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## HUGH PRUETT

At this season every year we have before us the beautiful story of the Christmas Star of long ago. Various interpretations are given to this Star of the East. Some assume it is merely a "pious myth"; others, that it was a supernatural manifestation; still others, that it was a natural phenomenon such as an extremely bright planet, a close grouping of several planets, a brilliant comet, or a flaring nova.

We do not need to go back 2000 years for Yuletide stars. In our early evening sky this year we have two resplendently beautiful Christmas jewels which give a real spiritual blessing to all who have learned to "look up." These are the brightest of all the planets, gorgeous Jupiter and Venus. If you have never "looked up" at the sparkling heavens before, try it the next clear evening.

Remember that the sun sets very early these December evenings. On a standard time meridian and at latitude of 43 degrees, the sun sinks below the horizon around 4:30 p.m.

Within a short time after sunset as the twilight is deepening, look well up in the eastern sky. If you have anything like normal eyesight, you will at once spot Jupiter, the king of the gods of the ancients. Now turn to the southwest for the other of our two Christmas stars, brilliant Venus. For a considerable time after sunset, these two will be the only star-like ob-

## They'll Do It Every Time



## THE DOCTOR SAYS

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M. D.

Although fathers frequently think that their sons can and should take part in any and all kinds of competitive sports, the mothers often have their doubts.

The best course to follow is usually to steer somewhere between the over-ambition of most fathers for the athletic prowess of their sons, and the sometimes unreasonable fears of the mothers.

This question of taking part in competitive athletics has not gone wholly unanswered. Suggestions aimed at helping to make participation in such sports safe and healthful were adopted by the National Joint Committee on Standards for Boys' Athletics some time ago and endorsed by other prominent organizations. These points are so important that they are reproduced here:

1. A health examination should be required previous to participation, preferably on a seasonal basis, with annual examination a minimum requirement.
2. A physician should be present at all contests involving activities where the injury hazard is pronounced.
3. A contestant who has been ill or injured should be re-admitted to participation only on the written recommendation of a physician.
4. A contestant upon returning to participation after illness or injury should be carefully observed, and if there is any doubt as to his condition he should immediately be referred to a physician.
5. The coach (faculty member in charge) should be competent in first aid and thoroughly versed in sports conditioning and training. It is also strongly recommended that all players be given basic instruction in first aid.
6. In case of head, neck or spine injury, or suspicion thereof, the player should be removed from play, placed at rest, and be given the immediate attention of a physician.
7. Every school should have a written policy regarding the responsibility for injury incurred in athletics, and this policy should be known to all participants, their parents, and other responsible adults. Arrangements should be made for obtaining and paying for medical and hospital care of injured participants, in accord with local policy.
8. The best obtainable protective equipment should be provided for all participants, and special attention should be given to proper fitting of such equipment.
9. Competition should take place only between teams of comparable ability, and playing seasons should be limited to reasonable duration.
10. No pre-season games should be played until players are well drilled in fundamentals and have had a minimum of two weeks of physical conditioning.
11. Playfields should meet standard requirements for size of area, playing surfaces, and facilities, and all reasonable precautions should be taken to prevent accidents.
12. Contests should be selected, and rules and lengths of playing periods should be such that they will not overtax the physical abilities of the students concerned.

## James Marlow

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ever since the Republican victory in November it has been taken pretty much for granted here that Sen. Taft could have the job of Republican floor leader in the Senate for the asking.

He had been, in effect, the Republican Senate leader for years anyway. But the floor leadership in the next four years, when the Republicans are in the White House, will be one of the most important jobs in President Eisenhower's administration.

The Senate Republican leader will visit the White House regularly for consultation, which includes advice on programs Eisenhower wants Congress to approve. When the discussion is over, it's up to the Senate leader to lead the Senate fight for what the President wants.

But two weeks ago, more than a month before the Republicans could take over Taft, exploded over Eisenhower's appointment of Martin P. Durkin, a Democrat and labor union official, as secretary of labor. "Incredible," Taft said, denouncing it.

