NOW AND THEN

A CHRISTMAS SONG
By Alice Mathews

Now comes the joy of Christmas time,
With its glad chimes of mirth
Let's place fair mistletoe in rhyme
And deck old Mother Earth
In holly green the sacred day
Our dear Lord Christ was born;
And from our hearts let's sing a lay
When we awake at morn,
And keep the tune of Christmas time
A sounding for His sake,
And sing out glad and sweet a rhyme
That blythe and gay shall make
Each saddened heart humming, proclaim
'Away with gloom and fear!'
A joyous Holiday let's make,
The Christmas day this year.
The Magi mused let none refuse
To meditate this morn,
Hail to the Babe of Bethlehem!
Again good will is born!

It is Christmas, happy Christmas though to many there is a minor in the carol, and a shadow in the light, and a spray of cyprus twining in the holly wreathes tonight." but Christmas means the coming of the Christ Child, and though there is woe and wretchedness in the world, we know that 'He who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows" will make it right in the end.

THE CHRISTMAS CAROL

It was written by Charles Dickens and it has been read every Christmas since, by hundreds of his admirers. President Roosevelt gathers his family together and reads it to them every Christmas Eve. It has done more to open men's hearts at Christmas than almost any except the wonderful story of the coming of the Christ Child in the world.

The Christmas Carol tells of the firm of Scrooge and Marley, two grasping men, who did everything to grind money out of the poor, and in paying as little as possible for help. Marley was dead when the story begins, and Scrooge is setting in his office with his poorly paid clerk. The door opens and in comes his nephew whom he rarely sees. "Merry Christmas Uncle," he said in a cherry voice, "Come and take dinner with us tomorrow." Scrooge refused thinking that his nephew was very foolish to spend money for a Christmas dinner, and dismissed him in short order. The clerk drew his coat closer around his throat, and when the office was closed, he hurried away to do his Christmas shopping. There were many for him to think of, this Bob Cratchitt, but above all for Tiny Tim, his little lame son, whom all the family loved best of all. And Scrooge went to his cheerless rooms. As he went in the knocker of the door seemed to have the face of old Marley. He entered his room and shut the door, but he heard the sound of clanking chains ascending the stairs. The door opened and Marley entered, dragging his chains behind him. Terrible looking he was as he sat down opposite Scrooge. Then he told him that he had come to save him from the misery that he, Marley had to endure and he said that three spirits were to visit him that night showing him the things that were, the things that are and the things that would be. Then he departed dragging his chains. Fearfully Scrooge went to bed, but hardly had he gone to sleep when the first spirit came to him and carried him through space and then he saw his childhood home and how happy he was there. He saw a lovely girl whom he had loved and who promised to be his wife. He saw the merry preparation for Christmas the dancing and the singing. Then the spirit brought him back and the second spirit came.

Here he saw himself growing mean and miserly in his thirst to obtain money. He saw the young girl, his promised wife, telling him that she could not love any one who was so cold and grasping, he saw his poor clerk Bob Chatchitt grieving because he had no money to pay for Doctor's fees for little Tim. He saw his friends leaving him one by one.

Again a spirit came to show him what would be. He saw himself growing more and more miserly, of little Tim dying for want of medical care. He saw himself old and forsaken dying on a wretched bed. In agony he awoke, The Christmas bells were ringing! "Am I alive" he said. He sprang up and went to the window. He saw a boy and shouted to him, "Get the largest turkey you can find and take it to Bob Crachitt," ne called, as he threw him the money, "and keep the change." Oh how happy was Scrooge. He went out greeting every one as he passed. He went to his nephew's and took dinner with them making them glad as he joined in the joy and happiness of Christmas.

Hence forth Scrooge became a changed man, finding his chief pleasure in giving to others, and in doing this, found the warmth and happiness of friendship, which wealth could not give him.

On the morning after Christmas when Bob went to Scrooge's office in fear and trembling because he was a few minutes late, Scrooge met him and punched him in the chest. While Bob was wondering whether to call some one in, Scrooge said, "You rascal, I will repay you by giving you an increase in your salary," and he mentioned a sum which would enable the poor clerk to live comfortably and to have medical aid for little Tim.

But a lovely part of the story is of Bob Crachitt and his family, of their goose and plum pudding, which they had in spite of their poverty, of the happiness of the whole family long before the big turkey arrived and before Bob knew of the change in their fortune, they all join in the joy of little Tim who sings out, "God bless every body."

This is only a little sketch of the story, but it would be a good thing for every one to take out his Dickens and read the story through. It is a classic which wlil not die even though England, the writer's country, may be in ruins.

AT MIDNIGHT HOUR
By Pearl Strachan

Again at midnight shepherds looking up
Will see the light and hear angelic song
And they will seek and find Him once again
Under the star above the stable roof,
Where lowliness was willing to make room,
At midnight hour again the Christ will come.

If you let potatoes stand in hot water before baking, they will bake more quickly. Dry them well befor putting in the oven.

Even if some left-over sandwiches are very dry, don't throw them away. Usually they may be toasted on both sides, then well buttered, and cut into small pieces to be served with soup or salad. If the sandwiches seem hopelessly dry, then dip in an egg and milk mixture, as you would French toast. When it is soaked on both sides, brown it in butter.

Select the hearts of celery, stuff with cream cheese, and then cut the celery into inch secetions. Put pieces of celery on a bed of lettuce surrounded with pieces of canned grapefruit and cover all with French dressing.

