

Martyrdom--Our Path to Decency

The man who on a wintry January morning in 1961 admonished the nation to "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," has given his all to the nation, and for this, secured the wrath of an assassin's bullet.

John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States, the Boston Irishman who captured the love and respect of the world in life, garnished himself in death with martyrdom Friday when shot down on the streets of Dallas.

Shocked by the dastardly murder, the people of America sought a motive for the forces that drove the killer to commit such a heinous crime. The answer is attainable for those who seek it; the solution rests on hope.

For many months in the United States there has been an undercurrent of vituperation and hate spread, by what the fallen President was to call in Dallas, "dissident voices . . . expressing opposition without alternatives, finding fault but never favor, perceiv-

ing gloom on every side and seeking influence without responsibility." Leaders of the extremists, both right and left, preach the gospel that members of the Supreme Court should be impeached, the President killed, the government violently overthrown if necessary. They teach that it is not enough to oppose, but to oppose with hate and vengeance. These minority elements advocate hate and practice hate. The enemy, they say, is not foreign but domestic; the victory not peaceful, but violent. We have seen their disgusting imprints in the streets, in books and convention halls. We laughed at their ridiculous sideshows making a mockery of political decency and desecrating the flag with their mere presence. We laughed, but no more.

Our President recognized the dangers confronting America in these radicals. Dallas was to be the city where both extremists and President laid their cards on the table. The freedom the young President was fighting for was also the same freedom that allowed a two-bit punk to purchase a rifle and slay

a man that embodied all that is great in the American tradition.

The battle in America today is between the rational and the irrational; between the thoughtful and the thoughtless. This country can never be truly great, or seek to teach democracy to the world until we have learned to settle political differences in a way that befits a civilized country. When the President can journey through the streets without fear that some crackpot will assassinate him, then we can preach to the world.

The tragic events of the weekend which made the people reflective on their national character, will, we hope, be the spark that ignites a popular revulsion against the hate mills and erases this bloody stain from our history.

For if history can be any guidepost to the future, it plainly tells us that assassinations always bring the opposite reaction desired. It did for Booth, and it did for the murderer of our President.

—The Editor



President and Mrs. Kennedy feel the warmth of Fort Worth hospitality at breakfast Friday morning at Hotel Texas. The late President loved to be with people and often mixed with crowds. He

enjoyed to be with the American people and it made him happy to know that people liked to see him. (Photo by James Martin).

Late President Brings Sunshine, Happiness Here Before Death

The following story was written, in the carnival spirit that enwrapped Hotel Texas here, as the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy charmed all within sight and sound of him.

The last sentence was completed through a haze of tears and choking sobs—as the bright day yielded to the vicious and unbelievable reality of death for a great man.—Ed.

By JANE HUMPHREY

There is nothing quite like breakfasting with the President of the United States.

As a guest at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast in Fort Worth's Texas Hotel Ballroom Friday, this reported found among the guests a number of famous people, sitting at the next table only ten feet away.

Enjoying ham, eggs, potato pancakes, orange juice and rolls were Vice President and Mrs.

Johnson, Governor and Mrs. Connally, Congressman Jim Wright, Senator Ralph Yarborough, and State Senator Don Kennard.

Another important guest was one of the three men in dark suits assisting the waiters at the head table. One, a Secret Service Agent, is required to step in front of the President if an assault is made on him.

The President's breakfast table was decorated with red and white stock, red roses, white pom-pom chrysanthemums, and greenery. Behind him stood the United States flag and the President's flag. The President's seal was on the rostrum.

A string ensemble played for the guests, who waited as long as two hours to see the President.

'Where's Jackie?'

The Texas Boys' Choir sang at intervals as head table guests filed in. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs.

Connally came in with the larger group, followed a few minutes later by their husbands, who were greeted with smiles by their wives and standing applause by the audience.

The President entered amid cheers, applause, and whispers of "Where's Jackie?"

Kennedy was offered a plate and refused, but the Vice President was caught (for his introduction) with a mouthful of scrambled eggs.

