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## What We See And Hear

**American Creed**  
 "I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, and justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

"I, therefore, believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect the flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

Do you like it? It was written by William Tyler Page, Clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives in 1917 and adopted and promulgated by the Government's committee on Publication. Accepted by the House of Representatives on behalf of the American people April 3, 1918.

Can you better it? If not, then try to practice it.—Exchange.

## Thomas Wilson Honored On 100th Birthday

The king of longevity in Bennington sat enthroned in his people and neighbors on last week Friday about four o'clock; dispensing hospitality at tea and holding open house. Thomas Wilson was one hundred years old. Hale and hearty for a man of his years is Mr. Wilson. A number of his daughters and one son, together with their families, gathered at the home to do him honor. Beautiful flowers were all around the living room sent by well wishers. A beautiful piece of fine needle work was a poem, framed, and bearing his name and age, presented to Mr. Wilson by St. Patrick's Parish. An intricate, marvelous piece of workmanship.

The whole town wishes Mr. Wilson good health as he enters his new year.

## WILLIAM M. MYERS POST HOLDS MEETING

William M. Myers Unit No. 50 met at the home of Mrs. Mae Perkins, Monday December 11, 1939.

It was reported that \$25 profit was made on the Xmas Gift sale.

The committee who delivered the Thanksgiving baskets gave a very favorable report. They said the baskets were appreciated, which pleased the members very much.

The names: Mrs. Doris Grimes, Mrs. Nellie Thornton and Mrs. John Doyle were brought in for membership.

Plans were made for the local child welfare work. Money was sent to Department Christmas Cheer fund.

At the close of the meeting small gifts were exchanged and the hostess served refreshments.

**Hickory Heavy Wood**  
 Hickory is one of the heaviest of northern common woods, a dry cubic foot weighing 52.17 pounds. The earliest American settlers discovered its advantages when shaped into tool handles, advantages of strength and elasticity under strain. Second growth hickory, which means that the tree has emerged from the stump of an older, faster growing tree, is in demand because its fiber is more compact and close-grained. Hickory decays quickly in heat and moisture and warps easily unless carefully seasoned in the open air.

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## School News

A copy of the "Nation's Business" has been given to the school, for the coming year, by Mr. James M. Catter Mrs. William Harkness has given us a subscription to the "American Forest"

The boy's basketball team have chosen Irving Bennett captain and Jerome Rutherford manager of their team.

On Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock moving pictures will be shown in school. These pictures are to be about the mining of nickel.

Santa Claus will be at our Christmas party Friday afternoon.

School will close Friday for Christmas vacation and reopen on Tuesday, January 2.

Mrs. MacLane has been asked to chaperone the Senior class to Washington next Spring.

Antrim High School has been asked by the local chapter of the D. A. R. to participate in their annual Good Citizen Pilgrimage.

The girls of the Senior class chose three persons from their number who in their judgment are the most outstanding in the following:

Dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Those selected were Jane Rutherford, Norine Edwards, Barbara Fluri, and Dorothy Whipple. These names are submitted to the teachers who in turn rate them on the following standards: Honor, service, courage, leadership, and scholarship. The one receiving the highest rating will be sent to Concord, N. H. by the local chapter. Here a single representative from the entire state will be selected to go to Washington and compete for national honors.

## Ada M. Colby Dies At Henniker

The body of Miss Ada M. Colby, aged 70 years, was brought to Antrim Saturday for burial in the family lot in Maplewood cemetery. Miss Colby died at the home of a niece in Henniker, December 7th, after a short illness.

She was a native of this section, the daughter of the late Levi and Kate Colby of North Bennington.

She was a librarian in New York for many years. She came to Concord upon her retirement and about five years ago came to Henniker to make her home.

Miss Colby is survived by a brother, James Colby of North Bennington; a nephew, Arvin Colby, living in California; and a niece, Mrs. Catherine Bunker of Henniker, from whose home the funeral was held on Saturday afternoon. Harry Holmes and Son were in charge.

## Antrim Locals

Miss Mildred Mallory, R. N., recently held a house warming at her home on North Main street, where she conducts a convalescent home.

W. S. Smith of East Jaffrey presented an evening of magic in the vestry of the Presbyterian church, Friday, sponsored by the Sunday school.

Franklin M. Robinson of Antrim has been pledged to a Greek letter fraternity at Worcester Polytechnic institute.

Mrs. Ethel Roeder was at the Memorial hospital, Nashua, last week for the removal of her tonsils. One of her nurses was Miss Hilda Cochran of East Antrim.

## Will Toy Satisfy His Majesty? She Asks Him—and Finds Out

A PRETTY toy—but does it have educational value? Don't ask the nearest child expert, but hand it to a youngster, who'll probably think up more instructive ways to use it than its inventor ever imagined. And that's the theory on which the Tested Toy Laboratory of New York has helped manufacturers select the toys you buy for the children this Christmas.

The "laboratory" is really Miss Lillian Rifkin, who takes a toy to a school, recreational center or park and records children's reactions to it while they play. Then she fills in an elaborate questionnaire, commenting on the toy's durability, fitness at various age levels and value in stimulating mental, artistic, physical or scientific activity.

She doesn't question parents very often except regarding the toy's desirability for indoor or outdoor play. But the child is the final authority. Little rubber automobiles, says Miss Rifkin, are second in popularity to blocks. She's astounded by the elaborate kinds of dramatic play



**DRESSMAKING**—This dress designing "game" is being tried out by two youngsters at the elementary demonstration school Miss Rifkin runs under sponsorship of New York University and the Child Study Association of America.



**PROVING GROUND**—Miss Rifkin watches a boy putting a new toy to its practical testing paces. Among her conclusions: (1) Children may be unpredictable in their likes and dislikes, but they're notably consistent in their reactions; (2) play appeal of a toy is paramount; any education value it may have is secondary in the child's mind.

that children build around the cars: "Sometimes a child travels all around the world with them. Often he will recreate a trip he's taken in the family car. Sometimes he'll play detective and chase gangsters and sometimes he's a taxicab driver."

Miss Rifkin finds that toy automobiles, like toy soldiers, help a child get the surplus energy out of his system. And both appeal to his instinct for collecting.

One mother, she says, believed militant tendencies would be fostered if her child were allowed to play with toy soldiers. So she forbade them, but instead the child collected bottle tops, lined them up in military formation and shot them down by cocking his finger.

Miss Rifkin says it's all "pretend" anyway. "Even a child old enough to know war means cruelty realizes his soldiers are just toys, and it's only a game."

## Antrim Locals

Miss Ruth Pratt, R. N., is at her home here.

Rev. R. H. Tibbals was in Concord 11 day Tuesday.

Henry Hurlin was able to visit his office for a short time Wednesday.

Don Robinson and the Scouts have erected the community Christmas tree.

Mrs. Estelle Brown has returned from a visit in Fitchburg, Mass., with relatives.

Supervisors of the checklist will be in the town office tonight from 7:30 to 8:30.

Mrs. Julia Wilson has closed her home for the winter and has gone to Hillsboro.

The new choir vestments were used at the morning service in the Presbyterian church, Sunday.

Mrs. F. A. Dunlap was called to Franklin Tuesday morning by the illness of her brother, Mr. James S. Shaw.

Mrs. Will Hill returned to her home here on Sunday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Tuttle, and family in Wilton.

## Employment After Age Of 65 Years

(Third of the Series)  
 Before the Social Security Act was amended, wages earned by a worker after he had become 65 did not count toward benefits. Under the amended act, this "stop-date" at age 65 has been removed, so that worker may continue to build up his social security account as long as he remains in employment covered by the system.

The worker who was 65 or more when the act first went into effect can now establish a wage record and receive credit, thereon, for all wages paid to him in covered employment since 1938. In other words, the change with regard to workers past 5 years of age became effective as of Jan. 1, 1939. Beginning with that date, wages received in covered employment count toward insurance benefits regardless of the age of the worker.

This change in the law with respect to older workers is summarized below. The statement applies only to jobs that are covered by the act.

1. A wage earner who reached age 65 after 1936 and before 1939, will count toward his benefits wages he was paid after 1936 and before his 65th birthday, plus wages he was paid after 1938, regardless of age.
2. A wage earner who reaches 65 at any time during the year 1939 or thereafter, can count toward benefits the wages he received since the original act went into effect which was Jan. 1, 1937.
3. A wage earner who was 65 years old before Jan. 1, 1937, will count toward his benefits only the wages paid to him after 1938.

(Next week: Qualifying for Monthly Benefits in 1940. For further information call or write Eli A. Marcoux, Social Security Board, 922 Elm street, Manchester, N. H.)

## PORTIA CHAPTER, O. E. S. TO HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Portia Chapter, No. 14, will hold its next regular meeting in Masonic Hall, Monday, December 18th, at 7:30 p. m. The annual Christmas Party will be held under the direction of the following committee: Nellie Bruce, Robert Bruce, John Childs, Ethel Carter, Leslie Allen, Eiton Kemp, Frank Rumbell, Myrtle Monroe, Edward Willgeroth, Eudice Willgeroth, and Julia Sleeper.

Each member is requested to bring a ten cent gift.

Election of officers for the ensuing year will take place at this meeting. It is hoped all members will make an effort to be present.

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday evening, December 24, at 7 o'clock, a Program of Christmas Music will be given at the Baptist Church.

The Union choir with soloists and Men's chorus, will give the first half of the program, followed by the Nativity Play, "There Was One Who Gave a Lamb".

A chorus of high school girls as Christmas angels will sing the carols of this play, and speaking parts will be taken by Barbara Butterfield, Wendell Ring, Wallace Nylanter, Constance Paige and Jacky Newhall.

## PURITANS AND CHRISTMAS

THE Puritans regarded Christmas as a season of piety and preferred their own celebration of Thanksgiving. In 1659 the General Court of Massachusetts enacted that "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting or any other way any such day as Christmas day shall for each and every such offense be fined five shillings."

## Union Pomona Holds Meeting At Manchester

Union Pomona grange met recently for its annual session as the guest of Amoskeag grange at Odd Fellows hall on Hanover street, Manchester. Officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Mrs. Lena P. Harradon, of Goffstown presided and she, assisted by the other officers, conferred the Pomona degree on a class of 14 candidates.

## Memorial Program

Also featuring the meeting were the memorial exercises held in honor of the following members who died during the past year: Mrs. Kate E. Boyce, Grasmere, Frank E. Garvin, Dunbarton, Past Secretary George R. Drake, James E. Banigan, Mrs. Gertrude Goodale and Miss Jennie B. Harwood. As each name was read by the secretary, Mrs. Minnie M. Weed, Mrs. Nancy B. Ford, Flora, placed a carnation on the altar.

The memorial program, under the direction of the chaplain, Mrs. Anna B. Tirrell, included solos by Mrs. Mary Crossley and a poem by Mrs. Helen Dearborn.

It was announced that a public entertainment sponsored by the grange will be held at Goffstown grange hall, December 18.

The new officers will be installed at a joint ceremony at Dunbarton, January 5 with William J. Neal, Meredith, state master, as the installing officer.

Officers elected were: Master, Harry Harradon, Goffstown; overseer, Mrs. Mary H. Turner, Grasmere; lecturer, Scott F. Eastman, South Wear; steward, Mrs. Grace Hodge, Candia; assistant steward, Lester Clark, Manchester; chaplain, Mrs. Anna B. Tirrell, Manchester; treasurer, Mrs. Helen E. Dearborn, South Wear; secretary, Mrs. Minnie M. Weed, Manchester; gatekeeper, Willis Munsey, Henniker; Ceres, Mrs. Annie L. Holmes, Goffstown; Pomona, Mrs. Evelyn C. Munsey, Henniker; Flora, Mrs. Alice G. Philbrick, South Wear; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Agnes G. McKenzie, Grasmere; executive committee for three years, Mrs. Emma C. Avery, Manchester, and pianist, Mrs. Lena H. Harradon, Goffstown.

Of particular interest is the fact that Mrs. Weed was chosen to the office of secretary for her 14th year, during which time she has been absent from but one meeting.

## HILLSBORO STORES OPEN EVENINGS ALL NEXT WEEK

Hillsboro stores will be open for the Christmas trade all evenings and Wednesday afternoon, starting Saturday, December 16th, for the convenience of shoppers.

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## Signs of Christmas



It's Christmas the year around where these pictures were taken: Christmas, Fla.; Bethlehem, Pa.; Nazareth, Pa., and Santa Claus, Ind. Each year thousands of Christmas cards are forwarded to postoffices at these communities for stamp cancellation.

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### There's a Good Reason You're Constipated!

When there's something wrong with you, the first rule is: get at the cause. If you are constipated, don't endure it first and cure it afterward. Find out what's giving you the trouble.

Chances are it's simple if you eat the super-refined foods most people do: meat, white bread, potatoes. It's likely you don't get enough "bulk." And "bulk" doesn't mean a lot of food. It's a kind of food that isn't contained in the body, but leaves a soft "bulky" mass in the intestines and helps a bowel movement.

If this is your trouble, you should eat a natural "bulk" producing food—such as one of the crunchy, toasted, ready-to-eat cereals—Kellogg's All-Bran. All-Bran is the ounce of prevention that's worth a pound of emergency relief. Eat it every day, drink plenty of water, and "Join the Regulars." All-Bran is made by Kellogg's in Battle Creek.

Tyrants Need Fear

None but tyrants have any business to be afraid.—Hardouin de Perefex.

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### DOAN'S PILLS

## THE CROWDED INN

By HELEN CLARK WENTWORTH

ALL day long they had been going by the inn, camels and donkeys stirring up dust, weary men and women resting by the stream outside the inn yard. The little country maid had never seen so much travel.

Just outside the city of Jerusalem, near by the village of Bethlehem, there were plenty of people who stopped for refreshment. And Jeremiah kept a good inn. He was a good man too. But he was hard, sparing neither man nor beast. And his niece Rebecca was hard put to do the tasks that were set before her.

"Why are there so many travelers today?" she asked the little slave girl who helped her prepare the evening meal.

"The tribesmen," replied Fatima, "are going to Jerusalem to be numbered, so that they may pay their taxes. And this will continue for days. These are not times of rejoicing and feasting for us!"

Rebecca looked up as a bearded man, leading an ass on which a young woman rode, entered the courtyard. "Is the inn keeper here?" he asked gently. "My wife and I seek shelter."

"There are no rooms left," Fatima told him, going on with her work. But Rebecca looked up at the woman, whose face was weary and touched with pain.

"I will see what provision can be made," the little maid exclaimed. Her eyes never left the young woman's sweet face. The woman smiled at Rebecca, and her husband smiled too. Rebecca's face lightened eagerly and even Fatima found herself softening.

