it has been and is being presented in dramatic form or as a public or fireside reading. It is being given even in the White House for the entertainment of the First Family.

As usual Loraine is no exception. A high school cast, directed by Mrs. Fred B. Ison, appeared in an assembly presentation Friday, December 16. This was to have been given December 20, but was in advance due to the premature closing of school. The cast has already appeared in an earlier edition of The Mitchell County News. Every character was exceptional in his place. Perhaps the best rendition was Roy G. Edwards' interpretation of the part of "Scrooge." Billy Joe Martin will not soon be forgotten in the part of "Tiny Tim," the little cripple who has won the hearts of the reading public for generations with his "God bless us everyone." The sincere acting of each actor was very good. The attention of the audience was above reproach.

Yes, Loraine, as usual, was right in step. Appreciate your Loraine, our home town. What has any other town which Loraine has not? "God bless us everyone." And a Merry Christmas!

## We Send to You Our GREETINGS!

May your way be gay; your pleasures unending; your Christmas a merry one; your New Year a prosperous one. These are our wishes for you. For ourselves? All we want is your continued friendship and patronage. This is enough for anyone.



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### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT

A pageant, "The Greatest Gift," will be given next Sunday night at the Methodist Church as part of the Christmas program. Mrs. W. R. Martin is directing the pageant with Mrs. Kirk Taylor in charge of music. The program for Sunday night is divided into two parts, the first part being Christmas songs and poems and the second part being the pageant.

The pastor, Rev. Shewbert, states, "This is a very beautiful and effective pageant. Let us urge you to see this as I am sure it will help you to appreciate the true spirit of Christmas more."

### RECEIVE HONOR IN BOY SCOUT ORDER SATURDAY

Among the natural settings of Lake Sweetwater last Saturday night 13 Boy Scouts and officials of the Buffalo Trail Council were initiated into the Order of the Arrow, the greatest honor that can be bestowed upon a Boy Scout. Craig Porter and James Herrington of Colorado were among those who received the honor.

### TECH EX-STUDENTS PEAN HUGE RALLY

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 19—Dallas ex-students of Texas Tech have completed plans for the largest pre-game football rally in the history of the college on the eve of the third Cotton Bowl Classic which matches Texas Tech against St. Mary's of California.

The rally, to be held in Fair Park Auditorium Sunday night Jan. 1, will feature the famous 150-piece Red Raider band, Coach Pete Cawthon, and at least two other outstanding Texans as speakers.

Hundreds of the school's 30,000 exes will join more than 2,000 students of the college for the event.

Milton Hallmark, who is employed in a cotton mill at New Braunfels, is expected home the latter part of the week to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hallmark.

## FDR in Traditional Ceremony



Extending his annual Christmas greeting to the nation, President Roosevelt will light Washington's community Christmas tree in Lafayette park Saturday night providing the signal that will illuminate thousands of similar trees throughout the country. Photograph shows the President at last year's ceremony.

## School Closed To Check Scarlet Fever

Classes in the Loraine school were dismissed last Friday afternoon until January 2, 1939, because of an epidemic of scarlet fever. Closing for the Christmas holidays was originally set for Wednesday of this week but school officials and Dr. W. L. Hester, Health Officer, thought it best to close earlier in an effort to stamp out scarlet fever. Church services were also dismissed last Sunday night in cooperation with the movement. Regular services are expected to be held next Sunday, however.

### COURT HOUSE NEWS

#### Marriage License Issued

Albert Kidd and Zada Ruth Smith, Loraine; Roy D. Ritchey and Alene Jones, Colorado; John W. Paule and Frances Elaine Price, Colorado; G. C. Erwin and Ima Breeding, Cuthbert; Luther Harrison, Jr. and Nancy Lee Harris, Colorado; Wm. Loyd Crossin and Leta Frances Jones; Paul Yarbrough and Pauline Deere, Snyder.

#### Transfers in Real Estate

P. K. Mackey et ux to R. A. May, Lot 8, Blk. 136, Colorado, \$200; A. Monroe to Ralph O. DeWitt, S1/2 of S1/2 Sec. 15, Blk. 28 N. T. & P. Ry. Co. surveys, \$3,000; City National Bank to Tom Coker et ux, S1/4 Sec. 2, Blk. 28, T. & P. Ry. Co. surveys, \$1458; G. C. Erwin et ux to Albert Erwin, SW1/4 Sec. 93, Blk. 97, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. surveys, 2,798.09; H. C. Landers Sr. Exr. Estate C. D. Doggett, Deceased, to E. R. Bibby, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Blk. 16, D. S. & M. Ad. to Colorado, \$800; J. L. Colson et ux to C. A. Kuehl, Lots 17 and 18, Sub. Lots 1 and 2 Blk. 2, Mar. Ad. No. 1, Colorado, \$1500; B. L. Templeton et ux to F. F. Brooks, S1/4 of NE1/4 Sec. 95, Blk. 25, T. & P. Ry. Co. surveys, \$10 and assumption of notes; F. F. Brooks et ux to Aug. B. Hackfeld, SE1/4 Sec. 86 and E1/2 of NE1/4 Sec. 95, Blk. 25, T. & P. Ry. Co. surveys, \$1,800; A. L. Whitley et ux to M. A. Giddens, 110 acres out of Sec. 21, Blk. 26, T. & P. Ry. Co. surveys, \$5,083; Milt Yater et ux to C. Brady Warren et ux, Lots 11 and 12 in Blk. 76, Colorado, \$958.07; R. L. May et ux to E. D. Johnson, 40 acres from Sec. 15, Blk. 25, T. & P. Ry. Co. surveys, \$616.74; J. W. Watson et al to N. A. Rogers, Lots 4, 5, 6, Blk. 1, W. W. Watson Ad. No. 1, Colorado, \$10; A. B. Phipps et al to T. S. Jackson, Part Lot 2, Blk. 32, W. & M. Ad. to Colorado, \$350; C. C. Coolbaugh et ux to John Atchison, Pre-emption Surveys 2 and 3, \$2,000.

#### New Cars Registered

O. L. Simpson, Cuthbert, Buick Sedan; John Mogford, Colorado, Chevrolet Coach; A. B. Cary, Colorado, Plymouth Roadster.

Miss Lillian Hendrick, who is employed at Corpus Christi, is expected here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mahoney of Houston are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mahoney, and family.

### NEW THEATRE OPENED LAST SATURDAY NIGHT

The new Hub Theatre, located in the Fairbairn building, opened last Saturday night for the first time. The new theatre has improved sound and those who attended the first shows praise it highly.

The program for Friday and Saturday is the "Hawaiian Buckaroo" and for the first of next week, starting Sunday, one of the late pictures "My Lucky Star" starring Sonja Heine with Richard Green, will be the feature picture.

If you have not yet been to the new theatre Mr. and Mrs. Day invite you to come out and enjoy good shows.

## Britain Leaves Eire



Great Britain will surrender her last vestige of control over the 26 counties of Eire (Ireland) Saturday when she renounces treaty rights held since 1929 over three Irish ports including Lough Swilly, shown on map. Ulster, shown in black, constitutes the empire's sole remaining territory on the island.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Leggett entertained a few friends Friday night, December 16, celebrating the birthday of Mr. Leggett. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tillison and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Preston, and Mr. and Mrs. George Leggett and daughter.

## Committee Election Set For Dec. 28th

The State Agricultural Conservation Committee has set December 28 as the election date for all Community Committeemen in the State. Community Committeemen help carry out AAA work in their respective communities and counties.

Community Committeemen for 1939 will be elected by the members of the Mitchell County Agricultural Conservation Association on Wednesday, December 28, 1938.

For the purpose of carrying out AAA work as efficiently as possible, Mitchell County has been divided into three communities; namely, Loraine, Colorado and Westbrook. The Loraine Community is composed of Commissioners Precinct No. 1; Colorado, Commissioners Precinct No. 4; and Commissioners Precinct Nos. 2 and 3 are combined to make up the Westbrook Community. Committeemen election meetings will be conducted by the Chairmen of the 1938 Committee and will be held as follows:

10 A. M. Wednesday, Dec. 28, Westbrook school house.  
2 P. M. Wednesday, Dec. 28, Colorado District Courtroom.  
7 P. M. Wednesday, Dec. 28, Loraine school house.

