

The Road To The Stable

The night wind swept through the tall cedars, trying to break them in its fury, in the old land of Abraham. The young man, leading the mount upon which his mother sat, bent his head as he spoke to her: "Much further, my mother? You seem so weary, why do we not return home?"

"Have patience, my son. Before the stars are blotted out forever from the truth, my heart would know the truth. Strange whispers have come to me and always the whispers lead to the inn we once owned."

"And why should these whispers disturb you?"

For a while she did not answer. Then, with a voice dipped in tears, she began: "These whispers do not speak well of your father, so I must know the truth! Was he really so much at fault? I was with him that night when he made the decision, and I thought him kind."

Looking up at the tall cedars, the young man mused aloud: "Behold the strength of the cedars, my mother. They will not bend before brother wind; they stand firm as the Father of Abraham designed. Cannot you also stand firm before this story of whispers that concern my father?"

"You are so young, you do not understand! To meet and hope to be greeted by an old friend, then to have this friend turn his back in disdain... that eats at the heart. I am old and I long for peace! Yet how can I know peace until I know the truth of the whispers?"

Feeling the bitter despair in her voice, her son gently asked: "To whom must you go for the truth?"

"To the old inn for the innkeeper will surely know the truth. He bought the place from us, and always the whispers lead along this old road to Bethlehem and to the inn. The innkeeper will be known to his ears."

The tall innkeeper saw to their comfort, but so engrossed was he with his various guests that it was the hour of darkest night before the old woman could command his attention. Prefectly then she told him: "I have come far along the Bethlehem road to find the answers to whispers concerning this inn. Will you share your wisdom with an old woman?"

Gallantly her host assured her, "I am yours to command." Hope gleamed within her eyes as she asked, "Will you share the truth about the night of the census when the inn was crowded? Who were these two seeking room? Recently whispers have reached my ears. They speak ill of my husband, so I must know the truth... I felt that he was kind indeed to the poor ones; he allowed them to sleep in the stable. What more could he have done?"

A questioning look in his eyes, the innkeeper gently answered: "He could have driven forth some of Caesar's drunken soldiers and given them the best room in the inn. Even that would have been poor enough." Fear crept into her old eyes. "The innkeeper said that night. But how were we to know? We were so busy... and who could expect us to drive forth paying guests to make room for this poor old couple?"

"Kindness to those in need ever carries its own reward," the innkeeper admonished. "Had your hearts been filled with

kindness that night, the greatest honor ever given to a mortal might have become yours. To have housed the Son of God and His parents!"

She began to weep. Again she demanded, "How were we to know?" Then she added, "What proof do you have? How do you know the whispers speak true?"

Solely the innkeeper replied: "The day of doom, when all creation revolted as three Crosses arose on Calvary... I had bought this inn a while before and listened to the stories concerning... this great Shepherd Who taught of a new way of life, a life of love and not of hate. I had talked with a few of His followers, yet I had never seen Him. I became so enthralled from the stories I'd heard about Him that I left my brother in charge here and set out to seek Him."

"Why did you wish to find this Child born here in the manger?" the woman asked. "What was so wonderful about Him? Tell me true!"

With pity in his heart, he gently told her, "Can you not grasp this great truth? This Child to whom you denied a room in this inn was the Christ, Son of the living God!"

"But how were we to know? Why did they not speak out?"

"You were too engrossed with worldly things. You would never have listened, nor believed. Only to those humble in heart is the road to the stable made plain."

Harshly she demanded: "What did you mean by your queer words — the day of doom?"

Grief came into his eyes as he explained. "When I found the great Shepherd, He was agonizing upon the Cross! As I looked upon His suffering, my heart broke within me and I knew the truth. This was the Son of God! Then I could not understand why He should have to die—for to gaze upon Him was to know innocence from my sin."

Frightened, she insisted: "Not possible!"

With compassion he agreed. "This would not have been possible had He not been the promised One of Israel. The earth trembled, the day became as night, for the earth agonized with her Lord. The dreadful day of doom for the betrayer Judas... yet, he could have found mercy."

Moving restlessly, she murmured: "We were in a tiny hut in that time, yet whispers came to us... whispers we would not believe."

"So you heard the glad truth? The tomb was not the end, for it could not hold Him; He was the Lord of life! The Garden of Resurrection proclaims a deathless love for the price of our redemption had been paid. It is not too late for you to seek after our Lord of love."

