

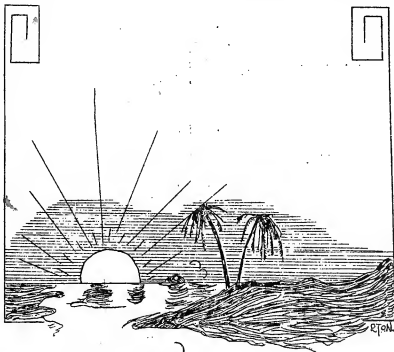


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"A MERRY
CHRISTMAS"

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

IT'S "MERRY CHRISTMAS"

The Radio says there will be snow in most of the northern sections of the United States for Christmas. In fact, the central west is in the throes of a raging blizzard now.

If it were not for letters, papers, the radio and the calendar, one would not suspect that the Christmas season were upon us. Such is the association we have in our minds. The Fourth of July means firecrackers, Thanksgiving - turkey, and Christmas carries with it thoughts of snow and Santa Claus.

Although many of us are unused to a summery Christmas, the spirit of the day remains the same.

On the front page we have tried to express this spirit - an old sentiment under a new setting, but its still - -

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"**THE CHRISTMAS BELLS**

Hark! the Christmas bells are ringing
And our hearts with love grow warm,
While the highest hill-tops echo
With the music of their song.
"Unto God, the highest glory"
Is the anthem they would sing,
Pealing down the distant ages,
"Peace on earth, good will to men."

Time has fled and scenes have vanished
O'er Judaea's hills afar,
Since shepherds watched, and wise men
Guided by that radiant star
Journeyed on, and reached the city
Where the lowly Christ-child lay;
He, the Prince of every nation,
Cradled in the manger hay.

Merry bells, chime out your story
Of the babe in Bethlehem
Who in love, came down from Heaven
And brought peace on earth to men.
May our hearts be filled with gladness,
And pure love within us shine,
As the bells chime out their story
Of that first, sweet Christmas morn.

Hark! the merry bells are ringing,
List to the angels sing again,
"Unto God, the highest glory
On earth peace, good will to men."
---- Mabel T. Reed.

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Sh! Quiet, children! Santa Claus has arrived in Aruba. Yes, indeed. He came in on the "HAROLD WALKER", and is now being entertained by the Local Customs Officials, but if we're all very good, and pay our duties like good boys and girls, Santa will get around to us by Christmas Eve.

Go to bed early that night, and if you hear your Mother and Father say, "Hello, Bob," then you'll know Santa has come to your house.

CHURCH, SCHOOL COMBINE X-MAS PROGRAM

The community Church and School will present a combined program in the Mess Hall Christmas Eve., starting at 7:30. The complete program is given below, and promises a great deal of entertainment for all who attend.

PROGRAM:

- SONG - "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."
(Audience)
- CHRISTMAS CAROLS - School
- EXERCISE - "Jesus." (Paul Lomen, Flora Mae Emery, Neil Emery, Sylvia Lee, Billic Lawrence.)
- SONG - "Rejoice, O Happy Children."
(Primary Department)
- RECITATION - Joan Rao
- RECITATION - Mary Jene Forter
- RECITATION & SONG - "Ring the Bells."
(Intermediate Dept. - Mildred Rhodes, Leader)
- RECITATION - Fay Cross
- EXERCISE - "The Joy Bringers."
(Twelve girls)
- SONG - "Jingle Bells." (Audience)
- RECITATION - Morlo McGrew
- SHOEMAKERS' DANCE - Primary Grades
- DIALOGUE - Petie Campbell and Robt. Imler
- DUET - "Bethlehem Lullaby." (Mrs. C.B. Tomlinson and Mrs. L.L. Montville)
- SONG - "Away in a Manger." (Five Girls)
- PANTOMIME - "Christmas in Song."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION CHOSEN

A permanent Sunday School organization is to be effected next Sunday, December 22d. Officers will be elected and everyone is urged to attend to assist in this organization.

Regular Sunday School services are held in the Schoolhouse at 10:00 A.M., and next Sunday as much of the time as required will be devoted to perfecting the organization.

Preaching at 7:30 Sunday evening in the Mess Hall with Mr. C.E. Constance speaking.

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Tell the folks back home that you are enjoying the bathing in Aruba as much in December as you did in May.

