

JEREMY CHRISTMAS

A Yuletide Story

BY WALT SCOTT

HERE IS A SMALL ISLAND IN THE CREEK WHICH FLOWS THROUGH A DEEP RAVINE. TWO TINY WELL-KEPT HOUSES STAND AMONG THE BLUE SPRUCE TREES WHICH GROW THERE. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE...



AT ONE TIME THERE WAS NO ISLAND HERE—JUST A BARREN SPOT OF LAND ALONG THE CREEK. TWO SQUALLID SHACKS HOUSED FOUR LAZY LITTLE MEN TO WHOM ONE DAY WAS LIKE ANY OTHER. IT WAS HERE THAT JEREMY CHRISTMAS WAS SENT BY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS...

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"AND WHEN ANNIE SAID 'PASS THE MEAT', DENNIS PUT THIS HUGE RUBBER TOAD ON A PLATE AND....."

Nondefense Spending Blast Slated By Virginia Senator

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) is preparing to give President Eisenhower some encouragement in budget-cutting activities with a fresh attack on nondefense spending. Byrd, who will address a business group in Chicago Dec. 11, expects to document the contention that increases in civilian outlays are far outstripping stepped-up military spending. The senator heads the Senate House Committee on Reduction of non-essential Federal Expenditures. Studies by that committee show that while military spending jumped 699 million dollars in the first four months of the current fiscal year which began July 1, Agriculture Department outlays increased by 787 million dollars in the same period. Eisenhower and Byrd were reported in close agreement on the need for some substantial cuts in civilian spending when they canvassed the financial situation together several months ago. Byrd shares Eisenhower's view that there is grave danger of runaway inflation unless some drastic cuts are made in government spending. Both the President and the Virginia senator were said to feel, however, that the world situation makes it difficult to pare defense expenditures. Instead of cuts, there have been indications that Eisenhower may have to ask for a billion-dollar increase above the current \$40,800,000,000 level of defense spending. Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana, assistant Democratic leader, predicted that Congress will cut Eisenhower's foreign aid request if the President asks for an additional billion in that field above the \$3,300,000,000 available this year. Tentative plans to ask such an increase have been reported.

Four Despondent Persons Kill Selves In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP) — Four persons, despondent over poor health, apparently each in turn took their own lives. Their bodies were found Sunday night in a South St. Louis apartment. The three women and a man, all related, appeared to have been dead for several days. They were identified by a relative as Arthur Forrester, 62, a salesman; his wife, Lucille, 65; Mrs. Forrester's mother Mrs. Mary Conkling, 86, a widow; and Miss Blanche Conkling, 66, Mrs. Forrester's sister. The bodies were found by Tilton H. Conkling, a brother of the dead sisters. After trying for several days to contact them, he entered the apartment. Officers found several notes, some signed by individuals and at least one with the signatures of all four of the dead. One read, "Art is not responsible for Mom and me." It was found near Blanche Conkling's body. Forrester, a commission salesman for a cookie company, had incurable lung cancer, fellow employees and his brother-in-law said. A coworker of Forrester's said when told of the deaths, "I'm not surprised." Mrs. Forrester earlier this year had been in a mental institution and once had attempted to cut her throat, police said her brother told them. Homicide officers said a newspaper dated Tuesday was the latest one in the room. Tilton Conkling said he had been trying to reach the family since a week ago Sunday. Forrester had not reported for work for 10 days. Forrester was found sitting upright on aavenport. A 22-caliber rifle was near him. Mrs. Forrester's body was in one bedroom. Mrs. Mary Conkling and Blanche Conkling were in a rear bedroom. Officers said each person had apparently been shot through the mouth. A note by Forrester's body mentioned keys to a basement locker, to kitchen doors, a safe deposit box, switch keys and the title to a car. "There is no antifreeze in the radiator," it concluded. Another of the notes said, "Sickened the reason for this." It was signed by all four.

Speeder Shot By Police

PORTLAND (AP) — A young man was shot here Sunday after police chased a speeding car over one Willamette River bridge and then back across another. Police said they had placed a guard around the hospital room where Herman Henry Clay, 21, lay with his left leg shattered by a pistol shot. Policeman R. W. Bowles said he fired that shot after Clay flashed a pocket knife, and then started to run. Only minutes before, two police cars had forced the speeding vehicle to a halt and its driver had jumped out and darted to a nearby warehouse.

Judge Issues Injunction

PORTLAND (AP) — U.S. District Judge Gus Solomon issued a temporary injunction Saturday prohibiting Donald R. Mulligan, Gold Beach miner, from cutting timber on his Siskiyou National Forest claim. The judge said Mulligan should not cut the timber on the Lucky Lure Numbers 1 and 2 mining claims without the permission of the forest service until he can prove he has a sufficient mineral discovery. The federal government, which said Mulligan cut 150,000 feet of quality timber, asked triple the \$3,750 claimed value for the timber under the Oregon timber trespass law. Mulligan contended the cutting was necessary to dig trenches that would expose nickel and asbestos he believed in the area.

Coincidence Puzzles Pair

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—For former Portlanders Mr. and Mrs. Frank Willey, a one-in-a-million chance happened. Mrs. Willey, 26, gave birth to a son—her third after two girls. But this child, like the first two, was born Nov. 29. "It baffles me," said the father, a 28-year-old aircraft company movie cameraman. "Karan, our oldest is 3 today—and she was born seven weeks prematurely. "Kathy, who is 3 today, was two weeks overdue when she was born. And now Richard, who arrived today—he's about eight days overdue. "This triple birthday every Nov. 29—just a few weeks before Christmas—is going to get a little rough on the pocketbook in a few years. "Just the same, we're happy to have every one of our kiddies." GIVEN SHOOTING LICENSES LONDON (UPI)—Hunters in the Soviet "virgin land" province of Kazakhstan have been given licenses to shoot 100,000 antelopes this winter, Moscow Radio said today.

This Actress Builds Career Without Girly-Girly Art

By VERNON SCOTT UPI Hollywood Correspondent HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Many an actress builds her career on her build—that is, the glamour treatment complete with girly-girly cheesecake. And it works out pretty well. A girl can always learn to act later.

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