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Christmas Observed With Belief War Threat Is Less



WHO IS SANTA CLAUS?

Santa Claus covers up a chuckle but little Rickey Daniel is more scared than happy to sit on the jolly old fellow's lap and tells what he wants for Christmas during a Christmas street party in Garland, Tex., Dec. 15. Rickey is the 14-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Daniel of Garland, who quickly rescued him before the tears started to flow.

President To Georgia To Be With His Son

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's Christma Eve at the White House—a time to speak of peace on earth, light the nation's Christmas tree and open gaily wrapped gifts in the quiet of the evening.

President and Mrs. Eisenhower also will hold the traditional reception for the White House staff in the midst of their first Yuletide whirl in the executive mansion.

Then tomorrow they fly to Georgia to spend Christmas with their son, John, their daughter-in-law, and three young grandchildren.

Business was pretty much thrust aside for today. The calendar listed two delegations to invite the President to forthcoming dinners and a conference with a government malarial expert on the way to Nepal.

At 5:09 p.m. (EST) the President speaks to the nation and the world of his hopes for peace and good will among men. His words will go out over three television and radio networks (NBC, CBS, ABC) and in 34 languages over the Voice of America.

The address is billed for only four minutes. And after that, Eisenhower heads for the south grounds of the White House for the annual ceremony of lighting the national community Christmas tree—a 35-foot living spruce decked with 1,700 sparkling ornaments and a thousand red and green lights.

Around the family's own Christmas tree in the living quarters of the White House, the President, the first lady and Mrs. Eisenhower's mother, Mrs. John S. Doud of Denver, planned to unwrap their gifts to one another.

Usually, they wait until Christmas Day. But by 9 a.m. Christmas morning, they expect to be on the way south, to pick up the President's son, Maj. John Eisenhower, and his family at Ft. Benning, then fly on to Augusta.

The President will remain at his cottage at the Augusta National Golf Club until after the first of the year, working on January messages to Congress and getting in a few rounds of golf.

Outcome Of Vote In Dock Fight Delayed

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Labor Relations Board said today the outcome of a neck-and-neck longshore bargaining election would not be known until Monday, with final results hinging on disposition of 4,405 challenged ballots among 21,244 cast in the two day balloting.

When the counting of unchallenged ballots ended shortly before 8 p.m. (EST), the NLRB said the independent International Longshoremen's Assn. was 1,492 votes ahead of the newly formed ILA-AFL.

The actual total vote was 9,080 for the old union, 7,588 for the ILA-AFL, 93 for neither union, 116 void and 4,405 in dispute.

Inter-union rivalry flared into sporadic pitched battles along the waterfront yesterday in Brooklyn and Staten Island, where the voting took place. Heavy police reinforcements quelled the disturbances.

Charles T. Douds, NLRB regional director, said he did not believe either union would call a strike at midnight tonight, when an 80-day Taft-Hartley "cooling-off" injunction expires.

The old ILA, ousted from the AFL for failure to rid its ranks of racketeers, staged a five-day strike last October—which was halted by the Taft-Harley injunction. The no-strike order was extended later to the ILA-AFL.

Results of the election will determine only which union will represent New York-New Jersey longshoremen, but some 40,000 other dockers along the East Coast have their eyes on the outcome.

The old ILA had been considerably encouraged by a $50,000 pre-election loan from John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers (Ind).

Henriann Will Have Christmas

A Christmas that her family and doctors feared she would never have will be enjoyed by little Henriann Hughes, six-year-old leukemia victim.

Henriann does not feel as well as she did a few days ago, but is still able to be up and play with her little brothers, her mother said today.

Henriann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hughes, 2508 Twenty-seventh Street.

More than a month ago it was feared that Henriann would not live until Christmas, but Mrs. Hughes said that Henriann feels well enough to enjoy Christmas, although she has lost her apetite and eats little now.

Doctors have diagnosed Henriann's illness as incurable leukemia.

A contribution of $10 made by an individual Dec. 20, made the contributions to the Hughes family to help bear expenses of Henriann's treatment total $876.53.

Mrs. Howe Is Back In States

SEATTLE (AP)—Mrs. Portia Howe, who flew halfway around the world in an unsuccessful attempt to reclaim her son—a prisoner who refused repatriation in Korea—returned alone to the United States today.

Mrs. Howe of Alden, Minn., said she'll welcome home her son Pfc. Richard Tenneson "whenever he realizes the mistake he has made."

But she will make no more trips to meet him, should he request at some future time that she join him in a neutral country, she added.

Tenneson, 20, is one of 22 Red-held Americans who refused to come home. Mrs. Howe flew to Tokyo in hopes of seeing him, but military authorities denied permission for her to go to Korea.

She arrived on a Northwest-Orient Airlines flight from Tokyo today, en route to Minneapolis.

She will go directly to her other three children at Alden, where, she said, "I think our family now will be closer knit than ever before. I want to show the Communists that whatever they do we will celebrate Christmas as usual."

Mrs. Howe said Richard would be welcomed home at any time "not as a hero, but as a son who has made a mistake and corrected it.

"We will do everything possible to help him readjust himself to our way of life," she said, "but it will have to be our way of life."

Last Of Mean Escapees Is Back In Cell

JACKSON, Mich. (AP)—Notorious Cell Block 15, a grim, dark disciplinary unit, today held all 13 convicts who broke out of Southern Michigan Prison on Saturday night.

The last two were caught in Richmond, Ind., yesterday and returned last night. They were flung into solitary confinement. So were the others.

It was in Cell Block 15 that mutineers set off a bloody, costly, four-day riot in 1952.

Warden William Bannan "bawled out" his top 19 administrative aides yesterday and told them he hoped it did them as much good as the bawling out he got from the State Corrections Commission did him.

Bannan, his chief engineer and two powerhouse engineers were named in a Corrections Commission report blaming "laxity" and "inadequate security measures," well as a manpower shortage, for the break.

Bannan said he thought the criticism justified, but complained anew that the Legislature had turned down sufficient funds to hire 126 more employes he deems absolutely necessary.

The 13 used an acetylene torch, stolen from a work crew inside the walls, to cut three sawproof gratings in a sewer, through which they crawled to freedom. They invaded a nearby home, terrorized a former guard and his wife and child, took civilian clothing and a pistol and stole a car.

Three of the five were captured Monday and eight were caught within 24 hours in the vicinity of Jackson.

Caught by alert Richmond police were a 37-year-old psychopathic killer, Roman Usiondek, and a 33-year-old burglar, Robert Dowling, both sent up from Detroit.

DALLAS OIL MAN NAMED BY REDS AS JOE BACKER

DALLAS (AP)—The Daily Worker, Communist newspaper published in New York, has assigned a reporter to write a series of stories on the men behind Senator McCarthy (R-Wis).

The reporter, Art Shields, said in an announcement in the Daily Worker that H. L. Hunt, millionaire Dallas oil man, will be one of the targets of the stories.

"Oct. 20 I left New York for Texas to unearth the men who are behind McCarthy," the announcement said. "I talked to the men behind McCarthy, on their swank cattle ranches and in their offices. They talked freely."

Charges Await Man If He Can Survive Wound

FORT WORTH (AP)—If he lives, John D. Tyler, 45, faces charges of murder and assault to murder after a blazing, close-quarter gun battle in which his wife was killed.

Mrs. Tyler was struck in the chest and he was hit in the side and suffered a flesh wound in the arm when he shot it out with two deputy constables seeking to evict the couple from their home.

Also critically wounded was Deputy Constable Bob Burklow, who with Deputy Constable John Dobson attempted to oust the Tylers.

Tyler, in a statement to Dist. Atty. Howard Fender, said he had gone to his car to get a gun "so the kids wouldn't find it." He said the two officers cursed him and that one told him he was going to kill him if he didn't get out of the car.

"There was one man behind me, and he shot me in the back," Tyler related. "I shot the other man."

A bullet caught Burklow in the back and a physician said he would be permanently paralyzed by a severed spinal cord.

Dobson said Mrs. Tyler was struck when her husband blazed away at him. Dobson said Mrs. Tyler, standing behind the officer, was not quick enough to get out of her husband's line of fire.

An autopsy report showed that a bullet similar to the copper-jacketed slugs found in Tyler's .25 automatic was removed from his wife's body.

Dobson, World War I Marine Corps veteran of Belleau Wood, said he was firing soft-nosed bullets from a .38 revolver.

Governmental Offices Closing For Week End

Several governmental offices in Snyder closed at noon today for Christmas, while some will remain closed until Monday.

Federal farm offices, such as the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation offices, Soil Conservation Service, and Farmers Home Administration, were authorized by state offices to close at noon today and remain closed tomorrow, according to Irelan Finley, ASC office manager.

County Judge Edgar Taylor said the courthouse would close at noon today and not open until Monday.

City offices will be closed tomorrow and Saturday, not reopening until Monday.

At the post office, only the parcel post and general delivery windows were to be open after noon today, and the entire office will be closed tomorrow.



GETS HER CATS BACK

Robin Powell of New York, Cape Cod, Mass., and Coconut Grove, Fla., poses in court at New Braunfels, Tex., with two of three cats she regained possession of. In a petition filed with the court Robin's father, J. B. Powell, said that Air Force Lt. John Farrar, stationed at nearby Gary Air Force Base, had kidnaped the cats and was holding them as "ransom" to regain the affections of Robin. Powell asked that the cats be returned. Dist. Judge Fuchs ruled "it shouldn't happen to a dog," and ordered the lieutenant to return the cats to Powell.

Still Fighting In Parts Of World

By The Associated Press

Christians the world around looked forward today to one of the most joyous observances in years of the birth of Jesus. They were buoyed by the greatest hope for peace—justified or not—since the start of the cold war.

Although officials were skeptical, millions in Europe felt the threat of war had ebbed with the signing of the Korean truce and indications that the Soviet government was paying more attention to the welfare of its people at home than to spreading the Communist gospel abroad.

The end this year of the fighting in Korea and the release of thousands of Communist-held prisoners also brightened homes throughout prosperous America. Here, as in other lands, traditional Christmas Eve festivities and ceremonies were the order of the day.

But some trouble spots still blotched the world's face as the faithful prepared for the birthday of the Prince of Peace. French Union troops struggled on in their war against the Communist-led Vietminh rebels in Indochina. British forces stood guard in Malaya against jungle forays by Red Chinese guerrillas and in Africa's Kenya colony against attacks by the anti-white Mau Mau tribesmen.

In Korea, a special airlift flew tons of last-minute Christmas mail to the thousands of American troops still stationed in that war-torn country. Special services, including more than a dozen Masses celebrated by visiting Francis Cardinal Spellman, Roman Catholic archbishop of New York, marked Christmas Eve observances on the new quiet front.

In line with the general prosperity and relaxation throughout the world, pilgrims poured into the little town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ. Fears that Arab-Israeli tension along the border dividing the Holy Land might frighten tourists away proved unfounded. The greatest influx of visitors since the 1948 Palestine war was in prospect.

Officials said at least 42 chartered planes were arriving in Jerusalem this week in addition to 35 regularly scheduled flights. Uncounted other pilgrims traveled the land route from Beirut, Lebanon, to Bethlehem.

With the foreign visitors to the village on the Jordan side of the border were 1,458 Christian Palestine Arabs from inside Israel. Following previous custom, Israel and Jordan also opened the direct Jerusalem-Bethlehem road to foreign diplomatic representatives attending the services from Israel and the Jewish-held part of Jerusalem.

In Washington, the big community Christmas tree on the White House grounds was readied for its lighting early tonight by President and Mrs. Eisenhower. Just before (5:09 p.m. EST), via television and radio, the chief executive was to speak to the world of his hopes for peace and good will.

The President and his wife planned to unwrap their gifts tonight and fly to their Augusta, Ga., vacation cottage to eat Christmas dinner with their son, John, and his family.

As other Americans hurried through their last minute shopping and preparations for the holiday jollity, signs indicated children would be especially happy. Toy stores throughout the nation reported a booming business.

Carol singers already were spreading their traditional messages of cheer in cities, towns and villages throughout the land. At the United Nations Headquarters in New York, singers from several countries serenaded workers and visitors with carols in English, Spanish and French.

The unusual note in Pittsburgh symbolized the times. Steel mills will be closed tomorrow for the first time since World War II.

Western Europe readied for its best Christmas since before World War II. More food and consumer goods in most countries promised a happier Yuletide than many youngsters could remember.

Thousands of American servicemen stationed in Britain, France, Germany and Austria pitched in to help make it even jollier. Soldiers, sailors and Marines collected gifts for orphans, distributed food to the poor and gave parties for children.

BERIA'S CAREER ENDS BEFORE FIRING SQUAD

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union closed the books today on Lavrenty P. Beria. The government announced that the longtime boss of the secret police (MD) and six of his henchmen were shot by a firing squad yesterday after a secret five-day trial. The Soviet Supreme Court found them guilty of high treason.

Beria, 54, held the Soviet Union's highest honors and had been elevated to the No. 2 Kremlin post of first deputy premier and interior minister after Joseph Stalin died nine months ago. Three months later, in June, Premier Georgi Malenkov's government arrested him and denounced him as a traitor to the state and communism.

The execution announcement today was the first disclosure that Beria's trial had been going on since Friday behind locked doors.

The hearing opened two days after the Soviet press published indictments against Beria and announced the names of the six other defendants. The papers at the same time started blasting the seven as the vilest kind of betrayers and reported that mass meetings throughout the country were unanimously calling for their deaths.

In past cases of executed traitors, the bodies have been cremated and disposed of without further announcement.

The eight-man tribunal, under Marshal Ivan S. Konlev, a World War II hero, passed sentence after "The guilt of all the accused was completely proved in court by the evidence and also by oral and written confessions, the government newspaper Izvestia said.

The official announcement said Beria and those who had conspired with him tried "to put the Ministry of Internal Affairs above the party and the government for the purpose of seizing power" and aimed "for restoration of capitalism."

As early as 1919 Beria "occupied the post of secret agent" in Azerbaijan, acting with groups "under the control of British intelligence organs," the announcement said. It added:

"In the following years up to his arrest, L. P. Beria continued and extended his secret connections with foreign intelligence services."

Shot along with Beria were Vsevolod Merkulov, minister of state control; V. G. Dekanazov, secret police chief in Stalin's and Beria's home state of Georgia; D. Z. Kobulov, ex-deputy minister of internal affairs; S. A. Goglidze, internal affairs chief in the Soviet Far East; P. Y. Meshik, internal affairs minister in the Ukraine, and L. E. Vlodzimirsky, internal affairs investigations chief.



Frankie Flies To Wife, Ava

LONDON (AP)—Frank Sinatra flew in here from New York today, made a quick change of planes, and dashed on to Madrid on the Christmas trail of his wife, movie actress Ava Gardner.

"I'm going to spend Christmas with my wife," the singer told newsmen at London airport.

Frankie wouldn't talk about Ava's recent announcement that she will seek a divorce. Asked if there would be a reconciliation, he said:

"I never talk about my personal affairs, but my wife is expecting me."

Sinatra couldn't get a place on the regular airliners for Madrid so he rushed by taxi to Croydon Airport—about 15 miles away—and chartered a plane for 160 pounds ($448).

He had a lot of baggage—presents for Ava, he said.

In Rome yesterday Miss Gardner denied any knowledge of a report that Sinatra was making an effort to patch up their difficulties.

Coldest Night Of Year

A low of 10 degrees was recorded for last night by Mrs. D. P. Strayhorn, weather observer. That is the lowest temperature so far this season. The thermometer remained at 10 at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Yesterday's high was only 31.

WEATHER

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS: Generally fair and not quite so cold through Friday. Lowest Thursday night 20-25.

WEST TEXAS: Generally fair and not quite so cold through Friday. Lowest Thursday night 15-20.

EAST TEXAS: Mostly clear and not quite so cold north, cloudy and cold south portion Thursday. Lowest Thursday night 20 north to 34 near the coast. Friday partly cloudy, warmer in afternoon. Fresh northerly winds on the coast, gradually diminishing.

SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS: Partly cloudy to cloudy, continued rather cold Thursday, a little warmer in afternoon Friday. Lowest Thursday night 32 northwest to 40 extreme southeast. Fresh northerly winds on the coast, gradually diminishing.

Ike Reminds French To Busy Themselves On Europe Army

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower gravely told France late yesterday the United States will reappraise its basic European policies unless the proposed European Defense Community providing for German rearmament is set up soon.

The President expressed this view in a statement as the third move in an extraordinary campaign directed by Secretary of State Dulles to carry the EDC issue directly to the French people and win their support of it.

Eisenhower acted little more than an hour after the French Parliament, on the 13th ballot, elected Sen. Rene Coty to be the new president of the French Republic.

Thus the first important foreign policy step of the American government following Coty's emergence as a figure on the world stage was a sharp reminder that the United States is counting on EDC to provide peace and security for Western Europe.

EDC is a proposed six-nation army, to include a united command and in one uniform troops from France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Originally proposed by France, it has been stymied by inaction of the French Parliament. The reason usually cited is French fear of a rearmed Germany.

At the time of his election, Coty's position on EDC was not publicly known. The 71-year-old lawyer, an Independent Republican by party, has been interested primarily in constitutional matters. He is described as favoring a revision of the present constitution under which France has changed governments so often in recent years.

The presidency, however, is by law a figurehead job and theoretically Coty's attitude toward EDC might not have too much bearing. Obviously, though, he is in position to exercise considerable influence both through personal prestige and guiding the formation of new governments—a task he will tackle for the first time immediately after he takes office Jan. 17.

U.S. officials thought the presidential balloting went on so long as to harm France's prestige as a world power. They were glad when it ended but fearful that the deep political divisions demonstrated by a week of balloting will mean serious trouble in the organization of a new government to succeed that of Premier Joseph Laniel. Laniel will resign when Coty takes over from President Vincent Auriol.

In Paris early last week Dulles told the North Atlantic Treaty (NATO) Council that EDC would have to be set up—that West German forces would have to be rearmed under it—or that the United States would be forced to reappraise its policies. He states these same views to a news conference to give them the widest possible publicity in France.

Yesterday, Eisenhower threw the weight of his prestige behind the pressure campaign his foreign policy chief has been waging. His statement was issued after a meeting of the National Security Council at which, the statement said, he was briefed by Dulles and others on the Paris NATO sessions.

RAN AWAY WITH BANDIT

Forgiving Husband Unable To Spring Wife From Jail

WICHITA FALLS (AP)—"We'll go home together for Christmas if they'll let you out of here," big Zeno Crosswhite told his pretty wife.

But Sheriff Weldon Bailey of Wichita County said he wasn't through with his investigation of the 19-year-old mother's activities and that she must spend "several days" in jail.

U.S. Commissioner E. T. Duff had released the distraught girl on her own recognizance just minutes earlier yesterday after her arraignment on a charge of harboring a fugitive.

Mrs. Naomi Irene Chandler Crosswhite had run away from home with desperator Norman Davenport, 25, after the escaped convict had worked on the Crosswhite farm near Clovis, N.M., several weeks.

She was arrested near here last Saturday night when officers stopped a car in which they thought Davenport was riding. Davenport had jumped from the vehicle and police found only Mrs. Crosswhite and her two young children.

But big Zeno, 20 years old and six-feet and four inches tall in his cowboy hat and boots, was forgiving. "She has said she wants to go home with me and for my part I have completely forgiven her," he said.

"They say true love never dies," the well-known Eastern New Mexico farmer and rancher added. "She's had it rough ever since she was a kid, and never had been more than 40 or 50 miles away from Clovis. When this man—I call him Bill—gave her a big bull story about seeing Washington, D.C., and other places like that, she just had an urge to go."

Of Davenport, Wichita Falls hoodlum who escaped the Granite, Okla., reformatory last Oct. 3, Crosswhite said, "If he walked in that door and I had a gun that'd be all."

Crosswhite is charged with the escaped felon in the $3,000 robbery of a Clovis, N. M., supermarket.

Davenport worked six weeks for Crosswhite under the name of Bill Tucker. He and another prisoner broke out of the Oklahoma prison in a knife-wielding, violent escape.

Crosswhite seemed destined to spend Christmas without any of his immediate family. The two small sons, Tippie, 2, and Tobbie, 9 months, are being cared for in Wichita Falls homes.

Sheriff Bailey said he would turn them over to nobody but the mother—when she was released. The officer indicated Crosswhite would not see them until then, not even to say Merry Christmas.

Former Yanks Plan Christmas Party Furnished By Chinese

PANMUNJOM (AP)—Twenty-two Americans who disowned home for communism failed to show up today for a news conference they had requested to explain their choice.

Instead, three Koreans — also converts to communism — appeared.

They said the Americans had changed their minds about talking.

The Koreans denied reports that fear instead of belief in communism was holding some of the Americans.

"Look into the matter and see," they urged Indian custodian troops.

The Americans packed for a Christmas Eve trip back to their main prison compound in the neutral zone, leaving the area where they spent the final days of Allied efforts to win them home.

The explanation period ran out Wednesday midnight (10 a.m. Wednesday, EST).

At the main barbed-wire compound, all the former Allied soldiers who have chosen communism will be reunited—22 Americans, 1 Briton, 327 Koreans. They were separated when 250 Koreans attended Allied explanations and the others balked.

The prisoners will observe Christmas with a special menu of beef, chicken, pork, fruit, wine and beer furnished by the Communists.

They also planned special athletic events Christmas afternoon.

The 22 Americans will spend the next 30 days at the main compound. They, like all other prisoners who have refused repatriation, are due to be released Jan. 22 as civilians.

However, their status at that time in the eyes of the U. S. government remained undetermined.

In Washington, the Defense Department said the Americans will remain in open service until then, but no further decision was announced.

A spokesman said open service means their pay will continue to accumulate.

A Pentagon statement said that after the period of grace the Army has three possible choices—1. leaving the 22 on open service; 2. giving them undesirable discharges; 3. listing them as deserters. A decision will be made later, the statement said.

Meanwhile, the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission argued over the captives and split on a disputed issue.

The Poles and Czechs—both Communist satellites — strongly supported a Red demand to extend the 90-day explanation period.

Sweden, Switzerland and the Indian chairman, Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya, opposed the Red move, saying the 90-day period was clearly spelled out in the armistice agreement and could not be changed.

Kiwanis Gives Aid To 250 In Annual Drive

More than 250 persons in 50 to 60 families were given gift certificates yesterday by the Kiwanis Club, which annually distributes Christmas gifts to needy persons here.

Frank Wilson, president of the club, said the certificates were from $5 to $15, depending on the size of the family, and that they may be redeemed for food by Snyder merchants. He said the club is asking merchants' cooperation in redeeming the certificates, which will in turn be redeemed by the club.

The largest family visited by the 28 Kiwanians yesterday included 12 children. The club, in addition to giving the certificates, gave toys to the children. The families were in Snyder and as far as 10 miles out.

Wilson said several clubs, churches, businesses, and individuals contributed to the Kiwanis fund, and he expressed the Kiwanis' appreciation for aid.

Dry Sledding For Santa In Most Of Nation

By The Associated Press

It looks like Santa Claus will find dry sledding over most parts of the nation on his annual tour of the United States tonight.

But he'll find snow-covered areas over wide sections of the Midwest and Rocky Mountain region. There's not enough snow for a fast sleigh ride in other states and prospects for a white Christmas appeared dim today.

But Santa's a versatile traveler and he'll get to all homes, using a jet plane, if necessary.

The snow belt extended over most all of the north Central, northern and central Plains and northern and central Rockies. There was some snow in northern New England and traces in other northeastern areas.

Fair weather prevailed today over most of the nation. There were a few snow flurries over the Great Lakes region and in the New England states.

The cold air which chilled the Midwest earlier this week extended to the Atlantic seaboard today and into the Deep South and Texas. A warming was reported in the North Central region.

Temperatures dropped to below freezing as far south as Laredo and Corpus Christi, Tex. It was 13 in Lubbock and 16 in Amarillo, Tex., early today. Readings were freezing and below in sections of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia.

It was 11 above in Pittsburgh and New York's 26 compared to a high of 56 yesterday.

The northern Midwest got relief from the cold as westerly winds from the northern and central Plains moved eastward and southward. Temperatures advanced 10 to 20 degrees in the Plains yesterday as compared to Tuesday.

There were a few sub-zero readings in the Rockies with Fraser, Colo., reporting a low of -18 early today.

Church Of Christ Services Are Named

"The Past, The Present, and The Future" will be the subject of Ted Norton at the Twenty-fifth Street Church of Christ at the morning service of the church. At the 7 o'clock service Sunday night, Mr. Norton will speak on "The Great Enrollment." Sunday morning Bible classes meet at 9:45, with Sunday evening classes at 6 o'clock.

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Chimp Causes Owner Trouble

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Marko's cold remedy apparently did more for his feet than his chest.

After the four-year-old chimpanzee finished a show last night, his owner, Lew Henderson, put Marko in his cage in the alley and closed the door. But he forgot to lock it.

Henderson returned backstage to help gather up the props that he and his two children use in their act.

When they returned to the alley, Marko's cage was empty—and so were a bottle of vitamin B1 complex and half a bottle of cough syrup.

The Hendersons notified police, started searching, found the chimp perched on a nearby ledge, called off the cops, and received a grateful sergeant's, "thank the Lord!"

When Henderson was asked to explain how it had happened, he removed the padlock from Marko's cage. At that point, he was asked to pull his truck away from the rear wall of the auditorium so a photographer could squeeze in to make a picture

Henderson walked around the truck to oblige, his two children went back inside the building—and Marko took off again.

This time he was corraled halfway up the stairs of an apartment house.

"I'm going to have a mighty sick chimp on my hands," said Henderson afterwards. "They get pneumonia awful easy in this weather."

Mother Must Post Bond To Be With Child

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A Circuit Court judge's ruling in a divorce case here provides for a mother's part-time custody of her child—if she posts bond guaranteeing she won't take the child behind the Communist Iron Curtain.

The strange qualification was made by Judge James F. Nangle yesterday as he granted divorce and general custody to the child's father, Dr. William Andrew Moore.

The child's mother, Mrs. Hilga Ilse Kraus Moore, was told she could have custody of the child on alternate weekends, alternate holidays and for a month in the summer.

Dr. Moore, 50, testified he married his 25-year-old wife in Vienna in 1948 while he was serving as head of the American hospital under the American occupation forces. In his divorce petition, charging desertion, Dr. Moore asked that his 5-year-old daughter, Ellen Nelga, be kept within the jurisdiction of the court "so that she would not be subject to the dangers of Russia domination, privation and possible war."

The physician explained his wife's family lives in the Russian sector of Austria. He said when his wife deserted him in 1951 she took the child to Austria and kept her there more than a year.

Articles Reported As Stolen From Automobile

Theft of several articles of clothing from a parked car was reported to police here last night, Marvin Brister, police sergeant, said.

