



# HERE and THERE

by HILDA WAY GWYN



By request the following parody on an old favorite written by Jimmie Schultz is being used this week . . .

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house . . . Rang a din that would frighten the heartiest mouse . . . the stockings when papa had filled with such care . . . lay stripped of their contents on grandpa's arm chair . . . the floor was all cluttered with tinsel and braid . . . what a helluva day was ahead for the maid . . . the garlands of lights which encircled the tree . . . had long since blinked out like a beacon at sea . . . from the carpet which mother had scrupulously cleaned . . . a full pint of orange seeds might well have been gleaned . . .

The train which had cost dad a half a week's pay . . . had been broken by junior without much delay . . . 't was plain from the grimace on Betty's young face . . . she felt much too old for the doll dressed in lace . . . and Tommy, quite frankly, was far from content . . . with the polka-dot tie that Aunt Sophia had sent . . . firecrackers exploding like guns in a seige . . . caused Christmas for Grandma to lose its prestige . . . and poor Uncle Oscar, with ice pack on head . . . wished the fellows who make them were everyone dead . . . till Christmas again it would be a whole year . . . that strange, as it seems, not a soul shed a tear . . .

In a survey recently made by the League of Women voters it was rather surprising to learn that women in political offices are decreasing in numbers . . . in other words they haven't gone "political" as much as they thought they would before the days of suffrage . . . but on the other hand we feel that the right to vote has had far reaching effects on the woman in business . . . and the woman who is seeking a career . . . the vote has given her at least an opportunity to share political responsibility with the men . . . and this fact has given her a former footing in the competitive business world . . . it has been pointed out, however, that the three outstanding women in world affairs . . . are given this place by domestic ties, they are the wives of prominent men . . . Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt . . . Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, and Mrs. Neville Chamberlin . . . first ladies in three of the greatest and most populous countries on earth . . . but we still contend they are all three vivid personalities in their own right . . .

Billy Prevost has always been very clever about "making things" . . . now since he has taken on the role of fatherhood Billy has a new one that might well be copied by some young couples about town . . . who wish to leave their own firesides in the evening . . . he has rigged up something which is a cross between a gadget and a radio . . . he can tune in on the nursery and hear even the baby's breathing . . . he can work the thing in his own home . . . or when visiting . . . considering the prolific crop of young heirs about town this season . . . no doubt

Billy could commercialize the idea . . . quite profitably . . .

What are you going to do about New Year's resolutions? . . . at the close of the year . . . it seems inevitable that we look back over the page before we turn the new leaf . . . we can readily read our mistakes . . . and it looks such a simple matter . . . to correct some of them . . . that is in theory . . . not in practice . . . in the big problems of life it seems fairly easy to do the right thing . . . but it is our petty faults that get us down . . . as well as those who live with us . . . I am always reminded at this season . . . when I take inventory of my numerous failings . . . of the young husband . . . who said . . . it wasn't the marriage vows the minister spoke that were hard to live up to . . . but the many foolish little promises he had made before hand . . . that gave him the most trouble . . . for instance . . . it would be no temptation for me to rob a bank . . . but I wonder how much "resolving" it would take to make me keep the papers on my typewriter table and my desk in perfect order . . . yet from time to time I have promised myself . . . but don't let me discourage you . . . just because I am full of weak points . . .

It is always just as good to see Christmas decorations and trees come down as it was to see them go up . . . but this year I have one regret . . . I hated to see the tall hemlock in Clyde and Caroline Ray's yard stripped of its blue lights . . . the tree was a kind of sentinel at the top of Main street . . . you should have seen a certain young matron at a party during the holidays . . . with a turkish towel pinned on her coat . . . with the Duke colors of blue and white . . . with a complete score of Duke's football winnings . . . woven in white letters on blue background . . . I hear the one towel cost the price of a dozen . . . think hard and I am sure you can guess who rates Duke that high in these parts . . . if you missed the Cantata given under the direction of Evander Preston . . . you are the loser . . . it was so beautifully rendered that it was a perfect antidote for that "let down after Christmas feeling" . . .

### A DOG LOBBY

WALTERBORO, S. C.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Novit keep all their 1,400 dogs in the lobby of their hotel here.

But the dogs—including nearly every breed—never fight, howl or chew the furniture. They are miniatures.

He put the miniature dogs in show-cases, installed especially for the purpose and arranged them to show to the best advantage. Lighting effects enhance the display.

The toy dogs came from every state in the nation and from several points in Canada. Many have been sent by guests. These are tagged with the name of the donor and placed in the collection.

### as President



Philip Etter

By right of succession, Philip Etter, statesman, educator and journalist, becomes president of Switzerland for 1939. Switzerland chooses a new president each year from the federal assembly which consists of seven members. The vice president automatically becomes president and a new vice president is named each year.

### FSA To Help Farmers Cut From WPA Rolls

Farmers dropped from WPA relief rolls will be aided by the Rural Rehabilitation Program of the Farm Security Administration if they have, or can get, adequate land for farming and can meet FSA requirements, County Supervisor Wilfred Jackson said yesterday.

"Farmers without adequate land should make plans at once for the coming crop season," Mr. Jackson said. "Where the land is sufficient to allow the farmer to benefit from the RR Loan program, and to let sound farm plans be made, the Farm Security Administration stands ready to extend help."

The RR program is helping more than 600,000 farmers in the United States to get back on their feet. Present personnel of the Farm Security Administration cannot carry a very greatly increased number of farm people.

County Supervisor Jackson urged that every ordinary source of credit and assistance be sought by farmers for whom WPA is no longer open. County Farm Security Administration offices will give advice on loans or other help to families in this group who cannot get ahead with their farming through using the regular kinds of credit.

### OLD HOMES TO BE RESTORED

RALEIGH, N. C.—An organization for the preservation and restoration of North Carolina's old homes and antiques will be formed soon, under the auspices of the State Library and Historical Association. A steering committee has been elected to draft a constitution and by-laws for preservation at a meeting of prospective members soon after the first of the year. Mrs. Charles A. Cannon, of Concord, N. C., is committee chairman.

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