SAN NICHOLAS CHURCH OPENS

The new Catholic Chapel at San Nicholas will open with High Mass at 9:00 A.M. on Christmas day. Thereafter, High Mass will be said every Sunday at the same hour, during the months of January, March, May, July, September and November. During the alternate months there will be a Low Mass each Sunday at 5:00 A.M.

A cordial invitation to attend service is extended all residents of the Pan American Concession.

Father Hondriks will be at his office in the rear of the Church each Tuesday morning between the hours of nine and eleven, to transact church business.

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For the fellows who are counting the days until - well, until their FIRST contract expires, let it be said that today is the shortest day of the year. Of course, having reached their shortest stage, they must of necessity grow longer or from now on. This continues until just the day before you sail--which every one will tell you is the longest day in the year, no matter when you sail. A strange phenomena, however, is that while you are vacationing, the days suddenly grow very short. Oh, much too short to do all the things you want to do. So before you know it, you are happily aboard a tanker, returning to Aruba with that SECOND contract neatly tucked away in your jeans.

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"CAL" STILL "SILENT"

Calvin Coolidge had nothing to say about the recently published rumors that he would be a candidate for the United States Senate in 1930. The former President had his secretary deliver a brief message to that effect. He reports Coolidge as saying "any reporter that had to get a scoop could do so by denying any published rumors regarding my intentions."

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Have you ever heard of a dog that was gun-shy? Most every one has. Jim Beattie goes one better. Jim has a dog that is shy of wedding bells. And Jim paid double or twice for this pup too. Every dog has his day - but this one seems to have seen his very briefly.

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Only a few unreserved places remain for the New Year's Eve Night Club Show.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wade announce the engagement of their sister, Miss Eleanor Wade to Mr. George Soroka.

Mr. Soroka is clerk in the Warehouse, and has been an Aruba resident for the past twelve months. Miss Wade is the charming young sister of Mr. E.M. Wade, Power House Operator.

The many friends of these young people wish for them much happiness. The marriage is planned for early June.

If we had known how to put on an Indian dance, we'd have had the tom toms down on the dock to meet the LANE and Jim Bluejacket. Jim's vacation added to his many experiences, and we benefit because of the tales he tells in his own inimitable style. It's almost as good as taking a vacation yourself to hear Jim tell about his. We're glad he's back for the second hitch.

The Henriquez family of Oranjestad entertained December 13th at a birthday party in honor of the birthday of Miss Elza Henriquez on that date. Many of the island's notables were in attendance with a large number of the younger set. Dancing, with the Pan Am Funmakers playing, and delightful refreshments, combined to make the birthday celebration an enjoyable and complimentary affair.

George Cleveland, familiarly known as Warehouse George, was tendered a linen shower during the past week. Many beautiful pieces were among the collection which he received. George is somewhat secretive (and hazy) about it all, but we have learned that the linen came from the Barbadas. Having no other advice in the matter, we must assume it was intended for his hope chest.

WATCH FOR IT in an early issue - "VENUS' RESCUE" as told by Mills Astin in his own inimitable style. In a January issue.

Well, it's been done. Yes, sir, the miracle has been accomplished, but it took the boys on the PUNTA BENITEZ to do it. The accomplishment to which we refer is giving a dance in Aruba with more ladies than gentlemen attending.

The occasion was the dance at the Marine Club House given Wednesday evening by that jovial crew of the PUNTA BENITEZ at that time in dry dock for repairs (the ship, not the crew.) The dance also marked the opening of the new Marine Club House, and let it be said this edifice of amusement got away to a splendid start. The new building is admirably arranged for staging parties and dances, and this first event found it most attractively decorated with marine pennants and flags of all nations.

Many special features were arranged for the entertainment of the guests. A bean-guessing contest and a spot dance afforded every one plenty of fun, and the winners were awarded prizes. Mr. Morris captured the guessing contest prize, while James Baillie, dancing with Mrs. Greenhalgh, won the spot dance prize.

A Cinderella Dance was an added attraction. The left slipper of all the ladies present was placed in the middle of the floor. A veritable mountain of dainty suede, satin and leather slippers. Lights were dimmed, and the gentlemen scrambled for a slipper, and then searched for the wearer of its mate. Gallantly the Prince Charming knelt and after adjusting the tiny foot into ditto slipper, they danced gaily away with their newly found partner.

