

"For Christ the Lord is Born!"

By MARTHA B. THOMAS
Star of Bethlehem
Outshone All at
Conference of
the Heavenly
Bodies
In the sky, because it was against the law of light, so they managed to play by-into!



They would have burst. When they had talked very hard for about an hour, a small, slender shaft of light twinkled into their midst.

"Who are you?" came a chorus of shining voices. "I am the Star of Bethlehem," was the answer.

"The other stars had never heard of her. They were inclined to look her up. But there was something else, her light, so penetrating, so beautiful in her light that they were constrained to give heed.

"What is your history?" then demanded the largest and oldest star.

The Star of Bethlehem quivered with a clear radiance which seemed to have all the colors of the rainbow. "An angel with a torch came and lighted me the very first Christmas Eve. I shone with a special luster and guided many people to the manger in Bethlehem, where the Christ Child lay with his Mother Mary. Shepherds saw me while they were watching their sheep on the hillside. And other angels of blinding beauty sang near me. They played on golden harps. The sky shone with a heavenly glory. There has never been a night so wonderful."

"The other stars listened with awe. Before this sweet, compelling light they felt silent and humble. Then, for an instant, there came an incomparable brilliance. The Star of Bethlehem blazed in indescribable beauty. And faint and far came the music of harps and singing. "For Christ the Lord is Born!"

(© 1913, Western Newspaper Union)

Here, Fanny, is the Answer. Fanny—in answer to your question "When is a primary winding?" the answer is, "When it's circuitous."

Sadder. "Can anything be sadder than work left unfinished?" asks a writer. Yes; work never begun.—Boston Transcript.

DREAMERS

Is it a dream that we are different? Can we be true we are the same as they— Those beasts forever tearing at their prey. Seeming so sleek yet always on the scent? Our blood side in pale pear blossom flesh. Cold cunning tracks beneath our fragile Oh, we are strange, and terrible within. Our slender hands can lay a snaring net? Still, no seas hold hushed visions as they go? By tolling awed do they stretch apace? Aching to write a solace from the sky And crying of a Holy White Thing? Are we mere beasts and cruel as we seem? Or are we different because we dream? —Power Dalton.

POOR THING



Plum Pudding—Alas for the good old days of brandy sauce!

ENGLISH EDITOR LAUDS AMERICA FOR TELEPHONES

Declares Government-Owned System at Fault for Poor Service

"They do things better in America" is a remark which would appear to be capable of special application to the telephone service, says a recent editorial in the Northern Daily Mail, of Hartlepool, England.

The Hartlepool paper quotes at some length from an article in the London Morning Post "contrasting the wretched situation of the British State-operated department with the more business-like methods obtaining across the Atlantic. The American service is praised for making installations promptly, and for more considerate treatment of subscribers whose payments fall into arrears.

"Another feature of the American system," says the Northern Daily Mail, "is that of 'appointment' calls over long distance lines. In this country one may wait both time and money telephoning to a distant town only to find that the person sought is not in. The Bell Company in America deals with this difficulty in a special manner, the operator arranging an appointment.

"We fear that we are a long way from attaining to facilities such as this," the English paper remarks; and it adds, in conclusion: "As the Morning Post observes, our system, like the majority of State-operated departments, is devoid of imagination, elasticity, and appreciation of public feeling."

Used Dynamite to Remove Man

One of the most unusual murder cases which has come to the notice of the Pennsylvania State Police in years was that in which Antonio Fuentes, of Limestone township, Clarion county, was killed by someone who placed a stick of dynamite between Fuentes' arm and body while the man was sleeping, the explosion tearing his flesh to shreds. Ben Cesa was arrested and charged with the crime. He disavowed Fuentes' desire to marry Cesa's daughter.

STATE DETECTIVES TO BE INCREASED

SEPARATE PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT SQUAD FORMED BY SAFETY COMMISSIONER.

Greater assistance to sheriffs and other peace officers throughout the state is aimed at in the plans of Commissioner Harry H. Jackson of the Department of Public Safety for his administration of this important branch of the Michigan government. According to his idea, the state will furnish trained men, experts in criminal investigation, to assist local officers in dealing with crimes or criminal conditions which require such aid. The identification bureau at Lansing will be built up further as an auxiliary in this plan.

"It is fortunate that Michigan has the splendid identification bureau built up by Captain I. H. Marmion. It is only the truth to say that this is one of the best identification bureaus in the entire country and is well on the way to become the best. This is acknowledged by police officers who have made a specialty of identification of criminals.

State Bureau Needed.

"The only way to handle fingerprints successfully is through a state bureau which acts as a clearing house. The fingerprint method is valuable in the detection of crime, especially in cases of burglary and auto theft. It is also valuable in establishing the identity of men who have been arrested on suspicion or for some minor crime, but who may be fugitives from justice. In our own state the bureau has made the recapture of escaped prisoners a much less difficult task because within a few hours of the reporting of such an escape, circulars bearing the description and fingerprints of the fugitive are in the hands of their way to police officers, not only in this state, but in other states. The same is true of the bringing back of parole violators.