Douglas Matthys, La Grange, Tex., reported that a brown jacket, brown trousers, gray overcoat, angora sweater, two black shirts, a lady's corduroy coat, and two pair of yellow and brown trousers were stolen from his car while it was parked on a down town street.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl nine years old. I would like you to bring me a doll, a nurse kit, and some pick-up sticks. I want you to bring my family a toaster.
Yours truly,
Patricia Lynn Hull

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl six years old. I would like you to bring me a doll and paint set.
Yours truly,
Susan Hull

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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy three years old, and have a little brother three years old. We try to be good little boys. Will you please bring each of us a cowboy set, a big truck we can ride in, a train that will run, a pair of cowboy boots. And remember all other little boys and girls.
Your little friends,
Ronny and Donny Franks

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Dear Santa Claus
How are you? I am fine. I am a little baby girl named Charmaine Caperton. I am 11 months old. My big sister is writing this letter for me. I would like a rocking chair that plays music, and a teddy bear, and a pretty bracelet. I hope you have something nice for big sister and Mommy and Daddy. And all the good children, please remember children who do not have a mother or daddy, and the poor children. Merry Christmas and don't get too tired Christmas eve.
Charmaine Caperton

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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy seven years old and in the second grade. I listen to you on the radio every day. I have two little sisters and a little brother. Joyce is five and wants a wagon. Joan is three and wants a tricycle and bring my little brother a rattler. He is three months old. And I would be so happy if you would bring me a BB gun. We have all been good. Mother wrote this letter because I can't write too good.
We love you,
Bobby Bowlin

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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy nine years old. Santa, I would like to have a pair of boots for Christmas, some more clothes, and a gun. And don't forget my other sister and brother and all the rest of good children.
Kenneth C. McClain

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Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I want a cattle truck and a bicycle. We will leave you some cake on the table. I have four sisters. Joan is writing and telling you what they want. We will be at my grandmother's at Carthage, Tex.
Love,
Dean J. Jeffress

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Dear Santa,
We are two little boys. Our names are Iky and Jim Bob Roberson. We are too little to write so our mother is writing for us. Iky is six years old and Santa I will give Jim Bob my old tricycle if you will bring me a new big one. I also want a football, football helmet, and a fiddle. Jim Bob is three years old and wants a horse on wheels to ride, a football, tractor, and a fiddle. Please don't forget our little cousin in Arkansas. Make all little boys and girls happy at Christmas and we wish you a merry Christmas too.
We love you,
Iky and Jim Bob Roberson
P.S. Bring our things to our house out in the country instead of at mamma Tate's. We will leave the Christmas tree lights on for you. Bye.

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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy seven. I want two guns and holsters. I have a little brother five. I want a winch truck. I have a little brother three. He wants a tractor. I have a little sister three. She wants a doll buggy. Say hello to Rudolph.
Thank you Santa,
Billy John, Rey, Joy Long

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Dear Santa,
I am five years old. I will go to school next year. I would like a blackboard, some chalk, a cash register, and a necklace. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Thank you,
Jeannette Ann Grossman

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Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade and I want a doll and a suitcase and some red clothes. And some dishes. I have three little sisters and they want the same thing I do. We will leave you some cake on the table.
Love,
Joan Jeffress

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Dear Santa
I am five years old. I have a sister named Debra. I want a bible and dishes and doll and table. Bring Debbie a rocky horse.
Love,
Chris Joan Sims

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Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy. Would you please bring me a real cowboy gun, a little red wagon and a set of tinker toys. Also some fruit, nuts and candy. I go to school at Dan Ellsworth and I study hard. Remember all other good girls and boys. Thank you.
Your little friend,
Dick Hayse

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the third grade. I am nine years old. I have been a good girl. Well I better tell you what I want.
I want a doll that has hair and a mixer and a machine and some candy and gum. My mother isn't writing this.
Love
Amy Taylor
P.S. Don't forget mother and daddy. Oh, yes. Bring Lubby (my dog) some harness. He has his now.

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Dear Santa,
I'm a little boy seven years old today (Dec. 21). Would you please bring me a Lone Ranger pistol set? Also, if you can, I'd like a red bicycle. Please don't forget to bring my little brother a teddy bear, as this is his first Christmas.
Thanking you a lot,
Love,
J. V. Clayton

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy five years old. I've been a fairly good boy and I would like you to bring me a bow and arrow with a ring for a target, a BB gun with a horn for BBs, and a scabbard and six targets. Throw in a bunch of little gadgets, too. I have two little sisters, Tim and Terry. Tim wants a dolly, dishes, a table and chairs. Terry isn't big enough for me to know what she wants, just bring her anything. Bring all the other boys and girls lots of things. I'll leave you a plate of cookies on my table Christmas eve night.
I love you,
Tommy Duke

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am here at my grandma Evans'. Please bring me a doll and buggy and some candy and fruit. Don't forget my little brother at Midland, Tex. He will be here at grandma's Christmas. I came home with grandma Sunday and will stay until after Christmas.
Connie Evans

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Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing fine. I am twelve years old and I have been a good boy this year. Bring me a softball, a B-B gun and cowboy boots. My little brother James would like you to bring him a football and cowboy boots. And a Merry Christmas to you.
From
Coleman John

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl five years old and I have a little brother three years old. His name is Little Joe and we are so excited and can hardly wait til Christmas.
I would like a big bicycle with a light on it and a pair of magic skates and a big doll with extra long magic braids that I can wash, curl or plait.
My little brother Joe would like an Indian War Drum, cowboy hat and a police car with a siren on it. Also a holster.
Santa Claus, we do not want to be selfish and want you to visit all the little children in the world.
I love you,
Candyce Jane Bass

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Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old. I would like a Betsy McCall doll robe, pajamas, and housshoes and a record player.
I have a little brother 3 years old. He would like some cars and a truck, also a robe and pajamas.
Please remember all my little friends at Christmas time.
Love,
Cheryl and Ronnie Wynley

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Dear Santa,
I am six and my brother, Ed, is four. He wants a wagon and I want a bathinette for my dolls. Ed has tried to be good and I have been good my mother says. Santa, we will leave you some cake and milk on the table.
Thank you Santa,
Jo Hubbard

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Dear Santa,
My name is Richard Busbee. I am 7 years old. I would like a rifle and a train and a army set and a airplane. My brother Michael 3 years old would like a farm set, a gun and a cowboy hat.
Please remember all the other children in the World.
We are two good boys. I will have cookies and coffee ready for you.
Richard and Michael

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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 7 years old. My mother is writing for me kids.
I want a jeep too and a dump truck. Brenda and Carolyn want dolls, dishes, comb and brush sets and Tommie is only 6 months old so anything you have for a baby will do. We want a big wagon to share together.
Please don't forget my good teacher, Mrs. Grace King at West Elementary. And all the other little children. Also give mama, daddy, Granny, and Papa and Mama Oliver something, bye and please don't catch cold. I saw you down town today.
Love,
Orea Lee Oliver

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bicycle and also a basket for my bicycle, and a big big, big box of candy.
Alice Crawford

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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy five years old. I would like to have a pair of cowboy boots, two gun and two holsters, and a hat. A ranch set and nuts, fruit and candy. Please remember my little cousin, Judy Faye Moore. She is 6 years old.
Love,
Larry Wayne Gregory

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A religious film will be shown at the 7 o'clock evening service that day. Three choirs of the church will furnish special music for the services.

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There is plenty of entertainment for the younger grandchildren at the W. B. Fenton home during Christmas visits. Mr. Fenton has 11 Shetland ponies, and the children delight in riding them while the adults talk or work. (Staff photograph)

SOCIETY SCRIBBLINGS

Family Reunions Will Be Word For Day Tomorrow

Christmas and family gatherings go together like bacon and eggs for many Snyder families, and the gathering of the clans will reach its height tomorrow.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. FENTON on the Sweetwater highway, dinner is a must on every Christmas Day. The number of guests varies from a moderate-sized group to more than 30, depending on just how many can make arrangements fit, and there's always room for one more. Their daughters and sons, Mrs. A. G. McDOWELL, Mrs. STEVE PARKS, Mrs. DEWEY MOORE, MYRON FENTON and LYNN FENTON, and many of the grandchildren will be there tomorrow.

Two great-granddaughters, Debbie and Renee Price, will be among the youngest of the family visitors tomorrow. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. MILLER PRICE, and the only great-grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Fenton have.

"We don't feel as if we've celebrated Christmas unless all the family can be here," said Mrs. A. C. MARTIN, 3211 Avenue U. Their guests began arriving Tuesday, and the last ones are to be there in time for dinner at noon tomorrow.

Among the guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Onnie Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Matthews of Venita, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Mack Casey and sons of Fort Worth and Miss Jo Ann Miller of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Martin and Mrs. Lynnelle Claxton from Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin and family from Fluvanna.

They wait until the family group has assembled before opening the gifts stacked under the decorated tree. The grandchildren draw names so that buying gifts won't be a budget-wrecking affair, but the adults continue their exchange of gifts as they have always done.

Mr. and Mrs. CLYDE HALL, JR., 2242 Sunset Avenue, will be hosts this year for a family Christmas dinner which occurs in cycles of approximately five years.

There are always family gatherings, Mrs. Hall said, but the biggest affairs seem to happen on the five-year times because of the plan of alternating visits with various branches of the family.

Guests of the Halls tomorrow will include Mrs. Hall's mother and brother, Mrs. R. A. Sikes and Bill Sikes from Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sikes and daughters of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Clude Hall of Brady and Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Wood and children of Odessa.

Turkey is the only dish which will certainly not be present at the family dinner of Mr. and Mrs. JOE ROGGENSTEIN in the Lloyd Mountain community. Baked chicken, roast or ham or all three are frequently used as main dishes, but turkey rates at the bottom of the preference list even for the once-a-year fare.

Guests expected for the dinner tomorrow are Mr. and Mrs. Mozelle Roggenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Arno Roggenstein of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roggenstein of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Beavers of Lovington, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reynolds, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Gray Parks.

Motion pictures help keep the memories of past Christmas celebrations alive for the Darby family. Mr. and Mrs. FRANK DARBY, 3005 Avenue S, will be hosts for the group tonight. Among those expected to attend are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnett, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Foster and sons.

Among the families who traditionally open gifts on Christmas Eve are Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST CRAIG, 2704 Avenue O. Mr. Craig distributes the presents with the aid of their three sons, Mickey, 14, Jerry, 12, and Lonnie, 8.

Lonnie has a special present this year for his dog, Chip. He's wrapped a can of Chip's favorite food with care, and fully expects Chip to recognize it by the portion of the label left showing. Chip recognizes the cans when they are removed from their usual storage place at his feeding place. Mrs. Craig laughed, and Lonnie doesn't see why just having the package under a Christmas tree would make it any harder for Chip to pick out.

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Frozen lima beans get added color and taste in this Lima Bean Medley. One package of beans will make six servings.

Place the beans in a saucepan and allow to stand at room temperature to partly defrost. Cut celery and carrots about the size of the beans, using 1 cup of celery and 1 cup diced carrots. Combine the vegetables and cook rapidly in boiling water with a little salt until the beans are tender, about 15 to 20 minutes. Drain and season with salt, pepper and butter.

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Leftover chicken goes into a brunch with ham for this hot, quick main dish.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hemphill and son, 419 Thirtieth Street, plan to leave tomorrow for Dallas where they will spend the week end visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Roberts, 3749 Highland Drive, are to leave today for Kerrville where they will visit Mrs. Roberts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Barrier, 3106 Fortieth Street, will spend Christmas in Lubbock with Mr. Barrier's mother, Mrs. Paul Barrier.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Park and son, 2407 Twenty-seventh Street, will be guests of relatives and friends in Kaufman and Dallas over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Goswick and daughter, Shelia, of DeBerry, Tex., are visiting relatives and friends here. They are to return home this week end.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lee Roy Baker and family of Union will spend the holiday week end in Lubbock with Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. T. J. Fleming.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Autry, 3205 Avenue U, for Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. Leon Autry and daughter from O'Brien.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long, 2233 Sunsett Avenue, for Christmas will be Mrs. Long's mother, Mrs. J. S. Bradley, of Fort Worth and Mr. Long's father, L. E. Long, of Gail.

Stewart Harris and his daughter, Ericka Sue Harris, returned Saturday from Oklahoma City and staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry D. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Miller and daughters, 2225 Sunset Avenue, will visit relatives in Fort Worth tomorrow.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Price, 304 Thirty-fourth Street, are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foree of Hammond, La. They will remain through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Godwin and children, Connie and Bobby, 3790 Avenue V, will spend Christmas Day in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Godwin.

Spending a Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Allen, 215 Thirty-third Street, will be Airman Jerry L. Allen, stationed at San Ysidro, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Prentis Bass and daughter, 3789 Highland Drive, will visit relatives in Big Spring on Christmas Day. Mrs. Bass' sister, Mrs. R. M. LaLonde of El Paso, has been a recent guest in the Bass home and will also be in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryant and family, 3750 Highland Drive, will visit Dr. and Mrs. A. Blackwell and other relatives in Stamford on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blalock, 3207 Hill Avenue, and Mrs. Marie Fisher are visiting relatives in Aransas Pass and Houston.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Murry E. Boyd, 3211 Fortieth Street, will be Mrs. Boyd's sister, Mrs. L. T. Nail, Mr. Nail and their children from Tulia.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kilgarlin and children, 3001 Avenue S, are visiting relatives in Mississippi.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Reeves, Hermleigh, are Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Reeves and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lewis, Jr. of Alice arrived Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lewis, Sr., in Hermleigh. Other guests in the Lewis home for the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Welcher and children from Pasadena, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Parks and children, Clairemont route, will visit relatives in Wink tomorrow.

The Zulus of South Africa believe that every man always is accompanied by an ancestral spirit in the form of a serpent which moves underground. It the serpent died the man dies and then the serpent comes to life again.

Movie Advisor Spent Three Christmases In Red Camp

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—What is Christmas like behind barbed wire?

Bob Wise can answer that. This will be the first Christmas in four years he has spent outside a Communist prison camp. Another Christmas, longer ago, was spent in a German prison camp.

"It wasn't so bad under the Germans," says Capt. Robert Wise of the U. S. Army. "We were allowed to have religious services and have songs and plays. But under the Communists. . . ."

Wise will fly today to his home in Tacoma, Wash., to spend his first Yuletide with his son, 4-year-old Robert Kent. He is here as technical advisor on a film called "The Prisoner of War Story."

Wise remembers his first Christmas under the Reds "as perhaps the worst experience of my life.

"On Christmas night we ended a 21-day march through the bitter cold. Most of the men—those who survived—were sick, starving and frozen. Our only solace was a chaplain, a Catholic priest and a saintly man, who would not rest until he had ministered to each man, even though he knew that would infuriate the Reds. Later he died of an infection; the Communists did little to save him.

"The next Christmas was better. It appeared that the truce talks were coming to a head, and the Reds didn't want us to appear starved. (Wise himself dropped from 175 to around 110 pounds.) So they brought in a truckload of frozen chicken and pigs and gave us a feast. After the talks stalled, we went back to our miserable life.

"The same thing happened in the Christmas of 1952. They even let us have a program, but everything was censored. We couldn't sing 'Don't Fence Me In.' Even a song about 'fields of yellow corn' was deleted; they were that conscious of their color. Anything that indicated the downtrodden was allowed. They approved Dickens's 'Christmas Carol' because of the capitalist Scrooge."

Wise was first captured in January, 1944. He and his outfit had crossed the Rapido River in Italy, to supply a diversionary action to assist the landings at Anzio.

His capture in Korea occurred Dec. 1, 1950. That was during the big retreat, and his division was holding the main artery to allow other divisions to get south.

As Capt. Wise celebrates Christmas with his family, his thoughts go back to a fellow in his outfit, who was also captured but chose not to return.

"He was a boy 17 years old, very immature and unhappy," the officer recalled. "He had no family except a sister. I'm sure that if he returned to this country, he would spend many years in a mental institution.

"I can't understand those guys who stayed. They're a valuable propaganda tool for the Reds now. But they must know that as soon as they are no longer of use to the Reds, they'll be eliminated."

Capt. Wise can't help but wonder what kind of a Christmas that boy will be having tomorrow.

NEWS FROM GAIL

By MRS. JOHN DENNIS

The Gail boys' basketball team won its opening game against Union (Terry County) in the Loop tournament Thursday night. Dawson downed Gail Friday night. The girls' team lost its first game Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Anderson entertained relatives and friends with an open house Friday afternoon at their ranch home Southwest of Gail.

Mrs. Bert Dennis was a Lubbock visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sealy and daughters visited Mrs. Sealy's parents in Camp Springs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Birmingham left Friday for Houston where they will spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Don Odom, Mr. Odom, and their grandson Donnie.

Floyd Hull of Big Spring visited in the home of Mrs. J. R. Roper Saturday.

Mrs. Dick Cantrell left Saturday for Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation to be with her son, Tommy Pat, a patient there. Mr. Cantrell will join them there for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Stephens entertained relatives with a Christmas dinner Sunday.

Miss Maggie Williams was a Lubbock visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mardes Clayton and Marty will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sealy in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weathers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Armstrong of Coahoma. Mr. Weathers was in San Angelo Wednesday and Lubbock Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cox will spend the Christmas holidays in Stephenville, and Mrs. Ruby Threatt will visit her family in Carlton during the Christmas vacation.

B&PW Christmas Party Held Tuesday

A Christmas dinner for the Business and Professional Women's Club and their guests was held Tuesday night with 30 persons attending.

Miss Virginia Grove was program director for the evening. Mrs. Forrest Beavers gave a Christmas reading, and Mrs. W. W. Adcock showed pictures made on her trip to Palestine. A recording by Ted Malone told the story of Christmas chimes.

Gifts were exchanged following the program.

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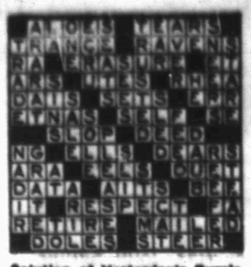
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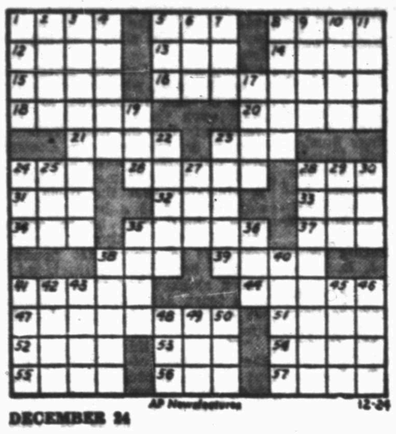
Crossword Puzzle



Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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1. Spreads loosely
5. Tree exudation
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12. Spoken
13. Epoch
14. The moon
15. Married woman
16. Agrees
18. Strong boxes
20. Corpulent
21. Begin
22. Female deer
24. Young goat
26. Article of belief
28. Steal
31. Tale
32. Pale
33. Sheep
34. Entirety
35. Lukewarm
37. Permit
38. Distant
39. Style
41. Harpoon
44. Large stream
47. Relates
51. Flower container
52. American Indian
53. Constellation
54. Feminine name
55. Clamors
56. Solution
57. Stair

DOWN
1. Pulls after
2. Kind of silk
3. Flower
4. Slumber
5. Pouch
6. Gone past
7. Animal enclosure
8. Land belonging to a parish church
9. Early alphabetic character
10. Insects
11. Ignoble
17. Partly burned carbon
19. Collection
22. Not so old
23. Cotton cloth
24. New Zealand parrot
25. Poorly
27. Short sleep
28. Pertinent
29. Have debts
30. Wager
33. Village in Meath County, Ireland
36. June bug
38. Goddesses of destiny
40. Prima donnas
41. Hurried
42. Persian fairy
43. The Emerald Isle
45. Ancient slave
46. Harvest
48. Sort
49. Born
50. Kind of bean



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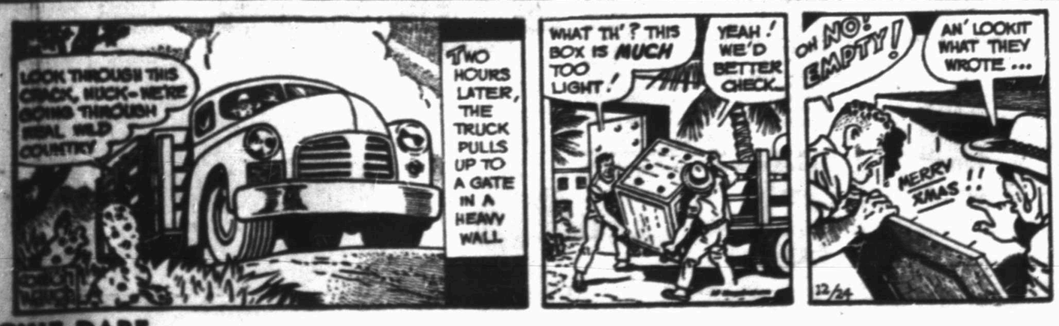


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TV And Radio Rights Bring Another $1 Million To Bowls

NEW YORK (AP)—Television and radio sponsors are becoming "sports Santa Clauses" for a lot of athletes at colleges and conferences represented in next Jan. 1st's football bowl games.

The spectators at the annual New Year's Day gridiron spectacles will pay nearly two million dollars to watch the games, but the TV and radio rights will bring in almost one million more, an Associated Press survey disclosed today.

That's a pretty nice collection of pies for the football teams to slice up among themselves. Most of them have to count their conference brothers in, too, however, so the athletic funds at many colleges will be swelled by the TV-radio take along with the gate receipts.

Biggest bonanza of all is the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif., matching UCLA of the Pacific Coast Conference against the Big 10's Michigan State.

The TV-radio money there even tops the gate receipts, since the sponsors get an advantage over the other bowl games by coming on the air after the other major games are over. Also, the game pits the No. 3 team in the country, Michigan State against the No. 5 team, UCLA.

The combined TV-radio take for the West Coast classic is $610,000, well ahead of the gate of $340,000. After game expenses, stadium rental, taxes and other expenses are taken out, each conference figures to get about $350,000. That will pay for a lot of scholarships, tackling dummies, tennis balls and other minor sports items.

The Sugar and Cotton Bowls also are reported to have TV-radio contracts in six figures to go with ticket sales in the $300,000-$400,000 range. But the Orange Bowl—probably the day's best attraction from the spectator's point of view since it matches Maryland, the No. 1 team, against Oklahoma, No. 4—has a TV-radio contract calling for only $70,000.

The teams will go home with something besides the train fare, however, for they've added 3,000 seats to the bowl this year, making the capacity close to 70,000. That should push the gate receipts to around $386,000, and each team gets $120,000, which they'll split with other conference members.

Rice, No. 6, and Alabama, No. 13, will take home slightly more than $150,000 from the Cotton Bowl, at Dallas, which will take in a gate of $300,000 plus $120,000 from TV-radio and the program and concession money combined.

Officials of the New Orleans Sugar Bowl, who have Georgia Tech, No. 8, vs. West Virginia, No. 10, declined to release figures on the financial aspects of the game, as is their custom. But sources in New Orleans put the Sugar Bowl gate a $365,000 last year, and it was reliably reported here that the TV-radio would bring in another $100,000.

The Rose Bowl is tops in the number of spectators, with 100,300 to 82,000 for the Sugar Bowl and 75,504 for the Cotton Bowl.

The annual East West Shrine all-star game at San Francisco on Jan. 2 also benefits from TV-radio—and from the lack of competition from other games. The crowd of 63,000 will pay $280,000, with another $65,000 coming from TV-radio.

Rose Bowlers Getting Ready

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Once they've opened their Christmas presents, the rival Rose Bowl football teams will start working on little surprise packages to spring on each other on New Year's Day.

Michigan State Coach Biggie Munn and UCLA boss Red Sanders have an informal agreement that practices will be closed after Christmas.

Munn was willing to keep practices open until the end of the week. He's still thinking about inviting all with proper credentials to a Saturday practice.

Sanders is equally nonchalant about the secrecy business. Every day at the UCLA field, strange faces can be seen hanging over the fence.

"We haven't got anything to hide," said Munn. "They know our plays and we know theirs. We both just don't know when they're coming.

"The closed practice business is to work on anything secret you want to pull. Then you hope it will work."

UCLA cuts down to one-a-day workouts today while Michigan State, behind the Californians in its preparations, planned twice-daily sessions until the end of the week.

Head Coaching Jobs Are Going Begging Again

NEW YORK (AP)—Head football coaching jobs are vacant at five major colleges and in one city of the National Football League but officials apparently are in no hurry to fill the positions.

Pennsylvania is looking for a replacement for George Munger, Iowa State for Abe Stuber, Kansas for Jules Sikes, Minnesota for Wes Fesler and Idaho for Babe Curtman. But a survey revealed officials of the five schools are making careful search and it may be at least a month before any of the jobs are filled.

In the NFL, the Green Bay Packers are in the market for a coach to replace Gene Ronzani.

Prominently mentioned for the Penn job are Bob O'Dell, assistant coach at Wisconsin; Frank Reagan, assistant coach with the Philadelphia Eagles; and Lew Elverson, head coach at Swarthmore.

At Minnesota, they are talking of Bud Wilkinson, successful coach of Oklahoma's Sooners; Biggie Munn, who has met with great success at Michigan State; John Ronning of Utah State; Milt Bruhn of Wisconsin; and Butch Nash, assistant coach under Fesler.

Selection of the Iowa State coach is in the hands of a four-man committee. The big problem appears to be finances and how much to pay Stuber's successor. The choice is likely a couple of months away.

There have been more than 80 applicants for the job at Kansas, where the appointment is not expected before Jan. 15. In the group most often mentioned are Bob Waterfield, former Los Angeles Rams star; Otto Graham, quarterback of the Cleveland Browns; Terry Brennan, Notre Dame backfield coach; Pete Elliott end coach at Oklahoma; Volney Ashford, Missouri Valley University; Jack Mitchell, Wichita head coach; and Norris Patterson, William Jewell head coach.

The first surge of speculation at Idaho has brought out seven names. They are Chick Atkinson, ex-Idaho player now coaching at Brigham Young; Lyle Smith, Boise Junior College; Jerry Williams, former Washington State halfback now with the Philadelphia Eagles; and Eddie Cole, assistant coach at Idaho.

Verne G. Lewellen, ex-Green Bay star, was named general manager of the Packers yesterday. He is expected to name a head coach before the NFL meetings Jan. 26.

Horace H. Hayden of Widsor, Conn. is credited with establishing the world's first dental college there.

Only about 12 pounds of usable spectacle lenses are produced from a 600-pound melt of glas.

Sugar Bowl To Pit Opposites

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Brusing West Virginia power and deceptive Georgia Tech speed could make the Sugar Bowl football game the most unusual in its 20-year history.

West Virginia is billed as one of the biggest teams to receive a Sugar Bowl invitation and football experts term its split T ground attack as crushing as those of pre-war single wing powerhouses.

