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PUT THE B-I IN THE UPSTAIRS C-I

This is a very foolish season . . . now you know, little Astrid, that if you don't go to bed without a single whimper, Old Santy Claus will hear you and then what? . . . Huh? . . . of course, Old Santy is just up the chimney every minute this year . . . Huh? . . . you say you looked and you couldn't find any chimney on this apartment house? . . . Huh? . . . oh, you looked and the chimney is way around in the back? . . . well, Old Santy, he can hear you no matter where the chimney is . . . he could even hear you way up at the North Pole . . . not to mention what the people up on the third floor may think . . .

Now be a good little girl and . . . what's that? . . . what was Daddy spelling at Mummy for? . . . Huh? . . . yes, Daddy is subject to spells (this time of the year) . . . no, Daddy did not say anything about a Big Doll . . . Daddy was just talking about Mr. Bickle, you know, B-I-G-big Mr. B-I-C-K-L-E-Bickle, you know Mr. Bickle who rhymes with pickle and has such big feet . . . now, for heaven's sake, go to sleep! . . . Huh? . . . sing "Jingle Bells", at this hour of night . . . no, Daddy won't, I sung it three times already . . . no, Astrid, Daddy is through singing for tonight . . . and Old Santy Claus will hear you if you howl like that . . . DO YOU WANT DADDY TO SPANK? . . .

Huh? . . . you want to give Daddy a kiss? . . . well, okay . . . no I did not say anything about singing "Jingle Bells" again . . . no, and I won't tell about the Three Bears any more tonight . . . no, you can't have your picture puzzle in bed . . . Huh? . . . oh, you want the black dollie to sleep with you? okay! Marie-e-e-e! Where's that damn black doll . . . The-e-e-re now! Now go to sleep, and Daddy will just hum: "Gone are the days . . ." Huh? No, Daddy didn't hide any package in Mother's trunk . . . say, now listen, you promised to go to sleep . . . do you want me to tell Old Santy? . . . say listen! DO YOU WANT DADDY TO SPANK? . . .

Huh? . . . oh, you got a nice present for little sister . . . well, that's a fine little girl and Old Santy will be glad to know about that, so now just go to sleep . . . NO! KEEP THAT LEG INSIDE THE COVER! DADDY'S GOING TO SPANK! * * * No, STOP THAT HOWLING! * * * Huh? . . . you say that didn't hurt? . . . well, we'll see if this will hurt . . . Huh? . . . You want to be kissed . . . now, that's a good little girl . . . sure, Daddy'll tell Santy Claus all about it . . . yes, Daddy's sorry! . . . yes, Daddy's awful sorry he spanked! . . . there . . . there . . . "Gone are the days . . ."

Whew!

Good Lord Marie, the child wants a drink . . .

Eleven highway patrolmen in California were injured in September while testing applicants for driving lessons. It's a lot safer just to go out after public enemies.

A Hollywood gentleman, who makes his living by kissing a young woman in lipstick tests, smashed his face by running into a door. Probably still in ecstasies over his work.

As Russian maneuvers become more difficult to justify, American Communists may decide they're better off in jail.

Czech parents in Prague will not permit their children to be vaccinated because they fear German doctors might inject harmful substances. The Nazi brand of Aryan blood, for example?

A mule in Kentucky just died after living for 36 years. They're even stubborn about dying, it seems.

A St. Louis union extended its picketing activities in a recent labor dispute by making door-to-door calls. That personal touch.

Bearded men in England are being arrested, in some towns, as spy suspects. Incidentally, what has happened to George Bernard Shaw lately?

Primitive Mexicans had about 100 different kinds of alcoholic drinks. Shortly someone will discover Americans can't even claim bathtub gin as their own invention.

A ten-pound cannon ball was found on a golf course on the west coast. Probably brought there by some golfers who couldn't hit those little white ones.

