



PAN-ARUBAN

WHITE HOUSE WING BURNS

Armed Infantrymen were called out to protect the charred remains of the West Wing of the White House at Washington, D.C. which burned down on December 24th. It was the most destructive fire to visit the Executive Mansion since the British sacked the city in the dark days of 1814. The West Wing housed the offices of President Hoover and his assistants. The safety of the President and his family were not endangered. President Hoover has established his headquarters in the offices of General Pershing.

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TREE SHORTAGE BOOSTS PRICES

A shortage of Christmas trees in New York on December 24th boosted their price sky high. Householders who had put off buying their trees until the last moment found that storekeepers and market men were demanding from \$8.00 to \$14.00 for a fair sized tree. The high prices brought much woe to the hearts of the children of the poorer class.

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KING GEORGE TO OPEN NAVAL CONFERENCE

Nation wide approval was given Dec. 21st in London to the announcement that King George would personally open the Naval Reduction Conference Convention to be held in London next January. It was felt that no other move could have so stimulating an effect. It will be the first time the King has attended an International Conference.

NEW YEARS PARTY TOTS THE MARK

And it's ready to go with a bang; several of them. The noisemakers and favors are here; a list of drinks that looks like a distillery catalog has been ordered, the "exterior" decorators are busy (although the "interior" ditto will not operate until that glorious evening), the menu has been selected and the ingredients ordered, the House Committee is prepared to promote a merry, refined, orderly party (the first run is on the house), the high-strung Pan Am Funmakers are trained to a fine edge and the entertainers are tugging at the leash.

When this bunch gets going, you'll beg for more. They are toting the mark, they are anxious to go. The boys say this show would go over, even in an empty house.

Incidentally there are a few vacancies left, saved for the last minute rush, and they are all good tables. Better see W. W. Lawrence in a hurry. You can't go wrong on this party at any price--that is to say--the party will be O K. And when you stop to consider what you are getting for five simultaneous men, what a bargain!

We really ought not give away secrets like this, but feeling big hearted during these holidays and just to give you an idea of what you may expect, we are printing the Menu which you will be surprised with around midnight, and the program of the entertainment you will see and hear and enjoy all during the party.

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---A HAPPY NEW YEAR---

The PAN-ARUBAN is by and for the employees of the Pan American Petroleum Corporation, and affiliated Companies. It proposes to present the issues, not debate them; to publish news, not create it; and to make Aruba more enjoyable.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

LOOKING AHEAD.

Of great significance to the Employees of the Pan American and Standard Oil Company hook-up as the year turns are the statements (re-printed below) made by the Presidents of both organizations.

Committed to a policy of promoting the interests of the Company by looking after interests of the men and women who work for the betterment of the Company, each individual can look for development commensurate to his abilities--an attitude which builds for the individual by promoting the welfare of the employing organization.

Organization has reached its true effectiveness when each employee can rightfully have pride and satisfaction in the enviable position that their Company holds in the Oil industry. The kind of work which makes possible that satisfaction brings with it enlarged opportunities and makes for the success of the individual, as such, and the individuals, collectively, who constitute the Company.

Along with all the wishes for success and prosperity which have come your way this New Year, may we add THE PAN-ARUBAN sincere wish that you may enjoy life and its opportunities to the fullest extent.

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TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

The past year has seen important changes in the affairs of the Pan American Petroleum and Transport Company. It has seen the acquisition by the Standard Oil Company (Indiana), of a substantial majority of Pan American Petroleum and Transport Company stock.

I firmly believe that the close affiliation thus brought about will be of immediate and lasting benefit to our company and to all associated with it. The Standard Oil Company (Indiana) has not only been successful in the development of its vast business but it has also been notably in the forefront in presenting to its employees, as the company itself progressed, opportunities for advancement and development to the full extent of their abilities.

There can be no doubt that in this new relationship our company will find its opportunities for development enlarged and that the members of our organization who contribute to this development will find their own opportunities proportionately increased. We have brought to substantial completion our new Refinery in Aruba, an important unit in the integration of our business which will give to our company an enviable position in the Oil industry.

While our earnings in 1929 do not entirely reflect the improved condition of the company's business, the Company is in better shape to meet the emergencies of the future than at any time in its history. It is only because of the hearty cooperation on the part of the employees of Pan American Petroleum & Transport Company and its affiliated companies that these things have been accomplished.

On behalf of the directors and executives of the Pan American Petroleum and Transport Company and its affiliated companies, I want to extend to you a hearty wish for a Merry Christmas and a Successful and Prosperous New Year.

