

The Toy-Making MACHINE

A STEVE AND NANCY CHRISTMAS STORY

BY WES SULLIVAN

THE STORY SO FAR: Steve and Nancy are at the North Pole ready to build a toy-making machine with Santa Claus.

Chapter 7

STEVE and Nancy and Santa Claus went through the tunnel that led to the biggest workshop. Two years before, when they had paid Santa a visit, a circus had been in that workshop, helping Santa to build toys. But Santa said this year the circus was spending the winter in Florida, where it was warm, and now the elves were making all the toys.

Piled in the middle of the workshop floor was an immense mound of stuff with the roller coaster sticking up highest of all. And standing all around the room were elves with screwdrivers, hammers and pairs of pliers in their hands. Before starting to work, Steve and Nancy said "hello" to all the elves. They even remembered some of their names.

"All right, we've got a lot of work to do," Santa said, clapping his hands. "Here Fidget, you grab hold of this piece of lumber here, and Scratch, you take the other end. Now you two over there lay down your boards and start nailing the floor together. While they are doing that, Teasle and Thump can start hauling some of the heavy machinery over here so we will have it ready."

It certainly was easy to see why Santa was boss at the North Pole and it was easy to see, too, how the elves got so much work done, for the machine started going together so fast it seemed like magic.

Huge Machine

Before long the elves were testing out some of the wheels to see if they were ready to run. The machine was of tremendous size. Steve and Nancy, who were busy nailing the floorboards at the bottom, were afraid that the elves working way at the top of the machine would fall and hurt themselves.

Pausing from their work for a moment, Steve and Nancy stepped back to look at the machine. It was going to be the most magnificent thing they had ever seen, they could tell that even now.

There were chutes for the toys to come tumbling out of and belts for them to ride along on and big things that stuck up in the air like arms and wheels all over the place with chains running between them.

The children were so amazed watching the machine being put together that they forgot to work. The most interesting part of the whole thing was Santa Claus who was busy pulling on a wrench with one hand and pointing with the other, and shouting out orders all the while.

"Pass three of those thing-a-ma-jigs up here and fasten them on the end of this lever. Make them swing free and easy now. And Tumbletoes, run that what-it through the center of that hole and don't let it touch the sides. It has to have room to move back and forth. Now, I want those what-jama-call-its to bounce up and down on their springs. If they don't go up high enough to touch that other gadget, put bigger springs under them. Where is that rattle? I hear a rattle someplace. Coffeecup, see if you can find that rattle."

Job Nearly Complete

Before too long, Steve and Nancy could see that the elves were nearing the end of their job. They stopped hoisting new parts to the top of the machine, and the elves at the bottom were busy with oil cans, oiling all the wheels and pulleys and bearings. A fastidious blue paint had been applied to the floor and the toy-making machine looked both beautiful and powerful.

Nancy decided to measure it. It was 37 steps from end of it to the other, and 27 steps across it, and it was higher than her two-story house in Salem.

Nancy was so pleased that she went over to hug old Tinker, Santa's favorite helper, and tell him how glad she was. But when she put her arms around him she heard him sigh, and she noticed a teardrop in his eye.

"Why, what's the matter, Tinker?" Nancy said. "Isn't it wonderful that the machine is finished?"

Elves All Unhappy

"Yes, it is," Tinker said, starting to cry. "Oh, I can't fool you, Miss Nancy. I would like to be happy about this new machine, but I just can't. I've been making toys here for so many years, that I just cry every time I think about a toy-making machine taking my place. All the rest of the elves are unhappy too, but they can't bear to tell Santa Claus because he likes the toy-making machine so."

Before Nancy and Tinker had a chance to talk any more, they heard Santa calling. "It's all ready. Everybody stand back. I'm going to pull the switch that starts the toy-making machine. Steve, you plug in the motor."

"All right," said Steve. "Where do I plug it in?"

"Where?" said Santa. "What do you mean where?" Then there was a long silence. Finally Santa gulped and said, "Oh, my goodness. I forgot that we don't have anywhere near enough electricity in our little power plant up here at the North Pole to run a big thing like this. Where on earth will we get enough electricity to run the toy-making machine?"

TOMORROW: The polar bears again.

Turkey Raisers Urged to Plan For Next Year

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Farm Editor, The Statesman

With the bulk of the 1952 turkey crop now sent to market, it is a good time for growers to examine their year's operation and plan for the next season's production. E. L. Harriman, editor of the Oregon Egg Producers' monthly organ, reports.