A group of Japanese girls in California spent an afternoon recently playing Chinese

checkers, thereby giving rise to reports that the Sino-Japanese issue was to be settled soon.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By JOHN KELLY

Register-Guard Washington Correspondent
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Criticism of reciprocal trade agreements by Oregon's Charley McNary got under the skin of Cordell Hull, secretary of state. Many, many typewritten pages were used by Secretary Hull to tell McNary that the latter, in substance, doesn't know what he is talking about and reminding the Oregon senator of the manifold blessings the trade agreements have brought to products (agricultural) in the Pacific Northwest. McNary is now gathering ammunition preparatory to giving Hull both barrels.

In a public statement, McNary, senate republican leader, pointed out how the depreciated currency of Canada, France, Britain, is making matters worse for the American producers. Because of the depreciated currency Canada, as an example, is dumping trainloads of apples into the United States; that another phase of the currency situation is that the countries specified are not buying from the U. S. The secretary of state can, if he will, remedy the matter by modification or cancellation of the trade treaties.

The trade treaties are the babies of Secretary Hull and for weeks he has been defending them; hitting at anyone who criticizes them. In the lengthy answer sent to McNary the secretary failed to touch on the issue raised by the Oregon senator. He did, however, intimate that McNary lacked facts; lacked information of how agriculture in Oregon and Washington has been aided through the trade agreements.

The secretary of state left himself wide open. Senator McNary is preparing a statement showing how Hull's treaty with Canada sold the Oregon-Washington lumber industry down the river; how treaties have been costly to the apple, pear, prune and other fruit growers of the two states; how the treaties have created competition for the stockmen; what has happened to the shingle industry—in short Pacific Northwest industries generally, without one agricultural product being benefited.

Secretary Hull wrote to McNary that exports to Canada, France and Britain are actually large, notwithstanding the currency question, but neglected to mention that the bulk of these exports consist of war materials, such as airplanes, airplane engines, bombers, material that can purchase nowhere else except in the United States while the allies are acquiring their other supplies from their colonies and commonwealths of the Empire.

Didn't, wrote Hull, he place a quota on importation of furs from Canada to protect American fur farmers? Wasn't that a genuine modification?

Being prepared is a brief which will show the state department what the depreciated currency of Canada is doing to the Pacific Northwest lumber situation. The grange and other groups are also assembling data and Senator McNary is collecting statistics from the departments of commerce and agriculture. He may demonstrate that some of the current exports (cotton and tobacco) are being subsidized by the American taxpayers.

Secretary of the senate, Ed Halsey (personal guardian of every togamand) has received word from Washington's Homer Bone that the latter will not be on hand when the session opens January 3. Senator Bone isn't certain when he will occupy his desk in the chamber. Last summer Bone slipped on a scatter rug, sustained a fracture to a hip and has been in a hospital case since then. Senator Bone is wearing a mechanical device, but it is a handicap to locomotion and sitting in comfort. Spring may come before the senator is back on the job.

Rumor circulated among new dealers is that Washington's Schwelienbach will accept appointment as a district federal judge in his state, where a vacancy exists. Schwelienbach can have the job (for life) if he wants it. This would leave Washington state with one senator—Schwelienbach's term expires in January, 1941—with the vacancy to be filled by Governor Clarence Martin. Speculation in the national capital is that Steve Chadwick is a possible appointee. Chadwick was defeated by Bone for the senate in 1932, then dropped out of state politics and became national commander of the American Legion. (Chadwick's grandfather was secretary of state and governor of Oregon).

Just to keep the record straight. That article in Time, news magazine, about Charles Linza McNary, of Salem, Ore., having breakfast with President Roosevelt "sometimes thrice a week" where he is "constantly counseled with," just isn't correct. It has been many a long day since the Oregon senator had breakfast at the White House and he called but once (Time was correct saying he used the side entrance) for a private confab since the adjournment of congress last August, and that was when Mr. Roosevelt discussed something more important than politics.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEN
Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine

Most of the 1939 research on the glands was concentrated on the male and female sex hormones. These substances are now available in various forms, and may be injected into the body, rubbed into the skin, or planted in pellets, for slow absorption, under the skin.

