

Fun, Thrills, Adventure in the Comics

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Friendly Enemies



Friendly enemies are Gilbert Roland and Rory Calhoun in Edmund Grainger's RKO Radio production, "Treasure of Pancho Villa." Calhoun portrays an American who fights for Villa because it pays well, while Roland plays a dedicated revolutionist leader. Shelly Winters also co-stars in this Superscope-Techinicolor feature, which was filmed entirely in Mexico.

Facing Gangster Guns



Facing gangster guns in Columbia Pictures' "Tight Spot," are Ginger Rogers and Brian Keith. A suspense drama packed with comedy, the film also stars Edward G. Robinson.

Red Cedar Continues As Favorite Yule Tree

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

When we think of Christmas we think of Christmas trees with all their lights and decorations. The kinds of trees most commonly used as Christmas trees are red cedar, fir and pine, depending to a large extent on the species native to the area. Many carloads of northern fir trees are shipped to North Carolina each year but unfortunately by the time they arrive here and are sold they are pretty badly dried out and are dropping their leaves.

The red cedar is a shapely tree and is a favorite in central and eastern North Carolina where it grows naturally. I personally believe the pine is greatly underrated as a Christmas tree and should be used more often. Pines are plentiful and make a pretty tree when decorated and also give off a pleasant "piney" perfume.

When trees are obtained several days before Christmas the base of the stem should be freshly cut and placed in a bucket or tub of water in order that the tree will take up some of the water and thereby keep it from drying out so soon. When taken into the house the tree may be set in a bucket or tub of wet sand. The important thing is to keep the tree from drying out so that it will not become a fire hazard.

Unfortunately, there have been no practical inexpensive methods to treat Christmas trees to make them fireproof without damaging the appearance of the tree. It has been recently reported that trees may be fireproofed by dipping them in a strong solution of ammonium phosphate—as much of the ammonium phosphate salt as the water will take up. A thorough spraying of the tree might take the place of dipping. It is said that a tree so treated will char if subjected to flames but will not

Trial Balloon Asks Help; Curious Child Appeared

Chicago (AP)—Ten-year-old Terry Stromberg loosed a gas-filled balloon from her Chicago home recently bearing a message: "Help, please."

She also included her name and address.

A farmer found the balloon about a week later in a field near Grand Junction, Mich., about 75 miles from Chicago. He spotted the note and informed police.

Two officers rushed to the Stromberg home.

"Oh, I'm okay," Terry told them.

"I just wanted to see how far it would go."

Youth Crime Rises
New York (AP)—Juvenile delinquents (children under 16) in New York's Domestic Relations Court rose 15 per cent between 1953 and 1954. The number of 16-to-21 offenders in other courts rose nearly 50 per cent in the same period.

Private Eyes Not Glamorous

Richmond, Va. (AP)—The Private Eye in real life doesn't seem to be quite the type that divides his efforts between twitting the D.A.'s office and fighting off blondes while drilling an unsavory character here and there. At least that's the way it seemed at a meeting of the Professional Detective Association of Virginia.

The average detective at the meeting was 55, married; a bit overweight, didn't pack a rod, and was a former peace officer of some sort. He had one modest drink of blended whisky before lunch and after lunch smoked a 10-cent cigar.

"I never even shot at anybody," said T. J. Cousins, association president, a private eye for 50 years.

Although the Arabs made paper in the eighth century, there is little record of its use by Europeans before the 12th century.

Parents, Children Study Together in Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo, Mich. (AP)—Parents have been going to school with their children Thursday nights at the junior high school, and both kids and grownups think it's great.

The youngsters like it because no mathematics or English is taught, only things like copper tooling and ceramics. The parents like it because they're finding a renewed interest in junior's school and children, too.

The idea originated with a Parent-Teacher Assn. experimenting to bring community and schools in closer touch. Instructors volunteered to teach without pay.

Benton Harbor, Mich. (AP)—It cost an Air Force paratrooper \$15 to make a demonstration jump. Airman 1st Phillip Beiffus, stationed at Selfridge Air Force Base, said his wallet containing \$15 popped from his pocket as he hit the water in a jump at nearby Silver Beach.

City THEATRE

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