

Speaking of Christmas Favorites

There is a vast literature built around the theme of Christmas, but there are only a few of the thousands of "Christmas stories" or poems which are enduring favorites.

"That was the favorite of my childhood which was spent mostly in a sod hut in Nebraska. Christmas was a pretty simple affair in those days, but my father and my older brothers always managed to whittle out some interesting toys and my mother made gingerbread men.

The author of "The Night Before Christmas" is NOT unknown, but not a great deal is known about him. He was Clement Clarke Moore who was born in 1779 and died in 1863.

Clement Clarke Moore, the son, was a scholarly man, a preacher and teacher who authored "A Compendious Lexicon of the Hebrew Language" in 1809.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

Community Singing on Christmas Eve

On Monday evening just before the downtown stores close there will be a real old-fashioned Christmas Eve singing of carols at the intersection of Broadway and Willamette.

This simple program may be the answer to the long discussed problem of "Community Christmas," the project which the Lookouts have been urging since the end of World War II.

For the store employees, the occasion should be especially welcome. The end of the Christmas rush is somewhat comparable

Now dash away! dash away, dash away all! As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;

His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

Literally millions, young and old, have found delight in these verses over the 128 years since they were written.

All Christmas is an act of faith. The time will never come when Santa Claus and his reindeer will not be very real to the little kids.

The timing of the event is quite important and we are told that the singing will be started in ample time so that nobody will be delayed in getting home.

SO THEY SAY—

A few thee's and thou's can make violence acceptable and sex unassailable.—Milton Shulman, British film critic, on Hollywood's Biblical productions.

I personally don't know whether General Eisenhower is a bird dog or a rabbit dog, and I usually want to know what I'm hunting.—Gov. Kerr Scott, of North Carolina.

Modern art, not satisfied with the denial of the spiritual nature of man, distorts in a grotesque and repelling fashion his human form.—Dr. Matthey Spinka, professor of church history, Hartford Seminary.

The Shepherd

MY FRIEND "Ye are my friend." John 13:14 You've meant so much to me this year . . . So many times you've shown you care . . . About what happens in my life . . . Our friendship is so free of strife . . . I want to say at Christmas-time . . . "Thank God for you!"

Marquis Childs

Timing for Ike's Return Debated

WASHINGTON — For those who hope that at the very least there will be a spirited contest for the Republican nomination the news from the Eisenhower camp can hardly be considered encouraging.



CHILD'S This is largely over the timing of Ike's resignation from his command in Europe and his return to the United States.

In that letter Lodge, leader of the movement to get the Republican nomination for Ike, expressed the strong conviction that the general should return at the very earliest moment, preferably by the end of January.

BETWEEN THE LINES Between the lines of the Lodge letter one may read the plain implication that if Eisenhower wants to be President, then he must return to his native land and personally direct a campaign for that greatest of all political goals.

It happens that this view point conflicts with that of Eisenhower's close friends and probably with that of Ike himself on at least two counts.

DATE OF SPECULATION When this reporter was at SHAPE headquarters three weeks ago the date speculated about for Ike's retirement was the end of March or early April.

On the second count, purely as a matter of strategy, Ike's closest friends are convinced that it would be wrong for him to come home early in the new year to become an active candidate.

ARRIVE AT CLIMAX As these friends see it, by delaying his return Eisenhower will arrive at the climactic moment. On that climactic homecoming he would come forth with some dramatic concept such as federation not for Europe alone but for the west.

For their part the dedicated friends are of the opinion that if the politicians want Eisenhower badly enough, they will be willing to go out and do the job themselves rather than insist that he clear the path by his own personal efforts.

This discussion of ways and means is taking place against a background of formidable gains being made by Senator Robert A. Taft and the effective team campaigning in his behalf for the GOP nomination.

Where have you been during the last ten years, Judge Bayly, during which time some of the friends and relatives of the political ring which has hovered about the Court in Eugene have reaped fabulous profit from the purchase of these county lands.

INDIGNANT MINER

REEDSPORT—(To the Editor) —On returning from the Bohemia Mining District recently, your article of September 23rd, sponsored by County Judge Bayly, respecting mining claims, came to my attention.

Let us demand that we have a good road up Brice Creek so that when people like the American Smelting and Refining Company send men to investigate opening up these vast bodies of base metals, as the A.S. & R. did during the past summer, they can report a decent road for access to the mines.

Few districts in the world are blessed with the natural drainage which the Bohemia District has, which offers low cost production. At Grass Valley, Calif., water is pumped to the surface from approximately a mile deep.



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