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EDITORIAL

MODERN CHRISTMAS CAROL

Christmas is past, but there's a year-round Christmas Carol story—almost as beautiful and touching as the immortal Dickens classic—in which millions of Americans take part every year. In Dickens' story—still fresh in most of our minds—you remember how sickness and death, poverty and wealth, luck and cheer are mingled by Fate. Maybe you never thought of it that way, but very possibly Tiny Tim wore his crutches as the result of polio. Although there's some difference on the date of the first recorded epidemic of the disease, the most commonly accepted "first epidemic" occurred in England in 1835. That was exactly nine years before Dickens' great story was first published. Tim, the son of poor parents, had no chance against the dread cripple. His family had no money. Iron lungs and scientific knowledge had not begun their fight against the children's disease which strikes fast—often reaching its pinnacle in 72 hours. But today's Christmas Carol story is different. The poor, the underprivileged are not left to the mercy of modern Scrooges for now the American people have taken up the fight. Ten years ago, through the public celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday, America's men, women and children began pouring dimes and dollars into the battle. And they've been doing it ever since. Half of the funds remain in the communities where they are collected for local work; the other half goes to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis not only to alleviate suffering but also for the big task of finding the cause and the cure of the last great plague. And so again this year, from January 15th to the President's birthday on Saturday, January 30th, the American public again will be joining in this new and modern Christmas Carol where the jingle of dimes on the march makes music from the heart of America.

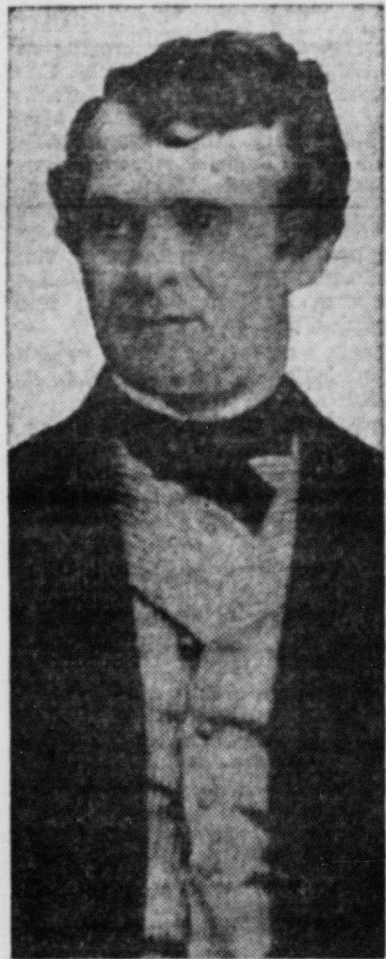
TOTALITARIANISM—OR CAPITALISM

President Eric Johnston of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce says America stands at the crossroads. In one direction lies totalitarianism; in the other direction, an aggressive, enlightened capitalism, planning on a nation-wide scale for constructive postwar enterprise that will employ all Americans except those needed for absolutely necessary government functions. Writing in the February issue of Reader's Digest, Johnston says private business can fill that order if it plans for it—and that leaders of organized labor hope private capital, rather than government, takes on the job. Johnston says a C. I. O. leader in Washington remarked the other day that he would rather bargain with any private employer than with any bureaucrat, because "the bureaucrat has jails." Johnston also quotes in the Digest, a recent statement of President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, who says "If this country ever gets a system of governmental regulation, labor will suffer most. Labor, therefore, is deeply interested in the preservation of private business; and labor should everlastingly maintain that the owners and managers of business are entitled to a fair and just return on their investments." Johnston says there is no reason to fear, therefore, that labor will try to destroy business in favor of government. He declares that labor holds with the late Justice Brandeis that business must be run under such conditions that the owner is willing to risk his capital. The Chamber head says the thing to fear is that people in general—including millions who are wage-workers and millions who are not—may forget just what it is that makes business go. For this, Johnston says, businessmen largely have themselves to blame. Intimidated by tirades against "bloated capitalists" and "swollen profits," they fear the word capitalism is unpopular—and take refuge in such phrases as the "Free Enterprise System" and the "American Way of Life." Such language, he says, obscures the fact that business can't take a "whiff of free enterprise" or a "stretch of the way of life" and start a factory with it. "To start a factory," Johnston declares, "and to start the jobs inside that factory, you have to have savings. You have to have money. You have to have capital. It takes thousands of dollars of capital to equip a really modern factory with the machinery for one job for one wage-worker. Freedom and Americanism are atmosphere. But capital is the seed in the soil. Unless we produce that seed, and unless we plant it, there will be no new crops of private jobs for the American people when this war is over." Johnston warns, however, that people are going to have jobs. They'll get them from the government, or a new and bigger WPA, unless private capital employs them. And how will private capital employ them? Johnston cites the need for modern housing to replace the "vast, wretched, unwholesome, substandard residential areas in which millions of American citizens still live." He says that to change all this squalor and ugliness into decency and lightness is a job meaning billions of dollars of business. It cannot be done small. It has to be done big. Johnston says private business can make organizations which will include representatives of all elements of housing production, and produce housing at a private co-operative consolidated cost that will baffle all the public planners in the whole of Washington. He adds: "Some of them would like to do all this building. We will do it first—and better. We will stop railing at the government. We will start outthinking it and outdoing it and outstripping it." Johnston says that to modernize everything in this country would mean so many billions of dollars that business could not get through earnings them and spending them in 20 years. Labor's contribution, he says, should be to drop all "make work" devices and all devices for getting paid for work not necessary or work not done, and to continue the wartime policy of many unions in helping management improve processes and reduce costs. The Chamber head says labor must also concede, with government, that business must be allowed to keep enough savings, enough new capital, to be able to go ahead into new investments, new adventures, new services—because free private business is like a motorcycle. It must move. If it stops, for lack of gasoline, it topples, leaving only totalitarian government as a means of support. Johnston says that what threatens us is unintentional totalitarianism, into which we can slip absentmindedly unless we use our heads to plan and organize with the spirit of the pioneers.