(Signed) R. G. STEWART, President
Pan American Petroleum & Trans. Co.

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TO MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

The year 1929 has been one of the most important in the history of our Company. As it ends, we of the Stanolind Family can look back through the months and find there a record of achievement in which, with proper modesty, we all can take honest pride.

Financially, it has been a period of success. That, of course, is always one of our first considerations, for it means something more than dividends for our stockholders--it means something to us the certainty of continued employment, of better things for ourselves and for our families. No matter what kind of work we do, the personal welfare of every one of us is inextricably bound up with the financial success of our Company.

The position of the company has been strengthened in every way. Its financial reserves have been increased. We have acquired more production, actual and potential. We have extended greatly our interest and ownership in the Pan American Petroleum & Transport Company, and that means for all of us a wider opportunity; more positions, more chances of promotion.

This has meant hard work. The rank and file has worked, and the executives have worked. But our rewards have been real and immediate. The year saw the expiration of the Second Employee's Stock Purchasing Plan, the distribution among us of stock bought through its medium, and the inauguration, with the unanimous consent of the stockholders, of a third stock purchasing plan. It has seen the solving of the problem of vacations with pay for workers of the wage earning class--a Christmas gift which they will enjoy in 1930.

What has come to you, you have earned. Without the vigorous support you have given the executives, without the fine loyalty you have shown this new management of old friends since the very day it assumed control of the affairs of this

company, the year could not have been the success it has. We appreciate it, and for myself, and on behalf of all the members of the Board of Directors of this Company, I wish all of you of the Stanolind Family, whether employed by this company proper or by its affiliated and associated companies, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

(Signed) E. E. SEUBERT, President
Standard Oil Company, (Indiana)

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EMPLOYEE'S ASSOCIATION SENDS DIRECTORS
SEASONS GREETINGS

The following coded cablegram was sent to the Directors of the Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co.

Panrof, New York:
Directors, P.A.P. & T. Co.
Compliments of the season and all good wishes:

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Employees' Association
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GREETINGS!

In returning the greatly appreciated Christmas Greetings of our friends, the Light Oils Finishing Department wishes a Happy and Prosperous New Year to our Company and its personnel operating in Aruba, Tampico, Hamburg, Venezuela, and sailing the seven seas.

LIGHT OILS FINISHING DEPARTMENT
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I've often traveled to Brazil
And Rio de Janeiro,
In the South Sea Isles I have played
The dashing caballero;
To Egypt and to Africa
I have often made my way
But I find the best "dates" are made
In the good old U. S. A.
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Aruba is a good place to make New Year's resolutions; and its an excellent place to keep them. Make them now; don't wait until New Year's morning; you can think more clearly at the present moment than you are apt to January 1st.

Put down your good intentions on the blank lines below; clip them out, and paste on your mirror where you'll see them each morning. A daily reminder like this will make it surprisingly easy to keep these resolutions.

"AS WE GET IT"

Dr. Holland's bungalow took on a festive air Christmas night, and by nine o'clock resounded as the Christmas revelers made merry. A pretty tree, banked at the foot by presents sent to the guests by Miss Eugonia and Mr. Bill Holland, added the key-note to the party. Dancing refreshments and songs took up the evening during which Santa Claus did his honors. Quite a contrast there was between the Christmas decorations on the one hand and the sea, peacefully calm as on a July night, but the spirit was there and everybody enjoyed their tropical Christmas, most of them experiencing the snowless Christmas for the first time.

What a disappointment Christmas Day in Aruba must have been to the grouches who thought they were going to have a poor time here. If every one did not have a glorious day, it was the fault of the individual, not the place. Instead of the folks back home feeling sorry for us because we had to be away on Christmas, the regrets should be on the other side; we were sorry the friends from the States could not have been here with us to share our wonderful Christmas Day.

Of course the weather was perfect. That goes without saying. And the dinner! Oh, what a dinner they gave us. One hears a lot about "home cooking" and all that, but the dinners at the various homes had to go some to beat the one served at the Mess Hall. Really, the Bachelors do get the brooks some times. Think of the pleasure of eating all that turkey with out the agony of having to carve it. And think of the care-free mind the boys at the mess hall had while eating, well knowing that when they had finished, there would be no dishes to wash, no garbage to be carted, no duties whatsoever—nothing to do but stretch out sans where and be comfortable. Oh, Single Blessedness, thy sting is not so worse.