Georgia Tech, which operates from a standard T formation, accents mental and physical speed in an offense that makes use of quick-opening line plays and wide end runs.

Tech is a two-touchdown favorite for the Jan. 1 game, but those who once scoffed at West Virginia as Sugar Bowl material are taking a second look.

Opposition to West Virginia centered around its weak schedule, which they said included only four big-time foes. One was North Carolina State, which had a weak team, and a second was South Carolina, which handed West Virginia its only loss by a 20-14 margin.

But West Virginia beat Pittsburgh and Penn State in the other two games, and Pitt tied Oklahoma and lost a close game to Notre Dame.

The football game will climax a week of Sugar Bowl sports activity.

A three-day tennis tournament will begin Sunday, with veteran Gardnar Mulloy defending his title Idaho State and Louisiana State will fight for the boxing title Monday night. Tuesday and Wednesday Holy Cross, LSU, DePaul and Fordham will take part in the basketball tournament. An invitational track meet will be held next Thursday.

Dodgers Look For Power In Hurling Staff

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—The first official move made by Walter Alston indicates that the new manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers is every bit as smart as they said he was when they brought him out of the minor leagues to tackle one of the trickiest jobs in the business.

Alston, looking around at the unbroken ranks of ex-infielders who comprised the Dodgers coaching staff, asked his boss to go out and find him the best itching coach they could lay hands on, and hang the expense. They found Ted Lyons unemployed momentarily, and by signing the former White Sox great they might well have made a down payment on that world championship they have their little hearts set on.

If the Brooklyn team of the past few seasons has had one noteworthy weakness, it lay in the absence of an expert handler of pitchers among Charlie Dressen's staff of assistants. Dressen, himself, was a former infielder, and so were Billy Herman, Cookie Lavagetto and Jake Pitler. In their prime the quartet might have made a pretty fair inner defense, but not one of them ever threw a curve intentionally.

One of the little differences of opinion between Dressen and his employers which might have contributed to his departure was said to have been Chuck's insistence upon being his own pitching coach. The Dodger officials, among others, did not consider Dressen especially gifted in handling his throwers, the young ones in particular.

Chico Tops In His Position

NEW YORK (AP)—If you're to judge by averages alone, Chico Carrasquel of the Chicago White Sox is a better fielder than the Yankees' Phil Rizzuto, Cleveland's George Strickland and the other American League shortstops.

Official averages released yesterday by the league's service bureau, showed that Carrasuel was tops at his position with a .976 mark. Strickland was second at .974, followed by Harvey Kuenn of Detroit with .971. Ruzzuto fielded .963.

The 25-year-old Venezuelan committed 18 errors in 758 chances as the Chisox captured a major portion of the club and individual honors.

Catcher Sherman Lollar (.994) and outfielder Sam Mele also represented Chicago on the circuit's top defensive team, although Mele shared his laurels with Gene Woodling, Yankee left fielder. Each committed only one miscue for .996.

Other fielding leaders were: first base—Bill Glynn, Cleveland, .993; second base—Bobby Avila, Cleveland, .986; third base — George Kell, Boston, .972 and pitcher—Bob Porterfield, Washington, 1.000 (66 chances).

Chicago was the club leader, fielding .980 collectively to .979 apiece for New York, Cleveland and Washington.

Bevo Shows Critics He Can Still Score

NEW YORK (AP)—Clarence (Bevo) Francis, the high-scoring phenom whose amazing point totals were wiped from the record books last spring, had the last laugh on his critics today.

The big boy from little Rio Grande (Ohio) College averaged 50.1 points per game last year, but the Coaches' Assn. voted to throw the records out because of the poor quality of the opposition. "He couldn't score like that against a good team," his critics scoffed. "Rio Grande will never beat anybody that amounts to anything."

Bevo kept pumping the points in as Rio Grande made an Eastern swing this year, but he and his mates hadn't scored a major victory until big Bevo took matters into his own hands last night and fired the winning basket in the final seconds for a 67-65 victory over Wake Forest. Grabbing the ball at the foul circle, Bevo cut loose with his specialty, a whirling jump shot, and Rio Grande had a victory over the conquerors of mighty North Carolina State and the national AAU champion Peoria Caterpillars.

Bevo made 32 points in all, outscoring the talented Dickie Hemric of Wake Forest, who got 24 in a losing cause. Little Wayne Wiseman shared the starring role with Francis, twice stealing the ball for baskets in the final 9 seconds.

In other games, Texas Christian whipped Howard Payne 98-48, Creighton topped Denver 65-60 and New Mexico Western won the New Mexico Conference tournament with a 53-49 victory over Arizona State of Flagstaff.

High Averages For Cagers In Top Brackets

NEW YORK (AP)—Basketball's big scorers are bigger than ever this season, with three major-college players, Bob Pettit of Louisiana State, Frank Selvy of Furman and Virginia's Buzz Wilkinson, averaging more than 30 points a game.

Pettit, who started out with a 60-point game, is the leader with a 36.8 per game average, statistics released by the NCAA Service Bureau showed today.

Selvy, the leading scorer among major-college players last season, has scored at a 33.5 per game rate while Wilkinson hit 32.8 in games through Saturday.

In all, there are 47 players with an average of better than 20 points a game compared with 26 at this time a year ago.

California's Bob Mathany, who ranked fifth last year in free throw percentage, is tops in that department with 38 out of 42 this season for 90.5 per cent. Ed Cristal of Washington (Mo.) is second with an even 90 per cent, on 27 out of 30.

Harvey Williams of Michigan holds the field goal percentage lead with 64.3 per cent and Art Quimby of Connecticut is the high man in rebounds with 25.2 a game.

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Huge Refinery Being Finished In Near East

ADEN (AP)—The Anglo-Iranian Oil Co.'s new refinery at "Little Aden" is nearing completion.

The 140,000,000 dollar installation will, in a year, produce 8 million tons of refined oil per year, company officials say.

They said the refinery, covering 400 acres of what was until recently a barren peninsula six miles west of Aden, is "the largest in the free world."

The officials said plans for the refinery were under way before the IOC's dispute with Iran, in 1951 and the evacuation of the Persian refineries of Abadan. Construction, they said, was due to two reasons:

Aden, where numerous ships put in every year, needs a large amount of marine fuel. Fuel is imported by Aden now from the United Kingdom where Persian Gulf oil is refined. The new refinery will cut unnecessary expenditure of carrying the oil all the way from the Gulf to Britain and back to Aden.

Aden, a British protectorate, gave all guarantees for a British investment.

Around 13,000 workers, including Americans, are building the refinery.

Fund Raised For Family Hit By Tragedy

MARINETTE, Wis. (AP)—Contributions, already totaling $10,000 in cash and pledges, poured into Marinette last night in the wake of a tragic fire that took the lives of five small children and prostrated their parents with grief and shock.

The five children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert De Gaynor—the oldest 6 years, the youngest 2—perished in a pre-dawn fire yesterday. The De Gaynor's home and all their possessions were lost in the blaze.

The mother, Rose, 27, was under sedatives at General Hospital. Mrs. De Gaynor, who expects another child in March, suffered burns and a possible concussion. Her husband also is hospitalized with burns and a leg injury suffered when he fell 10 feet from the roof of the house to the ground.

Offers of aid began coming in as soon as a local radio station told of the tragedy. Downtown shoppers flocked to the studio with cash donations. Traveling salesmen, hearing of the tragedy over car radios stopped and donated amounts ranging from $10 to $25.

More than $10,000 had been pledged by late evening, in addition to land and rebuilding material.

Delinquent Alimony Payer Out Of Jail After Some 32 Months

CHICAGO (AP)—Ivar Forsner, 40, in Cook County jail's alimony row for 32 months, was freed by Superior Judge Charles S. Dougherty yesterday—but it was not a Christmas present.

The judge released Forsner on a technicality. Charles A. Bellows, attorney for Forsner, had pleaded that unless action were taken, Forsner "might be in jail for life." He was $14,335 in arrears on alimony and child support payments.

Bellows filed a writ of habeas corpus in Forsner's behalf. Judge Dougherty granted the petition on the ground that a bond of $2,500 Forsner's wife had posted at the time her husband was committed was not backed with surety as required by law. She opposed his release.

Two Churches Holding Christmas Services

Holy Communion will be observed at St. John's Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock Christmas morning, the Rev. Robert Purrington has announced.

Services will be held at the church Sunday afternoon as usual.

The First Presbyterian Church will hold its traditional candlelight communion service at 7:30 tonight. The chancel choir will present special music, and the Rev. Ronald Hubbard, pastor, will speak on "The Word Became Flesh."

New Leaders Elected By Presbyterians

Three new members each to the board of elders and the board of deacons were elected Sunday night in the First Presbyterian Church.

New members to the board of elders are C. R. Roberson, James A. Walker and Lee T. Stinson. New deacons are R. F. Wester, R. B. Fulcher and Bill Ballard.

Fish Speaks Before Methodist Group

Creston E. Fish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fish of Snyder, was guest speaker for the Methodist Men's Fellowship Monday night.

Fish is the president of the Lubbock Methodist Men's Fellowship.

More than 60 persons were present.

Indian Slayer Of Americans Given Death

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—A 22-year-old Indian has been convicted and sentenced to death for the murder last March of two American women in the American Presbyterian mission at Dehradun, 100 miles north of New Delhi.

Reports from there said the death sentence was passed on H. K. Bakshi. Another Indian, a servant in the mission, was sentenced to 14 years imprisonment as an accomplice.

The dead women were Mrs. Herbert Strickler, 59, formerly of Emporia, Kan., who had lived in India 34 years, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett, 46, Camden, N. J., schoolteacher who had come to India only a week before her death to teach in a Presbyterian school.

Mrs. Strickler's husband is executive secretary of Presbyterian missions in India.

The women were slain while they slept. Robbery was believed to have been the motive.

St. John's Church Holds Christmas Party

A Christmas party for the children of members of St. John's Episcopal Church was held Friday night.

Gifts were distributed by Santa Claus. Hot chocolate, sandwiches and cookies were served, and Mrs. Robert Patterson played the accompaniment for group singing of carols. Robert McAlister, Jr., sang "Jolly Old Saint Nicolas."

Those attending were the Rev. Robert G. Purrington and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Keever and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McAllister and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lamb and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Wilson and Caleb, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Birdwell and children, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hartley and son, Mrs. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Horse and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Green.

Watch Night, Family Night Are Combined

Family night and watch night will be combined next Thursday night at the First Methodist Church. The observance will begin with a communion service in the sanctuary at 7 o'clock.

At 8 o'clock a fellowship hour will be held in the Fellowship Hall where refreshments will be served.

At 9 o'clock a religious film will be shown, after which the services will be concluded with a consecration service.

The public is invited to attend.

Messiah Rebroadcast

A rebroadcast of the "Messiah" which was presented here Sunday afternoon by the Community Chorus will be heard over station KSNY tomorrow night at 7 o'clock.

Robert Clinton, director of the chorus, said that the recording had been edited down to one hour.

John L. Holds No Malice For His Old Enemy

SAN ANGELO (AP)—Tough old John L. Lewis is in the midst of the New York dockers fight, but the years have mellowed one of his bitterest feuds—that with John Garner of Texas, former vice president.

"Please tell Mr. Garner I wish him well."

"Please tell him I hope he enjoys the full years of his age, and may he enjoy them for long to come."

Even in private conversation Lewis speaks with choice words and an oratorical flair.

"I read the other day about his deer hunting."

Garner hunted deer on his 85th birthday on Nov. 22.

"Tell him," continued Lewis, "the next time I drive to California I would like to stop at Uvalde and visit with him."

Lewis is 73. The shock of gray-white hair tops his strong, lined face. He was a striking figure, in full evening dress, seated at the head table among the nation's leaders at the winter dinner of the Gridiron Club in Washington.

His message to Garner was spoken to Houston Harte, West Texas publisher, who in conversation with the Miners' leader before the dinner had remarked that he lived in the Texas congressional district which Garner represented in Congress for many years.

In 1939 Lewis loosed a scathing attack against Garner, testifying before the House Labor Committee.

He called Garner "...a labor-baiting, poker - playing, whisky-drinking, evil old man."

"Some gentlemen will say, 'Why he has made a personal attack on Mr. Garner'."

"Yes", thundered Lewis, "I'm against him. I am against him officially, personally, concretely and in the abstract..."

Now John Llewellyn Lewis and John Nance Garner may visit under the pecan trees at Uvalde.

Business District Decorations Contest Winners Are Announced

Winners of the Lions Club business decoration contests were announced today by Chuck Wolfe, Christmas activities chairman for the club.

Taking first place in the contest was McDonald's on the west side of the square. For that place the club awarded $15. A $10 prize was given to Snyder Insurance Agency for second place in the contest. Also entered were Texas Electric Service Co. and Walter Hales Lumber Co.

Winners of the same occupation contest, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, were announced yesterday.

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Big Drinking Party Out In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The St. Louis Sheriff's Office isn't going to hold its traditional Christmas party for city officers and other politicians this year.

Sheriff Martin L. Toser, who says there's "a certain dignity" to the office that rules out big beverage parties, said the office will observe Christmas by distributing 110 baskets of food and toys to needy families instead.

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Japs Furious About Being Put In Canal

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's minister of justice pledged in the national Diet today to protest to the United States if American troops throw any more Japanese into Tokyo's canals.

One Japanese was drowned and another was rescued recently after they had been pitched from the Sukiyabashi Bridge by rowdy Americans in uniform.

The incidents have outraged public opinion.

Justice Minister Takeru Inukai was questioned in Parliament today by a left-wing Socialist member, Yoshitaro Shimokawa, on what action the Japanese government had taken.

"These were outrageous incidents," Inukai said.

"The first incident could have been provoked. . . . but the second incident involved a perfectly innocent Japanese.

"The Metropolitan Police Board strongly protested to the U. S. Army. The Army sincerely apologized and helped the Japanese police examine 2,500 soldiers—including some brought back from Hawaii."

Most of the Tokyo papers published pictures of police practicing in rescue boats with life rings.

A detachment of police has been assigned to holiday duty at various bridges. One barge will be on duty. Life preservers will adorn the bridge rails.

Federal Aid To Texas Schools

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Department of Welfare alloted this week $3,659,804 in federal funds for school construction projects in "federally affected" areas.

The apportionment, the first from funds voted by the last Congress, will go to 15 school districts in which defense and other federal activities have swollen enrollments. Congress appropriated 70 million dollars for use this fiscal year.

The funds are allotted under a formula laid down by Congress to help districts which need cash most urgently. The action today reserves money for 15 specific projects. It does not constitute final approval, which is given only after all technical requirements are met.

The list of tentative fund reservations in Texas: Grand Prairie Independent School District, $408,500; Frenship Rural High School, Wolfforth, Lubbock County, $196,650; Mineral Wells Independent School District, $490,700; and Colorado Common School District 36, Del Valle, Travis County, $177,650. The Texas total is $1,271,300.

Diner Has Own Food

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP)—A young man carrying a box entered a restaurant and called a waitress. After a brief talk, he got up and left.

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DUPLEX DESTROYED

Windswept flames about 100 feet high destroy a two-family house in Clarks Mills, N.Y. Three other buildings were damaged in the fire. Kenneth Barrett, 5, the only occupant, escaped through the basement when all other exists were blocked. No one was hurt.

Pup Finally Saved After Days In Well

CARLSBAD, N. M. (AP)—It's going to be a merry Christmas after all for a little pup and her well-wishers.

Two strangers—with the same idea—combined efforts last night, lowered a Navy sea anchor baited with bread and milk and hoisted the 2-month-old pooch out of a dry well.

Wayne Gregory, 26, held the rope, and W. W. Burr, 34, a flashlight to do the trick.

There were a couple of anxious moments when it looked as if their try would be unsuccessful—just like others during the past 10 days.

Their angle principally was the bread and milk. What else would a hungry pup that age go for?

There she was in the middle of the collapsed nylon sea anchor—a gadget built like an airport wind sock, only with a bottom to it.

They started to raise the startled pup. About one-third of the way up the 10-inch-wide shaft the struggling little black and white mongrel almost got out.

Gregory, a machinist, and Burr, who spent four years in the Navy hastily lowered away. The terrified pup calmed down and the men hoisted him almost to the top.

The pup began struggling again. But Burr reached down about two feet grabbed the little dog by the scruff of her neck and hauled her to safety.

"In general," said Mrs. Norvelle Thacker, president of the Cavern City chapter of the Humane Society, "the puppy is in good condition, although a bit dehydrated from lack of water."

For Burr and family, it was a Christmas gift. He said he had been looking for a dog for his three children, Marsha 3, Keith 7, and Theresa 11.

"All the time we were pulling the pup out," he said, "I was thinking what a wonderful Christmas present it would make for my kids. We're going to call her 'Wimpy'—even if it is a she."

Just how the pup got in his predicament still remained confused. Its former mistress, Teresa Curtis, 5, said it jumped from her arms into the well.

Her cousins, Poe Hardin, 13, and Dan Hardin, 15, said she pushed it and another pup in.

Teresa's aunt, Mrs. Billie St. John, in whose back yard the well is located, said it was an accident.

Poe and Dan Hardin pulled the first pup up in a burlap sack. But they couldn't make the trick work again.

Even after Wimpy was hauled up, rescue suggestions continued to roll in to The Associated Press from people hoping a little pup could share their Christmas happiness.

Said one:

"It's a part of me that was saved."

Sparkman Says Ike Is Right

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala) said today he thinks President Eisenhower did "the right thing" in consulting only Republican leaders about his administration's program for Congress.

"I don't feel President Eisenhower needed to have Democrats there," said Sparkman, who was the Democrats' 1952 vice presidential nominee. "There was no call for them to be there . . . even on foreign policy."

But he emphasized he based the latter statement on a belief that Eisenhower plans to propose no major foreign policy change.

"If the time comes for a departure (in foreign policy), then there ought to be bipartisan consultation," Sparkman continued in an interview. "That is the only way we can ever have a workable foreign policy."

Sparkman's stand was in contrast to that voiced recently by Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn), who contended his party's leaders in Congress should have been called in, at least on foreign policy, for White House legislative conferences last week.

Sparkman also said Republicans who have been demanding sharp cuts in the economic foreign aid program may run into difficulties trying to draw a dividing line between economic and military aid to U.S. allies.

"It almost impossible to separate them, especially in Western Europe, where sometimes assistance is both economic and military," he said. "For instance, you give money to France to build a munitions plant—that has both military and economic characteristics."

Lamb Captures Wolf

CHICKASHA, Okla. (AP)— Authur Lamb keeps Grady County wolves and coyotes hopping. He is a trapper hired by the county.

His latest victim was a 40-pound wolf.

Paris Gets 180 New Cars On Road Daily

PARIS (AP)—Visitors and residents who have marvelled, and cursed, the increasing congestion of Paris streets learned recently that the traffic jams do not just seem to be worse.

Licensing authorities revealed that new vehicles are being added to the congestion at a rate of 180 daily.

Wells In State Increase, But Production Off

AUSTIN (AP)—Texas' expanding oil industry added 11,657 oil and gas wells this year but production slumped below last year's billion-barrel record.

The Railroad Commission estimated yesterday the year's oil flow at 998, 380, 658 barrels, down 11 million from the 1,009,792,599 produced in 1952.

Oil well completions totaled 10,480, gas well completions 1,177. Totals for 1952 pegged that year's new oilers at 10,222 and new gassers at 738.

The figures were in a preliminary report from chief supervisor Harry Batis to Commission Chairman Ernest Thompson.

The reduced oil flow resulted from seven cutbacks in allowable production ordered by the commission. The cuts aimed at siphoning off heavy stockpiles blamed largely on imports. Some reduction aimed at halting gas flaring in West Texas' big Spraberry Trend.

The year's drilling figures included 575 wildcat oil wells, compared to 587 in 1952 and 92 gas wildcats, compared to 43 in 1952.

Dry holes for the year totaled 6,917, of which 3,696 were wildcats. Last year there had been 6,502 dusters, 3,746 of which had been wildcats.

Producing oil wells were expected to total 142,109 on Dec. 31, compared to 139,629 last year.

Wedding Ring Lost 28 Years Ago Found

BOWLING GREEN, Mo. (AP)—Twenty-eight years ago young James F. Donnelly searched frantically through the dust beside the railroad tracks near here for his mother's wedding ring. It had slipped from his finger while he was working on a Gulf, Mobile and Ohio train.

No luck then.

Recently workmen, installing a switch, turned it up and returned it to Donnelly, now a conductor.

Aged Cyclist Active

WICHITA, Kans. (AP)—C. N. Horner, 82-year-old cycling enthusiast, has piled up 3,000 miles at the pedals since the autumn of 1952—nearly 7 miles a day—he recently made a pleasure jaunt on his bicycle to the Fall River reservoir 78 miles east of Wichita.

Somers, Conn., was originally incorporated as a Massachusetts town in 1734 but surveyors later found it was in Connecticut.

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Locations Are Spotted For 92 Tests For Oil In 26 Counties

A total of 92 tests for oil, including 29 wildcats and 63 field projects, were scheduled in 26 District 7-C and District 8 Counties during the 50th week of the year.

The number compares to 99 tests, including 21 wildcats and 78 field projects, spotted the preceding week.

Totals for the year now stand at 2,932 field tests and 917 wildcats, a grand total of 3,849 tests for oil and a weekly average of 76.98.

Totals for the first 50 weeks of 1952 were 3,620 field tests and 834 wildcats, a grand total of 4,454 tests for oil and a weekly average of 89.08. A total of 5,539 in proven area and 1,025 wildcats were scheduled in the first 50 weeks of 1951 for a grand total of 6,564 and weekly average of 131.28.

Nine counties in District 7-C gained 38 applications to drill, including 15 wildcats, while 17 District 8 counties gained 54 applications to drill, including 14 wildcats.

District 7-C wildcats were: Coke and Sutton, one each; Crockett, three; McCulloch, Schleicher, and Tom Green, two each; and Runnels, four.

District 7-C field tests were: Coke, eight; Crockett, four; Schleicher, one; and Upton, two.

District 8 wildcats were: Andrews, Ector, Garza, Kent, and Midland, one each; Gaines, Glasscock, and Sterling, two each; and Pecos, three.

District 8 field tests were: Andrews, seven; Cochran, Sterling, Ward, and Winkler, one each; Crane, Gaines, Glasscock, and Scurry, five each: Ector, three; Kent, Mitchell, and Ward, two each.

Locations, District 7-C:

COKE COUNTY

FULLER-COKE (Strawn)—Perkins-Prothe Co 2-B J. W. Johnson et al 550 FNL 534 FWL 68-2-H&TC; 7,000, rotary.

FULLER COKE (Strawn)—Perkins-Prothe 3-B J. W. Johnson et al, 3,301 FNL 660 FWL 68-2-H&TC; 7,000 rotary.

JAMESON (Strawn)—Sun Oil Co. 49 C. E. Mathers 472 FNL 440 FWL 489-1A-H&TC; 6,100, rotary.

JAMESON (Strawn)—Perkins-Prothe 4-B W. C. Blanks, 660 FNL 467 FWL S. J. Tvans survey, 6,600, rotary.

JAMESON (Strawn)—Perkins-Prothe Co. 13 W. C. Blanks, Tract 2, 467 FS&WL 33-T. T. Meeks survey; 6600, rotary.

JAMESON (Strawn)—Perkins-Prothe Co. 14 W. C. Blanks, Tract 2, 467 F most southerly NL 1,050 FWL 33-T. T. Meeks; 6,600, rotary.

JAMESON (Strawn)—Perkins-Prothe Co. 15 W. C. Blanks, Tract 2, 660 FN&WL 33- T. Meeks, 6,600, rotary.

WENDKIRK—Plymouth 1-B R. E. Hickman, 5,600 FNL 3,500 FNWL 98¼-J. W. Davidge, 4,200, rotary.

WILDCAT—Miami Operating Co., Inc. 1 L. C. Robbins, 330 FSL&WL 388-1A-H&TC; 6,900, rotary.

CROCKETT COUNTY

DRY CREEK—La Groce Oil o. et al 1 W. P. Martin, 330 FN&WL 30OP-GC&SF; 1,800, cable tools.

ELKHORN (Ellenburger)—Superior Oil Co. 4-27 University, 725 FNL 1,000 FEL 27-46-University; 7,800, rotary.

RANCH (Strawn)—Continental Oil Co. 3-C C. T. Harris, 660 FS&EL most east southeast corner of 4-BB3-Frances Boren survey, 8,300, rotary.

VAUGHN—Arnold & Barbee 4-A Shannon Estate, 330 FN&WL SE¼ SW¼ 4-UV-GC&SF; 1,600, cable tools.

WILDCAT—W. M. Lyle 1 Harris Estate, 660 FN&TL 18-HH-GC&SF; 3,800, rotary.

WILDCAT—Bob Brown 1-A University, 1,980 FNL 330 FWL 36-30-University, 1,400, rotary.

WILDCAT—Bob Brown 1-B University 330 FS&EL NE¼ 36-30-University; 1,400, rotary.

McCULLOCH COUNTY

WILDCAT—E. W. Griffin 1 T. C. Ward, 330 FN&WL 1373-A N. Flick, Abst. 32, cert 93. 2,000, rotary.

WILDCAT—Borm Oil Co. 1 Dahlberg, 330 FS&EL W½ 1134-Heinrich Bartling; 875, cable tools.

REAGAN COUNTY

PRICE (Grayburg)—L. H. J. Harper 1 N. W. Hickman, 660 FN&WL 330-1-&P; 2,800, cable tools. T

SPRABERRY—Cosden Petroleum Corp. Rutter and Wilbanks 3-30 J. F. Nunn, 1,320 FNL 1348.5 FEL 30-B-L&SV; 7,800, rotary.

SPRABERRY—Cosden Petroleum Corp. and Sergent & Wilbanks 3-30 J. F. Nunn, 1,320 FNL 1,306.8 FWL 30-B-L&SV; 7,700 combination tools.

RUNNELS COUNTY

HALL (upper Gardner)—Thos. D. Humphrey & Sons, Ltd. 3 Thos. C. Hall, 1,283 FNL 330 FWL 153-ETRR; 3,900, rotary.

HULL-DOBBS—Texas Pacific 11 R. B. Smith, 1,330 FSL 4,390 FEL 473-W. A. McGrew; 4,200, rotary.

HULL-DOBBS—Texas Pacific 10 R. B. Smith, 1600 FSL 5200 FEL 473-W. A. McGrew; 4,200 rotary.

HULL-DOBBS—Texas Pacific 9 R. B. Smith 3,150 FNL 3,500 FEL 473-W. A. McGrew; 4,200 rotary.

HULL-DOBBS—Texas & Pacific 9 R. B. Smith, 2,350 FNL 5,220 FTL 473-W. A. McGrew survey; 4,200, rotary.

WILDCAT—Andrew M. Howsley 1 Willie Jones et al, 660 FNL 2,600 FEL 79-HT&B (CTRR on some maps) 5,100, rotary.

