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Gin Rummy

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Las Vegas does most things in a flamboyant fashion.

Entry blanks are in the mail now for the third annual International Gin Rummy Tournament for Charity, sponsored by eleven Las Vegas hotels. Registration closes on March 9 for the three-day event to be held on March 10, 11 and 12. In 1957 the charity tournament attracted 380 people from all over America. In 1958, 400 fans came from 46 states and 12 foreign countries.

Las Vegas charities guarantee a total of \$30,000 in cash prizes to the winning players with the champion receiving \$10,000. A new sweepstakes award has been added this year and \$50 of every \$150 entry contribution goes into the sweepstakes to provide eight extra prizes to the winners.

The entry folder contains a total of 15 rules of play.

As an old gin rummy fan, we were interested in one which is new to us.

"Style of play will be Oklahoma Gin," the boy says. "(a) Players are dealt 10 cards each. That is normal, but the next line reads: "(b) The 21st card will be turned up and will denote the number of points with which each player is permitted to knock. If Ace appears, the hand is for Gin." (Picture cards count 10).

Hollywood style scoring is out in that tournament. One game at a time is counted, not three games across. There will be no new deals by agreement of "Frischers." Also, no bonus for "Schneider" (blitz). All contestants must complete 20 games to qualify as finalists and all participants play opponents only once.

Following two full days of play by all contestants, the top scoring 16 gin rummy experts wheel into the finals on the morning of March 12 with the championship round set for afternoon play on that day.

Alfred Sheinwald, international authority on gin rummy and a syndicated newspaper writer, will be the official judge.

Let's see, at \$150 a head, if it draws 500 persons this year, there is a lake of \$75,000 and even if the prize money comes out of that, there's still \$20,000 left. The fine print says something about the Las Vegas charities receiving "15 per cent of the total sweepstakes award jackpot before the eight prizes are allocated" which would add another \$3,750 at our 500-player estimate.

There are 16 individual prizes, three or four team prizes and eight sweepstakes prizes (which you can't count because they are additional prizes for the winners). At say 20 cash prizes and 500 players, your chances would be about one in 25 of winning.

But look at the fun to be had trying.

God's Gift

Editors Note: This is one of a series of pre-Christmas guest editorial-sermons of the Bible Baptist Church.

By THE REV. FREEMAN L. SCHMITT

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift," you will find those words of praise and thanksgiving in II Corinthians 9:15, and the central truth of this verse is that God has given us a Gift beyond full explanation and full understanding. During this Christmas season our minds and hearts should be filled with the thought of this Gift.

"I wish it were possible for me to present in words the Lord Jesus Christ in all of His beauty and power. To see Him is to see the Gift of God, to receive Him is to receive the Gift of God, and to follow Him is to enjoy the Gift of God."

Let us turn now to our text, II Corinthians 9:15. Why is this Gift an unspeakable one? Would you permit me to give three reasons why? First, because the Gift is infinite. How can finite explain infinite? If you can explain the Gift which God offers to you and me in Christ Jesus, then you can explain God Himself, and it is impossible for us to explain the Godhead.

Second, because the Gift does the impossible. God's Gift in Jesus Christ takes people like Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Paul and Zacchaeus and makes them into pure, clean vessels for God. Since God is no respecter of person, the same grace can take place in your life, if you permit God to do it.

The third reason why God's Gift is an unspeakable one is that it cannot be known without being accepted and proved. A person of the world is not in a position to judge the merits of a Christian life, because such a person has never tasted or experienced God's

Gift in Christ. The Bible says, "taste and see that the Lord is good." Only those who have tasted are in a position to judge, and I have never heard a person say that he was sorry he received God's Gift in Christ.

Dear reader, I know the popular idea of life and fun. I know of the confusion in many hearts and minds. I, also, know the power of the Gospel in changing lives, and that Jesus Christ can put peace, victory and abundant living in every life that is opened to Him, because he is God's unspeakable Gift.

Christmas Effect

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Few things make people more human than Christmas.

And since it makes them human, it makes them different. The wonder of the season affects them in various ways.

Here are a few standard types that can be found in every community—and one of them may be you:

The Grouch—He hates the whole idea of good will toward anybody, let alone everybody. On Christmas Eve he puts a bear trap in his fireplace, baits it with a calendar photo of Marilyn Monroe—in hopes that Santa Claus will reach for it and get a broken arm.

The Fair Trader—She sends out exactly 287 Christmas cards herself, and worries if she doesn't get exactly 287 in return.

The Hard Luck Artist—Never in his whole life has he received a Christmas present he really could use. The necktie is always the wrong color, the shirt the wrong size, the cufflinks are superfluous since he never wears them. But he enjoys his misery, and if anybody ever did send him something that fit him it would ruin his Christmas.

The Cecil B. DeMille Producer—He starts decorating the outside of his home the day after Thanksgiving, and spends enough money on it to make another "Ten Commandments." Early in February he goes into bankruptcy, moves away and leaves the papier-mache reindeer and sled to rot quietly atop his empty home.

