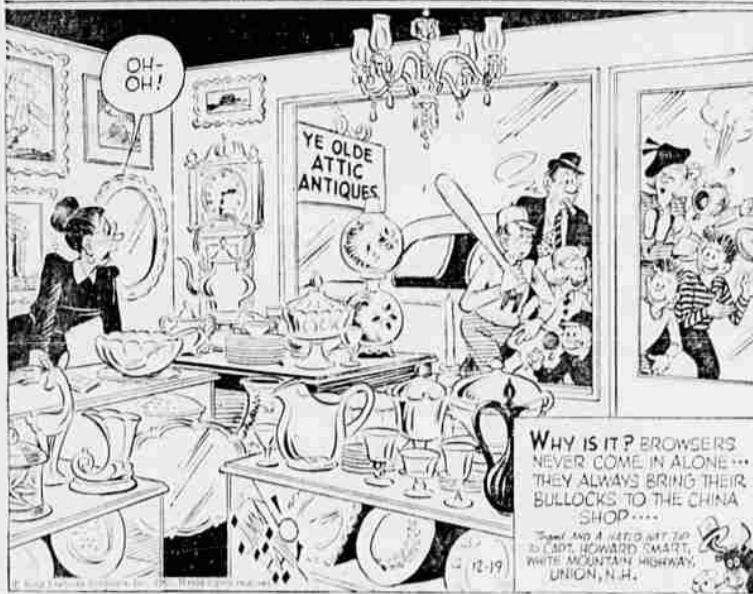


### They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



**WHY IS IT? BRONGERS NEVER COME IN ALONE... THEY ALWAYS BRING THEIR BULLDOGS TO THE CHINA SHOP...**

*Signal and a lead off to Mrs. Howard (Mrs. White) Mountain Highway, Union, N.H.*

**THE Lighter Side...**  
BY DICK WEST

**Tourists Eligible For Price Supports**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — According to a pamphlet I recently received from the Agriculture Department, the latest thing in the way of fun and games is a "vacation farm."

As I understand it, a vacation farm is sort of like a dude ranch without saddle horses.

City folks who are determined to do something different on their vacations can go live on a farm for a week or so as paying guests.

They are provided with board and lodging, plus an opportunity to gather eggs, plow the "back 40," operate the manure spreader and otherwise have a jolly time.

"Many farmers have already developed such family recreation packages," the department reports.

It seems logical to expect that in a few more years the five main crops in this country will be wheat, corn, cotton, tobacco and tourists.

If so, I assume that tourists will then be made a part of the regular federal farm program. Farmers who cultivate tourists will be eligible for price supports and that sort of thing.

There will be extended debates in Congress over how to handle the surplus of tourists. A group of liberals in the Senate will propose that the United States reduce the surplus by sending tourists to underdeveloped nations in Asia and Africa.

Approximately 320 House members will point out that America with its tourist surplus is far better off than Russia, which doesn't have enough tourists to go around.

The Soviet Union will open negotiations to acquire 100 shiploads of American tourists, but the deal will collapse over a stipulation that they must carry U. S.-made cameras.

Russians Acquire Tourists

The Russians will then obtain 25 shiploads of tourists from Canada and West Germany.

Japan will accuse the United States of "dumping" surplus tourists on the world market. Several Republicans will accuse the administration of making plans to send tourists to Cuba.

The President in a speech to the United Nations will propose a tourists-for-peace program, following up his speech to the Organization of America States at which he will propose a tourist-for-progress program.

The European Common Market will add tourists to its restrictions on chickens.

Meanwhile, back on the vacation farm, all signs will point to another bumper crop.

### Santa Developed Over 100 Years

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—It took more than 100 years for Santa Claus to develop into the roly-poly, rosy-cheeked, twinkly-eyed seasonal visitor we know today.

Since the early 1800's Santa has posed in the guise of a tiny pixie-like midget, a black bearded buccaneer, a twirly-moustached dude, a wispy-haired beardless giant, a sandal-shod ghost, a bald elfin with a large turned up nose, a giant stringbean, and a host of other apparitions.

Artists of the mid-19th century must have been rugged individualists since they refused to take their cue from the now classic description of Santa in Clement Moore's "The Night Before Christmas." Moore's poem, originally titled "A Visit From St. Nicholas," was published in 1823. St. Nick, wrote Moore, was chubby and plump, merry, lively and quick, "A right jolly old elf."

But Santa remained consistent with Moore's description until the 1860s when a famed caricaturist of that period, Thomas Nast, began drawing Santa Claus on magazine covers.

One of Nast's Santas, reproduced this year by Hallmark Cards, established the popular notion of Santa Claus that eventually led to the present-day conception.

Glühwein, a favorite after-ski warmer-upper, is mulled wine—wine heated, sweetened and spiced.

## More Spices, Herbs, Dressings Go Into Christmas Dinner

NEW YORK (UPI)—If next week's Christmas dinner has more tang to it than did the one you ate in 1941 it probably is because the chief cook at your house has played a share in building the statistics on a post-war kitchen supply feature.

In other words, she (or he) is using roughly twice the amount of spices and herbs and dressings than was the case 15 or even 10 years ago.

Charles Chadwick, who helps spread the glad tidings in the spice field for the R. T. French Co., Rochester, N. Y., agrees with figures that show that while 10 years ago spice and herb consumption in the United States totaled about 125 million pounds, today, approximately 210 million pounds are going to the market.

Most food merchants agree that the movement to a greater variety of flavors in the American diet got its biggest impetus from the wholesale movement of young American men to foreign lands during World War II.

On top of this has come a rise in the rate of individual travel for business and for pleasure, much of it intercontinental; an increase in areas of consumer income which has allowed many families a greater variety of diet and a little more money to turn to kitchen uses. The sum total of these factors has been a healthy increase in the business of many old-established dealers in spices and herbs.

With French, as with others, the staples in pre-war years were ground black pepper, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and allspice. Mustard was, and still is, a fixture in most home kitchens, although the passing of the mustard plaster as a home remedy may have had an effect upon the consumption of powdered mustard.

Survey on Sales

The Rochester firm did a survey on specific spices and herbs sales in the period 1941, pre-war, to 1957. It found that during that time, the sales of oregano went up 5700 per cent; thyme 150 per cent; coriander 400 per cent; cumin, 103 per cent; marjoram 100 per cent; chili

leaves and even such old country flavorings as sage have joined the popularity parade.

Garlic salt, garlic powder, onion salt and onion flakes: bay

## Grange News

**Phoenix Grange**

The next meeting of Phoenix Grange will be at 8 p.m. Jan. 14. Master Charles Johnson opened the last meeting with the officers seating drill. New officers, who were installed at Central Point recently are learning the routine.

Mervin Hixson said that the manner in which milk is being shipped is hurting dairy business locally. He said February will be a better month for selling feeder stock. He warned that sand and gravel must be taken carefully from creek banks or washouts below could occur.

According to Vaughn Quackenbush, roses should not be mulched too early for winter as they need a gradual cooling period.

An election for officers of the State Grange was held. On the display table, Mrs. Olin Poe had placed previous secretarial books dating back to 1933. She reported that the Grange history had been brought up to date.

During the lecturers program, Leo Thomas read "A Christmas Prayer for a Year of Grace." Also read were two short stories by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meadows. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Harland Glascock.

Blend a little curry powder into canned apple sauce. Makes a fine relish for meat.

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