She began to sob aloud. "I have tried to tell myself, the Prince of Heaven would not have come to a Stable; nor I need pardon for denying the Love of Heaven room in our inn against mercy and kindness. I've been so miserable, trying to reason with myself..."

"The road to the stable and to the Love of Heaven is not found by the arrogant, nor by the proud. Those who come in true humility and in truth find the way. Look beyond Calvary, and upon our Lord. For in Him is found pardon and love without measure!"

If you like drop cookies—as most folks that I know seem to do—you can't do better than give these nut crunches a trial.

Ge! There Really Is A Santa Claus

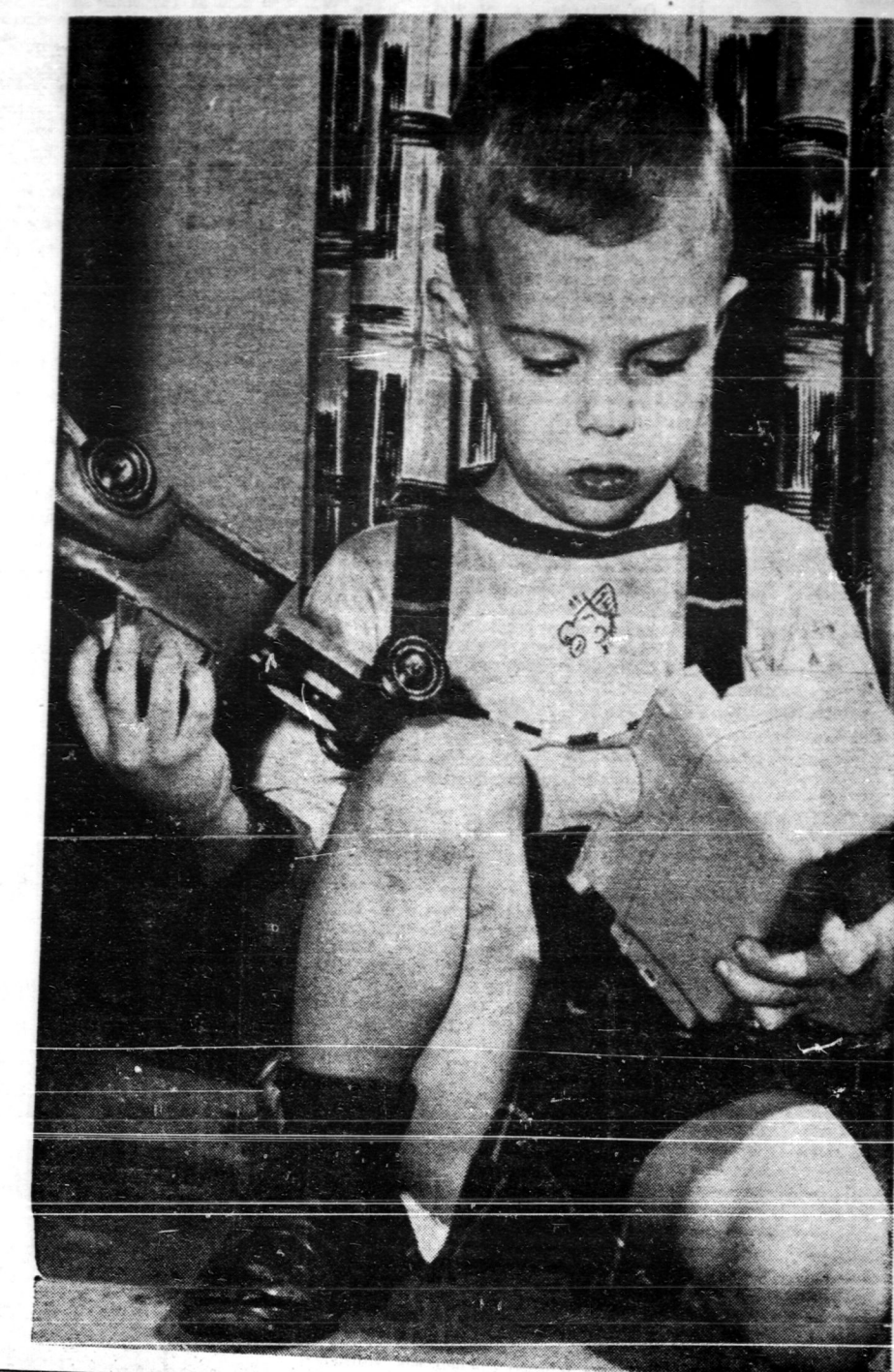


TABLE TALKS

Clare Andrews

Here is a recipe for Spiced Cookies which—while they were originally intended for Christmas and New Year festivities—addition to that insatiable family "cookie jar."

