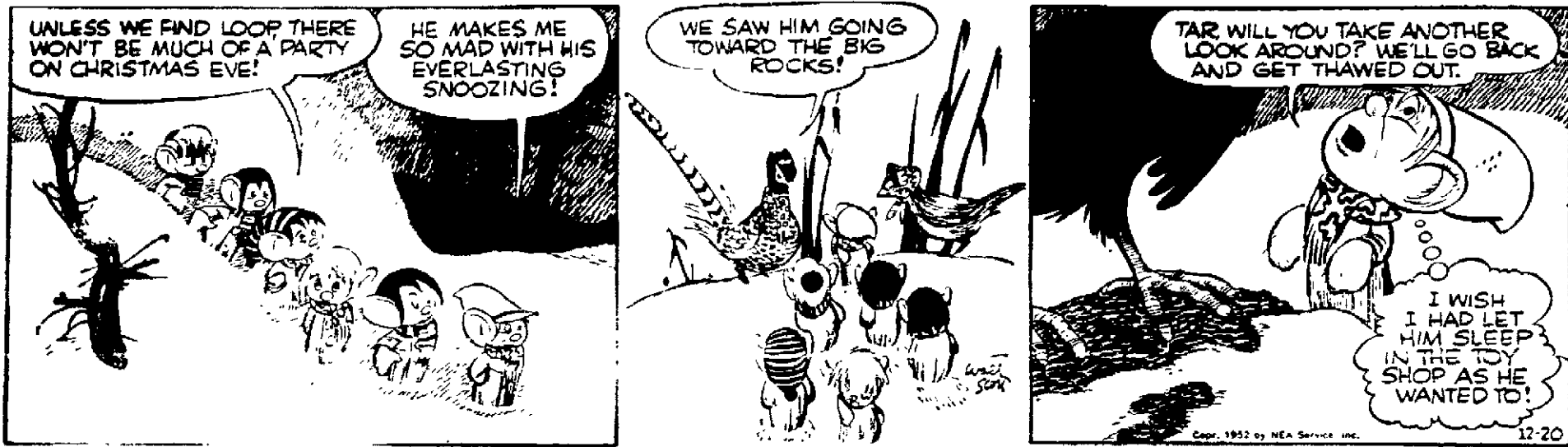


THE LITTLE PEOPLE'S CHRISTMAS

No Luck, So Far

BY WALT SCOTT



Weekly Theater Review

What happens when a woman who, despite her inherited wealth and professional success, is plunged into emotional turmoil, helplessly enmeshed in a gigantic murder plot, is the situation presented in "Sudden Fear," starring Joan Crawford, at the Paramount Sunday.

Miss Crawford portrays a woman who finds perfect joy in her marriage to a charming stranger. Her happiness is shattered when, quite unexpectedly, she learns of a plot to kill her. Her dramatic skill recognizes immediately that the plan afoot is so perfect the culprit will never be suspected. Desperately, without hesitation, she dreams up a counterplot to thwart the killers. Unfortunately she reckons without one element; the human equation. For the culprits are killers, and she is not.

Produced by Joseph Kaufman with superb care, the film's locale ranges from the stage of a New York rehearsal, to entrancing vistas of San Francisco's more lyric spots. David Miller's direction keeps the action taut and filled with suspense, as the mounting horror of imminent death carries the heroine one step beyond hysteria to the point where she embarks in desperation on a course which she hopes might keep her alive until help can be had.

But Abbott and Lou Costello will appear on a double bill on the screen of the Paramount Tuesday. They will be starred in "Ride 'Em Cowboy" and in "Hit the Ice." The top box office attractions in comedy roles, Abbott and Costello.

MOVIE CALENDAR

**PARAMOUNT**  
Sunday - Monday  
"Sudden Fear," with Joan Crawford, Jack Palance, Gloria Grahame, Bruce Bennett, "Hare Lift" and a late Paramount news.  
Tuesday - Wednesday  
"Ride 'Em Cowboy" with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello; "Hit the Ice" with Abbott and Costello; "True Boy" and a late Paramount news.  
Thursday - Saturday  
"Pony Soldier" with Tyrone Power, "Porpoise Roundup"; "Highland Sports"; "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and a late Paramount news.

