



Santa Comes Marching Home



BY ALICE B. PALMER

GREAT preparations were in progress for the annual Christmas reunion at the Thomas home in Glendale. Lauris was decorating the living room with streamers of red and green and hanging bells and mistletoe above the doors. The holly wreaths were already hung and father had arranged the colored lights on the evergreens in the front yard the night before.

"Will be home for Christmas," "Johnny."

Mother had proudly read the telegram aloud to the family and all were simply bursting with holiday enthusiasm, for Johnny was really coming home.

All was hustle and bustle in the kitchen of fragrant odors. Mother was wholly surrounded by delicious sour cream cookies which she was busily tinting in the Christmas colors of red and green. The refreshing aroma of the traditional cardamom seed and of the spices, was most pleasing. Even little Tim was



Johnny Stood Aghast Taking in the Whole Situation.

privileged to aid in this glorious Christmas preparation.

When things were well on their way toward completion, mother sent the children into the living room. "I want you to pack all the gifts in that large box the grocer brought," said mother, "and wrap that holly paper around it so it will look more Christmas-like."

"All right, mother," they shouted, in a chorus of happy voices, as they scampered in. They had glorious fun amongst the gifts slyly peeping beneath the sides of the gaily colored wrappers and feeling to try and guess the contents. Mother chuckled within as she

Metal Kraft Shop Opens in Medford

Harry Goold and Earl McBee's boyhood hobby has developed into the Metal Kraft Shop, 209 West Main, Medford that will fill a much needed nook in Medford business houses.

Harry Goold was born and raised in the Rogue River Valley and Earl McBee has lived here many years. There line of work drew them together.

Mr. Goold and Mr. McBee have

heard the merry peals of laughter and happy confusion.

"Soon now, my children," said father, "we shall hear the train whistle which is to bring our Johnny home."

Johnny had mentioned that he did not wish to be met at the station and his desires had been duly respected.

Instead of a train whistle, they heard the loud roaring and buzzing of an airplane.

"Oh, I bet Johnny is coming by plane," shouted Lauris.

"I just bet he is, too," cried Tim, all excited.

"I wouldn't be surprised," grinned father, knowingly.

There was a rush to the frosted window to see if anything was in sight.

"Oh, mother, look at poor old Mrs. Johnson sitting all alone over there in her window seat. Doesn't she look lonesome though?" said Bonny Jean.

"Let's invite her over for the evening," suggested mother. "She was telling me the other day that her son, Joseph, would not be home for Christmas."

"Yes, let's," they all chimed in, beaming with the Christmas spirit.

"That's a very fine idea," agreed father, smiling kindly. "You run over, Tim, my boy, and ask her if she would care to join us."

"Oh boy," shouted little Tim, chuckling at the opportunity of getting out to throw a snowball.

Some moments later, the dear little lady was in their midst, smiling her gratitude toward each one of them.

"It was kind of you to offer to share your Christmas with me," she said. "It has been pretty lonely this year without my boy."

Just then the door burst open and in stepped Santa Claus. The children almost wrecked him in their excitement. He dropped his heavy pack and shouted, "Merry Christmas," with all the strength and energy he possessed.

Mother couldn't stand the suspense another moment. She tore off his mask and hugged and kissed him hungrily.

Johnny stood, aghast, taking in the whole beautiful situation. The brilliantly lighted tree, the star of Bethlehem gleaming at its peak and little Tim jingling a rope of sleighbells all in his honor.

But the best was yet to come, for he opened the door and in stepped a tall, handsome soldier, his face flushed with a happy holiday smile, his garments covered with the Christmas snow.

"Hello, mother," he said, as he rushed into the out-stretched arms of the smiling Mrs. Johnson.

After all questions had been satisfactorily answered, Lauris began singing at the top of her voice, "When Santa Comes Marching Home." The others sensing the grand idea, joined in with a jolly good spirit of fun, in the combined Christmas reunion.

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just returned from a trip to San Francisco and have a stock of gleaming chromium ware. Here you will find individual garden furniture (fireplace fixtures, andirons, hanging flower baskets, wall-pockets candle holders, tools, etc. All work is original and made in their shop which is one of the finest equipped in southern Oregon.

Their slogan "If Mac can't weld it, throw it away," is well known in the valley. For the convenience of their customers with large implements, tractors, etc., there is an entrance on the alley.

New Features Are Added To AAA Soil Program

With the framework of the 1937 agricultural conservation program officially announced at Washington, D. C., farm operators in Oregon are now awaiting detailed interpretation of the plan in the light of Oregon conditions which will be available as soon as official representatives from this state return from the national conference.

Meanwhile the state soil depleting crop base for the 1936 program has



CHOOSING a Christmas turkey of the right size this year will assure every guest plenty of delicious meat and at the same time avoid the usual post-Christmas series of turkey hash meals, according to Miss Annabelle Robinson, associate in home economics education at the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois.