Mr. Rue Wright, of Utah, arrived a lone passenger on the W.G.W. BARNES", and has joined the force of the Typing Department in the Main Accounting Office.

Captain and Mrs. Rodger entertained about one hundred guests with a delightful party-dance Christmas Evening. The attractive Rodger bungalow, high up on the hill, was gaily decorated for the occasion with lanterns and streamers in true Yuletide fashion.

The guests included prominent members of Aruban and Lago Shipping society. And of course Santa Claus was there. He acted as Master of Ceremonies, and distributed the novel favors among the merry-makers.

There were other parties throughout the Camp too numerous to mention. In fact it isn't necessary to say where they were. Any one out walking Christmas night—to work off that "stuffed" feeling—could tell you just where the parties were the merriest. That is, they could tell you provided they weren't deaf. Christmas cheer and laughter seemed to be wafted from every house in the Camp.

Santa has a reputation for making very hurried visits wherever he goes. But this year he changed his custom, and lingered in Aruba. He was so charmed with the place he hated to leave. When finally he got away, there was a smile on his face, a little Oil on his bright red uniform, and—ah!, a little something on his hip.

We hope he didn't neglect the rest of the world.

A notable feature of the Christmas Day activities was the number of gift cameras in action on the beach. Every one had to be photographed in bathing on Christmas Day. Well, why not preserve photographic evidence of such a delightful experience? Its a our friends in the States, if they bathed at all on Christmas, did not do so under such pleasant circumstances. And it is quite unlikely that they were photographed.

Dr. and Mrs. Reid spent their Christmas holidays in Maracaibo visiting with friends they formerly know in San Pedro.

Soz I to meself, soz I: "The PAN-ARUBAN's the paper to buy," soz I

Infused with the Christmas spirit aroused by seeing the School and Church program, a merry bunch of Pan-Arubaaites went out to make the rounds on that glorious evening.

The families Rutz, Cook, Rac, Briny, McGrow, Poole and Forter visited in order Bungalows 4, 120, 35, 32 and 22, finding abundant evidence in each of the presence of a be-whiskered old gentleman.

The effect of his benevolence grow on these cautious folk as the evening gave way to morning. There were no refreshments--to speak of. Aren't hammocks wonderful to sleep in (especially in preference to the Beauty-Hosts)--if it doesn't rain?

Mr. Tom Alexander, late of Texas, but more lately in charge of Stationery in Aruba, is one of those unfortunates who has a birthday right at Christmas time. Tom celebrated his 22d birthday on the 26th. That is, his birthday was on the 26th, but if we adhere strictly to the truth, it must be stated that the celebrating started on the evening of the 24th, and lasting well into his natal day.

THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The School and the Community Church presented a program Christmas Eve which recalled to mind scenes dear to the hearts of all of us. The little tots entertained most admirably, and in exactly the way they are expected to do their part.

Since Santa Claus was busy elsewhere, one of the pantomining wise men filled his shoes in distributing surprises to the children. We might add that this even produced some youngsters of remarkable stature.

This program, as the first event in the clubhouse, was well attended, and enhanced greatly the Christmas spirit that had been simmering for several days.

A very wonderful time is being arranged at the Club House for New Years Eve so that you may wear your Christmas gift neckties and socks.

STEWARD'S DEPARTMENT PUTS OVER BIG CHRISTMAS FEAST

"Slin" Reid, our Chief Steward, was a very busy man the day before Christmas. In chasing up news, we noticed Slin flitting rapidly from place to place and wondered what the big rush was all about. Now we know! He was getting things started for a grand and glorious feast on Christmas Day.

We kidded Slin along, and told him "Why you can't give us anything better than we have been getting every day." "No," said Slin, "I wouldn't be surprised."

At noon the day before Christmas, the Mess Hall was the same place; a lot of tables, chairs, Chinnon, etc. "Hump," said I, "I told you so." And from all sides, "They aint even going to decorate the place." But that night, after plodding our weary and dejected way home after a strenuous day's work in the office, we shuffled our feet into the Mess Hall and what a beautiful sight met our eyes. The place had been transformed into fairy land. It was a riot of color and Christmas cheer. At one end a big Christmas tree was ablaze with colored lights, trimmings, bells, etc. Bright red and green streamers lined the entire ceiling and sides. Long ropes of tinsel, bells, and other things incident to Christmas ju crossed and recrossed themselves. We were convinced then that Slin and his assistants had done wonders in such a short time. However, we were still skeptical. "A fellow can't eat that stuff," we said. "What we are interested in is something to eat; how about it?"

