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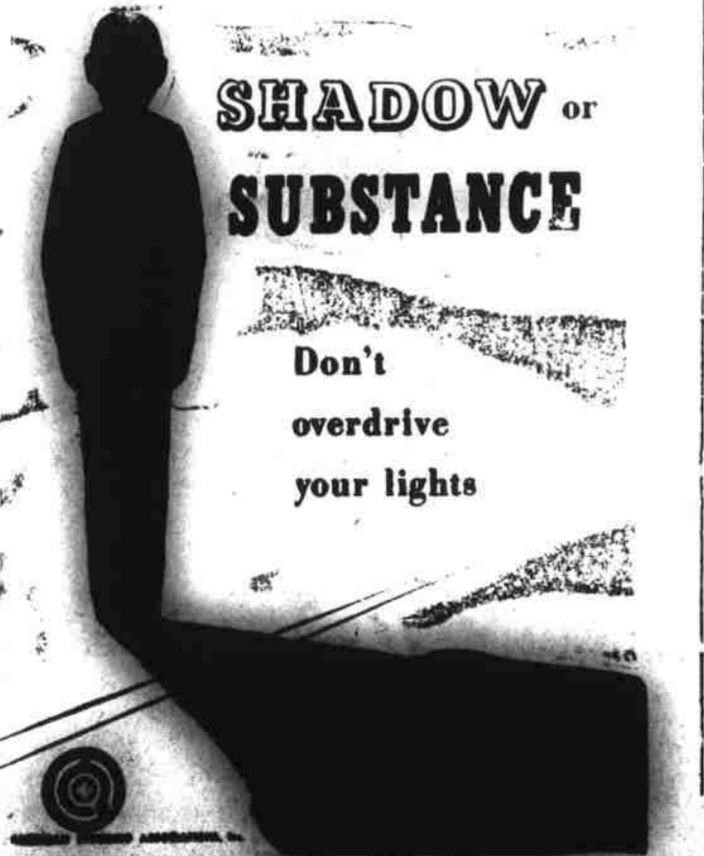
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**ORANGES FOR CHRISTMAS**  
By F. L. Rowley

MR. OWENS is extremely popular in Holmest. He owns a big barn where the stock shows play each summer. He even serves coffee and sandwiches to his "guests" when they drop in to watch one of the shows. The truth is that Mr. Owens is a lonely old man who likes to surround himself with happy people.

Several years ago today, when Christmas cheer abounded and glowing parlor windows warmed the hearts of passersby, Mr. Owens was lonelier than usual. He had not even set up a tree that year; what good was a tree without someone to admire it?

Christmas Eve, and Mr. Owens strolled down Main Street alone, peering into the few shop windows that were still lighted. In front of the ten-cent store he saw young Jim Harder. Jim was watching the lights go out with an expression of dismay on his freckled face.

"It can't be that bad, my boy," the old man said kindly. Jim tried to smile when he saw Mr. Owens. "It's bad enough, I'll sure catch it from mom when I get home. She sent me out to buy some Christmas-tree ornaments."

"Tree ornaments? At this hour?" "Yes sir. Last summer we had a



fire in the woodshed," explained Jim, "nothing serious, but our Christmas tree was destroyed. We forgot all about it until we set the tree up this morning."

"And you waited until now to buy ornaments?" "That's just it," groaned Jim. "I left home over an hour ago. It's just that—well, I've been looking in store windows—and—"

**Problem Solved**  
"I understand," said Mr. Owens with a twinkle in his eye. "Used to do the same thing when I was a lad. Never could figure out why clocks were invented. Say, I've got an idea! I have some old ornaments—"

"You have?" cried Jim eagerly. "On second thought," Mr. Owens went on, "I don't think they'd do. Too old, most of them, with cracked sides and hairpins stuck in their tops. Had one box of good ones, but I stepped on it."

Jim didn't smile. He looked miserable. "Wait!" cried Mr. Owens, laying a hand on the boy's shoulder. "I've got it! You'll have your Christmas-tree ornaments yet."

With Jim Harder striding hopefully beside him, Mr. Owens set off at a brisk trot that belied his years. A happy smile played upon the wrinkled face. He was doing someone a favor at Christmas; he was part of the scene. He joined Jim in a chorus of "White Christmas."

**Hiding Place**  
When they reached his place he surprised Jim by taking the path that led to the barn. The boy followed. Once inside, he groped around until he located an old lantern.

After squeezing between dusty props they reached a huge chest. Mr. Owens pulled out a drawer to reveal several dozen brightly colored balls.

"Wow! They're perfect!" cried Jim. "What are they?" Mr. Owens laughed. "Let's see now; those plastic ones are plums, and those pressed-paper ones are oranges. This other drawer is full of stars; it's all part of the scenery. I do hope you'll bring them back after the holidays."