SPICED COOKIES

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup shortening
1 large egg
2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
1/2 cups sifted flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon each, ground allspice, cinnamon and nutmeg
1 tablespoon cream or top milk
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

Cream shortening and sugar together thoroughly. Beat in egg and lemon rind. Sift dry ingredients together and add to shortening mixture alternately with cream and lemon juice. Chill dough.

Roll on floured board (1/16-inch for very thin cookies, 1/8-inch for softer cookies). Cut with desired cutters. Place on lightly greased cookie pans and bake at 400°F. for 8 to 10 minutes or until delicately browned. Makes 4 to 5 dozen.

NUT CRUNCHES

1 1/2 cups sifted flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup each, chopped raisins and nuts

Sift together flour, soda, and salt. Cream together shortening and sugars; add egg and vanilla; beat well. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture. Mix well. Fold in nuts and raisins. Drop by teaspoonfuls on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375°F. for 10 minutes. Makes 5 dozen 2-inch cookies.

NUT CLUSTERS

A simple rule for making nut clusters is to melt a package of semisweet chocolate in the top of a double boiler; add a 14-ounce can of condensed milk and a dash of salt. Cook for 10 minutes until thickened, stir chocolate mixture. Stir into this move of any nuts you like. Drop

from tablespoon on waxed paper. Refrigerate until firm.

When children have to be kept in because of wintry weather, taffy-making is an ancient and unbreakable method of making the time pass quickly and pleasantly. It is a taffy which may be made red and white and twisted into fancy kisses or candy canes.

STREPTED TAFFY

2 cups sugar
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup water
1/2 teaspoon peppermint flavoring
1/2 teaspoon red or green coloring

Combine first 3 ingredients in saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until sugar dissolves. Continue cooking without stirring to soft crack stage (280°F.) or until a small amount of mixture separates into threads which are hard but not brittle when tested in very cold water. Quickly stir in flavoring.

Have 2 buttered pans ready; pour 1/2 the mixture into 1 pan. Quickly add coloring to remaining mixture and pour into second pan. When cool enough to handle, pull each taffy separately until it has a satiny finish and light color. Pull into long ropes. Twist and pull ropes together, barber pole fashion, until strands will not separate. Cut into inch pieces. Wrap in waxed paper. For canes, cut into 6-8-inch lengths and shape as canes. Makes about 1 pound of candy.

How Can I?

Q. How can I resize a rug?
A. Stretch the rug tightly, face down on the floor, and tack at several places. Sprinkle it with a solution made by soaking glue in 1/2-gallon of water, and in a container that is surrounded by hot water. Allow the rug to dry not less than 24 hours. If the rug is very thin, be careful not to use enough solution to penetrate to the other side.

Q. How can I keep leftover pie crust from spoiling?
A. By wrapping out a piece of cheesecloth in cold water and rolling the crust in this. Then roll in a thick dry cloth, put in a cold place, and it will keep for a week.

Q. How can I render a

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

R. Barclay Warren, B.A., LL.D.

Songs of the Saviour's Birth
Luke 1:32-33, 46-47; 2:13-14
Memory Selection: Glee
God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men. Luke 2:14

Singing is a prominent feature of Christmas. It was a joyous occasion when Jesus was born. The words of the angels, Mary and of Simeon have been set to music.

The angel foretold Mary: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy child shall be called the Son of God." Some people stumble over the miracle of the virgin birth, but it was altogether natural that in coming to earth, the truly unique Being should be in a unique way.

When Mary talked with her cousin Elizabeth, she broke into a song strikingly similar to Hannah's in 1 Samuel 2:1-10. It was the most highly honored among women to become the mother of our Lord. We know her but it is to her son, Jesus Christ, that we yield our hearts and offer our worship.

Simeon will be remembered for his words, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." It was the climax of his life. The promise that he should live to see the Messiah was fulfilled. He was now content to die. The Saviour had come.