WILDCAT—Howsley & Jacobs 2 Harry Jonas, 330 FNL 2,610 FWL 79-HT&B (CTRR on some maps) 3900, rotary.

WILDCAT—Frank Love & Co. 1 C. P. Barker, 330 FNW&NEL 133-M. Underwood; 4,400, rotary.

WILDCAT—Murray Petroleum Co. 1 J. E. Rodgers, 495 FNL 3,980.2 FWL 535-Elisha Mather survey; 4,600, rotary.

SCHLEICHER COUNTY

COX-BROWN—James G. McCarrick 3 Lulalee Wilson, 1,349 FSL 330 FEL 79-M-GH&SA; 6,000, rotary.

WILDCAT—Curtis Thomas 1 H. A. Thomson estate, 990 FNL 330 FWL 701A-HE&WT; 1,500, cable tools.

WILDCAT—L. E. Scherck 1 Minnie Wilson, 467 FS&WL 46-8-TW&NO; 4,200, rotary.

SUTTON COUNTY

WILDCAT—La Groce Oil Co. 1 Bryan Hunt, 660 FSL 1,980 FWL 69-14-TW&NO; 6,400, rotary.

TOM GREEN COUNTY

WILDCAT—Blankenship & Blankenship 1 H. G. Wilde, 660 FSL 447.2 FWL 97-11-SPRR; 6,500, rotary.

WILDCAT—Gray Wolfe Co. 1 John I. Moore, 2,100 FNL 2,237 FWL 3-I&GN; 7,500, rotary.

UPTON COUNTY

SPRABERRY (Benedum Area)—Humble Oil & Refining Co. 1 J. T. Kirk, 990 FS&WL 8-A-CCSD&RGNG; 7,300, rotary.

PEGASUS (Ellenburger)—Magnolia 20-A John Windham, 40-40-4s-T&P; 13,300, rotary.

Amended Location, District 7-C:

REAGAN COUNTY

PRICE (Grayburg)—L. H. J. Harper 1 N. W. Hickman, 560 FNL 660 FWL 330-1-T&P; 2,800, cable tools, changed location.

RUNNELS COUNTY

WILDCAT—Howsley & Jacobs 1 Harry Jonas 1 Harry Jonas 850 FNL 2,600 FEL 79-HT&B (CTRR on some maps); 5,100, rotary, changed lessee, lessor and acres.

TOM GREEN COUNTY

WILDCAT—The New Seven Falls Co. 1 J. Willis Johnson ,660 FSL 2,330 FEL 1815-Samuel Woodhouse; 6,500, rotary, changed operator. Original application filed by A. G. Hill.

UNDESIGNATED—Stanolind Oil & Gas Co. 1-A J. Willis Johnson, 1,980 FNEL 3,300 FNWL 176¾-A-30-Neill survey, 4,700, rotary, to re-enter.

Locations, District 8:

ANDREWS COUNTY

BLOCK 12 (Ellenburger)—Gulf 3-AT State, 330 FSL 660 FWL 8-12-University; 10,950, rotary.

MAGUTEX (Ellenburger) — Humble 3-W State University, 660 FSL 1,980 FWL 5-8-University; 14000, rotary.

FUHRMAN (Glorieta)—Fuhrman Petroleum Corp. of Midland 3-C W. T. Ford, 1,650 FNL 2,310 FWL 20-A42-psl; 5,700, rotary.

DOLLARHIDE (Clearfork) — Magnolia 27-B Cowden, 860 FNL 660 FEL 4-A55-psl; 7,500, rotary.

FUHRMAN-MASCHO — L. F. Oil Co. of Houston 1-A University, 660 FSL 440 FWL 10-10-University; 4,700, combination.

WILDCAT—Superior 1-36-A University, 660 FSL 1,980 FEL 36-10-University; 13,000, rotary.

PARKER (Wolfcamp)—Honolulu 1-D J. E. Parker, 660 FSL 1,980 FEL 19-A44-psl; 9,000, rotary.

MAGUTEX (Ellenburger) — Magnolia 3-36995 University, 660 FSL 1,980 FEL 17-8-University; rotary, 14,000.

COCHRAN COUNTY

SLAUGHTER—E. Constantin Jr., of Dallas 3-XC C. S. Dean, 1,530 FSL 1,580 FEL 91 Lipscomb CSL; 5,200, rotary.

CRANE COUNTY

SAND HILLS (Tubb)—Humble 91 J. B. Tubb, 660 FNL 660 FEL 29-B27-psl; 4,700, rotary.

SAND HILLS (McKnight)—R. F. Windfohr of Fort Worth 3-C McKnight, 660 FNL 1,980 FWL 10-B21-psl; 3600, cable tools.

WADDELL—Gulf 78 M. F. Henderson, 1,980 FNL 2,310 FEL 5-B23-psl; 3,800, rotary.

SAND HILLS (McKnight)—Gulf 200 W. N. Waddell et al 2,022 FNL 1,978 FEL 20B21-psl; 3,550, rotary.

SAND HILLS (McKnight)—Gulf 14 M. B. McKnight 1,760 FSL 1,980 FEL 1-B21-psl; 3,600, cable tools.

ECTOR COUNTY

GOLDSMITH (5600)—Gulf 503 C. A. Goldsmith et al, 1,986 FSL 2,007 FEL 15-44-1s-T&P; to dually complete 8,000, rotary.

WILDCAT—Ohio Oil Co. 1-A Midland Farms Co. 660 FS&WL 15-41-1s-T&P; 8,300, rotary.

GOLDSMITH (5600)—Gulf 740 C. A. Goldsmith, 565 FNL 2,484 FEL 3-44-1s-T&P; 5,850, rotary.

GOLDSMITH (Holt)—Gulf 739 C. A. Goldsmith et al, 500 FNL 660 FTL 3-44-1s-T&P; 5,250, rotary.

GAINES COUNTY

WILDCAT—Rowan Oil Co. and Southland Royalty Co. of Fort Worth 1 Stanton Brunson, 660 FSL 2,300 FEL 308-CSL; 14,500, rotary.

WILDCAT—O. D. Alsabroke et al of Dallas 3 T. S. Riley Estate, 1,980 FS&WL 411-G-CCSD&RGNG; 11,500, rotary.

SEMINOLE—Sawnie Robertson of Midland 1 H. E. Whitesides, 330 FSL 660 FEL 282-G-WTRR; 5,300, rotary.

RUSSELL—Shell 3-D Jones 660 FSL 660 FWL 494G-CCSD&RGNG; 7,700, rotary.

BROWN—Union Oil Co. of California 10-BB E. H. Jones, 660 FNL 2,367 FEL 1-A-8-psl; 6,200, rotary.

NORTH JENKINS (Canyon) — Aurora Gasoline Co. of Midland 1-B Doss, 2,310 FNL 330 FEL 5398G-CCSD&RGNG; 9,100, rotary.

HARRIS—Aurora Gasoline Co. 2 Tetens, 1,980 FSL 660 FEL 16-A32psl; 6,100, rotary.

GARZA COUNTY

WILDCAT—Plymouth Oil Co. 1-34 J. B. Slaughter, 660 FS&WL 34-2-T&NO, 4,000, combination tools.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

WILDCAT—S. C. Currie, R. R. Herrell and Duncan Drilling Company of Midland, 1 Clyde Reynolds, 660 FS&WL 38-32-4s-T&P.

HOWARD COUNTY

WILDCAT—Russell Maguire of Wichita Falls 1 Hyman, 476 FSL 1,929.8 FWL 59-29-W&NW; 9,500, rotary.

MOORE—J. B. Tubb of Midland 2 Roy Wilcox, 1,263 FNL 330 FWL 20-33-1s-T&P; 3,300, rotary.

IATAN-EAST HOWARD — Fleming Oil Co. and Kimbell of Fort Worth 8-C L. C. Denman, 330 FN&TL 16-30-1s-T&P; 3,200, combination tools.

LUTHER, SOUTHEAST—Texas Pacific 1-C Tom Spencer, 660 FSL 1,981.9 FEL 11-32-2n-T&P; 10,000, rotary.

LUTHER, SOUTHEAST—Texas Pacific 1-B Tom Spencer, 660 FS&WL 1-33-T&P-2-N, 10,000, rotary.

LUTHER, SOUTHEAST—Texas Pacific 1 J. V. Haney, 1,649.38 FNL 2,041.9 FEL 14-33-2-N-T&P; 10,000, rotary.

KENT COUNTY

COGDELL (San Andres)—Chapman and McFarlin Producing Co. of San Antonio 23-B D. M. Cogdell 280 FSL 2,303 FWL 780-97-H&TC; 2,000, rotary.

WILDCAT—L. T. Lohman et al of Midland 1 Emery Ranch 660 FS&WL 8-1-H&GN, 7,300, rotary.

SALT CREEK—Caroline Hunt Trust Estate of Dallas 30 J. W. Young, 1,980 FSW 660 FWL 132-G-Waco Northwestern; 7,000, rotary.

MIDLAND COUNTY

WILDCAT—Seaboard of Delaware et al 1 W. R. Tillman, 660 FN&EL 12-X-H. P. Hilliard, 3,000 rotary.

MITCHELL COUNTY

MAUDE (Clearfork)—Humble 1 Owen U. Trulock, 1430 FSL 660 FWL 6-28-1s-T&P; 2375, rotary.

NORTH COLEMAN RANCH (Clearfork)—Granville Exploration Co. of Fort Worth 1 Coleman 1,650 FNL 330 FWL 79-97-H&TC; 3,200, cable tools.

PECOS COUNTY

WILDCAT — Metric Petroleum Corp. of Midland 1 Will Monroe, 990 FSL 4,949.1 FWL 43-1-I&GN; 2,500, cable tools.

WILDCAT—Joseph I. O'Neill Jr., et al of Midland 1 Brownell-McGrew 660 FS&EL 13-105-GC&SF, 6,000, rotary.

WILDCAT—Superior Oil Co. 1-52 Maude B. Wangerin, 2,310 FNL 660 FEL 52-11-H&GN; 5,000, rotary.

SCURRY COUNTY

SHARON RIDGE (1700)—Delta Oil Co. of Snyder 4 J. J. Moore Estate, 990 FS&EL 116-97-H&TC; 1,850, rotary.

DIAMOND M—Lario Oil & Gas Co. of Midland 3 Arnett 330 FNL 1,328.55 FWL 76-25-H&TC; 7,000, rotary.

SHARON RIDGE (1700)—John M. Giles of San Angelo 2-SB Mildred Coleman et al, 330 FEL 2,804 FNL 97-97-H&TC; 2,000 cable tools.

KELLY-SNYDER—Sun Oil Co. of Dallas 6-C G. H. Arledge, 1,668.5 FSL 1,478.7 FWL 185-97-H&TC; 6,900, rotary.

FLUVANNA—Fred Goodstein of Casper 1 W. F. Mathis 2,669 FNL 660 FWL 537-97-H&TC; 9,400, rotary.

STERLING COUNTY

WILDCAT—Sam D. Ares of Lubbock 1 George McEntire, 663 FSL 662.5 FEL 8-23-H&TC, 6,000, combination tools.

WILDCAT—Dr. Emmett V. Headlee of Odessa 1 Henry Daves, 300 FS&WL 17-14-SP, A-409, 1,00, cable tools.

TERRY COUNTY

PRENTICE—Great Western 3-A Brit Clare, 660 FNL 1,345, FWL 22-D14-C&M; 6,100, combination tools.

WARD COUNTY

SOUTH WARD—Bentley and Adams of Grandfalls 1-A Murray, 3,436.9 FNL 1,610.5 FWL 11-5-H&TC, 3,000, combination tools.

PAYTON (Devonian)—Cities Production 1 Blair, 467 FNWL 539 FSWL 5-32-H&TC; 7,600, rotary.

WINKLER COUNTY

HENDRICK—J. H. Elder of Midland 3-B Ida Hendrick center of NW¼-NE¼-SW¼ 21-26-psl, 3,200, rotary.

YOAKUM COUNTY

WASSON—Tobe Foster of Lubbock 4 Gene Bennett, 1,210 FNL 660 FWL 673-D-J. H. Gibson; 8,300, rotary.

Amended applications, District 8:

ANDREWS COUNTY

MAGUTEX (Devonian) — Humble 1-W University, 1,980 FSL 660 FWL 8-8-University, 14,000, rotary, to dually complete.

MAGUTEX (Devonian) — Humble 3-W University, 66 FSL 1,980 FWL 8-8-University; 1,400, rotary, to dually complete.

ECTOR COUNTY

GOLDSMITH—Felmont Oil Corp. of Midland 3-A Scharbauer, 330 FN&WL 19-44-T&P, 4,257, rotary, amended to deepen.

TXL (Devonian)—Atlantic Refining Co. 1 & M. [illegible], 660 FSL [illegible] FEL 46-45-1N-T&P, 9,860, rotary, plugged back.

HOCKLEY COUNTY

WILDCAT—Great Western Drilling Co. of Midland 1 C. E. Davis, 330 FN&WL 1-17-Wichita CSL; 16,500, rotary, changed location.

WILDCAT—Great Western Drilling Co. and Karl Hoblitzelle of Midland 1 C. E. 500, rotary, amended to correct operator Davis, 330 FN&WL 1-17-Wichita CSL; 16,-name.

MITCHELL COUNTY

MAUDE (Clearfork)—Humble 2 W. O. Trulock, 2,090 FNL 660 FWL 6-28-1s-T&P; 2,800, rotary, plugged back.

STERLING COUNTY

WILDCAT—Sam D. Ares of Lubbock 1 George McEntire, 716.1 FSL 715.8 FEL 8-23-H&T; 6,000, combination tools, changed location.

WINKLER COUNTY

KERMIT—Whaley Co., Inc., of Fort Worth 9 Argo Oil Corp.-Earl Vest, 1,916 FNL 2,138 FEL 4-B5-psl; 4,200 cable tools, amended to deepen.

KERMIT—J. C. Maxwell et al of Fort Worth 1-AA Ray Clap, 1650 FSL 330 FEL 4-B5-psl; 4,200, cable tools, amended field name from Emperor Deep.

KEYSTONE (Colby Sand)—Standard of Texas 13-23-W. E. Baird, 2,080 FNL 1,440 FWL 13-B3-psl; 3,300 cable tools, amended to deepen.

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YOAKUM COUNTY

WASSON—Tobe Foster of Lubbock 2 Gene Bennett 440 FN&WL 673-D-J. H. Gibson; 5,300, rotary, changed location.

High Telephone Bill Causes Divorce Suit

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Seeking a divorce, the husband told the judge he had spoken to his wife after she ran up long distance telephone bills of more than $100 a month.

Then, he said, she retaliated by putting a combination lock on the phone, so he could not use it.

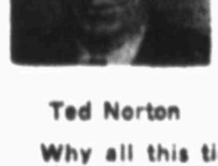
Finally Gets Recipe

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)—For 25 years the Greensboro police department had kept its secret — the formula for the department's famous barbecue sauce.

The Greensboro Record's woman police reporter was determined to get it. But nobody among the cops would squeal. Finally somebody left the handwritten recipe where she could see—and copy—it.

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PARENTS OWE A LOT TO THEIR CHILDREN (NO. 3)



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Why all this timidity, then, in the realm of spiritual guidance and moral training? Perhaps you are saying, "I am going to wait and let my child decide what church he will go to when he is old enough." Do not fool yourself. By that time he will probably believe that a decision neglected by his parents during his first fifteen years might not be necessary at all. You did not wait until he was "old enough" to decide he should go to school.

Is the parent afraid the child later will succumb to the old story, ". . . too much religion when I was young . . . parents made me go"? This tale is obviously false. Just because the child takes a bath tonight does not mean he will discontinue bathing at age twenty-one. "But what must a parent say when the child announces he does not like Bible school and church"? That is an easy one to answer. "Be consistent."

By firmness and example the parent can show the child that church-going is a necessity. In later years, the child will thank the parent for "setting the example" in bringing into his life the greatest values a mature person can possess—Christian ideal and conduct. Timothy's mother and grand-mother left him just such a heritage (2Tim.1:5). The Bible tells parents to "bring them (the children) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph.6:4). It does not say, "send them up."

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6). "I can learn how to do it, if you'll let me see it done" can apply to parents from the child's viewpoint. And that is the way it should be. Parents have lived longer and should have profited by their experiences and pass them on to the children. Indeed, parents owe a lot to their children!

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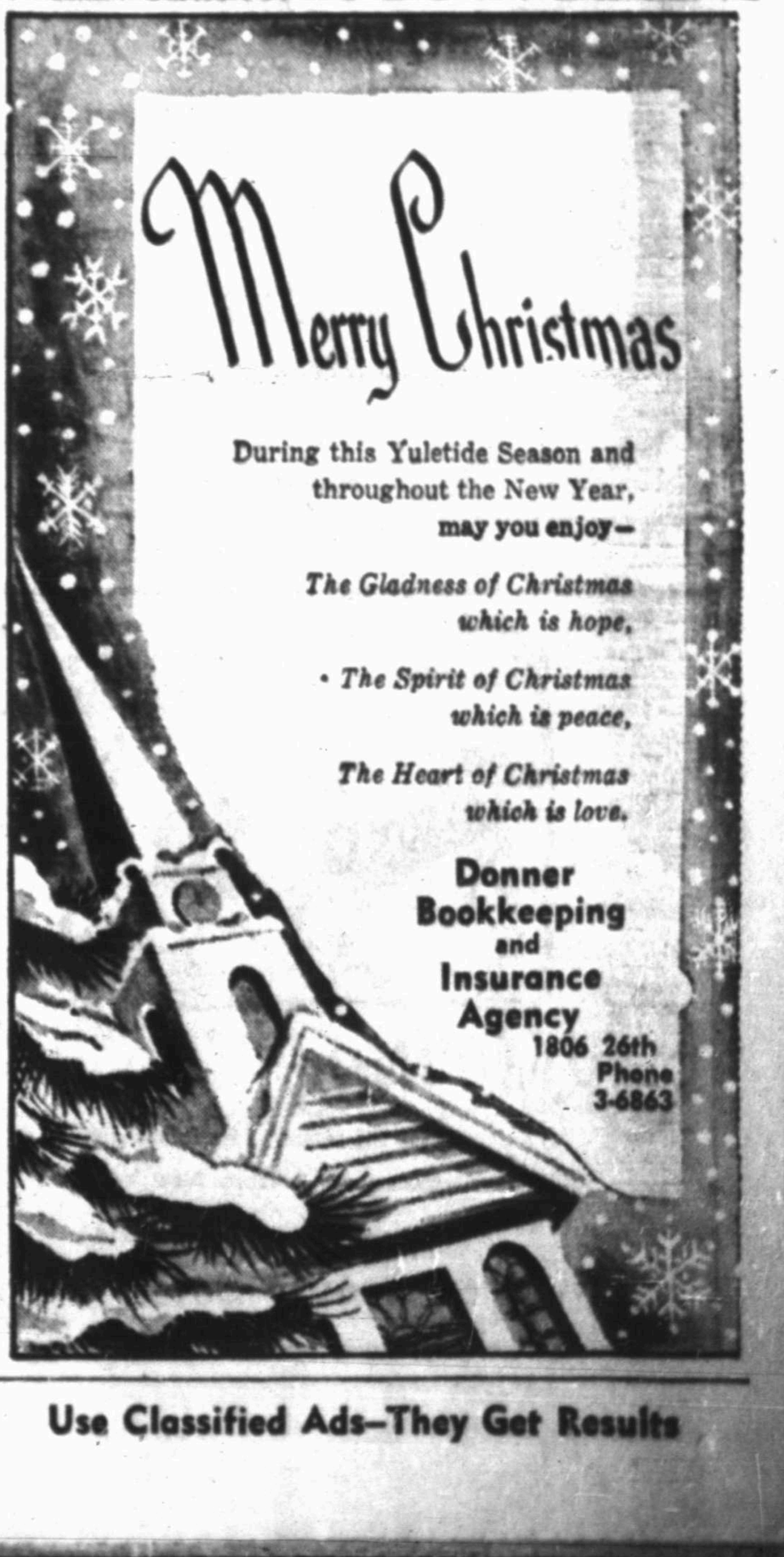
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NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) —There will be no rocking chairs in a new $2,500,000 dormitory planned by Connecticut for the chronically ill, aged and infirm. Rocking chairs, an official said, would conflict with the aim to keep the oldsters happy by keeping them busy in a workshop or a recreation center.

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UN Troops Are Playing Santa Claus To Children In Korea

Editor's Note — Hundreds of American cities and towns have pitched in to help the U.S. 8th Army make this a big Christmas for the war-ravaged people of Korea—especially the children orphaned in the fierce struggle. Here's the story of what GIs are doing to make this a merry Christmas in Korea, with plenty of help from the folks back home.

By FORREST EDWARDS

SEOUL (AP)—The bright-eyed, 4-year old Korean youngster cocked his head to one side and pondered the question:

"Who is Santa Claus?"

Then his little brown face lit up with a knowing smile.

"GI," he said confidently.

Whether he was actually answering the question or whether he just was repeating the one American word he knows best, it was the right answer.

Practically every American and United Nations serviceman in Korea, directly or indirectly, is playing Santa Claus this year to the nation.

The response of the servicemen is so universal that to enumerate the Santas would be to give away a military secret. The recipients, mostly younsters, number—literally—hundreds of thousands.

There isn't an American Army unit in Korea that hasn't adopted one or more orphanages or villages of Korean youngsters.

The 27th U.S. Infantry Wolfhound regiment, for example, has adopted two orphanages, Korean hospital, and a home for widows and children in the Seoul area.

In addition, the Wolfhounds are continuing their four year support to the Holy Family Home for Orphans in Osaka Japan, to which they have contributed more than $150,000 in money and yearly Christmas parties since 1949.

Throughout Korea other servicemen, individually and in groups, have given hundreds of thousands of dollars—and are till doing it.

Units along the front line, where there are no orphanages are moving into small villages and towns, organizing Christmas parties complete with presents for youngsters and adults alike.

Thousands of gifts, especially desperately needed warm clothing, already have arrived in Korea from the folks back home.

More thousands of packages destined for Korean youngsters are on the way. Some probably won't arrive until after Christmas day.

Because so many gifts contributed by families of American servicemen are of the "practical" variety, many servicemen themselves have ordered toys from the U.S. and Japan.

All recognize the need for warm clothing but many feel the Korean youngster also should get a little fun out of Christmas.

Men and officers of the U.S. 10th Corps, for example, ordered three tons of toys through the Corps civil affairs officer.

Scores of service handymen fashioned toys for youngsters in a mass production workshop set up in the special services tent at the 57th Field Artillery battalion.

Other units have similar projects going full blast.

The goal is at least one toy plus a complete winter clothing outfit for each youngster in its adopted orphanage or village.

A highlight of most of the Christmas parties will be cartoon movies. Even the shiest Korean youngster is inclined to chuckle at those and the bolder shout their enjoyment with the same abandon as American children.

As for party food, there will be nuts, candy, fruit, probably turkey, but the old reliable standby will be rice. Until you have seen a hungry Korean child attack a bowl of rice, you have never seen a child really settle down to serious eating. It's a sight that never fails to amaze the American soldier.

"They eat rice practically every day they get something to eat," one bemused soldier said at a Christmas party last year, "and yet look at them lined up at that table. They have passed up damned near everything at the table to get to their rice bowls first."

Every unit in Korea has its own story or stories about the cooperation and help from the people back home who opened their hearts to servicemen's appeals for Christmas gifts for Korean children.

Hundreds of towns in practically every state came through with clothing drives, money donations—many as a direct result of an appeal from one of the town's own servicemen.

In Camp Bellesville, Ky., for example, the Rotary club and churches responded to the appeal Sgt. Lewis Bell forwarded to his wife, Lydia.

Men and officers of three Signal Corps posts in the United States—Ft. Monmouth, N.J.; Camp Gordon, Ga.; and Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.—are helping the 22nd Signal Group in Korea sponsor a children's home in Seoul. Last year those three stateside posts contributed more than $6,000 and several tons of food, clothing and toys.

In Solvang, Calif., the story goes, a group of youngsters played "tricks for clothing for Korea" on Halloween as part of that town's answer to an appeal from Sgt. Donald Nielsen.

The Chamber of Commerce of Grants Pass and Josephine County, Ore., pledged $1,500 from the merchants and citizens of that area to the U.S. 10th Corps Christmas program. The move was sparked by Col. R. E. Button, senior reserve officer of the Oregon military district, who once served with Col. Andrews Gamble, now 10th Corps civil affairs officer.

Tenth corps also got $200 from the Ladies Club of Ft. Monmouth, N.J. Mrs. Mary H. Epstein, club president said the money came from profits of a thrift shop run by the club.

The Parent-Teachers Assn. of Napa, Calif., collected a ton of winter clothing and shipped it to Korea.

Families of men and officers of the 5th Air Force had sent more than 100,000 pounds of clothing by Thanksgiving and the packages are still rolling in from all over the United States.

Although approach of the Christmas season has intensified the campaign, the aid program of the American serviceman is a year-round affair.

It's part of the huge aid to the Korean people program which Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, commanding general of the eighth army, has been promoting for months.

"Whatever its other unhappy aspects," Gen. Taylor said awhile back, "the Korean struggle has brought forth a feeling of kinship between our soldiers and the Korean people which is a precious by-product of our military effort."

To the Korean population, as to the little 4-year-old in a Seoul orphanage, Santa Claus is the "GI."



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Sonja Henie To Seek Divorce From Husband

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Sonja Henie, the skater and actress, has announced that she will soon seek a divorce from Wirthrop Gardiner, New York aviation executive.

The skater said she and Gardiner have been separated since last May 1. They were married in New York in 1949.

Vandalism Is Costly

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va (AP) — Road sign vandalism in Virginia is costing the taxpayers $90,000 a year, the Virginia Council of Highway Investigation and Research says.



Masanobu Tsuji, one of Japan's most brilliant military strategists in World War II, has warned the United States to pull its troops out of Japan as soon as possible or "the day will come when she will regret it."



