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One Boy From Your Town

Let us call him John. Let us say he lived on the same street as you and that you noticed what a fine, upstanding lad he seemed when he played the lead in the high school play. You know his parents by sight, and you have heard of the deep anxiety and grief they feel. For now John is a prisoner of war in North Korea.

No wonder one of your neighbors remarks angrily to you: "I'd trade the whole pack of North Korean and Chinese prisoners for that one boy. Is it more important that we should coddle a lot of gooks who don't want to go home than consider the interests of a clean-cut young American in some filthy Communist prison camp who does want to come home?"

The question cannot be answered glibly; there is too heavy a load in too many American hearts for that. It is asking a great deal of any man or woman with a son or a husband, a friend or a neighbor in Communist hands to put an abstract principle like "no forcible repatriation" ahead of the speedy release of United Nations prisoners by a simple agreement to exchange all captives on both sides. But there is another question to ask.

In your town there may be 500 boys 12 or 14 years old. Would you demand John's immediate release if the almost certain cost would be that those boys in a few years would face an immeasurably stronger foe in an incalculably more horrible war, with fewer allies and with fewer accepted principles of decency on which to build toward peace?

Yet that is the picture. Unless Red subversion and Red aggression are to spread through the world as Red power grows, that part of the world dedicated to freedom must build up its moral and physical strength, its unity of purpose and method, far beyond their present level. Nations living dangerously in a fancied "neutrality" almost within the shadow of the Iron Curtain must be won to support more vigorously the defenses of freedom. Large-scale defections from Communist rule must take place increasingly.

How can this be expected if, in abject submission to Red bullying, the United States and the United Nations should serve notice on the world that those would desert the Kremlin's cause will not find asylum in the "free" world? To force back into Communist slavery those who desperately oppose it would be tantamount to throwing away the moral standard which alone can furnish a rallying point to those who want to be or stay free.

We think that John, as an intelligent American who certainly longs to be free, would understand this. Naturally, he would want to be sure the United States is not opposing the Soviet Union on the PW issue simply for the sake of opposition. He would doubtless have wanted his countrymen to join their allies in giving the fullest and most sympathetic consideration to the Indian formula by which his freedom might have been obtained without sacrificing the principle of "no forcible repatriation."

But the Russian refusal of the Indian plan would show him, as it has shown the world, the iron determination of the Communists to crush out that principle on the basis that the individual has no rights which governments are bound to respect.

It comes down to that, and John may have glimpsed the universality of the issue during his long months as a combatant and then as a prisoner, with men of other nations sharing his dangers and his trials. Even his enemies he may have come to see not as "gooks," but as men in bondage to their own ignorance, men who must one day be freed from that bondage in a degree if John and the children he hopes to have are ever to know a peaceable world.

And if he has seen that, we may be sure he understands why he must bear the heavy burden of captivity a while longer.—Christian Science Monitor.

Putting Christ in Christmas

A year or so ago a local lay group started a worthy movement in urging the public to "Put Christ in Christmas," the season of Christ's birth. For Christmas is the time of the birth of Christ, the world's greatest moral and religious teacher, whose teachings have survived the perils of history, the rise and fall of empires, the satire of the learned and the dark days of the dark ages. The birth and existence of Christ is now an established fact, but even in the so-called Christian nations, most of the people continue to celebrate Christmas in a sort of pagan way by stuffing more than is good for us, others by getting intoxicated and all by getting generous with gifts for the one day only.

Normally if we go to a birthday party to celebrate the birthday of someone, we conform to the wishes of the honored guest in our deportment, but not so in the celebration of Christmas. More often we do things that Christ himself would condemn.

To bring us nearer to the real meaning of Christmas, the lay group has suggested that we do three things: 1—In sending greetings to our friends, use greeting cards appropriate to the occasion, those carrying a religious theme. 2—In erecting Christmas decorations, use scenes from the life of Christ, such as the nativity scene. 3—Read the Christmas story to our friends and to members of our family, as told in St. Luke and St. Matthew.

Tax Reductions

Good news for taxpayers: It looks very much as if the next move in federal income tax rates, both personal and corporate, would be downward. Rep. Daniel A. Reed, (Rep. N. Y.), next chairman of the house ways and means committee, promises to introduce a tax reduction bill on the first day of the new congress. He wants to cut back personal tax rates 11 per cent in two bites, half on June 30, 1953, the rest a year later.

Also, the so-called excess profits tax on corporations is scheduled to expire June 30, 1953, and spokesmen for industries suffering from heavy excise taxes—imposed at the same time as EPT—want to make sure their burdens are lifted at the same time. There is little sentiment for renewing EPT, and its demise will give a push to cutting the other levies. It won't do to grant savings to big taxpayers and not to smaller ones.

