NO HEAD FOR BUSINESS

BY CHARLOTTE LANGDALE

"I DON'T THINK I brought you up here to propose again," said Brad Winters, as he led Ellen to a comfortable rock on top of Spruce Hill and flung himself on the ground close beside her. "My first resolution will be to let you propose to me."

"Nothing was farther from my thoughts," said Ellen. "Why did you bring me here?"

"See that construction on the new turnpike?" He gestured with the hand that wasn't holding hers.

Ellen nodded. "I see it."

"See that old Route 1 a mile or so beyond?"

"I see that, too."

"Very good. Now from some of the things you said last night when you practically turned me down, I gather you agree with my family that I have no head for business, an opinion I'm fed up with."

"I didn't say quite that, Brad—"

The Idea

"The idea was there, even if he'ers in your words like a sales-man's new overcoat in his expense account. Take another look. See what appears to be fifty acres, more or less, of no-good but level scrub land between Route 1 and the new pike?"

"I think so."

"I bought those fifty acres, more or less, with the money my grandmother left me."

Ellen didn't say a word, but she stared at him with her pretty little mouth wide open.

"I suppose you read the paper last night," she said.

"If you were the State Highway Department and needed a connector between two routes and there was only one level piece of land available, wouldn't you buy it?" demanded Brad.

"Why I suppose—"

"You're exactly right. In the meantime I've made me a chicken farm."

"I think you're crazy," declared Ellen.

"You and my family, too," said Brad cheerfully.

Ellen smiled. "I can't believe that a connector is going to be worth more because it has trellises covered with blaze roses or a lilac hedge."

Patience

Brad was patient with her. "They have no value of themselves, but when the land is condemned I expect to be paid for money and labor expended. The more money and labor—"

"I suppose," said Ellen, "if the state doesn't buy you out, you can live on it and raise chickens."

Ellen nearly wept when she read the evening paper. All Brad's dreams come to naught, along with his grandmother's legacy and his self-esteem as a man of business. The connector was to be five miles east. She might, she decided, marry him after all, just to temper the blow.

She would tell him at the New Year's Eve party. She got there late, and immediately looked for Brad. She found him remarkably cheerful.

"I suppose you've read the paper last night?"

"The paper?"

"About the connector."

"Oh, that. Sure I read it. Not that it makes any difference. Every man with a head for business should have two strings to his bow. The connector was only one possibility of mine. I have lots of ideas for next year."

"I don't understand."

Dreams

"What is the dream of every middle-aged city man? To retire to the country and raise chickens. So while I was about it, I fixed the place up the way I'd want it to be if I wanted to retire to the country and raise chickens, which heaven forbid!"

"Going to advertise it?"

"It's already sold. One of the men of the State Highway Department who looked over the connector bought it."

"Do you think that was the reason—"

"I don't think anything. I just made a tidy little profit."

"And what are you going to do now?"

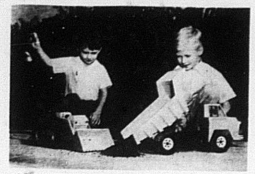
"Buy me another fifty acres, more or less, and turn it into another chicken farm."

"I'll help you plant the roses and the lilac hedge," said Ellen.

"Thanks, partner. I'm sure we'll have a good year, if I can consider that a formal proposal."

"That you can, partner. Happy New Year."

ARTIST . . . Painting can be fun and entertaining for the kids, especially with this paint-by-letter kit designed exclusively for children. The kit includes ready-made frame, assortment of paints, brush, along with the picture board.



LOOK, SOUND REAL . . . Authentically-styled dump truck and skiploader look and sound like actual construction equipment. Toys have realistic motor sounds, including idling and revving-up as they operate.

GIFT IDEA . . . A "leave of absence" from the household routine is a gift most women would appreciate. You might consider it mom's own special holiday.

