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Caught in the Round

By DEB ADDISON

This is Miracle week. First, there's the Miracle of Thanksgiving.

The fall harvest of Basin crops has brought a bounty that should make us pause and give thanks in the same spirit that brought about Thanksgiving Day in the first place.

The potato harvest (with the price still going up) brings a condition of well being when just a year ago gloom was the word. Other farm and livestock crops assure a continuing high level of prosperity.

Most families, as they go to their churches for Thanksgiving services and then gather together around the festive board, can be thankful that they have not been greatly touched by the turmoil and the strife that rules much of the world.

To pause, reader, and think of your Miracle of Thanksgiving.

This week also signals the unfolding of the Miracle of Christmas—and that's the slogan of the season: The Miracle of Christmas.

As you pick up the paper tomorrow night and thumb through the Christmas Opening sections—and set them aside for more thorough perusal at leisure Thanksgiving morn'g; as you stroll down Main street and gaze at the glowing beauty of just-unveiled Christmas windows; you'll know that

James Marlow

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, (U)—It would be a little gruesome if the Communists took over here, judging from what's happened elsewhere.

Wherever they move in they have the immediate problem of trying to stay in. This seems to be a continuing problem since the Russian communists, after being in 34 years, still need a secret police.

For the Communists as their history shows, staying in means getting rid of members of the opposition, active or potential, or crushing it in several well-known ways: confiscating their property; forcing them into labor camps; or executions.

Traditionally the Communists look for their opposition in these two groups:

1. Those with material possessions who can't be expected to embrace the Communists for taking it away from them—the rich, property owners, businessmen, and farmowners whose land will be collectivized.
2. Those who disagree with the Communists on ideological grounds—a large group including religious leaders, teachers and intellectuals.

Suppressions and liquidations in Russia are familiar. There have been some recent examples. Reports from China, reliable or not, tell of more than 1,000,000 people executed in massive purges.

From Hungary come stories of more than 50,000 of the middle-class taken from their homes in just a couple of months and thrown into labor camps with farmers and landowners.

Besides telling of thousands of American soldier-prisoners slain by the Communists, the U.S. army in Korea last week reported 6,000 Korean civilians slaughtered in batches by the Communists.

But in this country, because of special conditions, the Communists would encounter a problem more complex than any they've found elsewhere. No doubt this would call forth their greatest efforts.

In just sheer number of oppositionists we outdo any other country so far. Communism because we have more property owners, businessmen, religious leaders, teachers and intellectuals.

What makes this country unique is the number of cliques or links between the members of the groups through their organizations: fraternal, social, labor, business, professional, religious and political.

For instance, the Elks, Masons, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis, Rotary, Chambers of Commerce, city and state and national levels, ditto the National Association of Manufacturers, labor unions with more than 30,000 locals, the professional societies, church groups beyond number, and the ward, precinct, district, city, state and national political organizations.

Through correspondence, meetings, conventions and pooling of common interests and efforts people in these groups have come to know and trust one another personally from coast to coast.

Unless well-crushed these organ-

They'll Do It Every Time



Sam Dawson

NEW YORK, (U)—With two big sales days tucked under their belts, merchants hereabouts are feeling more comfortable today.

Department stores here were jammed with shoppers on the Armistice Day holiday. The week before, and election day holiday brought out the buying public with money to spend. On both occasions sales ran well above a year ago.

Store estimates of gains range from 20-35 percent.

IMPRESSIVE

Chain stores, now reporting on their October business across the nation, show impressive sales increases over a year ago, and in most cases decided gains over business across the nation, show year ago, at least in most cases decided gains over business this September.

Food stores report both dollar volume and unit volume gains this year. They are expecting the biggest holiday trade in history, according to the American Institute of Food Distribution.

Apparel store sales, aided by the arrival of brisk weather, are running from eight to 25 percent above a year ago.

Dr. E. P. Jordan

Today's first question is an extremely interesting one:

Q—In one of your columns you stated that epilepsy was inherited. My husband and I cannot agree with you since there has been no sign of the disease in the family. We have a son who has a spell every five or six years.

A—The parents of children who have epilepsy do not necessarily have epilepsy themselves, or active signs of the disease in their families. The inheritance of epilepsy is somewhat more complicated.

The patterns, or brain waves, which lead to epilepsy do follow an inherited pattern, but unless the tendency is strong enough, there will be no manifest or obvious signs of the disease.

Q—I am a girl, 17 years old, and for the past month or two I have had an enormous appetite. But when I attempt to eat, I feel that I cannot hold the food down and seem to be stuffing myself.

How can one have a large appetite but not be able to eat? Just because I am 17 everyone tells me that I am in love, which is a big surprise to me.

A—I should think that you would be more likely to know whether you are in love than your friends. You do not say whether you are in love, or whether you are in love with a boy, or whether you are in love with a girl.

Quite likely the symptom you describe is nothing to be concerned about. However, it would not be a bad idea to have your doctor go over you thoroughly, including an examination of the blood for anemia and the urine for diabetes.

Q—If a person gets his neck broken, does it mean it will affect his mind?

