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Panama Bases

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The bases are the Panama Canal Zone, which the U. S. used during the war. The State Department considers them vital to defense of the canal.

The State Department today announced that it will not negotiate for the Panama Canal Zone until the Panamanian government of the assembly's rejection before making any further moves.

That government officials fear with the situation suggested there might be little point in trying to work out an agreement during the heat of a presidential campaign which is now beginning.

Opposition in Panama has centered principally on leasing the Canal Zone and on the idea of giving up Panamanian territory to the U. S. in peace terms.

Trade first started over two years ago when Panamanian President Ricardo Arias told the assembly the U. S. had to clear out of all wartime bases on Panamanian soil by 1948—one year after signing of the Japanese surrender.

The State Department rejected this. It pointed out that the 1947 defense agreement with Japan under which the U. S. would vacate them one year after signing of the "definitive peace treaty."

The document signed in Tokyo May in 1945, the department said, was not a treaty but an armistice.

To avoid legislative haggling over this point, 16 months ago U. S. proposed a new agreement to negotiate for a new agreement for postwar use of the 14 miles which the Army wanted to retain. Meanwhile, the Army shut down almost all the other bases it had in Panama.

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JERUSALEM

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Florida State News In Brief

850 Departed

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The refugee ship named Al Takhid (You Can't Fight Us) by the Jews, had been intercepted when it entered Pales-
tine waters about 90 miles south-
west of Haifa. The ship was flying the Zionist flag.

The boarding was completed by a Marine squad without opposition. The statement added that the only casualty was a British sailor who fractured his hip when he slipped and fell during the operation.

The refugee ship was the first to be intercepted in Palestine waters by the British Navy since the United Nations decision Nov. 29 to partition the Holy Land.

Meanwhile about 850 Jews aboard the passenger ship Transylvania, bound from Romania to France, Cuba and other countries, were refused permission to land at Haifa to visit friends and relatives in this area.

HUNTERS RETURN

MIAMI, Dec. 23 (AP)—Three Miami hunters who spent seven nights in the Everglades about when their swamp buggy broke down arrived home today.

Red Accusation

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dispatch said, "There exists the opinion-reinforced by recent reports in French newspapers—that the United States is transferring troops to Austria and Germany after withdrawing them from Italy."

"There are also a large number of officers in Salzburg who have arrived as 'visitors' from Bavaria. In private conversations they say the units are being transferred there from Italy."

"Recently numerous American servicemen have been appearing in the streets of Salzburg wearing division insignia unknown in Austria. These men are chiefly officers."

Grain Deals

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tee he went into the market to purchase the government stock. He said he began getting out after taking it and has never had inside information on government commodity purchasing plans.

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SANTA CRABBS

MIAMI, Dec. 23 (AP)—Santa Claus crashed his light plane at a private airport here today, just a few hours before he was scheduled to fly the ship around the Florida land and distribute toys to children from a welfare home.

The Santa Claus, W. O. Wirth, chief instructor at Brown's Air and taken to a hospital.

The Christmas party, sponsored annually by the Florida Air Pilots Association, was cancelled.

The toys were not in the plane at the time. They were to be distributed later.

FLORIDA SNOW

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23 (AP)—An offer to run a rotary snowplow to St. Petersburg, with the United States flag flying from the City's attempt to produce a Christmas holiday snowfall gets out of hand, was made today by Police Chief Everett Orr of Hendersonville, N. C.

Bob Leon will fly his army training plane to a probable height of 10,000 feet in an effort to produce the first snowfall in the history of the city by seeding cumulus clouds with dry ice.

DIRTY ACCIDENT

LAKELAND, Dec. 23 (AP)—Four persons were injured, one Greyhound bus and a light truck near Lakeland's eastern city limits today.

State Highway Patrolman W. E. Floyd said William Delong of Auburndale, driver of the truck, was thrown from the cab by the impact and was in critical condition at a hospital here.

HER APPAREL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 23 (AP)—An arch-chauvinist who inherited \$100,000 from his first wife six years ago became heir yesterday to another \$100,000 left him by his second wife.

The new inheritance for John G. Knley was announced in a quiet proceeding before Vice Chancellor Vincent B. Hansman on the will of Mrs. Margaret Clyde Knley, who died Dec. 9.

Tourists from the United States spent about \$214,000,000 in Canada last year.

Report Heard From TB Sales, Bangles

The Lee Bours, the junior department of the Sanford Women's Club, conducted a street sale of TB bangles Saturday as their part in assisting with the Seminole County Tuberculosis Association Christmas Bait Sale. Over 100 were donated through purchases of these bangles.

Mrs. B. G. McIntosh of Altamonte reports that she has exceeded its goal already and there are still more letters to come. Mrs. Mary Grant of Lake Monroe, also reports success. Sanford, to date is still a bit behind last year.

"I urge all the people in Seminole County to realize the importance of helping with the TB program and to respond generously to the Christmas Bait Sale sent to you," said Jack Rattan, general chairman of the county-wide Christmas Bait Sale.

French Assembly

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era Confederation of Labor (CFT), the "overall" proposal filed by Leon Jouhaux, head of the new workers' force, predicted the movement would be supported by the majority of the World Federation of Trade Unions.

It indicated a belief that he could hold his seat as the French representative on the WFTU executive bureau, a development which would weaken Communist penetration in the world trade union movement and which might lead to a world-wide split.

"We are sure of the sympathy of the British and American trade union movements and a majority of the WFTU," said Jouhaux, who headed the CGT until the Communists captured control.

Greek Silent

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Senator Samuel Dornan, who sought unsuccessfully to learn if two of the papers Kyriazidis represented were Communist, recanted the hearing. It will reconvene later today.

"I will not answer," Kyriazidis kept repeating as Dornan sought to learn his relationship with Greek newspapers.

The proceedings were opened despite previous indications of postponement while U. S. officials weighed the possibility of the act violated an agreement with the U. N.

Kyriazidis' attorney, Iddo E. Eshander, challenged the jurisdiction of the hearing, asserting that under federal law the only issue was whether the Greek is duly accredited to the U. N. and that other questions were improper.

"There are very important con-

TAX RECEIPTS

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 23 (AP)—Increased retail business and inflated merchandise values have boosted Florida state inventory and store license tax receipts to a new year's record in less than six months.