## Come to CHURCH CHRISTMAS

### Happenings at the Baptist Church

The Sunday morning service was very fine, the Sunday School was not up to standard but was well attended. The regular church offering was a delight to all of us, then the offering for the orphan home ran beyond \$10, making the offering through the W. M. S. and the Church run something over \$100. The ladies are closing this week their Lottie Moon Christmas offering (missions) amounting to \$80. The great heart of God rejoices in the fine work our church is doing. I do not believe the Lord has a better church than the Loraine Baptist Church. Our Sunday night services were called off as was all the activities of the church for the week in co-operation with the school and the Health Officer and the other churches of the city in an effort to stamp out the scarlet fever.

We will have all the services of the church next Sunday. Sunday School at 10 and preaching at 11, the evening services at 7. We give you a special invitation to worship with us next Sunday. Remember that our services, are brief and to the point, no lost motion at the Baptist Church, where the best choir in West Texas sings the Gospel in song.

Some of our dear people in and out of our church will be shut in next Sunday, others will be visiting with their dear ones but the pastor wants to say to you all that my prayer is for you and yours, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

And this wish I cherish for you not merely for today or a season, but always. The prayer that I offer for myself is the prayer that I faintly would offer for you, that through all the sunshine and shades of the untried days, may the Angel of His presence go with you, may you be given wisdom to discern the true values of life so that your powers may not be wasted on the things which are false and superficial and valueless, but be consecrated on the things which are high and deep and true to those things which satisfy and help. May the blessings of the Father be yours, is my prayer.  
M. H. Godfrey.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Allbright, who Mr. Allbright says, have been visiting for a year at Grapevine, returned to Loraine last week to make their home. We were expecting them back but they slipped in before we knew it. We are glad they are back.

Take your home paper now!

### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

J. E. Shewbert, Pastor.  
We had a nice sized crowd out for both Sunday School and Church last Sunday. Many were absent because of sickness in our community and as an added precaution for which we cannot blame anyone. We trust that in another week or two all will be normal and we can resume our whole work.

We had several visitors out for church Sunday morning among them being Congressman Mahon and wife and daughter. We always welcome visitors to our services. Several of our members were out for the first time also.

This is Christmas time and we are endeavoring to make the message of the season felt to all. Let everyone remember to celebrate Christmas in a way that will be pleasing to our Christ. Isn't it a shame that so many take Christmas time to celebrate in a pagan way instead of a Christian way? Every true Christian will make this a holy season and draw closer to Christ.

Sunday morning we will have special services. A Sunday school opening program, music at the morning hour and the pastor will preach on "How Far Are You From Bethlehem." Come and hear this message. Sunday night we will have a pageant, "The Greatest Gift." You will not want to miss this.

Mrs. Shewbert and I wish to send the following Christmas message to everyone:

The Song of the Angels, heard by the Shepherds, was a Song of Hope, of Faith, and a declaration of the Love of God for all men. Let each of us rejoice on His birthday anniversary in this bountiful Love. This Christmas time—

"May the Giver of Gifts give unto you  
That which is good and that which is true;  
The will to help and the courage to do;  
A heart that can sing the whole day through  
Whether the skies be gray or blue,  
May the Giver of Gifts give these to you."

Especially will we remember in our thoughts all of those shut-ins, all who sorrow and those who carry a heavy heart at this time. May you find a peace and joy as you behold anew the Savior. We wish for all a very Merry Christmas.

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Weekly News Analysis

AAA Supporters, Encouraged, Expect Little Change in Act

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.

Agriculture

U. S. cotton farmers having voted to impose taxes on any producer who markets more than his share in 1939, last spring's agricultural adjustment act seems destined for enforcement next year with little change. Not only the cotton election, but three other signs have given encouragement to AAA supporters:

(1) At New Orleans, President Edward A. O'Neal of the powerful American Farm Bureau federation told his convention that AAA, coupled with the soil conservation act, the marketing agreements act and allied legislation "gives us the best all-around farm program we have ever had." Hitting criticism based on currently low wheat and cotton prices, he said: "Everybody knows

Italy can now be a formidable enemy, the two democracies are willing to make peace.

British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, in a speech defending his policy of "appeasing" dictators, has led Italy to believe he will work for territorial concessions on France's part. Italy's demands include Savoy, Nice, Corsica, Tunisia and the East African seaport of Djibouti.

Thus Europe has apparently emerged from another war scare into another period of diplomatic conversations, to be followed probably next spring by a German drive into the Russian Ukraine. Among the latest diplomatic moves is Germany's effort to consolidate its export trade position in the face of strenuous international objection to Jewish persecution. Seeking to kill two birds with one stone, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht of the Reichsbank has proposed several plans for permitting German Jews to emigrate with a portion of their capital, in the form of German-manufactured export items. Dr. Schacht's recent trip to London on foreign trade business emphasizes Germany's anxiety over the United Kingdom's redoubled efforts to combat any Nazi commercial threat.

Congress

Last winter Texas' Rep. Wright Patman offered congress a measure to tax chain stores out of existence. Its gist: To levy graded assessments from \$50 per store on small chains to \$1,000 per store on large chains, each store tax to be multiplied by the number of states in which the chain operated. Sample: A chain operating in 48 states plus the District of Columbia would pay \$49,000 per store annually on each store over 500.

Though boasting 73 co-sponsors, Mr. Patman's bill failed. Also defeated was a New York state chain store tax, which signified that chains had more friends than their foes had expected. But an apparently dying issue was revived as congress adjourned, for Mr. Patman announced his bill would be introduced in January, 1939, as House Resolution No. 1. Battle lines since formed presage a bitter contest next month, as chains and anti-chain agitators review their cases:

**Anti-Chain.** Supporting Mr. Patman is a once-potent national trend (now questionable) which caused 21 state legislatures to enact chain store taxes. Another state, Colorado, last month rejected a referendum to kill a similar levy. Having won passage of his Robinson-Patman act, also an anti-chain measure, Mr. Patman bases his new attack on familiar charges that chains (1) force independent merchants out of business; (2) cause low farm prices; (3) take money out of the community.

**Pro-Chain.** U. S. census figures show a decreasing number of chain stores and more independents, while federal trade commission statistics credit chains with distributing \$8,000,000,000 in goods at an average 10 per cent saving to consumers. If the Patman bill passes, resultant taxes (with the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea company, they would total more than half 1937's gross



FARM BUREAU'S O'NEAL  
"Compare . . . then say candidly . . ."

the law was passed too late for wheat growers to comply . . . and everybody knows that the cotton surplus was produced in 1937, not 1938 . . . Compare the farm income this year with the 1932 figure, and then say candidly whether or not our programs have helped the farmer." The importance of Mr. O'Neal's statement is that Farm Bureau opinion could be a mighty force against AAA abolition agitation.

(2) At Winnipeg, AAA Administrator R. M. Evans spiked rumors of drastic wheat acreage curtailment next year by pointing out that U. S. farmers could not be expected to accept such curtailment without similar action by other exporting nations. Hoping that government subsidized exports need be only a temporary measure, Mr. Evans nevertheless defended it as a justified step to give the U. S. a fair share of the export market.

(3) At Washington, F. R. Wilcox of AAA announced sale of 5,000,000 additional bushels of wheat to the United Kingdom, adding to the 20,000,000 bushels he had already sold. Having committed itself to sell 100,000,000 bushels by next July, the U. S. was already well past the half-way mark and had begun negotiations for additional sales to China and Mexico. Though such subsidized exports will help reduce the U. S. surplus, granaries will still be far too full when next year's crop comes in.

Housing

When first created, the federal housing administration was permitted to make loans up to two billion dollars, partially insuring mortgage holders against loss. By December 1, all but 415 million dollars of the original fund was in use. With new applications arriving at the rate of 100 million dollars a month, Administrator Stewart McDonald took an extra step provided by the housing law, asked President Roosevelt to increase FHA's loan limit to three billion dollars. Since losses from FHA loans are negligible, since 1939's projected housing boom would make big demands on FHA capital, Mr. Roosevelt approved the boost immediately. Almost at the same time, FHA perfected organization of its new branch to insure mortgages for building or repairing houses and other farm structures, and to refinance existing farm housing loans. This was authorized by congress last February.

Europe

The initial thunder of Italy's demands for French colonies has died down, as has the German-inspired agitation for autonomy in Lithuania's Memel district. Although both France and Britain promise one day they will give no more concessions, the very next day they make gestures in that direction.