In the west room a large serving table was loaded with good things to eat and drink. Between practically every dance some new delicacy was served. A mammoth cake, artistically decorated with the name of the host ship, was a most attractive feature of the festivities. The captain's wife, Mrs. Greenhalgh performed the cake-cutting rites, surrounded by the guests, who ably took care of the cake when sliced.

The Graveyard Watch was well along when the party finally came to a happy ending.

Cool nights and hot dogs--what an ideal combination! So thought Mr. and Mrs. Scott Haynes, who Sunday evening entertained a number of friends with a beach party on the strip of shore directly in front of Capt. Rodger's home. Just as the sun was sinking glowingly into the Caribbean, fires were started, and the hot dogs soon were sizzling over the blaze. This completed, the next step was shrouding the hot-dogs in long, luscious rolls, and flavoring them with mustard. After that--let your conscience be your guide. Its surprising how universal the procedure of eating hot dogs is. No matter whether the guest be from Wisconsin, Tampico, England or just little old New York, the course pursued was identical.

The effects, however, were somewhat varied. For example, while most of the merry crowd, after filling up on the many good things supplied by the hostess, preferred to stretch out comfortably upon the blankets spread for that purpose before the fire, Dr. Mailor elected to sit upright upon a box. There he stumped on his five day old guitar, and sang snatches of popular ditties--some popular now, some popular as far back as 1907. The Doctor was occasionally assisted vocally by Mr. Steele, newly arrived from Tampico, and Mrs. Henley, and at times by the entire party.

Others who contributed much toward the enjoyment of the evening were L.A. Dow, who made a big hit with his chocolate and coconut cakes, and L.B. Foster, who registered most favorably with a large galvanized bucket filled with cold beer. Every one, including the three dogs, Buttons, Billie and Skipper, declared the picnic a delightful occasion.

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PRE-CHRISTMAS DANCE A BIG TIME

Another Pre-Holiday dance was enjoyed by many Pan-Arubanites and visitors from our neighboring Refinery at Oranjestad in the Pan An Hess Hall last Saturday evening. Gilbert Williams and "Kitzy" Kitzriller made a successful debut into the dance promoting field, and we hope these two estimable young men will not rest on their laurels.

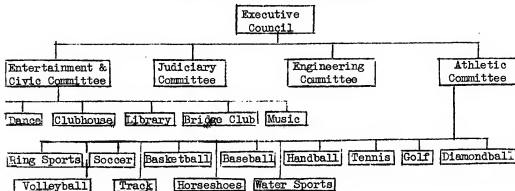
The Pan An Funmakers seemed to be extra good, the refreshments were fine, and the entertainment was all that could be asked for. Jerry Leet, new man his way home, gave us a couple of songs, as did "Tippy" Tipton, our talented Saxophone player. Jack Hammond and his vocal selections and bubbling personality were quite a treat. Although suffering from a cold, Jack, who is a newcomer here, gives promise of being a welcome entertainer at future social gatherings and dances.

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INDIANA MAN BECOMES HIS OWN STEPFATHER

"Pa pays the bills" and doubly so in this case. A recent news item tells of a man whose recent marriage made him his own stepfather and step-grandfather to his own children.

Try your logic on this. His first wife was a step-daughter of his present wife. He figures that children born of his own first marriage are now also his step-grandchildren, inasmuch as his present wife was their step-grandmother. Being step-grandfather to his own children he further reasons, makes him step-father to himself. This reasoning continued, makes his own children step-brothers and sisters to their cousins.

As you have probably discovered, this has little or no effect on the present high cost of living. In case of death, a Philadelphia lawyer will be called in to settle the estate.

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The following men have been appointed to Sub-Committees:

A. Palmer	-	Library
G.Cleveland	-	Bridge Club
Handball	-	Jake Walsko
Tennis	-	B.J.English

The remaining positions on Sub-Committees have not been filled to date.

The above is published for the information of the members of the Employees' Association, which includes all employees.

"TEDDY" REACHES PANAMA CANAL

On a card from Captain Erling Tarbs, we are told of the safe arrival of the adventurous "TEDDY" at Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone. It took the staunch sail boat just seven days to travel the distance from Aruba to the Canal. The first 4 1/2 days they covered 750 miles, but could get no farther on because of dense rains and no observations.

It will be remembered that the "TEDDY" put in at Aruba on her round-the-world cruise which started in Norway.

The "TEDDY" will remain on the Atlantic side of the Canal until after Christmas, during which time Captain Tarbs is taking a trip down to smoke the calumet with the San Blas Indians.