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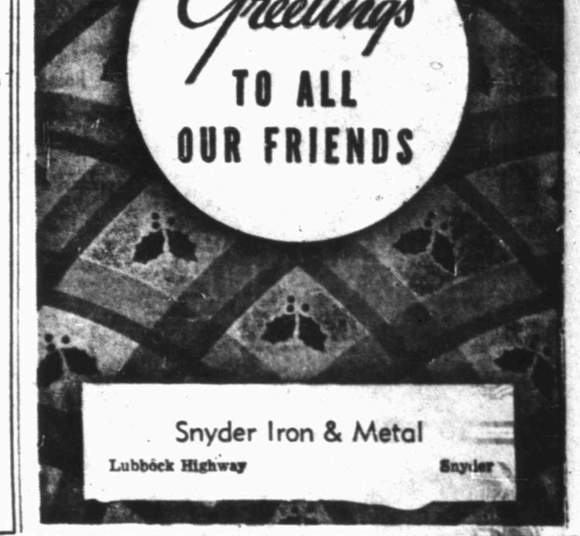
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Merry Christmas

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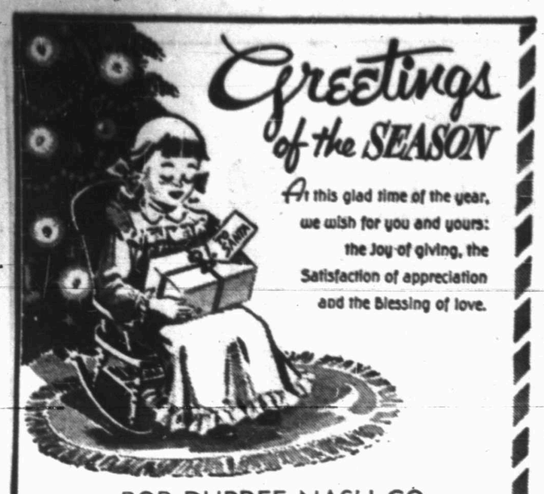
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A Merry Christmas and
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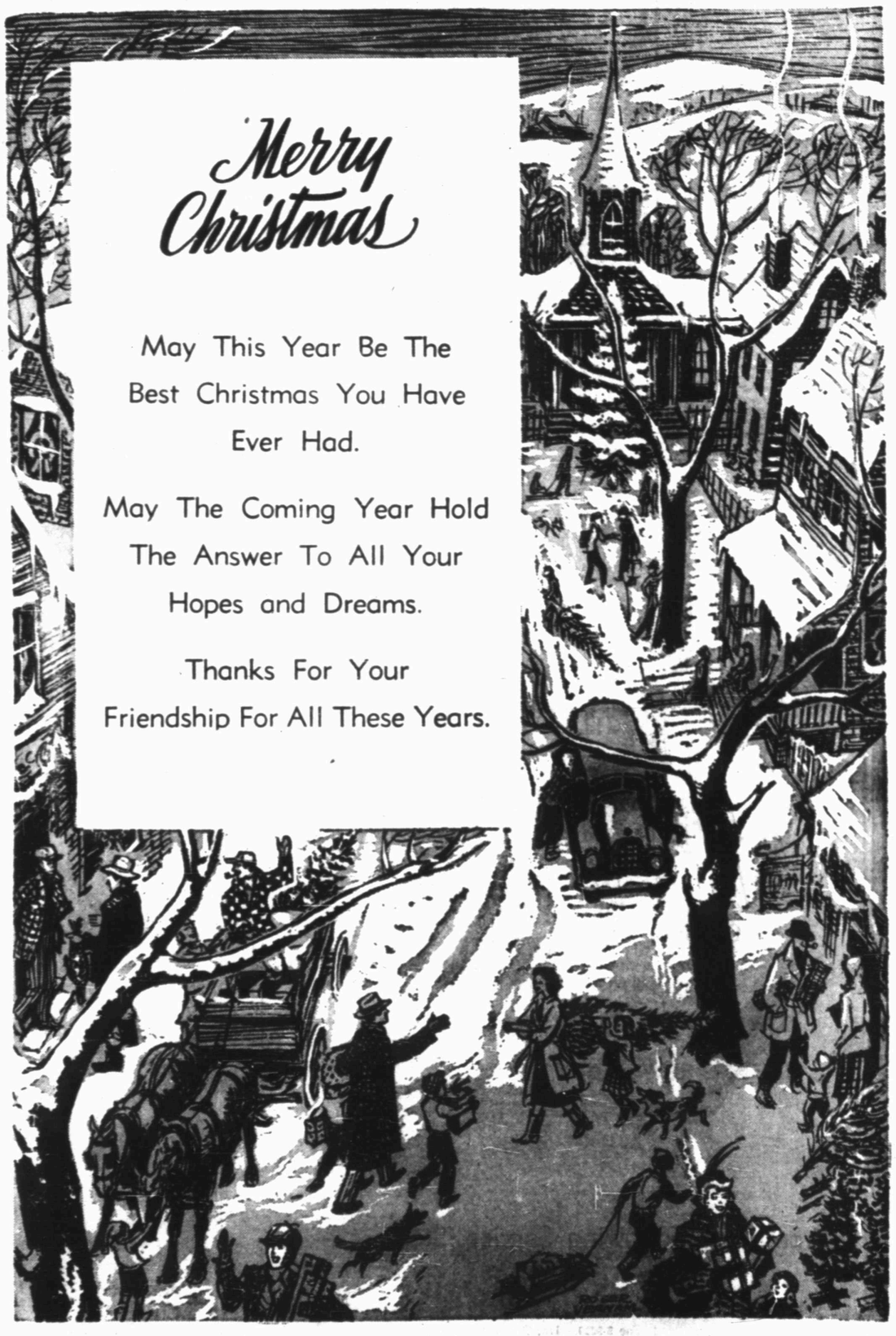
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Merry Christmas

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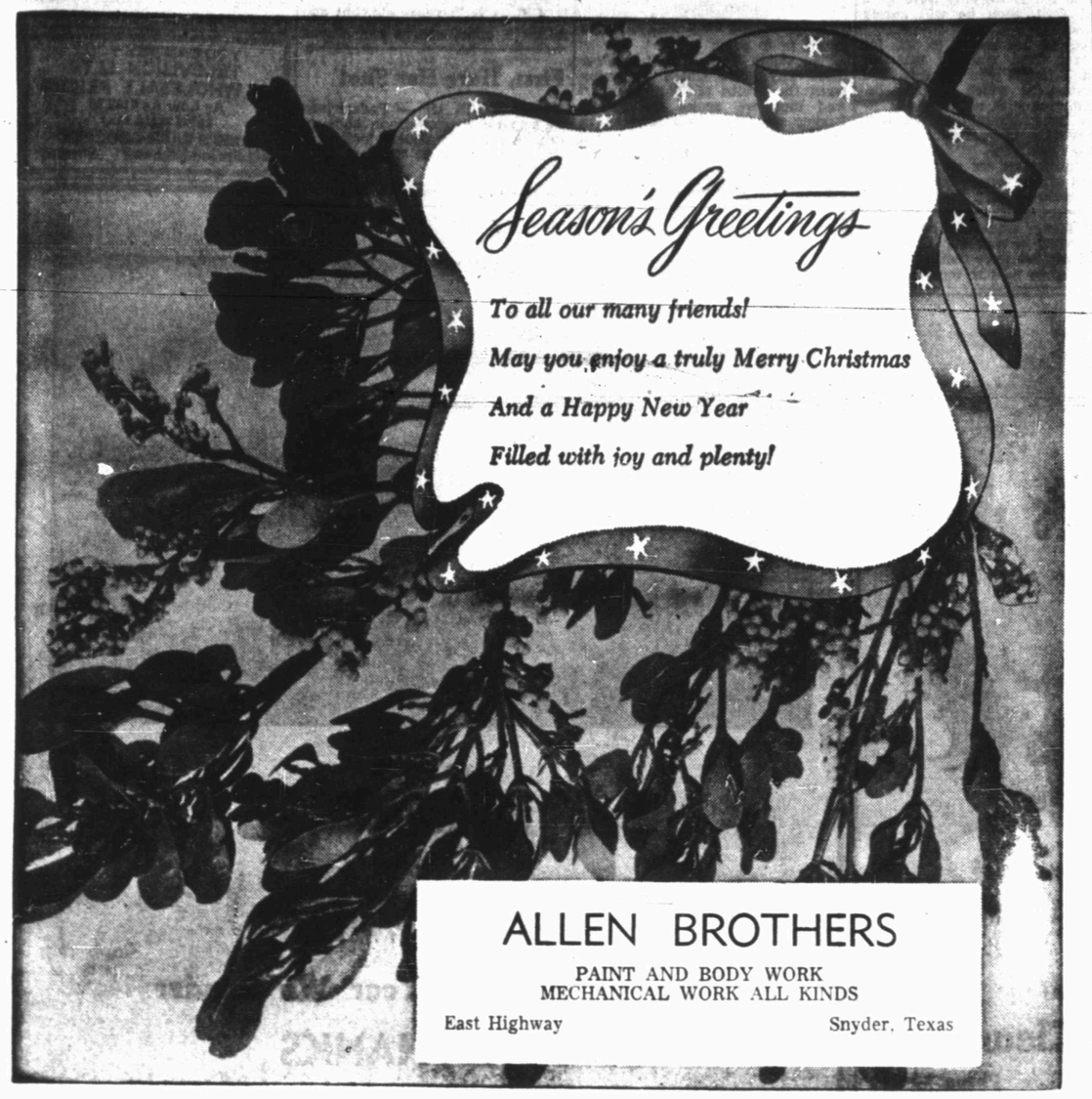
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Czech Found Saint In Prison Cell On Last Christmas Eve

Editor's Note—Joseph Pisarik, 42, is one of the eight heroic Czechs who crashed through the Iron Curtain to freedom in West Germany last summer. Here's his story of Christmas Eve a year ago, in a Communist prison cell. He was released from prison after Stalin's death. He is now in this country, a guest of the Crusade for Freedom supporting the work of Radio Free Europe.

By JOSEPH PISARIK

NEW YORK (AP)—I spent last Christmas Eve in a Red prison cell, together with a saint.

Prison was nothing new to me when the Communists arrested me on Jan. 9, 1952. I'd been through the Gestapo torture chambers, too. That had been 1942, when I was a member of the anti-Nazi underground in Czechoslovakia. I know how both dictatorships treat their enemies.

I know now that today's Reds learned a lot from the Nazis. They know how to break a man's will. They never broke mine, but not because I was some sort of hero. They never broke mine because God was with me.

I was a member of the anti-Communist underground in Czechoslovakia and I knew the Czech secret political police were after me. They got me when I was hiding at my sister-in-law's apartment, and I was in their custody last April.

At first they took me to the same jail where the Nazis had beaten me up 10 years earlier: the former Gestapo prison in Pilsen. They tried to break me there, but I prayed and God was with me and they never learned the names of my friends in the Czech underground or where our arms were hidden.

After a while they gave up and sent me to the district jail in Pilsen, a place which had special cell blocks for "politicals" like myself. I have a broken ear drum to show for their efforts.

They put me in a cell just 12 feet long, 10 feet high and an arm's breadth wide. It had a window with frosted glass and iron bars, higher than a man's head. We weren't allowed to look out.

My cellmate was a farmer about my own age. I don't want to give his name because I might get him or his family into more trouble.

He isn't as lucky as I. I'm free. He's still freezing in some Red cell.

We'd been there for months, starving and cold in that tiny cell. We slept on straw mattresses on the floor. Three ragged, thin blankets given each never kept us warm at night. Bread and a watery soup and some bitter coffee substitute for breakfast were all we had to eat.

Then it was Christmas Eve. In the old days, Christmas Eve was the big holiday for us in Czechoslovakia, bigger than Christmas Day, and always filled with laughter, singing, prayer, and good food.

But we were in our cell, lonely, aching, hungry, miserable. I'm ashamed to say that we had been reduced to not much more than animals. My cellmate and I both were religious men, but we hadn't so much as crossed ourselves since we had entered that cell.

When prisoners refuse to talk, the Reds often put a spy in their cell. We distrusted all newcomers.

And so, when the guard suddenly opened our cell door at noon and shoved in a new man, we looked at him slowly.

He was a man of 58, thin, but holding himself erect and dignified. He was without tie or collar. When I looked into his eyes I trusted him. He smiled and spoke in a tired voice:

"God greet you, my brothers in suffering. My name is Joseph Limpouch. I am a priest."

I found out later he was a monsignor, a dignitary of the church and a professor. But more, I found out he was a saintly, simple man.

Suddenly happy to meet him, we asked him to sit down.

"Brothers, talk to me as a friend," he said. "We are all brothers in suffering here and we will want no formality. We must take hope from God."

He asked us why we were in jail. We told him; suspicion never entered our minds. Why, I don't know. We simply felt that here was more than a friend.

He was tired and spoke with difficulty, but he gave us courage and his words filled our hearts and warmed our cell and made us feel that, somehow, God was among us.

"Look," he told us, "I have spent years in Nazi concentration camps. I endured only because I believe in God. I never despaired. I only prayed—and God helped me. Today we are in the same situation but if we only have faith in our God, then he will surely help us. . . ."

Then, as he spoke to us, for the first time since I was arrested, I forgot where I was. The Christmas, of which we had despaired, was with us after all.

This man brought us courage and, what's most important, he renewed our faith.

The next day, we were amazed. Instead of the watery soup, we got a Christmas dinner. Sure, the soup was a part of it and four portions of the dinner would not have filled us up, but it was our Christmas dinner and we were thankful for it.

They gave us our food in small tin pots and we sat about the tiny table in our cell and the monsignor led us in saying grace. It was the first time we'd said grace since we'd been jailed.

He bowed his head and all of us joined in to pray:

"We thank Thee, our Lord, for these Thy gifts, which we enjoy from the fruits of Thy bounty." And then we spoke the Lord's Prayer and the room seemed to fill up with warmth and for just a moment, I thought myself at home again, with my loved ones.

Woman 77 Still Milks And Runs Her Route

PALO PINTO, Tex. (AP)—Mrs. J. H. Gilbert is 77 years old, but she milks 11 cows, churns and drives her own car to sell butter to 80 customers a week. She and her husband own a 1,500 - acre farm.

In 55 years she says, "I have not lost a customer except by death or removal."

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For a Merry Christmas
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THE Season's Good Wishes
May all the good cheer and joys of this happy holiday season stay with you and your dear ones throughout the coming year.
Goodyear Service Store
Don Hire, Mgr.

Greetings
May your heart be light and your home be bright with every Christmas joy

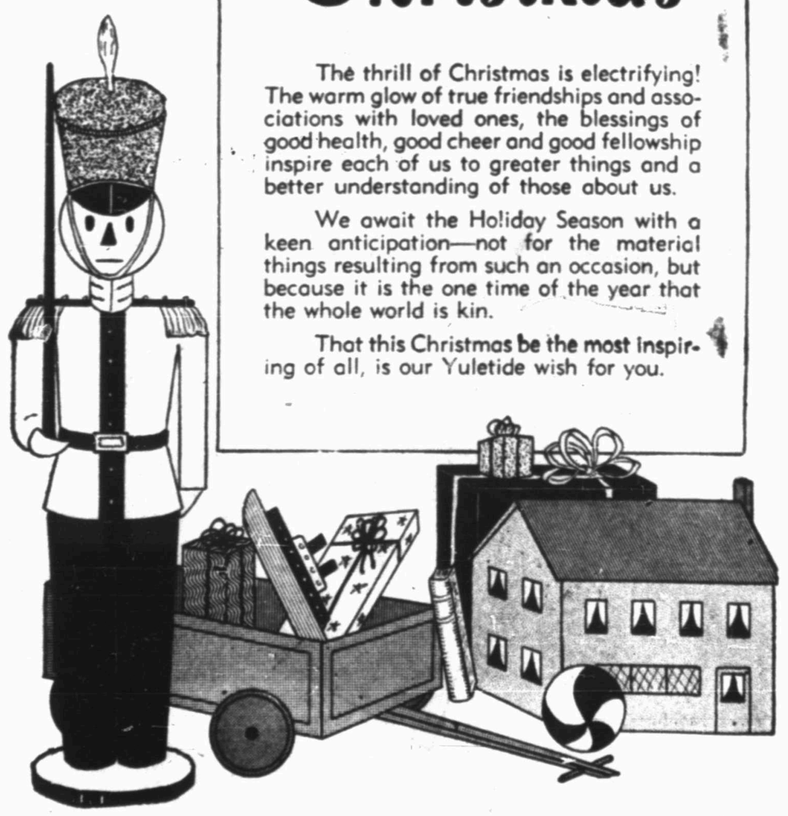
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Christmas First Celebrated In Texas Over 250 Years Ago

By MILLARD COPE
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Written for The Associated Press

A holy cross, honoring the birth of Christ, was placed on a lonely Texas hill 270 years ago Christmas Day.

It was Christmas Day in the camp of the Spanish King's soldiers, and it is believed to be the First Christian recognition of Christmas in the new land to become known as Texas.

The reverent observance came as the Spanish flag crossed the Rio Grande, then known as Rio del Norte, to become the first of six flags under which Texans have observed the birth of Christ.

KINGDOM OF TEXAS

The first Christmas observance in Texas was ordered by Juan Deminguez de Mendoza, "commander and chief of a detachment of soldiers which is going to the discovery of the East and the Kingdom of the Texas."

"Here, on the top of a hill, I had a holy cross planted," recorded the commander, whose expedition into the Jumano Indian country was destined to reach what now is known as the Concho Country around San Angelo.

It was Dec. 25, 1683, that the cross was placed atop the hill, just north of the Rio Grande, in the vicinity of present Presidio.

Christmas in Texas under the flag of France was observed three years later by members of La Salle's colony on Garcitas Creek.

WATER KING'S DRINK

The midnight mass was sung by the Frenchman, it is recorded in Joutel's journal of La Salle's last voyage, and, according to the custom of France, "We cry'd the King drinks. . . tho' we had only water."

More than a century later, before arrival of colonists, Christmas spirit flowed with rum among La-Fitte's buccaneers who pirated the Gulf from their Galveston island hide-out. There, Dr. J. O. Dyer recorded, "The rum was stronger, the hot water more muddled, and the sugar was damp, brown and molasses-flavored." They got spieces and limes from Jamaica, "and when the condiments were lacking a little red pepper took the place and added 'kick' to the taste."

FRESH MILK AND HOMINY

Under the flag of Mexico, a Christmas dinner provided an immigrant at Matagorda, bound for Austin's Colony, in 1823, is described in a Texas scrapbook as consisting of "some hominy, beat in a wooden mortar, and fresh milk."

On Christmas Day, 1834, lawyers got Stephen F. Austin, father of Texas, released from a Mexico City jail on bail, but unhappy months were to pass before he was liberated.

Christmas Day, 1835, was an eventful one, with a Declaration of Independence less than 70 days away.

A formal declaration of independence from Mexico was asked at a meeting in Columbia, the holiday apparently adding zeal to approval of a resolution declaring "that the time has now arrived when it is necessary to declare the total and absolute independence of Texas."

FEW OF MEXICANS

"All was business & bustle" at Houston on Christmas Day, 1837, Mrs. Mary Austin Holley wrote from the Republic of Texas. The fear of "Mexicans on our border" brought about "warlike preparations."

In the midst of all this, "eggnog not plenty at Christmas—eggs worth 50 cents each, $6 per dozen in Houston. Heard of one doz. sold for $13 . . . candles 50 cts. each. Sugar—none."

Samuel A. Maverick wrote Mary A. Maverick, in 1839, that "I turned up river & reached Texana, in good time to see all of the girls at a great ball on Christmas Eve."

During the same season, the Starr papers reveal a letter to James H. Starr that told of the holiday season at Nacogdoches: "Fiddles groan under a heavy weight of oppression, and heeltaps suffer to the tune of 'We Won't Go Home 'Till Morning' and now and then the discharge of firearms at a distance, remind me that merriment now despotic rules to utter discomforture of dull care, while I, o Jeminy! have nothing stronger wherewith to lash my cold sluggish blood than water."

FUN IN CONGRESS

The Congress of the Republic was in session in 1841, and in Christmas fun it was ruled "that no member should be required to speak with any relevancy to the subject under consideration." Such legislative rules for the holiday brought "a diffusion of humor and a latitude of figure and simile, beyond any previous example . . . The Congress was liberally supplied with plenty of the source of hilitarious vitality, and never . . . has a more intelligent, witty, or business-like body convened in the world," the Daily Bulletin advised its readers.

An English visitor to Texas, William Bollaert, describing Christmas at Huntsville in 1843, told of the "bilious nature" of egg nog.

A noisy Christmas celebration at San Augustine, in 1856, is described by F. L. Olmstead: "A band of pleasant spirits started from the square, blowing tin horns, and beating tin pans, and visited in succession every house in the village, kicking in doors, pulling down fences, until every male member of the family had appeared, with appropriate instruments, and joined the merry party."

Huge Surplus Of Wheat Still Facing Nation

WASHINGTON (AP)—If weather conditions for wheat are normal or better between now and harvest next summer, growers may add to a big wheat surplus rather than reduce it under a rigid production control program.

This possibility was indicated yesterday by an Agriculture Department report estimating that farmers had cut their winter wheat acreage nearly 20 per cent, but that the crop volume may be down only about 14.7 per cent.

The report showed it would be possible to produce a billion-bushel wheat crop next year. A harvest of this size would be about 50 million bushels more than officials now expect the market to absorb from the 1954 crop.

Thus, the surplus — now forecast at a record of 775 million bushels at the start of the 1954 crop marketing year — would be boosted to 825 million bushels.

Under a marketing quota program approved by a vote of growers, the department allotted 62 million acres for production of wheat next year. This compared with plantings of about 78 million acres this year.

Each farm's sales quota is the volume of wheat grown on the acreage allotted it. Sales from excess would be subject to a penalty tax of about $1.10 a bushel or slightly more than half the present farm sales price.

This year's total wheat crop was 1,169,000,000 bushels, of which 87 million was winter wheat. No forecast on spring wheat will be made until early next summer. A crop of 250 million bushels would be about average.

Unless the weather is unfavorable between now and harvest growers will have to vote again next year on continuation of controls in 1955, and possibly for several more years.

Both wheat acreage and production shot up sharply during and after the war to fill vast needs abroad. Foreign demand has been shrinking sharply as production is being revived in other countries.

The department said weather for the winter wheat crop has been much more favorable than a year ago. Late fall rains were said to have largely broken a drouth in the important Great Plains wheat area.

The acreage of rye increased 22 per cent, reflecting shift of some wheat acreage to rye. No forecast on rye was given, however.

Cancer Clinic In West Texas

Thirty-seven new patients were registered for examination at the Midland Diagnostic Cancer Clinic during 1953, Dr. Kurt Lekisch, executive officer, said.

In addition to the new patients, many persons who had previously registered at the clinic returned for follow-up examinations, Dr. Lekisch said.

Of the patients registered, 14 were found to have malignant processes. Three patients with cancer were treated at Midland Memorial Hospital under the auspices of the clinic.

The clinic was organized to assist underprivileged persons, to educate the public in recognizing the early symptoms of malignant diseases, and to keep West Texas physicians informed on new developments in cancer research, Dr. Lekisch said. Forty-six clinic sessions have been held during this year, with a total of 227 doctors from seven counties including Scurry County attending.

Looser Loser, Loop Locked

GRASS VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—A gallows he had built for a stage play took the life of Richard B. Looser Tuesday.

Looser, 34, was director of an amateur theater group.

Deputy Coroner Shirley Brattin, who called the death an accident, said this is what must have happened:

Looser constructed the gallows set and placed a large mirror to reflect the scene so he could make sketches and designs for costumes. He arranged a break-away slip knot in the rope as a precaution against accident.

That morning, with the noose about his neck, and his sketchbook nearby, he stepped from the box on which he had been standing. The trick knot failed. Looser strangled, his toes dangling just above the floor.

Brattin said that when police lifted the body, the slip knot fell apart easily. He said the roughness of the new rope apparently prevented the knot from functioning as Looser had planned.

Terry Moore In Korea With Fur Bra, Panties

SEOUL (AP)—Movie actress Terry Moore brought her controversial ermine panties and bra to Korea today.

But, she told newsmen, she won't wear them in a show unless she gets full Army approval—highly unlikely in view of the storm of protest in the United States when it was announced she would wear them for troops in Korea.

New Official Greeter For New York City

NEW YORK (AP)—Mayor-elect Robert F. Wagner Jr. says he will drop Grover A. Whalen after 53 years as official city greeter and name Richard C. Patterson Jr. to the job.

Patterson, a native of Omaha, Neb., served as ambassador to Yugoslavia and Guatemala, and was minister to Switzerland until last June.

Millions Are Loaned

WASHINGTON (AP)—Farmers and stockmen, most of them in drouth areas, have borrowed more than 86 million dollars from the Farmers Home Administration since July 1, Secretary of Agriculture Benson said this week.

Find Napoleon's Mask

PARIS (AP)—A death mask of Napoleon, the only proven original, has been found in the Paris suburb of Malmaison.

It was made by Dr. Francois Antomarchi about 20 hours after the emperor's death on St. Helena. Later, Antomarchi made several copies in bronze and other metals, but not until 1953 was his original discovered.

Reads On Knownothing

ETNA, Calif. (AP)—Retired miner John F. Donahue "hibernates" during the winter of deep snows in Northern California.

His supplies include boxes of old magaines.

But despite all his reading, Donahue lives on Knownothing Creek.

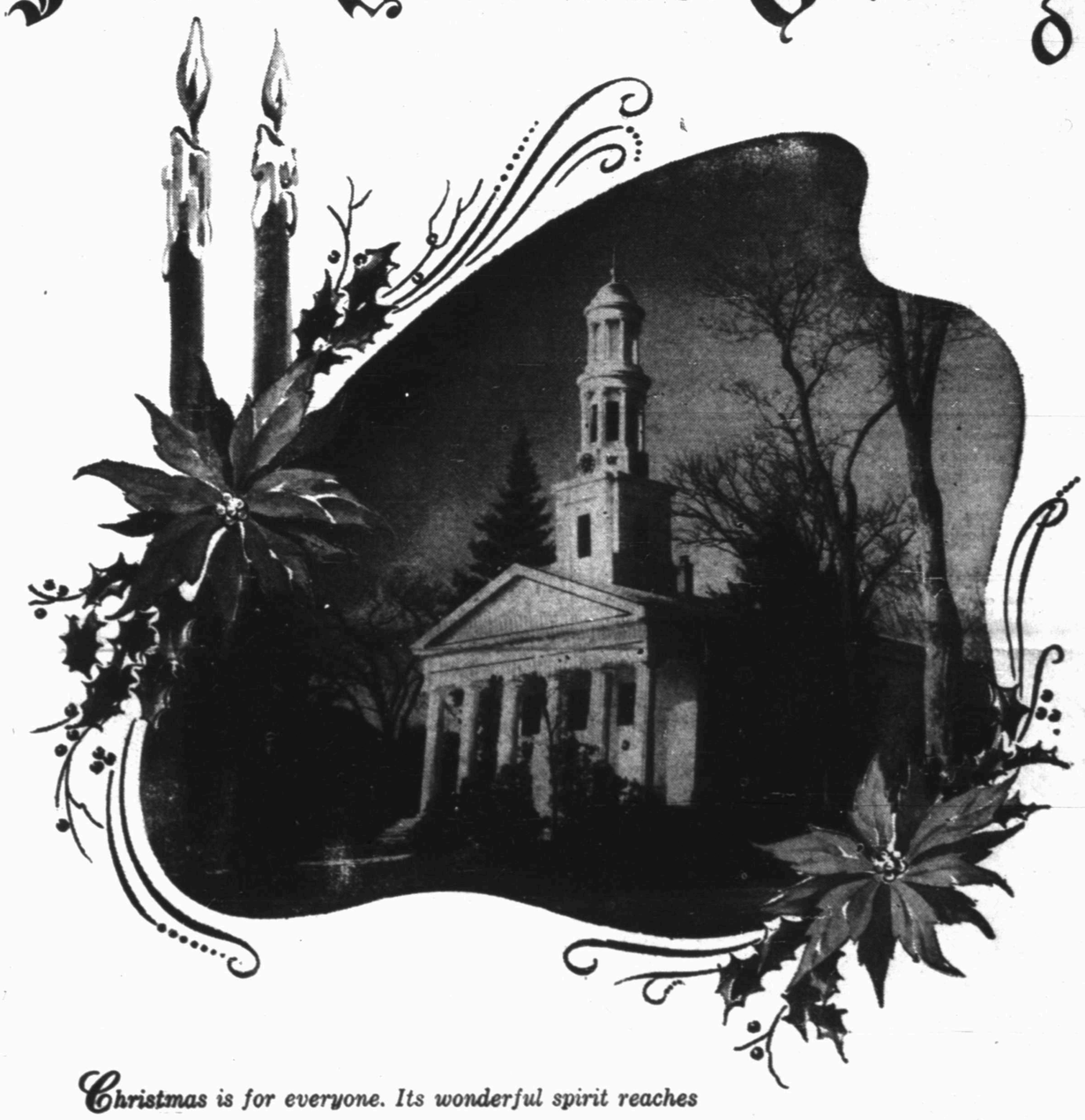
Holiday Greetings...