"Don't get too anxious," was our answer. "You haven't seen anything yet." Well, to cut it short, we are printing the menu below and will leave it to the judgment of your friends and relatives back home if you care to send them this paper as to whether or not Slin and his force of cooks really gave us a banquet or not:

Celery en Branche	Queen Olives
Shrimp Cocktail	
Crean of Tomato Soup	
ROAST TURKEY	Oyster Dressing
Cranberry Sauce	Giblet Gravy
Roast Sirloin of Beef	
Baked Virginia Ham	Champagne Sauce
Candied Sweet Potatoes	Green Peas
Asparagus	Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Salad	Mince Pie
Ice Cream Cake	
Plum Pudding	Hard Sauce
Fruit Nuts	
Raisins	Dates
Grapes	
Cafe Noir	Fruit Punch

SPORTS

TENNIS TOURNAMENT MOVES TOWARD SEMI-FINALS

The New Year's Day Tourney is progressing, but there are several matches yet to be played before the final.

Kon Myers, defending champion, is still very much in the running, but he must conquer the winner of the Rutz-Dougherty match to enter the finals, and that will be a man-sized task. The most closely contested match to date occurred in the first round when Schulenburg eliminated Boon by scores of 6-2, 3-6, 7-5. The two semi-final and the final match should provide some excellent tennis entertainment.

Scores of matches played follow:

WINNER:	LOSER:	SCORE:
Rocbuck	Barr	6-0, 7-5
Scott	Cleveland	Default
Schulenburg	Boon	6-2, 3-6, 7-5
Luth	King	6-0, 6-1
Cross	Lamsdon	Default
Forter	Strong	Default
Hochling	Wylie	6-4, 6-3
Myers	Palmer	6-1, 6-3
Hopkins	Roy	6-1, 6-2
Kaplan	Irwin	Default
Myers	Hochling	6-0, 6-2
Hopkins	Kaplan	6-1, 6-2
Myers	Hopkins	6-1, 8-6
Dougherty	Honley	6-4, 6-4
Dollar	Tully	6-4, 6-1
Dougherty	Dollar	6-3, 6-1
Poole	Resborough	6-4, 6-3
Rutz	Baldwin	6-4, 6-2
Rutz	Poole	6-4, 6-4

CHORINE: "I don't know where my next meal is coming from."

HER JOHN: "I'm not good at guessing either."

James Beattie has this week been suffering from an infected pedal extremity. A insect bite in the vicinity of the knee caused the limb to swell painfully. He is now convalescing.

MANERO WINS CATALINA OPEN

Tony Manero, 24 year old New York unattached pro, a caddie-trained golfer, won the second annual Catalina Island open championship from the strongest field in the history of Pacific Coast Golf. Manero totaled 186 for fifty four holes, an average of 3.44 strokes per hole. The eight leaders with their scores follow:

Tony Manero, unattached	186
Olin Dutra, Los Angeles	187
Bill Hohlhorn, unattached	188
Lee Diegel, Agua Caliente, Mex.	189
Frank Walsh, Chicago	189
Charles Guest, Los Angeles	189
John Golden, Patterson, N.J.	189
Harry Cooper, Buffalo	190

Horton Smith finished 14th, Johnny Farrell and Henry Guici were tied with others for sixteenth, and the mighty Walter Hagan was tied for the 22d position.

SHIRES IN SQUARED CIRCLE

Art Shires, scrappy first baseman of the Chicago White Sox, who endeavored to teach Lena Blackburne a few tricks when the latter objected to his wearing a "whoopoo" hat on the diamond, is now holding forth in the prize-fighting ring. He is asking for opponents, Tunneys preferred. Art is considerably annoyed when he remembers the numerous non-pyng battles on the ball field in which he has been engaged for the pure joy he derived in fighting.

PITTSBURG BALL JUGGERS COAST BOUND

The Pittsburg University foot ball team trained on Christmas day enroute to the Pacific Coast where they will play the University of Southern California in the annual Rose Bowl football game on New Year's day.

CHICAGO BALL CLUBS TO ADMIT KIDS FREE

Chicago School Children who lack the price of admission to see the Cubs and White Sox play baseball, will not have to search for peek holes next summer.

They will be admitted free to three games each week, President Veeck of the Cubs and Secretary Harry Grabner of the White Sox announced today. A charge of 25¢ will be made for other games except those played on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

Veeck and Grabner announced the free admission following the suggestion of Commissioner K. M. Landis to charge a smaller fee for school children so they would become interested in the game.

