

## Young Man About Town

... By Whitt N. Schultz

### I'm Going To Live As If:

All men are intrinsically "good". Every man and woman is my friend until proven otherwise. Every person is honest. The other automobile driver is going to do something wrong—and I'd better watch out! Most people are looking out for me as much as I am trying to look out for them. Others have a right to their opinion. The "scientific method" (going first to life facts, observing and recording these facts, using them, and then reading what the "great thinkers" have said) is the best way to avoid intolerance and find "truth". Life and Nature and People are to be greeted with a smile and a happy YES! The people I meet are my friends. This war is a way of punishing us for what we have done—and for what we have not done! Life is really happy, ready to be enjoyed. My kind of "success" will be mine if I sincerely want it. Women don't really think themselves pretty or attractive in slacks. People who like to keep saloons busy are merely frustrated and ignorant. They need a safer, constructive outlet for their starved emotions. Remember the "expulsive power of a new affection". Men and women are striving for what is "right"—and do you, reader, happen to know exactly what is "right"? "Wrong"? Health and contentment are the main goals of life. Idealism mixed with solid, sordid,

stark realism is my steady life-leader. Tip-toe living is the top way of life. "A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" The world will give me a chance if I honestly and diligently want that chance! The war will be over in six months, and my best friends will return and learn creativeness rather than destructiveness. Reading "established literature" is one of the finest ways of improving the mind. Creators are the real leaders in this world—and they should be followed! Rigid discipline is good for everyone. The Church is indispensable to a happy, well-rounded life. "There is majesty in simplicity". The "questionable actions" of some people are rooted in psychological ground which may be tilted and advantageously used in understanding the actions of men and women. Ambition will not be quieted until satisfied—but ambition must be throttled as is a speeding car when approaching dangerous intersections where people are. Conscientiousness should be encouraged. "There are no uninteresting things in this world only uninterested people." People are going to speak about me as I speak about them. "Good" somewhere may be found in every person—and I'm going to look and hunt for that "good"! Cynics, pessimists, and negativists are sad, disappointed people stricken with a dreadful yet curable disease! There is no better place to live than Highland Park, Illinois!

## There's got to be a Santa Claus!

By Channing Pollock

When she was a very little girl, my daughter asked, "What would you do if there weren't any trees?"

"Why," I answered, lightheartedly, "we'd have to invent some. We couldn't get on without trees."

There are quite a lot of things—food, shelter, clothing—we couldn't get on without, and a number of wise men have made my suggestion—we'd have to invent them. What we must have even more than these are, food for the mind, shelter for the spirit, that which clothes the nakedness of mere animal existence, and gives warmth to human contacts.

We celebrate Christmas as a religious festival, but a Christmas was celebrated hundreds of years before Christ. The ancient people of the Angli, in what is now Britain, had in December a Modranecht, or "mothers' night." There had to be a day set aside for kindness, and generosity, and remembering those we love, and those less fortunate.

Before and since Dickens wrote his immortal *A Christmas Carol*, there have been a few Scrooges who cried of Christmas, "ah, humbug!" I have heard modern Scrooges call it a shopkeepers' holiday, and a nuisance, but for the overwhelming majority of us, as for Scrooge's nephew, it is "a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year when men and women open their shut-up hearts freely... I say God bless it!"

There is a certain magic in a day when even strangers bid us be merry; when the mail and telephone and telegraph and all the means of communication commonly devoted to business bring cheery wishes for "Merry Christmas!" Shopkeepers' holiday? Bah! Humbug! It isn't a necktie or a dollar bill that we slip into the hand of the janitor or the postman; it's good will and thank you for a year of service. It isn't a toy train that we put under the tree for Junior, or a muffler that we wrap in red tissue for Aunt Julia, but the knowledge that Junior has always wanted a train, and Aunt Julia has needed a muffler, and the loving desire that, just this one day, they shall have what they want and need, and that we shall see the pleasure in their eyes, and feel the warmth of their joyful kisses.

Believe it or not, and smile if you like, but, at—well, say 60, my wife and I still hang up our stockings. What a lot of love and laughter and tenderness goes into the trifling gifts we select for those symbols. We trim our little tree with bright stars and tinsel, and for days ahead, in secret, we write messages, and wrap things in gay paper, and hide them from one

another until the morning of mornings.