Collectors since the beginning of the fiscal year last July 1 have totaled \$1,821,184 which is \$467,913 above receipts for the entire 12 months of the last fiscal year.

The receipts are \$227,926 ahead of the same date a year ago, and E. E. Waterman, head of the state tax division for comptroller C. M. Gay's office, estimates they will total \$1,500,000 for the year. That will be by far the greatest amount since the tax was levied in 1941.

Woman Kills Self

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away. "I don't want any policeman."

They left and Arabiko stayed. When the double locked the door, Arabiko began to unlock it. He told Mrs. Brody the policeman would send a police matron to help her.

"I was talking to her all the time. I guess," Arabiko said, "but I can't seem to remember what I said. My mind seemed to be all filled up with Christmas—my wife, our two kids, the presents at home, and everything."

Suddenly, Arabiko said, she started to lean out the window and quietly threw it open. Arabiko attempted to grab her—but too late. She jumped. He looked out the window and saw her lying in her bright blue dressing gown, on the pavement. Arabiko was dead.

Arabiko went to the alley, made a photograph of her body and called his office.

European Aid Bill

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The President has 10 days from last Friday, not including Sundays or the Christmas holiday, in which to act on the legislation.

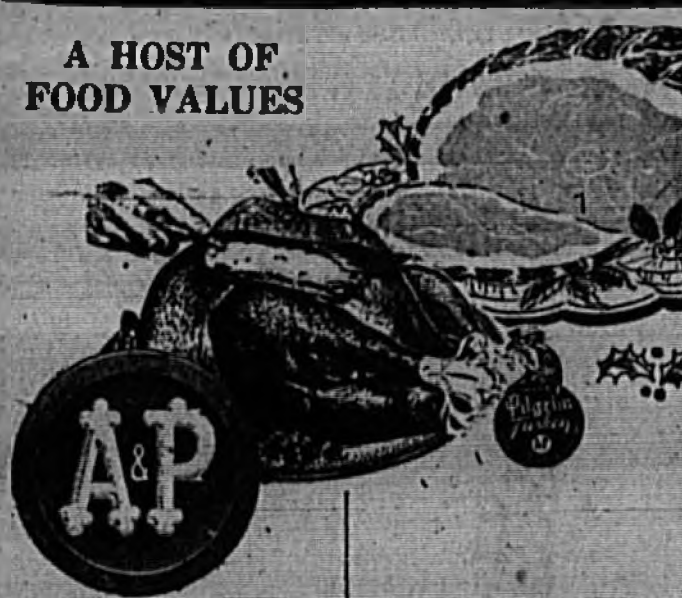
Meanwhile, Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) contended that two Republican lawmakers have repudiated the claim of Senator Taft (R-Ohio) that the GOP cost of living bill is adequate to curb inflation.

Taft has said that if President Truman signs the legislation now before him, the Chief Executive will have power to check "nearly all the principal causes of inflation, if he really wishes to do so." The Ohio Senator urged slash in government spending as a supplementary step.

O'Mahoney, who fought the Taft-sponsored measure as too weak, said a reporter Taft's statement was "repudiated and contradicted" by House Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) and Senator Wilson (R-Iowa).

BOATS SEIZED

ROME, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Italian Navy Agency ANSA reported from Bari today that some 30 Italian motor fishing boats which were seized about 100 miles from Adriatic ports had been captured by the Yugoslavs.



A HOST OF FOOD VALUES

Turkeys	Half or Whole
Hens	lb 53c
Tomps	lb 63c
POULTRY	
Florida Crown Dressed-Drawn Hens	lb 65c
Florida Crown Dressed-Drawn Fryers	lb 69c
Florida Crown Dressed-Drawn Ducks	lb 64c
Bell's Poultry Seasoning	9c
A & P Apple Sauce	15c
Ans Page Jar Grape Jam lb.	21c
A & P Yellow Corn No. 2 can	19c
Hollans No. 31/2 Cap Fruit Cocktail	38c
Bellows Mint Jelly 12 oz. jar	17c
Marvel Stuffed BREAD 1 1/2 lb Loaf	18c
Disco Crystal Factory Packd SUGAR 5 lbs	45c
JANE PARKER Luscious FRUIT CAKE lb	75c
2 lbs	\$2.23
5 lbs	\$3.65
Garden Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	
Brazil NUTS lb	39c
English WALNUTS lb	40c
Delicious APPLES 2 lbs	29c
1/2 box	2.95
TANGERINES doz	10c
Emu GRAPES 2 lbs	28c
CELERY 2 stalks	25c
BEETS bunch	18c
Yon APPLES 2 lbs	21c

FRESH PORK

Center Cut Pork Chops	lb 63c
Boston Butts	lb 57c
Hickies Picnic Hams	lb 45c
Almoner Picnic Pudding	lb 45c
Herston Mince Meat	37c
Sollans Rusty Jone Peas No. 2 can	18c
Sollans White Beans No. 2	20c
Worthmore Orange Slice	25c
Hollans Brown Sugar	10c
Worthmore Sticks 2 1/2 oz.	10c