Breakfast finished, the Boys' Choir opened the program with "The Eyes of Texas," accompanied by a standing audience of proud Texans.

Morning Complete

A show business touch was added in Chamber President Raymond Buck's announcement that "Now comes an event you have all been waiting for."

(Continued on Page 4)

VOL. 62, No. 20 Nov. 26, 1963 4 PAGES

The Skiff

Official TCU Newspaper Since 1903

Texas Christian University ★ ★ ★ Fort Worth, Texas

University Solemn After Tragic News

When the campus learned of the death of President Kennedy, Friday, it wore a long face.

The air was filled with the sound of a single church bell, tolling the tragic news. Its steady beat was almost in time with the steps of many students entering campus churches.

Professors dismissed classes. Some locked their doors and went home for the day.

The flag, flying high on its staff

in front of Reed Hall, was taken to half-mast, its proud colors waving in a heavy wind.

The Student Center was filled with people listening to the voice of a news commentator, telling of the President's death in Dallas.

Upstairs, the television room was filled to capacity.

Radios were turned on everywhere.

Dorm monitors canceled in—
(Continued on Page 4)



Students poured into The Skiff newsroom Friday, some of them cutting classes, to watch the Associated Press machine as it turned out copy reporting the assassination of the President. At one time, the room had about 30 horrified students. (Photo by Mike Martin)



President Lyndon B. Johnson poses for newsmen with his wife, Lady Bird, and Governor John Connally. This photograph was taken at the appearance of the dignitaries at the Hotel Texas in Fort Worth just two hours before President John F. Kennedy was assassinated and Gov. Connally was shot in Dallas.



Knit Him a Gift!

- Knitting Lessons
- Knitting Supplies
- Needlepoint



3465 Bluebonnet Circle
WA 7-8159

Buy From
SKIFF
Advertisers

**Ski Trip Reservations
Invited; Space Limited**

Cooler weather has brought more than overcoats, good turnouts at football games and high sales on the anti-freeze market.

It's brought the Activities Council Games and Outings annual call of "All aboard for the all-university Ski Trip to Red River, N. Mex."

Reservations for the sun, snow and ski holiday are now being accepted by the Social Director's Office, and the committee has

warned that there is a definite limit on available space.

The committee decided to take the reservations now instead of waiting until after the Thanksgiving holidays as it has in the past.

The ski trip will be made during the between-semester break, January 22-26.

The cost of the trip will be \$41.50, including transportation by Greyhound buses and accommodations for four days at the Terrace Towers Ski Lodge.

The ski lodge overlooks the ski lifts and the slopes of the resort. TCU students will be housed in roomy apartments including living room, two bedrooms, kitchen and bath. Six persons will live in each five-room unit.

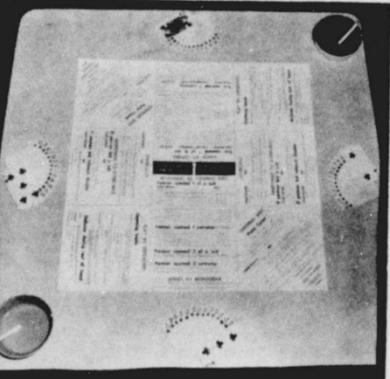
Some of the more common fun activities at the lodge will be skiing, ice skating, sledding, trout fishing, hiking, climbing, whirly-birding, movies, dancing and other diversions.

And maybe students will get some rest so they'll be ready to tackle the spring semester's school work.

Further information about the trip is available at the information desk in the Student Center lobby.

All Haircuts
(except flattops)
99c
Mon. through Thurs.
with activity card
TANDY
BARBER SHOP
1515 So. University

BRIDGE BIDDER
It simplifies bridge right before your eyes — eliminates guesses by showing each player how to count points, open bidding, make responses and play correctly. Excellent for those who play bridge or for beginners. Easy to understand. 20x20 size, \$1. Mail your order today, to . . .