**STERLING**  
Sunday - Tuesday  
"Son of Alibab" starring Tony Curtis; "Destination Meatball"; "Cattle of the Corn Belt."  
Wednesday  
Closed  
Thursday - Wednesday (Dec. 31)  
"Million Dollar Mermaid" with Esther Williams and Victor Mature; "Mouse in Manhattan."  
AUSTIN  
Sunday - Monday  
"Toughest Man in Arizona" with Vaughn Monroe and Joan Leslie; "Husky Dog"; "Jerry's Diary" news.  
Tuesday - Wednesday  
"Forty Thieves" with Hopalong Cassidy; "Texas Wildcat" with Tim McCoy.  
Thursday - Saturday  
"Yankee Buccaneer" with Jeff Chandler and Scott Brady; "Snappy Snapshots"; "Son of Geronimo," Chapter 8; news.

**STATE**  
Sunday - Tuesday  
"Red Skies of Montana" with Richard Widmark; "Beep Beep"; "Symphony in Slang."  
Thursday - Saturday  
"She's Working Her Way Through College" with Virginia Mayo and Ronald Reagan; "Popeye's Pappy"; "Zombies of the Stratosphere" Chapter 6.

**Knights of Columbus CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
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Due to Christmas Eve on Wednesday Night

have made a fortune but they are preparing for the days when their laugh careers are at an end.

Both have invested heavy earnings in California real estate. They have also gone as far as to chart their separate careers.

The dour-faced Abbott plans, when his comedy days are finished, to turn to fast-talking character roles. The round Costello, however, intends to stow away his make-up kit and turn his talents to talkie direction.

As Tyrone Power's leading lady in Twentieth Century-Fox's Technicolor outdoor drama, "Pony Soldier," opening at the Paramount Thursday, Penny Edwards undergoes one of the roughest roles of the year.

Her blonde tresses are thoroughly mussed throughout the picture. She wears no lip rouge and has only shot by an arrow, rides a burning covered wagon, is kidnapped and knocked about by warring Indians, has to swim a raging river and winds up being tied to a flaming stake.

Penny, however, isn't sorry about it. "Pony Soldier" marks her first major production after numerous "B" westerns.

The popular Tony Curtis and Piper Laurie co-star again for Universal-International in the Technicolor "Son of Ali Baba," which opens at the Sterling Sunday.

The locale and times of the fabled Ali Baba, never failing source of adventure and romance in books and on the screen, provide a setting for the handsome young Curtis and the appeal of the red-haired Miss Laurie.

Swordplay, hard riding and Doug Fairbanks-like agility, in addition to love scenes characterize Tony's appearance as Ali Baba's son, determined to foil the machinations of the grasping Caliph of Bagdad and the latter's villainous son. Haydenish, pixie-like qualities in Miss Laurie's make-up are given full play in her role of the princess captured by the Caliph and freed by the daring Curtis and his followers, the Sons of the Forty Thieves and fellow military academy cadets.

A fascinating picture inspired by the life story of Annette Kellerman, the world's most famous bathing beauty, "Million Dollar Mermaid" will open at the Sterling Thursday, starring Esther Williams, Victor Mature, Walter Pidgeon and David Brian.

It is a story replete with humor, action, excitement, heart appeal and some of the most resplendent water spectacles ever conceived for a Technicolor motion picture.

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Annette Kellerman gained world fame for her marathon swims and for her arresting diving acts and swimming diversions in the tremendous tank at New York's old Hippodrome. Earlier, she had achieved equal renown when she was arrested for indecent exposure at Boston's Revere Beach because she had donned a man's one-piece racing suit. It was this occurrence which to a large extent emancipated women from the burden of the voluminous, skirted and corseted bathing costumes of the early 1900's and presaged the beginning of today's one-piece bathing suit.

