

CHRISTMAS MUSINGS

By Emma M. Whealdon

O Christmas is a ship that sails Along the coast of years. All freighted down with memories Of laughter and of tears.

And as this ship in yearly round Comes sailing in from sea, She brings, like argosy of old. The golden fleece to me.

Her decks are piled with cedar boughs. With mistletoe and holly; Her hold is filled with gifts of love. With toy and Christmas dolly.

There's magic in the tragrant breath Of fir and cedar twining: A score of Christmases and more With this one are combining.

The far and near are interchanged, The long ago is now; These carol singers blend with those Who've crowns upon their brow,

I hear a tender, haunting strain Of melody that sings Across the yuletides of the years. Like rush of angel's wings.

I feel my childhood's happy thrill In list'ning to the story Of Jesus in a stable born. While angels sang of glory.

The loved ones lost so long ago Are mine again tonight; Sweet miracle of Christmas joy And Christmas candle light,

Now outward bound, dear phantom ship, You set your sails once more: God grant you land your freight at last On yonder golden shore.

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25, 1926

Beverley Roberts, Season's Most Popular Bride-elect, is Honored With Ball

Livesley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hen- Church Bible Class dricks, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Quisen- Holds Meeting

berry, Mr. and Mrs. Ercel Kay, More than 30 members of the No social affair has ever been Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hixson, Mr. and Women's Bible class of the First more distinctive than the formal Mrs. Charles Waterous Craig, Mr. Methodist church met at the home dance of Tuesday evening at and Mrs. Iner Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. of Mrs. Almira Hale/Thursday afwhich Mrs. Ada Strong and Mrs. Robert Rriffin, Mr. and Mrs. John ternoon for the regular business Fritz Slade were hostesses on J. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Fred- meeting and Christmas party. Mrs. Tuesday evening honoring Miss erick Thielsen, Mr. and Mrs. John Carl Gregg Doney spoke on Beverley Roberts, eldest daughter Carson, Mr and Mrs. Allan Car- "Gifts," Refreshments were served of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Roberts, son. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCam- by Mrs. W. C. Young, Mrs. G. F. and her fiance, John Crandal mon, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Hunt- Johnston, Mrs. J. W. Phenice and ington, Mr. and Mrs. James Linn, the hosts. Watson.

The event was predominently Major and Mrs. F. G. Andrea, Mr. Plans were made for giving a Yule-tide festival. Fir trees, and Mrs. E. A. O'Neill, Dr. and gifts to several poor families on with a myriad twinkling, colored Mrs. W. H. Lytle, Mr. and Mrs. Christmas day, lights literally outlined the ball Donald Young, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rainbow Girls Present room

In the younger set were includ- Durbin Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Breyman Christmas Pageant ed the honor guests, Miss Roberts Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Asel Eoff, Mr. and Mr. Watson, Miss Mildred and Mrs. Keith Powell, Mr. and Christmas pageant which a tal-Roberts, Miss Dorothy Livesley, Mrs. Percy Young, Mr. and Mrs. ented group of the Order of Rain-Miss Nancy Thielsen. Miss Char- R. M. Hofer, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. bow for Girls have given on sevlotte Zieber. Miss Lenta Baum- Burns, Mr. and Mrs. William Wal- eral occasions are: Angel, Virgartner, Miss Maxine Glover, Miss ton, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Locke, Mr. ginia Page; mother, Constance Margaret Stolz, Miss Rovenna and Mrs. Frederick Deckebach, Smart; Wise Men, Ruth Roblin, Eyre, Miss Lucille DeWitte, Miss Dr. and Mrs. W. Carlton Smith, Helen Lytle, and Mildred Drager: Priscilla Fry, Miss Marjorie Hol- Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Shipley, Mr. Shepherds, Ethel Milburn, Dorman of Portland, Miss Virginia and Mrs. William H. Burghardt othy Meyer, Dorothy Ross, Molly Coke of Portland, Daryl Torrey of Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cox. Trotman, and Arline Timm. Portland, Ted Young of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brown, Mr. Mrs. Ira Darby directed the David Mason of Albany, Bill Sip- and Mrs. Clifford Farmer, Dr. and girls in the production of the prell, Wallace Carson, John Caug- Mrs. T. C. Smith Jr., Mr. and Mrs. pageant, hill, Henry Thielsen, Willard Richard Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Ho-Marshall, Malcolm Smith, Asahel mer Egan. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buren-Hausler Wedding Bush III. Tommy Livesley, Rob- Baumgartner, Mr. and Mrs. David Will be Event of Monday ert Bishop and Chandler Brown. W. Eyre, Mrs. Asahel Bush, Mr. Night in Portland Additional guests will be Mr. and Mrs. George A. White, Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. Fry Jr., Mr. and and Mrs. Louis Lachmund, Miss the wedding of Miss Luella Haus-Mrs. Harry Hawkins, Mr. and Nell Thielsen, Miss Lou Thomp- ler to Wolcott Buren, which will Mrs. T. A. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. son. Dr. Jerrald Backstrand. Carl take place in Portland on Monday W. Connell Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Gabrielson, Albert Egan and O. evening, Dec. 27. Mr. Buren is Curtis Cross, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. K. DeWitte.