Liberty Ships Honor Curtin, Molly Pitcher

The names of two illustrious Pennsylvanians—Molly Pitcher, of Revolutionary War fame and Andrew Gregg Curtin, Pennsylvania Civil War Governor—have been called to serve once again, under the Stars and Stripes, the State Department of Commerce points out. Both names were chosen by school children for christening ceremonies of two Liberty ships recently launched at a Baltimore shipyard. Molly Pitcher, the Revolutionary War counterpart of the champion in World War II, who won fame for "passing the ammunition" not only helped pass the ammunition when her soldier husband, an artilleryman, was wounded at the Battle of Monmouth but she also grabbed a gun swab and helped man the cannon. Previous to that heroic feat she had been busy carrying drinking water to the thirsty soldiers who were fighting there June 28, 1778, one of the hottest days of the year. History reports she was given the name of "Pitcher" because she carried water in a pitcher to the soldiers.

Born Mary Ludwig, she became a domestic in the home of Dr. William Irvine, of Carlisle. Irvine later became a General in the Revolutionary War. She first married a soldier, John Casper Hays and upon his death married George McColey—variously spelled "McAuley" and "McCauley." On her gravestone in Carlisle cemetery it is spelled "McCauley." History records that the cannon which was being served by her husband and other soldiers had been ordered to the rear because of the deaths of several of the men and the wounding of her husband but Molly sprang to action and kept the cannon on the firing line. She performed her duties so well and heroically and with such daring and skill as to attract the attention of all who saw her. Next morning, covered with grime and blood, General Greene presented her to General Washington who conferred upon her the commission of Sergeant. She was the first woman to hold a non-commissioned rank in the Army of the United States. School children of New Jersey selected the name of Molly Pitcher and those from Pennsylvania chose Andrew G. Curtin. Three youngsters from each state were chosen by the pupils to represent them at the launchings.



ANDREW G. CURTIN

Andrew Gregg Curtin, a native of Bellefonte, who served Pennsylvania as Governor during the stirring days of the Civil War, was the first executive of a Northern State to answer President Lincoln's call for arms. Within four days after Lincoln's call for men and arms to defend the Union, Pennsylvania troops were in Baltimore and Washington. Curtin kept the Commonwealth on a steady keel during those wartime days sending nearly a half million troops off to the front, the majority of whom passed through Camp Curtin in Harrisburg. He it was who suggested a gathering of governors of the Northern States to reaffirm their allegiance to the cause and to provide Lincoln with additional help and support. That conference, known as the Loyal War Governors' Conference, was held in Altoona in September, 1862, immediately after President Lincoln had issued his Emancipation Proclamation. History records that from the action of that conference Mr. Lincoln gained new courage and determination for the prosecution of the war.

COLLEGE PLANS COURSES ON CARE OF CHILDREN

Two new short courses have been planned at the Pennsylvania State College to train personnel to care for the children of women defense workers. One of the courses, to run from March 11 to 31, will deal with the guidance and care of children. The other, on the administration of child care centers, will run from April 1 to 21. Plans for the training courses at Penn State have been approved by the State Advisory Committee on the Care of Children in Wartime. Mrs. Marion S. McDowell, associate professor of home economics, who is in charge of the nursery school at the college, is a member of this committee. Who can remember when every backyard had a flock of poultry?