A general "rule of the thumb" is to allow three-fourths to a pound of dressed turkey for each guest. If the bird is to be served with dressing, the 3/4-pound allowance probably will be ample. If there is no dressing, more meat will be needed, and the larger allowance will be the safest.

At the above rates a 15-pound turkey, will feed approximately 20 people, while a 10-pound bird will be sufficient for 13 guests. Since many families do not plan to have more than five or six at the Christmas table, even smaller birds probably will be in demand. However, it usually is better to get a bird weighing at least ten pounds dressed, since smaller turkeys do not develop as fine a flavor. Unless the size of the turkey is entirely out of proportion to the number of dinner guests, enough will be left for only one or two meals of cold turkey, Miss Robinson said.

Whether the turkey is chosen from the home flock or bought at a market it should be a fat, plump bird and preferably a young one. The skin should be smooth and clean, and the breast and thighs plump and meaty. The bird should be reasonably fat, since the fat imparts a better flavor and prevents the dry, tasteless flavor common to turkeys in poor flesh.

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been definitely approved at Washington, and state and county officials have supplied each county with its final base figures. From these individual applications can now go forward with little delay.

Significant among the changes made in the 1937 program is provision for some crop control to be applied to corn. This is to be accomplished by setting an acreage quota for each farm which comes under soil conservation provisions of the new program. National AAA officials announced that this is needed to prevent the corn acreage getting far out of line under the stimulus of high prices which followed last year's extremely short crop.

The new crop will include both diversion and soil building payments again, but with the latter given more emphasis. An average of \$9 an acre for diversion instead of \$10 has been set and it will be handled on a somewhat different basis. Of the \$9, \$6 will be applied directly to diverted acreage up to 15 per cent while \$3 will be paid for definite additions to the soil conserving acreage above the 15 per cent. This effect serves to add the \$3 to total soil building practice payments.

The range improvement program is continued, but with payments lowered from \$2 to \$1.50 per animal

unit of carrying capacity. Producers of sizeable acreages of permanent pasture, as well as others whose farms are now largely in soil conserving crops, will have opportunity for additional participation. The minimum allowance per farm, regardless of size, has been raised from \$10 to \$20 this year, and provision has been made for more benefits for vegetable and fruit growers who carry out soil building practices. It is believed that last year's base acreage determinations may be used again, thus eliminating much of the detailed work necessary in carrying out the present program.

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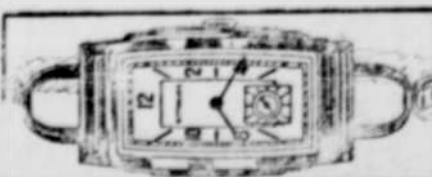
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New Business Firm Has Faith in City

Mr. Barnehill and Mr. Tuttle have recently opened up a business on S. Front, Medford. They visited every town in Oregon before deciding to locate in the Rogue River Valley.

They expect big improvements in all lines of business here in the near future. By the amount of the work being done in Medford we would imagine they were right.

Mr. Barnehill and Mr. Tuttle were in business in Portland before locating here. They mentioned the onion fields as one thing they expected to increase.

What's Christmas without BOOKS?

Suggestions for Father

- Lost Horizon.....James Hilton
- Thunder Mountain.....Grey
- Case of The Caretaker's Cat.....Gardner
- Appointment in Samarra.....John O'Hara
- My Man Godfrey.....Erw Hatch
- Spanish Cape Mystery.....Queen
- Slim.....William Haines
- Gunlock Ranch.....Frank Spearman
- West of The Apache Pass.....Sizoo
- Thirty Range.....E. B. Mann

Suggestions for Mother

- The Christmas Bride.....Grace L. Hill
- The Good Earth.....Pearl S. Buck
- With Honors.....Emilie Loring
- Come and Get It.....Edna Ferber
- No Lovelier Spring.....Lida Larrirose
- Valiant Is The Word for Courage.....Betty Benedict
- Ramona.....Helen Hunt Jackson
- Next Time We Live.....Ursula Parrott
- Rainbow Cottage.....Grace L. Hill
- Snow-Bound.....Edna Ferber

Suggestions for Brother

- Little Orvie.....Turkington
- Penrod.....Turkington
- Penrod and Sam.....Turkington
- The Call of The Wild.....London
- W.....Lindbergh
- Tarzan and The Lion Man.....Burroughs
- The Prince and The Pauper.....Mark Twain
- Rambi.....Pete Saiten
- The Hoosier Schoolmaster.....Faulstich
- The Covered Wagon.....Emerson Howsh

Suggestions for Sister

- Bouquet Hill.....Abbot
- Poor Little Rich Girl.....Gates
- The Secret Garden.....F. H. Burnett
- Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.....Kate D. Wiggin
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