Disco Crystal Factory Packd SUGAR 5 lbs 45c

JANE PARKER Luscious FRUIT CAKE lb 75c

2 lbs \$2.23

5 lbs \$3.65

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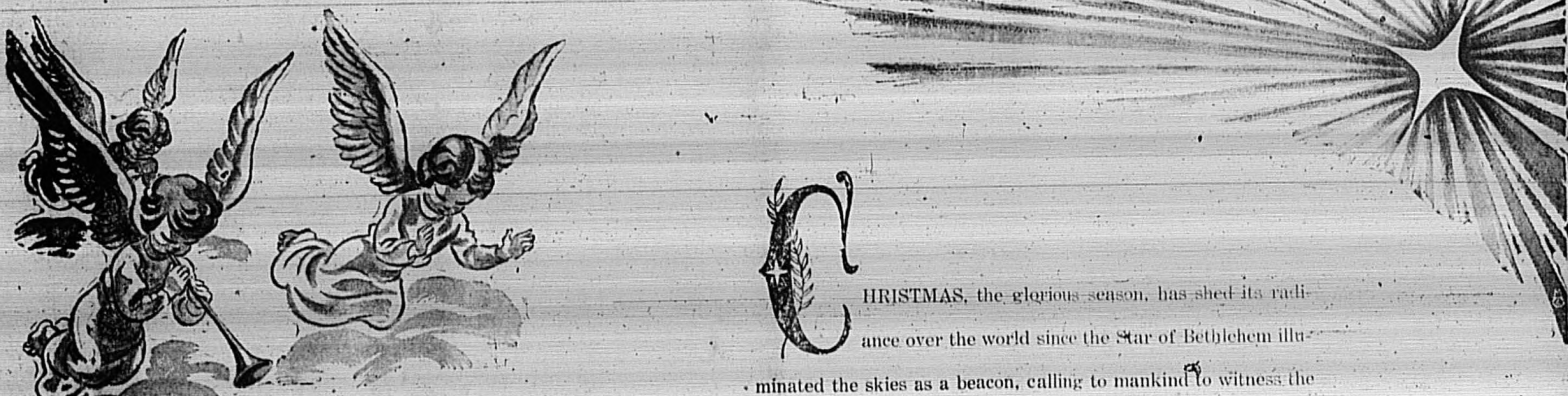
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the Herald Angels
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Glory to the
new-born
King



Government Of Reds Reported In N. Greece

Gerrilla Chief Proclaims Establishment Of Independent Communist Rule

ATHENS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Greek army headquarters at Volos was reported today to have intercepted a radio "announcement" that General Markos Vafiades, Greek guerrilla leader, had proclaimed the establishment of an independent Communist "government" somewhere in northern Greece.

An attempt by the guerrillas to set up some sort of regime in opposition to the Athens government long has been anticipated here.

Vafiades, whom Greek troops have been unsuccessfully attempting to hunt down, announced through a guerrilla broadcast several months ago had assumed all authority in guerrilla-held areas pending establishment of a "provisional democratic government."

Athens observers have speculated that Russia and her Balkan satellites would immediately recognize the Communist "government" set up by Vafiades, thereby obtaining an excuse to extend military aid to the guerrillas.

Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria have been accused by the Athens government of assisting the guerrillas, and the charges were sustained by a majority of the United Nations Balkans Commission.

All three have refused to cooperate with a Balkan watchdog Commission appointed by the UN.

Foreign Minister Constantine Tsaldaris, Minister of War George Stratos and General Yannis, chief of staff, immediately went into conference at the foreign ministry following receipt of reports concerning the Vafiades announcement.

There was a disposition on the part of some government officials to regard the broadcast as merely part of the Communist "war of nerves."

Informal sources, however, said that if Vafiades really has set up an opposition "government" asked to intervene.

Unofficially it was said the Vafiades announcement was apparently broadcast by a station outside Greece—presumably in another Balkan nation. Vafiades was said to be taking the post of premier in the new "government."

Undeclared Quarter Horse To Be Featured In Races Here Sunday

"Misty B," an undeclared Florida quarter horse champion, and "Stella Moore," a well qualified challenger from Texas, are to be featured Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at quarter horse races at the Dury Boots Riding Club track at the Municipal Airport.

Other horses, considered among the best quarter horses in the state, are scheduled to race.

In the second featured event, "Carry Me" owned by Joe Priest of Tavares is matched with "Baby Sis," owned by Harry Westberry of Palatka. "Baby Sis" won a quarter horse race at Gulfstream Park in Miami last year. The race was open to all horses of the class.

Joe Priest is pitting his "Pin Up Girl" against "Little Annie" owned by E. W. Williams of Palatka in the third featured race. "Little Annie" was a 220 yard champion until her last race in Orlando where she lost the crown, but she will be in top condition for the event and is expected to give the challenger much trouble, according to Jack Hassard, president of the Dusty Boots Club.

In the final special event H. C. Howard is entering his "Pop Eye" to run against "Dusty Bailey" owned by Harry Westberry. "Pop Eye" is a local horse and is a well respected runner. "Dusty Bailey" is a bulldog type quarter horse which can show much speed for the short distance of 220 yards. There will be five other races.

More than 2,200 cattlemen and horsemen from all over the state have been invited to attend the meet in addition to the spectators who will be present.

Jack Butler, trainer for Joe Priest; Cecil Cowart, trainer for Westberry; and R. C. Howard; and Bill Elliott, trainer for Harry Westberry, have arrived at the track with their horses and have invited the public to come out to watch the training schools.

State To Spend 35 Millions On Roads During '48

Gasoline Taxes Are Expected To Yield \$28,000,000 In Year

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 24 (AP)—About \$35,000,000 will be available for new road and bridge improvements in Florida during 1948.

Chairman Elgin Bayless of the State Road Department estimated his agency will receive \$28,000,000 in gasoline taxes and incidental sources and will have about \$7,000,000 in matching federal funds for approved new construction.

The Department is now closing out a record \$50,000,000 construction program for 1947 in which expenditures matched receipts and exhausted a \$10,000,000 reserve fund built up during the war years.

More than \$18,000,000 worth of carryover projects were completed during the past year and Bayless estimated an equal, if not greater, amount must be included

Xmas Pardons To Draft Act Dodgers Given

President Truman Restores Citizenship Rights To 1,523 Convicted Violators

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The White House is decorated and the Truman clan is gathering there for Christmas.

There are lighted trees on the Pennsylvania Avenue portico, red poinsettias in the foyer and holly on the mantel in the state dining room.

Already here are the President's sister, Miss Mary Truman of Independence, Mo., and Mrs. Truman's brother, D. F. Wallace of Denver and his family which includes youngsters Marion, 10, and David, 13.

Two other brothers of Mrs. Truman, George P. Wallace and Frank G. Wallace, both of Independence, and their wives are expected by Christmas.

The President and the family plan to open gifts after breakfast Christmas morning in the upstairs west hall where the family tree will be set up. There will also be a tree in the east room.

Mrs. James Helm, White House social secretary said that Mrs. Truman and daughter Margaret, who are Episcopalians, will attend midnight service Christmas eve.

The Christmas dinner menu is planned to use as little wheat as possible. There will be a bit of bread in chestnut dressing which the baked turkey will be stuffed with no rolls, pies, or cakes.