Probably recognizing some justice in Italy's complaint, France has reduced Suez canal rates to make Italian East Africa more accessible from Rome. Both France and England remember that they promised to split African war spoils with Italy back in 1915 when the Treaty of London was signed. Since this pact was ignored at Versailles, and since



WRIGHT PATMAN  
Fewer noses than last year.

would destroy practically all chains, would reportedly wipe out 30 per cent of the farmer's market, throw nearly 1,000,000 chain employees out of work and force a sharp rise in retail prices. Chains point proudly to their two-year campaign of helping farmers move surplus crops like lamb, beef, walnuts, apples, and canned grapefruit juice.

Anti-Patmanites include the American Federation of Labor, speaking for its 5,000,000 members (who charge the measure would increase living costs and unemployment), and the National Association of Retail Boards, which termed it "vicious." Counting noses on the eve of congress' opening, Mr. Patman finds his 73 original co-sponsors dwindled to 32 through election defeats, while another (New York's Caroline O'Day) has withdrawn support. If the Patman bill succeeds in reaching the house floor, political observers wonder whether continually mounting sentiment will not bury it in a protest vote.

FORECAST

**CANCELLATION** of the 1933 concordat between Germany and the Vatican, to precede enactment of Nazi laws directed against the Roman Catholic church.

**REVITALIZATION** of Japan's drive north and west of Canton, to strengthen Tokyo's position in the event of a Russian war (see ASIA).

**INCREASE** in lending power of U. S. Export-Import bank to expand trade with Latin America.

**CANDIDACY** of Franklin D. Roosevelt for the Presidency, not in 1940, but in 1944.

**REQUEST** by small businessmen for congressional creation of a system of credit banks to meet the needs of "little business."

Asia

The possibility of a major Far Eastern crisis involving Japan, China and Russia becomes more imminent each week. Far from denying it, Japan has taken new initiatives in her economic belt and settled down for a struggle which may begin shortly after January 1. Having made supplementary army-navy appropriations of \$1,634,400,000, Japan faces a probable Russ-Chinese alliance forcing her to desperate measures to protect what gains she has already made in Manchuria and China.

Having penetrated deep into the vast Shansi province, Jap troops are confronted with guerrilla attacks which in 10 days cost 6,000 lives. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who is already getting supplies from Russia, promises the guerrilla warfare will continue. That Japanese are at a disadvantage fighting so far from their base of operations is evidenced by Chinese recapture of several key towns near Canton.

Two clashes with Russia form the basis for a new war scare. The first concerns Japanese fishing concessions in Russian waters. Though Russia refuses to renew the concessions, which lapse January 1, Tokyo threatens to continue fishing even though an armed patrol is needed. The second dispute centers on Sakhalin island, where the Japs charge Russia is seeking to expel Nipponese oil workers. For her part, Moscow is demanding Japanese payment for the Russian interest in the Chinese eastern railroad, seized when Japan took Manchuria.

Meanwhile Japan has substantiated the belief held by observers for many months, that China's "open door"—guaranteed by the nine-power treaty—is about to be closed. Seeking to liberate Japan and China from dependency on foreign grants, finance and raw materials, Tokyo has virtually dictated that Great Britain and the U. S. can henceforth expect in the way of trading privileges. Shrugging its shoulders over still another treaty broken in 1938, the U. S. state department has called home Nelson T. Johnson, ambassador to China, to see what can be done about it. Since Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy has also been called home from London, it is thought the U. S. may solicit British support for a unified protest against Japan's economic activity in China. Probable result: nothing.

Espionage

In New York, Hairdresser Johanna Hoffman and other members of a German spy ring had just been sentenced. In the Panama Canal Zone, the government was busy trying four other young Germans accused of photographing fortifications. Commented their attorney: "I venture to say that there is not a single construction or equipment for defensive purposes in the Canal Zone, details of which are not now in the possession of any foreign government desiring the information and willing to pay."

Hardly had this shock penetrated before the West coast, hotbed of espionage, reported its latest spy scare. In Los Angeles government agents arrested Mikhail Gorin, a Soviet tourist agent and Hafis Salich, native Russian who became a Berkeley police officer and was lent to the naval intelligence because he could speak Japanese. The charge: That Salich supplied Gorin with confidential navy department information regarding Japanese military affairs. How the U. S. (which claims to operate no counter-espionage agency) secured its Japanese secrets, was not told. While a New York Soviet vice consul rushed to Los Angeles to help defend the prisoners, the government built its case against 21-year-old Karl Drummond, Los Angeles aircraft factory worker accused of peddling military secrets to Japan.

Miscellany

Invalidated, by the North Dakota Supreme court, that state's \$40 minimum old age pension plan approved in the November election, because 1937 legislative appropriations cannot be used to pay pensions more than \$30 monthly, also because the measure exceeds "reasonable assistance" as outlined in the state constitution.

● Sold, by Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1,000 Christmas trees from the farm on his Hyde Park estate.

● Taken, by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, a non-paying job as director in Son James' insurance business, Roosevelt & Sargent of Boston.

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.

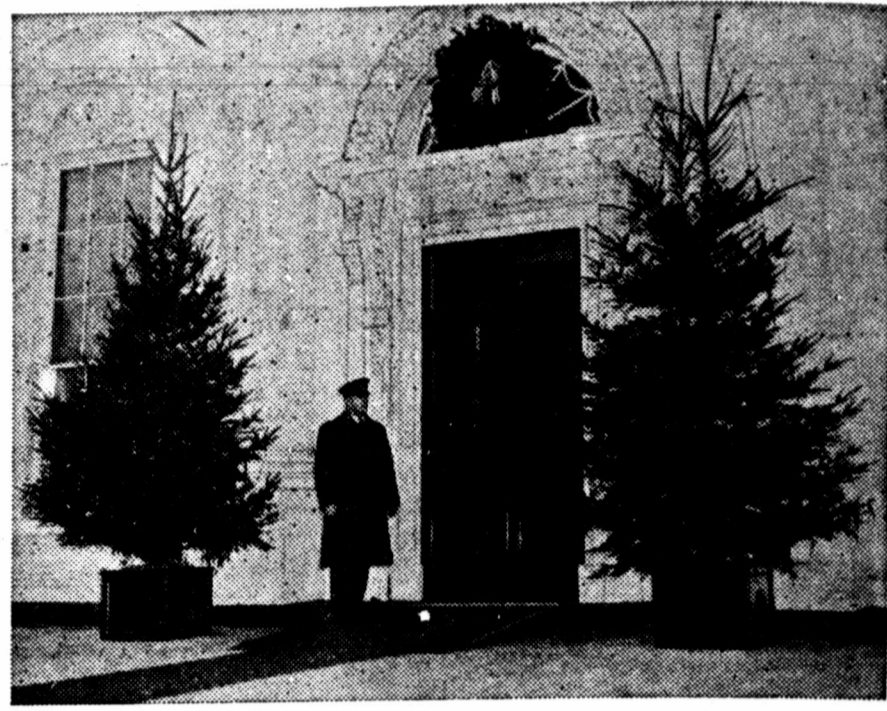
Suzannah's party was a success but one of her guests broke a doll dish belonging to the little hostess. Suzannah retaliated by biting off the nose of the young guest's new wax doll. President Adams had to resort to diplomacy.

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 cornucopia 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

"O H, 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 'maging anything this year. Aunt Meg doesn't even have a chimney 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. Vigars 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 Vigars 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, "As Shepherds Watched," by Carl Mueller, noted German artist. The painting, depicting the birth of Christ, was executed in Dusseldorf in 1855 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.

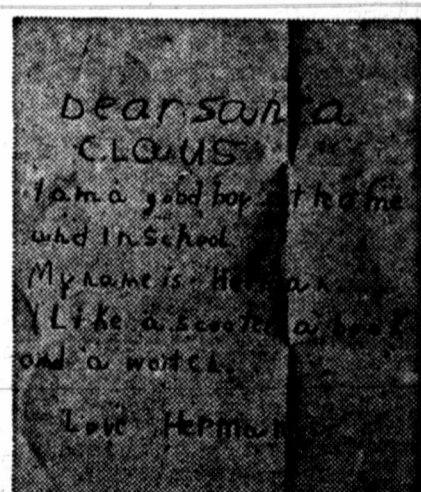
Each year there has been a "new addition" to the Sterling household, or in the homes of their children. As Santa's burden has become greater he has cheerfully risen to the needs and found plenty of toys and other "goodies" to go around. But he has to replenish his supply after each visit to the Sterling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

# THE LIFE OF THE PARTY

BY ELIZABETH JORDAN

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## CHAPTER VI—Continued

"I suppose," Hale went on slowly, "that ethically we have a duty to the community. We ought to show you up. That would mean publicity for us as well as for you, Craig. I'll make you a proposition. I'll give you a week to close up your American interests and go abroad. I don't care where you go, or what you do. I'll have a full statement of this Kneeland affair written out and signed by those whose names I've given you. If you ever try to practice in America again, and I hear of your doing it, I'll hand out this statement to the Grievance Committee. I'm not justified in forcing you on Europe, but I'll take a chance and Europe must take one, too. Possibly you have learned something by this experience. Michael knows all about you and will keep an eye on you over there, so far as he can. He'll keep his wise old mouth shut unless you start something. You won't have an easy time financially. You'll have to slave at odd jobs to keep yourself going, and odd jobs are not numerous in Vienna. You'll be cold and hungry many a time. When you are, look on that experience as part of the price you're paying for this episode—and thank God that you're being let off so lightly. Now, Craig, which is it to be? New York and exposure, or Vienna and another chance?"