This looked clearly like a break between the President-elect and the senator. The Ohioan's flare-up raised a question. Several, in fact. Could Eisenhower and Taft ever get along or, if this squabble was smoothed over, would they split over something else later?

Would it be better for Eisenhower fight at the start of the new Congress to have a showdown with Taft to see which of them the Senate Republicans would follow?

Eisenhower said nothing about Taft's outburst, at least publicly. Taft seemed to calm down. And now Eisenhower has cleared the way for Taft to get the floor leadership. Not directly. He did it through lieutenants who announced Eisenhower would be happy to see Taft in the leadership.

Almost immediately Taft said he would seek the leadership, which is by choice of the GOP senators, not by presidential appointment. Until then Taft had been rather vague about what he intended to do, as if waiting to see what Eisenhower would do.

From a coldly political view, it would seem Eisenhower has everything to gain and nothing to lose by ignoring Taft's leadership ambitions.

By not trying to block Taft, he has avoided the possibility of bitterness and dissension right at the start of his administration. And, since Taft already has blown up once, he may be careful not to do it hastily again lest he appear in the public eye as a man given to temper tantrums.

## BRUCE BLOSSAT

The incoming attorney general, Herbert Brownell, has ambitious plans for a house cleaning in the Justice Department. He is especially interested in eradicating all suspicion of corruption or Communist subversion.

Since Brownell understands well that the Republicans received a mandate Nov. 4 to produce exactly this kind of renovation, his program is an obvious sequel to that election outcome.

It is comforting, at the same time, to hear that Brownell will not discharge Justice Department employees without cause. If a career man has been doing a good job, he will be kept on regardless of his personal political ties.

Brownell's opportunity actually is far broader than merely a chance to clean house. He can restore to his department prestige that it has not enjoyed for many years.

As the top legal officer of the nation, it ought to set standards for all other government law agencies. His various divisions should be commanded by men of high legal talent and training. The attorney general himself should exercise extreme care in appointing the dozens of district attorneys and marshals who come under his wing. He should use all his influence to assure that federal judgeships are filled by men of genuine judicial temperament and ample experience on the bench.

In recent years department operations and appointments have sagged far below these standards. The attorney generalship itself has come to be treated as a kind of half-way house en route to the U. S. Supreme Court. It was part of a strange system of political rewards, a way of placating party heroes beyond the pain of election campaigns.

Moreover, in his capacity as chief legal adviser to the President, the attorney general seems to have made a duty of seeking precedent in the law for whatever a chief executive wanted to do. The ideal would appear to be to arrive at an independent judgment which reflects the best of the law, regardless of whether it supports the President's contemplated action or not.

Too often in late times the attorney general has made his department look more like the Department of Justification than of Justice.

All these things beckon to Brownell for improvement. He can, if he wishes to labor hard enough, elevate the government's legal operations to a level they have not attained in at least two decades.

## U.S. College Totals Drop

CINCINNATI (AP) — Fall enrollment dipped slightly in 890 accredited universities and four-year colleges this year, but the drop was less than anticipated and far less than the 1951 decrease.

This was reported yesterday in the college enrollment survey of Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati. He has issued his study results annually since 1919.

Dr. Walters said the 830 colleges reported a total enrollment of 1,233,524, full-time students, a decline of 1.5 per cent from the previous year, and 462,848 part-time students, a decline of 2.8 per cent from 1951.

He added, "The full-time decrease is small when contrasted with the 1951 drop of 11.4 per cent from the figures for 1950."

The educator said an unexpected upsurge in freshmen enrollment, coupled with upper-class girl students remaining in college, was responsible for the continued high enrollment.

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## 30,000 Shiver As Fuel Shortage Hits City

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) — A pre-Christmas chill enveloped this Northwest Missouri city—and for some of its 40,000 residents there may be at least three more shivering days ahead.

It was brought about by a break in a natural gas supply line. The break Saturday shut off the entire city's gas supply. That affected about 14,000 out of the 25,000 homes, plus 1,500 businesses.