RADIO PROGRAMS

**NEW YORK** — Pro football playoff to determine the title winner of the National Conference will be carried on television Sunday afternoon from Detroit. The details:

Dumont-TV 12.30 — Los Angeles Rams at Detroit Lions, announcer Harry Wismer, to available stations coast to coast.

The next Sunday Dumont and MBS radio will carry the championship game between the winner of this contest and the Cleveland Browns.

On Saturday night list: NBC — 7 Bob and Ray; 9 Pee-wee King Music; 8:30 Grand Ole Opry; 9:30 Music Room.

CBS — 6:30 Vaughn Monroe show; 7 Gene Autry western; 7:30 Tarzan "Congo Christmas"; 8 Gang Busters; 8:30 Gun Smoke western; 9 Steve Allen show; 9:30 Country Style.

ABC — 6:30 Dinner Music; 7 Dancing Party 2 hrs; 9 Houston Music; 9:30 Perspective, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

MBS — 6:30 Down You Go; 7 Twenty Questions; 7:30 Theater of Air; 8:30 Guy Lombardo; 9 Chicago Theater "Damascus Diary."

Sunday forums: MBS 10:30 a. m. Reviewing Stand; CBS 11 a. m. Middle East Story, Israel; NBC 12:30 p. m. Chicago Roundtable...Radio and TV—NBC and NBC-TV 12 noon Youth Wants to Know, Rep. F. D. Roosevelt Jr.; NBC and NBC-TV 1:30; American Forum "How Can Americans Get Along" NBC-TV 5 and NBC 8:30 Meet the Press, Sen. Welker of Idaho. Sunday other: NBC — 4 Star

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Playhouse "Santa Is No Saint," 5:30 Juvenile Jury; 6:30 Henry Aldrich; 7 Phil and Alice; 7:30 Theater Guild "Pickwick Papers"; 8:30 Dragnet Mystery; 9 Barrie Craig "Polka Dotted Noose"; CBS-1:30 N. Y. Philharmonic, Grandma Moses guest; 3 America Calling; 5 December Bride; 6 Jack Benny; 7 Edgar Bergen, 6-year-old Candy Bergen guest; 8:30 Escape "Nightmare in the Sun"; 9:30 Steve Allen show.

ABC-11:30 Piano Playhouse; 1 Pan American concert; 5 Drew Pearson; 6:30 Time Capsule; 7 Marlene Dietrich, "Rescue"; 8:15 Melody Highway; 9:45 Looking Into Space.

MBS-1:30 West Point band; 3 Under Arrest "Mickey Finn Report"; 4 The Shadow; 5:30 Detective drama "Phony Santa"; 7 Hawaii Calls; 9 Oklahoma Symposium.

Film Executive to Pay Less Alimony

**LOS ANGELES** — The District Court of Appeals has ordered a reduction from \$2,750 monthly to \$1,650 monthly alimony of aviation and film executive Noah Dietrich, pending Mrs. Carol Dietrich's action for separate maintenance.

The decision pointed out that evidence showed Mrs. Dietrich, 46, already has \$1,100 monthly income from her own property. Under a Superior Court order Dietrich, 63, also must pay \$650 monthly for the couple's three children and over \$4,000 a year in taxes.

Mrs. Dietrich's suit charges extreme cruelty and adultery. Dietrich has filed a counter suit for annulment.

2 Children Die in Birmingham Blaze

**BIRMINGHAM** — Two Negro children burned to death when fire destroyed a frame house last night. Fire Chief Hoyt Ayers said the victims were Juliet Simms, 12, and her brother Davis, 8. Cause of the blaze was unknown.

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Santa and the Pirates

By LUCRECE HUDGINS BEALE

**SYNOPSIS:** As Jonathan sadly thinks of the treasure at the bottom of the sea, the now tamed pirate captain cheers him by saying in 6 hours the water will go down and he will be able to recover the treasure. And it does. But time is growing short and they need a good wind. So Santa tells Jonathan to see the West Wind. He blows and blows, and the ship chimes over the sea toward Fairvania.

