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EDITORIALS

Furse's Fresh Flashes

Now comes the time of year when everybody loves a fat man—especially if he's dressed like Santa Claus.

THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE

Those who can remember the first World War will recall that the Allied and German troops on the Western Front declared an unofficial and spontaneous truce at Christmas.

Christmas brings such a truce each year, though in less dramatic fashion, to most people in the Christian world.

A lot of us go to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. There we are reminded again that what we call the Christmas spirit is really the Christian spirit.

Christian teachers ask this generation, as they have asked other generations for centuries, to live by this philosophy—to keep the Christmas spirit the year round.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND . . .

Throughout the pages of this issue of the Plattsmouth Journal will be found expressions of good will and greetings from Plattsmouth business men and women and other business serving you throughout the year.

They express sincere and heart-felt thanks of local people for your cooperation, patronage and good will during the past years that has enabled them to stay in business and contribute to the welfare of the community.

It is impossible for business people to extend greetings of the season and a "Thank You" in person to everyone responsible for their success.

"We residents of this community are deeply grateful and appreciative of your contribution to our welfare and solicit your continued friendship in the years to come."

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TEN YEARS AGO
A. W. Farmer, engaged with the Farm Security Administration at Washington visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Farmer . . .

THIRTY-ONE YEARS AGO
James W. Newell, son of Judge W. H. Newell, was promoted to auditor of the entire Lehigh Valley railroad system with offices at Philadelphia . . .

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

DREW PEARSON SAYS:
FRIENDSHIP TRAIN JUST AN IDEA—BUT ONE FOUNDED ON INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP, BY AND FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THEIR NEEDY FRIENDS IN EUROPE.

Dear Mr. President:
I have come to France because I felt I owed it to the millions of Americans who contributed to the Friendship Train to report on how this food was collected and the motives behind it.

To begin at the beginning, the idea of the Friendship Train took root about two months ago when many Americans were perturbed that our Congress was slow and niggardly about helping our friends in Europe.

A committee was formed, headed by Harry Warner and including representatives of farmers, labor unions, businessmen and service clubs.

Both labor and business filled up these Friendship Trains. The Teamsters' union helped to load the cars; the Steel-Workers union contributed money to buy carloads of canned milk; the Farmers' union contributed flour.

Most of this food came from very humble people. In Hawaii, the people contributed a total of eight cents apiece but their contribution totaled two carloads of sugar which is six European boxcars.

The state of Nebraska is supposed to be against cooperation with Europe. At least, that's how most of its representatives vote in Congress.

Some people in France, I understand, have thought this however, I can tell you that about the only city that did almost nothing to help was Washington, D. C., and it was only at the last minute that the Lions Club of Brightwood, Maryland, a little town on the edge of Washington, D. C., gave a carload of flour—thus saving the nation's capital from the ignominy of not participating.



was in their city for a football game, did not remain the next day to see the friendship, which arrived at Le Havre this week, sail from Philadelphia with its first cargo of food.

It is also important to note that President Truman's home town, Kansas City, did contribute in a big way with fourteen cars of food and one of the first telegrams I received was from Mr. Truman's home county.

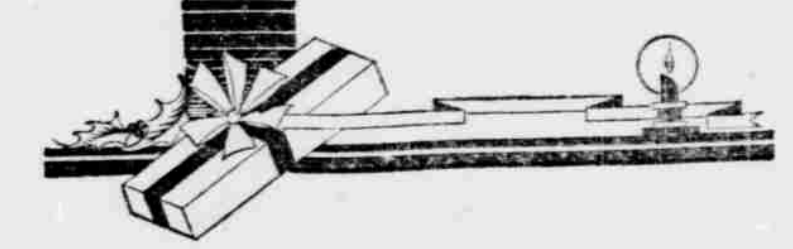
"From Jackson County, Missouri, in the heart of America, this bag of flour comes to you with greetings and best wishes, whatever your race or nationality. May this flour be received in the same spirit in which it is sent—the brotherhood of all mankind."

