

Signs of Christmas...



Entire Family Helps With Preparations For the Holiday

Why not make this a real Christmas by having the entire family help in preparing for the great holiday? Follow the suggestions below and you may be amazed at the family solidarity shown around the Yuletide feast table.

First of all, getting the tree. This is an assignment that should fall to the younger members of the family. Going to the woods is the American tradition, and there is a special thrill in bringing in a tree of one's choice. City dwellers, however, have to buy their tree, so be sure to let the youngsters be able to say, "We chose the tree."

Decorating the home is a project that will offer jobs and fun for all. Arrange a nativity scene, decorate the doorways and windows, and, if there are any sick members of the family, decorate a small tree for the bedside. But, work together. Then, have a party, complete with games, dancing, caroling, refreshments and the exchanging of presents. The exchange of gifts should be well planned, so that no member of the family is slighted. Drawing names from a hat is an old custom in many large families. Strive also to add some extra entertainment. If a member of the clan can sing well, or dance, a solo performance should be a highlight.

Finally, after the party is well under way, call everything to a halt and give each member of the family a pencil and piece of paper, asking them to write in 25 or less words, "What Christmas Means to Me." You may be surprised at the answers turned in by some. Faith and sincerity may be found where you least expect it.

Old toys, adorned with a fresh coating of paint might make a wonderful gift for the very young. You can make an attractive apron gift that would be appreciated by a young housekeeper from a feed or flour sack.



A CHILD IS BORN
Sing forth the honor of his name

THE OLD AND THE NEW

Visitor Finds Two Worlds in Jerusalem

Palestinian merchants still create a scene reminiscent of the three wise men as they carry their wares along the desert sands bordering the blue Mediterranean near ancient Tel Aviv. Their camels, laden with wares, remind one of the gifts the Magi brought to the scene of the Nativity.

Today, the visitor finds two Jerusalems. One is the modern city

with street cars, hotels and automobiles; the other the old walled city with narrow streets passing through many graceful archways and mounting from one level to another by well-worn steps. Donkeys and camels are the only means of transportation, and the section is little changed since the time Christ lived there. Life is much the same.

THE WASHINGTON Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

Mrs. Truman
MRS. TRUMAN makes no bones about her desire to turn the White House over to new tenants. At a reception the other day, the first lady confided to a friend: "This is a terrible life. We don't have any privacy at all. If I want to go across the hall to see the President or Margaret, I have to get dressed up. I can't just slip a kimono on, for you never know who you'll find in the hall. I'll be glad when we get back to Independence and can live like human beings."

Mrs. Truman said she thought the government should provide private living quarters away from the White House for the first family. She was referring, of course, to the fact that Secret Service vigilance has been tightened since the attempt on the President's life, so that guards are on every floor of Blair House.

The Taft Brothers
Taft forces are so sore at brother Charles Taft for announcing for Governor of Ohio that they may put genial Congressman George Bender, a GOP stalwart, into the Republican primary in Ohio to run against brother Charles.

There are several reasons for this row over the younger member of the Taft family. Primarily, Bob Taft forces are sore because two Tafts in a political race cause confusion and make the public think one family is out to dominate the state.

Second, brother Charles has not been regular. He was a friend of Franklin Roosevelt, voted for him a couple of times and served under him in the Federal Security Administration and later in the State Department during the war.

Charles also bolted the regular Republicans in Cincinnati where he has been a member of the city council and helped elect a Democratic mayor, Albert Cash.

Backstage Boss
Democrat Frank McHale, towering boss of the onetime Indiana 2 per cent club machine, makes no bones about the fact that he put Hoosier banker Frank McKinney across as Democratic national chairman, coached him at his first press conference, dictated letters for him to sign, and arranged his appointments.

McHale nabbed the committee chairmanship for his protégé by the old adage of "being thar fustest with the mostest."

Jake Arvey, the Chicago Democratic boss, tipped McHale off that Bill Boyle was on the skids and suggested that the big Hoosier might like the job himself. Whereupon McHale put in a long-distance call for his friend and fellow Irishman, Kingmaker Matt Connelly of Mr. Truman's staff.

"I know just the type person you need to restore the prestige of the National Committee," he said. "He should be young, a successful business executive, clean as a hound's tooth, and a loyal Democrat."

"If you know that kind of a guy, you've bought yourself a national chairman," Connelly said.