THE LONG WAIT . . . Waiting for Santa isn't so bad when a fellow has company. We'll just take it easy here and he'll be along soon, for sure. Not yet? Oh, well, in the meantime, we'll just rest our eyes for a second or two . . . and listen for the sound . . . of his footsteps on the roof.

wishes for a Merry Christmas . . .

Beulah Hughes
Circuit Clerk

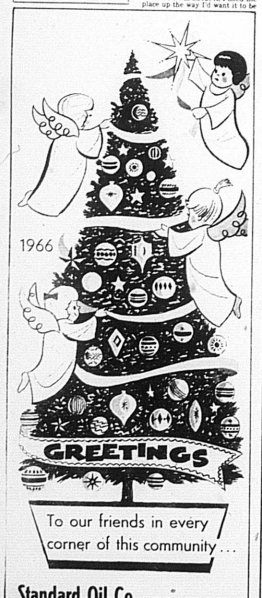
holiday greetings

To all our friends . . . old and new . . .

Millersburg Coal & Lumber Co.

May this season bring you loads of good cheer and happiness . . .

Duncan Electric Shop



To our friends in every corner of this community . . .

Standard Oil Co. W.B. PARKER, AGENT

May You And Yours Enjoy A Merry Christmas

Is The Wish Of The Management And Employees Of

Blue Grass Industries, Inc.

Male Shopper Is Educated, Retailer Says

It will be a bolder, yet more realistic type of male shopper who will haunt lingerie departments and perfume counters this Christmas season, according to an Allentown, Pa. retailer who conducted his own survey.

The survey shows that the average man will be looking for dainty and intimate items—without blushing when the salesgirl asks what size. Man's greater interest and knowledge of women's fashions account for part of this change in habits, Hess says.

Realistic

Another survey revelation shows that men will be shopping more realistically. Besides the romantic "must" items men buy for their lady folk, such as French perfume, lacy lingerie and upholstered jewel and candy boxes, this year they will buy more "bread and butter" items such as practical ready-to-wear apparel, household appliances, cooking utensils, home furnishings and garden supplies.

The survey found that the men folk will know exactly what they want, what the wife needs around the house or for herself and exactly what she has been wanting for a long time—but there will be some surprises.

Some Surprises

Some of the surprises will be cocktail dresses which the male shopper will buy for his lady and the man will know the size dress she wears and the color she prefers. When it comes to perfume, the male shopper will demand recognized scents and the favorite ones of their ladies, not just any perfume the salesladv suggests

POINSETTIA

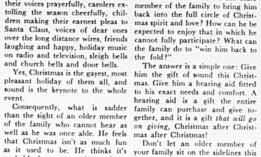
Long before the poinsettia became a popular American Christmas ornament, the plant had great practical value in Mexico, where the Indians used the red leaves to make a scarlet dye and extracted milky juice from the stems to use as a tonic for nursing mothers.

From all of us to all of you . . .

Woody's Auto Repair

HURRY, HURRY . . . Sometimes kiddies just can't wait for the fire to die down. Can't expect Santa to arrive till then, can you? When the fire's only a flickering light, one can bet Santa is near somewhere in the night.

SOUTHERN STATES Carlisle Cooperative



TUNE IN ON CHRISTMAS

If ever there is a time of year when sound is essential, it is Christmas. There are so many wonderful things to hear! Choirs lifting their voices prayerfully, carolers extolling the season cheerfully, children making their earnest pleas to Santa Claus, voices of dear ones over the long distance wires, friends laughing and happy, holiday music on radio and television, sleigh bells and church bells and door bells.

Yes, Christmas is the gayest, most pleasant holiday of them all, and sound is the keynote to the whole event.

Consequently, what is sadder than the sight of an older member of the family who cannot hear as well as he was once able. He feels that Christmas isn't as much fun as it used to be. He thinks it's probably because people aren't as friendly, as cordial, as warm and wonderful as in the good old days.