Rebecca had some difficulty finding her uncle, busy as he was with many things. Then it was hard to make him listen.

"There must be some place, uncle. That new stable, with the clean straw, would be warm and comfortable. She cannot go farther, I know."

"So be it," he answered. Then, as they neared the group, he too was impressed by the young woman's beauty and the lovely warmth of her smile. "There is naught but the stable," he told them, "but Re-

becca will seek to make you comfortable there."

Even after she had done everything she could, and had crept into her own dark corner for the night, Rebecca found she could not forget the couple in the stable. Mary, the man had called his wife. There was such a radiance about her. "I wonder what makes her so different," Rebecca thought. And she opened her eyes.

In amazement she saw light in the courtyard, so much that it seemed the dawn must have come. But the light came from a star that shone just about the stable. Out into the yard the girl crept, and suddenly she heard a child's cry, a cooing, happy sound.

Rebecca looked about. No one was stirring. Far off, on the hillside she saw what looked like a group of men, shadowy, indistinct, seemingly moving toward Bethlehem. It must be her imagination. Possibly it was Ephraim's vineyard she saw. Soon she stood in the stable doorway.

There, lighted by a lantern, was Joseph, bending over the young woman and holding in his arms a tiny baby—her firstborn. At Rebecca's exclamation he turned, and into her outstretched arms he handed the little figure and showed her the snowy lengths of swaddling cloth. Tenderly the maid clothed the infant and laid it beside the mother.

"Thank you," Mary whispered. "For the child's sake and in His name, I thank you for what you have done. We thank her, don't we, Jesus?"

The baby opened his eyes and smiled. "He smiled at me," Rebecca exclaimed. "I shall never forget, a new born babe smiled into my face to say thank you."

Mary drew the child into the shelter of her arms. Her eyes closed, Joseph walked to the doorway and watched Rebecca as she returned to her room. He, too, saw the clump of trees or vines, or was it a group of men on the hillside? Then he returned to the manger and settled down beside Mary and the sleeping Jesus.



### Don't Marry the Girl Day After Christmas

If you believe the early monks, don't select the day after Christmas to get married, start a new job or put on that new suit. It's Childermass day, commemorating the slaughter of the Holy Innocents by Herod, and in the early days was considered an occasion of the greatest ill-omen.

Children, according to legend, were soundly whipped Childermass day to impress on their minds the story of the baby martyrs.

So intense was the fear of this unfortunate festival that the coronation of England's King Edward IV was postponed in order to avoid the fatal date.

### White House Maintains Traditions 139 Years Old

WASHINGTON. — Santa Claus makes his 139th visit to the White House this Christmas, carrying on a tradition started December 25, 1800, when Kris Kringle called on little Suzannah, granddaughter of President John Adams from Massachusetts.

The White House in those days was in an unfinished state and the great barnlike rooms were only scantily furnished, providing a great contrast to the beautifully appointed mansion of today. Yet the same joyous spirit prevailed on that Christmas morning, more than a century and a quarter ago, as that found in the White House this Yuletide.

From early years of our country, Presidents have set aside the heavy burden of state and made merry Christmas day with their families.

### Christmas Tree Useful During Rest of Winter

AMHERST, MASS.—In northern states where Christmas heralds the coming of cold winter weather, the tree that warms the living room December 25 is being put to work the balance of the winter outdoors. According to Arnold M. Davis, extension horticulturist at Massachusetts state college, fir trees can make excellent "feeding stations" for birds and offer them cozy shelter on frosty winter nights. Suet is often tied to the branches. The tree is also used to protect climbing plants, or the branches can be ripped off and laid as a mulch over low-growing plants or bulbs. Northern beekeepers find the trees handy as windbreaks.

### Sun's 'Virginia' Still Has Faith In Santa Claus

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to life its highest beauty and joy."

Forty-two years ago an editorial writer for the New York Sun penned these now-famous lines in answer to a scrawled letter from a little girl named Virginia, whose faith in Santa had been shaken.

Today Virginia is grown up, married, and serves as assistant principal in an east side New York school. Her name is Dr. Laura Virginia Douglas and this Christmas she's playing Santa Claus not only to her pupils but her own daughter.

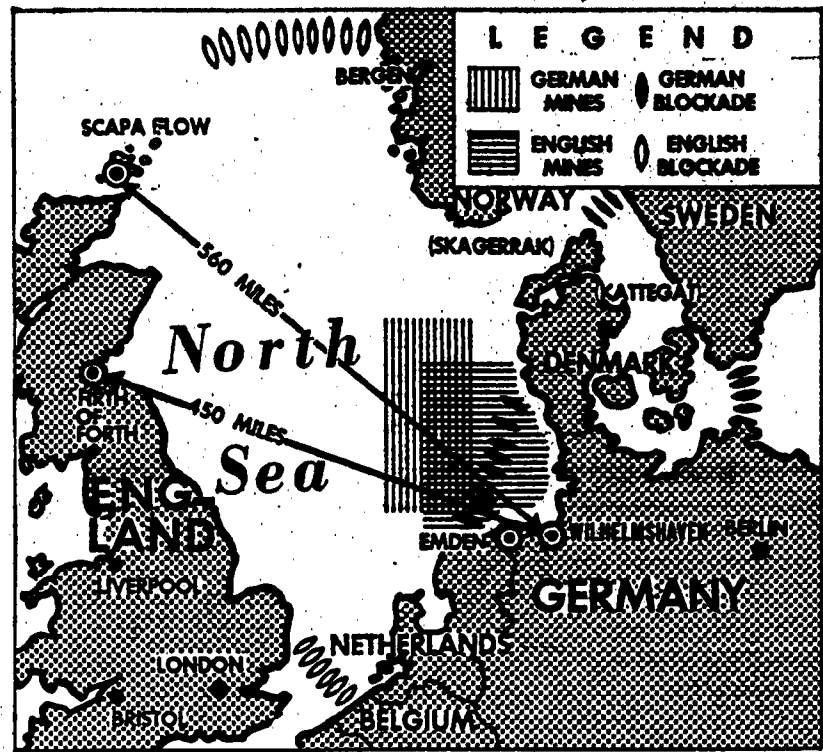
Pink-cheeked, vivacious, yet shy and hesitant in speaking of personal matters, Dr. Douglas is not in favor of breaking the news baldly to a child that there is no Santa Claus. He will learn naturally, she says, as he turns from the free, imaginative stage of early childhood to an interest in the world around him.

When she first became old enough to realize the full meaning of the Sun's editorial, she felt badly because poor children were not able to have Christmas gifts as tangible evidence of Santa's existence. Later, she says, she grew to realize that material gifts were not so important as the faith which even the very poor child could have in something spiritual.

### Yule Flower Named After U. S. Diplomat

Thank an early American diplomat for the poinsettia plant you receive (or don't receive) Christmas morning. The flaming flower whose vermilion-red leaves are mistaken at a distance for the petals of its flower, was brought to the United States about 1820 by Joel Roberts Poinsett, minister to Mexico, who discovered it growing there. Poinsett, who had studied both law and medicine abroad and served many years in the diplomatic service, ended his career in the American house of representatives from 1821 to 1825. But were it not for the plant he brought back from Mexico, his name would now be unknown.

## War Powers Find Black Sea To Be 'Ideal' Battleground



MAP SHOWS how the Black Sea has become an important battlefield of the present European conflict. Bordering it directly are six nations, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Great Britain, the Netherlands and Belgium. Map legend explains symbols of war activity as illustrated.

Prepared by National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.—WNU Service.

With the toll of torpedoed ships mounting daily, the North sea has become an important battleground of the world's second great war. Registries show that the lost vessels include not only many British and some French and German craft, but also much neutral shipping such as that of Sweden, Denmark and Norway. Today, as in the World war, seagoing nations not at war are paying heavily along with the belligerents.

How many peoples live by the North sea is apparent from a roll call of neighboring countries. Bordering it directly are six nations, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Great Britain, the Netherlands and Belgium. At the southwest corner,

where the larger body of water meets the English Channel, is a bit of French shore. In the northeast, almost within touching distance, is Sweden, washed by the Skagerrak, arm of this same sea.

So closely clustered about the embattled waters are the various neutrals that from time to time many of them have reported hearing the gunfire of naval engagements. Both German and British fleets have been bombed within the general area. Britain's Scapa Flow and Firth of Forth bases on the east coast have been bombed by the Germans, with the British also making attacks on Germany's North sea bases of Emden, Cuxhaven and Wilhelmshaven. Mines lie now in patches off the British and continental shores, with others reported adrift in the narrowing waters toward the English channel.

## India, Patchwork of Conflicts, Is 'Problem Child' for British



Prepared by National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.—WNU Service.

Geographic, racial, religious, cultural and political forces combine in India to produce a vast patchwork of loosely woven and conflicting human relationships.

In 1935, India received from the British parliament a new constitution which was for the first time to throw a single mantle over the varied peoples of that crowded peninsula. The 11 provinces of British India, together with the Indian states, were eventually to be joined in a federation which would administer the common affairs of both.

Two and a half years ago provincial autonomy in the British provinces was initiated, to give some 270,000,000 people a measure of self government. The organization of the federal government is still uncertain, however, various parties being opposed to it. Moreover, before going into effect it will require the consent of the princes whose domains include at least half of the total Indian states' population. At present, with the European war intensifying the issue, the India congress (Nationalist party) is seeking a still greater degree of independence.

### Complex Geographic Nature.

India's very size and complex geographic nature make for lack of unity. With 6,000 miles of land frontier and 5,000 miles of seaboard, it has an area of more than 1,808,000 square miles. Within its boundaries are found the highest mountains, the greatest rainfall, some of the hottest spots on earth, and one of the world's most extensive plains.

All India has a population of more than 350,000,000 people or roughly, between one-fifth and one-sixth of the entire human family. More than three-quarters of them live in British India.

India's millions present all shades of social and economic variation, from fabulously rich maharajahs to the poverty-stricken "Untouchables." With the blood of many races in their veins, they speak more than 200 languages and dialects, and practice innumerable religions, some of them bitterly hostile to each other.

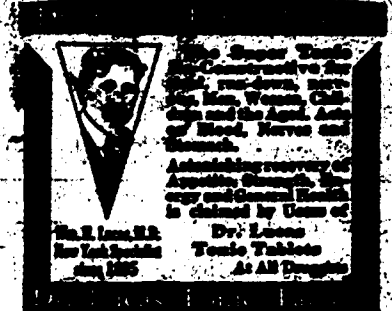
### HISTORIC KHYBER Pass, the "Gateway to India" is the only pass through the mountain range between northwestern India and Afghanistan practicable for artillery and is thus of great strategic importance.

some 77,000,000—the largest in the world. Yet this huge group is only a fraction of the still vaster Hindu group which counts nearly 240,000,000 adherents.

No less far-flung are the economic problems of this vast segment of the human race. Primarily the home of an agricultural people, with more than 100,000,000 of them making their living by the land, including forestry and stock raising, India is also one of the growing industrial regions of the world.



ADDING TO THE numerous and varied problems of India's administration are the followers of this man, Mahatma Gandhi. All-powerful with his cult he plays a major part in India's politics.



Why Ship Is Called "She". In some of the older languages, such as Latin and Old German, from which modern languages have been derived, all inanimate objects were given masculine or feminine gender. In this way the moon was feminine and the sun masculine and among other things, ships and other vehicles were generally spoken of in the feminine gender. Modern languages have adopted this same idea; hence, the reason for speaking of a ship and train as "she."

No Cabinet Changes Franklin Pierce (1853-1857) was the only President, says Collier's Weekly, who served his full term without making a single change in his cabinet.

Large Moose Antlers An Alaskan expedition brought back to the American Museum of Natural History a set of sixty-pound antlers which have a spread of 6 feet 5 1/2 inches. These are said to be the largest and finest on record.

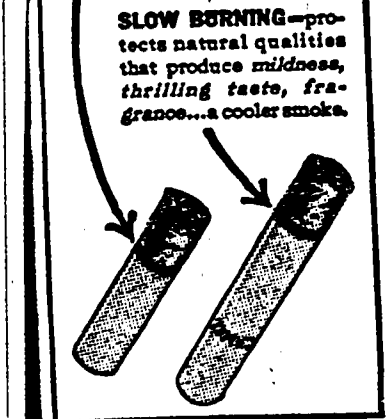


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## Bennington

Mrs. Martha Allen has been having a hard cold.

Schools close Friday for a long Christmas vacation.

Mrs. William Taylor and young son are home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cashion and son were in Manchester recently.

Mrs. Francis Davy entertained her three sisters from Malden on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cody and daughter spent the week-end in Springfield, Vt.

Mrs. George King, of Connecticut visited her father, Frank Sheldon, for a few days.

Miss Freida Edwards attended the State Lecturers' Conference in Concord on Tuesday.

Mrs. Bertha Parker is out of the hospital and with her sister-in-law in Concord for a time.

Among those who have shot deer are Ivan Clough, Ed. Wheeler and Buster Champney.

Mrs. Emma Jeslin has been ill for about a week. Miss Grace Taylor also has a cold but is not housed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Clymer entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clymer and daughter of Keene on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. James Morrison are with Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Cram for a few days, while Mr. Morrison is enjoying the hunting.

The Sunday School children are hard at work rehearsing for a Christmas program for next week Friday. All persons will be more than welcome.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances in the plans of Rev. and Mrs. James Morrison for the Sunday service last week, Mrs. Morrison was obliged to fill the pulpit. Her service was extremely commendable and worthy of praise.

The sale of fancy work and food which constituted the church Christmas Fair was well attended and netted the committee about \$20. Mrs. Arthur Perry was chairman. Those who worked with her were Mrs. M. K. Wilson, Mrs. G. McKay and Mrs. M. Newton.

The Ladies' Missionary Society, held its Christmas program in an open meeting in the vestry on Friday evening. Rev. Ralph Tibbals of Antrim spoke. His subject was "Christmas Bells." The girls choir sang Christmas Carols and Velma Newton rendered a solo. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Miss Grace Taylor, who also conducted the meeting.

The regular meeting of Bennington Grange took place on Tuesday evening. The program was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Vincena Drago; report on Worthy Masters' Day in Concord at the Lecturers' Conference; report given by Brother Logan on the annual meeting of the Hillsboro Pomona Grange; and a paper by Mr. Logan on Christmas and the origin of its activities.

## Antrim Branch

Tom Smith is a Massachusetts business visitor.

Leon Cutter has been a boarder at Madison McIlvin's while drawing wood in that neighborhood.

There is to be a community Christmas tree at the chapel on Friday evening, December 22. We understand there are thirty-three children, including the children under school age.