The menu: Tomato consommé, celery and olives, roast turkey with chestnut dressing and giblet gravy, cranberry jelly, mashed potatoes, asparagus, moldings with fruit as a salad, plum pudding, candy, nuts and coffee.

That the country would now be fighting a "recession."

They believe the price climb should level off somewhat in coming months. But they've been wrong before, and they shy away from quotable predictions until they see the final result of President Truman's demand for price wage controls, rationing, and other anti-inflation measures.

Republican leaders in Congress prefer voluntary steps to curb the spiral of wages and prices. But even Senator Taft (R-Ohio) chairman of the republican steering committee, says next Spring's meat shortage may be acute as to demand rationing by April.

As 1947 entered its final month, wholesale commodity prices were only four percent short of the all-time inflation level of May, 1920, farm products already were at the highest level on record.

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NO SNOW FLAKE ST. PETERSBURG Dec. 24 (AP)

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WHISKY RATIONING WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)

The 60-day whisky-making holiday ends at midnight tonight, leaving distillers free to use as much scarce grain as they wish until the government finds a way to intervene.

The situation is not expected to prevail very long, however, since intimates of President Truman say he is prepared to sign the Republican anti-inflation bill which restores his wartime power to ration grain for making liquor.

Pope Calls For League Of Honest Men

Trend Toward Insincerity Is Blamed For Collapse Of London Conference

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (AP)—Pope Pius XII, in his annual Christmas message, declared today that a "policy of insincerity" among nations was blocking the path to peace and called for a "league of honest men" to safeguard the world against war.

The Pontiff specifically blamed "a growing tendency toward insincerity" for collapse of the recent foreign ministers conference in London, which he said had left the world "further than ever from the true peace."

He sharply condemned those nations which, he said, had adopted "the lie and the glibbed word" as "accepted weapons of offense" in an effort to "win at any cost the battle of class interest and theories, of ideologies and power politics."

The Pontiff named no names in placing the blame for the present state of world affairs, but his 4,400-word address contained many passages which were interpreted as condemnation of Communism and of the postwar policies of the Soviet Union.

The Pope spoke of the "titanic struggle between two opposing 'isms' now going on in the world" and declared that hate united "one faction while whiling the other into a 'vast league' for good."

Insincerity and the want of regard for the truth, he said, "have today been erected into a system elevated to a degree of state in which the lie, the misrepresentation of words and facts, and deceit have become a classic offensive arm, which some manage with skill and are proud of their skill."

These forces, he added, have mastered "the modern technique in the art of forming public opinion of directing it, of leading it to the service of their policy, resolved as they are to triumph at all costs."

Clear Christmas For Most Parts Of U. S.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS Clear skies and seasonable temperatures were forecast for the greater part of the nation Christmas day and in many of the north-eastern states, where from one to 16 inches of snow is on the ground, it will be a white Christmas.

The newest falls of snow blanketed parts of southern Ohio, Pennsylvania, southeastern New York state and the New England area to depths of from four to 15 inches.

Heavy winds accompanied the snow but federal forecasters said the storm was moving out to sea. Winds of 36 miles per hour were reported in Boston where the fall of snow was heaviest. Lebanon, N. H., reported 15 inches. Boston's early morning temperatures were 25.

However, there was 16 inches of snow on the ground in Fargo, N. D., and snow also covered areas throughout the Great Lakes region, Minnesota and the Dakotas and the upper Ohio Valley eastward through Pennsylvania.

Today's coldest weather was in La Crosse, Wis., where the mercury dropped to 2 below zero.

Mild temperatures were predicted for Christmas for the southern states and northward through the plains and mountain states, while some snow flurries were forecast for the northern Great Lakes area and the northern Rockies. There will be rain in the Pacific northwest, extending southward to north of San Francisco and inland into Idaho and extreme northern Nevada.

Tomorrow's early morning weather will be cold in the middle and north Atlantic states westward into the Great Lakes region but the mercury was expected to climb to normal levels during the day.

Nation Prepares To Honor The Prince Of Peace And Good Will

The nation prepared today to celebrate its third post-war Christmas in a tradition-rich setting of merry-making, gestures of good will and religious pageantry paying tribute to Christianity's Prince of Peace.

Celebrating Christmas in the executive mansion for the first time, President Truman arranged to extend his greetings to the entire nation by radio at 5:16 P. M. (EST) this afternoon. The customary light-

yesterday that destroyed hundreds of gift packages and letters aboard a Pennsylvania railroad New York-to-St. Louis passenger train. The flames turned the car into a blackened shell.

Balancing this bit of woe, however, were tidings from San Francisco that a hardberiber would open an exchange Friday for dads who don't fancy their Christmas ties. The store promises a \$1 credit toward purchase of one of its "conservative" neckties for any "buna fide" example of the tie maker's art or fancy."

The usual pre-Christmas weather vagaries and casualties beset the nation. Numerous areas dug out from beneath heavy snowfalls. In New England, four persons last night were reported dead, four missing and nearly a score injured in the wake of an unexpected storm that covered most of the section with

persons as the result of a fire

Senator Downey Declines Post Of Edwin W. Pauley

McGrath Endeavors To Heal Split In Democratic Ranks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Democratic efforts to smooth a party organization rough spot were set back today by the assertion of Senator Downey (D-Calif.) that he is "too busy" to take over the California national committee post being vacated by Edwin W. Pauley.

Downey told a reporter he can't find the time outside his Senate duties to take on Pauley's job, as he is reported to have urged to do by Senator McGrath (D-R.I.), the party's national chairman.

McGrath has been working to heal a split in California Democratic ranks growing out of differences between Pauley and State Chairman James Roosevelt, son of the late President.

Roosevelt has represented a more or less insurgent wing of California Democrats generally regarded as rather disinterested in President Truman's 1948 election chances. And with 26 electoral votes at stake, the President's friends—Pauley included—want no defections next November if they can prevent them.

The Roosevelt following in California could be expected to furnish some support for Henry A. Wallace if the latter runs for President on a third party ticket. However, beyond reports that he favors an uncommitted delegation, there is no indication that Roosevelt would go along on any such venture.

