

Christmas . . . . A Family Holiday

And numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment.

How many families whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide, in the restless struggle of life, are then reunited, and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual goodwill, which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight, and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations, and the rude traditions of the roughest savages, alike number it among the first days of a future state of existence, provided for

the blest and happy! How many old recollections, and how many dormant sympathies, Christmas time awakens.

We write these words now, many miles distant from the spot at which, year after year, we met on that day, merry and joyous circle. Many of the hearts that throbbled so gaily then, have ceased to beat; many of the looks that shone so brightly then, have ceased to glow; the hands we grasped have grown cold; the eyes we sought have hid their luster in the grave; and yet the old house, the room, the merry voices and smiling faces, the jest, the laugh, the most minute and trivial circumstances connected with those happy meetings, crowd upon our mind at each recurrence of the season, as if the last assemblage had been but yesterday. Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveler back to his own fireside and quiet home!

— Charles Dickens

Try to be the oldest driver, not the fastest. Beware of soft shoulders—both kinds. A careless driver is an accident going someplace to happen.

Christmas Time and Symbols . . .

This season is crowded with symbols that enrich the whole Christmas tradition.

The Christmas tree has gained a top spot as a symbol. Since childhood the tree has been the very spirit of Christmas. The gaiety and cheer in its lights and decorations

Laws can't make the streets safe, motorists can. Look both ways, but drive only one way—carefully. Luck prevents some accidents; care prevents all accidents.

What Is Security?

THE SEARCH for the "new world" was inspired by the prevailing belief that gold and silver were a measure of a nation's wealth. Spain is the classic example and victim of this theory. It remained, however, for Adam Smith to revise prevailing economic beliefs with his classic book—"The Wealth of Nations."

By analogy the time is now ripe for some scholar to write a dissertation on "The Security of Nations." In other words, what is the essence of the power required to remain a great nation against all challenges of political or military opposition? It is a good question, and some answers have stood the test of time. Is it military force, a system of government, geographical location, a warlike people, industrial capacity, atomic bombs or pure wealth?

Are we apparently strong with a "Maginot Line" defensive strategy that is due to be engulfed by Communism? Again, we can only speculate and hope for the best.

In our opinion, however, the knowledge, physical strength, and courage of our present generation of military personnel will be the deciding factor in any conflict. As long as we can produce men who will "measure up" in these factors, we stand a very good chance in the fight for survival.

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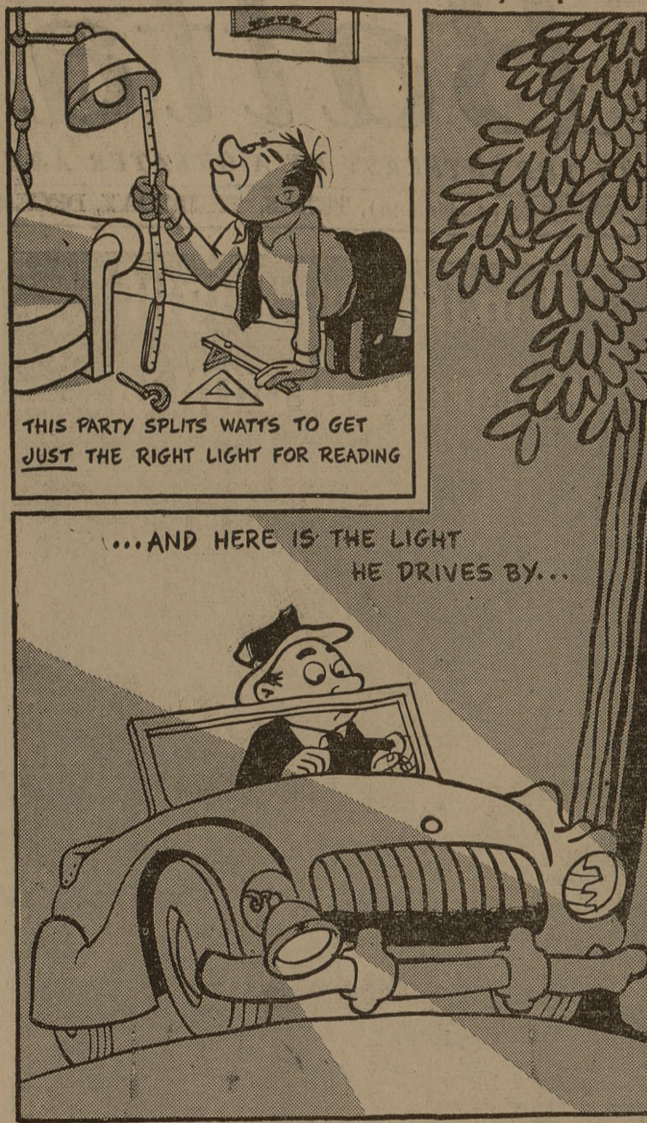
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Split Screen Enables School By Television

Baltimore—(AP)—Teaching by television—long a cherished dream of educators and TV executives—has moved closer to becoming a workable reality through use of the "split screen" technique. This two-way television permits teacher and pupils, miles apart, to see, hear and talk to each other.