We wish you each—we wish you all—the blessings and happiness of this Yuletide season. Our best wishes for your happiness now and all through the New Year.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
I love you. You are very kind. Will you bring me a doll and a housecleaning set and records. I am in the second grade.
Love, Dorothy

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Dear Santa:
We are twin girls 4 years old. Our names are Leatha May and Reatha Fay. We have a little sister that is 2 years old. Mother says we've been pretty good girls.
All of us would like to have a doll and some doll clothes. Lavanda would like to have a doll buggy and we would like to have a tricycle.
Don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Leatha, Reatha and Lavada Vincent

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Dear Santa Claus
I have been a good girl. I am 8 years old. Will you please bring me an iron and ironing board?
I live at 806 26th Street.
Love,
Melody

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Dear Santa:
We have tried to be good boys this year. Please bring both of us two gun holsters and spurs. Would like to have cowboy hat too if you have them. Remember all the boys and girls.
Love,
Eddie and David Falls

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Dear Santa:
I am a little boy four years old. I have a three-year-old sister, Kathy Lynn, and a brother, David, who is four months. We have tried to be good so would you please stop by my house on Christmas Eve?
I would like to have a big wagon and an earthmover. Kathy wants a doll and doll carriage and bring David a rattler and a sleepy pal. Anything you leave we will like. Don't forget the other little children.
Thank you now, Santa
Larry Stokes

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Dear Santa,
I am a boy seven years old. I would like to have a box of caps for my gun that you brought me last Christmas. We are very poor. My gun is still in good shape, and I would like to have some candy if you have any left over. You will find a bowl of peanuts on the table all shelled for you. I'll be waiting for you.
Bye,
Tommy Green
Hermleigh

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Dear Santa,
We are two little girls three and four years old. We have been good, we think. We want a buggy and a car. Our names are Pat and Marsha Ainsworth. We love you.
Pat and Marsha

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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old. My birthday is December 26, so anything that you bring me will be my birthday present, too. I am in the first grade.
I have three sisters and one brother. My oldest sister is writing this letter. She is 14 years old. Her name is Beth. My other sister is 12 and her name is Nancy. My other sister is eight and her name is Glenda. My brother is nearly six years old and his name is Fred.
I would like for you to bring me anything that you have for me, and please don't forget me. Don't forget the other children in the world and my brothers and sisters. I have been a pretty good boy this year.
Love,
Billy Wiman

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Dear Santa
I've been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a truck that hauls cars, two guns and a scabbard.
I have a sister 14 months old. Her name is Sandra Raylene. Bring her a doll and gun. If you have a toy hotrod that notse left over, I'd like one of them, too. I'll leave you some coffee and cake by the Xmas tree.
Your good friend,
Billy Ray Grimmett

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Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl six years old. I'm in the first grade at school. Please bring me a doll with hair (a Toni doll if you have one), a little sewing machine and a record player and records. Also some doll clothes because I'm going to keep these nice all year and not tear them up.
Please bring my little brother, Larry, who is one, something. I don't know what little boys that can't talk like to play with. Don't forget my little cousins and all the other little boys and girls.
Love,
Fielda Beth Wall

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Dear Santa,
I'm a little boy four years old. Please bring me a bicycle and a cap gun, also a teddy bear for my baby brother who is one. I have been a good boy this year, so please don't forget me.
Thank you,
Ronnie Peoples

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Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old. I have a brother 15 months old. For Christmas I yould like a doll that can walk, a camera that will take pictures like my daddy's, a comb and brush set and a bicycle. Mike would like anything. He likes to push cars around on the floor, so maybe a car for him. We have tried to be good, but it sure is hard.
Thank you for what you can bring.
Patricia and Michael Hensley

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Dear Santa,
I am five years old. I have been a real good girl. I would like a doll, a set of doll bottles and a set of dishes. Please bring me a surprise. I will have a piece of lemon pie and a cup of chocolate waiting for you. Thank you for the big baby doll you gave me last Christmas. Please bring the other children something, too. My brother would like you to bring him a set of Hopalong Cassidy guns.
Love always,
Lillie Mae Sneed

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Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Dora Ann Mapes and I have two little sisters. I am in the first grade, but cannot write very well yet so mother is writing this letter for me.
Santa dear, I would like you to bring me a bicycle, a walking doll and housshoes. My sister, Betty, who is three, wants a kitchen set, a doll table and chairs and house shoes. My baby sister, Mary Louise, is only one year old and would you please bring her a doll, a little rocking chair and some house shoes, too. We have been pretty good little girls. We sure do love you Santa.
Love,
Dora Ann, Betty and Mary Louise Mapes

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Dear Santa,
My mommy is writing this for me because I'm not quite old enough to write yet.
I would like a log truck, a blackboard, a sidewalk bike and a tractor for Christmas if you have plenty to go around. Don't miss any of the other boys and girls either. I have tried most of the time to be good, but sometimes I forgot. I'll be a real good boy from now on. I'll be looking for you Christmas night.
Love, Terry Lee Mathis

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Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy all year. I am six years old. I would like to have a football and helmet, a gun set and an army set and some surprises. I have a little sister two years old. She wants a doll and some dishes. She's been good, too.
Your little friend,
Larry Lewis

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Dear Santa,
We are two little girls five and eight years old.
Please bring us a pretty doll and anything else you can. We listen to you on the radio and will be looking for you.
Love,
Dorothy and Mildred Terral

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Dear Santa,
Hope you think I have been good. I sure want an army set, a record player and watch for Christmas. I have a little brother, Keith, almost a year old and please bring him something.
Love,
Ronnie Kilgarlin

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a toni doll, and some skates. My sister Doris wants a walking—talking—doll, and some skates, and a doll buggy. My other sister Gracie wants a walking-talking doll, and some skates. My brother Larry wants a tricycle, and a train. I am eight and will be nine December 13. Doris, my sister is six. My other sister Gracie is four. My brother Larry is three.
Your friends,
Deanna, Doris, Gracie, and Larry Hill

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am six years old. My first year in school. Please read this out over the air. She sits in front of the radio and listens to you every day. Please bring me a doll. I don't care what kind.
Gail Hunter

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Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl four years old and have tried to be a good little girl. I would like a big doll with "rooted hair" a piano, and a surprise. Also, some nuts, fruit and candy.
I have a little brother almost a year old, and he would like a brown bear and a winding guitar.
Thank you for the toys you brought me last Christmas. I share them with Danny.
We love you Santa,
Diane and Danny Wilson

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am seven years old. Would you please bring me an electric train, and two guns. I have a sister five years old. Please bring her a rubber doll with a pony's tail and a doll house. Bring my little brother a teddy bear and a telephone. Be sure and don't forget all the other boys and girls. We love you.
Jim, Beverly Kay, and Billy Sullenger
P. S. This is my first year in school. Mrs. Thompson is my teacher so don't forget her.

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Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a drum and a teddy bear and a bicycle, viewmaster.
Merry Christmas Santa,
Judy Faye Moore.

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Dear Santa,
I hope you a very happy Christmas. Santa, I want a Fort Apache and a bow and arrow and two gun set and a medieval fortress and a scale model airplane. I thank you.
Merry Christmas,
Gary Lee Massingill

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Dear Santa,
I been a pretty good boy. I want a Roy Rogers gun set and a Roy Rogers suit. Bring all my friends some presents too. Be good to my teacher. I go to school at Ira. Bring my friend a Roy Rogers set. His name is Denny Grisale. That's all Santa. I be looking for you. I have you some milk and cookies under the Christmas tree.
Your friend,
Larry Mayes

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Dear Santa Claus,
I wanted to write and tell you just what to bring us for Christmas, for me I want a Roy Rogers double gun and holster, Roy Rogers tent, a filling station, skates, and a green cowboy hat. And for my twin brother a airplane, a tank, a top that sings, a doggie you pull. And for my twin sister, a doll with real hair, and a doll bed. The twins names are Jamie and Janet. Mine is Whitt, but I bet you knew that anyway. I am five years old and they are 19 months old. Please don't forget the other little children, especially the sick ones. Our address is 3776 Avondale, Snyder, We love you Santa. Will be looking for you.
Love,
Whitt, Jamie, and Janet Boren

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Dear Santa Claus,
Thanks for being so nice to us last year. Judy wants a doll that takes a bottle and a lip stick. I want a BB gun and a red wagon. We will sure be looking for you.
Love,
Mike and Judy Williamson

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Dear Santa,
I'm a little boy five years old and have a little sister three and a half. I would like a big airplane and some guns and a space talker, and my sister wants a baby doll and buggy and we would both like some little rubber cars, candy, and nuts. We have been pretty good kids. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. We will be at our grandmother Jordon's house at Friona, so please leave our toys there. We will have some coke and cake for you under the tree.
Goodbye,
Bobby Ray and Judy Mae Jordan

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Lear Santa,
I am a nice boy. My name is Craig Merritt. I want an army set and a helmet and football pants. Merry Christmas.
Craig Merritt
I am in the second grade

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Dear Santa,
I want a wagon and some little dishes and a little dolly that cries. Vonee can use a little kitty rocking chair. She is my little sister. She is 10 months old and I am two years old. Don't forget Popyia and Bambo.
I love you,
Chere Renaeu

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun and a pair of boots and Kent wants a big fire engine and a pair of boots.
From Ronnie and Kent Shepherd

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Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I want you to bring me a doll, doll bed, telephone, doll high chair and a table and chairs. Be good to all the other little girls and boys. I live at 2608 Thirdeth Street.
Love,
Peggy

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Dear Santa,
I'm not asking for very much this year as I know you have so many little boys and girls to visit. Please bring me a train, a desk with a blackboard on it and a truck with a dirt excavator on it. Also some house shoes. My little brother Randy, would like a tricycle, a telephone truck, a gun and holster and some house shoes. Don't forget my little baby sister and bring her something, too. Also we would like a big stocking full of nuts and candies and fruits. I've tried awfully hard to be good this year, so please don't forget me.
I love you, Santa.
Tommy Wooldridge

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Dear Santa Claus,
I will be five years old Christmas eve. I have a little brother two and a half. We want a tractor and traller together, a black board, cowboy suits, and a gun. Please remember all the other boys and girls too, especially little Henriann Hughes since she is sick at Christmas time.
Thank you
Jackie and Larry Paul
P. S. Also some rain for Mrs. Brooks' trees that writes "Sandscripts."

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Dear Santa,
I am seven years old and I would like to have a doll and doll buggy and a blackboard. Please bring my cousin something nice and don't forget the other nice boys and girls.
Love you,
Rita Rodman

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Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Terry Guy Browning. I am three years old. Please bring me two guns, scabbards and belt and two puzzles. Bring Debra June, my little sister, a doll and some toys. Thank you.
Love,
Terry Guy

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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy four years old. I can't write, so my mother is writing this for me.
I have been a pretty good boy all year. It sure is hard to be good all the time. I live in the Sunray camp and would like you to bring me an army set, holster, and a good felt cowboy hat. Please remember all the little boys and girls in the world who won't have any toys.
I love you,
James Paul McClanahan

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy just now five years old. My mother is writing this for me brother and me. My name is Gordon Howard. My brother is nine years old and his name is Dion.
I want some tracks to go with my train you brought me last Christmas, and I want a wagon, gun and holster set, some clothes. Bring my mother and daddy something nice and all the other little children something. I have tried to be good, but you know, Santa, sometimes the meaness just slips out. I'm sure you will forgive me. I love you
Gordon and Dion
P. S. Santa, bring our toys to our grandma's house in Altus as we are visiting her for Christmas.

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am nine years old and I have a brother four years old and his name is Timmy McCollum. Please bring me a doll and a doll house and a set of dishes. And Timmy wants a filling station and a tractor set and a teddy bear and a logs set. My mother wants a new dress and bring my aunt, who is coming down from Canada, something nice, and daddy, too.
Linda McCollum and Timmy McCollum

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl seven years old. I'm in my first year in school, and have been sick for five weeks. Santa, I have tried to be good and mind my mother and daddy. Would you please bring me a doll, a piano, set of dishes and a stove. Santa, don't forget all the other little boys and girls. I know you won't forget but I am going to remind you not to forget the little Hughes girl who has been sick a long time like myself. I'll be looking for you. Thanks, Santa.
Your little friend,
Linda Jean Stewart
P.S. Santa, I forgot to tell you I like school, and don't forget my teacher, Mrs. Johnston.

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Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old and in the first grade in Ira. I would like a baby doll and a baton and coloring book and crayons. I hope all the little boys and girls have a nice Christmas. I will leave candy and nuts on the table for you, Santa.
Love,
Golda Autrey

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl who just had a birthday and I'm four years old. Please bring me a nurse set and a gun with a holster. I have been a good girl and I sleep by myself in my bed now. Be sure and bring all the other little children some toys.
Bette Bickerstaff

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Dear Santa,
I am seven years old and in the second grade at school. I have tried to be good. This Christmas I am going to leave you a surprise on the table by my Christmas tree. I wish you would bring me a space set and a bicycle and that is all I want this Christmas because the other children will want things, too.
I love you,
Stevie Bickerstaff
P.S. If you can't bring me these things just bring me any kind of a little toy.

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Dear Santa Claus,
We are twin girls nine years old. We have been real good. Will you please bring us a bride's doll each, a baseball and bat together, some story books and thing else you would like to bring us.
Janie and Judie Morrison

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Dear Santa,
My name is Neta May Erwin. I was eight years old December 7 and I want a big girl doll and some dishes and a buggy. I've tried to be a good girl.
Neta May Erwin

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Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring my little brother a football suit and a little football. My little sister wants a baby doll. Please bring our little dog, Smoky something. Please bring me a first baseman's mitt.
Love,
James, Joe and Sharon Vernon

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle and for my brothers toys bicycles. They are two boys and need clothes, coats and shoes for this winter. One is five years old and the other is four years old. For my momma and daddy bring something to make them happy because dad is sick.
We live near Blackie's camp
Paula Martinez

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Dear Santa,
We are the McCravey boys, Kirby and Frankie, ages seven and three. I would like a box of games, a sweat shirt, a world globe, note book and sure would like a small radio for my own room. Thank you, Santa, and say hello to Rudolph.
Kirby
P.S. Please bring Frankie a little tractor, jeep, house shoes, pajamas and a gun set and don't forget my cousins, Brent, Karan, Connie and Bellia.

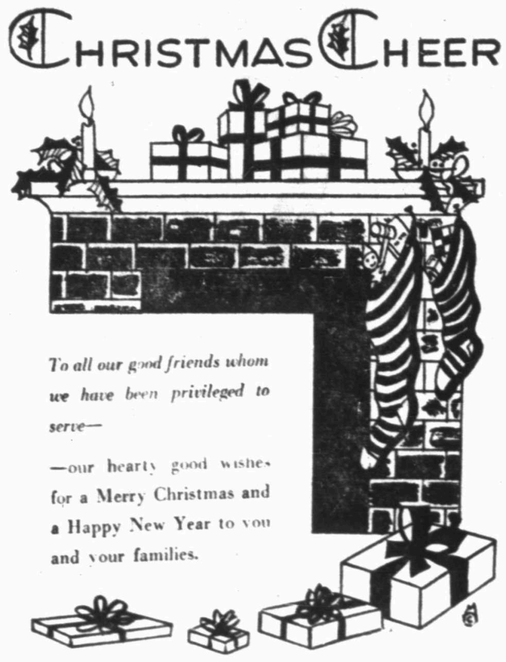
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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy seven years old. My name is Larry Henderson and I am in the first grade at Hermleigh. My teacher's name is Mrs. Cliff. I like her very much. I would like for you to bring me a record player, some records, a holster set, a traveloader and anything else you think I might like. Don't forget any of the little boys and girls. I love you very much.
Love,
Larry Henderson

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl five years old. I have been nice this year. For Christmas I want a doll with a round suit case and a nurse set, and if you will please bring me a necklace and bracelet to match. I have a big sister who is 13 and would like a diary, charm bracelet and a set of dresser lamps. Don't forget the other little girls Thank you very much for the things you brought us last year.
I am
Linda Faye Green

CHRISTMAS CHEER



To all our good friends whom we have been privileged to serve—
—our hearty good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families.

LIEB'S CASH GROCERY
BIG SPRING HIGHWAY



BEST WISHES

The doorway to hospitality opens cheerfully to admit the spirit of Christmas! We welcome all our friends to partake of the many joyous greetings we extend on this happy occasion.

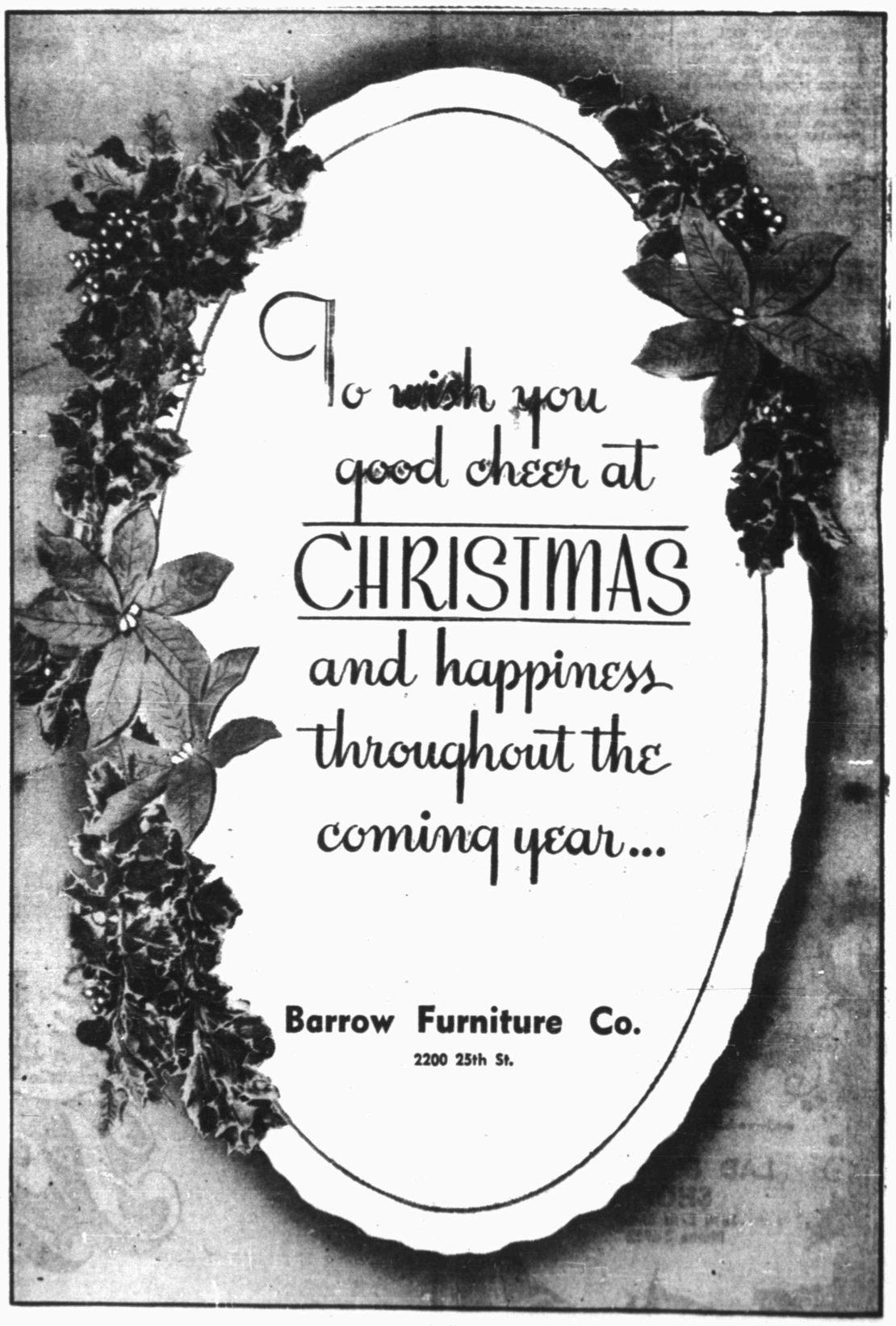
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East Highway

Warm Wishes at Christmas

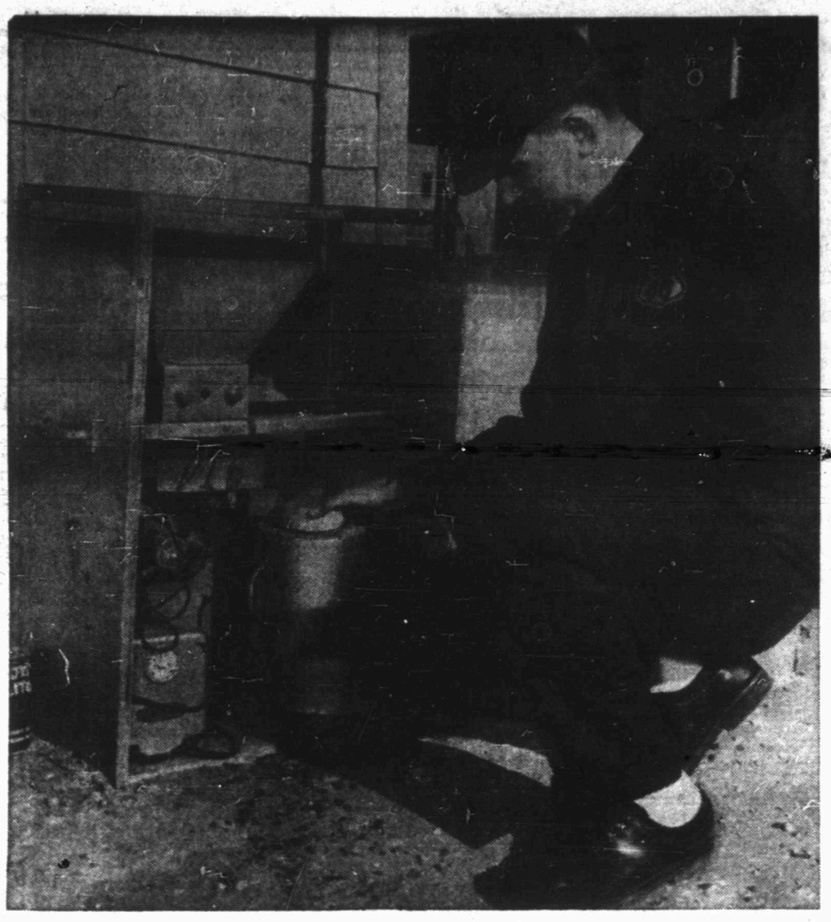


May this happy Yuletide season brim over with all good things —with surprises as merry and pleasing as the findings under your Christmas tree. To all our friends, both old and new, go our warmest and sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season.

SNYDER DRUG
West Side Of Square



Barrow Furniture Co.
2200 25th St.



Bobby McCormick, operator of the Phillip's "66" Superstation, is shown preparing to fire up the rainmaking burner he operates for Dr. Irving P. Krick, head of the American Institute of Aerological Research of Denver. Under McCormick's hand is a burner in which silver iodide is vaporized to seed clouds and, in theory, produce rain. (Lee Watson photograph)

Rainmaking Machine Right In Snyder; Works For Stamford

There is a rainmaking machine set up for operation here, but its benefits are not intended for this area.

The machine is located at the Phillips "66" Superstation on the East Highway and is operated by Bobby McCormick.

McCormick, who has operated the machine for one 17½-hour period, said he does not have much confidence in the effectiveness of the machine to make clouds drop their moisture.

The contraption is owned by the Water Resources Development Corporation of Denver, headed by Dr. Irving P. Krick, also head of the American Institute of Aerological Research of Denver.

Dr. Krick has a contract with the West Texas Utilities Co. of Abilene to attempt to increase rainfall on the water shed of a WTUC lake near Stamford.

"The only time we have operated the machine was several weeks ago, and the next day there was .6 inch of rainfall on the lake's watershed," McCormick said.

He added that the rains were scattered over all the West Texas area that day, however.

McCormick says the machine is first heated with charcoal, then silver iodide pellets are allowed to feed into the burner from a hopper. The heat vaporizes the silver iodide, and the vapor rises invisibly from the machine.

The silver iodide vapor is in the form of tiny crystals that rise into the air and provide a neuclus on which raindrops may condense then fall to the earth.

McCormick quoted Dr. Krick as saying the contract with WTUC was signed on June 27, 1953, and heavy rains fell on the lake's water shed June 30.

The rainmakers maintain offices in Denver, McCormick said, where weather data from all over the nation is mapped constantly.

"We have to be ready to fire up the machine on a moment's notice anytime we get a call from Denver," McCormick said.

Land owners of Scurry County did not enter a rainmaking contract with Dr. Krick about two years ago when an attempt was made to negotiate an agreement with him.

More Local Funds In Federal Water Plans

WASHINGTON (AP)—Army Engineers and the Budget Bureau are studying a proposal to make local interests foot a greater part of the cost of water projects.

The House Appropriations Committee earlier this year contended local participation has not been sufficient.

Rep. Davis (R-Wis), chairman of the House Civil Functions Appropriation subcommittee, expects recommendations from the engineers and budget officials. Both agencies, he said, are giving the matter consideration in connection with flood control and navigation project appropriation requests to be made next year.