C&T Sales Dept. 10

5641 Wharton, Fort Worth, Texas, 76133

TUXEDO
Rental & Sales
• Special •
**STUDENT
DISCOUNT**



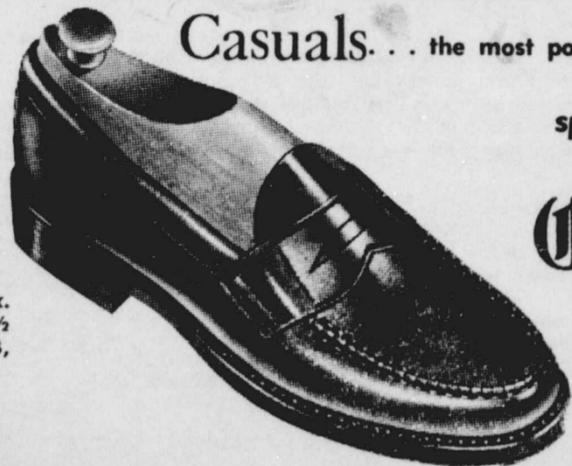
"Fort Worth's Finest"

Skeffington's
Men's Formal Wear
Neiman-Marcus Square

**Nota Bene, Profs;
You Need To Rest**

The Hospitality Committee invites faculty members to have a free coffee once during the semester for each of their classes in the Student Center.

TCU
Before or after the game, dine at one of Fort Worth's Famous . . .
Colonial Cafeterias
1523 PENNSYLVANIA
ACROSS FROM WESTCHESTER HOUSE
2600 W. BERRY ACROSS FROM COX'S 4025 E. BELKNAP COX'S CENTER



Casuals . . . the most popular casual shoe

specially for the

**Oxford
Shop**

15.95

in Black & Dk. Brown. Size 7½ to 12. Widths B, C, D

2918 West Berry

Two Will Attend A&M Meet On National Affairs

Two University students from the government department have been selected to attend the fifth student Conference on National Affairs, Dec. 11-14 at Texas A&M University.

Nancy Savage, Odessa junior, and government major, and Steve Hendrix, Malvern, Pa. senior and international affairs major, will attend the 4-day SCONA meet at College Station.

The conference theme is expected to enter around national finance and taxation.

Delegates from more than 70 American and some European colleges and universities will hear talks from national and international political figures. They will also participate in round table discussions on national and foreign policy issues.

ADS Staffed

David Stevenson, Abilene senior was elected president of Alpha Delta Sigma (ADS), national professional advertising fraternity, late last week.

Other officers elected were Lynn Ligon, vice president, and David Sturgiss, secretary-treasurer.

It's Final; Course Numbers Are Changed for Fall, '64

By DAVID STURGISS

A new course numbering system will be in effect as of the Fall 1964 semester, Calvin A. Cumbie, registrar, has reported.

The new four-digit system will replace the now "inadequate" three-digit system, begun in 1944.

"The reason for the change is inflexibility of the present numbering system," said Cumbie. "When it (the present system) was adopted it was not foreseen that ten numbers would eventually be inadequate for all three semester-hour courses a single department might offer on a given level," he added.

The system now in effect provides each course with an assigned three-digit number, the first digit indicating the semester-hour credit of the course; the second refers to the rank of the course (freshman, sophomore, etc.).

THE third number in the present system is the "bad spot" which causes the insufficient flexibility. At present, a minimum of ten courses in one department could be offered on one level, be it senior, junior, sophomore or freshman; this is because the only one number, the last digit in the present system, distinguished one course from another.

The new system will have two numbers to distinguish one course maximum of 100 courses with the same semester hour credit could be offered, per level.

For example, Math 315 will be changed to Math 1253. Under the present system Math 315 is a three hour, freshman level course. The last digit simply distinguished

this course from another math course.

THE NEW classification for the math course will be Math 1253. The first digit will refer to the level of the course; here it will be a freshman course. The last digit will determine the semester-hour credit for the course. In this case Math 1253 is a three-hour course.