"I have intended to sail for Vienna the fourteenth of July," Craig said stiffly. "I see no reason to change my plans."

"All right. I accept the amendment. Just to make sure I'll come and see you off. What's your ship?"

"The Trieste, damn you."

"All right," Hale said. "Auf wiedersehen, I'll see you on the Trieste on the fourteenth. You needn't say good-bye to Bert. He has lost interest in your amenities. By the way, there's one more point to be covered before you go. You say you didn't put that dead cat in my room. Just as a matter of curiosity I'd like to know whether you have been tossing anonymous notes and sketches in here, and poisoning the water in my thermos bottle."

Craig gave him a black look.

"I haven't," he said. "I'm delighted to infer that someone else has done that. I hope whoever it is will end by wringing your neck."

The door closed behind him.

The news of Doctor Craig's unexplained departure from Halcyn Camp depressed no one, nor did it seem to surprise his companions there. They were, as Hale remarked, a self-centered lot. However, they immediately observed the amazing change in young Kneeland. Following Hale's advice, Bert passed Wednesday in bed—supposedly nursing a cold, but in reality enjoying nine hours of sleep. He was dressed and downstairs in the evening. He did not shake Hale's prestige as the Camp's social leader, but he was certainly more normal and companionable than he had been heretofore. Also his eyes had a new look, which even the least observant of them noted.

Hale went to New York again Thursday. He had to report the Craig affair to Kneeland. He also wished to get his additional fingerprint reports and to learn the results of the analysis of the drugs in his water glass. Concerning these, if they were important, he wanted a chat with Doctor Dewar. All these little matters he attended to in the afternoon. He received some surprises in the process. He preceded his evening report to Kneeland with an invitation to dine with him at the Engineers' Club, where he gave him a carefully selected meal. The attention and the food pleased his employer. It was not until they were back in the study of the town house that the new secretary got down to what Kneeland called "brass tacks." He made his report very seriously and in full, even repeating all the conversations that had taken place as accurately as he could.

Kneeland's reaction was about what he had expected it to be. The older man had been first incredulous and explosive, then amazed and explosive, next convinced and appalled and at the end deeply affected, and genuinely grateful to Hale.

"And now, Uncle Cass," Rex said when Kneeland had finished thanking him, "we'll take up your case. In my present mood of achievement I feel equal to anything. It isn't quite fair that I should have to dig for my employer's trouble as well as for the remedy. You understand the situation. Tell me what Ainsworth has on you. I think I can handle him. You say it isn't blackmail, but to me it looks like it's twin brother."

Kneeland nodded again.

"It's about that," he said. "I suppose I might as well spill it to you. It's one of those things a man isn't exactly ashamed of, nor yet proud of. It's—well, it's just human. I'll tell you the whole yarn, since you found the other skeleton in the closet. I've got a good business reputation. I made it and I've got it and I've always been proud of it. Perhaps I've bragged and swaggered a little. I realize that now, as I look back. I hadn't realized it before. I give you my word it never occurred to me that—well, that I had a vulnerable spot like Achilles or whatever his name was. I'd have stood up anywhere and asked anyone to look into my record. Yet I know now that that pup Ainsworth could go into a court of law and make me look like an ingrate and perhaps like a thief. Sooner or later he'll do it, and I may have to spend a small fortune to defend myself. In the meantime, I was fool enough to ask him to

by the letter to keep it with some others he had written her. All right so far?"

"Absolutely. Guess I'll have you argue the case when it comes up," Kneeland grinned. His deep flush had faded and Hale was relieved to see that he was becoming relaxed and normal again. He went on.

"A few months after the patent was taken out—in your own name, of course—Morse died suddenly of pneumonia. He was sick only four days and doomed from the first. You weren't allowed to see him while he was sick, but you went to his funeral. During his sickness you had made sure that he lacked nothing. He had just enough money left to pay his doctor, but you paid the funeral bill. Morse had left no

"Legally," he said, "he may not have a case. But he could easily make an impression on a sentimental jury with his yarn, and there's many a business rival of mine who would be glad to believe that I did the Morses out of their just dues. And wouldn't the newspapers love to play the thing up? Ainsworth's got quite a social position, you know, even if he hasn't a cent to bless himself with. That gives him some influence. What I dread most, and what he's threatening all the time—is the loss of my business reputation. Boy, it's driving me crazy!"

"What would you pay him to close up the case and clear out for good—right now?"

"He won't do it."

"I think he will. Will you authorize me to act for you, as you did in the case of Craig?"

"That worked out pretty well—as far as I can see now."

Hale grinned. Kneeland was already on the way to the comfortable theory he had predicted. That was all right. Hale himself, and Wallace Craig and, so far at least, young Herbert Kneeland, knew what the boy had escaped.

"Will you leave the Ainsworth affair in my hands?" he insisted. "I'm getting to like this nose, busy-body stuff. How much have you offered him?"

"We never got down to figures."

"How much are you ready to give him and may I act for you?"

"Oh, all right. But I'm not betting on you this time. We're dealing with a dirty customer."

"Not as dirty as the customer we dealt with last night. How much can I offer him?" Hale repeated.

Kneeland hesitated. "Twenty-five thousand," he suggested without hope.

"Twenty-five thousand a year?"

"Heavens no!" Kneeland fairly yelped the words. "Do you want to ruin me?" Then, discovering that his young friend was grinning again, he subsided, looking annoyed. Mrs. Nash had been right. Casper Kneeland was close. But no man would have felt generous in his situation. "Fifty thousand, maybe," Kneeland muttered, at last.

"I don't think he'd consider it. You admit that he can put a crimp in your business reputation by starting a suit and working up a lot of undesirable publicity. I'm going to ask you a leading question. How much is the Safety Clutch bringing you every year in clear profits?"

"Bout a hundred thousand," Kneeland muttered.

"All right. Why not give him a year's income and be rid of him? I fancy he might take it."

"I should think he would!"

"What does Mr. Phelps advise?" Rex asked.

"Oh, he says we'd better pay up and forget it. He thinks I'll break under the damned thing if it goes on."

Kneeland was still trying to digest the unpalatable suggestion of a hundred thousand.

"Would he take it in stock?" he asked at last.

"I'll put that up to him."

"It would bring him six thousand a year. I'll guarantee that. Our stock's on the Curb, and it's way above par. It wouldn't be so bad if you could put that through."

"I think I can. Anyway, I'll try."

TO BE CONTINUED



"Then it all boils down to this."

the Camp late last summer and again this year. He behaved himself pretty well last year. I hoped we could get on good terms, you see, and come to a friendly agreement. It hasn't worked out. John Phelps, my lawyer, tells me my cue is to ignore him till he gets tired baiting me and settles down to money talk. Well, I'm trying to do it. But that young skunk is taking his time."

"Suppose you tell me what he's got on you," Hale suggested patiently.

"Well—"

Kneeland had no liking for the recital. His red face grew almost purple as he proceeded with the details. Hale leaned back, clasped his hands behind his head, and listened to the monologue that followed. It was long and halting. It wandered off into side-paths of explanation and reminiscence and self-defense. At the end Rex nodded.