Local interests now usually are required to pay some parts of the expense of a project, such as costs of land, relocation of roads and utilities, necessary easements and maintenance.

The Ultimate Arrives

NEW YORK (AP)—A conductor on the Long Island railroad no longer announces the train's arrival at Pennsylvania station with the word "New York, the wicked city." Somebody complained.

Now he simply says: "This is IT."

About one-third of Americans—48 million—live in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, says the National Geographic Society.

Duck Does Houdini Act

OAKLAND, Cal. (AP)—Jack P. Deavours, 21, parked his automobile on a slope with windows tightly closed. It rolled into Lake Merritt.

A crew pulled the car out and was startled to find a mallard drake swimming inside the auto.

How, they asked, did the live duck get into the car?

Rhode Island boasts that she produces more than half of the lace turned out in the United States.

Italy is attempting to move 15,000 inhabitants of Lubania out of caves into a model town.







Tornadoes Caused At Least 146 Texas Deaths This Year

By WILBUR MARTIN
AP Staff

Waco...San Angelo...Knox City... O'Brien...

These were the cities and towns and hamlets that in the space of a single minute lived a nightmare that now is a grim memory

There were others, too, like Pine Mills, Hopewell, Roscoe, Helotes.

Texas was struck by the deadliest series of tornadoes in history.

At least 23 times tornadoes smashed over farm lands, across villages and down city streets. At least 146 persons were killed. More than 500 were injured. Jagged mounds of debris had been homes and stores with a value of more than 60 million dollars.

Waco was the hardest hit. One hundred and fourteen persons died there May 11. Over 300 were injured. A twister cut a path seven miles long, smashing part of the downtown business district.

FIRST TWISTER TINY

But the terror and destruction of the tornadoes began long before that, and continued long after.

The first tornado in Texas in 1953 was a tiny one. It did little damage Feb. 20 when it hit Ferguson Prison Farm. That same day twisters struck Pine Mills and Hopewell in the same Southeast Texas area. Damage was light. There were no deaths, no injuries.

But the tornado season had started. The death list grew like this:

March 16: Twisters that hit O'Brien and Knox City, in northwest Texas, killed 16. Five were killed on the I. B. Ashley farm near O'Brien, 6 in O'Brien, four at Knox City. Number of injured, uncounted. Damage: not estimated. But it included farm homes and city houses.

April 23: Minor damage at Roscoe, in West Texas.

April 24: Homes damaged in three-block section on the Arkansas side of Texarkana.

MAY WORST MONTH

April 28: Two killed as tornadoes hit near Gonzales, in South Texas; Helotes, near San Atonio; on the outskirts of San Antonio; Smithville, in Central Texas; Zavalla, in East Texas; Mansfield, near Fort Worth. Number of injured: not available. Damage: not estimated.

May 11: A twister destroyed a sheet iron warehouse in Wichita Falls; another knocked down a radio tower 30 miles east of Abilene; another smashed a two-square mile path through a residential section of San Angelo; one blasted across Waco; another ripped through the Red Lake-Fairfield section of East Texas. Results: 114 dead, more than 300 injured, over 57 million dollars damage at Waco; 10 dead, more than 100 injured, 3 to 5 million dollars damage at San Angelo; 3 killed in Red Lake-Fairfield area.

Dec. 2-3: 2 killed, 22 injured as 9 small tornadoes splattered the state, including little twisters at Tabor, Grande Field, Washington-on - the - Brazos; near Lufkin, Seguin, Tanglewood, Huntsville, Hearne.

RADAR NET PLANNED

The death toll at Waco equaled that of the state's first major tornadic disaster: Goliad, in 1902. For three days and nights hundreds labored to tear away the wreckage of buildings that had stood as tall as five stories, hunting the living and the dead.

The twin disasters at Waco and San Angelo gave Texas a case of tornado jitters.

Plans were started for a tornado warning network, using radar. The idea was for the network to blanket the state from key points.

Radar sets are already in operation at Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Freeport, Victoria and Wichita Falls. Contracts for weather radar sets have been signed at Houston, Galveston, Fort Worth, Lake Charles, La., and Abilene. El Paso, Lubbock, San Angelo and Midland are expected to join the network. A half-dozen other cities may, too, before the spring-summer season when the tornado threat is greatest.

And in Texas that threat is never far away.

RATHER PAY RENT THAN TAXES

Stadium Sale Points Up New Tax-Forced Business Trend

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—Sale of the Yankee Stadium here and the Kansas City Blues' park in Missouri highlights today three trends in the business world.

One is the flight from high taxes—property, income and inheritance.

The second is the growing role of a new type of investors—those putting pension and insurance funds to profitable work.

A third is the growing tendency for real estate to be owned and managed by real estate investment specialists, thus freeing manufacturers, store keepers, or ball clubs from the complicated problems that ownership presents.

The Yankees, in becoming tenants rather than property owners, are following a long line of similar business deals.

In recent years many department stores have sold their buildings, usually to insurance companies, and then leased them back.

Several large corporations have sold their office buildings and rented them back.

Their bookkeepers find the stores and corporations gain in the long run. They stop paying property taxes—which in most instances have been mounting with the years. They have ready cash to put in their business. And, probably most important, they can deduct the rent they now pay from gross earnings before taxes, as a legitimate operating expense.

Corporate income taxes are so high now—52 per cent of earnings for ordinary corporations, and up to 70 per cent if they come in the excess profit class—that anything that can cut gross earnings shows up as a big savings in income tax payments.

The inheritance tax is also playing an increasing part in the sale of property. Estates must be made liquid or the heirs may one day find themselves forced to sell, at a big loss, the property they inherit, to get cash quickly to pay the big death levies.

In the case of family-owned corporations, inheritance taxes might force heirs to sell quickly the stock bequeathed by one family member—and crack the market wide open for the value of the remaining stock. So elderly family members often of late have been disposing of their stock in an orderly fashion, to sustain the market value.

High inheritance taxes have also been a reason behind the sale in recent years of small family-owned firms to large corporations.

The owner fears that his widow would lose the business entirely if she has to meet the inheritance tax. So he makes his estate liquid by selling to his big rivals and putting the money in investments the widow can handle easily and without loss.

The role of the Knights of Columbus in becoming landlord to a baseball club points up the search recently of fraternal organizations, insurance companies, trustees of pension funds for safe and profitble investments for their insurance or pension funds.

These funds have become an increasingly big factor, not only in the fields of stocks and bonds, but also in the real estate business. And insurance companies report they will have about five billion dollars in new funds in 1954 to invest in real estate.

Fire House Sanctuary

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Rollin Leonard, 21, had no place to go after a fire destroyed his apartment at a motor court here. So the suburban Parkrose fire department, which fought the blaze, gave Leonard lodging for the night at the fire house.

Farm Slickers In Town

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Gov. Robert Crosby of Nebraska got a complaint from city workers in various parts of the state that small farmers were moving into town and taking jobs of normal city workers.

Mostly the drouth was blamed. Crosby explained he couldn't do anything about it.

He Made It On Time

HILLSBORO, N. C. (AP)—Taxi driver William Ernest Albert was accused of running 70 miles an hour. What was the hurry, the judge wanted to know?

Albert testifed a man urged him to hurry his wife, expecting a baby, to a hospital.

"Did you get her there in time?" asked the judge.

"Just did," replied Albert.

"That's all right then," the judge relaxed. "Case dismissed."

Australians Ride Cheap

NEW YORK (AP)—Australians—or people with Australian money—find New York's subway fare just about the lowest. An Australian three pence coin, value about two cents, is the same size as the subway's 15 cent tokens, and a number have shown up in the token collection boxes.

Prices Are Outdated

BOONVILLE, Mo., (AP)—Tom turkeys 5 cents a pound, hens 4½ cents. Roosters $1.50 a dozen, ducks $1.75 a dozen.

Those prices were advertised in Der Central Missourier, a German language newspaper which turned up here recently. The date was June 11, 1891.

About 31 per cent of U.S. farm income in 1948 was derived from meat animals.


Christmas Cheer

With holly, mistletoe and Holiday cheer, may your Christmas be a merry one, your joy complete.

Chuck Wagon Restaurant
Chunk and Joe Rue Burney
1124 25th Street


Season's Greetings

That this holiday season be the brightest and happiest ever is our heartfelt wish for all our friends and neighbors.

Anthony's


Peace on Earth...

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3-16

Glory to Him — Hope of mankind — Exemplar of all we hold true and beautiful. Let us seek for His wisdom and guidance as the Wise Men did. Let us vow to continue His good works and strive to follow His way to inner happiness.

To everyone, everywhere, we offer the wish that the spirit of Christmas be with you this year and for many years to come.

HOLCOMB
INSURANCE AGENCY
Tony and Maude Holcomb


Merry Christmas...

and may all your dreams come true

The sweet trust with which children turn to Santa for fulfillment of their wishes, is the very essence of the season's spirit. In sharing the dreams of childhood and bringing them to life your joy is ours!

"Nearly Half Century Dependable Banking"

For All Your Banking Needs

Snyder National Bank

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

GM's Return To Production Of Hydra-Matic Is Amazing

By ED WINGE
Of The Detroit Free Press

DETROIT (AP)—Last August the costliest industrial fire in history destroyed the Detroit transmission division plant in Livonia—the only source of General Motors Hydra-Matic transmissions.

The fire, touched off by sparks from a welder's torch, burned down the 35-million-dollar plant and destroyed or damaged every one of the highly specialized machines capable of making Hydra-Matic parts.

Yet, on Oct. 18—68 days later—GM began assembling Hydra-Matics in production quantity at the old Riopelle transmission plant in Detroit.

And on Nov. 4—just 85 days after the fire—GM had duplicated Livonia plant at Willow Run and started quantity production of Hydra-Matics there.

Tomorrow—four months and four days after the fire—GM will be able to make transmissions at Willow Run as fast as it did at Livonia—at 4,000 a day.

Behind these epic achievements, fantastic for even such an industrial goliath as General Motors, is perhaps the most amazing comeback effort in the history of the auto industry.

Pooling talents, resources, scrambling lines of authority, GM launched an industrial miracle.

The basic recovery plan was conceived on the night of the fire by Sherwood E. Skinner, in a plane hurrying to the disaster.

As vice president in charge of GM's accessory group, Skinner was responsible for the Detroit transmission division. He was in New York when the fire broke out. Operating on information phoned him before takeoff, he wrote off the Livonia plant as a complete loss. Making certain assumptions, he sketched out the basic recovery plan.

While the flames still roared, Skinner outlined his plan at a top-level policy meeting with other GM executives.

Three basic decisions were hammered out:

1. To salvage the vital machinery from the Livonia plant and clear the site.

2. To go back to the Riopelle plant in Detroit and assemble transmissions from parts made wherever possible, getting back into limited production in the shortest time.

3. To find a new home for the Detroit transmission division and get into volume production for 1954 models by Jan. 1.

A skeleton assembly line still existed at Riopelle, but with GM's fabricating machines out of commission, the parts had to be made by outside sources.

Parts started flowing from midwestern contractors back into Detriot and at 10 a.m., Oct. 19, the first Hydra-Matic made anywhere for 68 days rolled off the assembly line at Riopelle. Another 199 followed the same day.

By Nov. 15, Riopelle was building transmissions at its old capacity rate of 1,200 a day.

Starting from scratch, GM converted the former Kaiser Motors Corp. bomber plant at Willow Run into a fabrication and assembly plant and built the first production model there in 77 days.

Working 12 hours a day, seven days a week, 40 GM engineers designed the Willow Run layout in the incredible time of 17½ days.

This included plotting the precise location of more than 4,000 machines, and making extensive revisions in the assembly line.

"If the boss had come up to me the day before the fire and told me we were going to move," said P. E. Cartwright, transmission's director of standards and methods, "I would have told him I needed six to eight months to get the new plant on paper."

And duplicating Livonia at Willow Run was more difficult in many ways than designing a new plant, he addd.

For example, some 370,000 square feet, or one-fourth of the floor space, had a 36-foot high ceiling, some 16 feet too high for Hydra-Matic purposes.

GM engineers had to build a network of steel griders 20 feet from the floor to carry the intricate network of utility lines and conveyor belts.

The assembly of Hydra-Matics also posed a special problem. For its size, the automatic transmission is as finely tooled as a watch.

It must be assembled in a dust-free, air-conditioned atmosphere where the temperature is a constant 74 degrees.

The only way to get these conditions in the huge, 35-acre Willow Run "barn" was to build a factory within a factory. And that's what GM engineers did.

They erected a concrete block structure 240 feet wide and 600 feet long and air-conditioned it.

Then, as a finishing touch, they put the assembly plant under 4 ounces of air pressure per square inch above normal.

This was done so that every time a door was opened, air would rush out, pushing away any dust particles that might try to sneak into the aseptic atmosphere of the assembly plant.

GM recruited a labor force from all over the country to convert Willow Run into a transmission plant and install the complicated machinery.

An average of 2,500 men have worked two 10-hour shifts since early September.

The overtime bill at Willow Run and for the salvage job at Livonia must be enough to turn a cost accountant's hair snow white.

The original target date for starting quantity production at Willow Run was Nov. 9. This was one goal Hydra-Matic missed. It beat it by five days.

Lieutenant Is Private

BEAUFORT, S. C. (AP)—A former Swiss army lieutenant is taking boot training as a private in the nearby Parris Island Marine Corps training base in order to boost his chances toward U. S. Citizenship.

Pvt. Jean Pierre Bovet is by profession a commercial artist, by avocation a linquist, ski-trooper and mountain climber. He came to the United States in mid-1951 as a magazine company represtative, decided to stay married Lucy Lawson of Alexandria, Va., whom he had first met in Paris.

Bird Starts Fire

OMAHA (AP)—A nest-building bird got the blame for a fire which caused several thousand dollars damage to the home of Mrs. Grace Boyce here.

Fire Inspector Dan Mulcahey reasoned the bird has unwittingly carried a piece of smoldering cloth or string to the nest, the burned remains of which were found at a spot under the eaves where the fires started.

College Coeds Best Calendar Girls So Far

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—Thousands of men each year take a look at artistic girls on spicy calendars and sigh:

"Now, what could be prettier!"

"A college coed," shout three University of New Mexico juniors in answer. "And we're quitting school to prove it."

The three, Wally Deckert, Larry Ross and Hank Edwards are in earnest. They've put their first calendar with photos of scantily clad coeds in place of the painted long-legged beauties.

"This isn't just a crazy Joe College stunt," said Deckert, a mechanical engineering student. "We've already got our first calendar on the market here. They're going like hot cakes."

It started with the college chatter and ended with the three convincing the university, the parents of 11 of the 12 coeds who were under 21, and running the gauntlet of a censorship board.

World production of wood in 1948 was about a billion tons.

Gandhi Books Banned

NEW DELHI (AP)—Nations within the Communist Iron Curtain ban books on Mahatma Gandhi's life and teachings, and the writings of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru from their libraries, the influential Hindustan Times reports.

Quoting an unnamed "high Indian personage who recently visited countries behind the Iron Curtain," the newspaper added that Communist libraries abound in books on the Indian Communist activities in the Telugu speaking regions of Hyderabad state and Russian translations of Indian Communist authors.

Irish Choose Red

DANVILLE Va. (AP)—From now on it's green mail box for Peter Spratt, an Irish youth visiting here. Spratt made the mistake of trying to mail a letter in a red "Mail box" instead of the green one. Several pieces of fire fighting equipment responded.

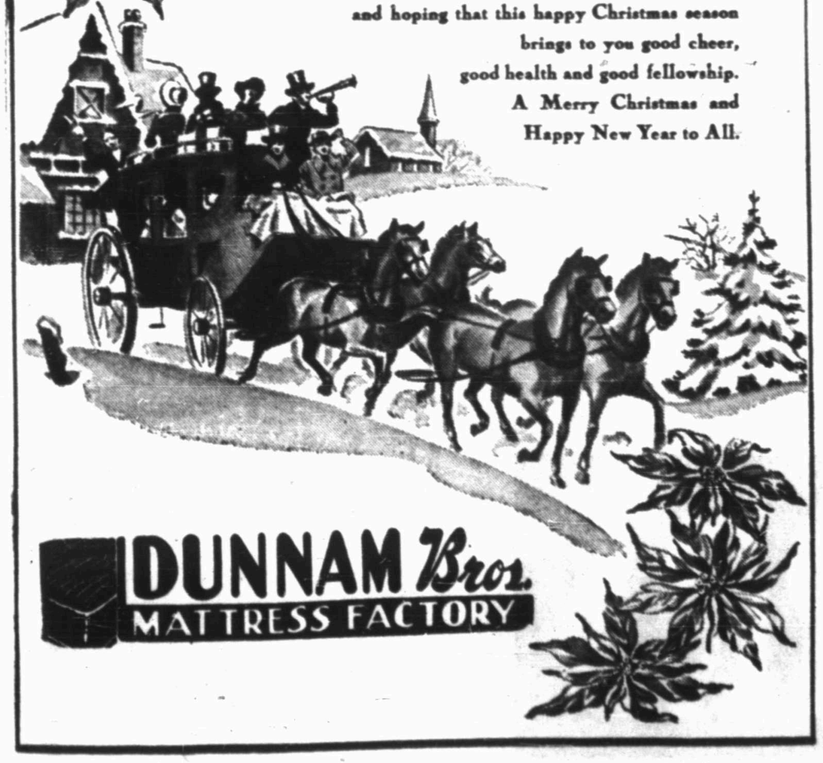


May your Christmas be merry and its joy and happiness spread throughout the glad New Year!

J. J. DYER
JEWELER
North Side of Square

Greetings

We're thinking of you, all our friends, and hoping that this happy Christmas season brings to you good cheer, good health and good fellowship. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.



DUNNAM Bros.
MATTRESS FACTORY



Christmas

On that blessed night, the world was hushed with wonder, and hope arose anew for all mankind . . . Christ the Saviour was born. Today, we pray for His guidance, that we may find peace in our hearts and renewed faith in a world in which men everywhere shall live in good will and understanding with one another.

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Muscular Dystrophy Research Being Pushed By Scientists

By FRANK CAREY
AP Science Reporter

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Utilizing atomic "cocktails," government scientists are making a new approach towards trying to solve the riddle of one of mankind's saddest afflictions — muscular dystrophy.

That's a disease—at present incurable—in which there is a progressive wasting away and destruction of muscles. Estimates are that between 200,000 and 300,000 Americans, the large majority of them children under 10, are affected by it at any given time.

Children who get it before they are 5 usually die within five years. Individuals who get it in adolescence or adulthood usually die by the time they are 30, but in the meantime they are seriously crippled. All victims ultimately die as an indirect result of their muscular dystrophy because while the disease doesn't kill of itself, it leaves its sufferers prone to deadly infections that other people might fight off.

Researchers at the Neurological Institute of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are giving "atomic cocktails" to five victims of the disease—ranging in age from 6 to 36—in a new attempt to trace its cause.

The patients, admitted to the institutes' recently opened clinical center, include two from Arlington, Va., and one each from Washington, D. C., Burlington, N. C., and Elizabeth City, N. C. Their names have not been made public.

The doctors emphasize that the "cocktails" do not constitute a treatment. But they say the hope is that the studies made possible with the atomic materials may point a way—possibly a dietary way—to treating the malady which has so far proved unconquerable by a host of drugs and other treatments.

The "cocktails" consist of a tiny amount of radioactive potassium dissolved in water, yielding a tasteless solution.

Potassium, one of the key elements utilized by the human body, is believed necessary for the normal conduction of electricity in muscles—a phenomenon which contributes to the action of muscles.

In certain diseases of the nervous system other than muscular dystrophy there already has been at least suggestive evidence that a "disbalance" between the amount of potassium occurring in the muscles and the amount present in the fluid part of the blood may contribute to the development of those diseases.

In its radioactive form, the element can be traced in the body.

The institutes' new project will be aided by the rather recent development of a technique for producing "artificial muscle fibers" in the laboratory.

By means of this technique, two key chemical proteins that are present in all muscles are extracted from a piece of ground-up muscle. When placed in a solution in a flask, the proteins "create" a threadlike muscle fiber. This fiber can then be made to contract by treating it with another body chemical called adenosine tri-phosphate (ATP).

The extent of contraction can be measured by means of a microscope, thus affording a highly accurate gauge of the strength of a person's muscles.

Any clues which might develop from the studies are not expected to show up for at least six months. Meanwhile, here is the method being followed:

1. Tests are first made of the present powers of diseased muscles.

2. The "radioactive cocktails" have been given to all five patients.

Studies will be made to determine to what extent potassium is actually utilized by the muscles and to measure the rate of exchange of potassium between the blood serum and the muscles and vice versa.

3. If evidence of any apparent unbalances shows up—compared with the situation in normal people—studies will then be made of the effect of getting additional potassium into the patient's system, or, if so indicated, restricting the patient's intake of that element.

4. Then the researchers will turn to making—"artificial muscle fibers" again—but this time, the objective will be to determine whether the addition, or subtraction, of potassium has had any effect on increasing the mechanical power of the muscle fiber.

Liquor Revenue Down For Nov.

Revenues collected by the state for legal liquor sales was down in November from the October figure, which also was a decrease from that of September, the highest of the year. November's total, however, was the third highest so far this year.

The "Texas Liquor Control Board Review" a monthly pamphlet just printed, shows November's revenue total $1,559,275.15, a drecrease of $330,535.89 from the previous month's, which was a decrease of $734,495.96 from September's.

September's figure of $2,624,307 is the highest so far this year. For all other months, the figures have been less than November's.

Revenues collected through the control board are only on taxes, license fees, and incomes from confiscated liquor, and these have nothing to do with court fines for illegal liquor handling. Fines and court costs assessed by the individual counties during November totaled $53,208.13, according to the report.

Of the total of fines and court costs, $35,247.10 was assessed in dry areas, and the assessment in wet areas totaled $17,961.05.

Picks Own Company

BOONVILLE, Mo. (AP)—Mrs. Margaret Davis stopped here recently, walking south for the winter with her 10 dogs—three old ones and seven little pups only a few weeks old.

She pays her way by selling things she crochets en route.

She travels with dogs because "Dogs are better than people," she say.

Chicken Manor Story

REDDING, CONN. (AP)—This fashionable Fairfield County community once was known as the Manor of Chicken, because of its founder's sense of humor.

John Read, one of New England's most capable lawyers, and a chronic land speculator, secured a large tract of land from the Local Indian Scahem "Chicken," in 1714. Read drew up a formal patent, with Chicken as lord of the manor and himself as tenant.

But it didn't last long. The General Assembly, moving to secure the white man's title to the land of the Indian, had the land sold at public auction. A parish was organized in 1729 and became known as Reading, for Read. The name of the town was changed to Redding when it was incorporated in 1767.

Things Can Happen And They Usually Do

By LARRY ELDRED

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (AP)—It's getting so a person just isn't safe anyhow anywhere. For instance.

You can get shot by your lawnmower, a rake or a deer.

Your baby or your dog can drive off in your car and wreck it.

Your sweetheart can make you do the same with a kiss.

On the other hand, you can be saved by the seat of your pants—but literally.

These are gleanings from the crop of accident oddities of 1953 in the December issue of Public Safety, published by the National Safety Council.

Housewifery came early to 4-year-old Joan Williams, Texarkana Ark. She became so attached to the kitchen sink when she stuck her finger down the drain that both sink and she had to go to a hospital to be separated.

Robert Heinbaugh, Painesville, Ohio, had pains a-plenty when his lawnmower happened to run over a bullet which went off and shot him in the big toe.

For John Plumbe, Santa Cruz, Calif., it was his rake which did him wrong. He was raking rubbish into a bonfire when he himself got ranked by a blast from a shotgun shell which was picked up with the rubbish.

A deer fell to the gunfire of Shirly Kelsey, Payson, Utah, who then knelt beside his downed quarry. There was one kick left in the deer, however. A hoof hit the gun's trigger and Kelsey was shot in the thigh.

And probably the last shot rang out from the Civil War, declared ended in 1865. A souvenir shell from a long-ago battlefield fell from the fireplace mantel in the home of Ishmael Lynch, Port Gibson, Miss. Holes suddenly appeared in floor, walls and ceiling as the shell exploded, but no casualties, either Union or Confederate.

Speaking of shooting, imagine the surprise of Horace Boutwell, 13, Houston, Tex., who fired his air rifle and got hit by a .22 casing with the same shot. He had placed a .22-caliber rifle cartridge on a saw horse, backed away, aimed, fired. His dead-center shot sent the cartridge casing whizzing back into his shoulder. From his hospital bed he said, "Let's see Wild Bill top that."

Then there was Mary Jane Rodden, 2½, of Memphis, Tenn. The family car stood in the driveway when Mary Jane climbed in and started making like Mommy. With no place in particular to go, she crashed into the Rodden living room. She was unhurt; not so the house and car.

Anthony Widby, Detroit, went a little farther afield. He was only 2 when he drove his family car into the home of their next-door neighbor.

And out in Lincoln, Neb., the pet pooch of Mrs. Jewell Norman tried his paw at driving her car one day when she left the motor idling. He backed it resoundingly into another one parked nearby.

In Windsor, Ont., Eugene Duda's car jumped the curb and knocked down a lamp post. "It wasn't his fault," Betty Loveless told police "I kissed him."

David Causey, Tuscaloosa, Ala., had his car go out of control one day when he was out driving. It came to rest nosing over the side of a bridge above a railroad track. Causey was pitched out but on the way down the seat of his pants snagged on the underpart of the car. Thus he dangled 60 feet above the tracks until rescued.

"Best seat I ever had," said he.

It Pays To Advertise

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP)—Purdue University males far outnumber coeds and there are times when getting a date is difficult.

One male student solved the problem by advertising in the campus paper:

"Any good-looking female wishing a date call 92-3177."

He received 10 telephone calls and wound up with a very pretty coed.

Wrong Entry In Book

VINCENNES, Ind. (AP)—The defendant waited two hours in Knox Circuit Court for trial on assault and battery charges in connection with a picket line disturbance.

Special Judge Dale Eby of Princton waited equally long in Evansville Circuit Court 54 miles away. The judge found he had made a wrong entry in his book.





Army's Rise To Power Is Seen With Beria Purge In USSR

Editor's Note—William L. Ryan, AP Foreign News Analyst, is back in the United States after a three-month tour of duty as an AP correspondent in the Soviet Union. He talked with some of the men who are influential in Russia—and he talked also with scores of everyday Russians in eight of the republics of the U.S.S.R.

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP Foreign News Analyst

Moscow's handling of the Beria case demonstrates clearly the swift diminishing of secret police power in the Soviet Union and at the same time a rise in power and influence of the Soviet army.

Suddenly and surprisingly, the case against former police boss Lavrenty Pavlovich Beria has been dragged from its obscurity and has become the subject for intensive propaganda.

