

Chaps! A Jingle, Jangle Christmas

Vocabulary

chaps – A pair of joined leather leggings, often widely flared, worn over trousers, esp. by cowboys, as protection against burs, rope burns, etc., while on horseback. 2. A British fellow, man or boy.

“sod off” - British : scam —usually used as a command

BBC Home Service - The BBC Home Service was a British national radio station which broadcast from 1939 until 1967.

Silver Screen - a motion-picture screen. Movies.

queue - waiting line especially of persons or vehicles

Producer - a person who supervises or finances a work (as a staged or recorded performance) for exhibition or dissemination to the public

Tour Manager - the person who helps to organize the administration for a schedule of appearances of a musical group or artist at a sequence of venues

Hero of Dunkirk – (*Hero at Dunkirk*) a book by Joe Read, who was only 15 years old when he crossed the channel in his father's lifeboat, Britannic, and braved artillery fire and German bombing to rescue British Expeditionary Forces. This title presents the story of one of the young men who aided in the evacuation.

SFX - Special effect(s), illusions used in film, television and entertainment

ten gallon hat – A cowboy hat. A “Ten Gallon Hat” is often thought to be large enough to hold ten gallons of water. This is not true (unless you have an exceptionally large head). The gallon in "ten gallon hat" derives from the Spanish galón meaning braid. So a ten-gallon hat is a hat with a braiding around the brim.

“wing it” - To do something with in an impromptu manner, improvising, with little preparation.

“To wing'... indicates the capacity to play a rôle without knowing the text, and the word itself came into use from the fact that the artiste frequently received the assistance of a special prompter, who... stood... screened..by a piece of the scenery or a wing.”

spurs - a pointed device secured to a rider's heel and used to urge on the horse

cayuse – 1. a member of an American Indian people of Oregon and Washington, 2. a native range horse

“passel of draw” – a hand of cards in Poker

Studio Audience - an audience present for the taping of all or part of a television or radio program

“Blimey” - to express one's surprise, excitement, or alarm.

buckeroo - local names for a cowboy

stetson - type of felt hat with a broad brim and high crown, worn mainly by cowboys (named after John Stetson (1830-1906), American hatmaker who designed it)

flask - A flat, relatively thin container for liquor.

crumpet - A small flat round of bread, baked on a griddle and usually served toasted.

sidekick - Informal a close friend or follower who accompanies another on adventures, etc.

ditty - a short simple song or poem

the ‘loo’ – a British toilet

gingham - A yarn-dyed cotton fabric woven in stripes, checks, plaids, or solid colors.

Grange - An association of farmers founded in the United States in 1867.

tumbleweed - any densely branched plant that breaks off near the ground on withering and is rolled about by the wind

cornpone patties – an eggless cornbread shaped into small ovals and fried or baked.

bed roll - A roll of bedding which can be carried when hiking or camping, etc.

air raid siren - a mechanical or electronic device for generating sound to provide warning of approaching danger and sometimes to indicate when the danger has passed. Initially designed to warn of air raids in World War II.

“All Clear” - a term used by civil defense or military authorities to inform others that an imminent physical danger has passed. This typically will end an alert or warning status that was previously issued. The all-clear can be given vocally, through media — such as television or radio, or via means of civil defense broadcast systems such as air raid and tornado sirens.

“Jerry” - Jerry was a nickname given to Germans during the Second World War by soldiers and civilians of the Allied nations, in particular by the British. Although the nickname was originally created during World War I, it did not find common use until World War II.

“high falutin” - pretentious, fancy

ragtime - an original musical genre which enjoyed its peak popularity between 1897 and 1918. Its main characteristic trait is its syncopated, or "ragged," rhythm.

beau - a frequent and attentive male companion

“the Blitz” - the sustained bombing of Britain by Nazi Germany between 6 September 1940 and 10 May 1941, during the Second World War. The Blitz hit many towns and cities across the country, but it began with the bombing of London for 76 consecutive nights. By the end of May 1941, over 43,000 civilians, half of them in London, had been killed by bombing and more than a million houses were destroyed or damaged in London alone.

reata - a long, noosed rope used to catch horses, cattle, or other livestock; lasso.