And brother, the temperatures have been plenty chilly — below freezing most of the time. Today the city got sleet and snow, further handicapping the gas company's efforts to restore service.

It took only a few hours to repair the break, but here's the rub: Every meter in the city must be turned off in turn before gas can be sent flowing through the lines again. Then every meter has to be turned on again. As a safety measure, the gas company has its own employees or plumbers doing the meter job rather than leaving it to the home owners.

Although gas was back in about 10 hours last night, a company official said the full supply may not be restored for the entire city until at least Christmas.

Those whose houses were heated with gas either bundled up in their clothing or stayed in with friends having oil or coal heating equipment.

You could hardly find an electrical heating appliance in any of the stores. There was a run on them shortly after the break.

One man borrowed a plumber's furnace which burns gasoline and is used to heat lead. He set it up in his living room and found he could keep two rooms warm.

The old open charcoal braziers filled a dishpan with charcoal and set it afire. But he had forgotten about a flue. And his house filled with gaseous fumes.

To prevent freezing of pipes, some persons let water run continuously from their faucets.

The fire department answered several alarms at houses where the places or temporary heating devices got out of hand.

Downtown hotels were sold out. The heat of the business district is heated with steam.

The St. Joseph News-Press and the Gazette, evening and morning newspapers, evening and morning without typesetting facilities when the gas supply went off. Fifteen of the typesetting machines use gas to melt the lead for type. So containers of bottled gas were obtained as a temporary measure and the newspapers went to press.

The company has recruited men from its branches in other Missouri and Kansas towns to help out on the meters. Many are working 24-hour shifts.

## Further Criminal Action Due In Waterfront Investigation

NEW YORK (AP) — A prosecutor's talk of further criminal action in the state waterfront probe echoed along the city docks today following the arrest of the AFL longshoremen's boss in Lower Manhattan.

Dist. Atty. Frank S. Hogan using New York State Crime Commission testimony to help chart his way through the maze of rackets which cost the seven billion dollar shipping industry here an estimated 350 millions annually.

Hogan sailed into the waterfront rackets tempest yesterday with his announcement of the arrest on extortion charges of Michael Clemente, a 44-year-old ex-convict official of the AFL International Longshoremen's Association and often described as the "lord" of Downtown Manhattan's docks.

Arrested with Clemente was one of his union associates, Alexander Cosmo, 43, of Rutherford, N. J.

The arrests were the second and third related to the current inquiry by the State Crime Commission, and the fifth and sixth in the past few months as a result of action by a New York county (Manhattan) Grand Jury.

Clemente's arrest yesterday stirred the most interest of all, for it was the first move against a man described as a power over a large section of piers in the Port of New York, the world's greatest harbor.

Hogan said Clemente ran a "domain" covering miles of docks on the East River, around the tip of Manhattan, and a short distance up the Hudson River. The prosecutor also said Clemente's friends include "the biggest and the littlest people in the underworld."

A grand jury indictment accused Clemente and Cosmo of extorting \$2,500 from the John W. Mc Grath Corp., a stevedoring firm, between July 1 and Dec. 15, by threatening "trouble" if Mc Grath did not employ a hiring boss of their choosing. Both were charged with extortion, coercion and conspiracy.

During the State Crime Commission's public hearings on the waterfront, Clemente was named in testimony by an official of another stevedoring company as the recipient of \$11,000 to help pay the costs of a Baltimore Hotel wedding party for Clemente's daughter in September, 1951. Testimony showed repayment of the money was neither asked nor made.

The State Crime Commission recessed its waterfront hearings last Friday until next month.

Hogan, announcing the Clemente and Cosmo arrests yesterday, said the grand jury has been extended to March, 1953, and that his office is reviewing public and private testimony before the Crime Commission. The prosecutor said a search also was being made for as much additional information "as we can get our hands on."

Clemente and Cosmo, who are officials in IILA Local 856, were held in bail of \$10,000 each for arraignment today in General Sessions. Conviction on the charges could mean prison sentences of 7 1/2 to 15 years.

