

### Keeping Christmas



MARIAN turned slowly from the full length mirror where she had been surveying herself for a final moment, and looked across the room at her twin sister.

"I'm so tired of all this Christmas fuss," she said languidly; "it is all so old-fashioned, so outdated."

"Are you expressing my feelings?" Nadine's voice was even more languid; "but how in the world are we going to make our dear family feel as we do about the matter? You know they are already in the throes of Christmas preparations."

"We can let them know that we won't be a part of the silly business—we can serve notice on them that we are going to work against all the noise and fuss that is made about Christmas."

"Forgetting their pose of boredom and sophistication for a moment, the seventeen-year-old twins jumped excitedly around the room. "Just think of how they will be shocked!" Marian cried. "I can see mother and dad. It is all going to be so exciting—fighting the world, so to speak."

But they were taken back quite a little when they announced their big news. . . mother's voice was very serious. "If you really feel that way, I guess the rest of us will have to celebrate without you. We're going to miss you a lot, of course, but we must consider your feelings."

The twins failed to see the twinkle in her eyes as she looked across the table at dad.

As if to make matters worse, Bill and Dick laughed in derision at their plan. "I bet they'll be on their knees to get in on our fun be-



"I'm Going to Do Like Everybody Else," she said.

Bill predicted. And as if that were not enough, he suggested that now there would be nothing to buy for the twins, maybe he could have the moving picture outfit he had wanted so long.

"I hope you don't change your mind, sweet sisters," he cautioned, as he proceeded to put a huge piece of pie in his mouth. "I do want that picture machine pretty bad."

The twins threw scornful glances in his direction; they couldn't trust themselves to speak. There were things they had forgotten when they made their big resolve to do away with Christmas preparations. As soon as dinner was over, they hurried from the table.

The days that followed were not very happy. The twins could find no one interested in their plan to change the way of keeping Christmas. Even the most modern of their friends laughed them to scorn. No one was really interested in advancement, they decided. Here a new crusade started, one that would save time and temper and money, and no one, not even their best friends, would lend a hand. They grew fretful, impatient, even peevish at each other.

One evening Nadine came home and found Marian in their mother's bedroom, peering into some boxes that had just been delivered. Nadine smiled to herself, and hurried from the doorway so Marian would not see her.

But next day in the toy department of Smith's store, things came to a showdown. The twins ran into each other, found themselves side by side clutching for foolish things that lay on the counter. Brown eyes challenged blue as they stood in the crowded aisle. Guilt showed plainly on both faces.

Then Nadine was speaking, quickly, incoherently: "You might as well know, Marian, I'm chucking your silly plan. I'm going to do like everybody else. I'm going to make a big fuss about Christmas. I want to push through the crowd—to buy foolish things—to hang up holly wreaths—to do just everything! . . . And if I'm not mistaken, you're just dying to do the same!"

"You're absolutely right," Marian answered, utterly careless of the amused glances thrown in their direction. "We've been a pair of fools, but we're going to have one grand and glorious time in the two days that are left. . . We're going to make the biggest fuss about Christmas that has ever been made before."

### Arts Institute Will Present Lecture On 1936 Soviet Russia



JULIEN BRYAN

With two brand new sets of Russian motion pictures, taken only two months ago, Julien Bryan will tell the complete story of "Soviet Russia in 1936" at Case Tech auditorium on Sunday, December 13. Ticket reservations may be made at the World Advisory Series office at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Julien Bryan is an explorer and student of the Russian experiment who is just back from his seventh expedition through the Soviet Union. While there he acted as cameraman for "The March of Time."

Among highlights of his afternoon lecture, "The Volga, Astakhov and its caviar industry, Baku and the new oil fields; its modern housing flats, melting pot of fifty races. A steam railway created entirely by children. The Dene Olympiad of the Trans-Caucasus. Through the Crimea. A day in the life of a Russian child. New industries."

Among the highlights of the evening lecture, "Colorful Kiev, Soviet movie stars filming 'Don Sawyer,' Lemnigral of today. Typical villages and collective farms. The new Moscow, with towering skyscrapers and new stores. The Red Square. The powerful national defense. The Soviet Youth—how it is being trained and educated to take leadership."

### KILLS 18-FOOT OCTOPUS

Port Alverno, B. C.—Wadding in a cave retrieves a shark he had shot, Fred Schwartz saw it pulled under the water. A moment later a fifteen-foot devil fish started toward him. Schwartz said he fired four bolts of his gun into the monster's head, and reloading, fired twice more, killing the octopus.

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### Obituary

**MRS LOUISE BACKUS**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Louise Backus, widow of the late Charles F. Backus were held Monday afternoon from the William Hamilton Chapel in Detroit. Mrs. Backus, a resident of Birmingham for three years, died at her home at 328 Larchlea Drive, Friday, Dec. 4, after a short illness. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery where Christian Science services were held.

Surviving Mrs. Backus in her death are Mrs. Charles D. Fiske, Mrs. William C. Thible of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Christine Backus, Ralph H. Backus, and four grandchildren. Mrs. Backus was the mother of the late Lieut. Charles F. Backus.

**MRS. A. B. BRISTOL**  
Funeral services for the late Mrs. Adelle Bristol, of 23200 13 Mile road, Southfield Township were held Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. A. M. Boyd of the United Presbyterian Church of Southfield Township officiating.

Mrs. Bristol, born in West Bloomfield 68 years ago, died at her home Sunday, Dec. 5, at 7:00 a. m. Surviving Mrs. Bristol in her death are: Mr. Ezra C. Bristol, her husband; and her children, Ralph W. Bristol, Mrs. Will Bassett, Mrs. Harvey Gorman, Mrs. Will Clements, and Mrs. Alfred Haack. She was the sister of George Bingham and the late L. D. Bingham. There are 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mrs. Bristol was a member of the Franklin Auxiliary.

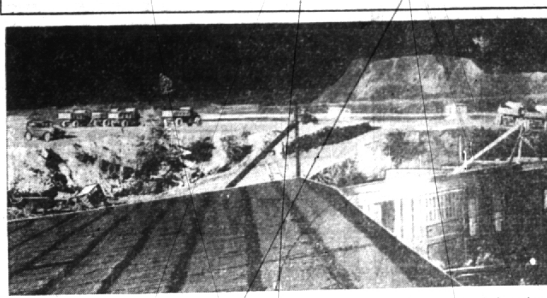
**MRS. C. A. MILLS**  
Mrs. Christine A. Mills, 61 years of age, of 427 Hamilton, died Sunday at 9 a. m. following a stroke. Mrs. Mills was born in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1875, and came to the United States 18 years ago. She lived in Birmingham for the past 20 years.

Surviving Mrs. Mills in her death besides her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Bailey with whom she has been making her home, are a granddaughter, Ernestine, three brothers, Peter and Joseph Hansen of Mackegon, John Hansen of Ashland, Wisconsin and a sister, Mrs. Peter Land, of Erie County, New York.

Funeral services were held from the Blakey Funeral Home with the Rev. Clarence Wright officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Memorial Park.

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**FINED FOR FIFTE SPEED**  
Detroit (Special)—A driver of a 1935 Buick sedan was fined \$100 for driving at a speed of 55 miles an hour on a highway where the limit is 40 miles an hour.

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