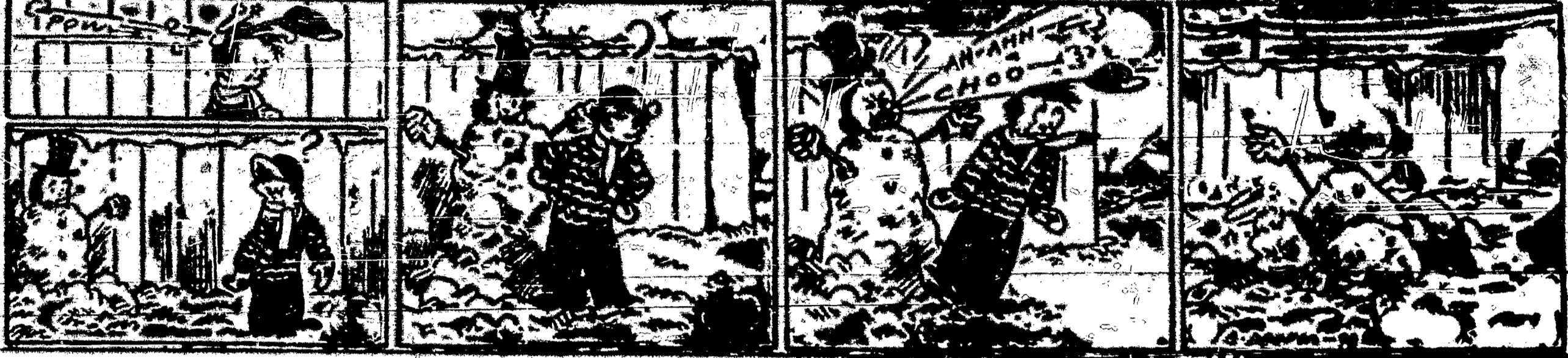


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# Youth Section

JOE and JUDY

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## A Gift of Fruit From Heaven

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MANY years ago, in the third century of the Christian faith, a young maiden named Dorothy lived with her parents in Caesarea, in Palestine. Like St. Agnes she used to go to Mass in the catacombs, saying her prayers in secret, for all Christians who were discovered were put to death at once.

During the persecution under Diocletian, Dorothy's father and mother were martyred for their faith. Dorothy grieved for them, but she was very proud, too. She spent her days in doing good as they would wish her to do, and was not suspected for several years.

At that time in Rome there lived a pagan lawyer whose name was Theophilus. He hated the Christians. Theophilus often saw Dorothy as she went about looking after the sick and caring for the poor. Seeing Dorothy's great charity, Theophilus wondered if she could be a Christian. He gave her name to the Roman soldiers who were hunting Christians.

The Roman soldiers sought Dorothy and put her in prison.

When Dorothy was brought before the Governor she was told that she could be free if she would give up being a Christian. They offered her riches and honor, but Dorothy still refused. So she was told that she must die.

As the young girl was being led to the place of execution, Theophilus passed her on the road. He mocked at Dorothy.

"You think you are going to Heaven," he said. "What do you think it will be like there?"

"It is beautiful in Heaven," said Dorothy, "because of the Presence of God. I will be with my dear parents and my friends. Heaven is like a beautiful garden, with flowers and fruit and everything that is lovely."

"Send me some roses and fruit from Heaven when you get there," sneered Theophilus. "It is winter here and the gardens are bare."

DOROTHY WENT bravely on to be beheaded, and Theophilus hurried to his home where he was expecting a group of friends for a party.

When his guests had arrived, Theophilus told them what he had said to Dorothy. His pagan friends laughed, thinking it had been a great joke on the Christian girl.

Suddenly they were startled at the sight of a beautiful little boy coming into the room. They had never seen such a child before. The mocking laughter died on their lips as they watched and listened.

The little boy came straight to Theophilus' side. He was carrying a basket.

"Dorothy sent you these from the gardens of Heaven," he said. Then he disappeared.

The little boy had been an angel in disguise. Theophilus looked into the basket and knew at once that the roses and fruit

put to death for his faith. Saint Dorothy is the patron saint of gardeners. In many places trees are blessed on her feast day, February 6.