May this Christmas be a time of fervent devotion for all of us. Let Christ be the center of our Christmas. Let us sing about Him. "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" are quite lovely, but they are not songs that draw out our heart in gratitude to God for His great gift to us in the person of His Son. Let us praise God in all our activity during this Christmas season. Then we will have a happy Christmas.

REMEMBERED — Charles E. Taylor, who built the first successful aircraft engine, is today a poor, destitute and homeless old man. Angeles, County General Hospital. His engine was used by the Wright brothers on their famous "City Hawk" flight in 1903. Since then California aircraft engineers, learning of Taylor's plight, are planning a collection to help him from being a charity patient.

GRAND PRIZE

PRIZE NEEDLEWORK — This exquisite wedding gown is the Grand Prize winner in the 1955 National Crochet Contest. It was made by Mrs. Roy Johnson, right, for her 19-year-old daughter's wedding. Margaret Wallace models the gown.

CHURCHES

ANGELICAN PARISH
Bracelet, B.A. L.T.H.
Rector
SUNDAY
8th May
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion.
10:30 a.m. Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion.
Special prayers for our farms, gardens and families.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Logan, B.A. B.D.
Minister
Rural Life Sunday, May 8th, 1956
10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Morning Worship. Junior Department.
Theme: "The Good Samaritan"

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Knox, B.A. B.D.
Minister
Knox Church
10:30 a.m. Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. Public Worship.
All are invited to attend.
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EBENEZER CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Pastor M. Dystra, Pastor
Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
English.
The sermon: "The Lord Took Bread; and when He had broken it, and said, 'This is My body, for you: this do in remembrance of Me...' (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).
School at 11:30 in English.
Worship Service at 7:30 p.m.
The sermon: "Therefore, Cease not to give thanks making mention of you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 1:1-6).
All are welcome to worship the Lord.

ROCKFORD

Our Sacramental Service held on Sunday morning was largely attended. Rev. J. A. Logan of Jarvis, our supervising minister, conducted the service. Nine members were added to the church on Profession of Faith, and five by letter. The following infants were baptized: Barry Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson; Marvin Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chambers; Barry Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goding; Gerald Richard Ivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hall.

Mrs. A. Buck, G. North and H. Van Tricht, went on Saturday on the bus tour sponsored by the W.M.S. of Haldimand and Norfolk and visited several places of missionary interest in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Petheram and Winston, were supper guests on Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferris of Vittoria.

Beach Theatre
PORT DOVER, Ont.
THURS. — FRI. — SAT.
MAY 8-9-10
"GREEN FIRE"
TECHNICOLOR
Cinemascope
Grace Kelly, Stewart Granger
Color
George Montgomery
Dorothy Malone
"LONE GUN"
Color
Glenn Ford — Donna Reed
CARTOON AND SHORT

S-T-R-A-N-D
THEATRE — SIMCOE
WEEK — MONDAY THRU SATURDAY
May 7-8-9-10-11-12
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Simcoe Drive-In Theatre
ON No. 24 HIGHWAY JUST NORTH OF No. 3
Fri. and Sat., May 4-5
LAW vs. BILLY THE KID
IN TECHNICOLOR
Scott Brady — Betty St. John
ADDED ATTRACTION —
PARIS PLAY BOYS
The Bowery Boys
COLORED CARTOON
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY — May 9, 10
"RIOT IN CELL BLOCK 11"
Starring Neville Brand, Emile Meyer.
AND AS AN ADDED ATTRACTION
"MISS ROBIN CRUSOE"
IN TECHNICOLOR
Starring Amanda Blake, George Nader
MONDAY, MAY 7th IS PRIZE NIGHT
The following will be given away FREE to winners of draw made during the show:
2 HONEYCHILD WARDROBE Valued at \$15.00 each
4 VAN HEUSEN CENTURY SHIRTS, Valued \$4.95 each
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MAN AMONG BOYS—Larry Schlosser, 13, is a man among the boys at Grove City High School. Larry, pictured above with his golden trophy, won a state tractor-pulling contest at Circleville. He even beat his dad—and used his dad's tractor to do it. He pulled in the 8000-pound class, tops in the field. His dad worked the 4000-pound event, missing out on second place by an inch and a half. Larry drove his own tractor, but in this contest against 21 experienced men, he elected to use his father's.