"Then it all boils down to this," he summed up. "Soon after you started in Chicago to manufacture one of your early inventions you met a man named George Morse. He was by way of being an inventor, too, but his ideas were not practical. He had patented dozens of gadgets, none of them worth a cent. He was likable though, and you and he became friends. He talked his head off about his patents. One of them and only one, seemed to you to have possibilities. You worked over it with him. It wasn't yet practical but you made it so between you and the patent was taken out in your name and his. You didn't make much on it—only a few hundred. It wasn't anything in itself. But it really held the germ that finally led to the development of your big success, the Kneeland Safety Clutch. You worked that out alone, but you told Morse about it and showed him the drawings. He was interested and enthusiastic and made a helpful suggestion or two. He was financially down and out at the time. You paid him cash for his suggestions, not because they were worth much but because he was broke and you liked him. You told him that if the clutch was a big success you would give him a stake in it. You didn't mention any amount or make any written promises. But he sat down that night and wrote an exuberant letter quoting your verbal promise to his only relative, a widowed sister with a small son, who lived back East. He also said he had helped to work up the clutch. In his excitement and optimism—he was the Micawber type—he claimed to have done more for it than he had done. When he quoted your promise he added that as he was a bachelor, and had no notion of marrying, he would be able to do a lot for his sister when his ship came in. She must have been used to his big talk, for he was the sort that was always seeing a fortune just around the corner. But she needed money badly. She was sufficiently impressed

addresses of friends or family. He had mentioned his sister to you once or twice, but you didn't know her married name or where she lived, except that it was somewhere in New York state. You officiated as his friend. You saw that his grave was marked.

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## Mother Earth Still Better Timekeeper Than the Best Clocks, Astronomer Says

Notwithstanding that observations and calculations of astronomers have proved that actually the moon is six seconds off its predicted course, notes a writer in the New York Times, Dr. H. Spencer Jones, the astronomer royal, explains that the earth is still a better timekeeper than the best clocks. He added:

"However, we hope that a clock we are experimenting with will prove a better timekeeper even than the earth."

In a report to the board of visitors at Greenwich observatory, the astronomer royal said:

"It used to be assumed that the rotation of the earth was absolutely invariable, but of recent years it has been found that the earth's timekeeping does vary.

"To say that the moon itself is off its course is to repeat a common error—actually it is off its predicted course. Deviations in the rotation of the earth were previously suspected, but not confirmed until recently.

"The discovery was made by detailed investigation of the motion of the sun, Venus, Mercury and Mars. In the case of these bodies it was found that there was also a deviation, though smaller in amount.

"The moon being off its course means that the earth's time is wrong because the cause of the moon altering its predicted position

is the slowing down of the rotation of the earth.

"This may be caused by tidal friction, or a contributory factor might be a land upheaval occurring somewhere like the Siberian plateau, the attraction of the sun or perturbation by planets such as Mars and Venus.

"The earth is slowing down by about 1,000th part of a second a century. This means it is losing time of about two hours every 2,000 years.

"Eventually the days will become much longer but this will not be for thousands of years, probably until after human life is extinct from the earth."

### Royalty Bans Rackets

To stop racketeering in charity affairs members of the royal family have announced in London that before promising to attend a ball, premiere or concert they will insist that the charity in question will benefit to the extent of a sum named by them. Committees must guarantee this minimum, each member taking personal responsibility for a definite amount, and paying any deficit out of their pockets. Heretofore all that has been required by royal patrons has been an "assurance, with no figure mentioned." Some recent charity benefits have had receipts of \$5,000 of which the charity received less than \$500.

## 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—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.

## 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.

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### 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.

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Austin—Relieved of political  
considerations, and bulwarked  
by his own four years' experi-  
ence as the State's Chief Execu-  
tive, Gov. James V. Allred is  
giving to Texas, as a Christmas  
gift, a series of messages sum-  
marizing in able fashion the  
chief problems which confront  
the State government, as he pre-  
pares to retire from the Govern-  
or's office on January 17, and  
assume his post as Judge of the  
Federal District Court at Hous-  
ton.

His message, which is being  
released in sections in advance  
of the legislative session, so that  
solons may have time to study it  
before convening, lacks the  
characteristic Allred crusading  
note, and is almost judicial in  
tone, as he outlines the problems,  
and either suggests specific  
action or offers the legislature  
appropriate suggestions.  
The message regards the mes-  
sage of constituting an extreme-  
ly able program of legislation,  
particularly in view of Allred's  
ability now to take a detached  
attitude.

**School Aid Problem**

Chief among the matters he  
has urged are the raising of reve-  
nue and making of appropri-  
ations for putting into effect the  
remainder of the social security  
program, aid for the blind and  
dependent children, the state's  
share of the teachers' retirement  
system, and expansion of the  
eleemosynary institutions, to  
keep insane out of jails and  
provide proper care for juvenile  
offender. He estimated about \$5,-  
000,000 annually will be needed  
for the completion of the social  
security program.

The governor also urged that  
the perplexing problem of who  
has the legal right to fix the per  
capita school appropriation be  
settled by enacting statutes which  
will provide clearly the amount  
which the Legislature desires to  
give to the school as per capita  
aid. The Board of Education and  
the Automatic Tax board have  
squabbled intermittently over  
the question of who has the  
right to fix the appropriation for  
several years.

**Hits Book Waste**

One installment of the message  
attacked what most Austin ob-  
servers regard as one of the  
worst governmental abuses in  
the entire state setup—that of  
waste in the purchase of free  
textbooks. Allred cited figures  
to show that the cost of text-  
books has jumped more than 100  
percent in four years, on a per  
student basis. He urged the Leg-  
islature to fix a limit on the  
amount that may be spent for  
textbooks, pointing out that the  
books are paid for out of ad-  
valorem tax receipts. He also  
urged that provision be made  
for educating negroes in the  
professions, to conform to a very  
recent Supreme Court decision  
holding that Negroes have the  
right to be admitted to State in-



**When a Fence is Not a Fence**

By T. C. Richardson, Secretary Texas Breeder-Feeder Association

To discuss the details of fence  
building might seem like carry-  
ing coals to Newcastle were it  
not for the every-day observa-  
tion that a great many people  
either do not know how to build  
a fence properly, or else they do  
a poor construction job with a  
false idea of economy. A well  
built fence can be kept in repair  
with little effort, while a poorly  
built fence demands constant  
tinkering. A loose, sagging fence  
is a constant temptation to stock,  
and is the direct cause of breach-  
ing habits, which, once learned,  
are hard to break.

The trend toward balanced  
farming and away from the cash-  
crop system in the Southwest  
calls for well-fenced farms. Live-  
stock of all kinds are coming  
back to the cotton and wheat  
fields not only to help with farm  
work, but to turn a raw farm  
materials into concentrated, mar-  
ketable form. Time expended in  
building good fences between  
crop seasons is repaid many  
times over by the time saved  
when weeds are growing, crops  
need plowing, and every day-  
light hour is needed in the fields.  
Did you ever have to climb off  
the cultivator or stop the grain  
binder to drive the cows out and  
patch up the fence? If you have,  
you know what it costs to start  
the season with poor fences.

The principle point to be re-  
membered is that a wire fence  
cannot stand alone, as the old  
stone, Virginia rail, and other  
types of wooden fence do. The  
life of the barbed wire or woven  
wire fence is in its corners; no  
"panels" between line posts is  
self-supporting, and all together  
will be no better than the solid-  
ity of the corners make them.  
The heavier the weight of the  
fence the higher the tension on  
the corner and brace posts; and  
tension is the essence of any  
wire fence. It must not only be  
tight when made but must be so  
well braced that it will remain  
so.

Everyone knows that wire ex-

stitutions providing such train-  
ing to white students, unless  
separate and equal facilities are  
provided in negro schools. Texas  
has no such provision for pro-  
fessional training of negroes as  
engineers, lawyers and doctors,  
and, of course, bars them from  
State Schools.

**Oil Market Stabilized**

Stabilization of the crude oil  
market, by an unprecedented  
action in fixing allowables for  
three months in advance, was  
achieved by the Texas Railroad  
Commission after one of the most  
important proration hearings in  
its history. The hearing attract-  
ed leaders of the industry from  
New York and elsewhere, and  
compiled a very complete record  
of the condition of the industry,  
virtually all of the experts a-  
greeing that continued strict  
proration is necessary through  
the winter. Then the Commission  
issued an order, fixing allow-  
ables for the first three months  
of the new year, continuing Sat-  
urday and Sunday shutdowns  
for that period, and continuing  
production at about the present  
rate, with allowance for new  
wells drilled in during the period.  
Commissioner Lon Smith and  
Chairman Ernest Thompson  
signed the order, with Commis-  
sioner C. V. Terrell being ab-  
sent from the State, but report-  
ed as approving.