But Democrats here have made no bones about their desire to get both wings of the party together in California. They recall Wallace's disheartened support there in 1944, when the former Vice President got 10 of the state's 52 votes on the ballot which nominated Mr. Truman overwhelmingly for Vice President.

HUNTING LICENSES

So great has been the demand for hunting licenses in Seminole County of late that the office of County Judge E. W. Ware recently ran out of application blanks and had to use receipt forms.

During the past few months 600 county and 650 state hunting licenses have been issued, a total of 1,150.

Few Pilgrims Visit Manger In Holy Land

Palestinian Strife Thins Multitudes Who Normally Worship In Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 24 (AP)—Cold, rain-sodden winds swept the Judean hills today as Christmas Eve pilgrims, thinned to a handful by unceasing strife in the Holy Land, arrived in this birthplace of the Prince of Peace for traditional observances.

Many of them came from Jerusalem, down the road over which Joseph and Mary passed nearly 2,000 years ago today to seek and be refused shelter at an inn. Their goal was the sacred grotto, on the site of the stable where Joseph and Mary found a haven and where Christ was born.

Usually tens of thousands throng this hillside village, sacred to a third of mankind, for the Christmas Eve ceremony, but today far fewer braved the hazards of communal strife to pray at the place where the manger was.

In the grotto, there will be constant prayers until the early hours of Christmas morning when the little marble altar which represents the straw-filled manger where the baby Jesus lay, services also will be held in other shrines in the church of the nativity and in the Franciscan Church of St. Catherine's next door.

The gray stone church of the nativity, built 15 centuries ago and rebuilt by the crusaders, stands peacefully today under Bethlehem's slate gray skies, a symbol of everything which Palestine is not. For peace does not abide in Palestine.

British soldiers, celebrating their 30th and last Christmas as a military power in the Holy Land, were expected to number several hundred in the Christmas Eve services. In other years there were thousands, but today most of them are on security duty, striving to stop the killing of Arab by Jew and Jew by Arab.

Protestants of half a dozen denominations hold their Christmas Eve services tonight in the open courtyard of St. George's Cathedral of the Greek Orthodox convent, led by Archbishop Weston Stewart. Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, British high commissioner for Palestine expects to attend.

Ducks Pay No Heed To Motorists' Signs

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 24 (AP)—The meanderings of wild ducks that have grounded themselves for the winter along the Fox River have posed a tough problem for some municipalities in the river valley.

On the outskirts of St. Charles a sign warns motorists "Drive Carefully, Wild Ducks Crossing." But, reports Mayor Walter E. Miller of Elgin, chairman of the Fox Valley Mayors' Association, the ducks are paying no attention to the sign and crossing the highway at several points in an river where there are no runways.

Their stiff necked insistence on marching single file across the road is delaying motorists, Miller said.

PAINTER INJURED

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Santa Claus Has Exciting Time With Children On First Street

Santa Claus is having a very interesting time with the kiddies on First Street and is here through the invitation of the Sanford Merchants' Association.

Knowing of course that youngsters never tire of eating candy, he always keeps a good supply on hand to dole out.

Yesterday Santa, with his usual jovial chuckle told a wide-eyed little girl with long braids that he would trade some candy for his pig.

Robson, Jr. who wants a cowboy hat, a baseball, an airplane, a truck, a football outfit and a wind-up train, said he would trade his pig for the things he wanted.

However, to make sure he acted as stenographer for his little sister, Jennie who wanted Santa to be sure to bring her a pretty doll, a set of dishes and a wind-up outfit.

Holiday Season
Christmas 1947

In This Joyous Season of Christmas

we want to renew all our old friendships, want each of you to feel your importance to us, and to realize that without you the story would have been quite different.

A very Merry Christmas to all of you, friendly people of this community!

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 17457 of 1935. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That T. S. Humbley and W. C. Humbley, holders of one-half of Tax Certificate No. 1561, issued the 1st day of August A. D. 1931, has made same in my office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. Said certificate embraces the following described property in the County of Seminole, State of Florida, to-wit:

Lot 11 Block 25 M. W. Clark. The assessment of the said property under the said certificate is made in the name of T. W. Moran. Unless said certificate shall be returned according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder at the court house door on the first Monday in the month of January, 1948, which is the 1st day of January, 1948. Dated this 2nd day of December, 1947.

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The following described property in the County of Seminole, State of Florida, to-wit: Lot 16 Block 1 Cameron Plat Book 1 Page 90.

The assessment of the said property under the said certificate is made in the name of P. W. Kennedy.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I am engaged in business at 215 Sanford Avenue, Sanford, Florida, under the Florida State Art Glass Company, and that I intend to register said name pursuant to the terms of the "Fictitious Name Statute" (Chapter 2082, Laws of Florida, 1931) with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Seminole County, Florida.

John Kanner, Owner

Dec. 19, 1947

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 17457 of 1935. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That Sam Burke, holder of Tax Certificate No. 29, issued the 2nd day of July A. D. 1943, has filed same in my office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. Said certificate embraces the following described property in the County of Seminole, State of Florida, to-wit:

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Bankers of the Florida State Bank of Sanford, Florida, a banking corporation, will be held in its banking rooms on Tuesday, January 12, 1948, at 1:00 P. M. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transference of such other business as may become before the meeting.

E. J. Kipprick, Secretary

Dec. 19, 1947

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CHRISTMAS remembrance



It would be difficult, indeed, to forget our friends, particularly at Christmas. We want you to know how close we feel to all of you, and how sincerely we wish for each of you the choicest blessings of Yuletide.

The Polar Bear

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CHRISTMAS



Year after year we have been wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, each year hoping to make our message a little warmer, a little more personal.

It is with some such thought as this that we now add this "Merry Christmas" to the many that have gone before, with the hope that it will find you abundantly blessed with everything that the magic wand of Christmas can bestow.

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Merry Christmas to EVERYBODY

7. W. Lawton

Revenuers Hunt For Sugar Bowl Scalpers

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21 (AP) - A hunt for scalpers selling Sugar Bowl tickets above normal prices has been instituted by the United States Collector of Internal Revenue here.