Included in the cast of the

Of much interest in Salem is

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Is there a Santa Claus?



Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if I see it in your newspaper it's so. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus? -VIRGINIA.

Here Is the Letter Which Virginia Received From the Editor of the Big Newspaper:

"Virginia, your friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehended by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge. "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 your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. "Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. "You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. 'No Santa Claus? Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia-nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.





daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Livesley. Lower left Thomas A. Roberts, Jr., son of Mr. and Kay. Lower right:

charge

Miss Lord Is at Shelton Hotel for Xmas Holidays

Miss Eliabeth ord is spending the Christmas season at the Shelton Hotel in New York City. The building, which is one of the most beautiful and distinctive of recont years, exemplifies a new type of architecture. Friends interested in sending greetings to Miss Lord may address her in care of the hotel which is on Lexington Avenue at 48th Stree. She will be at the Shelton until New Year's.

Tomorrow Miss Eugenia Zeiber will join Miss Lord.

Christmas Party Is Enjoyed at Charles Chase Home on Croisan Creek

spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. be Celebrated at the Charles Chase on Croisan Creek Elsinore Theater southwest of town on Thursday evening when a group of friends will be featured at the Elsinore motored out for the evening.

The Christmas tree sparkled in | end including both song and the light of a glowing yule-log in dance. Since this is the first the fire place, while other evi- Christmas celebration in the his-



forded music and other entertain-t their theatre, and a ment, including a very interesting casions, for their own talent, service from the Angelus Temple. A special number will be the with Aimee Semple McPherson in singing of Christmas carols by a

mixed quartet including Richard, The feature event of the even- Robertson, Margaret Hodge Roseing was a burlesque Christmas crans, Louise Benson Robertson, tree from which gifts were dis- and Richard Barton.

tributed by a real Santa Claus The complete program for the impersonated by Mr. Chase, the week end has been announced a host. No gifts of more than 25 follows:

I In Scrambled Yeggs Felix cent value were allowed. served by Mrs. Chase, assisted by her sister, Miss Gladys Harbert.

Among those in the group were! Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Needham, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Conner, Miss Gladys Harbert, Clare Conner, and the hosts, Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Chase. A most enjoyable evening was Christmas Week-End Will

Various types of home talent Theatre over the Christmas week-

dences of a festive Christmas tory of this theatre the managewere in evidence throughout. ment is eager to impress the peo-The newly installed radio af- ple anew with the fact that it is

Delightful refreshments were II "Out Where the West Begins," recitation Miss Francis Lawes III Prologue Staged by John W. Martin Mr. Dan F. Langenberg pre-

sents Martin J. Doerfler, bass aritone Virginia Reel & Square Dance Miss Bonnie Schaefer, Fac Williams, Iris Brown, Nibo

Shoemake, Jean Andrews, Francis Baier, Martha Hobson, Doris Hicks. (From Helen Hope Rodolf's

Studio of Russian Ballet.) The Ragged Vagabond Randolph

Salem Indian School presents Mr. Raymond Haldane. D Spanish Dance... Helen Rodolf E PrayerClaire Hurley

F Songs My Mother Taught Me Dvorak Mr Martin J. Doerfler IV Elsinore Theatre presents-The Henry King Production From the famous novel by Harold

Bell Wright THE WINNING OF BARBARA WORTH' with

Ronald Colman and Vilma Banky Cast

Christmas Dinner at Wallace Orchards

Christmas dinner at Wallace Orchards will be served at 6 oclock this evening with Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Wallace as hosts. In the group will be Miss Edna L. Sterling of Seattle, Miss Mabel Robertson, Mrs. Elizabeth McNary Albert, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Scott, Prof. H. C. Kohler, Nancy Lou Wallace and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace. A basket of red poinsettas and red candles in silver holders will ornament the

W. R. C. Ladies' Aid

The meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Woman's Relief Corps which was postponed from this week to next on account of the Christmas holidays will be held on Thursday, December 30. at the home of Mrs. Katie Scott, 850 E Street.

Sympathy Is Extended Friends of Col. and Mrs. E Hofer are extending their sympathy on the occasion of the death of Mrs. Hofer's sister, Miss Florence McKinney, during the Christmas season.

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Is the Wish of Miller's Store



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