

Boggs Comes Through It All With Christmas With Drum

THE STORY OF DRUM
The writing of my usual Christmas column is again at hand. It is the easiest column of the year for me to do. Each year at this time I tell you the story of "Drum"—a story which is a Christmas story however many of my readers ask me to repeat it each year. On top of that a number of the country's editors have stated that the story of Drum should be told at least once each year in every newspaper in the United States. Here it is:—

Drum was just an ordinary hound dog. He lived on a farm in the country with his master. Between the two, a strong bond of affection existed. Early one morning, Drum dragged himself painfully to the door of his master's house. He had been shot by a nearby neighbor and before help could be summoned, the poor dog died. Drum's owner was heartbroken. After much prodding, he was induced to file suit against his neighbor for the loss of the dog he so dearly loved.

Weeks and months passed. The case progressed through the lower courts, finally reaching one of the high tribunals of justice. In this higher court, the Defense seemed on the verge of winning when a young lawyer, a counsel for Drum's master, arose and addressed the court. This young attorney was George Graham West. He looked at the jury and, in slow, measured tones, began to speak.

"Gentlemen of the Jury: The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son and daughter, whom he has reared with loving care, may be ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name may become traitors to this faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him when he

may need it most. Man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees and do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its clouds upon our heads. The one unselfish friend a man may have in this selfish world, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is the dog. "Gentlemen of the Jury, a dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground when the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fierce-



ly if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounters with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince.

"When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wing and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast into the world friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against his enemies and, when the last scene of all comes and death takes his master if all his friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws and his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even to death."

As Vest turned to sit down, you could have heard a pin drop in the hushed courtroom. The jury arose and retired to deliberate the merits of the case. They were out only a few minutes. After they had re-entered the jury box, the foreman arose

RADIO

WMFD 1400 On Your Dial
SUNDAY
7:30—Church of Jesus Christ
8:00—Church of God
8:30—Pentecostal Church
9:00—Free Will Baptist Church
9:30—Voice of Moderns
10:00—Voice of Prophecy
10:30—The Southernaires
11:00—Fifth Avenue Methodist Church
12:00—The Three Suns
12:15—Foreign Reporters
12:30—Smiling thru
12:45—Noon Day Musical
1:00—Sam Pettengill
1:15—Raymond Swing
1:30—Voice of Wilmington
1:45—Facts or Fiction
2:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour
2:30—Last Minute
3:15—The Johnny Thompson Show
3:30—This Week Around the World
4:00—Wilmington High School Choir
4:30—Easy Listening
5:00—Adventures of Bill Lance
5:30—Country
6:00—Draw Pearson
6:15—Monday Morning Headlines
6:30—The Greatest Story Ever Told
6:45—Child's World
7:30—Music Hall of Fame
7:45—Chapel by the side of the Road
8:00—A Dream Set to Music
9:00—Walter Winchell
9:15—Louella Parsons
9:30—Theater Guild of the Air
10:00—Music for Sunday
10:45—Beryl by Candlelight
11:00—News of Tomorrow
11:15—Vera Masey Sings
11:30—Hotel Ambassador Orchestra

WGN 1340 On Your Dial
SUNDAY
8:00—Sign On
8:15—Morman Tabernacle Choir
8:30—Chapel in the Sky
9:00—Carson at the Console
9:15—National Quintet
9:30—Ave Maria Hour
10:00—Sunday Vespers
10:30—Hollywood Serenade
10:55—News
11:00—First Baptist Church
12:00—Orchestra
12:30—Concert Master
1:00—William L. Shirer
1:15—Long Long Ago
1:30—For Your Approval
2:00—Stephen Graham, Family Doctor
2:30—Eric Cunningham
2:45—Orchestra
3:00—Foreign Choirs
3:30—Orchestra
3:45—Religious News Reporter
4:00—House of Mystery
4:30—True Detective Mysteries
5:00—The Shadow
5:30—Quick as a Flash
6:00—Those Websters
6:30—Nick Carter
7:00—Smilin' Ed McConnell
7:30—Gabriel Heatter
8:00—Philo Serenade
8:30—Jimmie Fidler
9:00—Meet Me at Parkys
9:30—The Jim Backus Show
10:00—Voices of Strings
10:30—Latin American Serenade
11:00—William Hillman
11:15—Adrian Rollini
11:30—Lee Castle's Orchestra
11:55—Mutual Reports the News

