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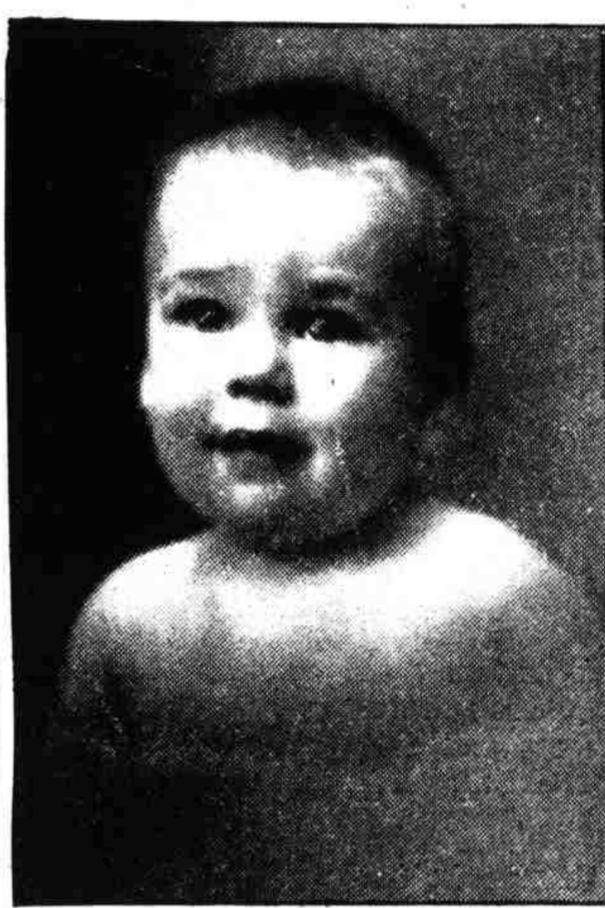
A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL—HOW TO HAVE IT



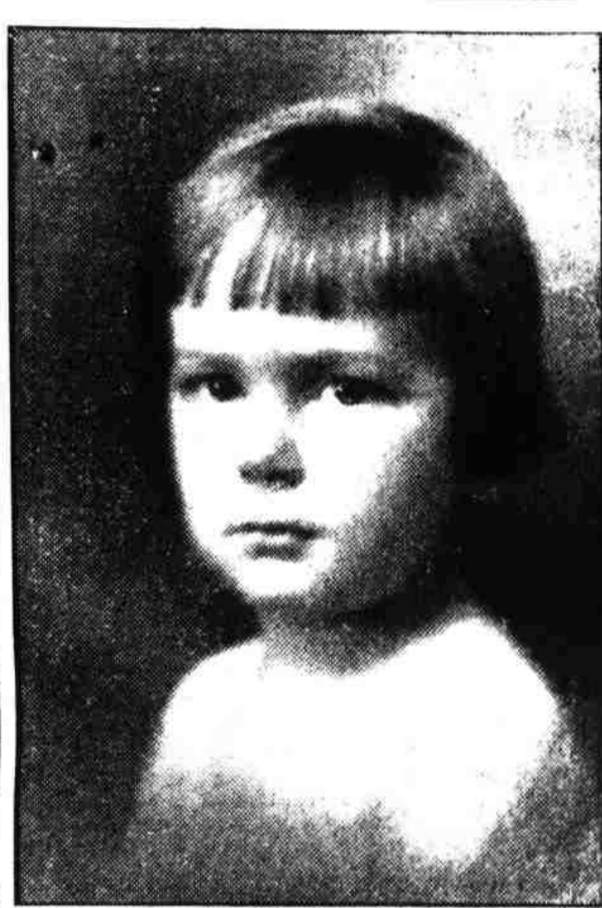
FIRST PRIZE-WINNING BABY.



SECOND PRIZE-WINNING BABY.



THIRD PRIZE-WINNING BABY.



FOURTH PRIZE-WINNING BABY.

CHRISTMAS IS THE HOLIDAY OF CHILDHOOD, ITS FIRST DUTY IS TO CARRY HAPPINESS TO LITTLE ONES. (See note on page 2).

YOU, Mr. Farmer and Mrs. Farmer, why not resolve that you will not eat a selfish Christmas dinner next Thursday? Why not let's resolve that there shall not be a selfish Christmas dinner in all the rural South next week—not a meal at which there will not be some one else present besides the immediate family?

Invite your neighbors to eat the Christmas meal with you. Your best-loved neighbors will probably be invited, of course, but go further. These best-loved neighbors will probably fare well enough anyhow. Get down a certain Old Book and read the Gospel according to Luke, Chapter XII, verses 12-14 inclusive, and see if they do not throw some light on your practical duty. See if there is not some poorer neighbor who should be bidden to your feast, or some neighbor whom you have never really come to know well.

It is not enough for us at Christmas time to merely wipe out old grudges against any with whom we may have disagreed, as we urged last week, but it is our duty to develop our unused resources of friendship. How many people are there all around us whose friendship might make our whole lives richer and happier if we would only take pains to make friends and develop a genuine acquaintance with them!

Let's invite these people Christmas: The people we don't know as we ought, as well as our closer friends, or neighbors with whom we may have disagreed—not so many as to make their presence a burden to the overworked wife, and not any unless we are willing to help her and show our appreciation of her efforts. But "Christmas comes but once a year," and if the family is to eat at home, it will not be much trouble to set a few extra plates, and there is no telling how

much happiness may ensue or what unsuspected treasures of friendship may be revealed.

Let's not have a selfish Christmas dinner among all the members of our Progressive Farmer Family this year. And let us have parties for the young folks with games and music and songs and stories of all the innocent merriment that made the social life of the Old South so beautiful and memorable.

And with it all, may there never be a thought unfitting to the season for celebrating the birth of the Christ-child

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