The Chronic Caroler—This guy knows all the words, but not the tunes, of every Christmas song ever written, sings them incessantly at his desk, on the bus, in the supermarket, and over the telephone if you should ring a wrong number and get him.

The Impassioned Imbiber—Christmas always makes him gay. He is lit before the first tree, and is still glowing when the last wreath is packed away. He has few Christmas memories—as he can't remember anything.

The Human Willow Tree—Christmas always makes him sad. He weeps in everybody's else's wasal bowl. He cries over his lost youth, your lost youth, anybody's lost youth. Everything that ever happened to him happened on Christmas. He had his tonsils out on Christmas; his car was stolen on another Christmas.

The Creep of Christmas Past—He yearns for the old-fashioned Christmas of long ago, when people were simpler and loved simple things—just an orange in a Christmas stocking was enough to bring joy. But if you send him just an orange for Christmas he'd sulk until Easter.

The Solitary Reaper—He wraps up a dozen two-bit can openers in fancy packages, then tours the homes of all his friends on Christmas day. He can't lose. He is sure to get a drink at each home—and probably a present.

The Ordinary Guy—He spent a little more than he could afford, he got about what he expected out of Christmas—a good time and a warmer feeling toward people.

On Dec. 26 he wouldn't give a dime for another Christmas — and wouldn't take a million dollars for the one he just had.

High Finances

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans and Russians on the same day this week got a little notice in their Christmas stockings. It was an announcement by both their governments on how much they expect to spend next year.

There was the one lesson to be learned, above all others, from the announcements.

If the two countries could learn to trust each other and stop their fantastic armaments race — running into billions upon billions of dollars — people in both countries could live better because their taxes would go down and they'd have more money.

By a coincidence of history these things happened on the same day.

President Eisenhower said his budget for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, would call for spending 77 billion dollars but that he expected to get in the same amount in taxes, thus balancing the budget.

Therefore, he said, there will be no call for a general tax increase.

In Moscow, with Premier Nikita Khrushchev nodding approval in the background, Finance Minister Arseny G. Zverev pledged to boost the government's spending for industry, scientific research and social welfare next year. And he added, there would be no direct new taxes.

Whereas Eisenhower spoke of spending 77 billions, the Soviets say they'll spend in rubles the equivalent of almost 177 billion dollars at the official rate of exchange. That looks like 100 billions more the Russian government is spending.

But the figures are misleading, and not only because the ruble is not considered here to be worth its official exchange value.

Eisenhower's total was for the federal government's expenses, and did not, of course, include the money being spent for all purposes by states, counties and city governments or by private enterprise on expansion or production not connected with the government.

The Russian figures include all the country's governmental units, from the smallest local districts up. Included are figures for the nation's industry, transport and trade, all run by the government.

Eisenhower's 77-billion figure for next year is about 3 billions less than the American government is expected to shovel out this year. He intends to trim expenses in a number of places to bring the spending down.

By the time Congress has voted the final dollar — which will be next summer — total spending for the fiscal year beginning next July may be over this year's 80 billions. The reason: arguments on what should and shouldn't be cut, and new expenses cropping up.

But one place Eisenhower said wouldn't be cut is the defense program. That's going up, Eisenhower said. He didn't say how much up. But this year defense spending is hitting more than 40 billions out of the total of 80 billions to be spent.

The Soviets are far less frank about their defense spending.

Zverev brushed over defense spending very fast except for noting that the budget for the armed forces would be about the same as this year, or around 24 billions. In fact, that would be just a little less than this year.

But what Zverev revealed is far from the whole picture. Other

forms of military spending are hidden in other appropriations and cannot be estimated.

For example: Construction of defense plants is included in capital investment spending. Research on military projects comes under science and educational appropriations.

Zverev said the defense fund reflects a peace policy "but the Soviet Union cannot disregard the fact that some aggressive countries are threatening peace and increasing tensions and the dangers of war."

To a statement like that the United States, of course, says look who's talking.

But in both countries the people would have a far richer life — since they would have more of their earnings left in their pockets — if both governments by some miracle could bury the hatchet, and not in each other's head.

Gift Problems

By GAY PAULEY

UPI Women's Editor
NEW YORK (UPI)—You think you have Christmas package problems. What if you had to ship a hippo or a giraffe?

Yet these and other rather hard-to-wrap gifts are among those handled during a Yule season by railway expressmen, who like the postmen, seem to get the job done despite the odds. A visit to Railway Express general headquarters here to see what people are shipping left me agape.

Now the man who gave the hippo had a purpose — it was surplus at the Central Park Zoo in New York and the children of Denver were without one. So A. E. Johnson, a Denver oil executive, bought "Bertie," a mere infant of 28 months although he already weighs 1,200 pounds.

