

Modest Maidens

By Jay Alan



"Hurry, Mom, if you want to see a funny Santa, he's taking things instead of leaving them!"

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Questions, Answers

U. S. Foots Large Part of U. N. Bill

By HASKIN

A reader can get the answer to any question of fact by writing The Long Beach Press-Telegram Information Bureau, 310 27th St., N. E., Washington 2, D. C. Please enclose three (3) cents for return postage.

Q. How much of the cost of operating the United Nations is borne by the United States?—L. H. R.

A. For the year 1948, the portion of the U. N. budget borne by the United States is 99.89 per cent. This is equivalent to \$13,841,032. The proportionate contribution of each member nation is reviewed each year by the general assembly.

Q. Has the year always begun with January? F. McM.

A. As early as 251 B. C., the Romans accepted January as the beginning of the year. They named the month in honor of Janus, the two-faced god, as looking both into the past and the future. During the Middle Ages at various dates. In England, in 1751, January was made the first month by act of parliament.

Q. Do men read books as much as women? N. N.

A. A survey sponsored by the Book Manufacturers' Institute, Inc., disclosed that 53 per cent of women are readers as compared with 46 per cent of men. People read most between the ages of 15 to 19 years.

Q. Has a mountain been discovered that is higher than Everest? S. W.

A. Despite numerous stories of a World War II flier that such a mountain exists in central Asia, somewhere in Tibet, it has not been found by the several flying expeditions that have sought it since the end of the war.

Q. Are the majority of the members of Congress lawyers? H. E. T.

A. In the 81st Congress there will be 66 lawyers in the Senate out of a total membership of 96. In the House there will be 225 lawyers in the total membership of 435.

Q. How long has the term, cold wave, been used? H. O. J.

A. The U. S. Weather Bureau first used the term in 1872, applying it to the areas of cold, clear, dry air that flow from Canada southward. The rate of progress of the front of a cold wave is so steady and uniform that territory in its path can be warned beforehand.

Q. Can myrtle be grown successfully in the United States? E. M. A.

A. The common myrtle is extensively grown as an ornamental in eastern and southern Europe, and in this country is grown out-of-doors in the southern states of California. In ancient times a sprig of myrtle was considered indispensable for wedding bouquets.

COSTLY SLUMP

LEON KEYSERLING, chairman of the President's council of economic advisers, estimates the last depression cost the people of the United States at least \$800,000,000,000.

This is a sum over three times the size of the present national debt.

We all know how costly wars are, but the Keyserling figures show that economic typhoons sweeping the land can be even more so.

It is not too soon to give serious attention to safeguards against the repetition of that catastrophe as well as that of another war.—Sacramento Bee.

Today's Smile



"After we pay the plumber, dear, I don't think we'll be much ahead on our home canning!"

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

ALFALFA contains high quality proteins and some day people are going to sit down to a dish of the stuff and like it.—Dr. Waldo Semon, Cincinnati researcher.

I'M IN favor of every man reaching his own conclusions and his own confusions. . . There have been too many statements by too many people.—Former Vice President John Nance Garner.

If ECA (the Marshall Plan) succeeds, it must have the cooperation of American workers and of European workers. If the workers lose faith in the program because they do not understand it, they have it within their power to undermine it.—Paul G. Hoffman, ECA administrator.

It is difficult to believe that sustained high employment with rising living standards can evolve basically from the economic consequences of a great and destructive war.—Alfred P. Sloan Jr., president, General Motors Corp.

If you're gonna be a folk singer, you've got to know the folks.—Burt Ives, folk singer.

Given proper care in his infancy and youth, a child born today can live 100 years.—Dr. Edward L. Bortz, American Medical Association.

JOLLY OLD SAINT ON HIS WAY

Santa and Reindeer Make Super 32-hoof Takeoff

By HAL BOYLE

NORTH POLE, Dec. 24. (AP) He's off! Santa Claus is on his way at last!

The jolly old saint and his famous reindeer are zooming through the Arctic skies right now, heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight.

The northern lights switched on to a clear steady green—the "go ahead" signal. And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police sent Santa this message:

"We are clearing all air lines in your path, old boy. There is no speed limit for you tonight. The sky is yours. Go as fast as you like. Good luck!"

And Santa Claus needed that wide, clear road in the sky. For his big red sled was placed so full of gifts it overflowed. It looked like a hay rack zooming through the crisp air.