Shopkeepers' holiday! Was it only a shaving kit I could have got for myself that went into that starry package, or was it my daughter's heart that remembered the time, ages ago, when I said, "Damn that old razor! Some day I'm going to have one that fits into my hand properly!"? What about the crate of oranges that comes every Christmas from a colored elevator boy in Florida? I can buy better oranges, but I can't buy what comes with these.

We dine every day, but there is only one Christmas dinner. For years that was a family festival, with all our dear ones about the table. Most of them are gone now, and our Christmas guests are people who, whatever their means, have no home of their own. Why? Well, when I was 19, and away from my home for the first time at Christmas, a very lonely lad, the mother of a chap employed in the office with me asked me to her home. I never saw her again; she has been dead nearly 40 years, but she and that dinner live in my memory.

Last Christmas my wife and I had half a dozen old actors, forgotten now, and we talked of the great days in the theater, and lived them again until long after midnight. Irene Franklin, who had been the idol of vaudeville, sang several of her best songs to us, and a very old Shakespearean actor repeated—and how!—the soliloquy from *Hamlet*. It took Christmas to restore their heyday for an hour or two, and that memory goes on our golden pile of Christmases.

During a radio broadcast not long ago, I met the middle-aged woman who, as a child of 8, wrote to the *New York Sun*, "Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?" Every year the *Sun* reprints the reply it made editorially in 1897: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist... There is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real—Ah... in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding."

Of course there's a Santa! And if there weren't, he would be the very first of the things we'd have to invent. Life must have love and a little childlike faith to be enduring; and the year must have at least one day when we are more conscious of faith and love than of business and bombs and all the realities—nobody doubts—and nobody wants!

### Table Tennis Club Scheduling Matches

The cold weather finds table tennis enthusiasts in full swing, getting in shape for the coming matches. Last Monday the Center Tennis Club had a match with the Service Men's Club. Urged to come to the Center any Monday after 7, and just play, or try out for the team.

### Gov. Dwight Green Honorary Chairman Of Defense Committee

Secretary Morgenthau has announced the acceptance by Governor Dwight H. Green, of Illinois, of the honorary chairmanship of the Defense Savings Committee for the State of Illinois.

## "NAVY TRADE TRAINING GAVE ME MY START" SAYS PRESIDENT, SPERRY CORPORATION



THOMAS A. MORGAN (pictured in insert), president of the Sperry Corporation, world's largest manufacturer of aeronautical and marine instruments, received his early technical training in the U. S. Navy, in which he enlisted as a young man. "This has proved of great value to me in later years," said ex-sailor Morgan. Pictured above are new Navy recruits receiving electrical training at one

of the modern equipped Navy Trade Schools. The Navy offers training to young men in fifty 50 different trades and vocations.

Opportunities for advancement, to learn skilled trades, for travel and adventure are identical whether a man enlists in the regular Navy or the Naval Reserve—and his pay, food, clothing, medical and dental care are the same.

### Pearl Found By Mrs Cross Is Valued At \$10

The pearl which Mrs. E. A. Cross, 2145 Oak Knoll terrace, Highland Park, found in an oyster while enjoying a birthday dinner in her honor at Hotel Moraine On-the-Lake recently, has a market value of \$10, two jewel appraising firms have advised her.

### SATURDAY EVE CLUB

On Saturday evening, December 6, the Saturday Evening Club will entertain with a Barn Dance in the Assembly Hall of the Y.W.C.A., 374 Laurel Avenue, to which the public is invited. Christmas decorations will predominate, with an excellent Barn Dance Orchestra furnishing the music. Intermission entertainment, special refreshments, and door prizes will highlight the festivities of the evening.

### Lt. William Looby Named Aide to Brig. Gen. Willis

Lieut. William E. Looby, former Highland Park surgeon, today, was named official aide to Brig. Gen. John M. Willis, camp commander.

Lieutenant Looby practiced surgery in Highland Park from 1937 to 1940, when he was called to active duty in the Army.

A native of Iowa, the Lieutenant studied at Rush Medical college, Chicago, and later undertook specialized hospital training at the Highland Park hospital and the Presbyterian hospital, Chicago.

He spent 18 months working as a surgeon abroad before he established his Highland Park offices.

Prior to appointment as aide to General Willis, the Lieutenant commanded Company C of the 30th Medical Training Battalion.

### John P. McMahon Named Commander At Naval School

John P. McMahon, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. McMahon of 130 South 2nd St., recently was appointed Commander of the first platoon, Fourth Company, First Cadet Battalion, at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., according to an announcement by that station's Public Relations Office.