"I sure will!" promised Jim with a big grin. It was outside church the next morning that Jim approached him. "Mr. Owens," he said, "I brought you the ornaments you wanted. We got turkey, and you're going to get a drumstick, Mr. Owens!"



**The Big Christmas**  
By Janet Hall

MARGE stood in the doorway of her bedroom and looked at the dress in a dismay. Downstairs it was to be the Junior Class Snow Ball in January and just as obviously it was Christmas.

"Oh, why?" she murmured, touching the fabric as if it were something real. What's the matter with them, Marge thought. Did it miss new clothes and things for the horse and Moon always looks so poor and worried.

Wearily she changed her clothes. The house was empty, for her mother was baby sitting to earn a little extra to help out. Marge went downstairs and looked at the Christmas tree and the gifts displayed under it. She felt embarrassed even though she was alone in the room. Somehow it was always rather mortifying to show the gifts when friends and relatives called. Her pile of gifts was always so large and lavish and her parents' so sparse.

Just this once she wanted their gifts to be important like hers, not just little odds and ends to be explained away with, "We try to make a big Christmas for Marge." She had saved nearly every penny she had earned the previous



summer so she could give her father a new jacket and her mother a new coat.

I tried to tell them I didn't want a lot for Christmas, but I didn't do a very good job of it, she told herself as she glanced at the twin cashmere sweaters, the new skirt and the other gifts. I wish I'd had the courage to be more frank.

But I have the courage today, she thought, running up the stairs. She found the dress box and carefully folded the dress and wrapped it for return.

**For Better**  
Her knees were shaky as she wondered what she would say when her mother saw the dress wrapped with such finality. It's for her own good, she told herself firmly. In a week or two she'll realize it's best.

When she heard the front door open and close, she ran downstairs to meet her mother. "Hi," she said, quelling her feeling of nervousness.

Her mother glanced at her anxiously. Her dark brown eyes darted around the room, looking to see if Marge had brought the dress downstairs. Then the expectant look changed to a questioning one. "Didn't you like the dress?"

The question was so humble and so blunt, Marge was startled. "Yes, it's beautiful, but—" "I knew you'd like it. Have you had it on yet?"

"No, I haven't." "It will fit, I'm sure," her mother's voice dwindled off. The brightness in her face seemed to fade all at once. "What's the matter?"

"It's so expensive. I wanted you to get a coat for yourself." "Oh, is that all. This old thing will last quite a while. While I was in the store I said to myself, 'There's nothing like my old fur-trimmed coat.' I didn't see anything I liked better so what was the use of buying a new one?" she chirped.

**Her Secret**  
Marge knew she'd never tell her parents how she felt about their gifts. In a few years I'll be earning money and I can pay them back, but now I'll just take what they offer, she decided, feeling dejected.

## BASKETBALL RESULTS

**LAST WEEK**  
**Hot Springs Divides**  
Girls' lineup:  
Hot Springs (60) (60) Spring Creek  
F—Odum (81) (13) Kirkpatrick—F  
F—M. Lawson (6) (38) Caldwell—F  
F—K. Rasmussen (13) (7) B. F. Ginn—F  
G—Tolley J. Finley—G  
G—Treadway Joyce Finley—G  
G—L. Ramsey Keener—G  
Subs: Hot Springs — Shelton, Holt, Lamb, Reeves, Moore. Spring Creek — P. Ferguson, Justice 2, Trantham, Coward, Bright, Lankford.  
Halftime: 32-17, Spring Creek.

Boys' lineup:  
Hot Springs (55) (48) Spring Creek  
F—Goode (15) (6) Davis—F  
F—Woody (9) (12) Clark—F  
C—S. Harrison (16) (8) Fowler—C  
G—J. Harrison (8) (22) Strickland—G  
G—P. Harrison (7) Roberts—G  
Subs: Hot Springs — Ricker, Spring Creek — Allen, Waldroup, Gardin.  
Halftime: 32-20, Hot Springs.  
Officials: Walters and Lovin-good.

**Laurel Splits Two**  
Girls' lineup:  
Marshall (38) (38) Laurel  
F—Goforth (20) (18) Ford—F  
F—Green (6) (4) Cook—F  
F—Crowe (6) (16) Hensley—F  
G—Edwards Tweed—G  
G—Briggs C. Gosnell—G  
Radford Gosnell—G  
Subs: Marshall—Houston, Tipton, Cohn 4, McKinney, Rector, Kent, Teague, Nix, Laurel—Wal-lin, King.  
Halftime: 16-14, Marshall.