Mrs. Nelson Cook was given a surprise birthday shower of cards and several gifts at a recent Circle meeting. Mrs. Robert Hammond, sister of Mrs. Cook, made a very prettily decorated cake, which was just as good as it looked. At the last meeting Mrs. Alec Macfarlane was given a shower, it being near her birthday and the last Circle meeting for the present. She received several nice gifts and another nice cake was sampled by everyone present, this one made by Mrs. Nelson Cook.

### Selling Short

To sell short on the stock exchange is to sell securities expecting to repurchase them at a lower price. The seller is "short" as he lacks what he has sold. All sales at the stock exchange are practically spot cash, delivery being required within 24 hours (with rare exceptions), so those short must purchase what they have sold (to deliver next day) or failing to do so, must borrow the necessary securities to deliver, which loan they expect ultimately to repay by purchasing securities at a lower price. In other words, it amounts to speculating for a decline in prices.

## GRANITE STATE GARDENER

### A Free Bulletin On Christmas Decoration

Your Granite State Gardener has a pleasant surprise for the hundreds of New Hampshire people who each year make their own Christmas wreaths and decorations. It is a new 24-page bulletin on holiday decorations recently published by the N. H. Extension Service. And it is free. All you have to do to get your copy is to mail a penny post card to the Granite State Gardener, Durham, N. H. requesting a copy of "Christmas Season Decorations." Be sure and write your name and address plainly on the card so there will be no delay in mailing your copy at once.

The new bulletin tells you how to make inexpensive Christmas decorations easily and simply. Directions for making birch log candle holders, candle centerpieces, sprays, all kinds and shapes of wreaths, evergreen roping, evergreen balls, window boxes, place card novelties and corsages are included in the new bulletin.

Those who take part in decorating the home for Christmas experience the warm enjoyment of seeing the household express, in its new array, the joy and good will of the season. These decorations have such a prominent place at Christmas that it is indeed a pleasure to help create them.

All members of the family, both grown-ups and children, can contribute to the decoration of the home, first by planning the decorations and then by spending several pleasant hours together making the pieces that are to be used. Holiday decorations are increasing in popularity each year and new types are growing in demand. The free bulletin, "Christmas Season Decorations," contains directions for all the new types of wreaths, sprays, and novelties. H. S. Clapp, author of the new bulletin, is a member of the horticultural department of the University of New Hampshire. He is well known throughout the state as an authority on the making of Christmas greens. Write for your free copy of this interesting bulletin today. Remember the address: The Granite State Gardener, Durham, N. H. And the name of the bulletin is "Christmas Season Decorations."

## Deering

John W. Holden of North Chelmsford, Mass., is passing a few days at his home here.

A box party at Deering Town Hall, Friday night, December 15, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Deering Community club.

Stanley Smith, a student at Boston university, preached at the service of the Deering Center church on Sunday morning. Dean Henry H. Meyer of the School of Social and Religious Work of Boston university, was a visitor in town over the week-end.

A political platform ought to be strong enough to stand on.

## Hancock

The plaster has been finished in the new house built for Karl G. Upton.

Arthur Cram, Jr., of Dover, a cadet teacher here, shot a deer the first of the week.

Homer C. Wheeler has received the Farm Bureau pin given for 20 years membership.

Mrs. H. C. Wheeler has returned from Belmont, Mass., where she was a guest of Mrs. Frank Drinkwater.

Members of the Women's Club are requested to bring gifts for a hospitalized soldiers' box, which is at Devens store. The box will be sent after December 18. It is in charge of Mrs. Agnes Weston.

The Wednesday whist club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Burton Colby in Hillsboro Friday night. The winners were Mrs. Waldemar Stahl first, Mrs. John Hill second, Mrs. Robert Senecal consolation.

The fire department was called out Saturday, just at the time the siren is usually tested, for a bad chimney fire at the home of Mildard Somes and Monday for another at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hadley.

The senior class of Hancock high school will present the play, "Glass Dishes," at the town hall, Friday evening, December 15. There will be songs by the school chorus. Members of the class who will be in the play, assisted by a few others, are Miss Elizabeth Stearns, Lewis Fisher, Miss Marie Dufrain, Miss Valetta Dufraine, Walter Barthlein.

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## East Antrim

Richard White was a home visitor the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Richardson and daughter, Miss Claire, were at Mountain View the first of the week.

Warren Wheeler is prepared for cold weather as far as fuel goes having just had sixteen cords of wood sawed.

George Ricker and Jim Lombard were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Knapp. John Ricker was also a day guest.

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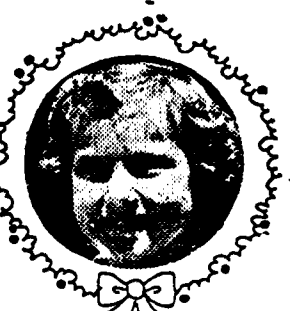
### For Mother

House Coats, \$1.98 to \$4.98; Slippers, 39c to \$1.00; Satin Slips, \$1.00; Silk Hosiery, 69c to \$1.00; Cotton Dresses \$1.00; Percale Aprons, 25c, 50c; Electric Toaster, \$1.00; Electric Waffle Iron, \$1.39 to \$10.00; Pyrex Sauce Pans, \$1.10 to \$2.35; Table Lamps, \$1.00.



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Boxed Hose, 3 pair 79c; Linen Handkerchiefs, 25c and 50c; Slippers 39c to \$1.00; Flannel Robes, \$1.98 to \$4.98; Dress Shirts, \$1.00 and \$1.29; Boxed Ties, 25c and 50c; Shaving Sets, 25c to \$1.00; Sweaters, 1.00 and \$1.98; Flannel Shirts, \$1.00 and 1.49; Gloves, 59c and \$1.00.



### For Sister

Toilet Sets, 10c to \$1.00; Boxed Handkerchiefs, 10c and 25c; Dolls, 10c to \$4.98; Games, 10c to \$1.00; Washable House Coats, \$1.98; Slippers, 39c and 50c; Gloves, 25c to 59c; Dresses, \$1.00 and \$1.98; Play Typewriters \$1.00; Toy Dishes, 10c to \$1.00.



### For Brother

Electric Trains, \$3.98 to \$10.00; Mechanical Trains, \$1.00; Boys' Books 10c to 25c; Toy Guns, 10c to 50c; Snow Suits, \$2.98; Bathrobes, 79c and \$1.00; Plaid Shirts, 79c and \$1.00; Trucks, 10c to \$4.98; Mechanical Toys 10c to \$1.00; Sleds, \$1.00 to \$4.50.



### For Grandma

Knit Shoulderrets, \$1.00; Flannel Gowns, 50c and \$1.00; Linen Towels, 25c to \$1.00; "Cannon" Towels, 15c to \$1.98; Boxed Candy 25c to \$1.00; Boxed Handkerchiefs, 10c, 25c and 50c; Felt Slippers, 39c, 50c and \$1.00; Toilet Sets, 50c and \$1.00; Glassware, 25c to 39c; RCA Radio, \$9.95.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

## U. S. Scorns Neutrality Policy In Sympathizing With Finland; Russia Moves Against Rumania

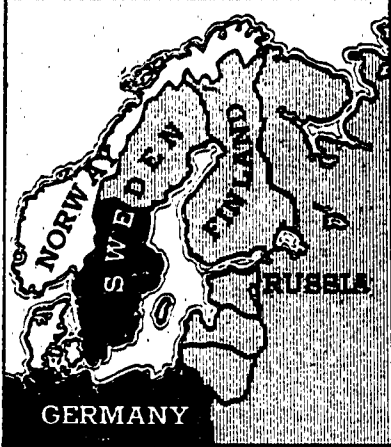
(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)  
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### INTERNATIONAL:

#### Tears for Finland

This month the Communist party's magazine in Moscow, *Agitator's Companion*, pointed out that "President Roosevelt is more and more siding with the incendiaries of war," that "American imperialists are dreaming of world mastery," and that American business is "sparring no effort . . . to save European capitalism."

This didn't jibe with the Republican party's ideas or with those of America's President, though each was fighting the other over an international red herring, namely, the



THE SPLITUP?

Map circulating in Europe shows this to be the division of Baltic and Scandinavian nations planned by Russia and Germany, giving the Reich half of Sweden.

correct U. S. attitude concerning Russia's invasion of Finland. The G. O. P. was obviously making a political issue of Mr. Roosevelt's refusal to recall Laurence Steinhardt, ambassador to Moscow. White House spokesmen argued plausibly that this wouldn't be neutral, but it made little difference: Everybody from the President down was already unneutral, siding with little Finland so boldly that what few isolationists remained were alarmed.

The President publicly condemned Russia's aggression, but indicated nothing would be gained by severing relations. He next talked about a joint Pan-American declaration rebuffing the Soviet, which was merely a political move to offset Republican criticism. Finally, he decided Finland's December 15 war debt payment of \$234,693 ought to be turned over to RFC and expended through the American Red Cross to purchase U. S. surplus commodities for Finland.

#### Unabashed

Soviet Russia was undoubtedly Europe's most generally disliked power, but it mattered little to the Bolsheviks. Having refused to attend a League of Nations meeting called by Finland in protest over her invasion, the Soviet apparently could choose between quitting the league or being thrown out. Sweden mobilized against the menace. In Denmark's parliament, all members walked out when a lone Communist got up to speak, and a few minutes later a prominent Nazi member suggested that diplomatic relations with the Soviet be broken. Italian planes were rushed to the Finns while Fascist crowds hooted the reds.



SANDLER  
A sign?

But 200,000 troops in the seventh Russian army continued to fight unabashed, puzzled, as was all the world, at how little Finland could stage such a terrific defense.

Meanwhile the diplomatic forecasters were busy. Sweden's Foreign Minister R. J. Sandler, who called the other Scandinavian for-

eign ministers for a defense talk, heard that Nazi Germany was demanding his resignation. This gave credence to reports that the Reich and Russia planned to conquer both Finland and Sweden and divide them as shown on a map being circulated around eastern Europe. (See map.)

If this was far fetched, there was nothing unlikely about a Russian drive into the Balkans. A knowing world (which remembers how Soviet "mutual defense" treaties have made Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania subservient to the Kremlin, and how Finland found herself at war for refusing such a treaty) was not surprised when Moscow's *Communist International* suggested a similar treaty be consummated with Rumania!

### AGRICULTURE:

#### Self-Sufficiency

This winter, to cut the federal deficit and still provide \$500,000,000 more for defense, congress must save elsewhere. Early to see handwriting on the wall is the department of agriculture, which promptly announced a 50 per cent slash in cotton export subsidies. But Secretary Henry A. Wallace will not stand idle and watch congress wreck his expensive farm program. Meeting at Chicago, the Farm Bureau federation heard Mr. Wallace drop a few hints of what he has in mind.

The general plan: To make the farm program self-supporting to assure its permanency. Possible means include re-enactment of processing taxes (voided by the Supreme court in 1936), the domestic allotment certificate plan, and earmarking all custom receipts (instead of only 30 per cent) for payment of farm benefits. Most broadly hinted plan is a general manu-



FEDERATION'S O'NEAL  
Not so certain . . .

facturers' sales tax, which he termed "simply the farmer's tariff." Groups like the Millers' National Federation promptly called it a "consumers' sales tax on an essential food," but that didn't solve the problem, either.

At least one major agricultural figure, the Farm Bureau's President Edward O'Neal, agreed with Mr. Wallace in principle. Said he: The farm program must be made self-supporting "because national prosperity is directly dependent on the welfare of the farmers."

Farmer O'Neal was less certain of his constituents' support on another point, the reciprocal trade program which comes up for congressional renewal next term. Though he called it "the best approach yet made" to solve the foreign trade problem, thereby agreeing with Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Mr. O'Neal thereby got many a dirty look from farmers who believe the program is undermining America's agricultural independence.

### THE WAR:

#### Squeeze Play

So dull was western front warfare that both Britain and Germany were reported shipping planes to aid the beleaguered Finns (see *International*). Meanwhile Britain, France and other anti-Russian members of the League of Nations sought that nation's expulsion when the League met to hear why Finland doesn't like to be invaded.

For a time it seemed that Neville Chamberlain's battle against Hitlerism was being held in abeyance pending outcome of Finnish hostilities, a possibility that became more plausible when older classes of both French and German troops were demobilized. But this was only part of the plan: The allies were fighting an economic war, and their most potent weapon was only then being sharpened.

The weapon had two edges. French-British fleets were ordered to seize all German exports wherever they might be found, thus cutting off the Reich's supply of foreign exchange. The other edge: A plan for allied purchase of all exportable surpluses of Germany's neighbors, at prices the Reich was unable to pay. After a few days of this, German economists were not ashamed to admit the blockade was beginning to pinch. Only Rumania, under sudden pressure from Russia, refused to cut her sales to the Reich.

### BUSINESS:

#### Pledge

After two days of denouncing the New Deal in convention speeches, the National Association of Manufacturers adopted a "platform of American industry" which was notable first because it was a consensus of U. S. industrial leadership, and second, because it was only mildly critical of the New Deal. Points: (1) to labor, the association pledged the highest income possible, a healthful environment, security, sickness and accident protection; (2) on collective bargaining, a defense of the worker's right to choose his own union, smattered with mild criticism of the national labor act; (3) to consumers, a pledge to seek greater value of products; (4) to investors, clear reports of stockholders and maintenance of a sufficiently strong capital structure.

### POLITICS:

#### Dewey Sendoff

Overnight America learned it had a potential presidential candidate to oppose Franklin Roosevelt, should he seek a third term next year. At Princeton, N. J., a Gallup poll was released showing New York's District Attorney Tom Dewey trailing 46 per cent to 54 per cent in a mythical race with the President. Significantly, most Rooseveltian support came from low income and relief classes, but it was equally significant that the President had more strength than in a similar "trial heat" last May. Carefully avoiding premature commitments, the Gallup summary warned that anything can happen between now and election.

Not too enthusiastic was the national reception to Tom Dewey's opening campaign speech at Minneapolis. Hinging his entire argument on a forgotten and unimportant Rooseveltian comment that "our industrial plant is built!" Candidate Dewey challenged: "Shall it be said that new America is matured and completed and overbuilt and incapable of further expansion and new achievements? . . . I say no, with resentment and anger."

Wisely, he left unsaid any opinions on how he would solve problems of agriculture, labor, business, finance and unemployment. But observers hoped he would not be silent too long.