Query & Answer Column

M. F.—What was the original number of Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States?
Ans.—The number was originally six. In 1801, there were five; in 1807, seven; in 1837, nine; in 1863, ten; in 1866, seven, and since 1869, nine.
B. D. S.—Is it ever proper to display the Flag at night?
Ans.—The Flag Code provides that the Flag be displayed at night by civilians upon special occasions when it is desired to produce a patriotic effect.
M. B. L.—What is a presepio?
Ans.—It is a representation of the Manger scene that is seen in Italian churches and homes at Christmas time.
E. G. N.—Which is the fastest snake to be found in the United States?
Ans.—Observations by Walter Mosauer demonstrated that the western whip snake is by far the fastest, but crawls at a rate of only three miles an hour.
R. C. N.—How much does a baby elephant weigh?
Ans.—An elephant calf is generally about 2 feet high and weighs about 200 pounds at birth.
A. M. S.—What proportion of the large cities in the world are located near the Equator?
Ans.—There are fewer than fifty cities in the world with more than a million inhabitants. Of these only four, Calcutta and Bombay in India, and Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo in Brazil, are situated in low altitudes.
G. O.—What was the tonnage of the German battleship Admiral Graf Spee?
Ans.—The pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee had a tonnage of 10,000 and a crew of 1107.
I. Z.—Under what circumstances was Pennsylvania avenue in Washington, D. C., named?
Ans.—Provision was made in L'Enfant's plan for a great commercial street on the diagonal of the triangle, the avenue joining the Capitol with the White House, to be named Pennsylvania avenue for the State in which the Federal Government had up to then spent the greater part of its life.
C. V. H.—Can oil be applied to shoes to make them last longer?
Ans.—The rational use of suitable oils or greases will make shoes wear much longer than they otherwise would. Shoes worn on farms, in forests, and in mines are helped by oil or grease whenever the leather begins to harden or dry or fails to turn water wet. Among the best materials for greasing shoes are neat's-foot, cod and castor oils, tallow and wool grease, or mixtures of them.
W. C. N.—What town in Kansas had a petticoat government many years ago?
Ans.—In 1897, Jamestown attracted nation-wide interest by electing women to its municipal offices. Disgusted at the failure of the male incumbents to enforce the laws against saloons and gambling houses, the women of the town nominated a reform ticket which won by a substantial majority.
A. N. W.—How long has Alec Templeton been blind?
Ans.—The famous pianist has been blind since birth.
C. R.—If enemy agents know only the length of a cannon, what additional information can they compute from this knowledge?
Ans.—Given the length of a cannon, they can probably estimate the gun's caliber, range, muzzle velocity, and the size of the shells it fires.
A. T.—What famous queen of England operated her own stables and originated sweepstakes—racing for cash awards?
Ans.—Queen Anne. In 1714 she had owners of horses entered in a race make up a purse, each one putting in 10 guineas. This was awarded in addition to a cup worth \$500, which she usually put up. Her own horse, Star, won the race and the first money in racing history.
B. M.—Alexander Kerensky recently addressed a New York audience, speaking on the Nazi invasion of Soviet Russia. Who is he?
Ans.—He is the orator-statesman who was premier of the provisional government of Russia in 1917, after the Czarist regime was overthrown.
W. G.—What Jap general defeated the British at Singapore, the Dutch in the East Indies, and the U. S. at Bataan and Corregidor?
Ans.—Tomoyuki Yamashita.

Cheaper Automobile Promised
An automobile 50 per cent lighter and cheaper than present cars, capable of traveling 50 miles on a gallon of gas, is a post-war prospect held out by Henry J. Kaiser, West Coast shipbuilder. If established manufacturers do not produce the car, he will, Kaiser said. He also forecast the production of a vast number of civilian planes and home construction on a large scale.
We are amazed at the figures that we often read in articles on the war; there are some bright boys who can tell you the exact number of airplanes that the enemy has on a given front. It's amazing!
Frankly, an intelligent individual is interested in getting the facts on all questions, even when they run counter to his, or her, own prejudices.