The two middle numbers will distinguish one course from another. Therefore a maximum of 100 courses can be offered if numbering starts at 00 and ends at 99.

At the present time, if there were more than 10 courses offered, letters beyond "a" and "b" were added. "This limitation is being experienced in some departments and will spread to others," said Cumbie.

The digit indicating the level (year) at which the course is offered will not change with the new system. Freshman courses will not change with the new system. Freshman courses will begin with the digit 1; sophomore 2; junior 3; senior 4 and 5; graduate 5,6,7,8, and 9; and sub-freshman 0.

ALL DEPARTMENTAL honor

courses will have the two middle numbers ranging from 00 to 04. Choice of other middle numbers will be decided by department heads.

Patronize Skiff Advertisers

Everything in Sports and Athletic Equipment

Beyette's
SPORTING GOODS

2704 W. Berry WA 3-0817

NOW OPEN

Frederick's
CHARCOAL HOUSE

CHARCOALED HAMBURGERS

BARBECUE

Orders to Go

WA 6-3036
2917 W. Berry

Your Class Ring

distinguishes you as a Senior!



manufactured by **Haltom's**

The official TCU class ring is a lifetime investment of 10-Karat Gold that will recall many treasured memories of your alma mater. Each ring is die-struck for maximum beauty and longer wear. See the samples and place your order at . . .

UNIVERSITY STORE
Student Center

They'll Have to Imbibe Seal Oil

Kotzebue, Alaska, (AP)—What's happened to the lusty, roistering, frozen north of the gold rush days?

Kotzebue, an eskimo village of 1,290 above the arctic circle, voted 199-183 for prohibition in a local option election recently.

Unless the voters petition for another local option election, the area for five miles around Kotzebue will be dry after a non-profit corporation's license runs out Dec. 31. And even then, if the village votes wet a new license couldn't be issued until next Nov. 12.

It's enough to drive a man to eat his own mukluks.

FORT WORTH'S *Ultra!*

Fort Worth MOTEL

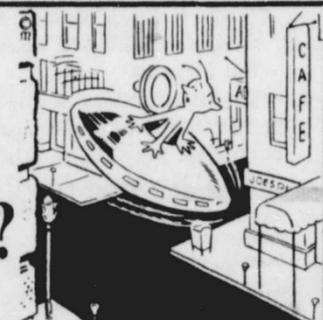
• MUSIC • POOL
FINE FOODS • TELEVISION • ROOM SERVICE

WA 3-1987

4213 SO. FREEWAY
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

SEMINARY SOUTH SHOPPING CENTER

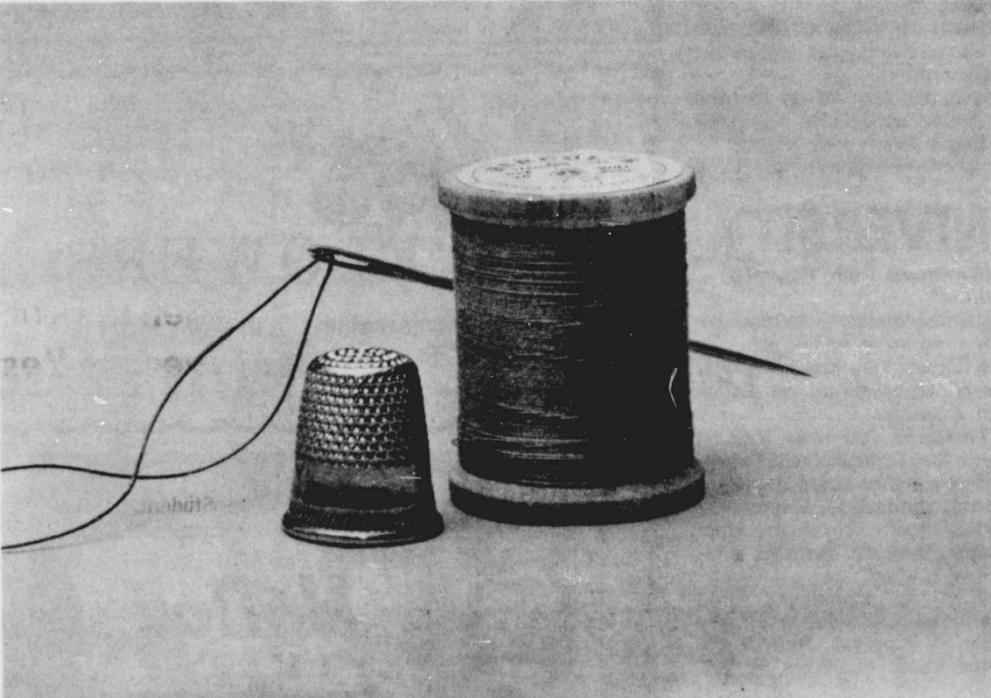
Where's Everybody?



