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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. Soldiers of both sides came out of their trenches and joined in singing the carols that they knew and loved. The words were in different languages, but the tunes world, and nearly every time you look up the and sentiments were the same.

Christmas brings such a truce each year. though in less dramatic fashion, to most people If the Christian world. On that day we lay aside bitterness and animosity. Families find a bond of warmer affection. Children are indulged and enjoyed. Good wishes to neighbors and friends are hearty and sincere. Whatever our politics, we are inclined to be interested in the Christmas at the White House, and to hope that it is a happy one.

A lot of us go to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. There we are reminded again DREW PEARSON SAYS: that what we call the Christmas spirit is really the Christian spirit. We are reminded that this great holiday of Christendom not only celebrates the birth of Jesus, but the birth of a philosophy of love, peace, tolerance and moral courage, or spect and fair dealing.

Christian teachers ask this generation, as they have asked other generations for centuries, to live by this philesophy-to keep the Christmas spirit the year round. It is not an easy task, as the results have shown. And somehow it seems particularly hard today. There are provocations and anxieties that beset us as people and as nations of the Christian world. We grow angry and uncharitable, as people and as nation, through pride, selfishness, weariness and fear.

Furse's Fresh Flashes

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

A bore is a person who talks when you want to. . . .

An ad offers a woman a job in a band playing second fiddle. They should know they don't come that way.

Some folks prefer to stay single. Others would rather knot.

It would be a fine idea if some careless drivers who skid into snow drifts would leave their cars there for the balance of the winter.

If conditions today were as bad as too many people paint them, they'd be a lot worse than they are.

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One Plattsmouth man overheard the neighbors talking about how shiftless he was. It made him so mad he went right out and got himself a job. . . .

After hearing some preachers give a description of everlasting punishment, we can hardly beleive it, for we don't think any man's constitution could stand it.

There is a lot of misplaced sympathy in the facts about the underdog you will be greatly disappointed, for, nine times out of ten, he is exactly where he ought to be.



By DREW PEARSON

Train.)

Dear Mr. President:

game, did not remain the next FRIENDSHIP TRAIN JUST AN IDEA-BUT day to see the friendship, which ONE FOUNDED ON INTERNATIONAL arrived at Le Havre this week, FRIENDSHIP, BY AND FROM THE AMER- first cargo of food. However, ICAN PEOPLE TO THEIR NEEDY FRIENDS perhaps this was for the best IN EUROPE.

because this food is by and from (Editor's note: Drew Pearson is now in Paris the American people. It is from and his column today takes the form of a report the people of America to their

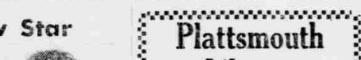
he is making to President Vincent Auriol of needy friends in Europe. France on the food collected by the Friendship It is also important to note that President Truman's home To the President of the French Republic.

town, Kansas City, did contribute in a big way with fourteen Paris cars of food and one of the first

was in their city for a football

telegrams I received was from I have come to France because I felt I owed it to the millions of Americans who contributed ing that they refused to be left to the Friendship Train to report on how this out. In the end, we had to send

New Star



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 popularity, it is a historical nov el, based upon fact, from the burning of New London by Benedict Arnold to Andrew Jackson's

comes a day when some one

wants the most moldy old tome,

and we are very proud that we

New books recently added to

the shelves are: "Frankly

Speaking" by James Byrnes,

'Great Snow" by Henry M. Ro-

binson, "Tamarack Tree" by

Howard Breslin, "Mystery of the

have this book in the library.

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EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON NEA Washington Correspondent

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 socialistic 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. President Truman's popularity has risen steadily since the November, 1946, election low. The polls show it's staying high. This is not due to anything in particular that the Democrats have done.

Edson

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 that killing off price controls, easing up on rent controls, ending the velerans' 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.

Left-wing and Communist propaganda could not be more inept. It is so bad that every blast from Vishinsky, Molotov, or even the New York Daily Worker can be reprinted in full or quoted from liberally with perfect safety. Instead of making converts to communism, it turns Americans against the Moscow line.

Vice-versa, the attitude taken by a few leaders of American business in this era of inflation is genuinely alarming.

