Christmas A Year Late

By Edith Kirkwood

"TOMORROW'S Christmas day, tomorrow's Christmas day," little Dorothy was singing as she was prancing about the dingy apartment. She'd stop to roll up the sleeves that were continually slipping down over her hands. No wonder they didn't stay up, for the dress was one that Helen, two years older, had outgrown. Mother had meant to make it over, but she was too tired when she got home from cleaning house for other people all day.

"Hush up, Dorothy. Mother will be coming in pretty soon, and she'll cry if we say anything about Christmas," Helen reminded her.

"I don't see why. Christmas is a time to laugh, and not to cry," Dorothy responded philosophically.

"Don't you remember last Christmas, and how daddy didn't come home with our packages?" Helen couldn't believe that even so little a sister as Dorothy should forget that. For daddy had never been heard from since that Christmas eve.

As Dorothy started to reply, Helen warned her: "Sh–, there comes mother," and the youngsters were silent when she entered. Mrs. Bond, tired and absorbed in her own anxious thoughts, did not heed their unchildlike quiet. Her apathy had developed that trait in them, and she was unaware of what her sorrow was doing to her children. She busied herself with the simple meal, and Dorothy's faint, "Mother, is Santa coming tonight?" was the cause of her only break: "My poor baby, I'm afraid Santa doesn't even know you exist," she sobbed. She was getting them into bed, and they were soon asleep, their pillows wet with their tears that Santa was not coming. Too tired to sew, and in deepest depression, Mrs. Bond was roused from her inert brooding by a rap at the door.

Mrs. Bond was roused by a knock at the door.

A caller was unheard of. No one came to see her, for she had repelled all kindly offers of assistance when her husband disappeared. She ignored the knock. When it came again it was a significant signal, two short raps, repeated three times. Her husband's knock!

Quivering with excitement, she moved toward the door. Her fingers were trembling so that she could hardly turn the key. The door opened, and she gasped, "Tom!" as the sturdy, well-dressed man exclaimed, "Barbara!" and took her in his arms. Then, after a long embrace, he led her to the big chair she had just quitted, and drew her on his lap while they talked together.

"I left you Christmas eve to do the last-minute shopping. But an icicle struck my head, and knocked me unconscious. I couldn't remember who I was or where I lived. I went to a hotel and after a few days got work as a salesman. I told my boss my predicament, and he has been very kind. Today, Christmas shopping somehow brought back to me who and what I was. And I couldn't wait to find you!"

"But how did you ever trace us?" Barbara asked. "I thought I left no clues. I thought you had deserted me, when we found you weren't an accident case."

"Deserted you? You? My poor child," and he drew her close again. "I did have a heck of a time, but old Jack, the baggage man, finally told me where you had moved to. But now we must get ready for last year's Christmas. And next week we'll get out of this hovel." Tom's affluence was apparent.

"My dear, my dear. I don't mind the hovel, now that you are safely home," Barbara whispered.

"All right, Babs, old girl. But stop crying down my neck if you are really glad to have me back," but his tender kiss belied his joking words.

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Popular Christmas Carols

Probably the best known Christmas carol is "Adeste Fideles," composed in 1700 and sung in Roman Catholic churches ever since. It was adopted in England in 1841 and sung in Protestant churches as "O Come All Ye Faithful." Among the more popular Christmas carols are "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," "Christians Awake," and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." St. Ambrose is said to have written one of the first Christmas hymns in 340 A. D.

SUDLERSVILLE

The Homemakers' Club will hold its annual Christmas party in the Community Room next Monday evening. Every member of the club is cordially invited to come and is privileged to bring a guest. Every member will bring a gift and if they bring a guest they are asked to bring two gifts. Mrs. T. J. Walbert, the president, is chairman, and she has a number of committees working with her to make this party one of the outstanding social events of the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Duggan of Baltimore, were the guests over the week-end of Mrs. Duggan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Phillips.

Miss Mary Goodhand and brother, Mr. Samuel Goodhand, and Mr. James Yewell, of Baltimore, spent the week-end at the Goodhand home in town. On Saturday evening, Miss Goodhand entertained at a turkey dinner in honor of her brother's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan S. Walls ani daughter, Miss Harriet Walls, and Mrs. William Barwick, spent Monday in Philadelphia.