Going to Hill's for Laundry and Dry Cleaning that is out of this world! They like the quick service and modest cost. Join them, and just say "charge it!"

Hill's Dry Cleaners
and Bachelor Laundry

2956 W. Berry, Between Fire Hall and Safeway



A stitch in time
(saves a lot of bother later on)

We wouldn't want to needle you (get the point) but University State Bank has a new "TCU Special" checking account that is tailor-made for you. Personalized to pin down your identification either on or off campus, the "Special" is available

only to TCU students and faculty from

UNIVERSITY STATE BANK

'round the corner from the campus
Lubbock St. and W. Berry • WA 4-4271

The Skiff

The Skiff is the official student newspaper at Texas Christian University, published Tuesday and Friday during college class weeks except in summer terms. Views presented are those of students and do not necessarily reflect administrative policies of the University. Represented for national advertising by National Advertising Service, Inc., 18 East 50th Street, New York 22, N.Y. Second-class postage paid at Fort Worth, Texas. Subscription price \$3 a year in advance.

Editor Brassfield Martin
 Managing Editor Jay Schempf
 Sports Editor Jim Johnston
 Feature Editor Mary Martin
 Advertising Manager Jay Hackleman
 Photography Editor David Sturgiss
 Assistant Sports Editor Richard Ratliff
 Photographer David Stevens
 Faculty Adviser Lewis C. Fay



LATE PRESIDENT

(Continued from Page 1)

It was Jackie, of course, and with her gracious entrance the morning was complete.

Less decorous guests, including this reporter, stood on chairs to see her enter in a shocking pink mohair suit, lined and thinly piped in navy silk. She wore a matching pink pillbox hat piped again in navy, over unteased,

Sadler, Moudy Give Impressions

The assassination of President Kennedy Friday brought comment from TCU administrators.

Chancellor M. E. Sadler called the death of the President "a supreme tragedy."

"For a day or two, I was in a state of shock," Dr. Sadler said Monday. "I was with him (Kennedy) about two hours before the tragic event.

"It is difficult to believe it, even at this time," he said.

"However, I have the greatest confidence in President Johnson." Dr. Sadler cited Johnson's career in Washington and his close relationship with John F. Kennedy as proof of his ability to carry on.

"This act is an indication of how far we have to go in becoming a mature nation," said Dr. James M. Moudy, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"Kennedy was a particularly appealing person," Dr. Moudy continued, "because of his youth and his war-time and legislative experiences.

"I suppose none of us realized how much appeal he had until this tragic event took place."

UNIVERSITY

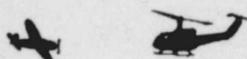
(Continued from Page 1)

spectations. All Homecoming activities for the evening were called off.

The library was almost empty. Some of its employees sat listening to a radio.

A professor who was walking through the Student Center stopped short when he heard the news. He stood, motionless, listening to the anguished voice of the commentator, then sat down at a table.

Outside, an ambulance siren broke the stillness, its loud blare chilling, a funereal echo of the frightful chain of events in Dallas.



Learn to Fly!