The male sex hormone, which is scientifically called testosterone propionate, has now been shown to be of value particularly in men who have lost the function of certain glands because of disease which necessitated surgical operation, because of accident, or because of some failure at birth.

Men of the feminine type, when given this substance, produce a growth of beard and develop a deepening of the voice, and show general increased masculinity. The material is also used in men past the age of 50, who, in some instances, seem to pass through a period resembling the change of life in women.

Particularly significant in relationship to the use of the female sex hormone is its effect on cases of leukoplakia. In this condition, there is a thickening of the surface of the tongue and sometimes of the membranes lining the cheeks.

Investigations also showed that these glandular materials, when injected into animals in excessive amounts, stimulate the growth of cancer, particularly when injected into mice of a cancer strain. In human beings, instances are reported in which there has been sudden, massive swelling of the breasts. These occurrences indicate the necessity for extreme caution and control in the use of these powerful preparations.

As the year ended, it was announced that a synthetic substitute for the female sex hormone had been discovered. The product is called stilbestrol.

Much interest during 1939 was centered on the numerous hormones which are derived from the pituitary gland and the relationship of this gland to the other glands of the body. The pituitary gland seems to be the source of hormones concerned with growth, with the flow of mother's milk when she is nursing a baby, with the hair, and with all of the sexual functions of the body. No doubt, 1940 will see new hormones isolated from the pituitary gland.

MISS HALLIE DUDREY, LAUREN GALE WILL BE MARRIED

Wedding to Be Event of Holiday Time

By MARIAN LOWRY

INTERESTING news to many university friends is announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Hallie M. Dudrey to Lauren H. (Laddie) Gale. Application for the license was filed Wednesday at Vancouver, Wash., and the wedding is expected to be an event of Christmas week-end.

Miss Dudrey is a graduate of the University of Oregon and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She has been teaching at Thurston.

Mr. Gale, widely known as all-American forward on the University of Oregon national collegiate championship basketball team of last year, is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity on the campus.

TILlicUMS CLUB

Tillicums club is to have its Christmas party Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Walter O. Swan.

GUILD MEETS

St. Mary's guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church held its meeting Wednesday at the parish hall, twenty attending. Mrs. Allen Osborne was in charge of the luncheon at noon. The group did sewing. The group will not meet again until the first Wednesday in January.

PLAN PARTY

The D. A. V. chapter and auxiliary will hold a Christmas party for disabled veterans and their families Friday at eight o'clock at the armory.

PAST MATRONS

The Past Matrons' club of Evangelical church, O. E. S., will meet Friday at two o'clock at the Masonic temple. Election of officers will be held.

LADIES OF ORIENT

The Ladies of the Orient will meet Friday for a six-forty-five pulluck dinner at the I. O. O. F. temple with the Samaritans.

WOMEN OF MOOSE

Women of Moose will meet Friday at seven-thirty in Moose hall.

HOLD SILVER TEA

YONCALLA, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The Loyal Women of the Church of Christ held a silver tea and Christmas party in the Sunday school room of the church recently. A program was enjoyed. It consisted of group singing, reading by Mrs. W. Lyons, Mrs. E. Richards, Miss Norma Hitchcock, Mrs. L. Long, Mrs. M. Class, Mrs. J. Vian, and Charles Meston; an instrumental duet, Misses Lois and Leta Brant; vocal duet, Mrs. Nettie Hanan and Mrs. Lloyd Wise; vocal duet, Mrs. Andrew Curtwright and Mary Vian; vocal solo, Mrs. Andrew Curtwright; and a drill by the primary room. A Christmas lunch was served to Mrs. Wallace Lyons, Mrs. Edgar Richards, Mrs. Mary Class, Mrs. D. J. Rogers, Mrs. Nettie Hanan, Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. Lloyd Wise, Mrs. S. A. Walkinshaw, Mrs. Pete Peterson, Mrs. Louise Kruse, Mrs. G. C. Long, Mrs. Lena Long, Mrs. Cordelia Brown, Mrs. James Toner, Mrs. Jay Huntington, Mrs. A. R. Marsh, Mrs. Rapier, Mrs. Ernest Warner, Mrs. Charles Vian and son, Mrs. Andrew Curtwright and son, Mrs. Elmer Meston and two sons, Mrs. Ira Vian, Mrs. Roy Bryant, Mrs. B. F. Roberts, Mrs. George Kellogg, Mrs. H. L. Stonaker, Mrs. George Edes, Misses Mildred Kruse, Norma Hitchcock, Lois and Leta Brant, and six pupils from the primary room.