### ASIA:

#### Blunder and Pressure

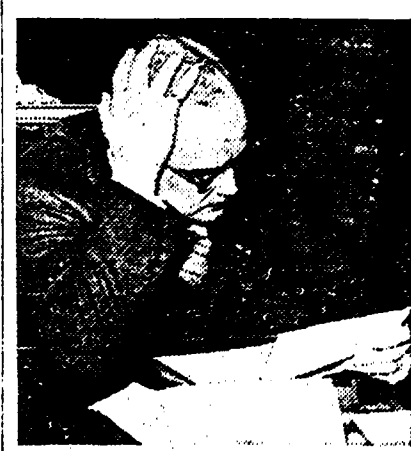
Busily scattering diplomatic onslaughts in every direction the Japanese government found its "new order" program for the Orient obstructed by two Chinamen: (1) Wang Ching-Wei, popular candidate for puppet Chinese ruler, who blunderingly blasted peace talks with the U. S. by printing four anti-American articles in his newspaper; (2) old Marshal Wu Pei-fu, "China's only honest war lord" and probably the Japanese government's real candidate for puppet. Marshal Wu upset Tokyo's plan the most: He died.

Evidently deciding to make the most of Wang's blunder, Tokyo forfeited the American friendship she had made by agreeing to pay U. S. claims for property damage in China. Using pressure tactics, the foreign office indicated displeasure over increased American naval strength in the Pacific, indicating that Japan may wax friendly with Russia unless the U. S. changes its tune.

### RELIEF:

#### Hunger in Ohio

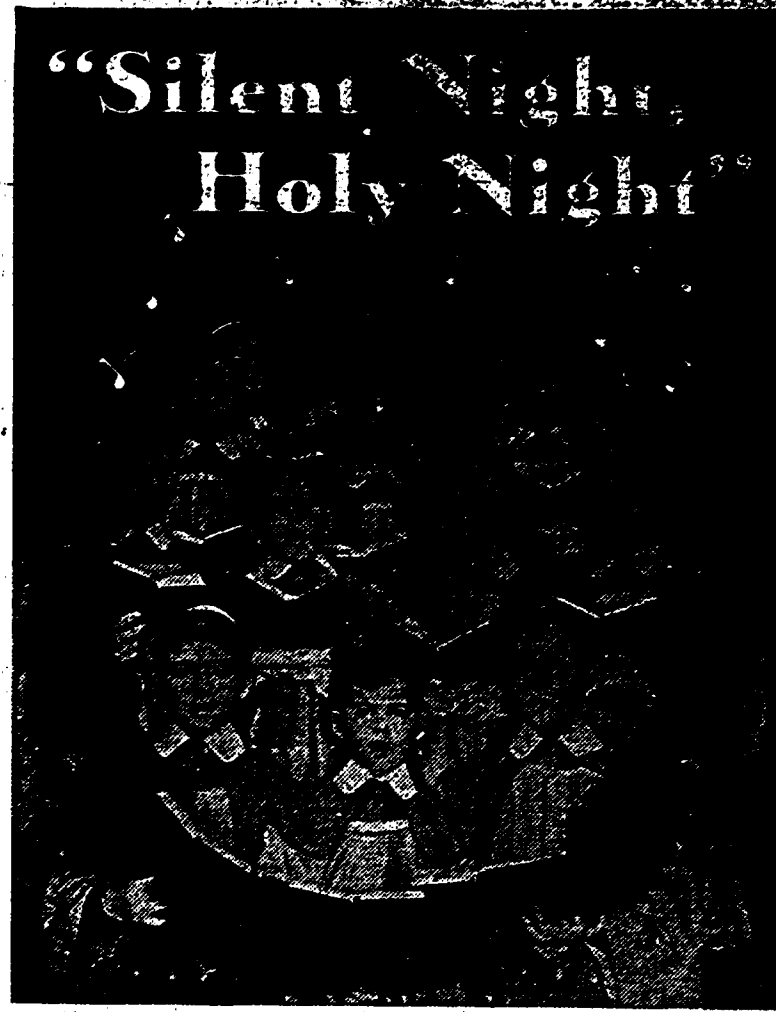
Toledo's schools were closed and 20,000 relievers lived on limited rations. Dayton and Akron also felt the pinch. In Cleveland, where 16,000 were even deprived of the white flour and apples formerly given them, somebody noticed that garbage collections were smaller. Part



MAYOR BURTON  
Ohio's unhappiest man.

of this problem was dumped in the lap of Gov. John W. Bricker, who promptly dumped it right back. When New York's Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia asked him to take care of the "starving people," the governor suggested that he clean up his own back yard. In Washington, WPA Administrator F. C. Harrington denied the governor's accusation that Cleveland's acute problem was due at least in part to political manipulation of WPA.

The most unhappy man in Ohio was Cleveland's Mayor Harold H. Burton, who got a blunt refusal when he asked the governor to call a special legislative session to deal with the relief problem. The final blow came when his city council demanded that he restore "full relief" immediately to single persons and childless couples, who were cut off "so that children might eat." Moaned the mayor: "If anyone can tell me where to get the money, I'd like to know."



## Shoppers' Aid Analyze Subject's Personality Before Selecting Gift for Him

WHAT to buy mother, father, brother, sister and sweetheart is a perplexing problem every Christmas. Most stores can give you specific tips, and probably there's something definite you've already decided to buy. But in case you're still puzzled here are a few general tips:

#### For Mother:

Buy her something she would not ordinarily buy herself. They tell about the young housewife who bought a woolen muffler for her husband's hard-working mother, and a fluffy, impractical gift for her own mother who already had everything she needed. By error the gifts were switched. The young housewife was horrified but both mothers were pleased beyond words.

Practicality is a nice thing but it's nice to give a kitchen-chaired mother something besides household equipment. Like perfume or bath salts or a bed jacket. Or a pair of sheer chignon stockings. She'd also like a necklace or bracelet, or a carefully chosen set of costume jewelry to dress up last year's clothes. These are just a few tips—the stores can amplify them a hundred-fold.

#### For Father:

Ties, mufflers, cigarette cases or hose are always acceptable but you've only scratched the possibilities there. Does he have a hobby

that needs encouragement? Does he have a peculiar weakness for some sport or a certain type of clothes which he's intentionally discouraged because it's extravagant?

In the clothing line, besides the first named items, you might look at smoking jackets, cuff links or a tie clasp set with his birthstone. Maybe he needs exercise for that waistline. Answer: Athletic equipment. Most men like games for fireside entertainment, or they'd appreciate a lunch kit for hunting and fishing trips.

#### For Sister or Sweetheart:

Flatter her tastes, and make it a distinctly "from-me-to-you" sort of gift. Jewelry is a favorite standby. Then there are books (which are regaining favor as gifts), a pair of gloves, a desk set, book ends—or how about a real, live dog to stress the "Love me, love my dog" angle?

#### For Brother or Sweetheart:

If the young man is particularly close to you there's an extremely wide range of gifts. Otherwise an expensive, elaborate gift might express too great an interest and you might therefore be wise to stick to the books-and-handkerchief line.

Proper choice of gifts requires a cool analysis of the man. If he likes the outdoor life, follow the sports motif. If he works inside, how about a memo pad or a desk set with a large blotter and leather accessories? Generally speaking, avoid tricky gifts and follow your salesperson's advice.

## Goose Is Favorite For Yuletide Feast And Easily Fixed

Goose, which is the traditional Christmas fowl just as turkey is Thanksgiving's dish, is easily prepared and is delightfully tasty if handled correctly. Not until recent years has goose been properly appreciated, largely because it hasn't been prepared properly.

Geese vary in weight from 8 to 12 pounds or more. Watch for soft feet and a pliable bill (if you dress your own bird) as an indication of proper age for cooking.

An excellent dressing is the apple-and-raisin variety, made with the

Removing fat is a simple process. First wipe the bird dry, inside and out. Place in a covered roaster in a 425-degree oven for 30 minutes to start warming. Remove from oven and cool. Remove fat. Repeat this process twice.

Then stuff the goose, close the opening of the body cavity and tie the legs together. Weigh the bird, allowing 20 to 25 minutes to the pound for roasting in a 325-degree oven. Roast with breast side down.

You don't have to baste the bird as it roasts, but orange juice with grated rind may be used if desired.

## Yule Table Decorations Inexpensively Prepared; Add Gay Note to Feast

Company coming for Christmas dinner? Or just the family? In any event you'll want a Christmasy looking table and it can be accomplished easily and inexpensively. Here are three suggestions:

A large bowl, preferably of wood and filled with shining fruits (a bunch of grapes on top) gives a festive air. You can lay a wreath of holly about the bowl and use tall, slender candles grouped about it. Lace runners or doilies that reveal the gleaming table top complete this informal picture.

For an all-white table, use a white table cloth for your background and a miniature Christmas tree in the center. For ends of the table, white tapers in candelabra are excellent, and around their bases use simulated snow, cotton sprinkled with tinsel.

Flowers, while more expensive, make a beautiful table. An arrangement of pompon chrysanthemums and red roses in a low bowl, bedded by sprays of long-needle pine and frosted with cones is particularly attractive. A bit of holly gives it a definite Christmas air. The entire arrangement needs few more than a dozen flowers. Such an arrangement should be kept low so it will not hide the folks across the table. For a long table, make the arrangement long; for a round table, make it round.

## Merry Christmas, Mary Christmas, Says Santa Claus

What's in a name? Plenty, if it happens to be Mary Christmas, or Santa Claus, and that's actually happened.

Both Evansville, Ind., and Racine, Wis., have their Mary Christmas, and at Marshall, Mo., there's a jolly fellow whose last name is Claus, and whose parents christened him Santa.

Evansville's Mary Christmas comes from an old family which has had a Mary in each generation. Racine's Mary Christmas got that way by marrying a fellow named Samuel Christmas, and she's now a telephone operator. Which explains that strangely personal and timely message long distance operators hear out of Racine around Christmas time: "This is long distance, operator—Mary Christmas!"

Racine's Mary Christmas, who is short, chubby and looks just like the artist's conception of Mrs. Santa Claus, gets hundreds of fan mail letters every year. Three years ago she appeared on a Yuletide radio program and has been so deluged with fan mail ever since that she's founded a "shut-in" club which has members in 40 states, Canada, Hawaii, India, China and New Zealand.

Marshall's Santa Claus is similarly Christmas-minded. Each Yuletide he tries to answer the fan letters which come from all corners of the globe, many in such strange foreign languages that he can't reply. He's much in demand for church parties and other Christmas affairs. Santa is a plumber on weekdays, a vegetable gardener on the side and a preacher in the Church of God at Blue Lick, Mo., every Sunday. Two years ago, when plumbing business was bad, he was grateful for a \$250 check sent him by Mae West, the actress.

In Rosindale, near Boston, lives an Ambrose Claus who with his wife last year celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. Like all other folks named Claus, they seem to have a lion's share of Christmas spirit.

Mary Christmas  
New Zealand.

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## DON'TS Safety Is Watchword For a Merry Christmas

Here are a few "don'ts" for Christmas, recommended by safety authorities:

1. Don't give small children toys involving alcohol, kerosene or gasoline engines. They may tip over and set the house on fire.
2. Don't permit small children to run electrical toys without the supervision of an adult.
3. Don't permit small children to use toy movie projectors without using safety film which burns slowly. Ordinary film burns explosively and gives off smoke and fumes which may cause death if inhaled.
4. Don't use candles or light extra fires without being extremely careful, especially in regard to candles on trees.
5. Don't wear inflammable costumes, especially Santa Claus beards, without fireproofing them.
6. Don't use inflammable ornaments and evergreen decorations.

## Superstitious Villagers Fear Year of Bad Luck If Candles Die on Tree

LONDON.—Early Christmas traditions still endure among English Yule celebrants.

No Christmas tree is considered complete in rural areas unless it is bedecked with little candles of different colors. Many people count it an ill sign if once lit the candles go out or are snuffed out before they have burned to their ends. In old days the candle was made such a size that it would burn from the time it was lit until midnight. If it went out before that, evil was portended to the family for the coming year.

The Yule log, which many hold should be lit by a brandy preserved from the previous year's stock, should be blown into a blaze by the maids, but these must have clean faces and hands or the log will not light easily. In the north of England it was once customary to let the servants have free drink so long as the log burned.

## Ex-Detroit Paper Boys Aid 65,000 at Christmas

DETROIT.—Twenty-five years ago the late James Brady conceived the idea of raising funds to insure needy children a merry Christmas by organizing a group of men who as boys had sold newspapers in the city. The idea was for them to return to their old corners at a stated period and sell papers to all who passed. Last year this organization of oldtimers raised about \$150,000.

## NAMES ... in the news

Joseph P. Kennedy, U. S. ambassador to Great Britain, arrived via transatlantic clipper for conferences which may help determine parts of the U. S. foreign policy.

Al Capone, former Chicago gang lord recently released from Alcatraz, was placed under the care of Dr. Manfred S. Guttmacher, prominent psychiatrist.

Fritz Kuhn, German-American "bundsuehrer" convicted of stealing his organization's funds, was given 2½ to 5 years at Sing Sing prison.

Irene Castle McLaughlin, once an international dancing star, dropped her suit to divorce her sportsman husband, Maj. Frederic McLaughlin.

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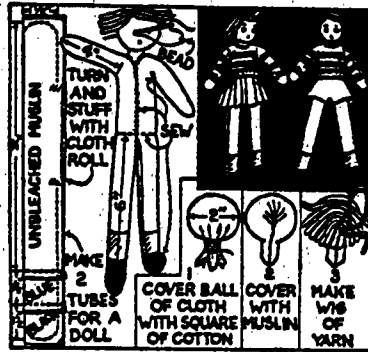
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stretched cloth sewed in the back as in steps 1 and 2. The wig is made as in step 3.

Sew across the top of the legs to make the doll jointed. Sew the arms down and the tips of the feet up as indicated. Sew clear through the head when adding the bead eyes about half way between the top and bottom. This shapes the cheeks. A few stitches in red make the mouth. The pleated skirt is cut straight. The trousers are slightly shaped in the crotch. The sweaters are made from the tops of children's socks.

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**Jap Villagers Kneel at Mound They Call Christ's Burial Place**

**TOKYO.**—Peasants in a remote northern Japanese village do not celebrate Christmas but they believe Jesus Christ died in Japan.

Nor are they Christians, but each year they kneel before a strange mound which they believe is Christ's burial place.

This takes place at the village of Heral where Buddhists or Shintoists gather each year around a mound surmounted by a pillar on which are three Japanese characters and a six-pointed star composed of interlocking triangles, like the Hebrew emblem.

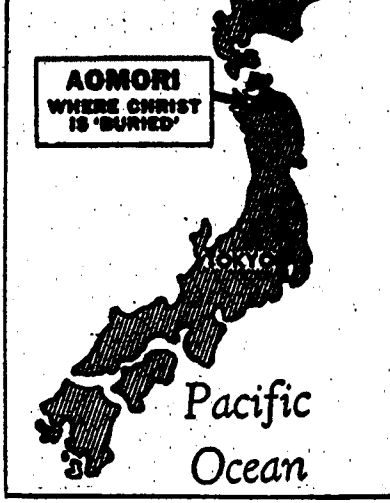
How this strange tradition arrived in Japan is not known, but visitors notice that the village, which is located in Aomori, near the extreme tip of Honshu island, is no great distance south of Mount Yadaijin, which is pronounced almost like the modern Japanese word for "Jew."