Flying is fun and safe. Our instructors are experienced in both fixed-wing and helicopter. For further information call . . .

JACK ROBINSON
Flying Service

Meacham Field MA 6-8241

shoukier-length hair, turned up, and curled toward her face on the right side with sideswept bangs.

Silver buttons bordered in navy ornamented the double-breasted jacket which was cut higher in front, dropping in the back to a few inches below the waist of her fitted skirt.

The President remarked that in Fort Worth he was getting "some-what the same sensation" that he got in Paris, when he introduced himself as "the man who accompanied Jackie Kennedy to Paris."

"Nobody wonders what Lyndon and I wear," he quipped.

Mrs. Kennedy listened attentively at first, then thoughtfully looked around the room with her doe-eyes, occasionally brushing back her bangs with her hand.

Each of them acknowledged the ovations to the other graciously and with obvious pleasure.

At the conclusion of the President's brief remarks, he was presented with a Stetson hat and a pair of Texas boots. The First Lady also was given boots.

President Buck closed with Fort Worth's thanks to the Kennedys for bringing "rain to our city, and sunshine in our hearts."

TCU Barber Shop

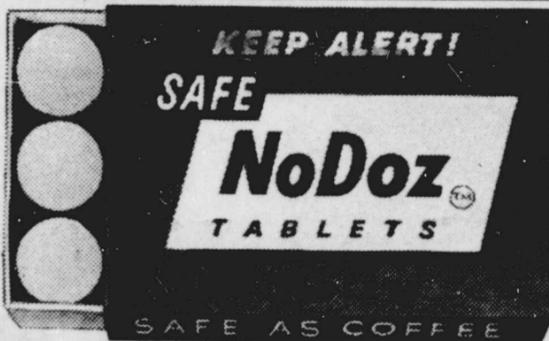
3015 University Dr.

"Flat-tops a specialty"

Amen's FLOWERS

at our new shop . . . 2117 W. Berry

WA 4-2243



THE SAFE WAY to stay alert without harmful stimulants

NoDoz keeps you mentally alert with the same safe refresher found in coffee and tea. Yet NoDoz is faster, handier, more reliable. Absolutely not habit-forming.

Next time monotony makes you feel drowsy while driving, working or studying, do as millions do . . . perk up with safe, effective NoDoz tablets.

Another fine product of Grove Laboratories.

Mustangs Saturday

The Frogs will play Southern Methodist University at 2 p.m. Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium as scheduled, and the game with Rice has been reset for Saturday, Dec. 7.

Arkansas beat Texas Tech, 27-20, in the only Southwest Conference game played over the weekend.

Tech's loss dropped the Red Raiders into seventh position with a 2-5 record and the defeat automatically moved the idle Frogs to sixth with a 1-3-1 mark.

The other scheduled game — SMU at Baylor — also will be played Dec. 7.

Games this week see Texas battling Texas A&M in College Station Thursday. The 2 p.m. contest will be televised nationally, and it will end the season for both teams except the Longhorns' Cotton Bowl trip.

Baylor will journey to Houston to play Rice and the loser will have very little chance to make a post-season trip. Oddsmakers

Remember:
you read it in
THE SKIFF



"Luxury for Less"

- 24 Hour Food Service
- TV in All Rooms
- Swimming Pool
- Free Teletype Reservation Service in all Ramada Inns

G. Harrell Keathley, Mgr.

4201 SOUTH FREEWAY at SEMINARY DRIVE
Phone WALnut 3-8281

have rated the battle a toss-up.

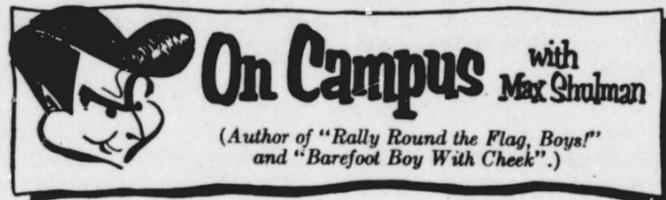
The Frogs are a three-point pick over SMU and Texas is a 13½-point favorite over A&M.

