



STEVE and NANCY SANTA CLAUS
by WES SULLIVAN

Synopsis: Steve and Nancy are very hard at work in Santa's huge office trying to answer all the problems that have arisen since they took over from St. Nick so he could have a rest.

CHAPTER XI

Steve and Nancy rushed to the telephone tree in Santa's office. It was ringing so hard the branches shook. They each took off a phone, which didn't quiet the tree, but it stopped shaking.

"The dwarf on the other end of the line started talking before Steve could even get the phone to his ear, but he did catch enough of what the little fellow was saying to know that something had gone wrong in the motor car division.

"Slow down so I can hear what you are saying," Steve pleaded.

"It's the tacks," the dwarf said. "Someone has dropped a box of tacks on the floor and all the little racing cars have flat tires. We haven't time to repair all these flat tires. What shall we do?"

"Well, I said Steve, "Gosh, I don't know what to do. I'll think it over and call you back."

Steve looked over at Nancy and she looked worried. "What's the trouble?" Steve asked.

"They say half the typewriters they have ready to send to Albany won't write English. They just write Spanish. What can you do about a thing like that?"

Steve hardly had time to say "I don't know" before a messenger dwarf came bursting into the office out of breath.

"Pardon me for coming in without knocking, but it's so important," he said. "Thirty of the dolls are sick and I can't find out what is the matter with them. What will I do?"

"Oh, the poor dolls," Nancy said. "Steve, we must help them, but I'm sure that I don't know what is good for dolls. Do they have stomach aches?"

"I'm sure it isn't that, Miss Nancy," the dwarf answered. "Because dolls don't have stomachs. I must get back to them now, but if you have time, please come over to look at them."

All this time, the telephone had not stopped ringing. Having a free moment, Steve picked up a receiver. "Square soap bubbles?" he said. "Whoever heard of square soap bubbles?"

"Yes, that's just the trouble," said the voice on the other end of the line. "No one has ever heard of square soap bubbles and they won't believe it. What's more, children may get cut on the sharp edges."

"Of all the silly things," Steve said, turning to Nancy. "They've got some bubble pipes that won't blow anything except square soap bubbles."

"What on earth do they think we can do about a thing like that," Nancy said, sighing. "It seems to me that we're getting an awful lot more problems than we are getting answers."

More and More Questions

If you could have watched Steve and Nancy in Santa Claus's big office you would have felt sorrowful and sorrier for them. It seemed like everyone wanted them to straighten out problems, and the more problems there were, the more confused the children became.

They were hungry by now, but they were so busy telling people they didn't know how to help them that they didn't have time to eat.

"No more smoke?" Nancy said into the telephone. "You say the trains have run out of smoke?"

"Now the trains are out of smoke," Nancy said to Steve.

"I've got so many troubles I can't take time to listen to yours, too," Steve said rather crossly, for small boys can get quite cross

when they are tired and hungry. "If you won't help, I'll just tell them to forget their old smoke," Nancy answered, for little girls get just as tired and hungry as little boys.

"No," said Steve suddenly into his phone receiver. "I don't care if your old polka dot horses are wet and I don't care if their color is running. Let it run until it gets all tired out."

"I'm not going to answer another telephone," said Nancy, sinking into a chair. "Nor I," said Steve.

Just then a messenger opened the door and shouted, "A toy machine gun is running wild and shooting all over the room. What will we do?"

Steve looked over at Nancy. She had her head in her hands. He felt like crying too. They were too two tired children who had found out that being Santa Claus can be a lot of work. (Tomorrow: The armored tanks)

Krenz Elected Grange Master At Union Hill

Statesman News Service

UNION HILL—The December meeting of the subordinate and Juvenile Granges was preceded Friday by a dinner with about 60 members attending.

During the business meeting, Julius Krenz was chosen master of the grange. W. F. Krenz was elected as the other member of the executive committee. W. M. Tate installed W. F. Krenz and Floyd Fox, members of the executive committee who were not present for the installation when Mrs. George Benson and her installing team installed the new officers of the grange.

Floyd Fox, agriculture chairman, talked on the Casper Wyoming Wool growers meeting, which he attended.

Mrs. Marion Miller, home economic chairman, announced that the soil conservation dinner would be on the evening of January 4 at the Grange hall and that tickets would be on sale by Wednesday, December 20.

Henry Hansen, W. F. Krenz, A. N. Doerfler, Mrs. W. M. Tate and Mrs. W. F. Krenz were appointed on the Community Betterment Contest committee.

Mrs. J. C. Krenz, lecturer, presented this Christmas program: Christmas stocking guessing game, won by Mrs. Verna Scott; the ten commandments of Christmas—reading by Mrs. Krenz; solo by Mrs. W. M. Tate, and lighter of the candles, Mrs. Verna Scott.

The Christmas party was given in the juvenile grange building for both granges at the close of the meetings, by the children and their mothers, Mrs. Floyd Fox and Mrs. A. N. Doerfler. Members exchanged Christmas gifts before the tree and enjoyed Christmas candy and nuts.

Liberty Christ Church Plans Christmas Event

Statesman News Service

LIBERTY—The Liberty Christian Church of Christ will hold its Christmas pageant "Miracle at the Inn," at Liberty hall Saturday, December 23, at 7:30 p.m.

The children's Christmas program will be held during the Sunday school hour from 10 to 11 o'clock a.m. at the church on Sunday. A devotional service is planned for Christmas eve, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church on Skyline road.

