

Macy's Santa Claus Finds Life Changes

One of the world's great diplomats goes to work every year about this time and labors until Christmas Eve, dispensing his diplomacy on anxious children and their parents. He is the department store Santa Claus. Here are some views on the job as told by a man who has been playing Santa more than 20 years.

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Written For United Press
NEW YORK (UP) — Times do change, even in the Santa Claus business.

What, for instance, are you going to say when a little nipper sits on your knee and calmly asks for a Geiger counter? It takes a bit of quick thinking now and then. I'll tell you.

We get a few requests for Geiger counters nowadays but the universal request is a department store

Santa—the one Christmas want that heads the list every year—is, "Santa I want a bicycle."

Both boys and girls want bikes, and even kids 2 and 3 years old ask for them, with side wheels to hold them up.

Now, it's obvious, a lot of the time, that the parents can't afford a bike. Then comes the well-known Santa Claus diplomacy. How to please the kids and the parents both? How to get off the hook? Each situation is different. It always depends on what the people look like, how they act. I sometimes say, "Well, I'll do the best I can—I'll see you Christmas Eve."

PROBLEM PARENTS
Ninety per cent of the children who come to see Santa Claus are charming. But the parents are a definite pain in the neck. They urge the kids on, hurry them, get them to crying sometimes.

You must have some trouble with the children when they're left to themselves. Oh, of course, a lot of them clutch your beard—but you learn to grab 'em before they call pull it off. Incidentally, here in New York the nicest kids that come through our lines, as to manners, deportment, lack of hysteria, even to neat dress, are the Negro kids. They're ladies and gentlemen, even at the age of 2 or 3.

We get all kinds of ill children visiting us. Spastic cases, polio, even through a couple of wars and seen some people shot up, but I got the biggest shock of my life right here, the other day.

You know, when a kid comes up to you, you put your hands out and grab his arms. This little 4-year-old had no arms. Just two little false arms, with hooks on them, made for his size.

LITTLE STORY
I'll finish this up by telling a little story, a true story that happened to me a few years ago. A nice-looking kid but quite old—about 15, I guess—came in and gave me his list and then said:

"Santa Claus, what time are you going home? I've got something to ask you for Christmas that I can't ask you now."

I met him when the store closed and he said: "I need something for Christmas that I don't think even Santa Claus could give me. I'd like to have my father home for Christmas. He and my mother are separated, and she's taking care of us kids, all right, but I'd like him home."

Well, I got the father's name and address and I went home and typed him a letter and signed it "Santa Claus." The ending of the story isn't dramatic but it's kind of nice. Three or four days after New Year's, I got a package at home, forwarded from Macy's—a big fruit cake, and on top of it a photo of this man and his wife and two kids at the Christmas party. On the back was "Thank you, Santa Claus," and the kid's name.

THOMAS LANDS
OKINAWA — U.S. Navy Secretary Thomas landed at Naha Air Base Wednesday to begin a 10-day tour of fleet activities in the Far East.

Court Rules On Pension

SALEM — Arnold W. Blalock, Portland police officer who was disabled by a heart ailment, is entitled to a disability pension, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The opinion reverses the pension fund trustees and the Multnomah County Circuit Court, both of which had denied Blalock the pension on the ground that the heart ailment wasn't a service-connected disability.

When Blalock joined the police force, he had a heart murmur, but was certified as physically fit. Five years later he applied for disability retirement, because his heart condition made it impossible for him to work.

The Supreme Court decision by Justice William C. Perry, says that the Portland city charter provides that disability pensions must be paid for heart disease, and that it doesn't make any difference whether the disease was incurred in performance of duty.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Tomkins

Mrs. James O. (Virginia) Emmons of the Merrill Highway was called to Portland by the death of her mother, Mrs. V. W. Tomkins on December 11. Mrs. Tomkins was 78 years old and had lived in Klamath Falls. Mrs. Emmons is a former society editor of the Herald and News.

Mrs. Tomkins, a native of Seio, Oregon, lived at Cascade Locks for 27 years where her late husband was superintendent of the government locks during that time.

Surviving are a son, Paul B. Tomkins, Portland, three daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Stone Hall, Portland, Mrs. James O. Emmons, Klamath Falls and Mrs. James Alger Fee, San Francisco.

Funeral services were held December 13 from the Chapel of Trinity Episcopal Church, Portland.



NEW SALES MANAGER
Cecil Howard, former Klamath resident, has returned here from Portland to take over the position of sales manager for Merit's Appliances. Howard was with Sunset Hardware and Electric in Portland, and has been in the appliance field for the past ten years in both sales and service divisions.

Women's Society Meets Thursday

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church will meet Thursday, December 15 in the church parlors.