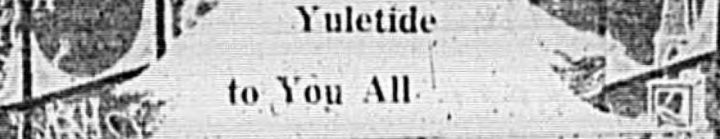
C. A. Donnelly, the collector, said he has ordered 120 deputies to be on the watch for scalpers because "information is being received in these offices that certain persons are offering Sugar Bowl tickets for sale far above the established price."

Donnelly said scalpers of such tickets are required by law to register with his office and to pay tax on tickets sold. Failure to do so, he said, makes them liable to a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment from one to ten years.

He said seven such persons, termed "brokers," registered with his office last year and paid the tax.

Louisiana law forbids the sale of tickets at any price over that imprinted on them.

Joyous Yuletide to You All



We've a bounty of good wishes for a wonderful, merry, joyous Christmas... a happy year to come filled with health and prosperity. We've also a bouquet of "thank you's" for all our many patrons of the past year. We've enjoyed serving you... we hope to have the same pleasure in the New Year just dawning. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year One and All!

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IN ANY EVENT, WE CAN PHRASE NO BETTER MESSAGE FOR THIS JOYOUS SEASON THAN THAT ANCIENT WISH.

The Office Personnel joins me in wishing you a JOYOUS CHRISTMAS and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

JOHN L. GALLOWAY Tax Collector, Seminole County Florida

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BOBBY by SEMINOLE COUNTY LAUNDRY CO. I'VE BEEN WONDERIN' WHAT ABOUT? IS THERE ANYTHING THAT HIBERNATES IN THE SUMMER? SANTA CLAUS Bobby and the Personnel of the Seminole County Laundry wish you a very Merry Christmas! SEMINOLE COUNTY LAUNDRY CO. LAUNDERING DRY CLEANING MOTH PROOFING WATER REPELLING RUG CLEANING PHONE 475 819 WEST THIRD STREET SANFORD, FLORIDA PHONE 475

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Christmas Holy Night Silent Night Again gay carols ring out with their cheery message of holiday joy. In the old, old spirit of Christmas, voices of the carolers echo the message of "... tidings of great joy." Thus, too, do we join the carolers in wishing for you the blessed gifts of Peace on Earth, Joy, Good Will to Men. SEMINOLE DRY CLEANERS 218 Magnolia Avenue Phone 861

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BIBLE VERSE FOR TODAY

**MEN HAVE TRIED TO BUILD
 EMPIRES ON FALSEHOOD
 AND UNRIGHT EOUSNESS.
 THEY FAILED. BUILD YOUR
 LIFE ON TRUTH AND RIGHT-
 EOUSNESS IF YOU DO NOT
 WANT TO END IN FAILURE.
 He that uttereth truth, showeth
 forth righteousness.—Prov. 12:17.**

BEND LOW, OH PALMIST!
 Bend low, oh palmist, in silent
 adoration,
 For He is come who loves all
 lovely things.
 Let every garden be a procla-
 mation,
 With poinsettias red as robin-
 wings!

And lead yourself, wine-berried
 cheeks blough,
 To light the moment with a festi-
 vity glow.
 Beneath these Southern skies each
 Christmas vow
 Should breathe a merrier note
 than where they know.

Has blanked its crystal stillness,
 high on hill,
 Ring out, hibiscus-bells, that all
 may know
 The manger with its message of
 good will,
 To which the Wise Men journeyed
 long ago.

Was shaded by a palm that knew
 the thrill
 Of mocking birds. And for sweet
 Mary's sake
 Let every cassia-bush be candle-
 bright,
 And every lily mirrored in a lake
 Repeat the Star that lit that Holy
 Night.

Bend low, oh palmist, in silent ad-
 oration,
 For He is come, the Babe of
 Bethlehem!
 Let every garden be a procla-
 mation,
 And every tropic tree a diadem.
 —Vivian Kaiser Larraport,
 Poet Laureate of Florida
 Merry Christmas.

We're afraid that when Santa
 Claus slides down the chimney
 in some of these European coun-
 tries this year, he's going to look
 strangely like Uncle Sam.

It will be a Merry Christmas
 at the White House this year,
 with Margaret home from her
 concert tour and a whole flock
 of Missouri relatives spending the
 holidays with the President. It will
 be the first time that Truman
 has spent Christmas in the White
 House since he became President.

Christmas lights are burning
 in Christmas, Florida, for the
 first time tonight. The little
 Orange county community from
 which Christmas postcards have
 long been mailed by thousands
 who like the Christmas postmark
 now has electric lights for the
 first time and the residents are
 said to be making use of them.

The latest words of the Pope
 are warning by Protestant
 as well as Catholic: "It is nec-
 essary that all understand it is
 not with discord, with tumults,
 with fraternal massacres that lost
 goods may be regained or those
 in danger saved, but only with
 active concord, with mutual un-
 derstanding, with peaceful labor."
 You don't get more food by
 burning it up, but only by pro-
 ducing more.

You may be feeling the pinch
 of the high cost of living, but
 not so much as the 55,000 needy
 old people in Florida who are
 still trying to live on their average
 \$37.36 a month pensions in the
 face of continually rising prices,
 and who cannot possibly get any
 relief until after the next legisla-
 tive session meets nearly a year
 and a half from now. Meanwhile,
 a letter comes to us from the Florida
 Children's Home in Jacksonville
 where income has not in-
 creased though the price of food
 for those hungry orphan mouths
 has gone up as much as it has
 here. If you can spare another
 contribution at this Christmas
 season, don't forget the Children's
 Home in Jacksonville.

A Christmas Sermon

Judge not that ye be not judged; For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.
 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to them that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.
 —St. Matthew, 7.

Christmas Customs

Perhaps you wonder why at Christmas time we have a lighted Christmas tree? No one seems to be quite sure how the custom began, though there are many stories about it. The children of Alsace tell how good Saint Florian lighted the first tree for his little friends in the forest. In Germany they say that Martin Luther, wishing to show his children how a fir tree sparkled in the starlight of a frosty night placed candles on a tree indoors. Of one thing we are certain, Christmas trees were used in Germany before they were known in America and in England.