Boys' lineup:  
Marshall (54) (17) Laurel  
F—Shook (5) (6) Ramsey—F  
F—S. Allen (6) (4) Chandler—F  
C—L. Allen (22) Cantel—C  
G—Tipton (5) (4) Thomas—G  
G—Baldwin (2) (7) G. Shelton—G  
Subs: Hensley 3, B. Allen—F, Brown 2, Jarrett 4, V. Smith, E. Smith, Candler, Bryan, Payne, Windsor, Laurel—D. Norton, D. Shelton, Gentry, Franklin, A. Norton, Bowles.  
Halftime: 29-14, Marshall.  
Officials: Tomberlin and Estes.

**Walnut Loses Pair**  
Walnut (38) (50) Crabtree  
F—McDevitt (22) (18) Rector—F  
F—Henderson (9) (4) Jones—F  
F—G. Smith (5) (23) J. M. Ealy—F  
G—Roberts M. Stevenson—G  
G—Bullman S. McElroy—G  
G—Gosnell King—G  
Subs: Walnut—Johnson, Fortner, Crabtree—Chambers 5, Kinland, James, E. Stevenson.  
Halftime: 20-18, Crabtree.

Boys' lineup:  
Walnut (38) (58) Crabtree  
F—Cahagan (11) (20) Hogen—F  
F—Boyd (4) (8) Parks—F  
C—B. Roberts (14) Clark—C  
G—Farmer (8) (7) Hanner—G  
G—W. Roberts (6) Marler—G  
Subs: Walnut — Lewis, Blackwell, Stines 2, Crabtree — J. Parks, Ferguson, Davis 1, Crawford 14, Surret, Brown 2, Res-sley, Rogers.  
Halftime: 35-19, Crabtree.  
Officials: Brinkley and Conroy.

**THIS WEEK**  
**Marshall Wins Two**  
Girls' lineup:  
Marshall (63) (52) Spring Creek  
F—Goforth (46) (9) B. Ferguson—F  
F—Cohn (7) (7) Kilpatrick—F  
F—Crowe (4) (36) Caldwell—F  
G—Edwards Keener—G  
G—Briggs Joyce Finley—G  
G—Radford Jeannette Finley—G  
Subs: Marshall—Green 6, Rector, Nix, Spring Creek — Trantham.  
Halftime: 29-20, Marshall.

Boys' lineup:  
Marshall (66) (48) Spring Creek  
F—Shook (12) (12) Davis—F  
F—S. Allen (16) (21) Clark—F  
C—L. Allen (19) Fowler—C  
C—Tipton (8) (15) Strickland—C  
G—Baldwin (8) Roberts—G  
Subs: Marshall — Hensley, B. Allen, Naves, Jarrett, Windsor, E. Smith, V. Smith, Candler, B.F.

Boys' lineup:  
Walnut (50) (37) Walnut  
F—Handy (4) (8) Cahagan—F  
F—Spivey (4) (10) Boyd—F  
C—Core (11) (10) B. Roberts—C  
G—Lockamy (2) (2) Farmer—G  
G—Pless (27) (2) W. Roberts—G  
Subs: NCSD — Helms, Tussey  
Walnut — Freeman, Blackwell, Stines 5.  
Halftime: 28-14, NCSD.  
Officials: Randall and Rhodes.

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Spring Green, Ky. — It requires 44 years for Mrs. Floyd McRae, now 66, to get her bachelor of science degree in elementary education from West-ern Kentucky State College. She started teaching in a one-room school in 1911 and has taught almost every year since then. She continued her education over the period because she "just wanted to get the degree."

Figures may never lie — but it isn't true with figures of speech. The fire under a political pot has never gone out for the lack of wind.

an. Payne, Spring Creek—Allen.  
Halftime: 38-22, Marshall.  
Officials: Brown and Rogers.

**Walnut Divides**  
Girls' lineup:  
Walnut (58) (91) Walnut  
F—Wolfe (12) (35) McDevitt—F  
F—Johnson (10) (19) Henderson—F  
F—Canady (32) (15) G. Idsmith—F  
G—Gardner Roberts—G  
G—Clark Bullman—G  
G—Allen Fortner—G  
Subs: NCSD—Duffell 2, Stevenson, Walnut—Ramsey 5, Johnson 11, Gosnell, Johnson 2, Helms, Rice, Meadows, Lansford 4.  
Halftime: 42-22, Walnut.

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F—Spivey (4) (10) Boyd—F  
C—Core (11) (10) B. Roberts—C  
G—Lockamy (2) (2) Farmer—G  
G—Pless (27) (2) W. Roberts—G  
Subs: NCSD — Helms, Tussey  
Walnut — Freeman, Blackwell, Stines 5.  
Halftime: 28-14, NCSD.  
Officials: Randall and Rhodes.



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