

Unsurpassed
Prof.: "This is the stadium."
Visitor: "Fine! Now take us
through the curriculum. They say
you have a fine one here."

Artist
Materials
For Xmas
OILS
WATERCOLORS
GREENS
Maple W.

BIRMINGHAM

TODAY - FRI. - SAT.
CAROLE LOMBARD
FRED MacMURRAY

'Hands Across
the Table'

PLUS
WALLACE JACKIE
Beery Cooper

'O'Shaughnessy's
Boy'

Sun.-Mon.-Tue.-Wed.
Marx Brothers

'A NIGHT AT
THE OPERA'

ALSO
MARGARET LINDSAY
'Personal Maid's
Secret'

Bargain Fares
over

CHRISTMAS
and NEW YEAR'S

1 1/2 of the one-way fare
for the round trip
in coaches.

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round trip. Good in
parlor and sleeping car.

Seat and berth charges additional.

SAMPLE ROUND TRIP FARES

Time 1 1/2 1 1/2
Hamilton 8.40 \$10.05
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Montreal 22.35 26.80
New York 26.65 32.00
Chicago 16.90 13.10

Tickets sold after 3:00 A.M., December
20th, and up to 12:00 o'clock
Noon, January 1st, 1936.

Final return limit—Midnight
January 10th, 1936.

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PYTHIAN LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

Shows 20 Per Cent Gain In
Membership During
(The Year)

Birmingham Lodge No. 149
Knights of Pythias is closing a
very active and successful year
marked by the initiation of a 20%
increase in new members, the re-
constitution of a considerable num-
ber of old members, and practical-
ly no losses, despite the fact that
the lodge is in the Kresge building
and remodel a part of the Theatre
building. Interest in the lodge in-
creases with the attendance and
there is something doing every
lodge night. December 10th, the
annual election was held and the
following officers were elected: C.
C. Miller, President; D. W. Symons,
R. M. of W. Edwin Erickson; K. of
R. S. G. A. Shattuck; M. of F.
Carl Symons; M. of E. E. A.
Parks; M. of A. Alan Arnsion;
L. G. George Kerry; O. G. Earl
Smith; Representative to Grand
Lodge, Howard Wendorpha. A joint
public installation with the Pythian
Sisters is being arranged but no
date has been set.

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inate 300,000 people from jobs,
while population continues to in-
crease at the rate of another 800,
000 potential workers. Add to this
the five million "permanent unem-
ployables" and we may say that in
the future there will always be 6,
000,000 people out of work in this
country.

We have not learned to use the
"steering" of the machine in the
"try," he told his audience. We
must organize labor so that the
most of the most people in the
world. We must rearrange the idle hours
for cultural and community ef-
forts, shorter working hours, and
stop welfare at any cost, he insist-
ed. "Rome couldn't do it, and it
rotted from within," he stated.
"England is a semi-paralyzed
country, frankly on the dole. And
the word 'dole' comes from the
word 'deal'."

He urged his listeners "not to
be afraid of the Devil; his horns
are no longer than they ever were,
stand and face him."

"I believe the United States can
pull out of it. The greatest dan-
ger is that in our haste to get out
we will run head-on into some
patent formula which will not
prove permanently effective. We
will do it by hard work. Let's get
together to make the United
States free of jams, and folk of
horse sense."

Dog-gone it!
"Yes," the teacher explained,
"quite a number of plants and
flowers have the prefix 'dog.' For
instance, the dog rose and the dog
violet are well-known. Can you
name another?"

There was silence, then a happy
look illumined the face of a boy
at the end of the class.
"Please, miss," he called out,
proud of his knowledge, "collie-
flowers!"

Teacher—Unselfishness is vol-
untary going without things we
need. Give a living example of
it, Johnnie.

Johnnie—Me. I go without a
bath when I need it.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
Arthur J. Brandt, 812 Ken-
nedy: "Something should be
done about the heating sys-
tem in our schools. The tem-
perature is kept too high for
the children's health, and it
looks like a terrible waste of
the taxpayers' money. My
wife went there the other day
and found the thermometer in
the hallway registered 90."

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Joe Says Santa Claus Is No Myth

Believes He Can Really Con-
vince Little Jackrabbits
With 'Miracle' Plan

"What's the idea of going
around like a tramp, Joe? You
look as though you hadn't shaved
for a week," we chided our
Aversion, Joseph J. (for Jinx)
Jackrabbit, this morning.