"It is my intention to combine the investigation bureau, or detective bureau, of the state with the identification bureau and to place its work under the direction of one capable and responsible man. Under this system, as soon as the state headquarters is notified of a serious crime, men capable of recognizing every clue and following it up will be assigned to the case.

Specialize the Work.

"It is probable that the same sort of specialization in the state's police system can be perfected within a comparatively short time as is done with the police departments of the large cities. The men who are specialists in any particular sort of crime detection will be assigned to the cases calling for such special experience. In this connection, I am of the opinion that it will be advisable to form a special squad to deal with enforcement of the prohibition law. This squad will have the duty of securing evidence necessary to obtaining warrants, and will receive the assistance of the uniformed men in making arrests. This squad will be composed of the men in the force who have shown themselves most successful in dealing with the evil conditions created by the lawless element which has engaged in liquor-running and bootlegging."

CONVICT THREE KILLERS

The Michigan State Police (Department of Public Safety) recently convicted three homicide cases in one month with verdicts of guilty in all three. William J. McPherson of Marquette was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to a term of years for the slaying of his wife and the last member of poisoning her common law husband.

DELAWARE GETS TROOPERS

The state of Delaware is the latest to organize a state police force. All of her neighboring states have long had such forces. C. C. Reynolds has been appointed superintendent. Pennsylvania state officers were loaned by the Delaware force as instructors during the training period.

Christmas Eve

"His foot is bright, The lamps shine white Above the city streets tonight. The people throng The streets and squares, With here a jingle and there a song, Can they not hear? We hear it all, Across the night-winds, drawing near. Streets are lit up, Glistening-bells. While the mad step the ice-cream man? Too blind they are To watch from far. The madman in the crowd, The sick and old, The hastened crowd, The madman, bowled, O hearts of men, Grow soft again! Streets beyond now as when On Mary's mill, The madman's mill, Christ lives in every new-born child! —Aachara, in Chicago Daily Tribune.

Christmas Day in Our Home

By ETHEL C. DEKLEOT

MOTHER, FATHER AND CHILDREN HAVE SPECIAL GUESTS AT FAMILY FEAST Christmas this year." Mrs. Will that great day. "Do you realize we never had a Christmas here in our own home, just ourselves and our family?"

"Yes, I've been thinking of that," Mr. Will replied. "Let's keep it just ourselves and give the kiddies one truly home Christmas, to remember."

As usual, Mr. and Mrs. Will were in complete agreement in their ideas and emotions. Mrs. Will signed consentment. Mr. Will signed consentment, too; for after all, such harmony as theirs is not so common in this workaday world of wives and husbands.

But as Christmas day grew nearer and nearer Mrs. Will suddenly realized she was nursing a sick conscience. There was something she had not the heart to confide to Mr. Will. Now, Mr. Will had a sick conscience, too. There was something he had not the heart to confide to Mrs. Will.

But fortunately everything was straightened out before Christmas, that day of peace, dawned.

Billy, their oldest, didn't know what the word conscience meant. Of course he had heard mother and father whispering about how nice a strictly family Christmas would be.



He had heard them, but perhaps he hadn't understood their sentiment. Anyway, at luncheon, two days before Christmas, he suddenly blurted, "Say, Mom, I've asked Jim Larkin to our Christmas dinner, and the way you know his folks are in Europe, and he's just staying off at the school. Thought he'd like it. It's better. More home-like."

"Oh, bother, Billy," Lucy cried—thirteen-year-old. "Lad, Lucy," she asked Patty Brown. "She hasn't any folks anywhere, ever in Europe. Just that snobbish great un' who's giving a big house party, all old folks, and doesn't want Patty around. She needs home Christmas more than your Jim!"

Father was eyeing mother anxiously. Her bright smile amazed him. "Well, I'm sure there's room for them both. I am glad you have such kind hearts, children."

But now Mr. Will spoke timidly. "I'm sorry, mother, but I, too, have asked a guest. Couldn't help it somehow! That young fellow at the office. He's so cut up about his mother's death and boarding house at home. What would I do! And do you know I've always thought Gladys and Ted Miller ought to meet. They're such nice young people—and Gladys is so pretty!"

But Mrs. Will's bright smile had now turned to a frown, relieved one. "Oh, Ted, the splendid, isn't she said 'For, do you know, yourself have in-

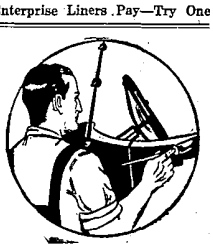


viewed that pretty little Gladys Havenly. She looked so wretched when I met her at the grocer's Saturday and asked her whether she was going home for Christmas. She said a poor school teacher couldn't travel way across a continent every two or three Christmases at home. What would I do! And do you know I've always thought Gladys and Ted Miller ought to meet. They're such nice young people—and Gladys is so pretty!"