The prayer group will meet at 10:30 a.m. with Mrs. Leoline Cowman as prayer leader. An executive board meeting will be held at 11 a.m. and the Christmas luncheon at 50 cents a plate at 12 noon. The luncheon will be served by the Esther Circle.

The business meeting will convene at 1 p.m. followed by the program at 1:30 p.m. Subject of the program to be led by Mrs. Esther Johnson and Mrs. Edna Russell will be "We Would See Jesus Today."

Elks Planning Children's Party

The annual Elks Children's Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 18 beginning at 2 p.m. in the armory. The party is open to the children of all Elks and to other children invited by the Elks.

Santa Claus will be at the party to answer any requests and the Elks Band under the direction of Ray Bigger will play. There will be candy and nuts for the children attending.

The event is under the chairmanship of Jack Myers and Bennie Meyers.

Humphrey Bogart Pokes Fun At Film City's 'New Faces'

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Hollywood Writer
HOLLYWOOD (UP) — Hollywooders nearly swallowed their coffee cups this morning when they saw movietown's funniest gag in years — a poke at Hollywood's "new faces" campaign by that salty character, Humphrey Bogart.

Several studios recently began a

spirited drive for the press, public and theaters to co-operate in the "building of new stars." But Bogie counter-attacked with an equally spirited defense of the old ones.

In the movie trade papers appeared a photograph of Bogart, Max Baer and Jersey Joe Walcott, three unyoung workers in the boxing expose picture, "The Harder They Fall."

The caption read: "Nails Bogart, Spike Baer and Tack Walcott — the oldest permanent new faces now available." Bogart is wearing a Brando-type torn sweatshirt and the others have Tony Curtis-type bow ties.

Today the perpetrator of this spoof sat in his dressing room and, while getting a haircut, explained in his informal and censorable language why he declared war on the "new faces" search.

"New faces" Bogart snorted. "Why don't they lift the old faces?"

"The studios are full of hot air. Every couple of years studio heads say this. If they're going to make new stars, why haven't they made them by now? Brando and Jimmy Dean weren't made stars by studios. Studios can't make stars. After Marilyn Monroe left Fox they made some 'new star' as a substitute, but her name escaped me."

"Every time I had a fight with Jack Warner when I was under contract to him he'd say, 'Why, I'll make two new Bogarts.' After I left he tried, with Dane Carr and some other guy."

Bogart's claim is backed secretly by agents and producers. There are only a handful of top big-name stars for the best pictures — and most are middle-aged players who have been stars, like Bogart, since the early '30's.

Fox tried to make Sherree North another Marilyn Monroe. Universal-International attempted the same with Mamie Van Doren. Paramount is grooming Carol Ohmart as a "star," but these ladies have yet to ignite.

"They want to get another Jimmy Stewart at half the price," growled Bogart. "They think we're too expensive. But a star is born, not made. It's something to do with personality and color—something Gable has and Gary Cooper and Duke Wayne. Marilyn Monroe has it, and she was a star when she couldn't act her way out of a paper bag. Fox didn't make her a star."

"The old faces are in great shape. I'd rather watch Spencer Tracy act than those Tabs, Races, Rocks and Lances, whatever their names are."

"Those Tabs and Lances are gone in four or five years. And those new actors from New York! They scratch themselves in various places. They're trying to be what they call natural."

Death Takes Local Teacher

Mrs. Beatrice Vlasak Kidd, resident of Klamath Falls for 18 years and prominent in educational and Girl Scout work, died in Portland, December 13 where she had gone for surgery. She was 39 years old.

Mrs. Kidd was the wife of Hubert Kidd, associated with the M. L. Siger Motor Company. She had taught in the Klamath Falls elementary schools for several years and was seventh grade teacher at Roosevelt School at the time of her death. The family home was at 1958 Lowell Street.

She was a native of Alaska, born September 13, 1916.

Mrs. Kidd was a member of the Oregon Education Association, the Roosevelt PTA, The National Congress of Parent Teachers and the Girl Scouts of America. Klamath Area Scout Council, and a graduate of the University of Oregon. She served last year as director of the Girl Scout day camp at Moore Park.

She is survived by one brother, Carl Palmer, Redding, in addition to her widower.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 16, 2 p.m. from the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dale Hewitt, pastor of funeral. Final rites and interment will be in Klamath Memorial Park, Ward's Klamath Funeral Home is in charge.

Dorris Services Set For J. Muir

Funeral services will be held in the city hall in Dorris at 2 p.m. Friday, December 16 for James Roland Muir, who died in that city on December 13. He was a native of Crossfield, Maryland, born September 13, 1884. He had been a resident of Dorris for the last four years.

Surviving are his only daughter, Mrs. Dora Branham, Dorris, and two grandsons, Clifford Branham Jr., Medford and Michael Branham of Dorris. Final rites and interment will be in the Picard Cemetery, Dorris.



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