"A week and three days, to be
exact," Joe replied monochally.
"I'm getting myself into shape
for presents."

"Savvy your daily shave money
for presents?" we queried.

"I don't spend money for shaving
any time of year. Max,
Jackrabbit, if I
may say so, was
before me the best
lady barber in
Detroit. She
not allowed her
to neglect her
talents in the
lady's line."

No, it isn't the
money I'll be
saving. I have a
deeper pur-
pose."

"You're get-
ting deeper and
deeper into that underbrush every
day, we'll admit. Outside of losing
a bet or determining to become a
herald, we can see no excuse for
such a crop of stubble as you ap-
pear to be cultivating so carefull-
ly," we told him.

"It's the psychology of the
thing," said Joe. "The little Jack-
rabbits are as an age this year
when doubt as to the existence
of good old Santa Claus are be-
ginning to cloud the clear mirrors
of their faith."

yesterday that Junior spoke very
very respectfully of the saintly old
gentleman."

"I scolded him for walking all
over the parlor rug with his sand-
al overshoes, telling him that San-
ta Claus didn't bring presents to
bad little boys. His answer shock-
ed me."

"What did he say?" we asked.

"He said, 'Nuts,' Joe replied
sadly. "And when I appeared
somewhat shocked, as who would-
n't, he said that Jimmy Gotrox,
whose father has had more finan-
cially successful bankruptcies than
any man in Michigan, got three
times as many presents last Christ-
mas as he got, and that Jimmy
Gotrox was the happiest boy in
school. That showed me that noth-
ing short of a miracle would re-
store my little one's faith in Santa
Claus. So I shall work a miracle."
And he smiled smugly.

"You're letting yourself in for
a great deal of criticism if you
talk that way," we warned him.
"Miracle workers nowadays aren't
very popular. Aimee Semple Mc-
Pherson had to be kidnapped, stay
a prisoner in the desert for a
month, and divorce a husband be-
fore she convinced people she
could do the impossible."

"I shall continue my miracles
strictly to my own home," Joe
retorted. "Nor do I calculate to
profit by them as has that fair
young lady whose husbands saw
the handwriting on the wall. My
wife will be well pleased."

"What handwriting on the wall
are you talking about?" we inter-
rupted.

"Aimee Semple McPherson,"
Haven't you read your
Bible?" Joe came back. "My mir-
acle, as I started to say, will be
absolute proof that there is a
Santa Claus."

"You really believe that Santa
Claus is not a myth, then?" we
questioned him.

"Of course he isn't," said Joe.
"He may fill long stockings, cost
money to support, and have red
cheeks, but he's not my hero's
a myth. Do you get it?"

"It's a miracle how you've lived
this long telling so-called jokes
like that one," we snapped.

"Oh, yes, the miracle," Joe
chuckled. "Well, last year I dressed
up like Santa and passed out
the presents to Junior, Jessie and
the good wife. All went well until
I stopped a little too close to Je-
ssie, who in spite of her tender
years is quite a practical joker.

Before I saw what was coming, she
reached up and gave my false
whiskers a hard tug, expecting, no
doubt, to hear Santa Claus yell
with pain. Instead, the whiskers
came off, much to our mutual en-
couragement. I had to move fast to
get out before I was recognized,
believe me."

"And this year you're going to
have real whiskers."

"I hope so," sighed Joe. "Al-
though much pressure is being
brought to bear against me, my
wife seems to feel that one morn-
ing's miracle is not worth three
years of running up against me
like sarcastically refers to as a
"barbery bush" every time she
turns out to be a practical joker."

"I mention the difficulty I have get-
ting into my own office every day.
They pay me for a pan-handler.
Have you got a cigarette you can
spare me?"

Their Affair
Rastus was devouring an apple,
to his highest satisfaction.
Shubert: "Say dere, boy, you'd
better look up 'o' worms in dat
dar apple. 'Lissen heah, Buddy,
when ah eats apples de worms
have to look out for themselves."
—The Forrester.

Twelve women are serving as
mayors in England and Wales.

SEND THE ECCENTRIC as a
CHRISTMAS GIFT. We have
printed up some very attractive
Gift Cards to herald your gift of a
year's subscription, enclosed in
"Do Not Open Until Christmas"
envelopes. Come into The Eccen-
tric office or telephone 11 for
further information.

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