The custom of exchanging gifts at Christmas time probably goes back to the gifts brought to the Christ Child by the Wise Men. In Spain it is said that the Three Kings still come riding on their camels. The bringer of gifts is different in each country. In Holland Saint Nicholas comes riding on his white horse. First he visits the children to see if they have been good; then he returns to fill their shoes with gifts, or switches. When Hollanders crossed the ocean to make a home in New Amsterdam they brought Saint Nicholas with them. In time his name was changed to Santa Claus.

English children hang their stockings for Father Christmas or Santa Claus to fill. In Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, a gray-bearded elf, a nisse or tomt, lives with the family the year round and brings them gifts in the Yule season. In old Russia the children believed that Basouska, an aged peasant woman, brought their gifts as she went from house to house seeking the Christ Child. In France it is Pere Noel or the little Jesus who brings the gifts, while in Italy a little old woman called the Befana comes on the feast day. The children in Germany place a lighted candle in the window to guide the Christ Child as he brings their gifts. In some countries gifts are given in return, a bowl of food is placed ready for the tomt in Sweden, Dutch and Belgian children fill their shoes with hay and oats for the white horse of Saint Nicholas.

Christmas carols have also come to us from Europe. Many of those we know best, such as "The First Noel," and "Good King Wenceslas," are sung in England every Christmas. It was the custom for carol singers to go from house to house at Christmas time. Even now in England the shrill little voices of the Christmas waits may be heard singing—

"God rest you merry, Gentlemen,
 Let nothing you dismay."
 —Alice Dalgliesh

**GRANDMA SAYS
 A CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL**

Editor's note: A letter from a reader seems to us a Christmas editorial. She gives her name, but says, "If you use it, just say, 'Grandma Says.'"
 I went with a young artist friend to hear Handel's Messiah. We were impressed with it as one of the great art works of all time. It ranks with two or three of Shakespeare's greatest plays, with the Agamemnon of Aeschylus, with Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. Where else, in a brief two hours, does one experience so many moments which strike into the inmost depths of the heart, moments joyful, touching, poignant, tragic, triumphant, music and words making one perfect whole? The Greeks would say, "through pity and tragedy it purifies the hearts of men."
 But Aeschylus could only give his chorus, against fate, "Sing, sing, sing, sing, may the good prevail!" Is the Messiah less unphantly it prevails, over sadness, over loneliness, over death itself.
 The young friend was about to write a special article on

architecture. When the chorus began to pile one great stone upon another, up and up into that strong wall of sound, "And the government shall be upon his shoulder," I said softly, "There's architecture!" She smiled, nodded and we were again absorbed in that marvelous building of power and beauty.
 "Unto us a child is born," so little, so defenseless, so trusting, so jolly, so sweet! "Unto us a son is given"—so soon he is rejoicing in his youthful strength! So soon he is a man full tide of his powers, "And the government shall be upon his shoulder!"
 We elders remember tenderly the child, happily the youth, and to the man we are only too glad to entrust the burdens we are soon to lay down. But if we must lay upon the shoulders of our young men that weight of responsibility, as well as of power, could we not make it a better government?
 Could we not remember that it is better to give than to receive, better to suffer evil than to do evil, that doing as we

Once Upon a Time



The Arrival of the Shepherds, by Henri Lerois. Original painting hangs in Carroussel Museum, Paris.

By CLARK KINNAIRD
 AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed...

In the year 747 by the Roman calendar, the world ruled by Augustus that is, the world known to the Romans, extended from a vague, almost legendary, Cathay westward to a barbaric Britain. The popular conception of the world was a plane stretching from the Mediterranean to precipices beyond which all was darkness.

Actually, beyond the boundaries of the world of the Romans, were many populous lands, one of them being that now called America. The latter had been populated by migrants from across the sea who may have been Asiatics, Phoenicians, Egyptians, northern Europeans, or all four. Most of the people of America at that time were nomadic tribesmen unlike the nomads of Palestine.

In the Roman year 747, Jews who dwelt in their homeland between the Mediterranean and the Jordan waited humbly and hopefully for a Messiah. They had been promised one by the prophet, Isaiah: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God." They wanted a national deliverer from the tyrannical which bowed them down. For the estimated 4,000,000 people of Judea, Samaria and Galilee, which then comprised Palestine, were unhappy and rebellious under their foreign rulers of 747 as Palestine is under its foreign rulers of 1947.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

There are many places in the map of Palestine the names of which begin with Beth, because it was the most general word for house or habitation. Bethlehem meant house of bread. It was one of the oldest towns in Palestine. It was the home of Ruth; the Book of Ruth is a page from the domestic history of Bethlehem. It was the home of David; it was there that he came to find the shepherd lad, and anoint him as king of Israel.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were

accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

In the days of Augustus, Romans celebrated the Saturnalia, or festival of Saturn, in the seven days beginning December 17. During it, no public business could be transacted, the law courts were closed, and no malefactor could be punished. It was a time of licentious disorder. Probably Saturnalian celebrators crowded the inn.

And the shepherds were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Sheep were one of the most important possessions of the ancient Hebrews. Judaea had manufactures, fisheries and commerce, but most of the people earned their living from the soil and their flocks. Immense numbers of sheep grazed in Palestine in Biblical times; there is a story of one group of shepherds whose flock consisted of 3,000 sheep and goats. Sheep and lambs provided most of the meat; and wool most of the clothes of the East.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it,

they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

Because of what the shepherds made known, the world eventually began to calculate time from the birth of Jesus. But there was an error in transcribing 747 into Christian chronology, and the event about which Luke was to tell the greatest news story ever written, occurred in B. C. or 1947 years ago.

Luke was the nickname of Lucanus, a man of Antioch in Syria. He was a physician and reputedly a painter of extraordinary skill, before he became a convert to Christianity and a companion of Paul. The story was inscribed in Rome in Greek, upon papyrus, as a letter to one Theophilus, another convert to Christianity who was, like Luke, a Gentile, and who appears to have been a Roman of high position and wealth. Nothing else is known of Theophilus except that by inscribing this Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles to him, Luke made Theophilus' name immortal.

There is little more that we know of Luke, but we know this: he was a friend unto death. "I am all alone, save for Luke," Paul wrote shortly before he was put to death in Rome.

But such devotion was to be expected of a Christian.