ON THE SCREEN AT THE NEW LYCEUM

A slice of stark realism is brought to the screen in the gripping Republic drama, "Three Faces West," which comes on Monday, Tuesday December 23rd and 24, to the New Lyceum Theatre. It depicts a present day community in the Middle West, where there is no doctor to combat the poverty and disease of a desolate people.

There are many such communities in the United States today which, because of poor housing conditions, lack of modern conveniences and the general apathy of its people towards economic progress, have not attracted the medical man to its fold.

Such a community was Ashville Forks, and only an edidenmic served to arouse the settlers to send out an SOS, with the inducement of a free home to any doctor who would come there to live.

Brave idealist, Dr. Karl Braun, a Viennese refugee, magnificently portrayed by Charles Coburn, comes and with his modern, scientific methods stifles the epidemic, and in some degree brings order and cleanliness into their midst.

Sigrid Burie, as Dr. Braun's daughter, Leni, who rebels at first against having to live in the desolate dust-ridden town and finally finds a deeper meaning to life in service to humanity, plays one of the strongest and best roles of her motion picture career.

Leader of the dust bowl framers, John Wayne tries to reconcile Leni to the hardships she must face, shows her how to filter their drinking water through three towels before boiling it, and ends up by falling in love with her.

The picture was produced by Sol Siegel, and directed by Bernard Vorhaus.

Increasing importance of the "Dr. Kildare" series resulted in the inclusion of a noted guest star in "Dr. Kildare's Crisis," coming to the New Lyceum on Wednesday and Thursday, December 25, and 26, in which Robert Young joins Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore, Laraine Day and the rest of the characters of the popular series.

The new picture tells the dramatic story of a strange mental ailment which casts a shadow of tragedy on the lives of three principal characters to be dispelled through a tiny clew discovered by Barrymore in the medical-mystery plot.

Young plays a new character, the brother of Miss Day, who becomes a patient under the care of Ayres, as Dr. Kildare, and Barrymore, as the veterna Dr. Gillespie. Harold S. Bucquet directed.

Amid comedy, thrills and poignant emotional moments, several surprising factors of medical science embellish the plot. Audiences, for the first time in history, will see a human heart actually beating. Through a new technique in motion picture photography, the heart, X-rayed onto a fluoroscopic screen, is photographed directly onto film and projected.

Another glimpse into modern medicine shows little Bobs Watson under-going modern hydrotherapy for treatment of convalescent infantile paralysis, as carried out at President Roosevelt's Wram Springs Foundation and many clinics.

Nat Pendleton, Walter Kingsford, Alma Kruger, Emma Dunn, Marie Blake, Nell Craig, George Reed and the other "Kildare" character augment the cast.

Fish For Other Days Than Friday

Those who save fish for Friday and then prepare it in any old way are really missing a treat as fish combines nicely with meat and the two together work themselves into tasty luncheon and supper dishes. Just for example and to prove this is true, try this:

CRAB BACON ROLLS

1 cup steamed crab meat
1 egg
½ cup tomato juice
1 cup bread crumbs
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon chopped parsley
1 teaspoon celery leaves, chopped
6 slices bacon

Bone and flake the crabmeat, then add all remaining ingredients except the bacon. Mix well together and roll into finger lengths. Wrap each roll with a strip of bacon; fasten with toothpicks. Place on the rack in broiling pan so that the fat will drain off. Broil, turning occasionally, so all sides will be browned and the bacon crisp. This makes 8 or 9 rolls, and will serve four.

The crabmeat can be replaced by lobster if desired.

GATHERED ON THE PENINSULA

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Easton—A proposal to keep Talbot county liquor stores open longer hours is being considered by the county liquor board as a means of discouraging patronage of speakeasies and bootleggers. Liquor cannot be sold after 8 P. M. under present laws. The proposed change would keep them open at least until 10 P. M.

Fifty or more members of the volunteer fire departments of Harford and Cecil counties met in the basement of the new Cecil County Court House on Friday evening of last week for the purpose of organizing the Harford-Cecil County Firemen's Association.

For the second time in less than a month a Maryland judge Monday decreed the whipping post for a convicted wife beater.

Chief Judge Stephen Collins in Cecil County Circuit Court sentenced Glen Doyle, 42-year-old carpenter, to sixty days in jail and ten lashes for beating his wife Marie and his 8year-old daughter Pearl.

It was the first such sentence here in forty years.

In Prince George's County Daniel Sealock, 39, of Bradbury Heights, must wait until April to learn the outcome of his appeal from a sentence of six lashes and ten days in jail for wife-beating. He was sentenced November 29.

Under terms of Doyle's sentence, Sheriff David J. Randolph may admniister the whipping in the county jail here at any time during Doyle's sixty-day term.

Mrs. Sid Cole, of the Cecil County Welfare Board, testified at Doyle's trial that she heard of the case and visited Mrs. Doyle. She said Mrs. Doyle was "severely beaten" and that Pearl was "black and blue from head to foot" from strap bruises.

E. D. E. Rollins, State's Attorney, said his investigation bore out Mrs. Cole's testimony. Both Mrs. Doyle and the child were in court Monday but did not testify.

Doyle pleaded guilty, but told Judge Collins he was intoxicated at the time of the alleged offense.

Mrs. Doyle is the mother of ten children.

The Circuit Court for Talbot county heard two cases in chancery last Thursday and Friday, with Judge Owen Knotts on the bench. One case was that of J. Fred Graves who sought by injunction to refrain the State officials from closing a duck blind built by the complainant on his property in Talbot County. From the information gathered it was learned that Mr. Graves built a duck blind on his place at Neavitt and neighbors complained that this was too close to theirs and the state officials ordered it closed. The injunction prayed for prevents the state officials from carrying out their order to close the blind.

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