

The American Way--

SANTA CLAUS THE YEAR 'ROUND

By George Peck

Undoubtedly, I should in this column be giving my expert (?) opinion on one or other of the many vexing problems of the day—the President's tax reduction-raise proposal, Henry Wallace's third party bid for the presidency, the Marshall Plan—to mention but a few.

However, even though Christmas 1947 is long since past, I'd like to devote this column to the greatest holiday of the year. Prior to and subsequent thereto, I read a great number of beautiful Christmas stories. The one that most profoundly impressed me, bringing a bit of mist to the eye, was one I found in the Daily Ledger, published at Fairfield, Iowa. I pass it on to you just as Editor Wallace E. Sherlock told it on his editorial page—without further comment from me, except to say, you're a hard hearted wretch if you don't reach for your hankie after you've read it. Here it is:

Stella May, a little girl in a western city, many years ago, wrote a letter to Santa Claus and gave it to her daddy to mail. It ran something like this:

"I wrote you a letter several days ago that I wanted a doll and a crib and some candy and a sled. Anna Belle lives in another part of town. Her daddy is very poor and she told me that he told her that you visited only folks that are not very poor. So, please Santa, take my presents to her and do not leave me any. I will understand. Do this Santa, please." Christmas morning Stella May, she awoke, found a dolly, a crib, a beautiful box of candy and a sled at the side of her bed. She was disappointed. She feared that Santa had ignored her request. Then she noticed a letter pinned to the doll's dress. The letterhead had a picture of Santa and his sled and his reindeers, in colors, extending clear across the top. But she could not read the big words.

Daddy read the letter to her. It said:

"My darling Stella May—I am glad you wrote me. I had overlooked Anna Belle, but your letter jogged my memory. I am leaving your presents for you, but I am taking Anna Belle a doll and a crib and candy and a sled exactly like yours. I want you to go down to Anna Belle's house and tell her how sorry I am that I had overlooked. Your friend, Santa."

It was not still years after that Stella May charged her father with being the Santa Claus in the letter, but daddy always denied the charge.

As we have said so many times the last week, what is it that gets into the hearts and minds of people and prompts them to do what they can to

make others happy and lay the credit on the doorstep of Santa Claus? You know the answer without it being repeated here.

We would that some bright men and women, with organizing abilities, would start a movement to be known as "Knights and Ladies of the Gallilean," the objective of which would be to keep alive the "Spirit of Christmas" throughout the year!

Letter from Washington--

HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M.C.
4th DISTRICT, OREGON

The unbridled enthusiasm, like unto a frenzy and shading on hysteria, of the all-out Marshall Plan boosters is making difficult a serious and realistic consideration by Congress of the request for aid made by the 16, continent "all or nothing" complex operating European nations. The of the boosters tends to create an atmosphere which hampers the serious and responsible committee members who are endeavoring to prepare the legislation for action by Congress.

Few people are willing to deny that we have assumed a position of leadership in world affairs and that we therefore have a responsibility. Bulking as a large part of this responsibility is the necessity to help our free neighbors on the other side of the Atlantic get on a self-supporting basis. But it will not be fair to them and certainly it would be most unfair to our people and our own economy if we ignore our limitations and our own slightly precarious financial situation. We cannot just let go on a sort of "rah rah" basis and ship Europe food, dollars and everything else they happen to ask for.

The above outburst was touched off by a letter I just received from the "Committee for the Marshall Plan" signed by former Secretary of War, Robert Patterson. The letter urges support of the plan and is too long to quote here. However, the following sentence stands on its own without need for reference to the rest of the letter—and it really "stopped" me: "Enough of our aid should be in the form of grants so that Europe will not be saddled with a hopeless load of debt"!!!

The United States right now is "saddled" with the heaviest debt load of any government on earth. Our per capita debt is almost \$2000—every family of four is obligated for \$8000! This debt demands staggering annual interest payments, and we have other continuing obligations from the war such as veterans payments. These requirements are causing us to eat our economic heart out with taxation. High prices, high incomes (call it inflation) are now required to bring in a large total tax income or this government would be-

come bankrupt. Then we couldn't help anybody.

Yes, we can survive but only by reducing unnecessary government expenses, by taking some of the tax load off the necks of our people, and by a systematic reduction of the debt. While doing all this we can help our neighbors, too—as a part of our own system of defense. But both we and they must be made to realize that there is a limit to our ability and that our help must be parcelled out carefully and in a manner that will be the most effective in a permanent future way as well as immediately helpful.

The question, not only as to how much we shall aid Europe but the manner in which it shall be done, is the most vital problem before us this year. It requires searching inquiry and most serious handling. The present "Hurrah" technique of administration leaders and self-appointed Marshall Plan "boosters" is both disturbing and destructive.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY PROBATE DEPARTMENT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

LUZELLA CASH, also known as MRS. LUZELLA DAMON, Deceased. The undersigned has filed in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Oregon, Probate Department, the final account of his administration of the above estate, and said Court has fixed the 13th day of February, 1948, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the Circuit Court Room in the Jackson County Court House, at Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for the settlement of said estate. All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified and required to make or file their objections to said final account if any they have, on or before the time aforesaid fixed for the hearing and settlement thereof. Date of this notice is January 28th, 1948.

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35—Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 29.