A—An eight-mile suspended monorail line has shuttled between Barren and Elberfeld, Germany for 50 years.

Poet's Corner

THANKSGIVING

By F. Ellsworth Pellett

Thanksgiving time is here again. The fields are brown and bare. The harvest all is gathered in. And stored with tender care. The orchard too has changed its robe. From summer's green to brown. Prepared to meet the winter's blast. As snow comes whirling down.

We thank thee Lord that this glad day Comes to us once a year. Our hearts are filled with kindly thoughts. When we come to thee with thankful hearts. On this thanksgiving day. That our abundance may share With others on the way.

We thank thee Lord for living homes. With voices that are dear. We thank thee for our nation Lord. And worship without fear. Oh God we thank thee most of all.

For blessings from above. With tender care let's nourish them. With thankfulness and love. Let's not forget the words of him Who stills the angry sea. That as you give to those in need. You give it unto me. And you we thank Thee God of all. And pray they will be done. Let love and kindness be our aim. Till victory on earth be won.

REMINISCENCE

By W. P. Kirk

The sight of geese in a stubble field. Or their changing V in the sky. The thrill as they come in on the beam. With a splash, a cackle and cry. The break of dawn as you sit in the blind. And the first warm rays that shine. It is only we who have seen these things. Who will reminisce these lines.

Smallest Town Argument: Is Nothing Less Than One?

By GORDON BROWN

WASHINGTON, (U)—What's the biggest city in the country? Sure, everybody knows that. It's New York.

All right now, how about the smallest? Who knows the smallest city in the country? It's a debatable question.

It depends on what you consider the smallest number. There are two schools of thought—the one school of thought and the nothing school of thought.

The one school of thought figures that a population of one is the smallest population you can have. That when you go below one you have nothing—no population, no town.

Nothing view.

The nothing school of thought argues, however, that nothing is less than one and so a town with no population is smaller than a town with a population of one. Well, so much for technicalities.

This is what the census bureau found in 1950—

There were five U.S. incorporated towns with zero population. Two are in Florida, three in Arkansas. They are Mecca, in Pinellas county, and Monte Vista, in Lake county, Florida; and Grayson, Clark county, Kelso, Desha county, and Rowser, Desha county, Arkansas.

If you believe that no population entitles a town to the crown of "smallest," you could argue that the honor should go to Mecca, Fla. Mecca had no population in 1940, either.

However, if you believe that a population of one gives a town the title, then the winner is Douglas, in Lincoln county, Arkansas. Douglas has a population of one, declining from a number from 1940 total of four.

Close behind Douglas is Ophir, Colo., in San Miguel county, with two (unchanged from 1940), and Mercer, Utah, in Tooele county, likewise with two. Mercer really has the kids since 1930 when it reported 354 people.

Next in line are Westfall, Malheur county, and Whitney, Baker county, both in Oregon. Both had totals of three.

So much for the little smallest towns. Let's pass on to some big smallest towns.

For instance, the smallest incorporated town in Rhode Island is Central Falls, which boasts 23,500 people. The smallest town in

Writer Quits Over Review

BOSTON, (U)—John H. Crider, Pulitzer prize editorial writer, resigned as editor of the Boston Herald last night in a dispute he said involved a review he wrote of Senator Taft's book, "Foreign Policy for Americans."

He said he quit because the Herald refused to publish the review.

Robert H. Choate, publisher of the morning Herald and the Afternoon Transfer, said he was not notified of the resignation and knew nothing about it, although Crider had said he telephoned the resignation to Choate's home.

Crider, conceding he favors Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for president, said he wrote "what I thought was a fair review of Taft's book with a comment or two of my own thoughts about the man."

He said he was not a "hater" and that you can't say in your own paper what you honestly believe there is no point in continuing in the service of that paper."

Crider completed five years as editor of the Herald last Friday. Before that he was with the New York Times for 19 years, the last 10 of those years in Washington.

In 1949 Crider shared the Pulitzer for editorial writing with Hersey for his column of the Washington, D.C. Post.

Plank Used In Surprise Stickup

CLEVELAND, (U)—Three gunmen walked the plank early today to get to their loot. They used a 12-foot-long plank as a bridge in a hold-up job that netted \$245.

The trio climbed a fire escape and used the plank to reach the roof of the two-story Roxy burlesque theater. They walked across the roof top carrying the plank and bridged a 10-foot gap to the ledge of a window they smashed to enter the Great Lakes Life building.

They surprised Joseph La Rocca, a night club manager, in his office.

Polio Victim Back In Oswego Home

PORTLAND, (U)—Mrs. Alice Jones, a polio victim, was home today after an iron lung after more than 13 months in a hospital.

Her 12-year-old daughter, Barbara, who suffered a polio attack at the same time, hopes to be home for Christmas. Barbara now is able to be out of her iron lung and is recovering in a Portland hospital.

Mrs. Jones' husband, Darrell, and two other children, ages 10 and 9, escaped the disease.

"Oh this is wonderful," she said as she was carried into their modest Oswego home. "I've been waiting 13 months for this."

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