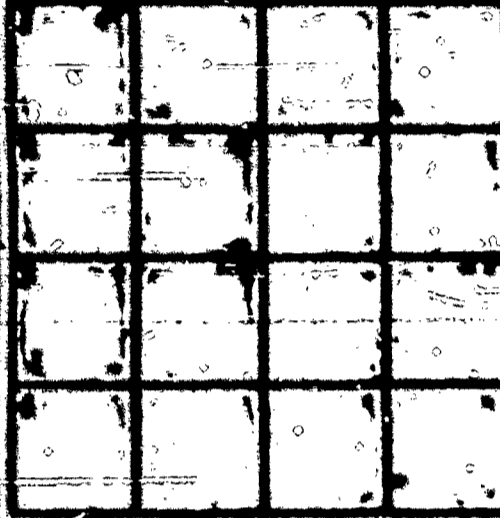
### St. Blaise

February 6

St. Blaise was the bishop of Cappadocia. The persecution of Diocletian forced him to flee to a cave in the hills, where he lived the life of a hermit.

One day the governor's men found Blaise's dwelling while hunting game. The governor

### Word Square



- 1 Covers the ground in winter
- 2 Number one less than ten
- 3 One time only
- 4 Cry

ordered the hermit brought before him. As Blaise journeyed to the city he preached and performed many miracles in the sight of the soldiers.

A woman brought to Blaise her son, who had a scabbard caught

in his throat, and begged him to heal the child. St. Blaise cut the child's hands over the boy, prayed God to cure him. Instantly the child was made well.

Blaise was put in prison, then brought before the governor. When he refused to worship idols he was tortured.

Two small children of one of these women did not wish to be left behind when their mother went to heaven. They also were seized, and when Blaise was brought from prison again, this time to be tortured, the children were beheaded with him.

As St. Blaise offered his neck to the execution he prayed to God that all who should be suffering from a melody of the throat, and should implore his aid, might be heard and healed. A voice from heaven said to him that his prayer was granted.

Be sure to have your throat blessed on the feast of St. Blaise, and ask him to keep you free from illness.

### Answers

- DOWN: 1. SNOW, 2. NINE, 3. ONLY, 4. CRY.
- ACROSS: 1. SNOW, 2. NINE, 3. ONLY, 4. CRY.

### BRAINY - BETSY

- 1 What has a foot but doesn't walk?
- 2 What has a tail but never wags it?
- 3 What has a tongue but doesn't speak?
- 4 What has a head but never thinks?
- 5 What has eyes but doesn't see?
- 6 What has sheets yet never covers with them?
- 7 What has a bed but doesn't sleep?
- 8 What has a trunk but doesn't close it?

### Word Scramble

Can you unscramble the names of words in this story?

One of our country's greatest pioneers was named HERALD NOBBO. He crossed mountains and hunted BEARS and ANKLEBLOP. He built a fort in what is now the state of OYUNOKETA. When the fort was finished, this brave man brought his wife and daughters there to live. One DAYBAND captured the daughters. The girls were pieces of their fathers to guide their father, who rescued them. The pioneers were YALINE people.

### Candlemas Day

Forty days after Christmas we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates Mary's obedience to the Law, which obliged Jewish mothers to bring new-born children to the Temple, there to offer gifts.

Our Lady was not bound to obey this law because her Child was the Son of God, but she did so to show her humility and to set an example of obedience to the Law which her Son came to fulfill. Mary came, therefore, to the Temple, offered her Son, and redeemed Him. For Him she offered to the Lord a pair of turtle-doves, the usual offering of the poor.

On the day when Christ was presented in the Temple, Simeon, a just and holy man recognized Him as the promised Redeemer. Simeon blessed the Child and said: God who had shown Him to see with his own eyes the long-expected Saviour.

The feast of the Presentation is also called Candlemas Day. On this day wax candles are blessed for use on the altar, and lighted candles are carried by the faithful. The procession of Candlemas Day is a symbol of the presentation of Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and the holy woman Anna, when they presented the Child Jesus to the Temple.

### SNOWMAN CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Across: 1 Look in the picture for this word, 2 A melody, 3 Part of leg between knee and hip, 11 Very small, 12 On the affirmative side, 13 Goes with "either", 14 You and I, 15 Opposite of cold, 16 First word of the Hall Mary in Latin, 17 Opposite of "Yes", 18 Title of respect for a man, 19 Proceed, 21 Behold, 22 Church festival, 23 Behead, 24 Travel to discover new places, 25 Looks at curiously, 26 Toward.
- Down: 1 Behead, 2 Daughter of a brother or sister, 3 Metal, 4 Mountain (Abbr.), 5 Exclamation of wonder, 6 Fish, 7 Opposite of taller, 10 Act of forming a groove, 14 Season when children make snowmen, 15 Possesses, 20 A scent, 21 Prefix meaning six, 22 Opposite of first, 23 Given nourishment, 24 Tailless monkey, 25 Cunning, 26 You have five on each foot, 27 Kial, 28 Road (Abbr.).