IN WALTERVILLE

WALTERVILLE, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peterson of Fresno, Calif., visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jensen and family and also part of this week. They are in Oregon for the Christmas holidays visiting here and in Eugene.

The front window on the east side of the Community church was found broken recently and investigation showed where the ladder had been moved back where some one had probably tried to shift its position. The ladder was heavy and unwieldy to move evidently getting away from whoever was changing its position.

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Recipe Ideas

PLUM PUDDING for Christmas dinner is like Santa Claus to the Christmas stocking—almost a necessity. Some may prefer ice cream with a rich sauce, or fruit cake with ice cream on top of it. Mine pie belongs in the festive menu, too. But for the sake of tradition, plum pudding is usually the cornerstone of the dessert.

Today almost every high class baker and confectioner puts out a special plum pudding for the holidays. You steam it at home just before serving with hard sauce.

However, in many households, making the plum pudding is part of the Christmas ritual. And in others, puddings are made to be given as presents on Christmas day. If you plan to give a friend one of your puddings, notify her in advance so she will allow space in her menu for it.

Here's a fine recipe for plum pudding:

Burning plum pudding is part of the ceremony in many households. Just before the pudding is brought into the dining room, a jigger of strong brandy is poured over it and then lighted. It will arrive in beautiful flames.

Colonial Plum Pudding

(20 servings)
 One cup currants, 1 cup seeded raisins, 1-2 cup candied orange and lemon peel, and citron mixed; 1-4 cup pecans, 1 cup beef suet, grated rind and juice of 1 lemon, 1-2 cups flour, 3-4 teaspoon salt, 1-4 teaspoon allspice, 1-4 teaspoon cloves, 1-2 teaspoon nutmeg, 1-2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1-4 teaspoon mace, 1 cup bread-crumbs, 1 cup dark brown sugar, 4 eggs, 1-2 cup currant jelly and grape juice mixed.
 Topping: 1-4 cup currants, 1-4 cup citron.

Wash currants and raisins; drain well. Cut raisins in half. Wash candied fruit and cut into small pieces. Slice pecan meats and add to fruit. Put beef suet through food chopper and add to mixture. Add grated lemon rind and lemon juice; blend. Sift together flour, salt and spices.

In another bowl, mix bread-crumbs and sugar; moisten with well beaten eggs. To breadcrumb mixture, add fruit, flour mixture, and jelly and grape juice, blending thoroughly. Turn into a 1-2 quart heat-resistant glass casserole. Decorate the top with currants and cubed citron.

Cover and bake for about 2 1-2 hours in a slow oven (250 degrees F.). Cool without removing cover. If the pudding is to be shipped the edges of the dish may be sealed with cellulose tape.

If you discover your car is running out of gasoline and the nearest station is miles away, it is best to drive slowly at the car's most efficient speed and travel as far as possible.

Mrs. McEvoy Is New President For Guild

ALL SAINTS guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church held election of officers, Wednesday afternoon when the group met at the home of Mrs. F. G. Havemann.