The number of turkeys raised in Oregon in 1952 totaled an estimated 2,134,000 birds or four per cent less than the 1951 production of 2,223,000 turkeys. This reduction in turkey numbers is primarily a reaction to high production costs and low turkey prices, Harriman continues. The fact that production will be reduced still further next year indicates that the cost-price situation has not improved and may have even become worse.

The great bulk of Oregon production must be marketed in other areas of the country in competition with the turkeys raised in other exporting areas. High production costs combined with the cost of transporting the birds over long distances to market, puts Oregon producers in a most unfavorable position, Harriman believes.

Turkey production reached a peak level in Oregon in 1945, when 3,105,000 birds were raised. Production declined to a low of 1,508,000 birds in 1948. While the production increased in each of the three following years, the rate of increase did not equal the upward trend nationally. This fact combined with the 4 per cent decline in 1952 turkey production as compared to a 13 per cent increase in national production, in the opinion of Harriman, would appear to indicate that the turkey industry in Oregon is in a process of stabilization.

The turkey grower who contemplates remaining in the business of raising turkeys should give careful thought to the efficiency of his operations. The level at which production in Oregon will be stabilized will be determined by the number of turkeys that could be raised in competition with other major turkey producing areas, Harriman points out. Such competition always has the result of forcing the high cost, inefficient growers from the competition picture.

According to a cost-production study by Oregon State College, feed accounts for 68 per cent of the total cost per bird. Cost of poult is figured at 14 per cent with labor cost at 9 per cent, as were also the combined costs of buildings, equipment and miscellaneous expenses.

Boy Drowns in Irrigation Pool

GRANTS PASS — Ronald Trefren, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray F. Trefren, drowned in an irrigation pool near his home south of here Saturday.

His brother, Larry, 13, dove into the pool and pulled Ronald out. But the boy was dead on arrival at a Grants Pass hospital. Ronald and a neighbor boy had been playing near the pool.

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Elks Have Gifts for 1,000 Valley Children



Several of the 1,000 Salem area kids who attended the Salem Elks Lodge annual Christmas party are shown above receiving gifts and treats from lodge members. The kids attended a movie Saturday morning prior to the party at the Elks Club. Elks shown handing out gifts include Roy Hunt (nearest camera) and John Steelhammer.

Negro Siamese Twin Dies as Surgeons Race to Separate Him From His Dead Brother

MEMPHIS (AP) — A wide-eyed, terrified infant Siamese twin, joined head-to-head with his dead brother, died here Saturday before brain surgeons could try to save his life.

John Edward Flowers died in an operating room while a team of surgeons clustered around preparing for the enormously complex separation operation.

That was 9 hours after his brain-to-brain twin, John L., died in a Greenwood, Miss., hospital Saturday morning. Cause of death was unknown.

When John L. suddenly perished early Saturday, Greenwood physicians knew only drastic surgery was similar to that undergone recently by Chicago's Brodie twins — could save John Edward.

The twins, one with eyes closed in death, the other crying lustily, were placed in the back seat of a highway patrol car. Two nurses accompanied them on the 145-mile race to Memphis.

It was the first time the Flowers twins had left the Greenwood-Leflore Hospital, where they were born to Maybelle Flowers, a Negro, by Cesarean operation, early last August.

The parents, Roosevelt and Maybelle Flowers, live in Kilmichael, about 40 miles from Greenwood.

100th Bombing Trip Means Ticket Home

WITH U. S. FIFTH AIR FORCE

Korea (AP) — The crowd around the shack included ground crewmen, mechanics, administrative workers and pilots.

"Here they come," a six-stripe sergeant said, finger pointing skyward.

Three Thunderjets whipped across the landing strip, the scream of their jets trailing like a note of remembered music.

Three pilots elbowed their way to the 58th fighter-bomber wing shack, amid an outburst of congratulations and back-slapping at having completed their 100th missions. That's a ticket home.

"This was an easy mission," said Lt. G. M. Rowan, Seattle. "The group leader took us right in and we got full coverage of the target."

"We went in just south of Wonsan," said Lt. Charles R. Giddings III of Vida, Ore. "There was no flak and the target was easy to find."

Giddings said he would like to stay in Korea. "I've got 100 missions in F-84s, and I'd like to fly Sabre jets for a while."

Lt. P. S. Cleland, Jr., Rahway, N. J., wearing a cap bearing his nickname "Red Rog" said, "We hit that supply area with all our bombs. Nothing fell outside the target area. After I dropped my bombs, all I could think about was the ride home. The trip back seemed lots shorter than the one going north."

