



The story so far: Santa, Steve and Nancy have decided to refinish old toys that are no longer wanted so they can get enough toys for children at Christmas. However, so far they haven't been able to figure out a way to collect the toys.

**CHAPTER 9**

Santa climbed out of the sleigh and put an arm around Steve and an arm around Nancy. He leaned close to them and said, "I guess I'll have to tell you how to call toys. You will have to promise to forget it when you are through using it because toys are not supposed to move about for boys and girls, you know."

"I wasn't going to tell you unless I had to, but I can see that you won't find any toys on your own and I haven't got time to call them all myself. So here is the word."

And with that he leaned close to Steve's ear and whispered. Then he leaned close to Nancy's ear and whispered.

**Unusual Sound**

Just what he said, I can't repeat here. But it was a strange and unusual sound and Steve and Nancy's eyes opened wide when they heard it.

"Try it, and see if it works," Santa told Steve.

Steve called, not loudly, but just as loud as you might call to another person across the room. Nothing happened. Steve was about to call again when he heard a window slide open and then close. Across the street came a little dog with an ear half gone.

Only it wasn't a real dog at all. It was a toy, stuffed dog. "Santa," the dog yipped, "Did you call me?"

"Does anyone play with you any more?" Santa asked.

"No," the dog said sadly. "No one even knows I'm around."

**Nancy Tells Plan**

"Good, then you are just what we want," Nancy said, clapping her hands. "Hop into Santa's big bag and we will take you to the North Pole and make you new again."

"Just a moment, Nancy," Santa said. "I say, old fellow, do you have any friends—any other toys who will not be missed?"

"Why, sure I have," the dog barked, "lots of them. They just can't hear as well as I can, even though I have one ear half gone. They didn't know you were calling them."

The little toy dog bounded away and Santa told the children, "We haven't much time, you know. We had better plan how we are going to get toys and decide which ones can go back with us."

**Santa Calls Toys**

"Steve, you and Rag Doll go around the neighborhood calling the toys. Then you tell the toys to come here. I will go calling toys too. Nancy will stay here and talk to the toys. She will have the job of deciding whether the owner will miss the toy. And, Nancy, if the owner is ever going to want that toy again, it has to stay where it belongs. Another thing, we want all kinds of toys, not just dolls. You may have to send some of the dolls back after the toys that can't run or roll out to meet you."

Santa went one way calling and Steve and Rag Doll went the other way. Almost every time Steve called, a toy would answer. Many of them would see Steve and then run back into hiding for they all knew they weren't supposed to be called by a little boy, but then when the toy would peek back around the corner of the house or out from under a shrub it would see Rag Doll and then come crawling out of its hiding place.

**Bear Questions Steve**

"What are you doing calling us?" one bold little Teddy bear asked Steve.

"Just go over to Santa's sleigh on the next street and my sister will answer you questions," Steve told the bear.

Soon a regular stream of toys was going toward the sleigh and lining up waiting to be questioned by Nancy. Little toy trains were rolling down the street and a whole box-full of blocks was being carried along on the back of a toy elephant. A toy fire engine came racing along towing an old car. Several pair of old skates came rolling down the street, their rusty wheels squeaking.

"We'll fix all that soon," said Santa to one of them.

Nancy was having the time of her life. As each toy came up to her she would question it very closely.

"When is the last time your master played with you?" she would ask. And "Are you sure you were put where you wouldn't be found again?"

**Naughty Mama Doll**

One saucy mama doll said, "I

**Cancer Claims R. H. Potter of Kings Valley**

**Statesman News Service**  
DALLAS — Raymond Herbert Potter, a sawmill worker whose home was in the Kings Valley community near Dallas, died Monday of cancer at the age of 43.

Potter had lived in Kings Valley 11 years. Born March 3, 1911, in Hardington, Neb., he came to Oregon in 1938. He was married June 18, 1943, to the former Lillie May Girard, who survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Doyle, Gerald and Harold Potter, and two daughters, Carol May and Cheryl Ray Potter, all of Kings Valley; his mother, Mrs. Emma Potter, Dallas; a sister, Mrs. Elma Beyerle, Dallas, and a brother, Clair Potter, Salem.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Boldman Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Delbert Dowl officiating. Burial will be in the Dallas Cemetery.

don't like the girl that owns me. She has three other dolls she likes as much as she likes me and I'd just as soon try being owned by someone else."

That certainly made Nancy angry. "Now just you listen here," she said. "Your little mistress can love you just as much with three other dolls as she would if you were the only one she had. She would probably miss you terribly if you were gone. Now you go right on home and try to make her love you more. Next, please," she said, turning her head away from the naughty doll.

As more and more toys kept hopping into the bag, Nancy began to get worried. Santa was nowhere in sight and the bag was getting more full all the time. It began to look as if they were going to have a flood of toys. What's more the toys were jabbering away so happily in the bag that they were making a fearful racket.

"I'm afraid they will wake up the neighborhood," Nancy thought. "Oh, well, we asked for toys and we are certainly getting them."

**Tomorrow: A Joyful Reunion**

**Adult Education Classes Listed, To Start Jan. 3**

Several classes of interest to businessmen and their employees are to be available in the Adult Education Program of the Salem Public Schools, says George D. Porter, program supervisor.

Classes will begin Jan. 3. Courses offered include book-keeping and elementary accounting; preparation for employment, civil service and promotional examinations; shorthand; typing; vocabulary building and spelling for secretaries; English review; public speaking and rapid reading.

A college credit class will be offered in business public relations. Additional information on the program may be obtained from the Public School Administration Building, 1309 Ferry St.

**Carroll Meeks On Bankers' Commission**

G. Carroll Meeks, president of the Willamette Valley Bank, was named Monday to the American Bankers Association's "official family."

Meeks was appointed to the 17-man Country Bank Operations Commission by the association's president, Homer J. Livingston, who also is president of the First National Bank of Chicago.

The commission includes three persons west of the Rocky Mountains. Meeks is the only Oregon banker asked to serve. He

**Dallas Area Resident Dies**

**Statesman News Service**  
DALLAS — Frank Effenberger, 71, a resident of Dallas since 1933, died Sunday in the Dallas hospital after an illness of four days.

Effenberger was a supervisor for the Spaulding Pulp and Paper Co. in Newport for several years before his death. He was born Jan. 7, 1883, in Nebraska and lived

in Astoria and Portland before settling in Dallas. Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Buena Effenberger; a daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Heater, Drain; three brothers, William Effenberger, Dallas, and Otto and Alie Effenberger, both of Tillamook; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Steele, Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. Clara Fross, Portland, and Mrs. Hulda Roshmer, Fresno, Calif., and one granddaughter.

**British Bomber Crash Narrowly Misses Children**

WARE, England (AP) — Twenty-six children narrowly escaped Monday night when a jet bomber exploded in the air, raining flaming debris on the lawn of the house in which they were sleeping.

Windows of St. Margaret's children's home were blown out. Part of the ceiling of one room collapsed — but 25 of the children slept through it all. All of the children were under five years old. Police said one crew member of the Royal Air Force plane was killed, another was injured and a search still was on for the third.

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