He resents the music he cannot hear. It annoys him when people seem not to talk clearly or loudly enough. He is apt to be grouchy because no one is spending time with him. It may be Christmas, but he is bitter, and dissatisfied and terribly disappointed that things cannot be the way he remembers them.

What can be done for the older member of the family to bring him back into the full circle of Christmas spirit and love? How can he be expected to enjoy that in which he cannot fully participate? What can the family do to "win him back to the fold?"

The answer is a simple one: Give him the gift of sound this Christmas. Give him a hearing aid fitted to his exact needs and comfort. A hearing aid is a gift the entire family can purchase and give together, and it is a gift that will go on giving. Christmas after Christmas after Christmas!

Don't let an older member of your family sit on the sidelines this Christmas—help him to totally enjoy the holiday. Bring the whole season into focus for him. Give him the intangible gift of hearing, in the tangible form of a hearing aid. You'll enjoy your holiday better, too!

It's sound advice from the Hearing Aid Industry Conference.

Send Yule to Far-Away Relatives

At least once during Christmastide, you'll be gathering friends and relatives in your home—you'll have decoration, punch, laughter, music and song.

And during the festivities, your thoughts will turn to other close relatives and friends who couldn't be with you.

Why not send the party to them?

Gather everyone around the Hammond Organ, for example, and make a simple tape recording of the fun and gaiety. Have the youngsters take turns at the electric organ, playing Jingle Bells and other fun songs of the season to demonstrate their accomplishments.

For an added fillip, the youngsters can imitate sounds of an Hawaiian guitar, a violin, or clarinet, on the Hamnicord. Relatives will think you've brought a whole orchestra home for Christmas . . . and so will the friends on hand.

Take your turn at the organ, too, for the instrument is one enjoyed by all ages both playing and listening.

You'll get added fun by rehearsing in advance of the party. Have the family decide who will play what tunes.

A Hammond Organ is so simple to learn to play and brings forth such professional tones that with only a few rehearsals everyone will sound "accomplished" on the recording tape.

At the end of the group musical recording "session," have each person send a verbal message background with appropriate Christmas time music.

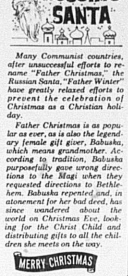
Your taping project will give the entire family the extra good feeling of shared participation, will certainly delight the recipients, and will add a special attraction to your Christmas time gatherings.

Roberta's Beauty Shop

RUSSIA'S SANTA

Many Communist countries, after unsuccessful efforts to rename "Father Christmas," the Russian Santa, "Father Winter" have greatly relaxed efforts to prevent the celebration of Christmas as a Christian holiday.

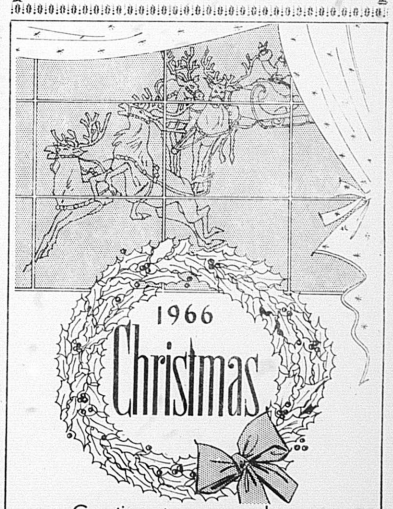
Father Christmas is as popular as ever, as is also the legendary female gift giver, Babushka, which means grandmother. According to tradition, Babushka purposefully gave wrong directions to the Magi when they requested directions to Bethlehem. Babushka repented, and, in atonement for her bad deed, has since wandered about the world on Christmas Eve, looking for the Christ Child and distributing gifts to all the children she meets on the way.



Here's hoping you have a wonderful holiday . . .

Albert Booth, Jailer

Nicholas County Feeders Supply



Greetings to our good friends and neighbors . . .

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