McHale then recommended Frank McKinney who both fits the description and did a bang up job in the Pentagon. Kingmaker Connelly saw to it the door was bolted, refused to let other Democrats with candidates of their own see the President.

Washington Items
Governor Dewey did not meet secretly with Eisenhower at the Waldorf as reported last week. A Broadway columnist got one mixed with a Waldorf meeting which did take place between Dewey, Senator Duff of Pennsylvania, Herbert Brownell, the Dewey GOP mentor, and Gen. Lucius Clay, Georgia-born Clay, a lifelong Democrat, is now in the Eisenhower camp. The meeting discussed ways and means of rounding up delegates despite the fact that Ike cannot declare until next spring.

There's not the slightest question but that Ike started life as a Democrat. His first speech at the age of 18 at Abilene, Kansas, was at a Jackson Day dinner.

Taft-ites are suspected of putting a neat one over on Arthur Krock. He reported that Ike would come over to the Taft side if the senator would desert the isolationists.

Washington Pipeline

Only diplomat who got the VIP treatment at the Soviet embassy party last week was Premier Mossadegh of Iran. The Russians supplied Mossadegh with a four-man escort to run interference through the big crowd which clustered three deep around the caviar. (American guests at the Soviet embassy shun Soviet champagne which is sweet and usually hot, but make a bee-line for the bowls of caviar as soon as they arrive.)

THE HOME TOWN REPORTER

IN WASHINGTON

WALTER SHEAR, WNU Correspondent

Southern Fireworks
THE recent southern governors' conference at Hot Springs, Ark., developed some political fireworks which added fuel to the Dixiecrat movement. The conference also added impetus to the move for a southern convention which may nominate an independent candidate for the presidency in next year's turbulent campaign.

Despite this dark outlook for the candidacy of President Truman, some of the more astute politicians here do not seem to be worried over this eventuality. They likely are statistically minded and in going back over the years point to the fact that throughout the political history of the country when a Democrat presidential nominee has been returned a winner he won with sufficient electoral votes that he could have lost the solid south and still won, except in one instance. That was in the second Wilson campaign in 1918 which was so close that everyone thought Charles Evans Hughes had been elected until early morning returns from California turned the trick for President Wilson.

For instance, in 1948 President Truman won with a plurality of 115 electoral votes which is the exact total of the ten southern states electoral count, loss of which would have placed him in a tie with Governor Dewey. Truman needed only one southern state to win. As it was he did not get the 38 votes from Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina which were cast for the Dixiecrat candidate, Gov. J. Strom Thurman of South Carolina. And in 1948 President Truman lost such important states as New York with 47 votes, Pennsylvania with 35, Maryland with 8, and Michigan with 19. He may not lose these states in 1952 according to the accurate and comprehensive poll recently taken among nation's weekly editors.

If President Truman could win only one of these states, for instance Pennsylvania, he could lose the 10 southern states to an independent candidate and still win the election, even though he lost Ohio with 25 votes to Senator Taft.

The poll of the weekly newspaper editors, who are closer to the grassroots thinking of this country than any other group, predict the nominees of the two major parties will be Senator Taft and President Truman, although they indicate a preference themselves for General Eisenhower. They further predict that President Truman will win the election carrying 33 states, including Michigan, Pennsylvania, possibly New York, if Eisenhower does not run, and Maryland—all states lost by Truman in 1948.

Another Stake

Insofar as southern congressmen and senators are concerned, there is an even greater stake in their seniority rights as chairmen of the most important congressional committees which they would lose if they gave their support either to a Republican or an Independent.

President Truman was charitable to the four states which refused to cast their electoral votes for him in 1948 and made no attempt to "discipline" such recalcitrant Democrats as Senator Ellender of Louisiana and Senators Maybank and Johnston of South Carolina.

In any widespread defection from the official party line these southern senators would certainly lose the following committee chairmanships: Ellender, agriculture and forestry; Russell of Georgia, armed services; Maybank, banking and currency; McClelland of Arkansas, expenditures in the executive department; George of Georgia, finance; Connally of Texas, foreign relations; and Johnston of South Carolina, post office and civil service.

Convention Fight

Likely the dissident southerners will adopt a program of attempting to defeat President Truman at the Chicago convention, as they did at Philadelphia, and failing as they will if the President wants the nomination, will map their strategy from there.