The six-pointed star is completely foreign to the people, yet some peasants are familiar with the Biblical version of Christ's death. The Aomorian story, which they have believed for 20 centuries, is this:

During the reign of the Emperor Suinin, the eleventh emperor, a young white man came to live in the district. Twelve years later, at the age of 34, he disappeared. His name: Soraitaro.

Fifteen years later he returned and told the people he had been to the land of his birth teaching religion and that, because of his beliefs, had been sentenced to death by crucifixion.

Soraitaro is then said to have told



**AOMORI WHERE CHRIST IS 'BURIED'**

the natives that his younger brother, Iskiri, sacrificed his own life on the cross. Then he traveled for four years, across Europe and through Siberia. Finally reaching Aomori again, he died at the age of 105 in the eleventh year of Keiko Tenno's reign.

Near the alleged burial mound is the ruin of a stone building which villagers call "Tsukino-Tatte," the House of the Moon. Many foreign articles are reported to have been unearthed from this place. People say it is the place where Jesus worshipped.

They do not worship His memory in a religious way, nor is the mound especially sacred. They describe Jesus as a "Sei-jin," a saint or wise man.

**Star Dust**

★ *Astonishing Youth*  
★ *Well Done, Jane Bryan!*  
★ *Well, the Queen Did It*

By **Virginia Vale**

**HOLLYWOOD** casting directors are usually pretty hard-bolled; practically nothing surprises them. But Victor Suttner, casting director for Edward Small Productions, Inc., now filming "My Son, My Son!" for United Artists, was considerably startled when he got the answers to questions asked Schuyler Standish, who reported to be tested for the part of a young boy.

"How old are you?" asked Suttner. "Twelve."

"And in what grade are you at school?"

"The senior year at high school." Suttner thought the lad was pulling a fast one. But he discovered that he had a prodigy on his hands. Young Standish is successful as an actor, both on the screen and radio, has won a scholarship as a violinist, writes plays and stages them for inmates of the Veterans' hospital at Sawtelle, Calif., and draws and paints and builds models.

"We Are Not Alone" is a picture you should be sure to see; the chances are that you'll remember it, not just because of Paul Muni's excellent performance, but because of Jane Bryan's appearance in the cast.

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**Christmas Comes But Once a Year—Almost Any Time!**

Merry Christmas is whatever you make it, whenever you make it. From December 5, when Saint Nicholas arrives for Dutch children, to the Aleutian Islanders' Christmas on January 7, someone is celebrating this festive day most of the time.

Holland chooses December 5 as the eve of the festival day which the church has set

aside in Saint Nicholas' honor. In Hungary Santa Claus pays his first visit several weeks ahead of the Yuletide, leaving boxes of candy in preparation for his second visit.

Most of the unusual celebrations, however, come after December 25—indeed, fall after New Year's day. Remote Shetland islanders north of Scotland celebrate January 5, still clinging to the old Julian calendar and refusing to accept that of Pope Gregory which most of the world has used for two centuries.

January 5 is also Christmas day in at least one part of the United States proper, isolated and windswept Rodanthe island off North Carolina. The custom, apparently a holdover from "old Christmas"—the Twelfth night, or Epiphany—the occasion finds all 300 residents hanging their stockings and awaiting Santa Claus.

In Alaska, where mid-summer delivery of Christmas presents makes them suitable either for last Christmas or the coming one, part of the residents celebrate on December 25 and the rest, January 7. The latter date is observed chiefly by Aleutian islanders, which is populated by natives who were interbred with Russians hundreds of years ago. They use the Russian calendar, which has not been changed to conform with that used by the rest of the world. By this calendar, New Year's is celebrated January 14.

**Men of Christmas**

Postmaster General James A. Farley receives Christmas cards at the rate of 1,000 a day during the Yule season.

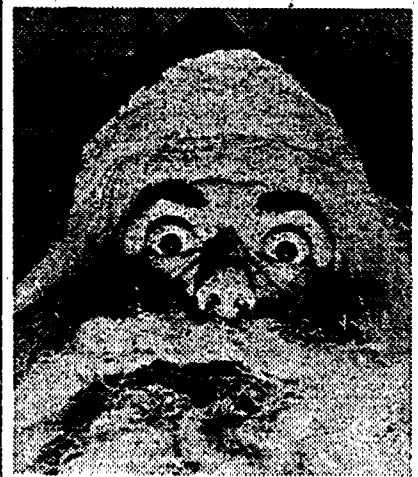
Vasco Da Gama, the great Portuguese navigator, was born on Christmas day in 1469, discovered Natal, Africa, on Christmas day, 1487, and died on Christmas eve, 1524.

Oscar Phillips, postmaster at Santa Claus, Ind., cancels a half-million pieces of mail each Christmas season.

President Roosevelt gets a toothbrush and cake of soap in his stocking each Christmas—an old family custom.

Edward Keenan, who has enacted the role of Santa Claus in Milwaukee since 1927, keeps a small herd of reindeer all year round for this purpose.

**No, This Isn't Santa, Kiddies**



**JANE BRYAN**



Just a few of the boys entering into the festive spirit. Top to bottom: Eddie Cantor (couldn't you recognize those eyes?); Jimmy Durante (you couldn't miss that beak); and Boris Karloff, shudder merchant of the films.

**Next Year's Yule Cards Already Being Designed**

Workers on Christmas cards carry on steadily all through the year. The artists who draw them have already produced their designs for the 1940-41 season, and as soon as the holidays are over the printer will begin work on those cards. One big firm in England has 500 men and women employed in the production of these cards, sometimes with calendars added.

Jean Muir's Theater Workshop, in Los Angeles, about four years ago, Warner Brothers discovered her. Bette Davis discovered her too, and has done everything she could to help her along in her career. Perhaps you'll remember her from "The Old Maid." Certainly you're going to do it because of her work in "We Are Not Alone."

One hears that Norma Shearer made a short for the Red Cross, didn't like the results, and asked that it be abandoned, and that the picture had to be re-made, with Ann Sheridan in the leading role.

If so, Miss Shearer is in good company. For it is also reported that Queen Elizabeth of England was filmed while making an Armistice day broadcast, and that the film has been called in and will be made over again, with better make-up and lighting for the royal star.

"Flesh and the Devil," which introduced Greta Garbo to a great many Americans, is to be re-made. It seems fairly certain that she will appear in it again, with a new script, (the first version was a silent one,) and a new leading man—Melvyn Douglas.

Al Pearce claims that he got his "I hope, I hope, I hope," straight from life—his own life. While still in his teens he sold insurance, or tried to; it was the kind that calls for small weekly payments. Al was as timid as the salesman he portrays on the air, and when he'd ring door bells he often muttered to himself "I hope there's nobody home, I hope, I hope, I hope." When he was working on the character of "Elmer" for his radio program the line came back to him.

Highlights of the year 1939 and how they will vitally affect world civilization during the next 12 months are shown in the latest March of Time film, "Newsfronts of War—1939." It begins with a brief examination of the year's most important events, and shows how they were covered by the big press associations. It is a film record of history in the making.

**ODDS AND ENDS**—"Sky Blazers," a new half-hour dramatization of authentic daring exploits in the lives of famous airplane pilots, is a new Saturday evening program; it's written by Phillips Lord, creator of "Gang Busters" and "We, the People" . . . Three of the six girls who work in the Professor Quix office have married since they began sorting the thousands of questions and answers which pour in every week for his *Battle of Wits*; each got a three weeks' vacation for her honeymoon, and then went back to work . . . "Four Wives," a sequel to "Four Daughters," is finished, and so is "The Secret of Dr. Kildare," the latest of the Kildare series. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

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**Meat Packer Donates Food to Needy at Yuletide**

**DENVER, COLO.**—Because Louis K. Sigman sometimes went hungry when he was an orphan boy in the streets of Brooklyn, N. Y., he now gives 50,000 pounds of meat each Christmas for distribution to needy families by a Denver newspaper. This custom, followed the past 10 years, has helped make the holiday season cheery for the destitute. There are 5,000 parcels of 10 pounds each. In the 10-year period, Mr.

Sigman has given away more than 250 tons of meat.

"I've had the idea ever since I was a little boy," he said last year. "I was in need a lot of the time myself."

The actual plan for a Christmas meat party came to him after he had observed dozens of adults and children at his packing plant asking for discarded scraps of beef, mutton and pork.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LABINE

# U. S. Scorns Neutrality Policy In Sympathizing With Finland; Russia Moves Against Rumania

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)  
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INTERNATIONAL:

Tears for Finland

This month the Communist party's magazine in Moscow, *Agitation's Companion*, pointed out that "President Roosevelt is more and more siding with the incendiaries of war," that "American imperialists are dreaming of world mastery," and that American business is "sparring no effort . . . to save European capitalism."

This didn't jibe with the Republican party's ideas or with those of America's President, though each was fighting the other over an international red herring, namely, the

sign ministers for a defense talk, heard that Nazi Germany was demanding his resignation. This gave credence to reports that the Reich and Russia planned to conquer both Finland and Sweden and divide them as shown on a map being circulated around eastern Europe. (See map.)

If this was far fetched, there was nothing unlikely about a Russian drive into the Balkans. A knowing world (which remembers how Soviet "mutual defense" treaties have made Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania subservient to the Kremlin, and how Finland found herself at war for refusing such a treaty) was not surprised when Moscow's *Communist International* suggested a similar treaty be consummated with Rumania!

AGRICULTURE:

Self-Sufficiency

This winter, to cut the federal deficit and still provide \$500,000,000 more for defense, congress must save elsewhere. Early to see handwriting on the wall is the department of agriculture, which promptly announced a 50 per cent slash in cotton export subsidies. But Secretary Henry A. Wallace will not stand idle and watch congress wreck his expensive farm program. Meeting at Chicago, the Farm Bureau federation heard Mr. Wallace drop a few hints of what he has in mind.

The general plan: To make the farm program self-supporting to assure its permanency. Possible means include re-enactment of processing taxes (voided by the Supreme court in 1936), the domestic allotment certificate plan, and earmarking all custom receipts (instead of only 30 per cent) for payment of farm benefits. Most broadly hinted plan is a general mam-

BUSINESS:

Pledge

After two days of denouncing the New Deal in convention speeches, the National Association of Manufacturers adopted a "platform of American industry" which was notable first because it was a consensus of U. S. industrial leadership, and second, because it was only mildly critical of the New Deal. Points: (1) to labor, the association pledged the highest income possible, a healthful environment, security, sickness and accident protection; (2) on collective bargaining, a defense of the worker's right to choose his own union, smattered with mild criticism of the national labor act; (3) to consumers, a pledge to seek greater value of products; (4) to investors, clear reports of stockholders and maintenance of a sufficiently strong capital structure.

POLITICS:

Dewey Sendoff

Overnight America learned it had a potential presidential candidate to oppose Franklin Roosevelt, should he seek a third term next year. At Princeton, N. J., a Gallup poll was released showing New York's District Attorney Tom Dewey trailing 48 per cent to 54 per cent in a mythical race with the President. Significantly, most Rooseveltian support came from low income and relief classes, but it was equally significant that the President had more strength than in a similar "trial heat" last May. Carefully avoiding premature commitments, the Gallup summary warned that anything can happen between now and election.

Not too enthusiastic was the national reception to Tom Dewey's opening campaign speech at Minneapolis. Hinging his entire argument on a forgotten and unimportant Rooseveltian comment that "our industrial plant is built," Candidate Dewey challenged: "Shall it be said that new America is matured and completed and overbuilt and incapable of further expansion and new achievements? . . . I say no, with resentment and anger."

Wisely, he left unsaid any opinions on how he would solve problems of agriculture, labor, business, finance and unemployment. But observers hoped he would not be silent too long.

ASIA:

Blunder and Pressure

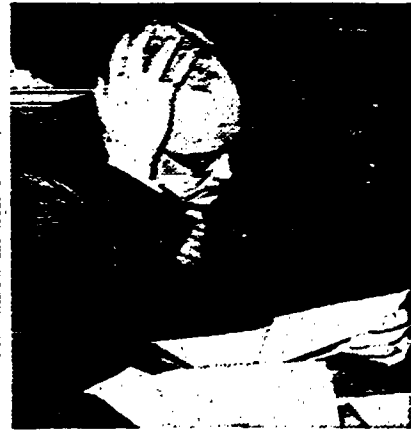
Bustily scattering diplomatic onslaughts in every direction the Japanese government found its "new order" program for the Orient obstructed by two Chinamen: (1) Wang Ching-Wei, popular candidate for puppet Chinese ruler, who blunderingly blasted peace talks with the U. S. by printing four anti-American articles in his newspaper; (2) old Marshal Wu Pei-fu, "China's only honest war lord" and probably the Japanese government's real candidate for puppet. Marshal Wu upset Tokyo's plan the most: He died.

Evidently deciding to make the most of Wang's blunder, Tokyo forfeited the American friendship she had made by agreeing to pay U. S. claims for property damage in China. Using pressure tactics, the foreign office indicated displeasure over increased American naval strength in the Pacific, indicating that Japan may wax friendly with Russia unless the U. S. changes its tune.

RELIEF:

Hunger in Ohio

Toledo's schools were closed and 20,000 relievers lived on limited rations. Dayton and Akron also felt the pinch. In Cleveland, where 16,000 were even deprived of the white flour and apples formerly given them, somebody noticed that garbage collections were smaller. Part



MAYOR BURTON  
Ohio's unhappiest man.

of this problem was dumped in the lap of Gov. John W. Bricker, who promptly dumped it right back. When New York's Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia asked him to take care of the "starving people," the governor suggested that he clean up his own back yard. In Washington, WPA Administrator F. C. Harrington denied the governor's accusation that Cleveland's acute problem "is due at least in part to political manipulation of WPA."

The most unhappy man in Ohio was Cleveland's Mayor Harold E. Burton, who got a blunt refusal when he asked the governor to call a special legislative session to deal with the relief problem. The final blow came when his city council demanded that he restore "full relief" immediately to single persons and childless couples, who were cut off "so that children might eat."

Moaned the mayor: "If anyone can tell me where to get the money, I'd like to know."

# "Silent Night, Holy Night"



## Shoppers' Aid Analyze Subject's Personality Before Selecting Gift for Him

WHAT to buy mother, father, brother, sister and sweetheart is a perplexing problem every Christmas. Most stores can give you specific tips, and probably there's something definite you've already decided to buy. But in case you're still puzzled here are a few general tips:

For Mother:

Buy her something she would not ordinarily buy herself. They tell about the young housewife who bought a woolen muffler for her husband's hard-working mother, and a fluffy, impractical gift for her own mother who already had everything she needed. By error the gifts were switched. The young housewife was horrified but both mothers were pleased beyond words.