McMahon attended De Paul University and received his appointment as a Naval Aviation Cadet in June of this year. He took his elimination flight training at the U. S. Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Glenview, Ill., before coming to Pensacola for primary and basic training at the "Annapolis of the Air."

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Harza, 2299 Pierce road have returned from a three month's vacation in Charleston, N. C.

### ROTARY CLUB

The Highland Park Rotary club met at Hotel Moraine On-the-Lake Monday noon for their regular weekly luncheon-meeting. Nafe Larson was in charge of the program. Scouts of Troop 30, and scoutmaster, M. Warner Turriff demonstrated the way in which Boy Scouts can be of service during the war emergencies. Participating in the program were John Wood, Raymond Lee, George LeClerq, Kenneth Margeson, James Leech, Philip Minorini, Robert Moran, Thomas Gilroy, James Fahey and Richard Sage. Troop 30 is sponsored by the Rotary club.

### LIONS CLUB

The Highland Park Lions club heard Nels Johnson tree surgeon, Evanston, at their weekly meeting Thursday at the Open House. Johnson illustrated his talk with colored slides. Karl Hanson and Ernest Belmont were in charge of the meeting.

### ELKS AUXILIARY

The auxiliary of the Highland Park Elks club held its monthly dessert and meeting Tuesday at the club rooms. Mrs. M. J. Mitchell presided over the meeting. Hostesses for December include Mrs. Joseph Berube, Mrs. E. L. McLaughlin and Mrs. J. Sheaken.

The annual Christmas party will be held December 16. Each member is asked to bring a 10 cent gift for the exchange, and canned goods for the Christmas basket.

### MOOSE LODGE

Loyal Order of Moose, Highland Park held its annual fall dinner for members and their wives at the Kennells in Northbrook Wednesday night. Carl Dill was master of ceremonies. Dinner speakers were Norman Fink, recent past governor and Clarence Rollman, present Governor.

The annual Christmas party for children of members will be held December 21 at Witten hall at 7:30 o'clock. Santa Claus will be on hand to give out presents. Christmas carols will be sung around the Christmas tree.



THIS year above all, you say, you want the presents you give to be used—you want them to last... Well, here's the answer... Give electrical gifts. Their worth will increase as months go by.

Now meet an old hand at Christmas giving... he will show you how to shop for long-lived electrical gifts... Santa Claus!



Hello, there! Well, first thing to decide is how much you want to spend for each gift. Make a list of your favorite people—put a rough figure after each name—then come with me. We'll find the right electrical gift to fit each figure—



#### If you plan to spend up to \$5

Does your friend like to drink good coffee? The vacuum coffee maker you give will go on pouring out good brews for years... and of course, everybody likes an electric clock for his own room, as well as other parts of the house... a pin-up lamp is the handiest thing for lighting up an odd corner...



#### If you plan to spend up to \$10

Waffle irons last for years... you can get one that makes two waffles at a time, and stay in this price range!... Speaking of irons, the new flat irons are really something! They make ironing so easy... the right gift for any woman on your list who keeps house... or for a girl with a room at college... and don't forget—a handsome table lamp is always a welcome gift.



#### If you plan to spend up to \$25

For people who take pride in serving snacks to their guests, a toaster with tray and service dishes is perfect... or you can give a complete electric roaster for this amount of money—something you'll be thanked for as long as you live! While we're thinking about the kitchen, don't forget that nothing adds more fun to cooking than an electric mixer... and does it save a lot of work! For someone you're particularly anxious to please—a beautiful floor or table lamp will bring years of pleasure.



#### And for your most important gifts

If you're an "unusual" giver, that wonderful new electric blanket is the gift you've been trying to think of... keeps people warm all night regardless of changing room temperatures... is light as a feather. Costs \$36.23 complete with transformer and adjustable thermostat control switch. It's ideal for bedroom, sleeping porch or college dormitory.

And for a really big Christmas, an electric refrigerator, a washer or an electric sewing machine! I think an investment in the home shows a mighty smart bit of foresight this year.



Hope I've helped you fill out your list. Until Christmas Eve... Good-bye, and Good Shopping!

For more suggestions, stop in at your neighborhood dealer's or Public Service store. Don't put off shopping... do it now while selections are best.

... and Electricity is Cheap!

Items priced at \$5 or more may be purchased on convenient terms.