It is almost a certainty, however, there will not be a solid south movement. Such governors as Sidney McMath of Arkansas, W. Kerr Scott of North Carolina, Fuller Warren of Florida, Gordon Browning of Tennessee, and Allan Shivers of Texas, all said to be friendly to the President, are expected to exert a leveling and deterrent influence at least on their own states.

Atrocities

The disclosure that the Communists have murdered American prisoners of war caused a wave of anger in the home towns of the nation. A number of investigations have been started to find out why the announcement was made at this particular time. One immediate result was greater tension at the already tense Korean cease-fire talks. It may, however, bring about a greater war effort within the United States.

SPORTSCOPE

By Joe MAHONEY

RAY NUSSPICKEL



ONE DAY, BACK IN 1928, THE FRESHMAN FOOTBALL COACH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS TOOK OCCASION TO TELL RAY THAT HE SHOULDN'T PLAY FOOTBALL. OKAY—NUSSPICKEL WAS A SENSATIONAL LINEMAN BUT WAS SO NEAR-SIGHTED HE OCCASIONALLY TACKLED ONE OF HIS TEAM MATES. BUT WITH DOGGED DETERMINATION HE PLAYED ANYWAY AND BECAME ONE OF THE GREAT GUARDS OF ILLINI GRID HISTORY!

IN 1942 RAY ELIOT RETURNED TO HIS ALMA MATER AND THE SAME DETERMINATION HAS MADE HIM DEAN OF BIG TEN COACHES.

THE ORIGINAL MARQUIS OF QUEENSBERRY BOXING RULES HAS A CLAUSE THAT STATES "NO BOOTS OR SHOES WITH SPRINGS WILL BE ALLOWED!"

ALEX TOURELLE AND SOME FRIENDS WERE QUIETLY FISHING AT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISS. ALEX STRUCK A MATCH ON A LOG. THE LOG OPENED ITS MOUTH AND THE RESTFUL FISHING TRIP TURNED INTO A 90-MINUTE ALLIGATOR BATTLE!

SPORTLIGHT

Football Hall of Fame Missed Two

By GRANTLAND RICE

NEW YORK—It was generally understood by everyone concerned or interested that football's Hall of Fame Honor Court was bound to make a few mistakes getting underway. Oversights were sure to occur in trying to name the first group of All-America entries. The selecting committee, headed by Bill Cunningham, did a first-class job.

It made errors of omission. And two notable mistakes were leaving Charles Brickley off and not entering Jock Sutherland as one of the great coaches of all time. It was a ridiculous, of course, to say that Dr. Sutherland didn't belong in the first 20 named. The good Doctor belonged in the first five, headed by Rockne and Haughton.

Rockne and Haughton were the two tops. Unless you bring in Pop Warner who invented more plays than all the others put together. Pop happens to be the author of the single and double wing that is now knocking the T cockeyed. "How I'd like to have a sock at that T," Pop told me last fall. "It would be murder!"

You don't think so? How about Princeton, Tennessee, Southern California, Kentucky, Texas, UCLA (the team that wrecked California), Michigan, Illinois—in fact all of the good teams in the game—all single wing. Or nearly all. It must prove something.

Yes, Rockne, Haughton and Pop Warner would have to head the list. They are the Big Three of the coaches. They gave football more than anyone else. No one can dispute their positions.

But I still say Jock Sutherland belongs in the first five. Perhaps you don't remember the time Jock made Notre Dame break off her schedule with Pittsburgh after Pittsburgh had almost wrecked the South Bend Irish through six years?

Jock was wrecking most of them at that time. His one mistake was trying to overpower Fordham's great line without a pass. Jock failed to score in three consecutive years.

But he was one of the best—a master of the running attack. He never liked the pass. That was Jock's weakness. It was the way Howard Jones wrecked him-through the air.

But Jock was thinking in terms of older and better football—of running, tackling, timing, kicking—not

of the basketball innovation. He was a master of precision.

Too Many Stars

The group selected to name the first Hall of Fame list was certain to blow more than one great star. This couldn't be helped with so many hundreds waiting to be called. As my friend Dan Parker suggested—"What about Elmer Oliphant—probably Army's greatest player?" Elmer was also Purdue's greatest star.

Football has ten stars to basketball's one. I mean college football. The pros are not listed in this College Hall of Fame scramble. Let the pros set up a Hall of Fame of their own.