They advocate: Return to a longer work week. A freeze on minimum wage levels. Tax cuts which discriminate against low-income groups. Opposition to any lowering of prices. Opposition to all plans for allocation of scarce materials. Killing off the reciprocal trade program for increasing world trade and imports. Opposition to saleguards against overexpansion of credit. Crippling anti-trust laws, Opposition to low-cost housing programs. Ending full employment.

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.

A swing to reaction now could easily be followed by a counter-swing to something like Britain's Socialism. Sincere anti-Communists and believers in capitalism say there is as much to fear from too much conservatism as there is from liberalism.

New political stirrings of the AFL, CIO and railway brotherhoods are aimed primarily at defeat of congressmen who voted for the Taft-Hartley law. Instead of scaring these congressmen, however, this new political agitation by the labor unions has only served to make the law-makers talk about tightening up on the Taft-Hartley act, to make it tougher.

This sentiment for still more curbs on labor will get stronger if the Gaines" by Shepard, while it is unions bring on another wave of strikes to get their third-round coststill a new book it shows its of-living wage increases next spring. And more restrictive labor legislation can only lead to greater political activity by the unions. Everything, you see, seems to work out just backwards.

The Duke of Windson, formerly For the 12 months ende



Maybe it is not possible to keep the Christmas spirit every day. Yet to keep even a little of this truce of mental hospitalities would help. That truce is not and should not be a surrender of convictions. But it would surely help to create more individual happiness, and that in turn could scarcely fail to make a somewhat happier world.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND !

Throuhout the pages of this issue of the Plattsmouth Journal will be found expressions of good will and greetings from Plattsmouth bus mess men and women and other business serving you throughout the year. These announcements are bought and paid for by these business people and are directed especially to you.

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. Only through your friendship and patronage can these men and women continue to provide the services demanded in the community with larger stocks, better selections and above all at prices within the reach of all.

It is impossible for business people to extend greetings of the season and a "Thank You" in person to everyone responsible for their success, so they have selected the columns of this newspaper to carry their message for them. Please accept it in the spirit intended and as you read their messages keep this thought in mind;

"We residents of this community are deeply a "We residents of this contribution 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 . . . B. W. Livingston observed his 67th birthday . . . The O R Wilcox home on west Vine street was destroyed by fire ... Joseph A. Krejci and Miss Dorothy Evans of Orange City were marred at Sioux City . . . William H. Wehrbein as named Commander of Knights Templar . . . w beauty salon opened in Hotel Plattsmouth states. Miss Doris Woolcott of Weeping Water who ad accompanied the Carl Days on a trip to the uthland returned to Weeping Water following Rotary, received an interesting letter from hina with greetings to local club members,

THIRTY-ONE YEARS AGO

James W. Newell, son of Judge W. H. Newell, was promoted to auditor of the entire Lehigh alloy railroad system with offices at Philadelphia . . . C. S. Wortman of Claremore, Oklahoma, visited Plattsmouth on business matters in connection with his fathers estate . . . The S. Larson family of Weeping Water departed for Port Arthur, Texas to make their home ..., Dr. T. J. Todd and family of Kearney enjoyed the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mauzy, parents of Mrs. Todd . . . Miss. Clara Hunter was married to Karl Breuer of Arnold, Nebraska at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hunter.

food was collected and the motives behind it. I a special train through Kansas am merely acting as spokesman for many others City where President Truman's who would like to be here but can't. This is a difficult report to make, difficult be- their bags of flour with this cause it is almost impossible to translate into message:

words the feelings in men's hearts. To begin at the beginning, the idea of the "From Jackson County, Mis-Friendship Train took root about two months ago souri, in the heart of America when many Americans were perturbed that our Congress was slow and niggardly about helping our friends in Europe. So it was proposed that a train be started in California with perhaps one the same spirit in which it is boxcar and, letting the plain people of the coun- sent-the brotherhood of all try contribute food, pick up other boxcars of mankind. As that great teacher food as the train moved acress the continent to of world brotherhood, Jesus of the Atlantic.

A committee was formed, headed by Harry Warner and including representatives of farmers, labor unions, businessmen and service clubs. The railroads said they would be glad to haul the train free and that was how the Friendship S. Truman. There, as in nearly Train started. It was just an idea-but an idea all American counties, are deon international friendship.