HAND BALL TOURNAMENT

Ten of the sixteen original entrants in the first Pan Am Handball Tourney have been eliminated. Competition in the five remaining matches will be exceedingly keen, judging from some of the practice matches which we have witnessed. Results of matches that have been played follow:

1. Nunn	defeated	A. Case
2. Walsko	"	Switzer
3. Simons	"	Griffin
4. Elnor	"	Penny
5. Myers	"	Kretzner
6. Jancosok	"	Bill Johnson
7. Worden	"	H. Moore
8. McDonald	"	Ray Bryant
9. Jancosok	"	Simons
10. McDonald	"	Nunn

A late "flash" to the PAN-ARUBAN advises that Wash McDonald defeated Walsko in a hard fought battle on the Hand Ball Court Friday Dec. 27th.

Pop Peterson, Master Tinsmith, went over to the Main Office and asked if Dr. Holland was in. Then told that the Doctor was in Maracaibo, Pop calmly took a seat, and said he'd wait. Skeptical, oh, what?

Scotty Aldie went to the Christmas Program to try to redeem himself in the eyes of the bus-riding kiddies. He had

told them that he wouldn't let Santa Claus come to Aruba, so they were all down on him.

Then when one of the Wise Men stopped up to pinch hit for old Kris, his hopes flopped as did those of the Tots who didn't see Santa later.

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MENU

Liquor Cocktail

Fruit Salad

Parkerhouse Rolls

CHICKEN SALAD

Turkey Sandwiches

Coffee Pie (Apple-Mince-Raisin)

Cheese

Condiments

THE ENTERTAINMENT:

Tipton: Songs and Table

Harrod - Song

At Midnight: Clock Dance; Miss 1930 portrayed by Miss Frances Fuller

Specialty numbers by Pan Am Funmakers during first half hour of dinner.

And thereafter:

1. Aruban Happiness Boys--Uke and Mouth Organ
2. Dot & Dash - Songs - Tap Dancing
3. Aruban Happiness Boys and Dot and Dash: 2 Songs - Quartette
4. Mills Astin - Burlesque
5. Pratt - 2 Banjo Specialties; 2 songs with Uke
6. This and Gil - Blackface Comedians
7. Bed-time Serenades:
 - Harrod - Red Hot Songs
 - Moyer - Mandolin
 - Repass - Tenor Banjo
 - Pattison - Guitar
 - Dick Brown - Tap Dancing

Accompanist at the piano - Charles Dietz

Dance Music - The Pan Am Funmakers

BOOK REVIEW by the Parrot

DODSWORTH by Sinclair Lewis. This is Saturday Evening Post literature with not one single word that any average American who has not gone further than Grammar school could fail to understand. If in a hundred years the books of Mr. Lewis have remained as classics, and are rated to be a true description of our period, posterity will not think much of the degree of our knowledge in words or of our education in grammar. DODSWORTH, like MAIN STREET, like RABBIT, like MILLER GANNERY, pictures a type of American which is true, absolutely exact, absolutely real. Sam Dodsworth and wife are living beings, everyone of us have met them. They go touring Europe and this gives Mr. Lewis a chance to emphasize their types, to paint their reactions to perfection. Fran, the wife, develops a snobbish complex which has always been dormant in her, and on the trip she finds her chance to let it loose. She succeeds admirably at making herself odious to every body—even at the end to her own husband—while believing all along that she is a grand success. Sam is normal, just his own honest type of a successful business man without being a booster or a Bobbit. He is a symphony of weakness and strength each used always at the wrong time. Finally he takes up with a sane, normal woman—who has probably previously "sowed her wild oats" and is at liberty to understand him—and if you have read JURGEN, you know what "she doesn't understand him" holds for! The dialogue of the entire book is lively and vivid, just like you and I, folks, talk, even if we have gone through college. Charming theories are put forth by Mr. Hard, an American, who sells motorears in London, as well as by a learned German professor in Berlin. Tub Poersan, the boasting American on a three weeks tour of the continent, and his wife—a very far-seeing woman—are honest but I certainly fail to fathom why McKee the son-in-law, who has served in the A.E.F., has nothing to ask Sam Dodsworth about France. Why he does not hint about "that little cafe on Rue Casmartin" or "that pretty little waitress in Brest" I never have met a veteran A.E.F. who did not pester me with questions about places I never heard of. The serene disinterested of Sam for his son and heir are also beyond any paternal instinct that I can imagine. The book is worth reading

because it is entertaining and characters do paint real people, but it has its weaknesses. Why, it tells of Naples and with not even a mention as to its smell—that's not real. Tolstoi would have said that Naples stinks—for it does.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Each week a book from the Circulating Library is reviewed by the Parrot.)