Practicality is a nice thing but it's nice to give a kitchen-chained mother something besides household equipment. Like perfume or bath salts or a bed jacket. Or a pair of sheer chiffon stockings. She'd also like a necklace or bracelet, or a carefully chosen set of costume jewelry to dress up last year's clothes. These are just a few tips—the stores can amplify them a hundred-fold.

For Father:

Ties, mufflers, cigarette cases or hose are always acceptable but you've only scratched the possibilities there. Does he have a hobby

that needs encouragement? Does he have a peculiar weakness for some sport or a certain type of clothes which he's intentionally discouraged because it's extravagant?

In the clothing line, besides the first named items, you might look at smoking jackets, cuff links or a tie clasp set with his birthstone. Maybe he needs exercise for that waistline. Answer: Athletic equipment. Most men like games for fireside entertainment, or they'd appreciate a lunch kit for hunting and fishing trips.

For Sister or Sweetheart:

Flatter her tastes, and make it a distinctly "from-me-to-you" sort of gift. Jewelry is a favorite standby. Then there are books (which are regaining favor as gifts), a pair of gloves, a desk set, book ends—or how about a real, live dog to stress the "Love me, love my dog" angle?

For Brother or Sweetheart:

If the young man is particularly close to you there's an extremely wide range of gifts. Otherwise an expensive, elaborate gift might express too great an interest and you might therefore be wise to stick to the books-and-handkerchief line.

Proper choice of gifts requires a cool analysis of the man. If he likes the outdoor life, follow the sports motif. If he works inside, how about a memo pad or a desk set with a large blotter and leather accessories? Generally speaking, avoid tricky gifts and follow your salesperson's advice.

## Goose Is Favorite For Yuletide Feast And Easily Fixed

Goose, which is the traditional Christmas fowl just as turkey is Thanksgiving's dish, is easily prepared and is delightfully tasteful if handled correctly. Not until recent years has goose been properly appreciated, largely because it hasn't been prepared properly.

Geese vary in weight from 8 to 12 pounds or more. Watch for soft feet and a pliable bill (if you dress your own bird) as an indication of proper age for cooking.

An excellent dressing is the apple-and-raisin variety, made with the

Removing fat is a simple process. First wipe the bird dry, inside and out. Place in a covered roaster in a 425-degree oven for 30 minutes to start warming. Remove from oven and cool. Remove fat. Repeat this process twice.

Then stuff the goose, close the opening of the body cavity and tie the legs together. Weigh the bird, allowing 20 to 25 minutes to the pound for roasting in a 325-degree oven. Roast with breast side down.

You don't have to baste the bird as it roasts, but orange juice with grated rind may be used if desired.

## Yule Table Decorations Inexpensively Prepared; Add Gay Note to Feast

Company coming for Christmas dinner? Or just the family? In any event you'll want a Christmasy looking table and it can be accomplished easily and inexpensively. Here are three suggestions:

A large bowl, preferably of wood and filled with shining fruits (a bunch of grapes on top) gives a festive air. You can lay a wreath of holly about the bowl and use tall, slender candles grouped about it. Lace runners or dollies that reveal the gleaming table top complete this informal picture.

For an all-white table, use a white table cloth for your background and a miniature Christmas tree in the center. For ends of the table, white tapers in candelabra are excellent, and around their bases use simulated snow, cotton sprinkled with tinsel.

Flowers, while more expensive, make a beautiful table. An arrangement of pompon chrysanthemums and red roses in a low bowl, bedded by sprays of long-needle pine and frosted with cones is particularly attractive. A bit of holly gives it a definite Christmas air. The entire arrangement needs few more than a dozen flowers. Such an arrangement should be kept low so it will not hide the folks across the table. For a long table, make the arrangement long; for a round table, make it round.

## 'Merry Christmas, Mary Christmas,' Says Santa Claus

What's in a name? Plenty, if it happens to be Mary Christmas, or Santa Claus, and that's actually happened.

Both Evansville, Ind., and Racine, Wis., have their Mary Christmas, and at Marshall, Mo., there's a jolly fellow whose last name is Claus, and whose parents christened him Santa.

Evansville's Mary Christmas comes from an old family which has had a Mary in each generation. Racine's Mary Christmas got that way by marrying a fellow named Samuel Christmas, and she's now a telephone operator. Which explains that strangely personal and timely message long distance operators hear out of Racine around Christmas time: "This is long distance, operator—Mary Christmas!"

Racine's Mary Christmas, who is short, chubby and looks just like the artist's conception of Mrs. Santa Claus, gets hundreds of fan mail letters every year. Three years ago she appeared on a Yuletide radio program and has been so deluged with fan mail ever since that she's founded a "shut-in" club which has members in 40 states, Canada, Hawaii, India, China and New Zealand.

Marshall's Santa Claus is similarly Christmas-minded. Each Yuletide he tries to answer the fan letters which come from all corners of the globe, many in such strange foreign languages that he can't reply. He's much in demand for church parties and other Christmas affairs. Santa is a plumber on weekdays, a vegetable gardener on the side and a preacher in the Church of God at Blue Lick, Mo., every Sunday. Two years ago, when plumbing business was bad, he was grateful for a \$250 check sent him by Mae West, the actress.

In Roslindale, near Boston, lives an Ambrose Claus who with his wife last year celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. Like all other folks named Claus, they seem to have a lion's share of Christmas spirit.

DON'TS

## Safety Is Watchword For a Merry Christmas

Here are a few "don'ts" for Christmas, recommended by safety authorities:

1. Don't give small children toys involving alcohol, kerosene or gasoline engines. They may tip over and set the house on fire.
2. Don't permit small children to run electrical toys without the supervision of an adult.
3. Don't permit small children to use toy movie projectors without using safety film which burns slowly. Ordinary film burns explosively and gives off smoke and fumes which may cause death if inhaled.
4. Don't use candles or light extra fires without being extremely careful, especially in regard to candles on trees.
5. Don't wear inflammable costumes, especially Santa Claus beards, without fireproofing them.
6. Don't use inflammable ornaments and evergreen decorations.

## Superstitious Villagers Fear Year of Bad Luck If Candles Die on Tree

LONDON.—Early Christmas traditions still endure among English Yule celebrants.

No Christmas tree is considered complete in rural areas unless it is bedecked with little candles of different colors. Many people count it an ill sign if once lit the candles go out or are snuffed out before they have burned to their ends. In old days the candle was made such a size that it would burn from the time it was lit until midnight. If it went out before that, evil was portended to the family for the coming year.

The Yule log, which many hold should be lit by a brandy preserved from the previous year's stock, should be blown into a blaze by the maids, but these must have clean faces and hands or the log will not light easily. In the north of England it was once customary to let the servants have free drink so long as the log burned.

## Ex-Detroit Paper Boys Aid 65,000 at Christmas

DETROIT.—Twenty-five years ago the late James Brady conceived the idea of raising funds to insure needy children a merry Christmas by organizing a group of men who as boys had sold newspapers in the city. The idea was for them to return to their old corners at a stated period and sell papers to all who passed. Last year this organization of oldtimers raised about \$150,000.



THE SPLITUP?

Map circulating in Europe shows this to be the division of Baltic and Scandinavian nations planned by Russia and Germany, giving the Reich half of Sweden.

correct U. S. attitude concerning Russia's invasion of Finland. The G. O. P. was obviously making a political issue of Mr. Roosevelt's refusal to recall Laurence Steinhardt, ambassador to Moscow. White House spokesmen argued plausibly that this wouldn't be neutral, but it made little difference: Everybody from the President down was already unneutral, siding with little Finland so boldly that what few isolationists remained were alarmed.

The President publicly condemned Russia's aggression, but indicated nothing would be gained by severing relations. He next talked about a joint Pan-American declaration rebuffing the Soviet, which was merely a political move to offset Republican criticism. Finally, he decided Finland's December 15 war debt payment of \$24,833 ought to be turned over to RFC and expended through the American Red Cross to purchase U. S. surplus commodities for Finland.

Unabashed

Soviet Russia was undoubtedly Europe's most generally disliked power, but it mattered little to the Bolsheviks. Having refused to attend a League of Nations meeting called by Finland in protest over her invasion, the Soviet apparently could choose between quitting the league or being thrown out. Sweden mobilized against the menace.



SANDLER  
A sign?

A sign? Suggested that diplomatic relations with the Soviet be broken. Italian planes were rushed to the Fims while Fascist crowds hooted the Reds.

But 200,000 troops in the seventh Russian army continued to fight unabashed, puzzled, as was all the world, at how little Finland could stage such a terrific defense.

Meanwhile the diplomatic forecasters were busy. Sweden's Foreign Minister R. J. Sandler, who called the other Scandinavian for-



Joseph P. Kennedy, U. S. ambassador to Great Britain, arrived via transatlantic clipper for conferences which may help determine parts of the U. S. foreign policy.

Al Capone, former Chicago gang lord recently released from Alcatraz, was placed under the care of Dr. Manfred S. Guttmacher, prominent psychiatrist.

Fritz Kahn, German-American "bundeshehrer" convicted of stealing his organization's funds, was given 2½ to 5 years at Sing Sing prison.

Irene Castle McLaughlin, once an international dancing star, dropped her suit to divorce her sportsman husband, Maj. Frederic McLaughlin.



FEDERATION'S O'NEAL  
Not so certain . . .

facturers' sales tax, which he termed "simply the farmer's tariff." Groups like the Millers' National Federation promptly called it a "consumers' sales tax on an essential food," but that didn't solve the problem, either.

At least one major agricultural figure, the Farm Bureau's President Edward O'Neal, agreed with Mr. Wallace in principal. Said he: The farm program must be made self-supporting "because national prosperity is directly dependent on the welfare of the farmers."

Farmer O'Neal was less certain of his constituents' support on another point, the reciprocal trade program which comes up for congressional renewal next term. Though he called it "the best approach yet made" to solve the foreign trade problem, thereby agreeing with Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Mr. O'Neal thereby got many a dirty look from farmers who believe the program is undermining America's agricultural independence.

THE WAR:

Squeeze Play

So dull was western front warfare that both Britain and Germany were reported shipping planes to aid the beleaguered Fims (see *International*). Meanwhile Britain, France and other anti-Russian members of the League of Nations sought that nation's expulsion when the League met to hear why Finland doesn't like to be invaded.

For a time it seemed that Neville Chamberlain's battle against Hitlerism was being held in abeyance pending outcome of Finnish hostilities, a possibility that became more plausible when other classes of both French and German troops were demobilized. But this was only part of the plan: The allies were fighting an economic war, and their most potent weapon was only then being sharpened.

The weapon had two edges. French-British fleets were ordered to seize all German exports wherever they might be found, thus cutting off the Reich's supply of foreign exchange. The other edge: A plan for allied purchase of all exportable surpluses of Germany's neighbors, at prices the Reich was unable to pay. After a few days of this, German economists were not ashamed to admit the blockade was beginning to pinch. Only Rumania, under sudden pressure from Russia, refused to cut her sales to the Reich.

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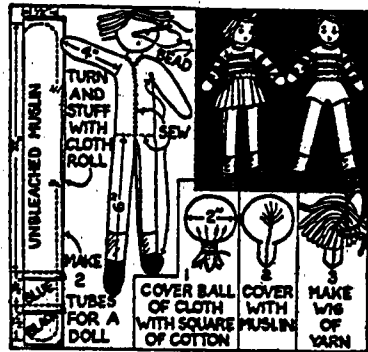
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**Quickly Made Dolls For Late Gift Choice**

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

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stretched cloth sewed in the back as in steps 1 and 2. The wig is made as in step 3.

Sew across the top of the legs to make the doll jointed. Sew the arms down and the tips of the feet up as indicated. Sew clear through the head when adding the bead eyes about half way between the top and bottom. This shapes the cheeks. A few stitches in red make the mouth. The pleated skirt is cut straight. The trousers are slightly shaped in the crotch. The sweaters are made from the tops of children's socks.

NOTE: The 10 cent edition of Sewing Book No. 4 is now ready for mailing, as well as the 10 cent editions of No. 1, 2 and 3. Mrs. Spears has just made quilt block patterns for three designs selected from her favorite Early American quilts. You may have these patterns FREE with your order for four books. Price of books—10 cents each postpaid. Set of three quilt block patterns without books—10 cents. Send orders to Mrs. Spears, Drawer 10, Bedford Hills, New York.

**Jap Villagers Kneel at Mound They Call Christ's Burial Place**

TOKYO.—Peasants in a remote northern Japanese village do not celebrate Christmas but they believe Jesus Christ died in Japan.

Nor are they Christians, but each year they kneel before a strange mound which they believe is Christ's burial place.

This takes place at the village of Heral where Buddhists or Shintoists gather each year around a mound surmounted by a pillar on which are three Japanese characters and a six-pointed star composed of interlocking triangles, like the Hebrew emblem.

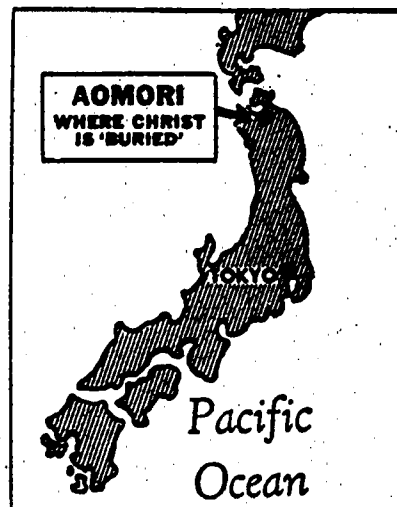
How this strange tradition arrived in Japan is not known, but visitors notice that the village, which is located in Aomori, near the extreme tip of Honshu island, is no great distance south of Mount Yadaijin, which is pronounced almost like the modern Japanese word for "Jew."

The six-pointed star is completely foreign to the people, yet some peasants are familiar with the Biblical version of Christ's death. The Aomorian story, which they have believed for 20 centuries, is this:

During the reign of the Emperor Suinin, the eleventh emperor, a young white man came to live in the district. Twelve years later, at the age of 34, he disappeared. His name: Soraitaro.

Fifteen years later he returned and told the people he had been to the land of his birth teaching religion and that, because of his beliefs, had been sentenced to death by crucifixion.

Soraitaro is then said to have told



the natives that his younger brother, Iskiri, sacrificed his own life on the cross. Then he traveled for four years, across Europe and through Siberia. Finally reaching Aomori again, he died at the age of 105 in the eleventh year of Keiko Tenno's reign.