For example, Otto Graham of Northwestern and the Browns would never have made a college Hall of Fame. Yet he is one of the greatest when you take in his pro career.

I would rate Baugh, Graham and Luckman as the greatest of all passers. Bob Waterfield isn't far away. As Al Smith kept saying—"Look at the record."

I have forgotten the exact number named for the first All-Time All-America squad from the Hall of Fame. But don't forget there have been at least 500 or more great football players. Baugh was also a great kicker along with Strong, Kercheval, Mooney and one or two others.

The Hall of Fame All-America Committee has a big job left in correcting its early mistakes. Especially in regard to Charles Brickley and Jock Sutherland, who should have been high in the first group.

The Hotter Sectors

Today there are just two hot football sections left. One is the Midwest—the other the Southwest.

No matter what teams meet in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, you'll generally find some 75,000 spectators on hand, afternoon or night.

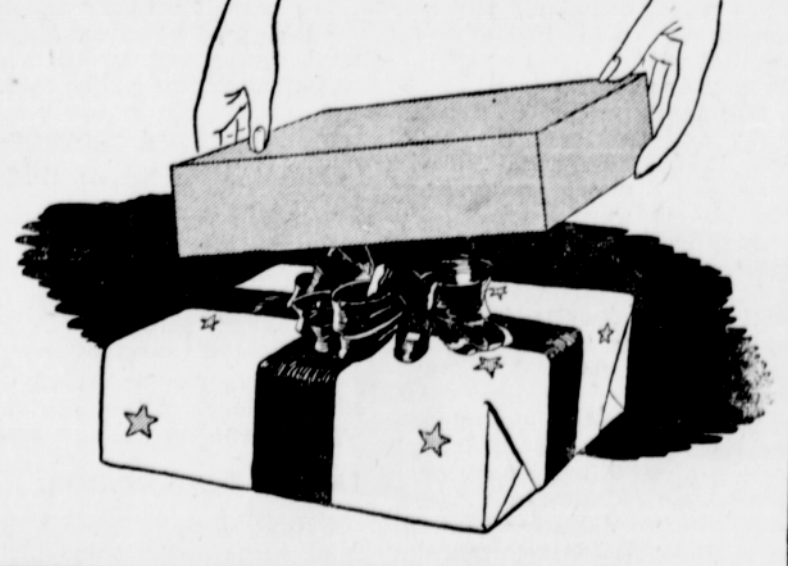
Texas, SMU, TCU, Rice, Baylor and Texas A. and M. rarely miss capacity crowds.

There are sure signs now that the once tidal-wave interest in the East and South is fading.

I asked one well-known director what the reason for this was. "Many reasons," he said. "The game has become too commercialized. The two-plate system has undoubtedly driven thousands away from the game. The sight of forty-four men romping back and forth on play after play has become a boring sight. The crowds don't like it at all."

How to Fix It

By HAROLD ARNETT



FANCY BOWS ON CHRISTMAS PACKAGES
THAT HAVE TO BE MAILED CAN BE PROTECTED BY PLACING A BOX LID OVER THEM BEFORE WRAPPING PACKAGE FOR MAILING.

Smiles

She'll Try
A pessimist is a woman driver who's sure she can't park her car in a tight place. An optimist is a man who thinks she won't try.

Wrong Place
A widow visited a spiritualist medium who soon had her in contact with her late husband. It was a tense moment.

"Dear John, are you happy there?"
"Very happy," replied the departed one.

"Happier than you were here with me?"
"Yes, much happier now."

"John, dear, what's Heaven like?"
"I'm not in Heaven, dear!"

Loony Labor
A lunatic was nailing shingles on a wall. He was a very energetic and workmanlike maniac, wearing overalls with two large pockets. As he extracted the nails from one pocket he looked at them, hammering some in and throwing the rest away.

"Say, Wellington," said another inmate who sauntered by, "why are you throwing half the nails away?"
"Heads on the wrong end," was the curt answer.

"You dope," said the other, "what do you think the other pocket is for? Save those wrong ones for the opposite wall."

Affectionate Name
"Does your wife ever pay you any compliments?" asked the curious bachelor.

"Only in the winter," was the nonchalant answer.
"In the winter? How do you mean?"

"When the fire gets low, she says, 'Alexander, the grate!'"

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