Bertie, in wooden crate with identifying photograph on the outside, made the trip to his new habitat in 42 hours, coddled all the way because the New York shippers warned that "he has never been away from home before and is bound to be lonesome. He won't need any food; just a drink of water."

"We handle thousands of animals each year," said E. Boykin Hartley, vice president in charge of traffic. "The heaviest load is in December." He said the company has shipped dozens of types of animals from giraffes to flying squirrels, but burros and deodorized skunks are favorites for Christmas giving.

Burros used to be a problem, they chewed up their destination tags. But a savvy expressman thought of putting the tags in small tin cans.

In December, Hartley said, the company handles some 16 million packages or 69 per cent more than the volume in any other month. It ships diamond bracelets as casually as rhinestones. This Christmas it shipped a \$15,000 mink coat to an Iranian princess.

Once it handled a basket of anthracite coal lumps — with each lump individually gift wrapped — from a grandmother in Carbondale, Pa., to her grand-kiddies in Cleveland. The children were lonesome for a touch of home as they knew it at grandma's.

Last year the company got a call to pick up a package at a New York address. The truck driver arrived to find the customer lived in a third floor walkup. He lumbered up the stairs, and the woman asked immediately: "Did you bring a helper?" She pointed to a foot locker-size carton on the floor.

"Lady, I can handle that," said the expressman. But when he tried to lift the package, he called his assistant.

"Ma'am," he said, "I don't know what's in there, but it feels like rocks."

"That is just what it is," she said. "It's a special collection I'm shipping my daughter for her rock garden."

Quotes

United Press International
NEW YORK—Former President Truman, on Teamsters' President James Hoffa's plans to organize all municipal workers:

"They are public servants. I don't think anybody has the right to fool with them. If I were president, nobody would."

BOSTON—Millionaire industrialist Bernard Goldfine, on being sentenced to three months in prison for contempt of court:

"I am very sorry for what happened. I hope you (Federal Judge Charles E. Wyanski Jr.) will take that into consideration."

VENTURA, Calif. — Elizabeth Ann Duncan, on the marriage of her son and Olga Duncan, who was slain in an alleged "for hire" plot:

"There was no love there."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Army Asked To Hold Meet

PORTLAND (AP)—The Army's Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors was asked Monday by the National Hells Canyon Assn. to hold hearings on the newly recommended Columbia River Basin development plans.

The association said the plan, proposed by the Army Engineers, included two dams not previously considered at public hearings. They are the High Mountain Sheep and Knowles dams on the Snake River.

J. T. Marr, association president said, "As it happens, both of these projects would develop areas subject to great controversy—and they are in themselves controversial."

In asking for the hearings in the Pacific Northwest, Marr said the report ignores sentiment in the region.

The association contends the Army report does not achieve the fullest economic development of projects and presents a serious problem for fish and wildlife conservation.

U.S. Lagging Says Expert

VICTORIA, B.C. (AP)—The United States Atlas satellite now in orbit is a "rubbishy propaganda stunt," Edward Argyle Dominion Astrophysical Observatory scientist, said Monday.

"The Atlas is a gross misrepresentation done deliberately to deceive the U.S. public," he said. "Their satellite program is still a year behind the Russians."

Argyle said the actual payload of the Atlas is but 150 pounds and there is no scientific equipment aboard. He said the third stage of Russia's Sputnik III weighed 7,500 pounds and its payload, or the satellite which is still in orbit, weighs 3,000 pounds.

Animal Turns On Attendant

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—An annoyed elephant at the Kansas City Zoo pushed an attendant against a wall, then released the man at the head keeper's shouted orders.

Attendant Charles Kent, 28, suffered shock and a gash under his left eye.

"He got off lucky," said William T. A. Cully, zoo director. "Cully said Kent was told to water the elephants with a hose while staying outside the cage."

However, Kent went inside. When two elephants crowded in for water he tried to push one away. That's when Mr. Temple, a 3,500-lb. Indian elephant, turned on him.

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Cities To Host Freight Meets

SALEM (AP)—Final hearings on the railroad's proposal to decrease rates on westbound ship-inhouse products will be held in Denver and Portland, the Interstate Commerce Commission notified state Agriculture Director Robert J. Steward Monday.

Western meat producers are opposing the reduction.

The proposed reductions were scheduled to go into effect Nov. 15, but the ICC suspended them because of the protests.

Handbills To Aid Family Search

PORTLAND (AP)—Five thousand handbills will be distributed throughout the nation in a new effort to find a missing Portland family.

The handbills, containing pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Martin and their three daughters, will be printed here in a few days, and then distributed.

The family vanished after setting out to find a Christmas tree Dec. 7.

Martin is 54, his wife 48. Their daughters are Barbara, 14; Virginia, 13; and Sue, 11.

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SCIENTISTS MEET

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP)—More than 300 scientists are expected to attend a meeting of the Northwest Scientific Assn. and Oregon Academy of Science here.

The meeting will be held Dec. 29-30 at Oregon State College.



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