Next week Clemente is scheduled to face trial in Federal Court on a charge of making false and fraudulent statements in an offer to compromise on an income tax suit.

## Ike Medal Work Starts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Production has started on inaugural medals bearing what President-elect Eisenhower says is the best portrait job ever done on him.

The original medal, in gold, will be presented to the President. Replicas in bronze are being sold to the public at \$3 each by the Eisenhower-Nixon Inaugural Committee.

Eisenhower didn't like the first version because it showed him with set jaw and tight lips. The designer, sculptor Walter Hasebeck of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, turned up the corners of the mouth and lightened the expression to give the general his characteristic grin.

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## HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — What mother ever raised her boy to be a vice president?

Probably none. Mothers want their sons to be doctors or lawyers or dentists or engineers. But they are missing a bet.

Why shouldn't a wise mother today aim her lad from birth toward one of the most and most profitable careers in America — that of being a vice president? There are thousands upon thousands of vice presidents in this country, yet not one started life with that idea in mind. They all got there by accident.

But why shouldn't a smart young fellow set out deliberately to make himself a vice president? Why shouldn't business colleges have a course entitled, "How to Become a Vice President and Stop Right There."

There is a popular belief that every man would like to have a high-paying post with a lot of responsibility. That isn't so. What the average man really craves is a high-paying post with absolutely no responsibility. And for that you can't beat the job of vice president.

Look at what it offers:

1. A swivel chair in a warm office out of the wind and the rain.
2. A secretary to answer the phone calls from your wife. (And who else would phone a vice president?)
3. Prestige. Everybody thinks you're important but nobody knows why.
4. Security. Nobody ever fires a vice president — because he never does anything wrong. Since nobody really knows what his duties are, he wisely decides the best way to keep from doing something wrong is to do nothing at all.
5. Some folks believe that vice presidents are frustrated, neurotic executives consumed by gnawing ambition and who spend their days off lying on a psychiatrist's couch.

"Why can't I be a president instead of just another vice president?"

Nothing could be further from fact. Most vice presidents are contented, cheerful men whose sleep is haunted by only one terror:

"What if they ever made me president of the firm? What would I do?"

They know they want a happy life, and they don't want anybody to mess it up by giving them more responsibility. Who lives longer anyway — presidents or vice presidents?

If I were a young fellow starting on a fresh career I'd go to work for a big firm and tell them right off, "My goal is to be a vice president." The chances are the president would be so surprised that he'd make a strange mistake and make you a vice president right off — just out of curiosity.

Of course, the perfect title to aim at is "Vice President-In-Charge-of-Everything-That-Is-Other-Vice-Presidents-Are-Doing."

That is living at the peak.

## FRANK TRIPP

Would that Christmas could bring peace and good will to all the earth! Just what is peace on earth, good will to men? Is it something to get or something to give? The Christmas cards don't say. Where do you get peace and good will if you haven't any?

A child asked me these questions. He was confused. Not half as confused as I, who couldn't answer him—not so he could understand. That convinced me that I didn't understand either. Therefore I thought hard about it.

If peace and good will could be bought in stores more people would have them. Anyway everybody would know that they were something anybody could have—for a price. And once in a while there'd be a clearance sale and peace and good will would be marked down. A bit showworn maybe—or perhaps out of style.

When I got that I thought I had the answer. Out of style, that's it! Why, it was simple enough, all of the time. Plain, wholesome, ordinary folks, who don't worry much about fashion, seem to have the most peace.

Then, when you need something that money won't buy—sympathy, affection, pity or downright drugery for the good they can do—they're for ones who seem to have the most good will.

Sure, I see it now. You get peace and good will but you don't keep them. You give them away.

## Pope Pius To Broadcast

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Pius will broadcast his annual Christmas plea for peace Wednesday. The Vatican radio plans to beam it around the world in 24 languages.

It will be the Pontiff's 14th annual Christmas message.

The Pope will speak in Italian at 11 a.m. (5 a.m. EST). The first translation will be in English and other translations will follow at 45-minute intervals.

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