

The WONDER of CHRISTMAS

By Mary Graham Bonner

EVERYONE had wished for snow and now it was snowing with a white, calm dignity all its own, and a cheery merriment about it so much in keeping with the season. Snow was not unusual. They had all seen plenty of it before but they wished for it because it was Christmas time and snow at Christmas time was lovelier than at any other time of the year. It seemed so fresh, so new, so clean. There was a new-found wonder every year in snow at Christmas.

THE AIR was crisp and keen and alive. There seemed to be new life in the air, new, joyous life. There was a new-found wonder every year in the crisp air of Christmas time.

WREATHS hung in the windows of houses, lighted Christmas trees could be seen, busy people were being busier than ever, taking around presents, arranging presents at home, filled with the light-hearted joy of the Christmas rush and excitement. There was a new-found wonder every year in the busy days around Christmas.

CHILDREN were on their way to bed, thinking of nothing save Santa Claus, who would soon be speeding across the roofs of the world with his fleeting deer, ready to pick from his overflowing pack, presents for them. There was a new-found wonder every year in the boundless generosity of Santa Claus and his merrily understanding reindeer.

YOUNG people who had grown older came back home for Christmas. Every corner, every store, every house had its childhood memories for them. They felt happily young again. Their thoughts danced and skipped. There was a new-found wonder every year in coming home for Christmas.

THERE was laughter in the hearts of everyone, so that everyone felt young. Laughter is the secret of youth. All who know this secret know perennial youth. There was a new-found wonder every year at Christmas in discovering this glowing truth.

FOR THE wonder of Christmas is the wonder of the beauty of the usual, elevated and enhanced into the unusual. For the spirit of Santa Claus and his never-failing reindeer speeds not only over the roofs of the world where children dwell but into the hearts of everyone.



Irma Richlin in "THE CLIMBERS" A Warner Bros. Production

Hogs 13 Feet 9 Inches Long

C. W. Teague, Macon county's master farmer, has a couple of hogs of unusual size. These hogs as yet are quite skinny, but when they become fat they will easily back two elephants off the scales. The hogs referred to are evidently of the Daschund variety judging by their length. Whether each hog is 13 feet in length or whether it requires both to stretch this distance Mr. Teague failed to state. However, read what he has to say, and judge for yourselves:

"I have two hogs that measure 13 feet and 9 inches in length and weigh 1,270 pounds and are only about half fat. Anybody wanting to enter the 'big hog race,' I am ready for the word, 'Go.'"

Revival at Pine Grove

Gneiss, N. C., Dec. 24, 1927.
Editor Franklin Press,

Dear Sir:

Will you give me space in your columns for a little announcement of our good meeting recently held with the Pine Grove Baptist church at Gneiss, N. C. The result was an addition of eighteen newly baptised converts to the church with many renewals.

The meeting was conducted by Rev. John Hoglin, of Jackson county, assisted by Rev. G. A. Cloet, our pastor. May the good work of the cause of Christ go on.

—JOHN C. HENDERSON.

Service That Counts

December 7, 1927.

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Yours very truly,
JACK SAUNDERS.

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