Near the alleged burial mound is the ruin of a stone building which villagers call "Tsukino-Tatte," the House of the Moon. Many foreign articles are reported to have been unearthed from this place. People say it is the place where Jesus worshiped.

They do not worship His memory in a religious way, nor is the mound especially sacred. They describe Jesus as a "Sei-jin," a saint or wise man.

**Star Dust**

★ Astonishing Youth  
★ Well Done, Jane Bryan!  
★ Well, the Queen Did It  
—By Virginia Vale

HOLLYWOOD casting directors are usually pretty hard-boiled; practically nothing surprises them. But Victor Suttner, casting director for Edward Small Productions, Inc., now filming "My Son, My Son!" for United Artists, was considerably startled when he got the answers to questions asked Schuyler Standish, who reported to be tested for the part of a young boy.

"How old are you?" asked Suttner.

"Twelve."

"And in what grade are you at school?"

"The senior year at high school." Suttner thought the lad was pulling a fast one. But he discovered that he had a prodigy on his hands. Young Standish is successful as an actor, both on the screen and radio, has won a scholarship as a violinist, writes plays and stages them for inmates of the Veterans' hospital at Sawtelle, Calif., and draws and paints and builds models.

"We Are Not Alone" is a picture you should be sure to see; the chances are that you'll remember it, not just because of Paul Muni's excellent performance, but because of Jane Bryan's appearance in the cast.

For Jane Bryan is being hailed as the new sensation of the motion picture world. Her last name is really O'Brien, and she's an American. When she was a member of

**PATTERN DEPARTMENT**



ribbon instead of braid for trimming. Pattern No. 8587 is designed for sizes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years. Size 3 requires 1 1/2 yards of 35-inch fabric for the dress; 3/4-yard for panties. To trim with two rows of braid or bias fold requires 8 1/2 yards.

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**Christmas Comes But Once a Year—Almost Any Time!**

Merry Christmas is whatever you make it, whenever you make it. From December 5, when Saint Nicholas arrives for Dutch children, to the Aleutian islanders' Christmas on January 7, someone is celebrating this festive day most of the time.

Holland chooses December 5 as the eve of the festival day which the church has set aside in Saint Nicholas' honor. In Hungary Santa Claus pays his first visit several weeks ahead of the Yuletide, leaving boxes of candy in preparation for his second visit.

Most of the unusual celebrations, however, come after December 25—indeed, fall after New Year's day. Remote Shetland islanders north of Scotland celebrate January 5, still clinging to the old Julian calendar and refusing to accept that of Pope Gregory which most of the world has used for two centuries.

January 5 is also Christmas day in at least one part of the United States proper, isolated and windswept Rodanthe island off North Carolina. The custom, apparently a holdover from "old Christmas"—the Twelfth night, or Epiphany—the occasion finds all 300 residents hanging their stockings and awaiting Santa Claus.

In Alaska, where mid-summer delivery of Christmas presents makes them suitable either for last Christmas or the coming one, part of the residents celebrate on December 25 and the rest, January 7. The latter date is observed chiefly by Aleutian islanders, which is populated by natives who were interbred with Russians hundreds of years ago. They use the Russian calendar, which has not been changed to conform with that used by the rest of the world. By this calendar, New Year's is celebrated January 14.

**No, This Isn't Santa, Kiddies**



JANE BRYAN



Jean Muir's Theater Workshop, in Los Angeles, about four years ago, Warner Brothers discovered her. Bette Davis discovered her too, and has done everything she could to help her along in her career. Perhaps you'll remember her from "The Old Maid." Certainly you're going to do it because of her work in "We Are Not Alone."

One hears that Norma Shearer made a short for the Red Cross, didn't like the results, and asked that it be abandoned, and that the picture had to be re-made, with Ann Sheridan in the leading role.

If so, Miss Shearer is in good company. For it is also reported that Queen Elizabeth of England was filmed while making an Armistice day broadcast, and that the film has been called in and will be made over again, with better make-up and lighting for the royal star.

"Flesh and the Devil," which introduced Greta Garbo to a great many Americans, is to be re-made. It seems fairly certain that she will appear in it again, with a new script, (the first version was a silent one), and a new leading man—Melvyn Douglas.

Al Pearce claims that he got his "I hope, I hope, I hope," straight from life—his own life. While still in his teens he sold insurance, or tried to; it was the kind that calls for small weekly payments. Al was as timid as the salesman he portrays on the air, and when he'd ring door bells he often muttered to himself "I hope there's nobody home, I hope, I hope, I hope." When he was working on the character of "Elmer" for his radio program the line came back to him.

Highlights of the year 1939 and how they will vitally affect world civilization during the next 12 months are shown in the latest March of Time film, "Newfronts of War—1939." It begins with a brief examination of the year's most important events, and shows how they were covered by the big press associations. It is a film record of history in the making.

ODDS AND ENDS—"Sky Blazers," a new half-hour dramatization of authentic daring exploits in the lives of famous airplane pilots, is a new Saturday evening program; it's written by Phillips Lord, creator of "Gang Busters" and "We, the People." . . . Three of the six girls who work in the Professor Quis office have married since they began sorting the thousands of questions and answers which pour in every week for his Battle of Wits; each got a three weeks' vacation for her honeymoon, and then went back to work . . . "Four Wives," a sequel to "Four Daughters," is finished, and so is "The Secret of Dr. Killdare," the latest of the Killdare series. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

**Men of Christmas**

Postmaster General James A. Farley receives Christmas cards at the rate of 1,000 a day during the Yule season.

Vasco Da Gama, the great Portuguese navigator, was born on Christmas day in 1469, discovered Natal, Africa, on Christmas day, 1497, and died on Christmas eve, 1524.

Oscar Phillips, postmaster at Santa Claus, Ind., cancels a half-million pieces of mail each Christmas season.

President Roosevelt gets a toothbrush and cake of soap in his stocking each Christmas—an old family custom.

Edward Keenan, who has enacted the role of Santa Claus in Milwaukee since 1927, keeps a small herd of reindeer all year round for this purpose.

Just a few of the boys entering into the festive spirit. Top to bottom: Eddie Cantor (couldn't you recognize those eyes?); Jimmy Durante (you couldn't miss that beak), and Boris Karloff, shudder merchant of the films.

**Next Year's Yule Cards Already Being Designed**

Workers on Christmas cards carry on steadily all through the year. The artists who draw them have already produced their designs for the 1940-41 season, and as soon as the holidays are over the printer will begin work on those cards. One big firm in England has 500 men and women employed in the production of these cards, sometimes with calendars added.

**Meat Packer Donates Food to Needy at Yuletide**

DENVER, COLO.—Because Louis K. Sigman sometimes went hungry when he was an orphan boy in the streets of Brooklyn, N. Y., he now gives 50,000 pounds of meat each Christmas for distribution to needy families by a Denver newspaper. This custom, followed the past 10 years, has helped make the holiday season cheery for the destitute. There are 5,000 parcels of 10 pounds each. In the 10-year period, Mr.

Sigman has given away more than 250 tons of meat. "I've had the idea ever since I was a little boy," he said last year. "I was in need a lot of the time myself." The actual plan for a Christmas meat party came to him after he had observed dozens of adults and children at his packing plant asking for discarded scraps of beef, mutton and pork.

**HE KNEW HER WELL ENOUGH TO TELL HER**

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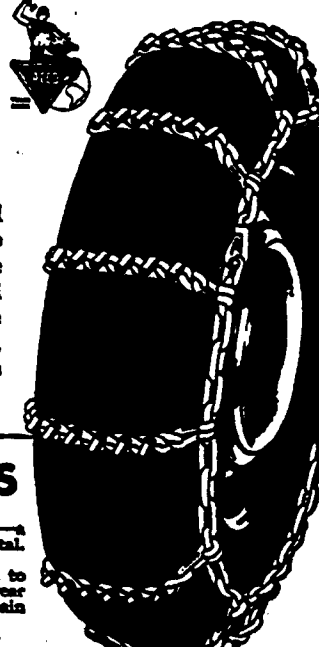
● Don't get stuck in drifted snow, nor in mud when it thaws. Don't skid and crash when the going is slippery. These hazards cost vast amounts—cause thousands of injuries—take too many lives. Snow and ice are treacherous. You should be ready for emergencies—protected with the gripping traction of tire chains that will not fail in that split second of danger to lives and property.

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### West Deering

#### West Deering School Notes

Reported by Anna Normandin  
The following pupils have been having one hundred per cent all week in spelling, Anna, Omer, and Louis Normandin, Everett, Irene, and Jean McAlister.

The following have had one hundred per cent all week in arithmetic, Anna, Alice, Omer and Louis Normandin, Priscilla Clark, Edward Kiblin and Irene McAlister.

With Mrs Colburn's permission we have been enjoying some fine skating on her land. Mrs. Davis has been skating with us too.

Several have been absent this week because of illness.

We are having a Christmas tree and exercises at school, December 15th at 2:30 p. m. Friends and parents are invited to attend.

We are decorating our school room with Christmas decorations.

Mr. and Mrs Louis Normandin were in Concord on Monday.

James McQuinn, of Cambridge, Mass., was at his home here for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Stimpert of Massachusetts were at their summer home here on Sunday.

#### Perfect Percheron

Twelve leading live stock judges recently collaborated in setting up the Percheron standard, reported The Country Home Magazine. They agreed on medium size, short legs, thick bodies, heavy bones, short, straight backs, deep ribs, long, level croup, heavy muscles, moderately straight hocks, and reasonably long, sloping pasterns. Such a horse has life, action and alertness, and he can turn around without breaking down a dozen hills of corn.

All of us are working for the government now. The trick is to get paid for it.

### N. H. GUERNSEY BREEDERS ARRANGE 1940 PROGRAM

New Hampshire Guernsey breeders will have a full program of activities for 1940 according to William Niedner of Hillsboro, vice president. Plans for these activities were worked out at a recent meeting of the officers and directors of the state association.

A series of county Guernsey meetings will be held the week of January 8th in cooperation with the county agents and the Extension Service of the University. The tentative schedule is as follows: Rockingham and Strafford, January 8th; Carroll and Coos, January 9th; Grafton and Sullivan, January 10th; Cheshire and Merrimack, January 11th and Hillsboro, January 12th.

A state-wide meeting and banquet for Guernsey breeders will be held on March 26th at Laconia with the Belknap County breeders as hosts. This meeting will be held in place of the one held the past two years in connection with the Granite State Dairymen's Association meetings.

Early in May a judging school will be held to study Guernsey type and the annual field day and parish show will be held in August.

The 1940 officers of the state association are William T. Jordan, president; William Niedner, Hillsboro, vice president; Clifford Stearns, Hinsdale, secretary-treasurer. County directors are Alex Pringle, Lebanon; Maurice Chase, Sunapee; Charles Helm, Laconia; A. J. Young, Dover; Delbert Fox, Salem; Dean Spaulding, Whitefield; Joseph Melanson, Wolfeboro; E. C. Smith, New Ipswich and Phil Pierce, Winchester.

**The Christian Era**  
The practice of reckoning the years from the supposed year of Christ's birth became the general custom in Italy, in the Sixth century. In France and England about two centuries later.

## Antrim Locals

Paul Demarest of Paterson N. J., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pratt

Rev. Fred MacArthur of Ludlow, Vt., was guest Nov. 29 of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morse. On their 47th Wedding Anniversary.

The Legion auxiliary held a successful Christmas sale and tea in the town hall, Friday afternoon. Mrs Gladys Phillips was general chairman and was assisted by Mrs. Louise Auger and Mrs. Mae Perkins at the fancy work table, Mrs. Mildred Zabriske and Mrs. Nina Fuglestad at the food table, Mrs. Dagmar George and Mrs. Rachel Day at the tea table. Mrs. Vera Butterfield was in charge of the Christmas tree grab for children. Children from the grades furnished music at intervals through the afternoon, directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Felker.

### Christmas Presents to Suit Individual Tastes

BERTHA NEVINS and her best friend, Mary Parks, were discussing Christmas. "It's absurd, Mary," Bertha was saying, "for two grown women to spend quite a lot of money, as we do each year, for foolish presents."

"But, Bertha, we have no families, and it wouldn't seem like Christmas at all—"

"Oh, we'll exchange gifts, of course, darling. Only I think since we have been good friends for so long, we should be perfectly frank about what we want."

"You have something in mind," Mary smiled, and as Bertha agreed—"Well," she continued—"so have I. Something I've wanted for ever so long."

"What?" asked Bertha.

"Guess. It is to put in my living room, near the window. The main part is small, and the outside needn't be large—"

"What is it made of?"

"Wood, usually, and metal. Metal wires, anyway. And it will be company for me—"

"To have sweet melody floating on the air. Am I right? And the color doesn't matter so long as it has a clear tone?"

"Why, yes, but how did you guess so quickly?"

"Because I wanted exactly the same thing for just ages. I'll give you one and you give me one!"

But what Christmas brought to Bertha was a radio, while Mary got a case and canary.—Helen Galsford.

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### Lost Savings Bank Book

Notice is hereby given that the Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank of Hillsboro, N. H., issued to Nellie V. Clark of Antrim its book of deposit No 12839, and that such book has been lost or destroyed, and that said bank has been requested to issue a duplicate thereof.

Hillsborough, N. H., December 7, 1939 3-5

### Executor's Notice

The Subscriber gives notice that he has been duly appointed Executor of the Will of Grace M. Knight late of Bennington, in the County of Hillsborough, deceased.

All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment, and all having claims to present them for adjustment.

Dated November 23, 1939.

2-4 \* Fred A. Knight

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The Subscriber gives notice that she has been duly appointed Executrix of the Will of Ralph E. Messer late of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough, deceased.

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### New Fashioned Christmas

Good old-fashioned Christmas cheer, so loudly mourned for in these modern days, is a myth. The new fashioned Christmas is far better, declares the Woman's Home Companion. "Much has been added and nothing has been taken away unless by our own blindness or folly," it continues.

### Boar's Head and Peacock

Yuletide celebration in England reached the height of magnificence in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth centuries. Great quantities of food were served at the banquets, where the boar's head occupied the place of honor, while the peacock was next in importance.

### The Christmas Spirit

The Christmas spirit has "rown with the years until it binds all Christian hearts together in love and good fellowship.

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Hillsborough, ss.

Court of Probate  
To the heirs at law of the estate of Alberto B. Bush late of Bennington, in said County, deceased, testate, and to all others interested therein:

Whereas Adelbert W. Bush and Clarence E. Bush executors of the last will and testament of said deceased, have filed in the Probate Office for said County the final account of their administration of said estate:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Court of Probate to be holden at Hillsborough in said County, on the 26th day of January, 1940 to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

Said executors are ordered to serve this citation by causing the same to be published once each week for three successive weeks in the Antrim Reporter a newspaper printed at Antrim in said County, the last publication to be at least seven days before said Court.