MORE FOR RIPLEY

Taking Ripley's words for it, "Believe it or not," last year in the United States alone, something like \$770,000,000 went up in smoke. This sum was not spent on national defense or on necessities to help wipe out the public debt, but it all went to buy cigarettes and tobacco for the smoke-loving public in the States.

Here are some statistical figures regarding the above amount spent for smokes, and if you are skeptical, take a stroll to the PAN ARUBAN office, and we will show you the facts.

If every cigarette that was smoked last year were laid end-to-end, a cigarette 4,460,286 miles long would be soon. This is equal to nine round trips from Aruba to the moon and then seven times around the world.

And that isn't all. The fairer sex (and possibly a few of the masculine sex) accounted for 52,500 tons of cleansing cream, 17,500 tons of nourishing cream. (Note: Will some lady put us right as to what "Nourishing Cream" is?) and 8,750 tons of foundation cream.

Skin lotions used in the United States totaled 26,500 tons; bath powder 6,562 tons and complexion soaps 19,109 tons.

Up to the present printing, we have not been able to get the data on what was spent on bootleg and out liquor, deaths, and all that goes with bootleg, but we are working on it now, and will try and let you have the figures at an early date.

PHIL SCOTT WINS ON FOUL

Phil Scott from England, won from Otto Von Porat on a foul in their match on December 9th at New York. Otto Von Porat admitted after the fight that he had struck Phil Scott low, but declared that his opponent took "the easiest way out." Von Porat added: "I hit him below the belt but nowhere near as hard as he made out. It wasn't nearly hard enough to drop him off his feet. I never fouled a man in my life. I have never even been warned for hitting low. Scott took a chance to get out."

RAWSON KNOCKED OUT KING

Larry "Big Boy" Rawson of Dorchester, Mas., has 23 knockouts in 24 fights, to his credit. Rawson has stirred up more discussion among fight fans than any heavyweight since the pugilistic infancy of Jack Dempsey. His punches travel only inches, yet he is undoubtedly the hardest hitting heavyweight in the world. Just a natural puncher, 20 years old, and 190 pounds in weight, he is as big as Dempsey was when he hooked Jess Willard to pieces on the banks of the Maumee River at Toledo some years back.

Martin Flaherty, one of the greatest featherweights of all time, predicts that in two years "Big Boy" Rawson will be the heavyweight champion of the World.

ARMY WARRING UP FOR STANFORD

Army's football squad, which since its defeat by Notre Dame on November 5th has been taking life rather easy, settled down Dec. 10th to real work for the Coast game with Stanford. The cadets had a short workout which included calisthenics, kicking and passing.

Breakfast in bed for working girls is the newest wrinkle on the market. At least that is one of the advertising features of new \$1,000,000 hotel being erected in New York. The price for this deluxe service is to be only \$1.50 per week.

Book Review by the Parrott
 DARK HESTER by Ann Douglas Sedgwick.
 This is a regular novel which presents a family problem that has long been discussed and dissected in every form, shape and manner. This time it occurs in the country close to London. Hoster is the wife, Monica the mother, and both love Clive so well that they actually tear him to pieces--that's love!.... Although the title of the book refers to Hoster, it really is her mother-in-law's story. There is a child also--little Robin--and the two women are equally ready to deal with him in the same manner as they have dealt with his unfortunate father. The story rises above the usual family entanglement when a certain Capt. Ingpen appears on the scene. It is frequent that two women related to one another fall in love with the same man, but usually the elder woman has the start, and the younger one snatches the gentleman away. In DARK HESTER, we have the reverse. Capt. Ingpen is an old flame of Hoster's--she even admits that she still loves him--but Monica sees to it that the Captain falls in love with her and she with him. A very shrewd and dependable woman that Monica...she in the end fixes things just right. She brings Hoster where she wanted her to stand; the women lay down their weapons and sign a peace treaty; they send the Captain away--he had ceased to be useful and they retain Clive--the husband and son--probably to torture him some more. Ann Sedgwick is a good writer, a substantial author. Every so often she brings forth a new book. Her style is not particularly original, but it is grammatical. I have not been enthused over any novel she wrote, and I believe I never will be, but DARK HESTER is easy reading, and will help pass a couple of hours.

Books received weekly may be obtained from the Circulating Library.

Romance would be O. K. if the engagement would last half as long as the payments on the solitaire. And speaking of romances, there seems to be quite a few of them right here in Aruba. No matter where a fellow roams, this guy Cupid seems to make himself known at some time or other.

