

OH, DIANA!

PLEASE HOMER, SEE IF YOU CAN OPEN THE DOOR. JUST A MINUTE I WANT TO CLEAR UP A LITTLE MATTER BETWEEN US. I'LL DO IT IF I GET A DATE TONIGHT. I'LL NOT BE BRIBED. OKAY MISS DEAN, I REFUSE TO BE A PARTY TO AIDING A CRIMINAL TO ESCAPE AFTER SHE HAS BEEN CAUGHT IN HER OWN TRAP. S'LONG. WAIT, OH HOMER, I'LL SEE THAT YOU TONIGHT... ANYTHING BEING SMART, IF YOU'LL JUST HELP ME OUT OF THIS SUGAR, I'LL HAVE YOU OUT IN A JIFFY.

DR. DIANA!

END USE SUGAR. IT'S LOCKED TIGHT. DO SOMETHING, HOMER, PLEASE. I CAN'T BE FOUND LIKE THIS. THERE'S JUST ONE THING LEFT TO DO. DO ANYTHING BUT FAST. OK, SUGAR, IF YOU SAY SO. BUT IT'S GOING TO TEAR OUT OF YOUR SKIRT. HURRY, HOMER.

DIANA!

THERE YOU ARE, SUGAR, YOU'RE FREE. HEY! OH PLEASE DON'T LOOK. HM-M-M-- THE MORE I SEE OF THESE YOUNGER FOLKS, THE LESS I UNDERSTAND THEM.

DICKIE DARE

PST, DAN-- GUESS WHAT PEPI AN' I FOUND OUT?-- FROM THE LOOK OF YOU TWO-- YOU MUST HAVE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE GOLD PAVING IN THESE PARTS! SLICK AND I KNEW ALL ALONG-- BUT DON'T LET ON THAT YOU KNOW OR HE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS VALLEY ALONE! LISTEN! SOMEONE COMING!

DICKIE DARE

WHERE ARE THEY TAKING US NOW? THAT BUILDING UP AHEAD-- IT LOOKS LIKE WHERE WE HAD THANKSGIVING DINNER! MAYBE IT'S ALSO USED FOR EXECUTIONS? PLEASE BE SEATED, FRIENDS-- SLICK AND I HAVE HAD A LONG TALK-- AND I OWE YOU ALL AN APOLOGY!

DICKIE DARE

I WAS SO ANXIOUS TO SAVE MY PEOPLE FROM THE HORRORS OF CIVILIZATION THAT-- --WELL, I WAS ACTING LIKE A BARBARIAN-- SLICK MADE ME SEE, I'VE BEEN OUT OF TOUCH TOO LONG-- YOU MAY HAVE SOME OF THE PABLLOS JEWELS-- AND GUIDES TO THE RIVER. I SHALL NOT ATTEMPT TO ISOLATE OURSELVES-- IN THE SPRING I GO TO NEW YORK-- IF SLICK AND I FEEL THE SAME WAY THEN-- BUT COME! YOU MUST EAT! NIPPEE! ATTA' GAL! KOW ME CU PUT OUR HEARTS INTO-- MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!

SCORCHY SMITH

GEE! CURLY'S REALLY DRESSED UP FOR THE DUBBAR. YEAH! FIT TO KILL!! THANKS FOR ESCORTING KATHY THIS FAR, SCORCHY! I'LL TAKE OVER NOW, MY MAN. YOU WILL? GO SORRY YOU'RE A SQUARE, SCORCHY! YOU NEED A SET OF THESE NATTY NIFTIES FOR THAT QUICK, SLICK, SHARP SHAPE?? WHY THE RAUCOUS LAUGHTER?? YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS OF THE WAY I LOOK, THASSALL!

SCORCHY SMITH

SLOISE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE HER, CURLY. WHY DON'T YOU TWO GO YOUR WAY AND WE'LL GO OURS? G'WAY! I'M BUSY! THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER!

SCORCHY SMITH

WHAT A MARVELOUS IDEA! A BERRY CHRISTMAS, BUT WHERE'S SCORCHY? HAPPY YULE TO YOU ALL, KATHY! OH, I S'POSE SCORCHY WILL BE OVER SOON. GOOD OL' SCORCHY!

An Ultimatum

OAKY DOAKS

THE KING AND QUEEN OF LOTUS-LAND ARE ATTENDING THE LECTURE GIVEN BY DR. HUGH HOOEY... --AND MY FRIENDS, THE KINGDOM IS GOING TO THE DOGS! LOOK AT YOURSELVES-- YOU'RE TOO FAT!! PHOOEY, DR. HOOEY! IF HIS MAJESTY WILL PIPE DOWN I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ABSTAINING FROM LOTUS. IT'S PRINCESS LEETA! WOT TH--? HMM...! FOLKS, HER HIGHNESS HASN'T EATEN LOTUS FOR A WEEK, AND HER WEIGHT HAS GONE DOWN FOUR AND A HALF OUNCES!