Moreover, high taxes were one of the issues of the recent campaign. Democrats looking forward to the 1954 elections will not want to label themselves again the party of high taxes. Some Republican and conservative Democratic voices have been raised in favor of deferring tax reductions until promised budget cuts begin to show their effect, but this view is not likely to prevail.



SANTAS OF YEARS GONE BY were uncovered in the Sentinel archives and are printed for oldsters and youngsters alike.

The small, ragged Santa at the right may be out of pioneer days. He has the look of an early prospector in his buckskins who has come down from the hills to deliver his parcels on a snowy Christmas morn.

The Santa on the left is more genteel, and we like to

think he is out of the 1890's, a citified Santa who drove his reindeer and sleigh up the avenue to mingle with the fine carriages of those on parade on the snowy holiday.

The Santa in the center has a leer on his face, which does not seem to conform to jolly Saint Nick, so we think of him as coming straight from the wilds of Siberia to scare little children. But don't worry, young ones, Siberia is a long way off and we are sure this Santa won't arrive here on time for this Christmas at least.

Letters to the Editor

Delight Valley

Dear Santa Claus:
We want to tell you what we want for Christmas. Marianne, my little sister, wants a little buggy. Roy Lee wants a tractor, and I want a dolly that I can wash her hair and comb and brush it. We have been good children. Marianne helps Momma sweep the floor. Roy Lee helps Daddy milk the cow. I help Mamma set the table.

Love,
Marianne, Roy Lee and
Janelle Stone
(Editor's Note: All letters to Santa Claus are promptly forwarded to the jolly fellow so he can have time to read all of them before Christmas.)

CD Leader Advises 5-Day Food Supply

Oregon families should keep a five-day rotating food supply in their homes in the event any major disaster should temporarily disrupt normal supply channels.

That advice came from Miss Lo Howard, who heads the Emergency Welfare service for the state civil defense agency.

"The average householder—planning ahead for an enemy attack or other disaster—will fare just as well in an emergency with a limited but carefully stocked pantry as she will with overstuffed shelves," said Miss Howard. "Civil defense planners do not advocate food stockpiling. However, they recommend that a well-rounded supply of simple, staple foods be kept on hand."

She commented that setting aside an emergency food supply is one of several self-protection measures that apply even to people living in small communities, remote from Oregon's critical target area. She said that after a disaster of catastrophic proportions, food might not be immediately available from retail outlets and supply lines might be cut for several days. All man power and resources would be needed in the stricken areas throughout the country.

Chamber in Red

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ber industry, 28 percent; agriculture, 185 percent; and tourist trade, 140 percent.

He said Cottage Grove's population growth was up 34 percent for the period and bank deposits were up from \$1,000,000 to \$7,000,000 or a 350 percent increase.

"Here in this area (meaning Cottage Grove and the Willamette valley) you see the most rapid growth of any section in the state," Leonard said. "And everything indicates that in the next ten years the increase will be proportionate over the period just past. We will see power developed three times over. Only 28 percent of the potential of the Columbia basin is now developed."

Facilities Outgrown
"There is no facility anywhere, including Cottage Grove, that is not outgrown. (He mentioned schools and city facilities.) Money is a problem," he added.

He mentioned a fund drive carried on recently in Portland and of a wealthy man who said he still wished to see the cow grazing on the corner instead of the growth of the busy city of Portland.

"He missed the point," Leonard said. "Whether we like it or not communities will grow. The responsibility is to create job opportunities and integrate the new people into the economy."

He mentioned Los Angeles county where he originally lived. He said over 4,000,000 people in the county paid high taxes, and 81 cents of every dollar went for relief.

"Perhaps it is the influence of early settlers in our state and their New England inheritance, but we are not interested in mere population but in integration and self sufficiency," the Chamberman said.



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Katherine Jones

Katherine Emille Jones, nearly 83 years of age, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. S. Hixon, Saturday, December 6. She had been a resident of Cottage Grove for the past three years, coming from Indianapolis. She was born Katherine Diehl December 18, 1869, at Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Jones was a member of the Third Church of Christ, Scientist of Indianapolis. She was married at Anderson, Ind., in 1895 to Morris B. Jones.

Surviving are one daughter, Alfreda Hixon, Cottage Grove; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The remains were shipped to Indianapolis for Christian Science services at Flanner & Buchanan Mortuary at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 13. Interment will be in the family mausoleum in Crown Hill cemetery. Local arrangements were in charge of Mills Mortuary.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Hixon escorted the body to Indianapolis.