Hundreds of towns not on the line of the train telegraphed in, wanting to load up boxcars: Ventura, Burbank, Long Beach, California; Monroe, Michigan; Louisville and Hazard, Kentucky; Allentown and Bellefonte in Pennsylvania, a dozen cities in distant Texas and so on—it is impossible to call the roll.

There were, of course, a few communities where we encountered opposition but in the end this usually helped the Friendship Train. In Grand Rapids, Michigan, for instance, when the newspapers criticized the train, Mayor George Welsh, who had recently been to France, urged

THE SEASON'S CHEER TO EVERYBODY

To our many friends and customers—the Season's best wishes for joy and happiness. By your thoughtfulness you have helped to make our Christmas a merry one and we wish the same for you.



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New Star



Tom Swift Dickey, Louisiana State's crack sprinter, gets set for 440-yard race. Dickey, having beaten Southeastern Conference competition as a quarter-mile with 49 seconds flat, is coach Bernie Moore's choice to challenge the world record.

his people to contribute—with the result that they sent three large boxcars to the train. That was the spirit of American generosity, Mr. President.

It is impossible, too, to describe to you the faces of the people who met the train at the stations along the way and while this food is only a token and will not last France long, it is a token which has behind it the good will of millions who

Plattsmouth Library News

A library book doesn't become old and shabby looking for nothing. A truly popular one gets around.

Take the case of "Hold Fast Gains" by Shepard, while it is still a new book it shows its popularity, it is a historical novel based upon fact, from the burning of New London by Benedict Arnold to Andrew Jackson's heroic victory at New Orleans, all library books are not as popular as this one, there are many volumes in the library that seem to gather dust, but there always comes a day when some one wants the most moldy old tome, and we are very proud that we have this book in the library.

So in this spirit of friendship, the American people have collected from their fields this token of food and brought it to your fireplaces in the hope that it may tide you over until your own fields are again rich and abundant with crops.

feel very deeply and who want to make their own small contribution toward friendship, especially at this season. They feel that Christmas is not just a day on which to exchange gifts between families and neighbors but between nations and all mankind.

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EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
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WASHINGTON, (NEA)—Of all the crazy, mixed-up political situations ever strung up for the American voters to gawk at, today's picture takes the all-time surrealistic grand prize.

- 1. The conservative wing of the Republican Party seems hell-bent on electing a Democrat for President in 1948.
2. The liberal wing of the Democratic Party is doing its darndest to see that a Republican gets elected.
3. Propaganda of the Communist Party in the U. S. makes people want to become reactionaries.
4. The reactionaries for their part, by every word and deed, make independent voters think there may be something to this socialist stuff after all.
5. Labor organizations, by their newly-intensified political activities, are solidifying the position of anti-labor forces that want to curb the unions still further.
6. Finally, employer groups are advocating economic policies which can only lead to their own ruin and a depression, if experiences of the past mean anything, and if history does repeat.

ANY rise in Democratic prestige is nothing more than a measure of Republican decline since 1946. If that is the case, there may be something wrong with the Republican program. It couldn't be the killing off price controls, easing up on rent controls, ending the veterans' housing program and enacting tough labor legislation are unpopular, could it?

Opposed to that, Henry Wallace's new insistence that there will be a third party in 1948, if the Truman administration doesn't change its foreign policy, is a definite threat to split the Democratic Party.

ANY program incorporating such ideas conjures up to many people a return to the 1890's—or at least to the 1920's. A return to boom and bust. Such policies are bound to be fought because many thinking people believe that it will take only one more good depression like that of the 1930's to make the U. S. do a political about-face and embrace a system far to the left of anything in the New Deal.

The Duke of Windsor, formerly Edward VIII, created the vague July, 1947, there were 34,700 for men to wear maroon carnation-traffic fatalities, the National Safety Council said.

Wishing you all the joys of the season and a New Year filled with happiness!

Ladies' Toggery

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