Meanwhile, the Interstate Oil  
Compact, described as the best  
barrier to Federal control, held  
its quarterly meeting in Fort  
Worth, and decided to ask Con-  
gress to extend its life for an-  
other two years without change  
in its charter. High hope was ex-  
pressed that California, Michigan,  
Louisiana and Arkansas would  
join the five other producing  
states in the compact soon, and  
plans were laid to hold the next  
compact meeting in San Fran-  
cisco to aid this sentiment. The  
World Fair at San Francisco  
will be open when the March  
session is held, making the Cali-  
fornia site doubly attractive to  
the delegates. Chairman Ernest  
Thompson of the Texas Commis-  
sion and of the Compact group,  
presided.

**Harmony on Rail Board**  
Forecasts in some newspapers  
of a split on the Railroad Com-

pands and contracts with heat  
and cold. The enormous power  
of this contracting force is ex-  
erted against the corner posts  
and the braced "stretching"  
posts in the line, and is in direct  
proportion to the number and  
size of the line wires in the  
fence. Its force can be distrib-  
uted among all the posts by stap-  
ling each wire tightly, but this  
interferes with repairs and re-  
tightening, and should not be  
done. It is best to use long staples  
in the line posts and leave the  
wires free to slip.

This places the entire burden  
on the braced posts in the line  
and at the corners, and nothing  
must be left undone to make  
them staunch. Once they "give,"  
under the tension the fence can  
never again be made taut with-  
out taking it loose and resetting  
the braced posts.

Large corner posts are best,  
but size without adequate brac-  
ing will not do. Braces set a-  
gainst the bottom of the support-  
ing post and the upper half of  
the corner post merely serve as  
levers to help the tight wires  
lift the corner post out of the  
ground; set the brace either level  
or with a slight angle, and twist  
wires tightly between the top of  
the supporting post and the bot-  
tom of the corner post. Brace  
the second and third posts to-  
gether, and staple the wires  
tightly to all three.

Never build a fence on a curve  
for the contracting force of the  
wires will pull the line posts  
over. Run short straight lines,  
bracing each angle post both  
ways, and stretch from angle to  
angle. The proper distance be-  
tween braced line posts (stretch-  
ing posts) depends on the topo-  
graphy of the ground and the  
weight of fencing used. A good  
"stretch" for woven wire is  
necessarily shorter than for  
barbed wire, in which each wire  
is stretched separately; and "hog  
fence" can be properly stretched  
farther than full height woven  
wire.

mission when Jerry Sadler suc-  
ceeds C. V. Terrell were dis-  
counted here this week, as an-  
nouncements of changes in per-  
sonnel were announced, and  
Commissioner Smith signed the  
proration order. Thompson has  
made very, very few appoint-  
ments to jobs, and those being  
removed are Terrell's appointees.  
Sadler and Thompson are under-  
stood to be working harmonious-  
ly, Thompson offering no oppo-  
sition to Sadler's appointment  
suggestions, and Sadler, in turn,  
cooperating with Thompson in  
retaining several key men whom  
Thompson named and wants to  
remain. Among these are said to  
be Olin Culberson, chief of the  
gas utility division, who, despite  
terrific pressure to oust him  
from certain gas utility interests,  
is slated to remain. Culberson  
has been Thompson's right hand  
man in the long and successful  
battles to reduce gas rates in  
several hundred Texas towns  
and cities.

**Austin Notes**

Paul E. Muret, San Antonio  
typographical union leader, is  
reported the choice of Lee O.  
Daniel for State Labor Commis-  
sioner to succeed Fred Nichols  
of Waxahachie. . . . Dr. George  
W. Cox, State Health Officer,  
was reappointed for a two-year  
term by the State Health Board.  
It is not illegal in Texas under  
the present law, for the opera-  
tor of a beer tavern to have hard  
liquor on the premises, the Court  
of Criminal Appeals held, in  
pointing out a conflict in the  
law which provides two differ-  
ent penalties. The Court sug-  
gested the Legislature correct  
the statute. . . . Texas lost the  
long fight to obtain one of the  
U. S. Cotton Laboratories, to  
seek new uses for cotton, New  
Orleans getting the prize, but  
Texas cotton men will continue  
to ask a Laboratory for the  
greatest cotton-producing State  
A. M. Goldstein, of Waco, chair-  
man of the cotton laboratory  
committee. . . . Bill Graves, new  
Senator from Dallas, has warned  
his county officials to keep out  
of Austin on lobbying trip. . . .  
Last session so many Dallas  
county officials spent so much  
time lobbying for local bills that  
Austinites thought some of them  
were members of the Legislature.

**It's Tommy Again!**



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**FARMERS 77 PERCENT  
FAVORABLE TO AAA  
MARKETING QUOTAS**

College Station, Texas, Dec.  
19—Texas cotton farmers gave  
marketing quotas a favorable  
majority of 77 percent and rice  
growers rejected quotas with a  
"yes" vote of only 47 percent  
in the recent South-wide refer-  
endum, a final count at AAA  
headquarters here showed.

The Texas cotton vote was  
146,771 to 43,280, with a total  
about 50,000 ballots short of the  
turn-out last year.

The South-wide vote installed  
marketing quotas for cotton and  
failed to approve them for rice.

Outcome of the cotton vote will  
mean that any cotton marketed  
in excess of the individual acre-  
age allotment will be taxed 3  
cents a pound, a device which  
brought about practically univer-  
sal compliance in the cotton mar-  
keting program this year.

The fact that one set of quotas  
(cotton) was approved and the  
other (rice) rejected in Tex-  
as was interpreted by George

Slaughter, chairman of the Texas  
Agricultural Conservation Com-  
mittee, as an expression of "real  
Economic Democracy."

"Critics of the program who  
raised the bug-a-boo of 'coercion'  
before the referendum by now  
should be convinced that farm-  
ers do and will make a free  
choice between the universal  
type and a mind-your-own-bus-  
iness principle in the national  
farm production marketing pro-  
gram," he asserted. "Farmers  
decided that a program which  
draws everyone in on the same  
basis would be the best thing in  
one case, and that it wouldn't  
be in another. It's a pretty good sign  
we are getting somewhere, de-  
spite certain efforts that were  
apparent this year to confuse  
farmers and divide them against  
themselves."

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## Letters to Santa

Loraine, Texas  
December 18, 1938

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 6 years old. I will start to school after Xmas. Please bring me a little tractor that will wind up and has the little plows. Also a tie clasp with my initial on it, and anything else that you think a little boy likes.  
I will be at my Grandma

Beaty's.  
Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

With love,  
Charles Smith

Loraine, Texas  
December 16, 1938

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been very good. I go to Bauman school. I try to study my lessons. Please bring me a new doll. Please bring me a cash register and a piano and a paint book. This is all I want

Santa Claus. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and I am going to have a Merry Christmas too. I like to play with toys. Santa don't forget the poor boys and girls. I hope the poor boys and girls have a good time too. Santa please bring all these toys to us that we want.

Merry Christmas to you,  
Love,  
Ecla Mae Check

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl two years old. Santa please bring me a doll that can say "mama" and go to sleep, and I want a tricycle, a set of dishes, a telephone, doll buggy, and a little ironing board. I believe that's all.

Janice LaRue Stewart

Loraine, Texas  
December 15, 1938

Dear Santa:  
We are two little girls in bed with scarlet fever but hope to be up Christmas. You had better come by to see us last so you won't carry any germs to other little girls and boys. Please bring us a doll, pair of house shoes apiece, and some fruit, nuts and candy.

Don't forget the other little girls and boys.  
With oodles of love,  
Lawanda and Juanita Bollinger  
P. S. We are eight and six years old.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a bottle top, doll, a drum, a horn and a little broom, some candy and fruit. Please remember all my little friends.

With love,  
Patsl Ruth Green

Loraine, Texas  
December 14, 1938

Dear Santa:

I am a little Mexican boy 10 years old. I am going to school and working hard. If you come to the section house please don't forget me. I want a train on a track, a car, candy, nuts, and fruit. I want some fireworks too.

Your little friend,  
Cruz Bernal

Loraine, Texas  
December 14, 1938

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am 8 years old. Please bring me a doll, a chair, a real watch, a gold ring, and lots of nuts, candy and fruit. Thank you,

Your friend,  
Winona Crownover

Loraine, Texas  
December 14, 1938

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll and a bed, a lot of fruit, nuts and candy.

Your little friend,  
Frances Bell Griffin

Loraine, Texas  
December 14, 1938

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll, a chair, a stamping set and sock full of candy and some fruit.

Your friend,  
Erma Jean Lucas

Loraine, Texas  
December 14, 1938

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a wagon and tool chest and knife and lots of candy and fruit.