Like Giddings, Cleland would like a tour in F-86s.

U.S. Striving For Iran Oil Settlement

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.
AP News Analyst

The United States is going ahead, despite British pessimism, with efforts to effect some sort of settlement of the Iranian oil problem.

Britain is standing on her right to compensation under Iran's nationalization edict and refuses to permit sale of stored oil until it is agreed upon.

Iran has never agreed on a basis of settlement but wants to go ahead and sell the oil anyway. Both Britain and the United States agree that compensation is essential, as affecting the whole set-up of western oil leases in the Middle East.

During the recent discussions of the subject by Secretaries Eden and Acheson the State Department sent over by Paul Nitze, one of its top planners, a suggestion for sale of the oil through an international pool of oil companies, thus giving the Iranian government some money and at the same time avoiding turning the handling back to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co.

This business of doing whatever is done without seeming to restore any sort of British control is the great problem.

Iran is determined to keep the British out. And that sentiment comes close to extending to all Western interests.

Dr. Karim Sanjabi, distinguished lawyer who handled the Iranian case when it was before the World Court at The Hague, recently made a rather startling speech in Parliament saying the Moslem world was preparing to resist a new Western "crusade" of subjugation.

Such thinking colors every move that the Mossadegh government can make.

Despite reports that Acheson and Eden themselves had not been able to agree on next steps, the U. S. is expected to present in Tehran soon its new proposals for getting around the enmity toward Anglo-Iranian by putting the company in the role of customer, not manager,

Arrested



LOS ANGELES—Miss Irene Albert, 37, German-born Beverly Hills and San Francisco heiress, is interviewed by newsmen here at Los Angeles after her arrest by the FBI on charges of falsifying passport information. Irving Goldstein, a Department of Justice attorney, said she was accused of denying she once was a brain specialist, said apparently the twins had separate brains, but little if anything else was known. An autopsy was not ordered.

Textbook 'Poison' Extraction Sought

PARIS (AP) — A committee of French and German professors has agreed to try to extract the poison fangs out of the school history taught to students of the two countries. The aim is to teach understanding between the two nations, not bitterness.

An outline of the plan was given in an article written by Edouard Bruley, president of the French Society of professors of history and geography. Already, he points out, French school texts have cut out stories of German "frightfulness" in Belgium and France during World War I.

"The day when a climate of mutual understanding between the two countries is created," Prof. Bruley states, "the reasons for discord in Europe should disappear."

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CHOP SUEY
TEA GARDEN

Recreational Schedule at YMCA Varied

Salem YMCA is again offering a full schedule of recreation activities for boys and girls during their Christmas vacation period.

Facilities of the YM will be open daily, with schedules arranged by age groups, plus many special events.

The Rangers, a younger boys' group, will have a Christmas party and movie at 10:30 a. m. today.

A trip to the Valley Packing Company is planned to leave from the Y at 9 a. m. Monday. A Junior Hi-Y ski trip to Hoodoo Bowl will start from the Y at 6 a. m. Tuesday. At 9 a. m. a trip to the Salem Linen Mills is scheduled. On Wednesday a tour of the Coca-Cola Bottling plant will organize at the Y at 9 a. m.

On Christmas Day the YMCA will be closed to recreational purposes. Friday starting at 10:30 a. m. tournaments in ping-pong, checkers and box hockey will begin. At 2 p. m. the same day there is to be a Camp Silver Creek reunion at the Y. On Saturday, Dec. 27, at 10:30 a. m. there will be a Ranger Roundup in the Y.

The Y will close on Jan. 1 and will reopen to recreational activities on Friday, Jan. 2, at 9 a. m. with movies and lobby activities. At 2 p. m. this same day a tour of the Cherry City Baking Company will form. At 10 p. m. a post-game dance will be held in the Y. The next day, Saturday, at 10:30

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a. m., a trip to Silver Falls will organize at the Y.

Excluding Christmas Day, the YMCA pool and gymnasium will be open to interested groups. Those members desiring use of either facility are advised to consult the schedule posted at the Y.

ELSINORE

- Continuous •
- Van Hefflin Helen Hayes "MY SON JOHN"
- David Niven Joan Caulfield "Lady Says No!"

CAPITOL

- Continuous •
- Jennifer Jones David Farrar "WILD HEART"
- Peter Graves "Red Planet Mars"

GRAND

- Continuous •
- Gene Tierney Rory Calhoun "Way of Gaucho"
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