EAGLE ENTERTAINS CHRISTMAS EVE

Once more the road to Oranjestad had a lot of dance loving traffic when our neighboring Refinery at Oranjestad played host to their many friends on Christmas Eve. Quite a number from our Plant availed themselves of the opportunity of spending another enjoyable evening at the Eagle Club House, and from all reports, every one had a thoroughly good time. The Pan Am Funmakers were in their prime, and furnished some excellent rhythm.

The atmosphere was one of good fellowship and many a "Merry Christmas" was passed around by all present, by word of mouth and by the liquid route.

After the dance, many of the merry makers sojourned to the "MIRAFAR" and continued their good time until the wee small hours of the morning. The Pan Am Funmakers again supplied the musical numbers, and they did it in excellent style.

IT HAS BEEN RUMORED

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THAT two certain young men about Carp had an interesting experience on their way to Oranjestad Christmas Eve. Their lights (or was it the car's lights?) went out some eight miles away, and we are still trying to find out how they could see in the dark.

IT HAS BEEN RUMORED THAT the Christmas "spirits" helped them find their way.

THAT Johnny Hines had a distressing accident at the dance. How it happened we do not know, but he had to cancel a dance until a vital part of his clothes were repaired.

THAT certain merchants in Oranjestad make huge sales of liquid products (not Oil) over the Christmas holidays.

THAT a Temperance Society is being formed within the Concession by a group of boys who fell heavily from the water wagon, which caused frayed nerves and over-size heads. The line for charter members forms to the right. The first meeting will be New Years Eve.

THAT a football team has been organized to be known as the Four K's, composed of King, Krottnauer, Kaplan and King, and that they are preparing to challenge any other four-man teams in the Concession. If this is so, they will have the distinction of being the first four-man football team known to sports. (And it would seem to be the sport of Kings).

THAT plans will have to be made for an additional schoolhouse if any more large families such as Milt Lumsden's comes down. Milt's family added four more to the juvenile population.

THAT Frank Perkins got real ambitious one night not long ago, and imagined he was Jack Dempsey in his balmy days. However, nothing seemed to have happened, for the participants are still good friends.

ONCE TO EVERY MALE!

"The Love of Rudy Vallee" Orchestra Leader, so warm last June that he proposed, had cooled by November when she wanted to get married, Agnes O'Loughlin show girl, charged in a breach of promise suit filed in State Supreme Court New York. She wants \$200,000.00.

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CANADA CO-OPERATES IN LIQUOR TRAFFIC PROHIBITION

Canada has at last agreed to abolish her rum row and stop the exportation of liquor to the United States. The necessary legislation, prohibiting the clearance of liquor for the United States or any other country where it is illegal to be sold, will be passed at the meeting of Parliament in February, 1930.

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QUAINT BRAZILLIAN CUSTOM

A warm embrace is the method of greeting when two Brazilian men meet after any considerable absence. Then they part, the same rule applies. Antonio de Oliveira met a friend the other day in Rio de Janeiro. After an effusive demonstration of amiability, Tony left, but upon arriving at his own office, he was obliged to call an ambulance. His friends embrace had done some internal injury to his thorax.

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Paschoal Resas, of Rio, who says he is 120 years old, suffered a headache recently, his first illness. He did not marry until he was 90 years old. He is the father of thirteen children.

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Preserved in sand for nearly 1,500 years, the oakon vessel in which St. Patrick sailed to Ireland in 432 A.D. is believed to have been found at Colp Harbor, at the mouth of the Boyne River, Ireland.

SOMETHING NEW IN CHRISTMAS CARDS

How long after Christmas should one keep a Christmas Card? Opinions vary as to the proper length of time. Evidently some one in the Bachelor Quarters has no sentiment about them at all. George Pratt reports that on Christmas morning he found a card addressed "Merry Christmas to Alex." The card was an interesting variation from the usual run of X-mas cards. Instead of the usual picture of country home submerged in snow, or a vision of an angel in long flowing robes and a sky full of tinsel stars, this postcard pictured an earthly angel--a lady who was old rather suitably for a hot day in the tropics. Beneath the picture the sender of the card had written this inspiring message; "Hoping she will be appreciated down where women are scarce. What an ungrateful wretch this Alex. must be to have discarded the postal so soon after Christmas.

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WE WELCOME THE NEWCOMER