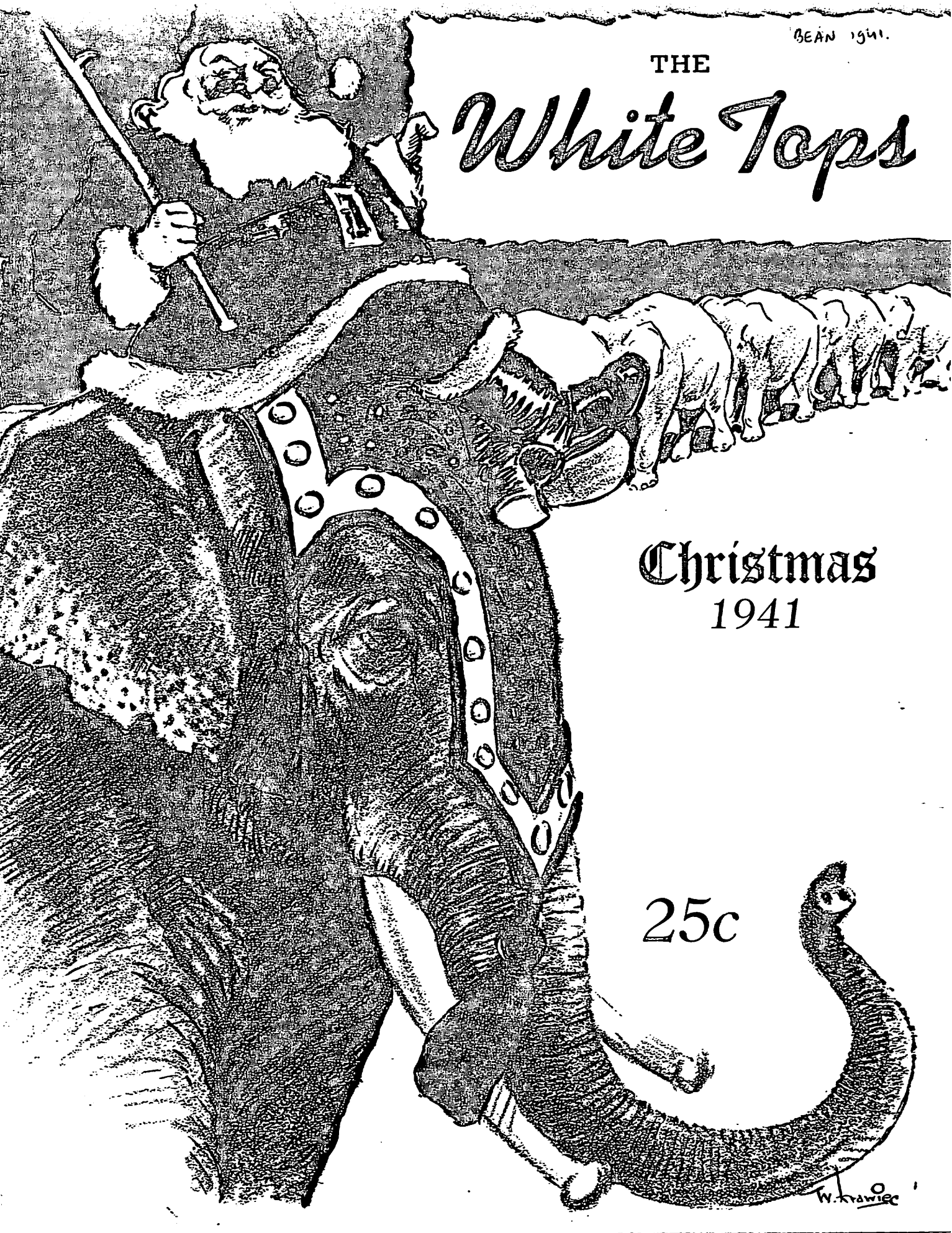


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## Fred Donovan Presented With Lincoln Gavel



### CIRCUS FANS MAKE PLANS AND STAGE GAY SHOW

Circus lamps flickered in front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Fitzgerald, 2033 South Glenwood avenue, Springfield, Ill., which was converted into a "tent" the night of Nov. 19th as a gay "show" was enjoyed by members of the Henry Kyes tent No. 31, Circus Fans of America, with President Fred Donovan "general manager."