"Oh, dear, oh dear," said worried Santa, just before the take-off. "I do hope none of these presents fall out and bean some poor innocent rabbit down below. I believe this must be the heaviest load I've had in twenty years."

"What is he fretting about?" whispered Donner to Vixen. "He's only riding in that sled. We have to pull it."

Vixen laughed so hard the bells on her harness tinkled in merry music, and all the other reindeer laughed, too.

As Santa Claus climbed up into the seat of the sled, puffing a little because he has gained some weight this winter, three black and white penguins waddled across the snow in front of the reindeer.

"Here, here, get out of the way, please," said Santa Claus importantly. Then he said, surprised:

"Why what are you penguins doing up at the North Pole any more? You're supposed to be at the South Pole."

"We're on a vacation," said one of the penguins. "We're looking for Florida. Have you seen it anywhere?"

"Climb aboard, climb aboard," boomed Santa. "I'll drop you off there. But I must say this is the best 32-hoof takeoff I ever saw," said a nearby Eskimo. Santa was on his way.

Sen. Soaper Says:

By H. V. WADE

The national income for the year touches an all-time high, and never were there so many, calls upon it. Easy come, easier go, is the prevailing sad state of affairs.

Even when it is explained, buying back our own aluminum sounds somehow as idle as removing the vitamins, then "enriching" the product.

"An 'army' in China is the equivalent of one United States division," which was only to be expected where inflation is running wild.

Famine, says Author William Vogt, is shortly to engulf the world. For the nonce, however, there is an abundance of potatoes for the restaurant steak to be under.

A husband, late yesterday, emerged from a local department store with three strange parcels, no wife and a surplus child.

It is just a year since Jimmy Petrillo, for the musicians, proclaimed "we are never going to be ordinary" pay for ordinary talent. But the more exacting top posts call for high executive ability. Too often they have to be assigned, by default, to men really not worth more than the salaries now paid.

The Budget Bureau estimates that the pay raises proposed by Truman would add about \$1,500,000,000 to the government's annual pay roll cost. Better men in charge of the federal agencies, which now spend more than \$100,000,000 a day, could save the taxpayers many, many times a million and a half each year.

A wise magistrate in Brooklyn, N. Y., has made peace between a landlord and her tenant, Frances W. Leitch, the only woman magistrate in Brooklyn, in prefaced her decision with some sympathetic comments concerning landlords, "the only unit in the body economic whose profit is held down by government controls." They have rights she implied, but they have "no right to dictate how many baths a tenant may take."

The trouble was that the tenant on the third floor took a great many baths. An 85-gallon water heater could not keep pace with her ablutions. So the landlady shut off the water, leaving the tenant halfway immersed in a hot bath.

It can't be done, says the lady magistrate. "Property rights must yield to human necessity." Sitting frequently in hot water seems to be one of them, though nothing is said about it in the Constitution.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

WATER RIGHTS

THE WISDOM of Solomon was outstanding in his day, and still quoted. But when compared with modern judges, it is only fair to admit that the old timers were rarely called upon to settle differences between landlords and tenants.

Santa took the little figure from her hands. It was a beautiful angel with butterfly wings and a robe of purest white. In her hand the angel held a small magic wand.

"It is the angel of peace," explained Cluny.

"Why, Cluny!" said Santa. "This is better than all the other gifts put together. I'll see that your angel waves her wand for one day at least over every home in the land."

And he picked up Cluny and gave her a big whisker-tickly kiss on her cheek. Then he picked up his long whip again and cracked it sharply in the frosty air.

"Ho, ho, ho, here we go!" he roared. "Ho, ho, ho! Here we go!"

The eight reindeer leaped forward and the big sled began sliding through the snow. Faster, faster, faster, faster—and then they were off the ground and into the air.

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Let's Explore Your Mind

By DR. A. E. WIGGAM



Answer to Question No. 1 No, because strength and vigor are man's main assets in attracting the opposite sex. Handsomeness in men is nothing like the asset with the other sex that beauty is in women. However, several studies show "personality" outranks good looks in both men and women as a lure to the opposite sex. The old type of handsome, glamorous movie hero is rather on the toboggan now in favor of the strong, virile type even if they happen to be fat, lumbering and bald-headed. There's a chance for a lot of us yet.

