

A Story of Christmas

By BERNICE SWANSON

Two little stockings hung side by side
Close to the fireplace broad and wide
"Two!" said Saint Nick, as down he came
Loaded with toys and many a game
"Ho! Ho!" cried he, with a laugh of fun
"I'll have no cheating, my Pretty One
I know who lives in this house, My dear,
There's only one little girl lives here."
So he crept up close to the chimney place
And measured the sock, with a sober face.
Just then a wee little note fell out
And fluttered low, like a bird about.
"Ah what's this?" cried he in surprise
As he pushed his specks up close to his eyes
And viewed the address in a Child's rough hand.
"Dear St. Nicholas," so it began.
"The other stocking you see on the wall
I've hung for a child named Cottie Hall.
She's a poor little girl, but very good,
So I thought perhaps you kindly would
Fill this stocking for her tonight
And help to make her Christmas bright
If you've not enough for both stockings there
Please put it all in Cottie's, I shall not care."
St. Nicholas brushed a tear from his eye and
"God Bless You darling," said he with a sigh
Then softly he flew through that chimney wide
A note like a bird as it soars on high
And down came two of the funniest Mortals
That ever were seen this side of earth's portals
"Hurry up" said St. Nick, "And nicely prepare
All a little girl wants, when Money is rare."
Then oh what a scene as there was in that room.
Away went the elves but down from the gloom
Of that sooty old chimney, came tumbling low
A child's whole wardrobe, from top to toe.
How Santa Claus laughed as he tucked them all in
And fastened each one to the sock with a pin
Right on the toe he hung the blue dress,
"She'll think it came from the sky, I guess."
When all the warm clothes were fastened on
And both little stockings were filled and done,
St. Nicholas tucked in a toy here and there
And hurried away to the frosty air,
Saying "God pity the poor, and bless
The dear child that pities them too on this night
so wild.
The wind caught the words and bore them on high
Till they died away in the midnight sky
And St. Nicholas flew through the icy air
Bringing Peace and Good Will with him Every-
where.

LUCKY SEVENETTES NEWS

The Lucky Sevenettes held a meeting December 15 at Mike O'Neil's home.

Plans for a Christmas project were discussed and decided upon. A committee was appointed to see that these plans were carried out. They were as follows: Jo Ann Tyler, Joanne Renhard, Phyllis Cole and Bonnie Kay Mincer, chairman.

A special meeting was held at the home of Bev. Glass December 22 to make a definite decision on club jackets.

DR. DICKEN IN HAWAII

Dr. Samuel N. Dicken, head of the University of Oregon Department of Geography, and well-known here, is spending a few months in Honolulu, according to word received by Mr. and Mrs. Paul De Block. Dr. Dicken was here earlier this year, while on a sabbatical leave from the University.



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By FRED W. MARTIN

The sleigh bells jingled o'er the air
On frigid Christmas morn.
When loving gifts each one did share
On date that Christ was born.
Before the fireside with joy
The children they did play.
Each happy girl, and happy boy,
This joyous Christmas day.
When night before—on Christmas eve,
The church bells, they did ring.
When over earth man did receive
The joys, the bells did bring.
A day when happiness should glow
To do what good we can.
As angels sang—so long ago
Of "Peace,—Good will to man."

Just About Folks

CHARLES BICKNER JR. HOME

Charles Bickner Jr., of Bradenton, Fla., is here for the holidays, visiting at the home of his father, Charles Sr. He plans to be here about two weeks, and would be glad to see old friends from the time he lived here.

GROUP GOES TO CORVALLIS

Mack Malcolm, Frank Chapin, Homer Haggerty and Blaine Gribble left together this last weekend for an arduous business trip that will take them to Corvallis and Eugene. It is deeply regrettable that the pressing nature of the business undoubtedly prevented them from seeing the basketball doubleheaders slated for those nights in those cities.

HERE FOR VACATION

Leslie Pullen who attends Northwest Christian College in Eugene spent part of last week here with his mother, Mrs. Glenn Duncan. Leslie will be in Portland for Christmas, and will return to Brookings the day after to spend the remainder of his vacation.

DRIVE TO KLAMATH FALLS

Mrs. Clara Kerns and Mrs. Eva Lee Long will drive to Klamath Falls to spend Christmas with their respective families.

VISIT IN EUGENE

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hibbard left Tuesday morning to spend Christmas with their son and daughter in Eugene.

TO VISIT SON

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wollam left Tuesday to spend the holidays with their son, Bill in southern California.

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