This treatment reinforces the impression that the remaining six rulers of the Communist party empire have been forced together into an uneasy collective leadership which might better be called collective security. Their attitude toward one another seems to be that of equals dealing with equals, all of whom face the same dangers and uncertainties.

The impression was unanimous up to a few days ago among foreign observers in Moscow that the party wanted the Beria case to be forgotten—that some day the party would simply announce Beria had been convicted and executed. But somebody obviously opposed such an idea. The evidence points to the army. Recently at one of the state affairs which call for innumerable toasts, I heard Marshal Zhukov express himself in a way which seemed to express resentment with the party and impatience to have a final chapter written in the career of Beria.

The removal of Beria apparently went against the wishes of at least some of the present six members of the ruling Communist hierarchy. Anastas Mikoyan, for one, is the man who started Beria on his Communist party career.

There are indications that rivalry still exists among the top members of the Communist hierarchy, and the impression one takes out of Moscow is that the collective leadership holds together only because it must in the face of a definite threat.

The threat seems to come from the army. And, in Beria, the army now is getting rid of a man it actually considered its enemy. He was the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and, with his own past private police army, intruded upon the authority and dignity of the regular armed forces.

The destruction of Beria and his most trusted aides reduces the power of the MVD, and the lessening of MVD power means a weakening of the Communist party's police arm.

Apparently, too, the MVD was eased out of the atomic energy program with the fall of Beria.

Now there appears to be a standoff between the Communist party and the army, a sort of uneasy truce with each watching the other carefully.

Thus, the collective leadership being talked about by the Communist party since the death of Stalin is real in this respect: It is a collective of six individuals who rule the party and government together because this is no time for any one of them to attempt to emerge as the dictatorial boss.

These six are Malenkov, Khrushchev, Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, Defense Minister Nicolai Bulganin, Vice Premier Lazar Kaganovitch and Trade Minister Mikoyan. There are three others on the presidium but they do not figure as rulers. These are Marshal Kementi Y. Voroshilov, a figurehead who was a comrade-in-arms of Stalin and now occupies the wholly honorary position of President; Mikhail Saburov and M. G. Pervukhin, who are industrial experts dragooned into top spots by the force of events.

There is no single boss, apparently because none wants to occupy that uncomfortable position at this juncture.

It seemed logical up to a short time ago to suppose that these rulers, having shelved and incarcerated Beria, would have preferred to let the whole thing pass gradually into oblivion without raking up the whole story again through a publicized, though not public, trial. It had been a popular arrest. Nobody had any love for the chief of the secret police who represented all the repressions of the regime, the forced labor camps, the dread network of informers. The Soviet public, accustomed to extra-legal acts on the part of its government, did not appear concerned over what happened to Beria. If anything, they were relieved about it.

Somebody wanted the humiliation of Beria and the MVD to be finalized, to be brought home dramatically to the Soviet people. That could only have been the army.

Juveniles Are Heavy Drinkers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Washington long has had a reputation as one of the nation's "drinkingest" cities and folks around the country get a headlined reminder every now and then about the capital cocktail circuit.

Now Senate investigators of juvenile delinquency have turned a spotlight on teen-age drinking in the capital. They have received testimony about boys and girls pulling whisky bottles from their pockets or handbags and tippling at public dance halls.

They also have been told of youngsters, some appearing to be only 14 or 15, frequenting crowded taverns and restaurants that serve beer and mixed drinks and feature hot, loud jazz.

A Massachusetts state police lieutenant, loaned to the Senate juvenile delinquency subcommittee as an undercover investigator, said he had never seen the like of it before.

"I have never seen people that appear as young as these do drinking in public places," he said. "I don't think this condition would be tolerated where I have worked."

Testimony of this nature brought a statement from a local civic leader that district residents deeply resent implications that Washington is "rampant with juvenile sin and vice and leads the nation in such matters."



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BOXES FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

Some of the members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have prepared and delivered about 125 Christmas boxes to underprivileged children are shown above filling the Christmas boxes. The packages were delivered this week. From left are: Mrs. Nubert Green, Mrs. J. Elmo Crowder, Mrs. Hilton Lambert, Mrs. R. C. Rainwater, Mrs. Lecil Rose, Mrs. S. A. Tibbets, chairman of the child welfare committee of the auxiliary, Connie Stanley, Mrs. O. C. Stanley, and Mrs. Joe Brown. (Lee Watson photograph)

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
My name is Pam Alfred. I am three years old. I want some boats, a dolly, and some pretty things that you want to bring me.
Thank You Santa,
I love you,
Pam

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Dear Santa,
Please bring us a little nurse kit, iron and ironing board. Also bring our little brother a teddy bear. We are six, two and eight months old.
Don't forget the other kids.
Your Little Friends,
Cheryl, Sheila, and Charles Greene

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Dear Santa,
I am a little girl eight years old, have tried to be good and help Mommie. I am letting Mommie write this letter. Would you please bring me a doll, dishes, and a set of Gene Autry guns. My big brother, Bobbie, wants a camera and a bow and arrow. Don't forget our dog, Sandy. He has also been good.
I love you, Santa,
Martha Dee Wells

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Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old and have been good. For Christmas I want a baby doll that can take a bath, rocking doll bed, nursery set, and doll suit case.
Thank you Santa, I love you.
Mary Lucille Brooks

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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy three years old, have been pretty good for Christmas. I want doctor set, a jet, and army set.
I love you,
Billy Wayne Brooks

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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy five years old. I can't write very good, so my sister is writing for me.
First I want to thank you for all the things you brought me last year. I won't you to be sure and come to my house before you eat supper, because there will be a big juicy steak ready for you under the tree.
I would like for you to bring me a bow and arrow, guns and badge. Bring my little brother a teddy bear. Be sure and give all the other little children some toys.
Santa please don't forget about the steak. What do you like to drink, coffee or cokes?
Bye, bye,
Butch Halbert

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Dear Santa,
My name is Janie Sue. I live with mother and dad and sister Anita at 2100 Avenue A. For Christmas I want a doctor set and a doll with clothes. Also a cowgirl suit and a new coloring book. I have just lost a front tooth, so you can bring me a new tooth, too. Anita wants a doll and some pretty dresses and any other surprise you will bring.
Love from
Sue Brooks

• • •

Dear Santa Claus,
Well I guess I got this letter off too late. But think that you could get me an electric football set. Lana wants a Toni doll.
Love David

• • •

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old. I have tried to be good this year so would please bring me a set of guns and a pair of boots, fruits, nuts, and candy. And don't forget the other little boys and girls.
I love you, Santa
Charles Ray Wells
P. S. I am in the first grade.

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Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old and I have been a good little girl, so please bring me a Bonnie Braids doll and a kitchen queen cabinet dish set. Also a doll and carrier and please do not forget my little brother at Christmas. He wants a gun and a truck. Santa, please do not forget all the other little boys and girls.
We love you,
Linda and Douglas Horn, Jr.
P. S. We will be at Grannie Mommie's at Eastland. Douglas is nearly two years old, and do not forget our dog, Penny, who is two months old and wants a cradle to sleep in.

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Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the gifts you brought me last Christmas. You were very good to me and my brother. I am Karen Robertson and my brother is Glenn. I hope you will bring me a brother and sister doll, a doll trunk, an iron and ironing board, and please bring Glenn a watch, a hunting knife, some books, and anything else you wish. Don't forget all the other little children here at Fluvanna, and please don't forget my little cousin, Clydine, at Snyder. We will be expecting you, Santa. You will find refreshments under our tree.
I love you,
Karen Robertson

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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old in first grade in school. I have been good. For Christmas I want a tank, cowboy set, and a jet airplane train.
I love you, Santa,
Jimmy Brooks

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Dear Santa,
I am a milkshake ten years old I have tried to be good and help my mother and daddy. I would like to have a set of guns and a pair of boots and candy, nuts, fruits.
Yours very truly,
Billy Gene Wells
P. S. Most of all, don't forget the other boys and girls.

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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy two. I will be three the fourth of Feb. I have been pretty good so would you please bring me a little car that I can peddle. And don't forget my little cousin Jerry Evans. He also has been pretty good Don't forget we love Santa.
Your little pal,
David (Scooter) Wells
P.S. Most of all don't forget all the little boys and girls in the polio wards everywhere as I am a little victim but doing fine.

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Dear Santa,
I am a little girl three years old having my mommy to write for me. Would you please bring me a doll, a set of dishes and a doll house. Please don't forget my little niece, Vickie Lynn, and all the rest of the little boys and girls, and don't forget my daddy, big brothers and sisters. I have tried to be good.
Your little friend,
Brenda June Stewart

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll and some clothes, and a table with two chairs and a nurse kit and a cabinet. I am eight years old. Please don't forget my two sisters.
Love
Janice Cartwright

• • •

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like to have a nurse kit, a doll and some doll clothes and a toy typewriter. Don't forget my little sister, Sara. She wants a doll and a doctor set with pills.
Love,
Sue Bledsoe

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me some striped handle guns and holster and tinker toys and school blocks, army set, candy, nuts and fruits.
Darrell

City Council Seats Empty In Tombstone

TOMBSTONE, Ariz. (AP) — Two seats on the City Council have been vacant for some time now. They haven't been filled, says Mayor Wally Foster, because "nobody wants the job."

Forests originally covered about one-third of all the world's land areas.

Persecution Of Jews Increases

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Western diplomats in Vienna said today a new wave of Jewish persecutions apparently aimed at crushing all opposition to communism is sweeping the Soviet Union's European satellites.

Their assessment followed an announcement by the Union of Communities in Austria (UJCA) last night that it had protested to Communist-ruled Hungary against a secret trial of three Hungarian Jewish leaders reported under way in Budapest.

Reports received in Vienna last week said that three other East European Jewish leaders already have been tried and sentenced in Hungary. Jewish figures in Romania and Czechoslovakia also have been reported either tried and jailed or awaiting trial.

The UJCA protest was made in a communication to Lenard Szeri, Hungarian minister in Vienna. It demanded that the Red Hungarian government free the three men, identified as:

Dr. Bela Denes, former head of the Zionist movement in Hungary; Henrik Galus, former secretary general of the Zionist organization in Budapest, and Abraham Kornitzer, a representative of Hungarian Orthodox Jews.

All reportedly were charged with committing "crimes of Zionist activity and having contacts with Zionists abroad."

Fire Department Is Tired Climbing Trees

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) —Monkeys and cats who are up a tree here will stay that way from now on as far as the city fire department is concerned.

The department has had enough of answering calls from distressed pet owners whose animals have climbed out of reach and refuse to descend. Hereafter, the firemen will refer such pleas to the Department of Public Safety, which has trucks and laborers, but no ladders—yet.

Baby, Song Born On Crossing Of Atlantic

NEW YORK (AP) — A recent Atlantic crossing of the Italian liner Conte Biancamano produced two births: a baby and a song.

The baby, Bianca, was born to Mrs. Josephine Palmieri, of New Orleans.

Passenger Domenico Savino, of New York, dashed off "Bianca's Lullaby."

He wrote, orchestrated and rehearsed the song with the ship's orchestra and gave it its world's premiere in a concert at sea within five days of the baby's birth.

French factories turn out about 1½ million bicycles a year.

Coon Coats Could Aid In Conservation

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Doxie Moore, Indiana's conservation department director, would like to see raccoon coats return to the wardrobes of college men. Twenty-five years ago, when the shaggy coats were the rage, Indiana stocked its fields and woodlands with hundreds of the animals. Hunters kept the population in check.

Now, Moore says, farmers are complaining of big crop losses to packs of the hungry 'coons, virtually safe from harm since there's no market for their skins. To help solve the problem this year, Moore says the 'coon season will be lengthened so hunters can reduce the population.

Prize In Reverse

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. (AP)—The delegate to the convention of National Assn. of Travel Organizations who comes up with the best idea for increasing West Virginia's tourist trade will receive a prize from the state's Industrial and Publicity Commission.

The prize: a four week's vacation in Florida.

Wrong Ride Thumbed

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Three Thomas Jefferson high school sophomores decided to skip classes and go to town to look over Christmas displays. They thumbed a ride. The obliging motorist turned out to be the school principal, C. C. Hancock.

School Takes Class Out Before Public

WAYNOKA, Okla. (AP) — School Supt. Charles J. Page arranged to have the 24 pupils in the primary grade go through their lessons in a downtown department store in full view of passersby.

"We decided to take the school to the patrons," Page said. "We knew from past experience that many of them would not attend regular visiting periods at the school."

Ends Complaints

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Sign outside a gasoline service station:

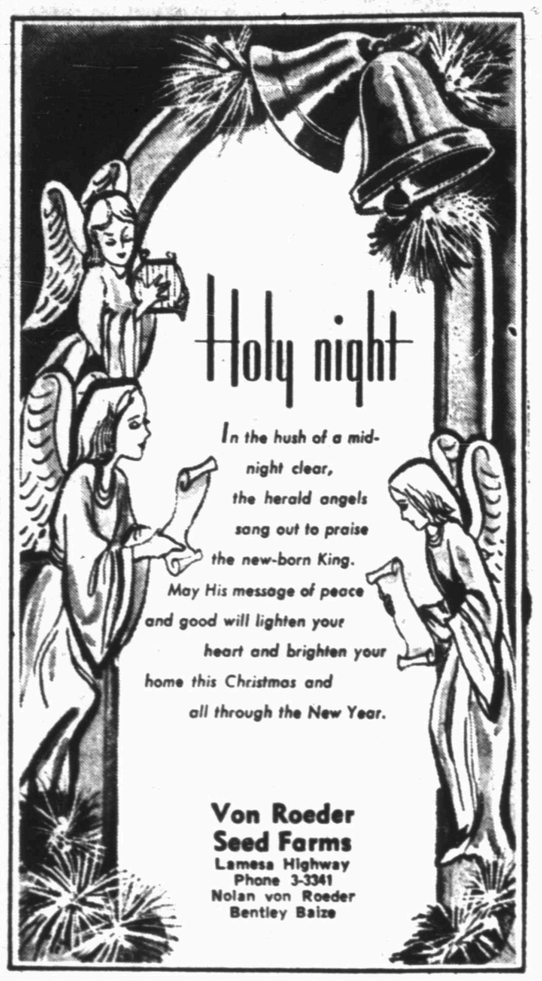
"To keep from having complaints about our free service, there will be no free service."



O, come all ye faithful...

May the peace and happiness symbolized by the Star of Christmas remain with you throughout the Holiday Season.

Neal Machine Shop









Merry Christmas

The Holiday season gives us the opportunity to thank you, one and all, for your past courtesies and to wish you the best the future can bring.

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J. V. Robinson, Mgr.
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Christmas Greetings

As shepherds watched their flocks... and Wise Men followed their Star... a Babe was born in Bethlehem almost two thousand years ago. Today, as then, His message of Peace and Good Will shines brightly in the hearts of men... a beacon of hope to light the way to a better world for all. In the true spirit of that message, age-old yet ever-young, we wish for everyone, everywhere, a Christmas rich in the joy of blessings received... bright with the promise of happiness, deep and abiding, through all the years to come.

Times Printing Co.

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GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Nothing Like Good Book To While Away TV Commercials

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Those long winter evening commercials on television have revived the lost art of reading.

There is no better time to pick up a good book and settle back for a reunion with the printed word than during those cheery interludes on your video screen during which the announcer tells you how you can avoid body odor and protect your lungs by drinking only filtered beer, packed in a king-size refrigerator that can be thrown away after using only once.

"During one long commercial I read my way through three feet of Dr. Eliot's old five-foot book shelf," a man bragged recently. "My wife, who has read all our books, knitted a sweater during another commercial."

So, if you want to do your friend a real favor this Christmas, why not refresh his ears by giving him a heart-warming, old-fashioned present—a book? If he has forgotten how to read, surprise him with a color picture book.

To guide you in making the right choice, here is our annual list of Christmas book suggestions—just in jest—for folks in and out of the public eye:

How To Make Doll Clothes—Marilyn Monroe.

All Done From Memory—Harry S. Truman.

How To Play Your Best Golf All The Time—President Ike.

A Practical Guide To Job Hunting—Sen. Joe McCarthy.

The Boy Who Saw Tomorrow—Vice President Nixon.

Our Animal Neighbors—to the family next door.

The Borrowers—to the other family next door.

For More Than Bread—to your favorite employer, the boss.

You must Relax—ditto.

Brother To The Dragons—the boss's assistant.

Some Enchanted Evenings—June Lockhart.

I Reached For a Star—Frank Sinatra.

Notes Without Music—Johnny Ray.

So Noble a Captain—Maj. Gen. Bill Dean of Korea, presented with a salute.

The Truants—Arthur Godfrey.

The Caine Mutiny—Julius La Rosa.

A Pail of Oysters—Milton Berle.

Kiss Me Again, Stranger—for Penelope, the Bronx Zoo's old maid platypus.

A Mingled Yarn—Quentin Reynolds.

What Can a Man Believe?—publisher Bennett Cerf.

The Age of Suspicion—Marlene Dietrich.

Time And Time Again—Ava Gardner.

Ways of Mammals—Tallulah Bankhead.

Until Victory—Adlai Stevenson.

The Future of Architecture—Betty Grable.

Meet Me at The Morgue—Premier Malenkov.

Sons for My Supper—Guy Lombardo.

Pocket Guide to the Birds—your favorite politician.

What Time Is it, World?—Winston Churchill.

Live Them Again—Bernard Baruch.

The Enchanted Cup—your favorite bartender.

Lord Vanity—many wives are buying this for their husbands, although I don't know why. Others prefer The Man Who Wouldn't Talk.

The Heart of the Family—your wife.

A Law for the Lion—ditto.

Flying Saucers From Outer Space—to a butter-fingered waiter.

By the Dawn's Ugly Light—fine for throwing at alarm clocks.

Life Is Worth Living and The Power of Positive Thinking—buy 'em for yourself, and give your own mind some fresh air and exercise.

Walks 100 Miles To Get His Son Treated

ADEN (AP)—Omar Elmi recently walked 100 miles carrying his seven-year-old son on his back, to Hargeisa, capital of the British Somaliland and a hospital there for medical treatment.

The boy had a lip infected with a tropical ulcer. He had been treated three years ago, and the doctor had told Elmi to "bring him back in 3 years for further treatment."

15-Cent Cup Of Coffee Not Reflected Here

Although the price of coffee is continuously rising on the market, the price of a cup of coffee in Snyder cafes probably will not change, according to several cafe owners interviewed this week.

Recent reports are that coffee had risen to 15 cents per cup in Chicago. Asked if such an increase is anticipated here, the cafe owners said they had not heard of anyone doing so.

Most Snyder cafes and other establishments serving coffee charge 10 cents per cup, while a few still charge five cents.

The regular price of coffee was five cents until about 1948, when most establishments in the Southwest went up to 10 cents.

Cafe owners here said the wholesale price of coffee is just barely under the retail price and sometimes even higher. The price of coffee on the market jumped two cents a pound several weeks ago. About six months before that time, it had risen four cents.

Some cafe owners here said that coffee by the pound has gone up 40 to 50 cents per pound since it was being sold in cafes for five cents a cup.

One cafe owner here said he will not go up on the price of coffee. He opined that coffee firms would like for cafes to raise the price per cup, since that would give them a better excuse for higher prices on the market. "It's high enough now," he said.

Coffee is retailing in Snyder grocery stores for an average of 93 cents a pound now.

That's What He Said

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—Albert Khuri was in a lively mood as he slid onto the stool at the restaurant. He told the waitress:

"A cup of coffee, s'il vous plais."

He got the coffee—along with a seafood plate.

Woman Always Pays

VALPARAISO, Ind. (AP)—A wife went to the hospital just long enough for treatment after an argument with her husband. Then, with one black eye, she appeared and paid the $1 fine Justice of Peace Mitchell Loniewski assessed against her husband.

Odd Bills Are Genuine

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Ben LeCompte, of Richmond, could open your eyes by changing a $10 bill.

LeCompte has a $1.50 and also a $4.00 bill. They were issued by the Mechanics Bank, of Washington, in 1952.

A Louisville, Ky., man recently turned up a $3 bill issued by the same bank. The treasury department assured him—Wilson K. Beatty—that it was genuine. Apparently LeCompte's bills are genuine also, but he hopes they are worth much more as collectors' items.

More than half of Americans wear spectacles.



Fulfillment of every one of your most eager expectations is our sincere Yuletide wish for you. May the happiness we hope will engulf your home and your family this Christmas continue through a prosperous New Year . . .

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Woodrow Worthington
1921 26th Street Phone 3-3352



My goodness! What a busy season this has been for us at McDonald's. Are we tired! But not too tired to wish you and yours a

Very Merry Christmas

We hope we have helped to make your day a little brighter . . . and that all your days in the year ahead will be brightened with great peace and deep, abiding happiness.

These are the wishes of your many good friends who help you shop at

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With a complete understanding of your problems the past year, and the fine manner in which you have met them, we extend Greetings of the Season. Your Christmas will be a merry one if our wish comes true and we hope it will.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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1604 Avenue S Phone 3-4731 or 3-3405



Greetings

May you find good cheer, peace and happiness at Christmas time. These are our sincere wishes for all our friends who have made this Christmas such a wonderful one for us.

The FAIR Store
NORTHEAST CORNER OF SQUARE

SEASON'S GREETINGS



The candles burn no more warmly than the spirit of our wishes for your Christmas happiness. To all our many friends we say "A very Merry Christmas to you and yours"

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SEASON'S GREETINGS!!

From Each Member of This Department . . .

. . . comes this greeting and our wish for all of you a Christmas that will bring you much happiness. Please accept, also, our sincere thanks for all past favors. You have been considerate of us, and we desire to continue to be of service to you . . .

Homer Whisnand, Sheriff and Deputies



WINNER — Helen Hayes, president of American Theater Wing, embraces Constance Simons, winner of Mary MacArthur Scholarship commemorating Miss Hayes' daughter, in New York.

ONLY TWO VETS LEFT

Confederate Pension Money May Go Into New Buildings

AUSTIN (AP)—While ranks thinned and memories dimmed for Texas' Confederate pensioners, plans were laid this year for Texans to decide whether to perpetuate their honor in the mortar and stone of a new state office building.

The state's two remaining veterans had total ages of 218. The number of widows dropped from 507 to 450.

The state fund to pay their pensions climbed from 3.9 to 4.6 million dollars.

FUND SUFFICIENT

Authorities say the fund, fed by a state property tax of 2 cents per $100 evaluation, is now greater than will ever be needed to care for the pensioners the rest of their lives.

The Legislature took note. It proposed the surplus and future money accruing to the fund might be used to build one or more new state office buildings, the first of which would be designated to honor the Confederacy.

The proposal, a constitutional amendment, will be voted on in November, 1954.

Texas' oldest veteran, Walter Williams, sat on the porch of his weatherbeaten old farm home near Franklin last month and tried to blow out the 111 candles on his birthday cake. He didn't quite make it with one puff.

GIVES CREDIT TO WIFE

He credited his long life to a "fine wife." Jokingly he credited it to a light diet: "You get up for breakfast, turn around for dinner and go to bed for supper."

A 5-foot-5, 110-pounder, he joined the Confederates when he was 22 and became a forage master for Hood's Brigade of Texas. His state pension is $200 per month.

Texas' other veteran, Thomas Riddle, observed his 107th anniversary in April. He figured he was due three more.

The only veteran in Texas' Confederate home for men, he hasn't been out of his room for more than two years but is considered in good condition for a man his age.

DOMINO PLAYER

A little man with a thatch of white hair, Riddle loves to play dominoes with his attendant and state senile patients who now share the home's facilities. He is deaf and says very little.

He served 18 months in Co. I, 22nd Regiment, Army of Tennessee. His state pension is $50 plus his care at the state home.

Only 29 of the 450 Confederate widows live at the State Home for Women. Those at the home are paid $25 per month with room and care. Others are paid $100 per month.

A recent state audit report of the two Confederate homes said their patients appeared to be well cared for by medical and nursing personnel.

THE LAW IN TEXAS

Divorced Fathers Never Out Of Child Support Obligation

A father always is responsible for the support of his minor children. This is true even though the father and mother are divorced, and either or both have married again.

For example, take the hypothetical case of a man named John Smith. When he and his wife Susan were divorced, the decree contained an order requiring John to pay Susan $100 each month for the support of their two minor children, both of whom were under 16 years of age.

John paid the money every month for a year. Then he heard that Susan had married again, so he discontinued the monthly payments. Six months later he was served with an order citing him into court for failing to pay the money. He also was arrested and charged with family desertion, which is a felony and punishable by imprisonment.

John protested bitterly to his attorney that his former wife was married again, his children had a father, and that he no longer should be held responsilbe for the children. But John learned that his understanding of the law was faulty.

The attorney explained that John still was the father of his children and was as responsible for their welfare as he had ever been. This would continue until the step-father or some other person should adopt the children, or until the children became of age. But because Susan's second husband had not adopted the children, John still was liable for the support money payments and could be punished by the court, even by imprisonment if necessary, for his refusal to comply with the court order.

Equally faulty in his conception of the law was another fictional father we shall call James Jones. A Texas court awarded his divorced wife $75 per month for support of their minor child. Jones payed the support money each month for some time.

Recently, however, Jones remarried, and, in the financial strain of establishing a new home, decided to cut down on the payments. Instead of sending his former wife $75 each month, he sent $10. He thought he was staying within the law because he was, after all, giving something toward his child's support.

Jones was dismayed, therefore, to learn that he not only was liable for the back payments under civil action, but that his conduct was found to constitute contempt.

Other reluctant fathers have learned that in 1951 the Texas Legislature adopted the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act which is designed to make it possible and practical to enforce both the civil and criminal provisions of our law relating to the support of children against fathers who leave Texas in an effort to avoid their legal and natural obligation to support their children.

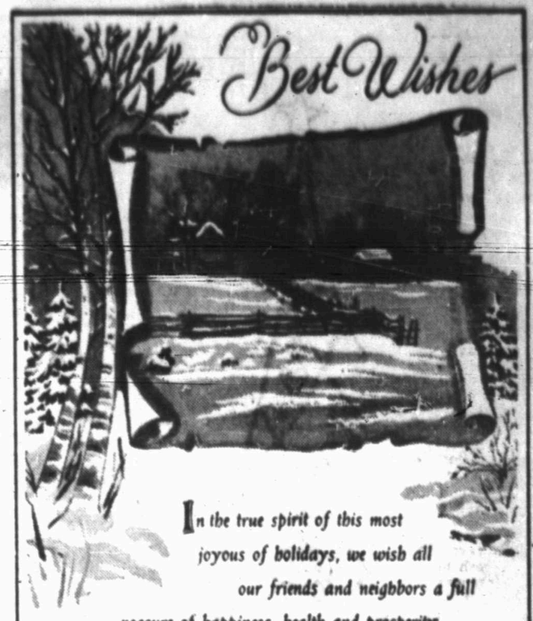
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May All The Joys Of The Holiday Season Be Yours