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY

MAUDE G. WYANT and RAY WYANT, wife and husband, Plaintiffs,

vs.
GEORGE KAHLER and MARY KAHLER, husband and wife; ANDREW KAHLER and JANE KAHLER, husband and wife; WILLIAM E. KAHLER and JUNE KAHLER, husband and wife; THOMAS KAHLER and TESSIE KAHLER, husband and wife; EDWARD L. O'FLYING and ELLA O'FLYING, husband and wife; GEORGE E. O'FLYING and JENNIE O'FLYING, husband and wife; MADIE V. O'FLYING and JOHN O'FLYING, wife and husband; KATIE L. O'FLYING and GEORGE O'FLYING, wife and husband; CLAIRE W. O'FLYING and JAMES O'FLYING, wife and husband; MABEL G. O'FLYING and MARTIN O'FLYING, wife and husband; J. H. KAHLER and JANE KAHLER, husband and wife; FLOYD KAHLER and FLORA KAHLER, husband and wife; all heirs of C. W. KAHLER, DECEASED; BLANCHE COOK and JOHN COOK, wife and husband; FREDERICK W. CRUMP and MARY CRUMP, husband and wife; LELAND W. CRUMP and LELA CRUMP, husband and wife; MRS. REID CORBETT and JAMES CORBETT, wife and husband; ESTHER JOHNSON and JOHN JOHNSON, wife and husband; CHARLES CRUMP and JANE CRUMP, husband and wife; THOMAS A. CRUMP, JR. and JEAN CRUMP, husband and wife; ELMER C. CRUMP and ELLEN CRUMP, husband and wife; VIOLE SATTERLEE and VICTOR SATTERLEE, wife and husband; RAYMOND CRUMP and HELEN CRUMP, husband and wife; RALPH CRUMP and HAZEL CRUMP, husband and wife, all heirs of THOMAS A. CRUMP, SR., DECEASED, each and all of the unknown heirs of each and all of the above named defendants; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in and to the real property described in the complaint herein. Defendants,

TO EACH AND ALL OF THE ABOVE DEFENDANTS: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the last day of four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and, if you fail to do so, you shall be deemed to have waived the right to be heard in said suit, and you shall be bound by the judgment rendered in said suit, subject to such appeal as may be provided by law.

That each and all of the defendants herein be required to fully set forth any and all right, title, estate, lien, claim or interest whatsoever that they, or any of them, may have, or claim, in, to, or upon the real property described in the complaint herein, or any part or parcel thereof, which said real property is situated in Jackson County, Oregon, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the West line of Third Street 75 feet along Third Street Northeastly from the Southeast corner of Lot 4, in Block 2, in the Town of Jacksonville, Oregon, and from said beginning point, thence at right angles with Third Street in a Northwesterly direction 39 feet and 9 inches; thence Third Street 17 feet and 4 inches; thence Southeastly parallel Northeastly parallel with California Street 39 feet and 9 inches; thence Southwesterly along Third Street 17 feet and 4 inches to the place of beginning. Also, the right of ingress and egress over 8 feet North and adjoining the above described property.

That each and all of the claims and all of said defendants herein, in that may be made on the part of any or to said real property herein described; or any part thereof, be adjudged and declared to be null and void; that the plaintiffs herein be decreed to be the owners, in fee simple, of said real property, free and clear of any right or claim whatsoever on the part of said defendants, or any of them.

That each and all of the defend-

ants herein, and each and all persons claiming, or to claim, by, through or under them, or any of them, be forever enjoined, restrained and barred from asserting, attempting to establish, or claiming, any right, title, estate, lien or interest whatsoever, in, to, or upon said real property, or any part or parcel thereof, and that plaintiffs' title to said premises be forever quieted and set at rest.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable H. K. Hanna, Judge of the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Oregon, made and entered on the 7th day of January, 1948.

The time prescribed in said order for publication of this summons is once a week for four consecutive weeks. The date of the first publication of this summons is the 9th day of January, 1948.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1948.

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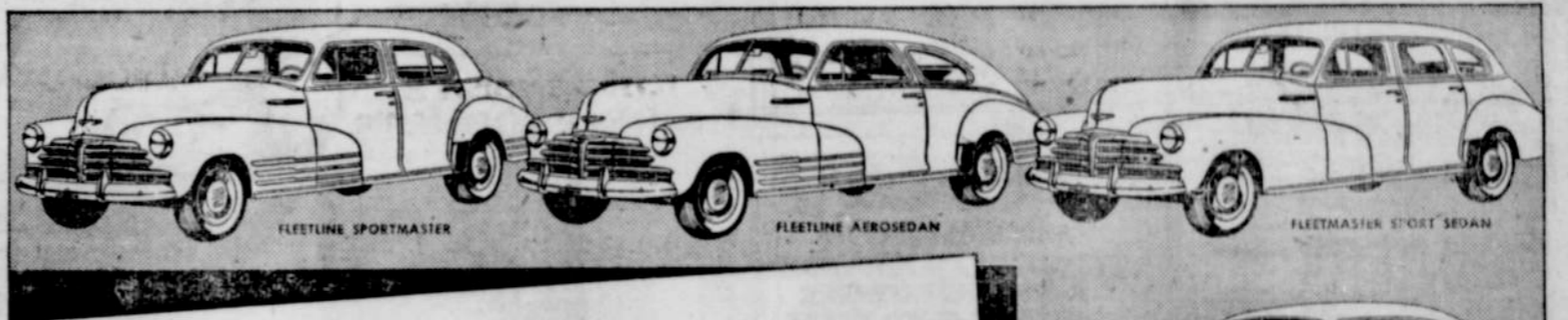
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