AMERICANS WILL TO GIVE

But, Mr. President, although I pride myself on freedom. This brotherhood is being an accurate newspaperman, I confess that among the blessings of our de-I underestimated the American will to give. In-to help relieve your need is due Bellefonte in Pennsylvania, a stead of one train, we ended up with seven dif- to help relieve your need is due ferent sections. Instead of five railroads coop- our feeling of friendship for erating, a total of twelve demanded the right to you. ious to aid their friends in Europe. Not only did most of the railroad trainmen haul the trains ered opposition but in the end or the to you the formula to be the train of th

they wanted to contribute, too.

Farmers' union contributed flour. Most of this food came from very humble peo-

ple. In Hawaii, the people contributed a total of eight cents apiece but their contribution totaled two carloads of sugar which is six European boxcars. In Wichita, Kansas, the school children and saved their lunch money until they were able to purchase one carload of wheat. In Wyoming, a dentist toured most of that very mountainous and sparsely settled state until, with the help of many others, Wyoming had collected almost as much as some of the richer

The state of Nebraska is supposed to be against cooperation with Europe. At least, that's how most 2 of its representatives vote in Congress. But we enjoyable visit . . . E. H. Schulhof, president never had more enthusiastic, more generous crowds out to meet the train than those in Ne-. Shen Chen of Hankow (then the capital) braska. In Iowa-another farm state-a group of farmers who had been to Europe traveled with the train, refuting Congressman John Taber, h who said that food was not needed in Europe.

NOT GOVERNMENT INSPIRED 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, R 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.

I can also report that the people of Philadelphia

neighbors had especially stamped

Biessings of Democracy

this bag of flour comes to you with greetings and best wishes whatever your race or nationality. May this flour be received in

Nazareth, commanded, 'Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye unto them." Jackson County, Missouri, is a typical American county. It is the home of our President, Harry scendants of all races of Europe

living together in peace and

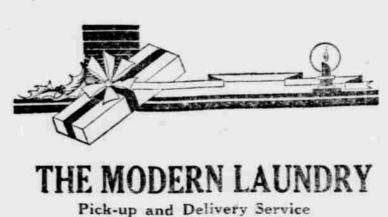
so on-it is impossible to call the roll

without salary but many railroad workers not on this usually helped the Friend- ple who met the train at the dant with crops the line of the train mailed me checks saying ship Train. In Grand Rapids, stations along the way and, Michigan, for instance, when the while this food is only a token

Both labor and business filled up these Friend- newspapers criticized the train, and will not last France long, it ship Trains. The Teamsters' union helped to load Mayor George Welsh, who had is a token which has behind it the cars; the Steel-Workers union contributed recently been to France, urged the good will of millions who

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.



318 Main Street

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

Tom Swift Dickey, Louisiana

Other House" by Augusta Seahis people to contribute-with man. "The Vixens" by Frank the result that they sent three Yerby has just been given to the large boxcars to the train. That library by Fred Bruce. was the spirit of American generosity, Mr. President.

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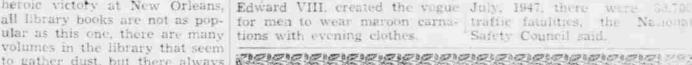
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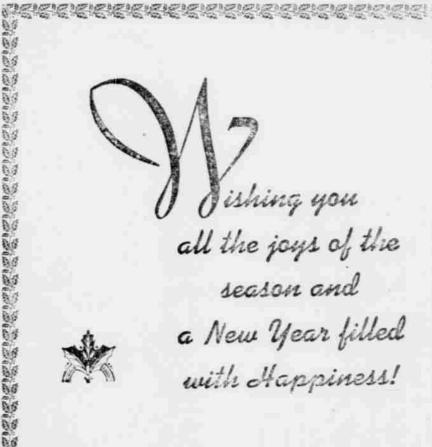
feel very deeply and who want Hundreds of towns not on the to make their own small contriline of the train telegraphed in, bution toward friendship, especwanting to load up boxcars: jally at this season. They feel Ventura, Burbank, Long Beach, that Christmas is not just a day California; Monroe, Michigan; on which to exchange gifts be-Louisville and Hazard, Ken- tween families and neighbors mankind.

So in this spirit of friendship, dozen cities in distant Texas and the American people have collected from their fields this token of food and brought it to your (Copyright, 1947, By The Bell

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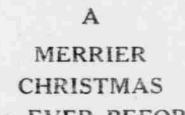
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