It retains the personal contact element in teaching—something that most television-education programs now lack.

The method was demonstrated here yesterday by a sixth-grade Geography teacher and class for persons attending a TV-education clinic sponsored by Station WBAL-TV.

There was a camera and receiver in front of both the instructor, Mrs. Barbara Long, at the studio and her students at the school. In that way, Mrs. Long could ask and answer questions and observe her pupils' reactions.

On the TV receiver, the split screen—technically known as a "horizontal wipe"—showed both Mrs. Long and the students. Since the program was carried on the station's regular channel, that permitted anyone sitting at home to check up on TV-education at work.

After class, the pupils were eager to express their enthusiasm for learning by television. Some spoke of how it would help "sick boys and girls who can't go to school, but are able to read and write and study."

One boy remarked: "If this keeps up, they'll have one teacher teaching ten classes."

Adults at the clinic also foresaw useful applications for the technique.

Charles Heslen, chief of the Atomic Energy Commission's radio and television branch, felt it would be a valuable means of instruction in fields relating to atomic energy now that much material on the subject has been declassified.

Interest in the method also has shown by representatives of the armed services and the U. S. Department of Education and delegates from several Eastern cities who attended the clinic.

However, some TV producers saw hitches. They said "intellectual actors" and "TV school-marks" would be needed to add showmanship to the teaching.

Plans were made to set up a Middle Atlantic States television council, made up of representatives from the Philadelphia-Baltimore-Washington area, to develop and improve educational programs.

Representatives of television stations appeared enthusiastic even though such programs are on a non-profit basis. Stations normally provide the air time and schools the program with any additional costs shared among them.

Gatling Type Radium Gun Hits at Cancer

New York, Dec. 13—(AP)—A unique, gatling-gun type of radium machine for cancer was announced today by the Roosevelt Hospital.

This new machine, now being built in Belgium, will hold 50 grams of radium, which is almost twice more than ever before gathered in one place for cancer or any other use.

Radium for cancer usually is placed in a bomb, meaning a lead and steel container shaped like an old-fashioned war bomb. The 50 grams, divided into 25 charges, are set in a ring, a foot in diameter, like the barrels of a gatling gun. This radium will last 1,500 years.

The 25 radium charges of two grams each will shoot simultaneously, and will be aimed so that all converge in the cancer. They will focus a little more than 10 inches inside a human body, deep enough for virtually any cancer.

At this focus the combined beam will ordinarily be three inches in diameter but can be varied to spread a little wider.

Think It Over . .

An accident does not care what your name is or your occupation; how important you are or how famous. An accident has no respect for your personality or good looks. It is not bluffed by your size or your nerve. It says "phooey" to luck and the law of averages.

But an accident, reminds the Texas Safety Association, has plenty of respect for plain common sense, alertness and consistent carefulness.

Advertisement for Charlie's Food Market. Features 'BIG VALUES FINE QUALITY' and 'FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING'. Lists various food items like Crisco, Asparagus, Libby's Tomato Juice, and produce like Apples, Bacon, and Cheese. Includes a list of names for the market and a note about reserving the right to limit all sales.

Comic strip 'L/L ABNER' by Al Capp. Panel 1: 'THAT'S A FEARLESS FOSDICK COMICAL BOOK IN THESE CLOES O' LADY HOTFOOT'S!!'. Panel 2: 'LADY HOTFOOT!! THAT WERE TH NEXT NAME ON TH LIST!!'. Panel 3: 'S-SADIE HAWKINS DAY IS OVER-AN TH TRIPLE WHAMMY DONE BOOMERANGED ON EVIL-EYE FLEAGLE. NOBODY WONT NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!!'. Panel 4: 'SHE GOT TH SMALLEST WAIST-LINE AH EVAH SEEN?? WONT COST MUCH TO FEED HER LUCKY DAWG THET AH IS!!'.

Comic strip 'L/L ABNER' by Al Capp. Panel 1: 'TH NEXT NAME ON TH LIST IS-??!! "IFFENSIVE!!" HIS FULL NAME IS-TSK! TSK!! "G.Y.M.I. IFFENSIVE!!" IT SAYS HE IS TOUJRN TH U.S.A. WIF TH ROYAL SLOBOVIAN BALLET!!'. Panel 2: 'WHY SEARCH FO TH REST O THET STOODIP GALS PITCHER? BECAUSE AH DONE FELL IN LOVE OF HER KNEECAP-'. Panel 3: 'AN AH GOTTA SEE WHUT TH REST O HER LOOKS LIKE?? AH IS TH TYPE WHUT AH REE-SHEE-ATES BEAUTY!!'. Panel 4: 'IS VO?'.