STATION K-E-L-L-O-G-G on the air
 with GEORGE Lo Odense announcing.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

When hen fruit cost fifteen cents per dozen, butter two bits a pound, milk six cents per quart, the butcher gave away liver and trotted the kids with fresh "weenies;" the hired girl got three bucks a week, and did all the washing; women did not paint (in public) nor smoke, play bridge nor dance the fox trot?

YES SIRE:

Men wore whiskers, red flannels and boots, chewed tobacco, spit on the sidewalk and cussed; beer was five cents a throw, and you could grab free lunch until some guy stuck you in the wrist with a fork; laborers worked ten hours a day and never went on strike; no tips were given waiters and the hat-check graft was unknown.

IN THEM DAYS:

A kerosene lamp or gas fixture hung in the parlor, and a stereoscope was on the marble topped table; no one was operated on for appendicitis or bought glands; microbes were unheard of, and folks lived to a ripe old age and every year walked miles to wish their neighbor a

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

TODAY, AS YOU KNOW:

We have slick haired sheiks and spots; everybody we know rides in chattel mortgaged autos, or flies, plays golf during business hours, sprains his wrist playing poker, tells his friends he got Madagascars on the radio; drinks rukus juice until he sees double, blames the high cost of living on the Republican party, and still thinks he is having a heck of a good time.

BUT WE:

Still think life is very much worth living, that the average person is a credit to society, and that 1930 will be a gala year in the annals of the business we pursue.

That's why WE WISH YOU ALL AN OLD FASHIONED MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

--THE KELLOGGS

"TEDDY'S" INDEPENDENCE JAUNT (Continued)

By Captain Erling Tarbo

While in Crouna, we had burglars on board, who stole all our clothes and whatever silver we had. I tried to look annoyed, and at the request of my wife, reported the burglary to the Police, but secretly I was rejoicing over the loss of my dress suit, which had given me a steady job three or four times a week in brushing off the mildew. Through the police the papers got hold of the incident, and presently we found ourselves the most popular people in the town. I know no place where poverty is so popular as in Spain, and this burglary on the background of our easily conceivable poverty won us the hearts of the population. The papers carried long and sympathetic articles about us; young girls brought us big bunches of flowers; people, whom we did not know, sent us newspapers every day; everybody from a shoe black to the general in command of the town seemed to be glad if they could show us a favor.

As I said, we visited four ports in Spain. We did not pay a cent for port charges, pilotage, etc. in any of them. We did not clear in or out, we were not troubled by customs officers and a bill of health we did not have at all.

Still, as I was told, the authorities are generally very strict to the letter where merchant ships are concerned.

Our last Spanish port was Vigo, a pretty town at the bottom of a beautiful fjord. We had not intended to go there, but had to as we broke our main boom off Finisterre and could not proceed to Lisbon with a defective rigging.

We were towed out from Vigo by a Norwegian steamer which happened to be ready at the same time. Montiro, when we came outside, we found an extraordinarily heavy swell and presently our tow rope broke. There was a light breeze, just strong enough to take us clear of the rocks, but very soon it became dead calm.

The distance from Vigo to Lisbon is only about 260 miles, but it took us 10 days to cover it. The calm lasted seven days, with the same heavy swell setting in from the Northwest and if it had lasted another day, we should have been washed ashore by the sea without much chance of saving our lives. The

coast of Portugal is very often covered with a haze and we had gone too far in. The roar of the surf grew distinctly louder with every minute, and I was just considering to drop the anchors to check drifting towards the shore when at last the wind came.

When we arrived at Lisbon, I read in the papers that while we had the calm, a terrible gale had been blowing in the Channel and the Bay of Biscayo, a storm that put 20 large steamships to their doom. We had quite an exciting experience when approaching Lisbon at night, we nearly sailed right onto the rocks in the midst of a squall that for a time blotted out the lights. When we passed the Bar at dawn, there was a Norwegian 10,000 tonner, the BESSA, aground, with a two million dollar general cargo rendered next to worthless.

In Lisbon, the personnel of the Norwegian Legation gave us a hearty welcome, and they wanted us to come ashore and lunch with them, but both my wife and I were quite tired out and went to sleep with a bunch of unopened letters in our hands.

We stayed in Lisbon seven weeks, celebrating Christmas and New Years there.

(Concluded next week)

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