SENIOR MEN!

Ask Ken Thomas or Dale Glasscock about

College Estate Master

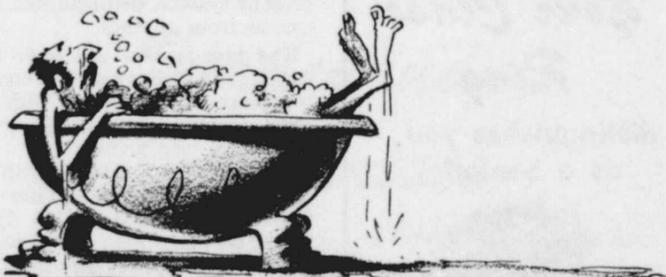
WA 4-3541 or WA 6-3580



DECK THE HALLS

The time has come to think of Christmas shopping, for the Yuletide will be upon us quicker than you can say Jack Robinson. (Have you ever wondered, incidentally, about the origin of this interesting phrase "Quicker than you can say Jack Robinson"? Well sir, the original saying was French—"Plus vite que de dire Jacques Robespierre." Jack Robinson is, as everyone knows, an Anglicization of Jacques Robespierre who was, as everyone knows, the famous figure from the French Revolution who, as everyone knows, got murdered in his bath by Danton, Murat, Caligula, and Al Capone.

(The reason people started saying "Quicker than you can say Jacques Robespierre"—or Jack Robinson, as he is called in English-speaking countries like England, the U.S., and Cleveland—is quite an interesting little story. It seems that Robespierre's wife, Georges Sand, got word of the plot to murder her husband in his bath. All she had to do to save his life was call his name and warn him. But, alas, quicker than she could say Jacques Robespierre, she received a telegram from her old friend Frederic Chopin who was down in Majorca setting lyrics



all she had to do was call his name

to his immortal "Warsaw Concerto." Chopin said he needed Georges Sand's help desperately because he could not find a rhyme for "Warsaw." Naturally, Georges could not refuse such an urgent request.

(Well sir, off to Majorca went Georges, but before she left, she told her little daughter Walter that some bad men were coming to murder Daddy in his bath. She instructed Walter to shout Robespierre's name the moment the bad men arrived. But Walter, alas, had been sea-bathing that morning on the Riviera, and she had come home with a big bag of salt water taffy, and when the bad men arrived to murder Robespierre, Walter, alas, was chewing a wad of taffy and could not get her mouth unstuck in time to shout a warning. Robespierre, alas, was murdered quicker than you could say Jacques Robespierre—or Jack Robinson, as he is called in English-speaking countries.

(There is, I am pleased to report, one small note of cheer in this grisly tale. When Georges Sand got to Majorca, she did succeed in helping Chopin find a rhyme for "Warsaw" as everyone knows who has heard those haunting lyrics:

*In the fair town of Warsaw,
Which Napoleon's horse saw,
Singing cockles and mussels, alive alive o!)*

But I digress.

We were speaking of Christmas gifts. What we all try to find at Christmas is, of course, unusual and distinctive gifts for our friends. May I suggest then a carton of Marlboro Cigarettes?

What? You are astonished? You had not thought of Marlboros as unusual? You had regarded them as familiar, reliable smokes whose excellence varied not one jot nor tittle from year to year?

True. All true. But all the same, Marlboros are unusual because every time you try one, it's like the first time. The flavor never palls, the filter never gets hackneyed, the soft pack is ever a new delight, and so is the Flip Top box. Each Marlboro is a fresh and pristine pleasure, and if you want all your friends to clap their hands and cry, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!" you will see that their stockings are filled with Marlboros on Christmas morn.

© 1963 Max Shulman

The holiday season or any other season is the season to be jolly—if Marlboro is your brand. You'll find Marlboros wherever cigarettes are sold in all fifty states of the Union. You get a lot to like in Marlboro Country.

Patronize Skiff Advertisers