Your friend,  
Jimmie Honea

Loraine, Texas  
December 13, 1938

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 7 years old, have started to school this year and I have tried to be a good boy. I would like to have a

Mickey Mouse wrist watch, a carpenter's set, and anything else you want to bring me, but be sure and put in lots of fire works. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Your little friend,  
Willard Pratt

Loraine, Texas  
December 14, 1938

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a pretty doll, a blackboard, a bath robe, and lots of fruit, nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
Louise Bauman

Loraine, Texas  
December 14, 1938

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a dog for Christmas and a book too, a dinner basket and a little ball, and I want some doll clothes. I want a sack of candy. I want a sack of nuts.

Love,  
Martha Lee Hern

Loraine, Texas  
December 14, 1938

Dear Santa Claus:  
I wish you would please bring me a little table and two chairs and a lot of candy and fruit. Thank you.

Your friend,  
France Elaine James

Loraine, Texas  
December 14, 1938

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a watch and drum and a pair of house shoes and a gun and candy and nuts.

Your friend,  
Orbie Linder

Loraine, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 8 years old. I am in the second grade. I have been a real good little girl. I want a doll, a china tea set, a pair of house shoes, some nuts, candy, fruit, and anything else you want to bring.

Your little friend,  
Eloise Preston

Loraine, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl four years old. I want a doll that will cry, a tea set, some fruit, nuts, candy and anything else you want to bring.

Your little friend,  
Shirley Preston

Loraine, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 5 years old, and I want you to bring me a tractor set, an airplane, wagon, book, fruit, nuts and candy.

Your little friend,  
Dale Baird

P. S. I want a bow and arrow too Santa.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a tool box and a big ball, a little wagon and some gloves. Don't forget Junior and Daylon.

With love, your little friend,  
Merlyn Bruce

P. S. Santa please remember all the other little girls and boys.

**NEW CHARTERS GIVEN - 96 COMPANIES IN NOV.**

Austin, Texas, Dec. 19—During November 96 new charters by the Secretary of State to new companies were granted, compared with 106 a year ago and 112 the preceding month, according to The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

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Four corporations capitalized at \$100,000 or more were chartered during the month, compared with three the preceding month and three in November last year.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends for their kindness during the illness of our husband and father. Also for the words of sympathy and flowers from friends here and in Amarillo at his death. Mrs. Tom Scown and children G. L. Scown and family, Amarillo.

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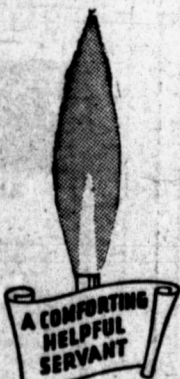
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In sponsoring "Morning Meditations" Lone Star Gas System hopes that the songs and spiritual thoughts of the Evangelist Quartet (pictured above) are to your mind what our service is to your home—comforting. The program is each weekday morning at 8:15 o'clock over WFAA.

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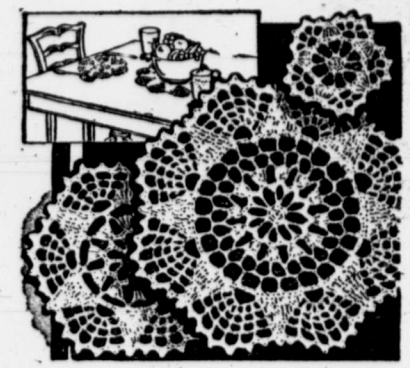
The gift we treasure most was not given at this Christmastime... but rather it was given all through the year. This gift is your friendship and patronage. We treasure it most because we know it is your way of showing us that our service has been welcomed by you, and that you value this service. So for another year we say "Merry Christmas to All!"

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**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 colored, 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.

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You may suffer nagging backache, headache, dizziness, getting up nights, leg pains, swelling—test constantly tired, nervous, all worn out. Other signs of kidney or bladder disorder may be burning, scanty or too frequent urination.  
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**DOAN'S PILLS**

### BIG TOP

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

By ED WHEELAN



### LALA PALOOZA

Gonzales and Professor Zeero Get Together

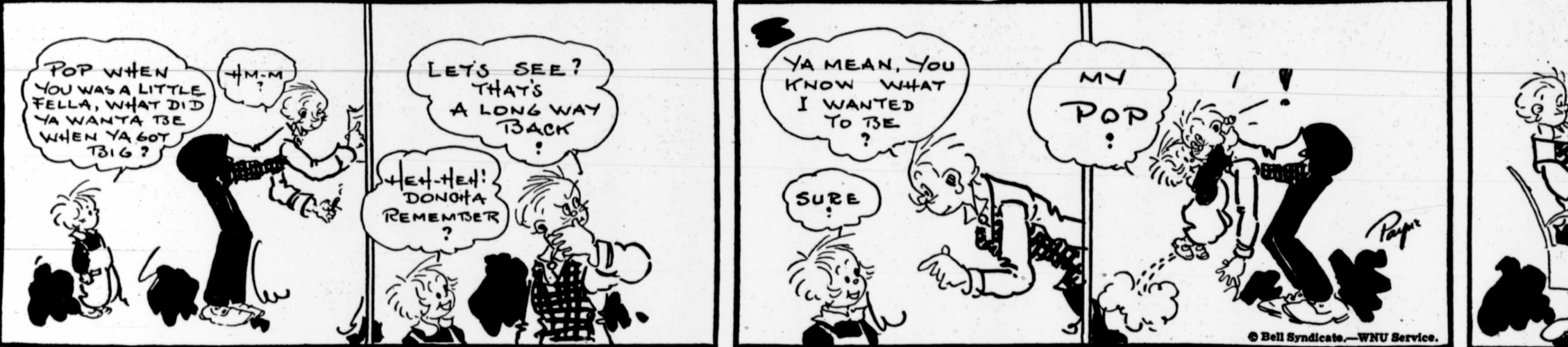
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For a Second, Pop Forgot

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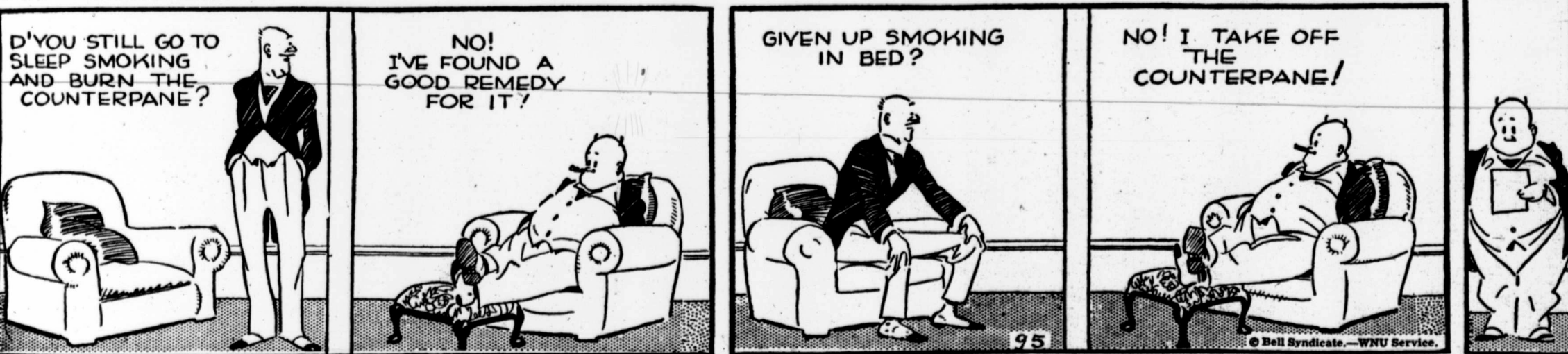
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The Process of Law



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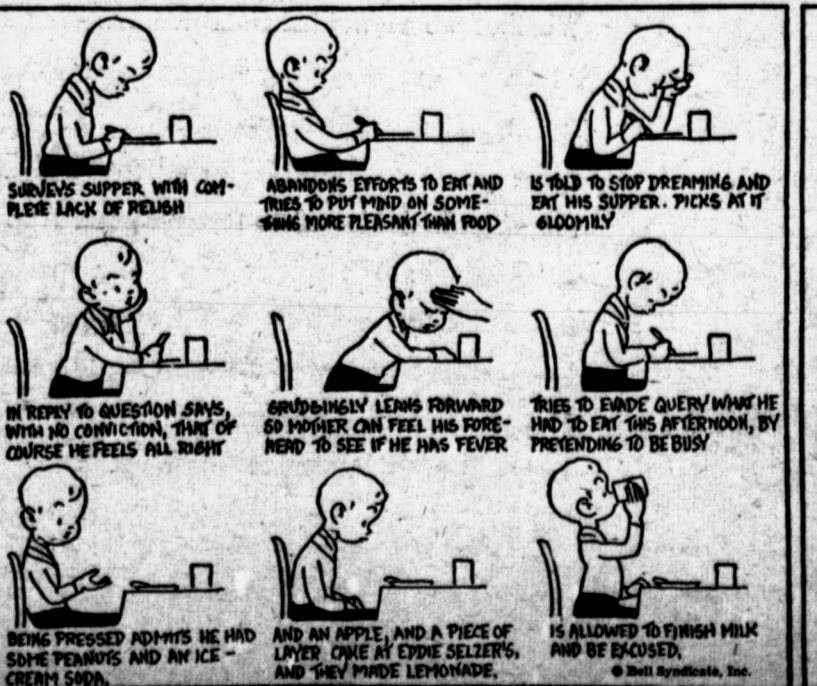


### SPUR TO THOUGHT

"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



# 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 and Rickets**  
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.**  
**Need for Calcium and Phosphorus**  
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.

