

Girl Scout News

Brownie Troop 1 met at Central Methodist church. The leaders numbered gifts and then gave numbers, then each one took the package with her number. Then we called the meeting to order, by the president, we are happy to say she is all well again.

We had the Brownie Promise and sang the Brownie Song, then sang a Christmas Carol. The refreshment committee served refreshments. The Brownies wish you a merry Christmas!

Leaders of the troop are Mrs. Madge Rhea and Mrs. Paul Hendricks.

Reporter, Carey Shore



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT . . . Full of Yule good fellowship, "Bingle" tries to arouse some ditto in the feline heart of "Ginger." Ginger, goodwill season or not, can't get over her distrust of dogs.

Double Santa Claus

By Royce Fields
AS WAS his custom during Christmas week of each year, George Brandon leaned against a pillar in the toy department of the big store, and watched the kiddies. Whenever, with a particularly hungry look, a child picked up a toy or eyed one longingly, George raised his hand. This was a signal to the clerk that the price of the toy was on him.

George was no millionaire. It was just that, not having folks of his own to buy Christmas presents for, he spent his gift money on the kids. It gave him a satisfaction to see their faces light up.

A girl had entered the store and was standing by a pillar near the one George was propped against. He had noticed her, with more than casual interest, when she came in. She had a complexion that was the clearest he had ever



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seen and, although he couldn't see them at that distance, he would have bet she had blue eyes. Her hair was shining blonde.

When George turned his attention back to the toy counter, a little girl, wearing neat but worn clothing, was eyeing a doll almost as large as herself. He raised his hand. With a slightly bewildered expression, the clerk picked up two dolls, wrapped them, and handed them to the child.

The actions of the clerk puzzled George. He was certain he had only signaled once.

George turned his head to look at the blonde girl again.

The girl caught him staring at her and she smiled. A very nice smile. George would have liked to have a smile like that, just for himself, every day. With an effort he brought his gaze back to the toy counter.

A small boy was wistfully looking at a train. George could picture the kid at home, on the floor, playing with it. It would be nice to help a boy like that assemble the toy. He raised his hand.

This time the clerk seemed more puzzled than ever. He started to reach for the train, then instead, he motioned for George to come to the counter. George had been about to go over, anyway, to see what was behind the man's strange actions.

"Do you know that blonde girl standing over there by the pillar?" the clerk asked him.

"No," George told him, "but I'd sure like to. Why?"

"Did you notice I gave the little girl two dolls, when you signaled?"

"Why yes," George answered him, "and I wondered about it. However, I figured you knew the child and she probably had a sister that you thought should have a doll too."

"No, that wasn't the reason." The toy salesman motioned to the blonde girl. She had been watching them with interest and at the clerk's wave, she came over.

"Miss Marvin," the man behind the counter introduced them, "this is George Brandon. George, this is Joan Marvin. I think all nice people, such as you two, should know each other!"

The girl extended her hand eagerly and George took it just as quickly. He saw that she would have won his bet—her eyes were the bluest of the blue!

"Say, what's going on here?" The small boy had turned away from the listening train and was looking at the trio wonderingly.

"I'll second the boy's question," George said. "Just what is going on here?"

The salesman laughed. "The reason I thought you two ought to get together, is that you're giving me signals on the same kids."

"You see," he told George, "Miss Marvin made the same arrangement this year, in regards to giving the kids toys, that you've been making for years!"

One Christmas, a few years later, Joan Brandon said to her husband, "Remember the Christmas we met, George?"

"Of course," he answered. "I'll never forget it. Why?"

"Well," she laughed, "I'd seen you in the store the previous Christmas and it took me a year to figure out that scheme to meet you. One little girl got a double Christmas out of it, anyway!"

Drunken Driving Takes Sharp Dip

RALEIGH — Drunken driving convictions took a sharp dip last month according to the Motor Vehicles Department's regular summary of traffic offenses that require the surrender of driving privileges.

For November the report listed 936 drunken driving convictions as compared to 1,068 the previous month.

Convictions for speeding over 75 mph also fell off during the month, from 252 in October to 241 last month.

Speeding over 70 mph in a passenger car cost 294 motorist temporary loss of their driving privileges during November.

Eight had their licenses suspended for speeding over 60 mph in a truck.

All together the Motor Vehicles Department suspended 1,134 operators' permits and revoked 1,242.

In North Carolina, late fall is the best time to transplant shrubs or set new fruit trees.

Our liberty depends on the freedom of the Press, and that cannot be limited without being lost. —Thomas Jefferson.



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