Comic strip 'L/L ABNER' by Al Capp. Panel 1: 'CHRISTMAS GREETINGS-- TO THE FAMILIES OF MY BEST FRIENDS AND YOURS, OUR ARMED FORCES IN KOREA--TO FATHER DAVID DUNIGAN-RABBI ISADORE DAVIDSON-DR. RALPH BUNCHE-MILTON CANIFF-MILTON BERLE-MILTON GROSS-T.S. MATTHEWS-PAUL O'NEILL-SID CAESAR-LEONARD SAFIER-FRED FRIENDLY-WARD GREENE-JEFF WYLLIE-MISS POSITIVE RAY-NANKO CHARLIE-AND CONA CHAPLIN-ARNOLD AND KATHLEEN WINSOR KRACKOWER-JOE PURTELL-MORRIS ERNST-ART BUCHWALD ARTHUR GODFREY-MICHAEL HORTON-CARL HODGE-ROY LARSEN-CROSS AND SCROLL SOCIETY OF HOLY CROSS-RABBI PHILIP BERNSTEIN OF BUFFALO NY-JAMES AND DAMELA MASON-BOB TROUT-JOHN C SWAYZE-WALTER ROSS-TIMES CHALLAPIN (THANK FOR MAKING ME LOOK SO PRETTY)-BUDDY BASCH-DAVE TAYLOR-BARRY GRAY-BIG JOE-JOHN O'HARA-CHARLES AND BARBARA ADDAMS-IRWIN AND MARIAN SHAW-EDDIE AND GIVEN ANDERSON CHODORON-RAE VAN BUREN-JOEY GOLD (WHO GETS EM FOR YOU)-JOHNNY DIEROTTI-GREG D'ALLESSIO-ED MURROW-IRVY KUPCNET-JAKE WILK-JAY WEST-FREDIE ROBBINS-BETTY COMDEN AND ADOLPH GREENIE-QUENTIN REVOLDS-'. Panel 2: 'HELEN HAYES-CHARLIE MacARTHUR-LOUIS SOBEL-JAMES POPE-BOB HALL-EARL WILSON-RAY EMERSON-FRANK WALDRUP-MARY MARGARET McBRIDE-JERRY LESTER-LARRY WINSHIP-JOHN GARFIELD-BURGESS MEREDITH AND HIS LOVELY KAJA-JOSH LOGAN-JOHN AND JANE GUNTHER-W. WINCHELL-MRS. HELEN RED-GERALDINE FITZGERALD-STUART SYMINGTON-JOCK WHITNEY-DICK SIMON HELEN WALLER-SECRETARY SANDER-MONTREAL (FOR A WONDERFUL Y/L ABNER DAY)-COL. BOB ALLEN-HARRY BAKER-FRANK KNIGHT-STANLEY BARRY-JACK CARTER-LEE FALK-JOHN R. NORTH-E.M. KAHN JR.-JACK LAIT-BOB RUARK-PIERRE BALMAIN-ANN McQUARRIE-RUBE GOLDBERG-ED WEEKS-CHARLES MORTON-TOOTS SNOR-GORDON JOHNSON-LOU COWAN-TH LITTLE CLUB-BILLY REED-AL HERSHFELD-DOLLY HAAS-JOE LOPEZ OF THE COPI-JOE E. LEWIS-HAL CONRAD-DREW PEARSON-OSKON WELLS-WALTER PIDGEON WHO IS MY 14-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTERS IDEAL-DAVE GARROWAY-URSULA O'HARE-TEX AND JUNI-J.P. AND PEGGY McEVROY-JOE MANCINI-CZ (THANK FOR ALL THOSE GOOD MOVIES)-DAN O'BRIEN-SIDNEY BLACKMER-STANLEY BARRY-JACK CARTER-LEE FALK-JOHN R. NORTH-E.M. KAHN JR.-JACK LAIT-BOB RUARK-JACK GOODMAN-DAVE WOLFORD-DOROTHY SPEARE-BOB HOPE-TH CHEF ON THE ILE DE FRANCE-YUMMY-RUBY FOODS-YUMMY-TH CATHAY HOUSE-YUMMY-GLUCKSTERN'S YUMMY-ALL TH PHONE OPERATORS AT NY 5 HOTEL WARWICK-WONDERFUL EFFICIENT GALS!!-CHARLIE AND PEGGY ROSS-FRED WARING-RENNY DELMAR-HENRY MORGAN-BILL MAULDIN-COMMANDER R. BIRNBERG-ARNOLD STANG-SOL HURON-JULES SINGER-GEORGE DAUGHERTY-JACK FARRELL-IRVING GLEBAUM-ABE BURROUGHS-LOU JACQUES-KEN JOHNSTONE-MARVIN ALBERT-ESQUIRE CALEND'S SIR OF ISI-WILLIAM MORRIS-TH BARTNER-AND MOST OF ALL YOU YOU PATIENT READERS'.