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Sliced BACON Standard lb. 45'	Fancy lb. 53'
	Premium 1/2 lb. 29'

Miscellaneous Values For Your Shopping List

DEL MONTE Pineapple Sliced No. 2 can 27c	JELL-WELL	Cocktail Scc. Demi-12 oz. 23c
Pineapple Tid-Bits No. 2 can 33c	GELATINE	Crackers Tea Timers 1 lb. 27c
Apple Juice Hood River Qt. 21c	DESSERTS	Raisins Bleached 5-5W 15 oz. 33c
TOWN HOUSE Grapefruit Juice 46 oz. 29c	6-Flavors	Calimyrna Figs 1 lb. 49c
Oven-Ready Cr. Cheese Ballard 2 pk. 29c	Pkg. 7c	Black Figs 1-lb. pkg. 29c
		PILLSBURY Pie Crust Mix 8-oz. pkg. 18c

FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Make your festive Christmas table sparkle with golden

ORANGES Fresh, golden supplies are in now at SAFEWAY!

California 5 lb. bag 49c	Navel Oranges lb. 10c
HALF BOX \$3.25	FULL BOX \$6.19
Florida Oranges lb. 10c	

Don't forget these favorites favorites for your Christmas feast!

Cranberries 2 for 29c

Sweet Potatoes Nice uniform sizes—the kind you like to candy! 3 lbs. 25c

Tangerines Florida lb. 18c	Red Delicious Apples Crisp and juicy lb. 13c	Cauliflower Solid lb. 16c
Dates 3-lb. mailing box 89c		Yams Southern lb. 10c
Grapefruit Ark. Wh. 8-lb. bag 55c		Tomatoes Firm Ripe lb. 33c
Emperor Grapes 2 lbs. 27c		Lettuce For crisp Salads lb. 12c
Avocados Blensch Free Ea. 19c		Celery Straight Stalks lb. 12 1/2c

At Christmastime especially, you want the foods you serve to be of finest quality. Good eating is such an important part of the festivities. And there's a way to be sure of full enjoyment from the foods you buy for the holidays: shop Safeway where every item is guaranteed perfect-eating.

All Safeway Stores in Salem are open Friday evenings until 8 P. M. Safeway Stores in Hollywood, 935 S. Commercial, and 1429 State St. are open every week-day evening until 8 P. M.

The Safeway Store at 1429 State St. and in Hollywood, OPEN EVERY SUNDAY from 10 A. M. to 8 P. M. — All Safeway Stores will be closed Christmas Day.

Cranberries Ocean Spray brand, whole or jellied **2 cans 25c**

Maraschino Cherries 1 1/2 qt. 19'	Green Beans Del Monte 20'	Walnuts Med. In shell 1-lb. 35c
Pineapple Jce. Libby 46-oz. 33c	Del Monte Corn Whole 1 1/2 qt. 17'	Filberts In shell 1-lb. 33c
Tom. Juice Sunny Dawn 46-oz. 25c	Del Monte Peas Early Garden 30-oz. 19'	Mixed Nuts In shell 1-lb. 47c
Crabmeal No Shells 7-oz. can 73c	Fancy Peas Sugar Peas 30-oz. 16'	Almonds In shell 1-lb. 39c
Oysters W. Coast 4 1/2 qt. can 39'	Sweet Potatoes Taylor No. 1 can 23'	Lge. Pecans In shell 1 lb. 48c
Shrimp Blue Point, med. 8-oz. 59'	Frozen Peas Del Monte 46-oz. pt. 21'	

Fruit Cake Ring Hostess Gift Ring 3 lbs. 1.39

Tom & Jerry Mix 1-lb. pkg. 65c	Nestle's Morsels 6-oz. pkg. 21c	Cheese Chatham 1 lb. 55c
Bromodary Dates Pitted 7 1/2-oz. 28'	Marshmallows Puff-L-Soft 1 lb. 29'	CANADA DRY Sparkling Water 30-oz. 20c
Stuffed Olives Grandos 1 lb. 33'	Choc. Mocha Farmington 1-lb. 20'	Ginger Ale Canada Dry 30-oz. 20c
White Bread Mrs. Wright 14-oz. 20'	Sugar Brown 1-lb. 2/25c	7-Up Soda 24-oz. Bottle 6/35c
Rye Bread Stein, Bostall 1 lb. 29'	Redd-Wip Instant Topping 1 1/2-oz. 51'	
Ritz Crackers Fresh 1-lb. 32'	Cottage Cheese Kraft 1 1/2-oz. 20'	

Fruit Cocktail Hostess Delight No. 2 1/2 can 29c	Sliced Fruit Cake Hostess brand 14-oz. Cake 45c	Golden Pumpkin Moonbeam—for grand pie No. 2 1/2 Can 2 for 25c	Mince Meat Borden's 9-oz. Pkg. 80c	Sunnybank Margarine Very special offer! 2 1-lb. Pkg. Only 53'
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Fresh Butter Spring House Swget Cream lb. 75c

'AA' Large Eggs Crown of the Crop Doz. 75c

Fresh Christmas CANDIES—

HARD CANDY Rainbow lb. 25'	Choc. Drops Borden's lb. 27c
CHOCOLATES Helms 3 lb. \$1.00	CHOCOLATES Ghivier miniature lb. 59c
CHERRIES Chocolate covered lb. 55'	

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