## 'Wyoming Mail' **Authentic Story**

Universal-International's Technicolor "Wyoining Mail" vividly showcases an exciting era in the developing of the American frontier-that period when the Unit- Christmas season. The contageous ed States Railway Mail Service spirit of kindness and charity are was seriously endangered by the in evidence on every hand. In threat of outlaw raider bands op- cheerful anticipation of Christmas erating against the postal system. Day, many pleasant moments are day Dec. 27 at the Watts Theatre, greeting to friends and loved ones. with a starring cast headed by As the days hurry by, Christmas Stephen McNally and Alexis trees, large and small, appear in

Roberts and Whit Bissell. The screen story is dramaticalthe railway mail service.

While tracking down the mur derer of a telegraph operator, Mc- in the presence of friends and rel-Nally makes the acquaintance of atives, the happiness of the mo-Alexis Smith, cast in the role of ment knows no bounds. The spira frontier entertainer. Their friendship blossoms and when the undercover agent succeeds in becoming a member of the robbery gang, after a number of serious setbacks which almost claim his life, he is shocked to discover that the dance hall girl is actually a

top member of the gang. Suspense mounts in the film as Miss Smith is faced with the problem of having McNally done away with or warning him that his real identity has become known to the gang leader.

"Now, Johnny," said the teacher, "can you tell me what a hypocrite is?

'Yes, Miss,' replied Johnny. "It's a boy what comes to school with a smile on his face."-Ex.

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## The happy Christmas carols an-

nounce the advent of another The new film opening Wednes- spent in extending the season's Smith, supported by Howard Da- ever increasing numbers. With

Silva, Ed Begley, Dan Riss, Roy painstaking care the tree is trimmed with shimmering tinsel, ornaments and multicolored lights. ly constructed around the career And the gifts to be placed under of General George Armstrong to the tree are selected and wrapped work as an undercover agent for with the same careful consideration. When Christmas Day finally arrives, and the gifts are opened it of Christmas is one of gaiety and rejoicing around the glittering Christmas tree.

> But the real spirit of Christmas is more than sending greetings, purchasing gifts and decorating trees. It is more than the momentary pleasure derived from opening the gifts received. Then central figure is Christ. Christmas is the festival of the birth of God's Son who came to give mankind the most precious Christmas gift in all the world, namely, peace with God. That was the message which the angels brought to the

shepards, singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." It is intended for and extended to everyone. This peace cannot be purchased for a price. It is the Fa-

ther's free gift to all who believe and accept the Christ-child as their personal Savior. The Christmas gifts which we receive may well remind us of

the Christ-child, God's gift to the world in order that the' world might have peace. The beautifully decorated evergreen tree suggests the eternal life which is ours by grace through faith in the Savior. And the unbroken circle of the holly wreath calls to our atten-

us which supports us in every need and fills our hearts with going to get a doll buggy." Christmas joy and peace will touse." make this a happy yuletide sea-

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"THIS HOUSEHOLD is in for a lean Christmas, all right," Bill Robinson said bitterly to hl. wife who had just come into the the living room, dressed for market ing. Seated in an easy chair, he looked disgustedly down at his still bandaged leg stretched out straigh

on an ottoman. for us to see you getting well again, honey. When I first saw you after that auto accident, I was ure proof paper before storing.

plumb scared for your life.' Bill squeezed her hand. "You're a brick, dear. But we can't expec our three- and five-year-old off spring to understand that doctor and hospital bills have completely strapped us. Why we can't ever afford a tree, let alone presents Margaret was quite for a second Then she stood up and, turning toward the door, said, "Speaking of the children, Bill, they're out ir the kitchen with their water colors



## "What a swell bunch of fellows," he managed to say.

and the two little Johnson girls are with them. Mrs. Johnson had some last minute shopping to do, and I knew you wouldn't mind watching

them again." "O.K.," Bill answered. "That's the least I can do after the neighborly way they treated us through all this mess."

"I'll try to be home before your Cub Scout group descends upon you. Seven lively boys are a te. rific handful, I know."

tion the never-ending love of Jes- VOICES FROM the kitchen broke into the silence. Judy Johnson was saying excitedly, "I think I'm abiding cheer. By retaining Christ | Back came his own little Margle's in Christmas the real spirit of answer. "I'm going to get a doll

"How do you know?" "Oh, because I asked for one for birthday last summer, and Daddy smiled and said probably ne would come at Christmas." Bill winced. It had been so easy, promising things for six months head.



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CHRISTMAS COOKIES

**Angel Fingers** 

1/2 cup softened butter or mar-

3 tablespoons confectioners' su-

1/2 cup ground walnuts or pe-

Additional confectioners' sugar

Cream butter or \_ margarine;

radually cream in the 3 table-

poons sugar and flour. Add va-

nilla and nuts; blend well. Shape

into little rolls about 1-1/2 inches

long and the diameter of your lit-

tle finger. Place on ungreased bak-

ing sheet and bake in moderate

oven (350 degrees F.) 20 minutes.