Dr. M. B. Mathers, Mason City, owner and trainer of lions, tigers and other wild animals gave a vivid panorama of his animals on parade and in their living quarters. His assistant, C. D. Robidoux, a Sioux Indian, did rope dancing and other stunts as a "side show."

Herbert Georg staged a circus moving picture. Plans were made for a circus pilgrimage to Dr. Mathers' zoo in January. Refreshments were served, including the proverbial "red" lemonade and peanuts.

President Donovan was presented with a Lincoln gavel by J. A. Landon, "gavel king" of America.

In the party enjoying the "menagerie," in addition to the above named, were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Amrhein, Dr. M. B. Mathers, Mason City; Mr. and Mrs. V. Y. Dallman, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maher, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Georg, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Mahaffey, Ben Wylie, William Martin, Col. John M. Tipton and Fred Reid.—*Illinois State Register*

### EARLY BARNUM HANDBILL

HARTFORD, CONN., JUNE 24, 25, 1851.  
TALCOTT'S LOT.

GRAND ENTRANCE P. T. Barnum's Asiatic Caravan, Museum, Menagerie. Double the size of any in the U. S.

#### A YOUNG CALF ELEPHANT,

Six months old, 3½ feet high, will carry around the interior Lilliputian Gen. Tom Thumb.

SIX BEAUTIFUL LIONS, fresh from their native forests.

A BURMESE BULL from Ceylon.

A MUSEUM OF WONDERS from all parts of the world.

MR. PIERCE will enter a den of Wild Beasts.

MR. NELLIS, ARMLESS WONDER, with his toes as fingers.

GEN. TOM THUMB sings, dances at all performances.

The cortege has 90 men, 110 horses. Upon entering the town led by band chariot drawn by 10 horses, brass band playing popular airs, will parade to circus lot. Admission to all 25 cents. Children 12½.

### BABY RHINOCEROS AT CHICAGO ZOOLOGICAL PARK

By Ed. H. Bean, Director Chicago Zoological Park, Brookfield, Ill.

The first hook-lipped rhinoceros born at the Chicago Zoological Park came on the evening of October 7, 1941, at ten minutes past ten.

The parent animals entered the Society's collection in June, 1935. Mary, the mother, at that time was thought to be about two years old, while the male parent, Pharaoh, was believed to be three to six months younger than the female. Both animals were taken on Mount Essiminger in Tanganyika.

They were stall companions from the very beginning and the first evidence of any desire to mate and any approaches made were on the part of the female. This interest on her part was noticed when she was six years of age. About a year later the animals mated on many occasions, but at three intervals of approximately thirty-eight days apart. The calf was born nineteen months and seven days from the date of the last mating; this on April 30 and March 1, 1940. The term of this pregnancy is of the length of the average pregnancy in the Indian elephant.

The afternoon prior to the birth of the calf, the mother took a sudden violent dislike to the male parent, and charged him repeatedly, knocking him down two or three times before the pair could be put into separate stalls. After separation the mother apparently was very nervous, walked continuously about her stall, and beads of perspiration were in evidence over her entire body except on her legs. She was no doubt suffering great pain; however, the birth of the calf was a very easy one and without seeming effort.

The calf, at birth, weighed between seventy-five and eighty pounds, and almost at once took an interest in life. It was on its feet five minutes after birth and nursed for the first time ten minutes later. It has continued to nurse at hourly intervals. The calf is enjoying the best of health, is very lively and continues to gain weight. It has all the actions of an adult rhino, running around the stall snorting, its tail erect. The animal has now taken an interest in the mother's gruel. His keeper is teaching him to drink from the mother's pan by inserting his fingers in the calf's mouth. The mother does not resent this attention to the calf. At the end of the first week the calf nibbled at the bran and picked leaves from the alfalfa hay upon which the mother was feeding.

The hide of the baby is very smooth and the frontal horn is nothing more at present than a slight rising of the skin where the horn is to grow. The second horn is well defined in the nature of slight concentric wrinkles about the size of a silver dollar with a depression in the center.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Hunt, now at winter quarters at Trenton, New Jersey, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on November 9th. They were the recipients of many congratulatory messages from their legion of friends. Charley, as he is familiarly known to thousands, is the popular owner-manager of Hunt's 3-Ring Circus.