Mrs. E. J. McEvoy was chosen as president; Mrs. DeMott McMoran as vice president; Mrs. F. G. Havemann as treasurer; Mrs. W. E. Bronson, secretary. Retiring officers are: Mrs. Roy Entler, president; Mrs. McEvoy, vice president; Mrs. A. F. Sether, treasurer; Mrs. J. D. Donovan, secretary.

Plans were made for the group's Christmas giving and for activities to follow the holidays. The next meeting comes January 3.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY REPORTS MEETING

Twenty members of the Women's Missionary society of Central Presbyterian church attended the meeting held Wednesday. Mrs. W. C. Hall spoke on "The Present Jew." Miss Emma Chase led devotions. The Westminster Players will present a play at the next meeting, January 23.

DINNER INITIATION HELD BY ALPHA IOTA

A dinner and initiation, followed by a Christmas party, were held by Alpha Iota sorority Thursday evening at St. Mary's Episcopal parish hall. Miss Alice Olson was in charge of pledging and Miss Lavonne Jauch, of the table decorations. Initiation was held for Misses Adeline Vossen, Eunice McManus, Marjorie Gilmore and Gladys Bucholz. The next business meeting will be January 11.

CHRISTMAS PARTY GIVEN BY GROUP

Members of the Methodist Service Guild and their husbands held their annual Christmas party this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Crakes. Twenty-three members were present. On the refreshment committee were Mrs. R. A. Inness and Miss Dorothy Doering, Mrs. Charles Funk and Mrs. W. L. Harrington were in charge of the program, which included Christmas songs directed by Glenn Griffith.

PLANT IS CLOSED

REDEPORT, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Kern and Kibbe dock and quarry operations will be discontinued during the period of December 15 to January 8 according to notices received by the workmen. Barges will be repaired and all machinery given a general overhauling during the shutdown, it is stated.

Calendar

Thursday
 6:30 p. m.—Bon Heur dance club party. River Road Women's clubhouse.
 8:30 p. m.—Illahee division dinner, Moose hall.
 8 p. m.—Catholic Daughters of America party, St. Joseph's hall.

Friday
 1 p. m.—Tillicums club meeting, home of Mrs. Walter O. Swan.
 2 p. m.—Past Matrons of Evangelical chapter, O. E. S., meet at Masonic temple.
 8:45 p. m.—Dinner of Ladies of the Orient, I. O. O. F. hall.
 7:30 p. m.—Women of Moose meet at Moose hall.
 8 p. m.—D. A. V. and auxiliary party, armory.

NILE CLUB PARTY HELD ON WEDNESDAY

The annual Christmas party of Eugene club, Daughters of the Nile, was held Wednesday, following the monthly luncheon. Twenty-five members were present. The annual election of officers and the birthday party will be January 17. Members of the committee in charge are Mrs. F. L. Beard, Mrs. Frank Nombalis, Mrs. R. L. Collins and Mrs. J. J. Godlove.

Mrs. Dunbar Is Honored by Rebekahs

MRS. BERTHA V. DUNBAR who has been a member of the Rebekah lodge for forty years, was presented with a noble grand's jewel at the meeting of Eugene Rebekah lodge Wednesday evening. The jewel was given by Mrs. B. B. McKinnon, Mrs. Myrtle Spencer, and Mrs. Agnes Kirkpatrick, and was presented by Mrs. Randall, Wash., and Mrs. Radabaugh of Cupertino, Calif. Installation of the Rebekah Odd Fellows will be held January 3. Mrs. Lurena Zimmer will be installing officer for the lodge, and Wesley Maxwell, the Odd Fellow.

The program included a duet, Misses Suzanne and Jean Armstrong; fancy drill by the team of Helmetta temple of the I. O. O. F. and the I. O. O. F. high school girls' glee club; singing by Kenneth Whitmore, Mrs. Harry Osborn, Mrs. J. Wray, Mrs. Dewey McAlpin, a reading by Mrs. Warren Cramer. Spanish moss is used in the center.

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