Let cool, then dust with confec-

**Christmas Wreaths** 

1/2 cup (1/4 pound) butter or

1/4 cup brown sugar, firmly

1 cup sifted all-purpose flour

1 cup chopped nuts or coconut

Cream butter and sugar until

1 cup sifted cake flour

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

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en cookies.

margarine

1 egg, separated

Raspberry jam

packed

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light and fluffy. Mix in egg yolk. Add flour. Form into small balls. On Getting Ready Dip into egg white and remove with fork. Drop into nuts or chop-"About ready for Christmas?" ped dried coconut. Place on but- That is the question going 'round tered cookie sheet. Press hole in these days. It usually has refer-

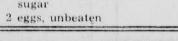
Yields 4 dozen cookies. **Filled** Cookies

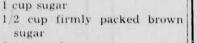
Make dough for sugar cookies about all there is to "getting rea-If you want your cookie jars and roll 1/8 inch thick. Cut in dy for Christmas." It is a form of full of cookies at Christmas time, rounds with cookie cutter and preparation which has become a and prefer having those last few place on cookie sheet. Place about traditional part of our observance. days before Christmas for other 1 teaspoon filling on each cookie And I often think that such Margaret leaned over and brushet things, make your cookies now and and cover with another cookie. preparation-customary and ather cheek against his. "It's enough put them in your freezer. They Press edges together lightly with tractive though it is-has become will taste no different from being fork. Place half pecan on top, in many homes a thing of drudgfrozen if wrapped in vapor-mois- Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 ery that takes the deeper joy out

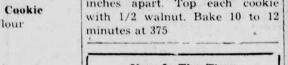
> minutes. Filling 3/4 cup chopped raisins teaspoon grated lemon rind 1 tablespoon lemon juice 1/4 cup sugar 1/4 cup hot water Boil together until thick. Cool before placing on cookies. Sugar Cookies l cup shortening 1-1/4 cups sugar 3 eggs, well beaten 2 teaspoons vanilla

3-1/2 cups sifted flour 1 teaspoon soda 2 teaspoons cream of tartar 1 teaspoon salt Cream shortening and add sugar. Add and beat thoroughly. Add vanilla. Sift together flour, soda, cream of tartar, and salt. tioners' sugar. Makes about 3 doz- Stir into fist mixture. Chill dough for easier handling

> **Mint Surprise Cookie** 3-1/4 cups plain flour 1 teaspoon soda 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup butter 1/2 cup shortening 1 cup sugar 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar







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and catch the spirit. As one who way of our God for the coming of takes that little golden gospel Statesville.

and listens in childlike wonder center. Bake in very slow oven ence to buying and wrapping first Christmas. Following the (300 degrees F.) After 8 minutes gifts, house cleaning, sending star through the night, he finds Cool slightly. Remove from sheet. greetings, trimming the tree, and the manger in which the Little Fill center with jam or jelly. doing countless last-minute things Baby lay, and in humility and

in preparation for Yuletide. For penitence he presents his greatest many people that constitutes just gift-himself. Of such preparation is the Kingdom of Christmas.

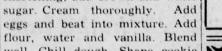
I feel that the biggest hurt done to the Christian Year is the secular emphasis which it has received. It is certainly true of the celebration we are now approaching. In the hurry of these days it is easy for us to become so absorbed in things that there is of the season. The festival of peace

little room in the Inn of our Lives and cheer becomes a load rather for simple sentiments of Bethlethan a lift, And folk are somehem. It need not be. In spirit and times heard to say, "I almost in truth let us prepare the High dread to see it come.

But there is another kind of preparation. It is the preparation of the heart of the person who really wants to see the meaning

2 tablespoons water 1 teaspoon vanilla 1 package chocolate mint wafers

Sift together flour, soda, and salt. Cream together butter and shortening; add brown and white



well, Chill dough, Shape cookie by enclosing each wafer in about 1 tablespoon of dough. Place on ungreased baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Top each cookie

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Just then he heard Mrs. Johnson's earty voice at the kitchen door. 'Where's Mr. Robinson? I have something here for him." "Oh, a Christmas tree!" The shrill voice of a child exci med.

MRS. JOHNSON was laughing as she appeared at the living oom door. "Did you hear, Bill? Yes, I went shopping for our tree, and picked one up for you folks at the same time. It isn't so very tall. but it's big enough to cheer you all

Mrs. Johnson went on talking, to cover Bill's embarrassment. "I'll take all the youngsters over to my house for awhile." And she was gone.

"Some neighbor!" Bill glowed. "Still," his face clouded over, "That tree may only point up the lack of much under it-

A loud commotion at the front door drew his attention. "Come on in, the door's not locked," he called, recognizing the voices of his Cub Scouts.

A whirlwind of blue-clad boys swept into the room, their eyes sparkling with happy mischief. "Oh, Mr. Robinson," the smallest one shrieked. "We've just finished all the-"

"We've been working after school every day at my house, making toys for your children." a second Cub burst in. "You should see-s doll house for Margie, and a doll bed and a kitchen cupboard!"

"And for little Bill, guess what!" The smallest boy couldn't keep quiet. "A wooden sled, and a garage for his little cars and some big blocks, all sanded and waxed and everything!"

> Bill tossed his head to get rid of the drops of mist in the corners of his eyes. "What a swell bunch of fellows," he managed to say. "But why-"

"Why not?" the biggest Cub said happily. "You're the one who taught us how to use tools in the first place, aren't you? And besides, we just like the Robinsons!" He stopped suddenly, embarrassed. "Well, fellows," Bill said, after e deep breath, "I certainly didn't think so a while ago, but this is going to be one of the happiest Christmases of my life!"

> SOAP SURPLUS (Jim Griffith,

Morganton News-Herald) After Halloween is all over, you can't help but wonder if it wouldn't have been better if some of that soap found its way behind the ears of the kids instead of on the store windows.

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