**Fat and Vitamin D**  
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

fat—butter fat, did not. More research work was necessary before it was discovered that while butter was rich in vitamin A, cod-liver oil contained two vitamins, one of which was later named vitamin D.

**Effect of Sunlight**  
More work was necessary and it took years of patient effort before science unraveled the mystery of how sunlight could have the same apparent effect in preventing rickets as cod-liver oil. Once nutritionists understood how sunlight acting on a fatty substance in the skin could produce vitamin D, however, it was not difficult to carry the process a step further and learn how to fortify foods with a satisfactory content of vitamin D.

Today we have at our disposal irradiated milk, or milk to which a vitamin D concentrate has been added. Margarine, too, has been enriched not only with vitamin D, but with vitamin A so that this moderate-priced spread for bread has been made an effective vitamin carrier.

**Natural Food Sources of Vitamin D**  
The richest natural sources of vitamin D are the fish-liver oils, including the liver-oil of the tuna, swordfish, rock fish, salmon, halibut, mackerel, cod and haddock. The body oils of many fish also furnish substantial amounts. That accounts for the fact that canned salmon has been regarded as such a splendid food in the diet of children and adults. It is not only a good source of protein and of energy values, but it contains substantial amounts of the minerals, calcium, phosphorus and iodine, and has been found to be an unusually good food source of vitamin D.

Egg yolk contains small amounts of vitamin D, and when eaten regularly, the quantity is enough to have a significant effect in the diet of children.

**Vitamin D Requirements**  
So important is vitamin D considered, that the United States Children's Bureau advises that cod-liver oil or some other form of this vitamin be supplied to all babies, beginning at the age of two or three weeks. Mothers should be guided by the advice of their physician in determining when to start the use of a vitamin D preparation and what

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. ©-WNU—C. Houston Goudiss—1938—42.

### Questions Answered

**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 mince meat 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.

**Household Questions**

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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.

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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.

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### THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

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**Locals**

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**WALL PAPER**

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College students who are at home this week for the Christmas holidays include Leon Crutcher from Louisiana State, W. F. and Robert James of A. C. C., Byron Bennett, Douglas Taylor, Will Allbright, and Edwin Hallmark of Texas Tech, William Crutcher is expected the latter part of the week from Tech Roy Baird, Al Simmons, Ronel Thomas, Earlene Brown, Eldon Mahon and Duane Bruce of McMurry, Ruth Ann Hall, Iris Riden, and Dell Johnson of Hardin-Simmons, and Louis Briens of Howard Payne.

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K. L. Taylor, Cashier 33-3c

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**MAHON CLOSES LUBBOCK OFFICE**

Lubbock—Congressman George Mahon, who had 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 Dec. 27th to attend the session of Congress which convenes Jan. 3rd. He stated that he would re-open his Lubbock office next fall after the adjournment of Congress.

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

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Friends of S. M. Hallmark will be glad to learn that he is resting better following an illness of last week.

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**HOSPITAL NOTES**

Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stiefel of Inadale, has a severe case of pneumonia.

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Odus Hardin is suffering from a cold and sore throat.

Miss Corabelle Allen of Silver is receiving treatment for sinusitis.

Hasseltime Reddin is suffering from a cold, sore throat and laryngitis.

Shorty Gibson has recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. S. M. Hallmark has been on the sick list this week.

A. B. Smith was sent to Big Spring Tuesday. His condition is considered serious.

S. M. Hallmark had a stroke of paralysis last Saturday but is improving very nicely.

Travis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Duffer, has been on the

sick list this week. Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sem Wood, has recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia.

**DR. AND MRS. JOHNSON ENTERTAIN WITH BRIDGE**

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson entertained the Loraine Bridge club with a cover-dish buffet supper Monday evening at 7:00. Entertaining rooms were decorated in traditional Christmas

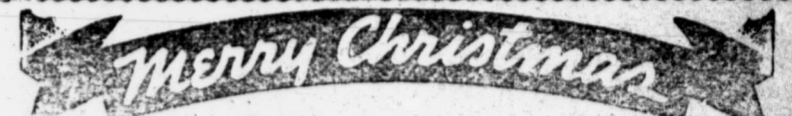
style. A miniature Nativity scene adorned the mantel. A gayly lighted Christmas tree in one corner and candles about the room furnished soft light for the occasion. Mesquite logs burned

in the fireplaces completing the Christmas atmosphere. The serving table was centered with miniature sugar-plum trees and tall white tapers.

The menu consisted of turkey with all the trimmings.

At games of bridge Mrs. Hubert Thomas and Mr. Jack Coffee were high score winners. After bridge gifts were exchanged with Dr. Johnson acting as Santa Claus.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coffee, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Coon, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Thomas, and the host and hostess.



To many friends and good customers who have patronized us in the past year, we extend our most sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas. In the prospect of your future friendship we say . . . **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO Everyone!**

MARTIN CLEANERS

TO EVERYONE:

**A Very Merry Christmas**



As Christmas draws near, it is only natural that our thoughts turn to those of you who have played such an indispensable part in our success. Our best way of wishing you a very merry Christmas and a prosperously happy New Year . . . is to assure you of continued high quality and courteous service throughout the coming year . . . and all the years to come.

Specials for Friday and Saturday, December 23 and 24

- Pineapple, Crushed, Buifet size, 3- 22c**
- Crackers, Oven Fresh, 2 lb box - 13c**
- JELL-O, Any flavor, pkg - 5c**
- Raisins, 2 lb 15c**
- 4 lb 29c**

For More Specials See Our Store

**CITY GROCERY**



We Say—

"Christmas Joy"

to you with a promise to keep up our standards of service and courtesy. We always will strive to please our friends and customers at all times.



**THEATRE**

Dear Friends:

As the year draws to a close and the Holiday Season approaches, our thoughts turn in deep gratitude to those whose loyal support has made the continued growth of our concern possible. It is you, then, whom we thank—for your friendship, your cooperation and your loyalty.

Warmest Greetings . . . Good Wishes for a truly Happy Holiday Season . . . and may the New Year brim with Cheer and bring Health, Happiness and Prosperity to you and yours.

WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY

**J. B. Mahon Gro. & Mkt.**

PHONE "As close as your telephone" 50

**Try These CHRISTMAS FOOD SPECIALS**



**H. E. Thomas Grocery**

**Oranges**

TEXAS, Bushel

\$1.25 to \$1.35

**Apples**

Fancy Delicious Bushel

Fancy Winesaps Bushels

\$2.25 \$2.20

**Bananas** Large Fancy Fruit, Dozen

**20c**

**CHRISTMAS JOY**

The spirit of Christmas pervades the entire world . . . but nowhere is it more sincere than right here in our own Loraine.

So we join in today to wish everyone . . . our patrons, our associates, our friends . . . a very Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year!

Large Paper Shell

**Pecans, lb**

**20c**

17 Ounce Can

**Cranberry Sauce**

**15c**

NO. 2 1/2 Can Red & White

**Peaches**

**15c**

**Brazil Nuts, lb**

**20c**

**Coffee, 1 lb R&W**

**27c**

**Pecans, Shelled Per Lb**

**55c**



**BACON, Xmas Wrapped, A Handsome Gift, lb**

**29c**



**ROAST, Pod White Face, Extra Fancy, Lb.**

**18c**



**CHEESE, Family Size 2 Lb. Box**

**55c**



**COCA COLA, 6 Bottle Carton**

**25c**



**Glen Coon Market**