So that's what happened to the Will's precious family Christmas. But not one of the Will's felt that he had been cheated of anything. On the contrary! And Mr. and Mrs. Will are in closer harmony than ever. You see, they are the same sort of people—not a too common thing in workaday life. And Billy and Lucy are growing up rather like them.

DETROIT UNITED LINES. Farmington Time Table. (Eastern Standard Time). (Effective September 24, 1923) Cars leave Farmington for Detroit at 6:08 a.m., 6:38 a.m., limited at 6:54 a.m., 7:48 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 9:48 a.m., and hourly to 3:45 p.m., 4:48 p.m., 5:48 p.m., then hourly to 8:48 p.m., also 9:53 p.m., 10:53 p.m., (to junction only 11:48 p.m., and 1:03 a.m.) Cars leave Farmington Jct. for Orchard Lake and Pontiac at 5:40 a.m., 6:40 a.m., 7:10 a.m., 7:55 a.m., and hourly to 10:55 p.m., also 6:10 p.m., and 12:20 a.m. First car leaves Farmington for Northville at 6:05 a.m., 7:00 a.m., hourly to 11:00 p.m., also 6:15 p.m. and 12:22 a.m. Cars connect at Northville with those for Plymouth and Wayne over the D. J. & C. Hourly limited service to Ann Arbor.

Enterprise Liners Pay—Try One



We can positively make your old car look new by our modern painting methods. We have a process that makes our work look like the original factory touch. Every painting job turned out of our shop passes a critical inspection by us.

THE QUALITY AUTO PAINT SHOP

Cor. Mill St. and Grand River Phone 167 Redford - - - - Mich.

Professional Cards

Wm. S. McNAIR ATTORNEY-AT-LAW Office—64 Main St. Northville, Michigan Dr. L. W. SNOW Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist. Office Hours: 11—12 a.m. 3—4 p.m., Tel. 162. Northville, Mich.

Z. R. ASCHENBRENNER, M. D. Physician and Surgeon Office Hours 11:00—12:00 2:00—4:00 Evenings Except Sun. and Wed. 7:30—8:00 Farmington, Phone 160.

PINE HURST HOSPITAL Before and During Confinement Mrs. A. J. Pickett Phone 154. Farmington

Phone Office Hours: 9 to 12 a.m. Redford 349 1 to 5:30—7 to 8 p.m. DR. E. J. CHAPUT, Dentist Suite 208-209 Hawthorne Block Redford, Michigan Corner Lahser and Grand River Opposite Peoples State Bank



The Largest Bank in Oakland County Welcomes Your Patronage. Complete Safety Full Protection For Less Than 1 Cent A Day.

PONTIAC COMMERCIAL AND SAVINGS BANK Pontiac, Michigan

THE FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE—

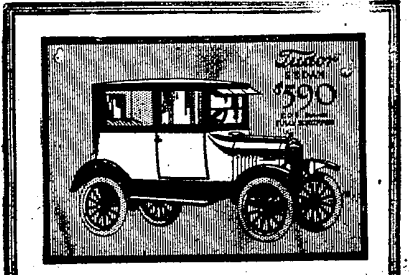
Subscribe Now! —YOURS FOR \$1.50 A YEAR

Three Cars in One!

A wonderful business car for dad—big loading space for samples, grips, tools, anything—by removing rear seat and upholstery! A wonderful closed car for the whole family—both seats adjustable forward and backward to accommodate everybody, tall and short! A wonderful vacation car for next summer—seats and upholstery make up into full-sized bed! More service at less cost! Come and enjoy a free demonstration.

NEW Overland \$695 CHAMPION

PARK GARAGE E. K. TAMM, Prop. Phone 111. Farmington, Mich.



Give One For Christmas

The Tudor Sedan is a gift every member of the family will share. It adds to daily happiness. It will extend the joyous spirit of Christmas to every day of the year.

This new Ford type is of an exceptionally pleasing design. Wide doors opening forward, folding right front seat, and a roomy interior make it a convenient car to use; its high radiator, broad cow, sun visor, and large windows make it stylish in appearance. Yet it is sold at the lowest price ever asked for a Sedan—only \$590 Lab. Detroit.

Therich, permanent luster of its finish, the quiet growl of its upholstery, and the ornamental treatment of its full-riveted hardware, all help to make it a car you are proud to drive.

This Car can be obtained through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.

OLIN RUSSELL AUTHORIZED FORD SALES & SERVICE Phone 151 Farmington, Mich.

(© 1923, Western Newspaper Union.)