Answer to Question No. 2 Mostly false, according to the best studies. Biologist S. J. Holmes has shown that in the U. S. Civil War college men enlisted first on both sides and between 20 and 40 per cent were and in World Wars I and II, and in the present draft, the feeble in body and mind, and the emotionally unstable are rejected and left at home to breed the children of tomorrow.

Answer to Question No. 3 Apparently not. Several psychologists blindfolded a number of persons of average intelligence and had them walk toward a certain goal across the prairie. All were sure they were going straight. But all wandered in circles and spirals. They then tried a feeble-minded man and he did the same but no worse than the brighter people.

Are you nervous, edgy? Can't sleep nights, during day? Do you feel like you're on top of the world? Then you need a little relaxation. How to Relax. A booklet entitled "HOW TO RELAX" by Albert Edward Wiggam, M. D., author of "The Mind-Body Connection" and "The Mind-Body Connection" is available for \$1.00. Write to: Dr. A. E. Wiggam, 1000 E. 1st St., Long Beach, Calif. 90801. (Copyright, 1948, John F. Dille Co.)

Higher Pay, Better Men

PRESIDENT TRUMAN has asked Congress to lift the salaries of Cabinet members to \$25,000 a year and give other top government officials comparable pay raises.

We think these increases should be voted so that the President can surround himself with administrators of the caliber required by the government's vast and complex undertakings. Enough suitable applicants seem to be available for ordinary federal jobs which are ten times as important as the ordinary pay for ordinary talent. But the more exacting top posts call for high executive ability. Too often they have to be assigned, by default, to men really not worth more than the salaries now paid.

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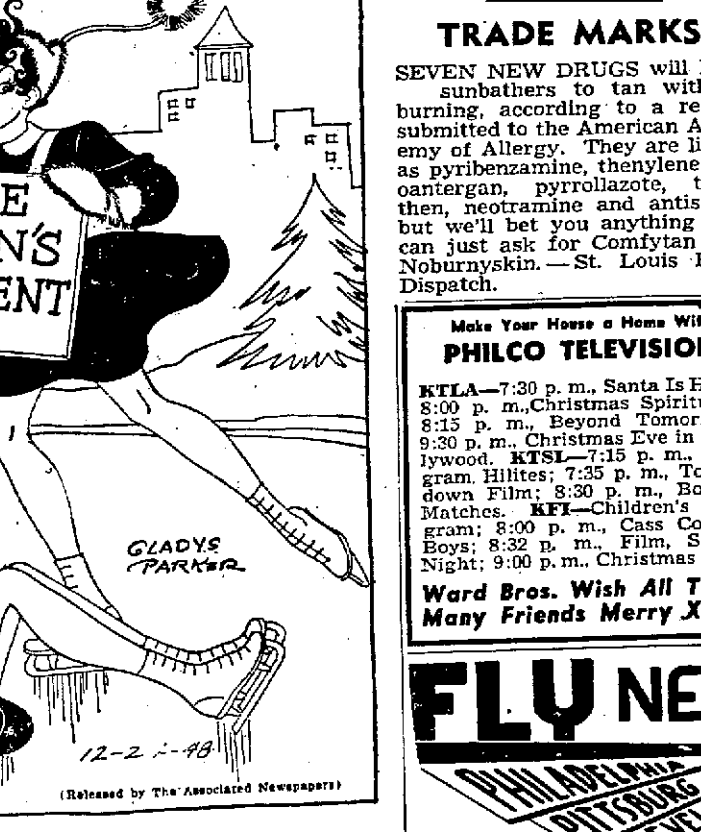
IT PUZZLES ONE

WHAT IS DESCRIBED as a standard British joke about visiting Americans was retold this week in the House of Commons. Amid discussion whether cruising London taxicabs were required by law to stop when hailed, one member inquired: "Is the minister not aware of repeated complaints that unless one has the appearance of being an American, the taxicab will not stop for one?"

Over here, one wonders whether the "joke" is on the British for being less affluent than visiting Americans, or on the Americans for being outlandishly easy marks for the crafty British taxi driver. One can't always tell about English jokes.—Cleveland Press.

MOPSY

By Gladys Parker



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TRADE MARKS

SEVEN NEW DRUGS will help sunbathers to tan without burning, according to a report submitted to the American Academy of Allergy. They are listed as pyribenzamine, thenylene, neotergeran, pyrrolazote, tagthen, neotramine and antistine, but we'll bet for anything you can just ask for Comfytan and Noburnskin.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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