OAKY DOAKS

DR. HUGH HOOEY'S LECTURE IS OVER, AND BACK IN THE ROYAL PALACE PRINCESS LEETA IS TELLING HER PARENTS SOME SURPRISING NEWS... DR. HOOEY! HE'S THE ONLY MAN IN THE KINGDOM WITH A DECENT FIGURE! I TELL YOU I'M GOING TO MARRY HUGHIE-- I MEAN MOUNTBANK-- THAT OR BETTER-- BUT, LEETA! YOU SHOULD MARRY A PRINCE-- OR BETTER-- YET, A KING! MOTHER, I WOULD SETTLE FOR A KING! BUT WHERE CAN I FIND ONE? OAKY, I WONDER HOW LONG WE'VE BEEN ASLEEP! GOSH, I DUNNO! BUT I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN KICKED BY A HORSE!

OAKY DOAKS

GEE, YOUR MAJESTY, I FEEL AWFUL-- AND YET I FEEL GOOD! ME TOO, OAKY! WHAT DAY IS THIS? I SEEM TO BE SEEING CHRISTMAS TREES! HEY-- WAIT! THESE AREN'T CHRISTMAS TREES, OAKY-- THEY'RE LOTUS TREES! THEN IT WAS THE LOTUS WE ATE THAT PUT US TO SLEEP! BUT, KING CORNY, I'VE GOT A FEELING THAT TODAY IS CHRISTMAS! THEN, IN CASE YOU'RE RIGHT-- MERRY CHRISTMAS, OAKY!

Time Running Short?

ESASON'S GREETINGS

Postmaster Cites Progress In American Postal Service

As patrons swamped the Morehead City post office yesterday with their holiday mailings, Postmaster Harold Webb found time to recall the continuing progress in United States postal delivery service since the first Christmas cards were dispatched by Benjamin Franklin, father of the American Postal system.

Back in those dim, candle-lit days nearly 200 years ago the hearty colonists were fewer and farther between than cities are today, and mailmen were rare pioneers willing to blaze new trails afoot and on horseback over a comparatively few scattered miles of rugged terrain encompassing the post routes, Postmaster Webb said.

From that inauspicious start sprang the overland mail as a result of the Gold Rush of '49, followed by the Pony Express in 1860, linking east and west with what was the fastest mail delivery the forefathers of that era could conceive. Then came the railway mail service connecting virtually all crossroads of America.

The next innovation that has brought this nation the world's fastest, modern postal delivery service was the airplane shortly after the turn of the century. Down through the years air mail facilities have expanded to such an extent that today it is commonplace to wing letters and parcels to all parts of the globe.

"In this Air Age," added Postmaster Webb, "the speedier air mail and air parcel post service, which envelopes more than 300,000 route miles of domestic and international airways blanketing every sector of the world, is available from our city at the lowest rates in history.

"When you consider that patrons may still be assured of their greeting cards and packages being delivered in ample time for Christmas by the simple expedient of air

Letters To Santa Claus

Beaufort, N. C. Dec. 8, 1948

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy, 6 years old. I have been as good as a boy of 6 yr. could be. Please bring me for Christmas a "Cash Register," service station outfit, a train tunnel for my train, and anything else you can. Don't forget all the other boys and girls, Santa.

Your friend,
Harold Simpson, Jr.

Greece Receives 1-2 Million Tons Relief Supplies

ATHENS -- (AP) -- More than one and a half million tons of relief and aid supplies have been brought into Greece under the American mission and European Recovery programs since August, 1947.

The Economic Cooperation Administration mission announced a total of 1,529,611 tons of supplies were imported here between August 21, 1947 and October 31, 1948.

The supplies included 352,025 tons of military cargoes; 724,506 tons of foodstuffs; 85,729 tons, coal; 289,139 tons, petroleum products; 42,742 tons, agricultural supplies and equipment; 32,369 tons, industrial raw materials; 2,556 tons, sanitation supplies and equipment; 424 tons, medical and pharmaceutical supplies; 114 tons, supplies and equipment for construction work, and 17 tons, automotive tools and equipment.

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1948
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The Season's Greetings and all best wishes

To our many good friends and patrons, we extend our warmest greetings. May this Christmas be the best you have ever had--a forerunner of many happy days to come, of wonderful friendships and achievements well done...

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