



Sketch by Georgia Roberson. May the true spirit of Christmas . . . born with Him in the manger two thousand years ago . . . bring peace and hope to you and yours . . . now and always.

Newspapermen In Washington Ride The Politicians

"Mutiny Of The Bounty" Reenacted At Club In The Capital

Each year newspaper correspondents in Washington, organized into the Gridiron Club, hold a big meeting and ride roughshod over the politicians from the President on down. An account of the 1952 meeting held there recently follows:

Democratic refugees from the "Mutiny Against the County"—the 1952 presidential election—are landing from their long boat on a remote island.

If the faraway Catskill Mountains the thunder of last month's election has just awakened Rip Van GOP from a slumber of 20 years.

The Electoral College is getting a new football team, thanks to the voters.

Vice-President-elect Richard M. Nixon and Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois were speakers. By tradition their remarks were off-the-record. Vice-President Barkley was the ranking guest.

"Speech in the Dark" The traditional speech made in a darkened room, the "Speech in the Dark," was by Paul R. Leach, Washington bureau chief of the Chicago Daily News and the Knight newspapers, the 1952 club president.

Mr. Leach said some people believed Santa Claus had been shot at last by the voters on Nov. 4. But he added, Santa Claus merely was in hiding as John L. Lewis soon found out. (After the election President Truman granted Mr. Lewis's softcoal miners a \$1.90 daily wage increase, overruling the Wage Stabilization Board.)

Christian Mitchell tried to cheer Captain Stevenson by reminding him: "We don't have to clean up the mess, anyway."

An actor cast as Vice-President Barkley looked across the sands and saw a man "walking, just walking."

To the tune of "Walkin' to Missouri," the soloist sang: "It looks like Harry, walkin', walkin'."

"Walkin' to Missouri. "He steps along so spy. "It looks like Harry, walkin' walkin'."

"Walkin' to Missouri. "Got a twinkle in his eye. "He says he's happy his job is done."

"Got time now to have some fun . . ."

"Harry's Place" Changed Setting for the Rip Van GOP musical skit was "Ike's Tavern," lately called "Harry's Place."

Tavern keeper was Thomas E. Dewey. Rip wanted to know what's all the celebrating about, now that he's awake from the nap he started in 1932.

Joe Martin, Speaker-to-be of the House, told him to the tune of the "Beer Barrel Polka": "This is election, some election, "Brings the GOP in bloom now, "And there'll not be any room now."

"For a worry or a gloom now, "There'll be music, there'll be dancing."

"While the GOP is prancing— "That is what we promise . . ."

Expect No Action On "Pork Barrel"

If the incoming Congress would really like to have money, there is one little item of \$12,000,000,000 it might look over, a House subcommittee hesitatingly comments.

This item is the particular pet of Congress itself, however, representing the accumulated reservoir of "pork barrel" measures for river and harbor improvements.

In all the talk about economy, many observers think this \$12,000,000,000 of accumulated undertakings, two-thirds of which (\$8,000,000,000 worth) have not even been started, will be the hardest spot for congressmen to cut.

One of these items was passed by Congress back in 1917, the subcommittee of Representative Robert E. Jones, Jr., (D), of Alabama reports, and many of the others were passed in the 20's and the 30's.

They were temporarily put aside for later appropriations. Mr. Jones and his investigators mildly propose that all of them should be reexamined and that many might well be dropped.

Review Proposed Senator Paul H. Douglas (D) of Illinois has made his annual speech against the traditional congressional pork-barrel bill and has been regularly attacked by other senators for criticizing one of the oldest and costliest cherished congressional institutions.

"But if congress really wants to cut down federal expenditures, why doesn't it economize on questionable river harbor bills?" Senator Douglas asks in effect plaintively—and unsuccessfully.

Now comes forward Mr. Jones. He proposes a complete review of the accumulated projects.

backlog of 949 authorized river, harbor, and flood-control proposals will take 25 years to complete, and costs will constantly accumulate. The practice of voting such projects to ease pressures on Congress, the Jones report says, "well merits the charge of pork barrel."

There are 389 flood-control projects and 369 river-harbor proposals, totaling \$8,000,000,000, on which no work has been done. As for partly constructed jobs \$4,000,000,000 more will be needed for them alone.

61-Year-Old Partnership Ends with Barber's Death Milford, Mass.—Death ended recently what may have been the country's oldest barbering partnership. Joseph B. McClure, 90, of West Upton, died. For 64 of his 74 years as a barber, McClure worked for Frank H. Thomas, Thomas, now 92, has been cutting hair for 76 years.

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