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EDITORIAL

WANT A REAL CHRISTMAS?

As is our usual custom, we print this week a list of the 43 Most Needy Cases in Roanoke Rapid, cases of families where the degree of Christmas enjoyment must depend upon what somebody else does for these needy families.

We have had something to say about the constant calls made on Roanoke Rapids for charitable and benevolent causes, calls which have ever been answered. Something has also been said by us about the possibility of duplication of drives and work accomplished, the possibility of one united drive for funds and one central clearing house for all local charity work.

In the case of these Needy Families, there is no reluctance on our part in giving it our heartiest cooperation. Set it down to the credit of the Christmas spirit, if you must. That spirit which pervades the atmosphere and makes even the most worthless of us expand with a charitableness and generosity not so evident at other times of the year.

We do know that these Needy Cases have been properly and thoroly investigated; that they are worthy cases; that the success or failure of Christmas in these cases must depend upon others more fortunate who are willing, even at a sacrifice, to share with these less fortunate.

Let him who scoffs at the idea of Christmas try this experiment: call up Associated Charities and select one of these Needy Families; let him and his family find out just what is needed to give this other family a decent Christmas; then go shopping for those things, with perhaps some of the kids' unwanted toys to finish up the pack; and finally on the Eve of Christmas, let him and his family go humbly and in the spirit of true and earnest giving to this other home and there watch the shy looks of gladness creep into sad faces, watch expectant hearts, with expectations realized, break thru in misty eyes gleaming with gladness; then let him and family leave quickly as low voices try to stammer blessings and go home in full knowledge of that everlasting truth: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Do not delay in this important matter, as important to you in what it will mean to you as a giver as to those who will so happily receive your offerings. Do not wait for somebody else to do this which will mean so much to you.

And with all the Needy Families taken care of, the sun can certainly rise on a Roanoke Rapids Christmas Day with the full flavour of Tiny Tim's benediction: "God Bless Us, Every One."

NEWS REEL - Pre-Christmas Release — by A. B. Chapin



HOMEVILLE, U.S.A. —
GOODNESS ME, HAVENT SEEN THE STORES SO CROWDED FOR YEARS — SHOULD HAVE BEGUN SHOPPING A MONTH AGO.



EVERYBURG, U.S.A. —
PHOOEY, THIS IS THE TOUGHEST YEAR SINCE B.D. (BEFORE THE DEPRESSION) HOPE MY POOR OLD DOGS HOLD OUT TWO WEEKS LONGER.

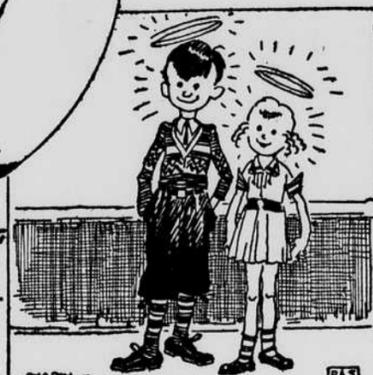


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MAIN STREET, ANYBURG —
JIMMINY CRISMAS, NEVER SAW SO MANY BUNDLES — TH' BOSS IS TURN NEAR CRAZY TRYIN' TO GET 'EM DELIVERED!

NORTH POLE, TERRA FIRMA:
HELLO FOLKS, HAVENT TIME TO TALK — AM BUSIER THAN I'VE BEEN FOR A LONG TIME. I'LL BE SEEING YOU SOON.



YOURHOLME, U.S.A. —
HA, HA, — POP AN' MOM CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE THEIR KIDS — OUR HAIR IS COMBED, HANDS WASHED, SHOES CLEANED, 'NEVERTHINE' WE'RE GOOD TILL IT HURTS —!

SHOOTING FIREWORKS

It has long been the custom in this section of the country to shoot fireworks at Christmas time. Folk from other sections seem aghast at the idea, their reaction being that it is almost sacrilege to so celebrate such a sacred occasion.

It seems to us merely a difference of opinion as to whether fireworks should be fired in December or in July. None can say there is a deliberate attempt at sacrilege on the part of those who have been raised in a section of the country where it is as natural, from babyhood, to shoot fireworks as it is to expect Santa Claus to arrive on December 25th.

But there is a time and place for all things and certain limitations to all liberties. We do not care whether it is in December, July or October, nobody has a right or should even expect the right to shoot fireworks in Roanoke Rapids or any other place in the world

1. After folks have gone to bed (except possibly on one night set apart for everybody to stay up late).

2. In the streets or highways where there are automobiles and other vehicles traveling.

3. Near hospitals, or churches on Sundays.

4. Under anybody's feet at any time.

There is no need for us to explain the dangers, the annoyance, the discourtesy and the seriousness involved in breaking any of the above rules.

So far as we are concerned, shooting fireworks is one way many folks have of really enjoying Christmas. We want them to keep on having their fun. But always in the proper places and at the right time.

While on this subject of Christmas, let us here and now congratulate the Study Club on bringing Professor Koch here to read "A Christmas Carol" this past Monday night. We were very pleased at the large crowd in attendance, which should prove to our critics that Roanoke Rapids has plenty of folks who appreciate the finer things in life.

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