YOUTHS OF 17 MAY SIGN UP FOR NAVY; BEGIN TRAINING LATER

Seventeen-year-old boys who want to sign up for naval aviation training may do so immediately instead of waiting until they are 18, it was announced today. Those who enlist will not begin training until they are 18, however, according to the announcement from the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, 12th floor, Widener building, Philadelphia. Eighteen formerly was the minimum age for enlistment. Under the new program, qualified youths who have been graduated from accredited high schools or who finish their high school course, the board explained, since a diploma from an accredited high school is required before a youth can begin flight training. The announcement added that some boys who meet qualifications to be prescribed later may be admitted to the Navy's new college program for a year, retaining their apprentice seaman rating, and then sent to a naval flight preparatory school. Candidates may obtain further information and application blanks at the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board's office in the Widener building, Philadelphia, either in person or by mail. AT FIRST SIGN OF A COLD USE 666 USE 666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: My brother is engaged to a girl who chatters and laughs and who is always having a hilarious time. He, on the other hand is a very quiet fellow who has very little to say. In fact, all our family are reserved people. Do you think he will be happy with a person who is so different from himself and do you think she will be happy? I am afraid they are both making a mistake although at present they seem devoted to each other. Sister—Tenn. Haven't you ever noticed how often quiet men choose talkative wives while the extroverts seem to like demure women? It must be because they admire in their wives the very qualities they themselves lack. It seems to work out very well in most cases. Such differences do not mean, however, that two people are necessarily not congenial. They both may like the same things such as books, music or sunsets but they enjoy them in their own particular manner. If your brother and his fiancée are very devoted I don't think you need to worry about her veracity. She will probably add a lot of life and fun to their marriage and there is no reason why they should be unhappy. LOUISA.

Dear Louisa: Both of our children failed their grades this past year and my mother-in-law blames it on me. I want the children to have fresh air so I let them play out in the afternoon but at night they find it hard to study because they are sleepy and the radio is going and they like to listen. That is the only time my husband can hear things over the radio so I can't cut it off. Now what would you do about that? The children get home at two o'clock and we eat supper at six. Young Mother—Md. Answer: Let the children run out and play until four or five o'clock and then come in before supper for so long a time as it takes to do their lessons. I think that it would be better if children could have study periods at school and be through their studying for the day when they come home, but as long as some of our schools do not use that system we must provide a quiet time and place for children to do their home work if we expect them to do it well. No child can study with a radio going full blast nor can a tired, sleepy child do good work. It is also bad on a tired man to have to come home to several hours of home work with the children. If they must study at night, let them do so in a quiet room without a radio. LOUISA.

YOUR HEALTH

What becomes of the tuberculous patient discharged from a sanatorium? A report has just been released covering a check-up on 6,906 patients discharged from sanatoria. Fifty-one per cent were alive. Thirty-one per cent had died within five years of their discharge. Seventeen per cent could not be located for check-up. Survival through a five-year period is slightly higher among females. This is particularly true among single females whose average age is younger than those who have been married. Also, single women usually have fewer responsibilities. White patients born in this country have a more favorable prognosis than Negroes, even though the state of the disease at time of admission may be the same for both groups. All professionally trained patients and especially nurses, have a higher rate of survival for five years after leaving the sanatoria than do patients in most other occupational groups. Forty-eight per cent of all patients still surviving after five years had been able to find employment. The chance of survival through the five-year period following discharge increases with the length of stay in the hospital. Twenty-five per cent of those discharged had to return to a sanatorium for further treatment. DO YOU KNOW Although the health of the British people has actually improved since the outbreak of war, there are exceptions—chief of which is tuberculosis. Increase in tuberculosis is a result of war conditions—overcrowding, increased hours of work, limitation of protective foods, shortage of hospital beds and general war strain. Selfishness is at the bottom of most human conflicts; you cannot reform your neighbors but you can work on yourself. Advertising is worth the money if you know how to spend your money.

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THE OFFICE CAT "A Little Nonsense Now and Then. Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

Thoughts From a Soldier Here I sit in army khaki, Thinking thoughts a wee bit wacky Perhaps it's just the desert heat, Or these GI shoes that're on my feet. My thoughts stray to a game of golf, And crowds that shout, "They're off! They're off!" But my mind is clear, and my head is right; For our Uncle Sam I'll get in and fight. But the guys I hate are the Axis mob We're all bound to do a clean-up job. To those yellow rats we'll give their due; You can count on us, we can depend on you!