The Epworth League Cabinet M. E. Church was entertained at its December business meeting at the parsonage by Mrs. Revelle.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

THE STEVENSVILLE BANK

OF MARYLAND

Report of condition of The Stevensville Bank of Maryland of Stevensville in the state of Maryland at the close of business on September 28, 1938..

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection		$ 49,856.15
United States Government obligations, direct and fully guaranteed		72,567.19
Other bonds, notes and debentures		23,107.00
Corporate stocks, including $—None of Federal Reserve bank stock		1,875.00
Loans and discounts		93,248.14
Overdrafts		10.14
Banking house owned $2,400.00; furniture and fixtures $250.00		2,650.00
Other real estate owned, including $—None of farm land		2,880.00
Other assets		4.40
TOTAL ASSETS		$ 246,198.02

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations:		
(a) Demand deposits		73,038.71
(b) Time deposits evidenced by savings pass books		120,705.41
State, county, and municipal deposits		5,000.00
Certified and officers' checks, letters of credit and travelers' checks sold for cash, and amounts due to Federal Reserve Bank		6.50
TOTAL DEPOSITS	$198,750.62	
Other Liabilities		1.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES EXCLUDING CAPITAL ACCOUNT (except deferred obligations shown in item 34 which are subordinated to claims of depositors and other creditors)		$ 198,751.62
Capital account:		
(a) Capital stock and capital notes and debentures†	$24,900.00	
(b) Surplus	5,800.00	
(c) Undivided profits	1,150.85	
(d) Reserves	15,595.55	
(e) Total capital account		47,446.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		$ 246,198.02

On September 28, 1938 the required legal reserve deposits of this bank was $15,327.94. Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted to $117,371.78.

Deferred obligations not included among above liabilities, which are subordinated to claims of depositors and creditors $13,844.60.

†This bank's capital is represented by $14,900.00 capital notes and debentures sold to Reconstruction Finance Corporation and 1000 shares of common stock, par $10.00 per share.

I, Barnes Legg, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that the SCHEDULES on the back of this report fully and correctly represent the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BARNES LEGG,
Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

F. W. COLEMAN,
DR. CHAS. R. SNYDER,
HENRY GROLLMAN,
Directors.

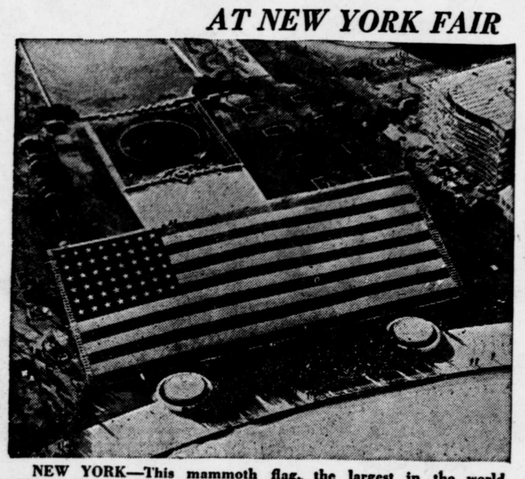
STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF QUEEN ANNE'S:

Sworn to and subscribed before this 18th day of October, 1938.

L. O. KELLEY,
Notary Public.

(SEAL) My Commission expires May 1, 1939.

GIANT OLD GLORY AT NEW YORK FAIR



NEW YORK—This mammoth flag, the largest in the world, (90x230 feet) was saluted by 1,000 children when the Court of Peace was recently dedicated at the New York World's Fair 1939. The photograph, taken from an airplane, also shows an edge of the oval Lagoon of Nations in the foreground. Sixty-two nations are participating in the Fair and are harmonizing their exhibits with the theme "Building the World of Tomorrow."

Stevensville Hi-Lights

SOCCER BOYS ENTERTAINED
By Willard Thomas (Junior)

The soccer team and its substittues wish to thank their coach, Mr. Rhodes, for the movie treat at the Queen Theatre, Queenstown, where they enjoyed "If I Were King."