CHAPTER XVI

**A Merry Christmas**  
It was Christmas eve in the Kingdom of Fairvania. But not a stocking was hung. Not a tree was decorated. Not a gift was wrapped.

The people expected no Christmas this year—or perhaps ever again. For the King must lose his kingdom to the strange creature named Lubi because he could not pay his debt of 20,000 pieces of gold.

The King sat now in his palace surrounded by his sorrowing ministers.

"Perhaps Prince Jonathan will save us yet," the ministers said. But they knew they were fooling themselves for no word had been heard from the Prince since he had sailed away three weeks before.

But now as they sat there a messenger came running to the King. "A ship! A ship is at the wharf!" "It's the Prince!" cried the King's people and all ran joyfully from the palace.

The King himself, trembling with hope, snatched up a spy glass and climbed to the topmost turret of his castle. He peered anxiously across the city and saw the ship at the wharf.

"My son!" wept the King with joy.

But when he raised the spy glass to his eye and peered more closely at the ship his heart sank. For it was a foreign ship and not Prince Jonathan's at all.

The spy glass fell from the King's hand. The disappointment staggered him. He stumbled down the steps to his room.

There, sitting on the King's own throne, sat Lubi himself come to claim his 20,000 pieces of gold.

"Have you my gold?" asked Lubi.

"I cannot pay you," moaned the King.

"Then I shall have your kingdom!" retorted Lubi.

"What will happen to my people?" cried the grieving King.

"They will be my slaves," smiled the ugly creature.

Suddenly there were shouts in the palace courtyard. Footsteps pounded through the corridors. Hands

beat on the door to the King's room.

"Open up! Open up!"

The doors crashed open. In marched a pirate band bearing a massive sea chest. Behind them came a shouting crowd.

"What is this?" cried Lubi springing from the throne.

"My father's ransom," said the smiling Prince and he flipped open the chest.

Lubi's eyes popped to see the fortune glittering there.

"Count him out 20,000 pieces of gold!" the Prince ordered his men.

Then the Prince embraced his overjoyed father. The people shouted and laughed and cried. When Lubi's gold was counted out the strange creature vanished and was never again seen in that land.

The pirates said, "There is still a fortune left. What shall we do with that?"

"It is for my father," said the Prince.

The King said, "Then I give it to all my people for, whatever it mine, is theirs forevermore."

So the laughing people helped themselves to the diamond necklaces and rubied crowns and sapphire rings; the gold plates and pearl brooches; the silver and ivory; and all the other treasures there.

Then a great tree was raised in the palace yard and decorated with sparkling lights. And all the children and all the grownups danced and sang. Food appeared. Musicians played. Clouds cavorted. Oh, nothing like it had been seen before in Fairvania!

The King and his son stood watching from the balcony above the courtyard. At the stroke of midnight the people cried, "Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!"

Between the shouts Prince Jonathan suddenly heard the far away tinkle of sleigh bells in the sky.

"Merry Christmas!" shouted the Prince.

And he could have sworn he heard a well known voice from the clear midnight sky shout in return, "A Merry Christmas to all!"

(The End)

King Vidor's Wife Must Name Women

**LOS ANGELES** — King Vidor's wife has 10 days in which to name the women with whom she charges the 57-year-old movie director has associated.

Mrs. Esther Nicholas Vidor, 51, charged in her divorce complaint that the director had been guilty of infidelity and cruelty and had stayed out at night on "occasions too numerous to mention."

"He would have to come into court prepared to account for all the time he was absent from his wife's company," Superior Judge Ellsworth Meyer remarked in ordering more detailed charges.

"His wife cannot suffer from what she doesn't know about. He is entitled to know from what she was suffering."

The Vidors were married in 1937 and have been estranged for more than two years.

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