Given at Nashua in said County, the 6th day of December A. D. 1939.

By order of the Court,  
WILFRED J. BOISCLAIR,  
Register.

## Post Office

Effective September 25, 1939.  
Standard Time

Mails Close	Going North	7.20 a.m.
" "	" "	8.55 p.m.
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## Church Notes

Furnished by the Pastors of  
the Different Churches

**Presbyterian Church**  
Rev. Wm. McN. Kittredge, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 17  
At 7:30 Bible Study of Acts 4th. Chapter

Sunday December 17  
Morning Worship at 10:30 with sermon by the Pastor from the theme: "Christmas Prophecies".

The Bible School meets at 11:45 At six o'clock the Young People's Fellowship in the vestry of the Presbyterian Church. Topic: "The Message of Christmas" Leader, Mr. Frank Jellerson.

At seven o'clock a Christmas service will be held with special music by the Senior and Junior choirs. Christmas carols will be sung. The Pastor will give a short story sermon called "The Birthday of Hope". The public is invited.

**Baptist Church**  
Rev. Ralph H. Tibbals, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 14  
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m. Topic: "Proffered Help", John 3: 16-21.

Sunday, December 17

Church School 9:45  
Morning Worship 11. The pastor will preach on "The Purpose of the Advent".

Crusaders 4  
Young People's Fellowship 6 in the Presbyterian Church.

Union Service 7 in the Presbyterian Church.

**Antrim Center  
Congregational Church**  
John W. Logan, Minister

Service of Worship Sunday morning at 9:45

At five o'clock, a Carol service. Special music by Madames, Tenney, Butterfield and Robertson. Join with us in singing the old Christmas Carols

## East Deering

Mrs. Archie Dutton was in Manchester on Monday.

Mrs. Peter Wood was in Hillsboro one day recently.

Mr. Whitney of Alstead was in this part of the town on Friday.

The bridge at the Dow place in North Deering is finished and open for travel again.

Mrs. Hilda Wilson entertained a party of friends at her home on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Haines of North Weare were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loveron on Thanksgiving.

**An Indian Superstition**  
It is an old superstition in India that if a girl permits her hair to curl in ringlets when she is married, she will, in time, lose her husband. So the young Hindu bride usually cuts any unruly ringlets from her head and plasters her hair down flat, in order to insure for herself a happy married life.

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Antrim School Board.

### SELECTMEN'S NOTICE

The Selectmen will meet at their Rooms, in Town Hall block, on Monday evening of each week, to transact town business.

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ITALY	La Befana	Buon Natale	Buon Capo d'Anno
SWEDEN	Jultomte	God Jul	Got Nytt Ar
NORWAY	Julenissen	Gladig Jul	Godt Nytt Aar
GERMANY	Sankt Nicholas	Froehliche Weihnachten	Ein Glueckliches Neues Jahr
HOLLAND	Sint Nicolaas	Plezierig Kerstfeest	Gelukkig Nieuwjaar

### Well . . . What's Holdin' Him Up?



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### Use Sleigh Bells for Jolly Christmas Game

HERE is a new and exciting game to play at a Christmas party. First borrow a set of sleigh bells. They are not as easy to find as in the old days. Find a string with tuneful, jangling notes. If you wish the game to jingle to the full measure of holiday fun.

The idea is simply this: It is possible to suggest, then control the action of a person who does not know what is in your mind, but must find out through the sound of the bells. Here is the way to do it:

Send one of the guests from the room. The remainder decide what he must do. For instance—go to a certain table, pick up a book, take it to another table and place it near the lamp. Here are four separate acts in succession.

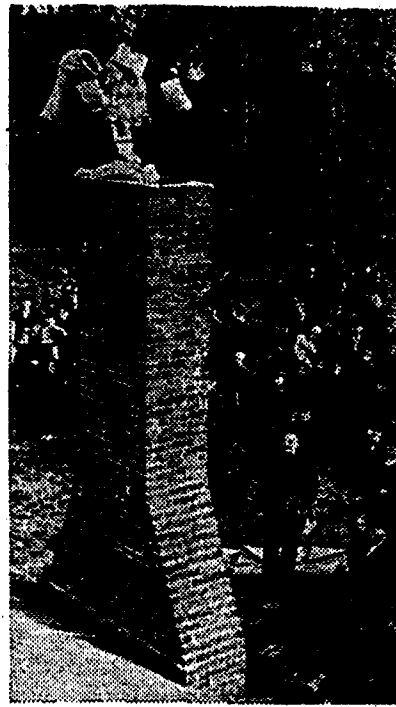
The person outside is called back. Somebody has been chosen to be the manipulator of the bells. He must use a nice judgment in using them, ringing softly when the act approaches what is in the minds of all; ringing loudly as the perplexed player moves away. Try it. Use subtle gradations of sound to guide your experiment. Without a word being spoken he will at last be guided to do what has been secretly agreed upon. Loud ringing when he is far from his goal or going from it, soft, soft, barely audible when he is near the doing of what is required.—Martha Banning Thomas.

### Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas, immortalized in the well-known carol, was really a Bohemian prince who died in A. D. 935. His name should properly be spelt "Wenceslaus." He was famous for his great kindness to the poor and needy. When, in September, A. D. 935, he was killed by his brother, Boleslav, the people of the country were heartbroken. He is still regarded as their patron saint.—Tit-Bits Magazine.

"Be Sure You Are Right"  
"Be sure you're right an' den go ahead," quoted Uncle Eben, "but befo' goin' ahead remember dat it takes a mighty smart man to be absolutely sure he's right these days."

### Caught in the Act!



At Santa Claus, Ind., where they run a school for Santa Clauses, the instructor shows his students how to handle one of Kris Kringle's most important duties. A measuring stick, to make sure there is enough clearance, is one of the requisites.

### Follow the Rules When Addressing Christmas Cards

How do you address a Christmas card to a widow? A divorcee? A business acquaintance? Here are some tips on cards:

Generally speaking, greetings fall into two classes, formal and informal. If you use printed or engraved cards for formal use, the title Miss, Mr., or Mrs. and Mrs. should preferably appear above the greeting. For instance: "Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stanyon wish you a Merry Christmas," rather than "A Merry Christmas from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stanyon."

On informal cards, signed in ink, the husband's or wife's name should come first, although ordinarily the person signing would put his own name last. In general, the husband's name comes first. These can be signed "Bob and Betty," or "Bob and Betty Bentley," depending on how well the acquaintance knows you.

No card should ever be sent without a Mr., Mrs. or Miss prefix. An unmarried woman is always addressed as "Miss." A married woman, whether her husband is alive or not, is addressed with "Mrs." prefixed to her husband's full name. Since a woman's maiden name is used only on legal papers or when she uses it professionally, a divorcee's maiden name may be used if it's been established by legal procedure after the divorce was granted.

Cards to a married couple should be addressed Mr. and Mrs., even though you may know only one of them. If it's a business acquaintance and you haven't met the recipient's wife, it's permissible to send the card in his name only. Business addresses are quite all right, though there's a bit more courtesy and more personal touch to find out the home address and send the card there.

A family in mourning may send and receive Christmas cards as usual unless the bereavement is very recent—within the last two or three weeks.

### Kiss the Maiden Under Mistletoe—But Follow Rules!

IT'S still a nice custom this Christmas to kiss the young lady under the mistletoe, but your efforts are in vain unless it's done properly.

Every time someone kisses under the mistletoe a berry should be plucked from the branch, for only so many blessings are bestowed as there are berries. And don't let the mistletoe fall to the ground. Otherwise its properties of good luck and healing will be destroyed.

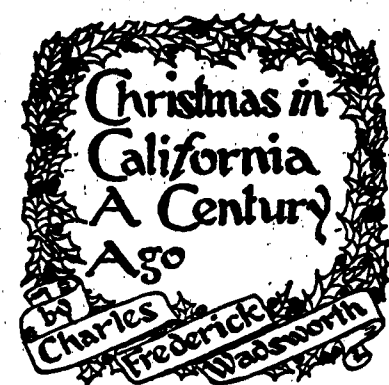
Many a romantic story surrounds this plant. The berries represent tears from this legend:

A Scandinavian god, Balder, dreamed he would die. When he told his mother, the goddess Friga, she made earth fire, air, water and all animals and plants promise they wouldn't harm her son.

But she overlooked the mistletoe, for its roots were neither in the earth nor air. So one of Balder's enemies fashioned an arrow from the plant and that was the end of Balder. The tears of the heartbroken goddess fell thick and fast, and froze into the berries.

Having such a heathen origin, mistletoe is seldom included in church schemes of decoration. But despite this ban few maids care to risk making the legend come true that "she who is not kissed under the mistletoe at Christmas will not be married in the year which follows."

If you want to be lucky, remember the rules.



WHEN one thinks of the traditions of Christmas celebration in New England, the Middle States, and even farther West, in the early part of the Nineteenth century, it is to vision snow-covered ground, sleigh rides, and the jingle of sleigh bells, with Christmas trees and Santa Claus, much as today in those sections. Whole families going visiting in the bob-sled, to partake of the Christmas feast built around the turkey!

Those were great times and days, and their annals live in the works of famous literati of the East coast when our Republic was comparatively young. But at the same time a mighty civilization was being built on the West coast, though how different was the Christmas observed in the sparsely settled and undeveloped land that is now California! And how few to leave record!

However, Albert Robinson, a clerk who left Boston for California in July, 1828, and after 110 days reached Valparaiso, and Monterey on February 15, 1829, has left in his "Life in California," published in the late forties, a description of a Christmas celebration held at the mission in San Diego that shows the contrast between such events on the east and west coasts at that time.

Robinson's business took him to various parts of the (now) state, and while on a visit from his headquarters in San Francisco to his friend Don Jose Antonio Estudillo, comandante of San Diego, wrote of the Christmas festivities he had witnessed:

"Don Jose Antonio . . . was ever on the alert seeking for some new device for my gratification. It was nearly time for the religious festival of 'la noche buena' (the holy night) and he directed the customary exhibition of the 'pastores.' They were rehearsing night after night, till



Fireworks Were Set Off, and All Was Rejoicing.

at length Christmas arrived, and I had an opportunity of beholding the midnight mass and the subsequent performances.

"At an early hour illuminations commenced, fireworks were set off, and all was rejoicing. The church bells rang merrily, and long before the time of mass the pathways leading to the presbytery were enlivened by crowds hurrying to devotion. I accompanied Don Jose Antonio, who procured for me a stand where I could see distinctly everything that took place. The mass commenced, Padre Vincente de Oliva (died 1845) officiated, and at the conclusion of the mysterious 'sacrificio' he produced a small image representing the infant Savior, which he held in his hands for all who chose to approach and kiss.

"After this, the tinkling of the guitar was heard without, the body of the church was cleared, and immediately commenced the harmonious sounds of a choir of voices. The characters entered in procession, adorned with appropriate costumes, and bearing banners. There were six females representing shepherdesses, three men and a boy.

"One of the men personated Lucifer, one a hermit, and the other Bartolo, a lazy vagabond, whilst the boy represented the archangel Gabriel. The story of their performance is partially drawn from the Bible, and commences with the angel's appearance to the shepherds, his account of the birth of our Savior and exhortation to them to repair to the scene of the manger.

"A dialogue is then carried on of considerable length relative to the attributes of the Deity, which ends in the submission of Satan.

"The whole is interspersed with songs and incidents that seem better adapted to the stage than the church. For several days this theatrical representation is exhibited at the principal houses, and the performers at the conclusion of the play are entertained with refreshments. The boys take an enthusiastic part in the performance, and follow about from house to house, perfectly enraptured with the comicalities of the hermit and Bartolo."

How different from the gay Christmas celebrations of California's present millions! And how different from what was taking place on the east coast!

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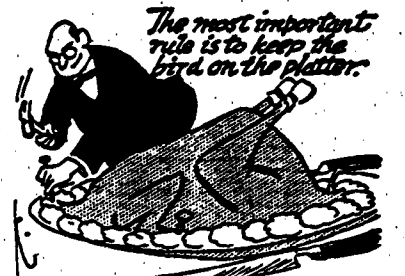
### —Being Directions On How to Carve Christmas Turkey

Gather round ye masters of the Christmas dinner table. Uncle Sam will teach you a lesson;

The government has issued an official bulletin on the proper technique for carving the Christmas turkey.

The bulletin rules on such important problems as whether the father should stand or sit while doing the honors and the position of the turkey on the platter. All you have to do is read this, and carving the festive bird will be a lead-pipe cinch.

"The turkey rides on the platter back down," says the bureau of home economics. "The first prob-



lem is father's: Should he stand or sit while carving?"

There are two schools of thought on this subject, and the government grants father his constitutional rights to do as he pleases. But it is suggested, after deliberation, that a short person had best stand and a tall person should sit for the most effective work. Are you short or tall?

The next problem, says the bulletin, is the point of attack. It is here that many a head of a house, the bureau believes, has lost the Christmas spirit through ignorance or awkwardness—or just plain stubbornness.

Only a few simple rules need be followed. The most important, of course, is to keep the bird on the platter, because it's rather difficult to work on the floor. Also, the bu-



reau estimates, a bird on the platter is worth two on the tablecloth.

"First," the bureau said, "remove the leg from the body by grasping it in your left hand (but what if you're left handed?) and cutting straight down to the hip joint. Remove the wings and the other leg.

"Then place the fork squarely across the breastbone toward the end of the keel, to anchor the bird while you carve the breast in slices; using a slightly sawing motion."

If you don't like the shape of your turkey, or the distribution of dark and white meat, well—why not have your wife carve in the first place?

### Christmas Hymns Ring From Depths Of Michigan Mine

ISHPEMING, MICH. — "Silent Night, Holy Night!" drifts mysteriously up the pitch-black Morris mine shafts here. Down below, 1,500 feet underground, 200 grimy-faced workmen pause for the world's most unique Christmas party, an annual event held at the Inland Steel company's iron mine here.

Finn and Austrian, Swede and Englishman, Italian and Irishman, these helmeted giants of the earth join lustily in Christmas hymns as elevators carry them to the 1,500-



Genial Jim Fowler, garbed as Santa Claus, gives Elmer Waara, one of the miners, a folding rule as remembrance of a six-inch error.

foot level where their party is held. "Genial Jim" Fowler, 225-pound timber boss, strides forth in a Santa Claus costume and takes his place at the brightly lighted tree. Like children around a tree at home, the miners stand eager and expectant.

Gifts are rib-tickling reminders of errors during the year. Last year, for example, the mine carpenter was given a rule—inspired by a six-inch error made a few months earlier.