SENIOR EVENTS
By Olive Bryan (Senior)

Two of the members of the Senior class, Catherine Benton and Eldoris Jensen, have been unable to attend school for several days, due to illness. We hope that they will soon recover and return to school. Recently the Seniors have been busy selling chances on a $12.95 down comfort, which was given away at our bazaar on December 7. Mr. S. E. Paswater of Grasonville, was the lucky winner. I wish to mention the fact that almost 500 chances (10c chances, at that) were sold. Olive Bryan won the first prize of $1.00 for selling a total of 160 chances; Margaret Fleckenstein gained second place with a prize of 50c for selling 65 chances. We cleared about $34—Keep up the good work, Seniors!

JUNIOR NEWS
By Lulu Scheel (Junior)

When the final receipts of the bazaar were totaled, we found that the Junior class was near to the top in the financial contribution to the total amount netted. We are justly proud of the amount of money taken in at the candy booth by the Junior girls, the penny booth by the Junior boys, and the profit obtained from chancing off the traveling bag.

We all feared that we would lose our only male mathematician in the class when his father was elceted sheriff. But Jimmy Coursey likes us so well that he has decided to remain with us this year and we aren't objecting.

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS
By Phyllis Palmer (Sophomore)

This year our class elected Mildred Marshall, class preident; Charles Hobel, "the one and only boy official," vice-president; Peggy Beecher, secretary; Phyllis Palmer, treasurer; and Isabel Lowery for historian. Each member of the class has cooperated with his leaders by donating a nickel each month to the treasury. Every nickel may be compared to a "stepping stone" for next ear's Junior Prom. The class was given a donation of five dollars last year for selling the most chances at the time of the bazaar. This year we dropped back to second place, the Freshman class having sold the most. In our class, Elizabeth Eaton sold the most chances on the fruit cake with Elaine Palmer ranking second.

CLASS ELECTION
By Betty Collier (Freshman)

When we elected our class officers the first part of the semester, the following were chosen:

President, Esther Hoxter; vice-president, Anna Mae Baker; secretary, Avaleen Thomas; treasurer, Dudley Ewing; historian, Mary Anne Coursey.

We are very sorry to say that our historians has left us to cotinue her education in Centreville, her father being Mr. Earl Coursey, the new sheriff. We wish her luck and much happiness in her new home and school. Plans for a further nomination will be discussed in the future.

Centreville Hi-Post

PROGRAM PRESENTED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

A most interesting and beneficial program was presented on Wednesday, December 7, in the auditorium by the Sophomore class. Dealing with the drawing and painting of famous pictures, the program showed great talent and effort on behalf of the ninth grade.

First on the program was the History of Painting, given by Dicky Newell; then an imitation of "The Blue Boy," was acted by Woody Woodford. Woody was dressed as the Blue Boy and gave the history of the painting.

The "Laughing Cavalier" was portrayed by George Aldridge in the same manner.

"Mother's Mother" was portrayed by Peggy Moore; "Joan of Arc", by Emily Green; "The Angelus", by Jean Callahan and John Valliant, with Peggy Wolcott at the piano; "Sir Galahad," by Danny Tabler; and 'Miss Simplicity", by Mary Lee Mandrell.

"Andrea Del Sorto", by Rosetti, was recited by Betty Blunt.

FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Trim a spicy hemlock,
Tip to lowest boughs,
For friends less fortunate than you,
Hold an open house.

Scatter crumbs for sparrows
On the drifted snow;
Hang wreaths of holly, and a sprig
Of mistletoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Crouse Lewis were the week-end guests of friends in Salisbury.

Well Packed Silage Holds Carotene, Vitamin Source

Carotene, a yellow pigment of plants from which vitamin A is formed in the animal body, occurs in close association with green coloring matter of pasture plants and other green forages. The green color of cured roughages usually is a good indicator of carotene content.

With silage, scientists of the Bureau of Dairy Industry have found an exception to the rule. The green color may be greatly reduced in the fermentation process without losing an appreciable amount of carotene so long as the fresh green feed is packed tightly enough in the slo to force out and keep air out.

Vitamin A is one of the "musts" of a dairy ration, say the scientists, because is is a factor in controlling growth of young animals and influences resistance to infection in animals of all sizes. It is one element of the ration however, that is likely to be deficient, especially in dry years when green feed is scarce.

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