Slips That Pass in the News (Rawlings, Me. Independent) "Miss Lily Frowns has been confined to her bed with the umpteenth slip for the past several days." (Appleport, Mo., Tribune) "Lady chauffeur will drive east for fare and small salary. Experienced. Best references. Handy with fook." (Alto, Calif., News) "Mr. and Mrs. John Barlike departed at 7 a. m. in their cabin plane on a honeymoon flight to Alaska. Mr. Barlike told newspaper men they would reef at Victoria, B. C." (Newton, Kansas, Journal) "Add one pound of candied pineapple. Bake in tin pants that have been lined with brown paper and buttered." (Shantang, New Mexico, News) "Orland showed Lizzie where he was wounded during the war, and Lizzie's mother showed him the spot where Lizzie was born."

All Tastes Alike Ima Wunderin says she sees no difference between bottle beer and draft beer. So far as she's concerned they are alike as two peas.

Off Again, On Again A certain draft board received a letter of apology from a Negro right-trant: "The reason I've not reported," explained the delinquent, "is because I've just been putting it off." "Yours received," wrote the chairman of the board in reply, "in which you say you have not reported because you have been putting it off." This is to advise that we are now putting you in.

Official Communique Liza had a soldier boy-friend who wrote regularly. He boasted of her charms to his comrades and other soldiers began to write her. She answered every letter, and as the men shifted from camp to camp the mail increased. Then the boy friend got sudden notice: "Dear Ernest, I get married last Saturday. My husband don't like no soldiers, so don't write me no more letters. Please tell the rest of the Army."

Also Entertainment Sign seen on a Michigan highway: "Room and Board Night Crawlers and Worms."

Safety First A story from the Pacific tells of an American sub coming to the surface one night to recharge its batteries. The commander brought on deck a colored mess boy so he could get some air. "Listen," said the skipper of the sub, "you must work up here. This is a big ocean. Keep a sharp lookout for enemy warships. This boat cost Uncle Sam five million dollars. Down below you and I have 60 men in our keeping whom we must safeguard. Do you realize that?" "Yassuh, boss," stammered the cook. "And we gotta protect me, too."

Reason For Snobbery A young couple very much in love but rather temperamental, worked in the same tool plant. One day the fellow got caught in one of those revolving machines and whirled through the air as it went around. His girl rushed over, switched the thing off and grabbed him in her arms as he fell to the floor. "Oh, George," she begged, "Speak to me." The fellow looked up groggily. "Why should I?" he asked. "I passed you six times and you never spoke to me."

Misleading Traffic Officer—"As soon as I saw you come round the curve I said to myself, 'forty-five at least.'" Woman Driver—"Well, I'll be honest with you—you're off. It's this hat that makes me look so old."

To Be Continued Three-year-old Nancy had spent the evening in rapt attention to their new radio. Finally it was time for bed and prayers. Kneeling before her bed she repeated the "Now I lay me," then stopped at the close, paused for a moment, changed her voice slightly and said: "Tomorrow night at the same time there will be another prayer."

Diplomacy To the dismay of the entire staff of a certain restaurant, a customer sat down the other night and deftly tied his napkin about his neck. There was a whispered conference, in which the manager instructed the waiter not to hurt the fellow's feelings but try to make him understand somehow that it was being done there. The waiter approached his customer with a gentle smile. "Shave, sir, or haircut?"

What Price Fame The late Dexter Fellow, who was press agent for Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey combined shows, had magnificent faith in the overwhelming supremacy of his show. Stepping into a newspaper office at one time he announced: "I am Dexter Fellow of the circus, and I am here to..." "What circus?" snapped the tough city editor. Fellow was profoundly shocked. "Great Scott, young man," he protested. "If you were in London and heard a man singing 'God Save the King,' would you interrupt him and ask 'What King?'"

Let's Start Over Again Customer—"Have we any four-volt, two-watt bulbs?" Dealer—"For what?" Customer—"No, two." Dealer—"Two what?" Customer—"That's right."

Lesser of Two Evils A woman purchasing war bonds told the clerk: "I've been saving to divorce my husband, but I can stand him better than I can Hitler."

Heads or Tails Rooke—"The horse I was riding wanted to go one way and I wanted to go another." Sarge—"Who won?" Rooke—"He tossed me for it."

Twin Propeller Paddy Pilot calls his girl "Bomber" because she's 18 and will soon B-19.

Plenty Kick Cadet Al—"I've never touched a drop of liquor." Cadet Pal—"You mean you've never tasted anything with a kick behind it?" Cadet Al—"Oh sure, I've tasted lipstick."

It Should Be We understand that Congress has put through a big appropriation to handle the German sub—sort of a sinking fund. That's all, folks. Inasmuch as the OPA has forbidden an increase in the price of fruit cake, if a grocery clerk tries to charge you above ceiling prices for a fruit cake just say "nuts to you." —SCAT.