Ida J. Patchen

Ida Jane Patchen died at her home, 421 Elder Street, Drain, Sunday, December 7, 1952, at the age of 88 years. She had been a resident of the Drain community for 49 years. She was born near Hampshire, Ill., July 17, 1864. Mrs. Patchen came to Drain from Orofino, Idaho. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

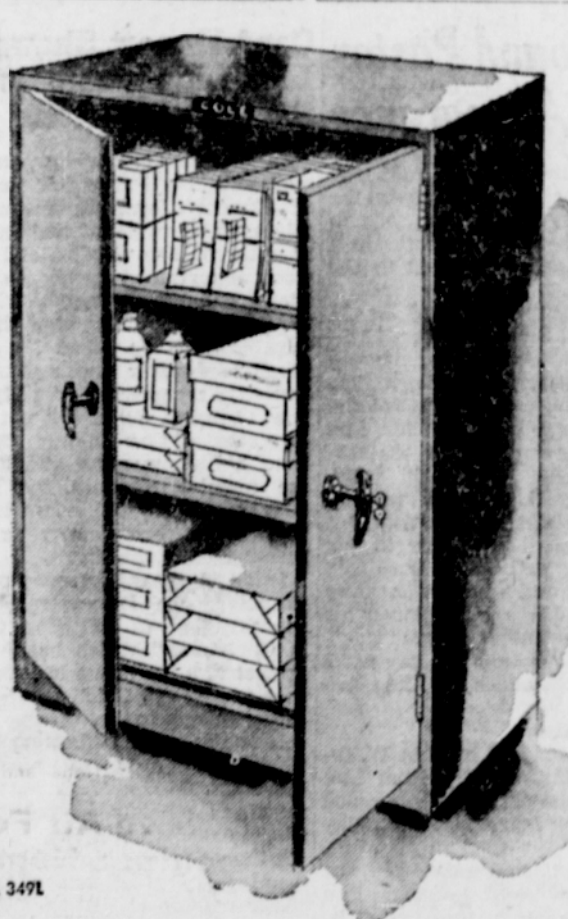
Surviving are the following children: Roy D., Springfield, Archie G., Drain, Cecil J., Drain, Edna P. Kenney, Drain; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one brother and one sister: Ben Dickson and Ina Dobson, both of Orofino.

Funeral services were held at the Drain Church of Christ Tuesday, December 9, at 2:30 p.m., with interment in the Old Drain cemetery. Mills Funeral Service of Drain was in charge of arrangements.

RFE TRAGET NATIONS

The target nations for Radio Free Europe broadcasts are Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania. In this area the struggle still goes on, at least in the hearts of the people, between Soviet domination and nationalistic aspirations, between tyranny and a tradition of freedom. Radio Free Europe reaches minds receptive to its message.

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47-Year Resident Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Dan Dugan, nearly 90 years old, passed away Wednesday, December 10, at her home at Walden. She was born Mary Collum at Ironton, Pa., December 14, 1862, and moved to Iowa when a young girl. She married Dan Dugan at Brooklyn, Iowa, April 3, 1882. She came to Cottage Grove in 1905 and had lived here since. Mrs. Dugan was a member of the Catholic church.

Survivors include her husband; three sons: Lee, John and Arthur, all of Cottage Grove; three daughters: Mrs. Frances Patten and Miss Mildred Dugan, both of Cottage Grove, and Mrs. Mae Noble of Eugene; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and one brother, Dennis Collum, Oshkosh, Wis.

Rosary will be held at Smith's Funeral Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 11. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic church with Father Carl Mai officiating. Burial will be in the IOOF cemetery.

Kate Bell Moore

Kate Bell Moore, 78, passed away at her home Sunday, December 7, in South Drain. She was born May 18, 1874, near Salem and had spent her entire life in Oregon, the past 74 years at Drain. She was married in 1925 to Claude Moore at Drain, and was a member of the Pentecostal church.

Surviving are her husband; and two brothers: Bill and Ben Mattoon, both of Drain.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, at the Assembly of God church in Drain, with the Rev. W. R. Munger officiating. Burial was in the Old Drain cemetery. Mills Funeral Service of Drain was in charge of arrangements.

Out Spin

By Homer Hansen



We're bombarded so much these days with the miracles of electronics, atoms and projected space flights that ordinary folks feel sort of left out of things. But there are still plenty of little everyday things for us to turn our talents to.

For example, the New York board of education had trouble getting kindergarten children on the right busses. The young-uns couldn't read any more than a boll weevil... so some genius painted different animals on the side of each bus. And any 5-year-old knows whether he goes home on the rabbit bus, the monkey bus or the duck bus. Yep, the little things still count.

And speaking of little things... right now the little ones are getting excited about Santa's annual trip. However we grown-ups have a different conception of Christmas. To us it is a reminder each year of the ONE who made it possible for us to enjoy the life we live. We should rejoice and give thanks—not only at Christmas but every day in the year.

Here's a domestic safety note. The other day a fellow said, "If your wife insists on learning to drive, I wouldn't stand in her way if I were you." To that we say amen... especially if your brakes are in the habit of misbehaving. In fact, worn-out brakes are dangerous no matter who is driving. So let us attend to your brakes and be assured of quick, safe stopping. HANSEN BROS., 5th & Washington... Phone: 760.

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