Whiteville Church Plans A Public Christmas Service

WHITEVILLE, Dec. 20.—The congregation of Grace Episcopal Church is inviting the public to attend its Christmas service which will be held on Christmas Eve, beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Members of the Whiteville High School Glee club will sing carols from 10:30 until 10:55. At 11, will begin the festival, choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Vested and arrayed in Christmas grandeur, the church will be lighted by candles. Members of Grace Church choir, assisted by the Choral Club, will sing the parts of the liturgy.

MEETING POSTPONED

WHITEVILLE, Dec. 20.—Rotary Club meetings falling on Christmas and New Year's Day will be omitted, and the next meeting of Rotarians will be held on Jan. 8.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

TABOR CITY, Dec. 20.—A special Christmas program will be given at the Fire Baptized Holiness church in Tabor city on Christmas night at 7 o'clock. Special singing by Rev. and Mrs. Wade Wray will be a feature.

CHERRY PAROLES

RALEIGH, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Governor Cherry today freed three prisoners and declined to release 20 other applicants. Those freed: Hubert Horton, convicted last February of assault; Harry Raikes, convicted in Burke in 1945 of second degree burglary; and Leslie Washington Pate, convicted in Wayne last January.

When warm air expands and rises it cools at the rate of about one degree for every 180 feet of ascent.

and announced a verdict in favor of Drum's master. The court awarded him \$500. He had sued only for the nominal sum of \$200.

FROM PAL AND NELL
Chances and Pal, my two old pointers have for a number of years had a paragraph in this column. Usually they are here beside me as I write this. Pal, but poor Chance passed to happier hunting grounds last January. However, Pal is joined by a newcomer this year—Nell, a Chesapeake Bay retriever pup that my son claims as his dog. If these two dogs could talk and every one of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS.

GOP Chief Announces Anti-Inflation Bill Is Just A Beginning

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Speaker Joseph W. Martin said today the anti-inflation program whisked through the special congressional session is just the start of a determined Republican drive to bring down the cost of living.

But the House speaker, leader, Rep. Rayburn (D-Tex.) said "I think they're about through" when asked what he thought the G.O.P. would do now about high prices.

Martin told reporters: "There are other steps to be taken." He did not list them, but one

possibility is in the field of rent controls.

Whatever happens to prices from now on, the hot arguments of congress over living costs have made one thing certain—both the republicans and democrats are going to blame the other party if prices fail to slide downward.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) reflected

ed G.O.P. thinking along those lines in a statement saying that by signing the G.O.P. anti-inflation bill President Truman will get power "to check nearly all the principal causes of inflation, if he really wishes to do so."

Taft, a G.O.P. presidential aspirant, left the way open for more controls later on if voluntary efforts to curb inflation are unsuccessful. And Martin said that the whole question of how to fight inflation will be up for review early in the regular session of congress starting January 6.

Taft's statement indicated a "willingness to consider specific and limited controls in the field of priorities and allocations if specific problems cannot be solved by voluntary action." He

said allocations includes rationing authority.

But the President has, or will have if he signs the bill now before him, Taft said, authority to cut government spending, campaign for less private spending, limit exports, and apply the break to inflationary bank credit.

The Republican anti-inflation bill would permit industry and

agriculture to make voluntary agreements intended to hold down living costs, short of price fixing, regardless of the anti-trust laws. It also would continue export and transportation controls for a year beyond the February 29 expiration date.

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