It is probable that Luke gained most of his knowledge of the Saviour, as he did his devotion, from Paul, for there is no evidence Luke ever saw Him himself.

Paul himself was a great writer. The Epistles—First Thessalonians, Second Thessalonians, Galatians, First Corinthians, Second Corinthians, Romans, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon—are awesome evidence of this. His writings and his labors within a few years transformed Christianity from something known to a few Jews in a world religion. But Paul placed his emphasis upon the acts and teachings of Jesus. He it remained for Luke, a man wonderfully inspired, to write the wondrous story of the First Christmas that excels all other Christmas stories ever told.

Irene Selznick Has First Broadway Hit

By JEAN MEEGAN
 AP Newsfeatures Writer
 NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—Until the December night "A Stranger Named Dealer" triumphantly opened in the Ethel Barrymore theater, Irene M. Selznick, the producer, was a little known housewife and mother.

Her life had been spent 3,000 miles from Broadway, raising two little boys, helping organize a psychiatric clinic, working as a social worker and juvenile court probation officer.

Broadway knew her only as the tall, dark-eyed daughter of Louis B. Mayer, the one who was married to David O. Selznick. Now she has achieved a feat that seasoned old-timers dream about. Her show is a perfect artistic integration of writing, acting and script. She put them together expertly in her second attempt at anything theatrical. Her first experiment expired during tryouts last season on the road.

"I think you need more than study and training for this," she would be done by applies to nations as well as to individuals? Could we not give them a government of people working together instead of against each other, trying to make life better for all men?
 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and glory shall enter in!

says. "You need a kind of instinct. You need to know about color, sets, timing, have a sense of showmanship and have an instinct about actors and actresses."
 In show business, where artists, scene designers, actors, writers, and directors do not get along with the pack but adjust only to the particular, Mrs. Selznick is effective.
 Perhaps the key to her success

is what she calls "controlling circumstances and environment to avert calamity."
 Her father and Selznick, from whom she is separated, talked over every entertainment enterprise with her and, she says, "Their inordinate confidence in me was actually discouraging. It made me afraid to try anything. I didn't want to burst the bubble of their illusion."

Gay with sincerity and brightness are our goals Christmas wishes for you and yours.
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Social And Personal Activities

Miss Sweat Is Wed To G. W. Simmons

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sweat of Sanford announced today the marriage of their daughter, Daisy Venecl, to G. W. Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Simmons of Sampson, Ala. The marriage was performed by Judge R. W. Ware at 2:30 P. M. in the County Court House.

The bride wore a dress of royal blue crepe with black accents and a corsage of sweetheart roses. Attending the ceremony were the mothers of both the bride and groom.

A small reception was held following the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sweat, 607 West Second Street. Decorations in the reception rooms were of sweetheart roses and fern. The three-tiered wedding cake was cut by the bride and groom and served with hot coffee and punch.

Mrs. Simmons attended schools in Sanford and is at present employed by the Bell Telephone Company. Mr. Simmons received his education in Sampson. The couple plans to make their home in Sanford.

Among those attending the reception were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robson of Green Cove Springs, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Whitaker of Clyde, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nettles, Mrs. J. M. Whitaker, Mrs. D. L. Myers, Mrs. H. S. Bruce, Mrs. I. W. Nettles and daughters, Ruth and Marie, Mrs. J. W. Nettles, Mrs. L. H. Wynne and Bell Nettles.

Reunion Held By Young Local Women

With a dinner held on Monday at the home of Mrs. J. A. Ponder an annual reunion was observed by a group of young Sanford women. In decorating the rooms of the Ponder home long leaf pine were banked across the mantle interspersed with multi-colored Christmas balls. Red roses were used in lovely arrangements about the rooms and burning red candles illuminated the scene. The dining table was centered with a green wreath surrounding brightly colored Christmas cards. Dinner was served at a long table on the sun porch with Brazilian pepper berries and foliage in the center. Gifts were exchanged during the evening.

Those enjoying the dinner were Mrs. John Courier, Jr., Mrs. H. B. Odham, Jr., Mrs. Ponder, Mrs. John L. Lee, Mrs. Robert Karns, Mrs. C. E. Ward, Mrs. Herbert Moses, Mrs. Malcolm Higgins, Miss Elizabeth Methvin, Miss Gladys Kinlaw, Miss Frances Mahoney and Miss Dorothy Powell.

Miss Lillian Boyle Honors Miss Meisch

Miss Lillian Boyle entertained on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with a tea honoring Miss Sylvia Meisch, bride-elect of December, given at her home on Mellenville Avenue. A beautiful Christmas theme was used in decorating the living room and white gladioluses were used as a centerpiece for the dining table. Silver and crystal appointments were also used on the table. Silver candelabra held burning white candles on the buffet and white gladioluses and white tapers in silver candelabra were placed on the serving table.

Those invited to call during the afternoon were Mrs. Edmond Meisch, William Blair, Mrs. A. W. Lee, Mrs. Donald Jones, Mrs. James Ingley, Jr., Mrs. Lee Moore, Mrs. James Alford of Tallahassee, and the Misses Mary Ann Wheelchel, Camille Batten, Audrey Bach, Caroline Lee, Mildred Robson, Jean Sayer, Dorothy Crumley, Daphne Connelly, Betty Jo Brock, Margaret Dingfelder and Marty Perkins.

Also the Misses Nancy Collum, Minnie Ruth Odham, Jane Thigpen, Janet Hetzel, Shirley Smith, Marjorie Brown, Kathryn Wiggins, Lolo Lee, Kitty Odham, Shirley Eick, Nancy Williams, Joyce Goodspeed, Myra Southward, Louise Clark, Catherine, Clark and Sadye Williams. From Orlando were Mrs. W. W. Wharton, Mrs. Jerry Ross and the Misses Gene Caswell, Elizabeth Allen and Mary Adele Wharton.

Miss Meisch Honored By Camille Batten

Miss Sylvia Meisch, whose marriage to Mason Whorton of Orlando will be an event of Saturday, was honored on Tuesday morning with a party given by Miss Camille Batten at her home in the San Lanta Apartments.

The rooms of the Batten home were tastefully decorated with lovely arrangements of bright red poinsettias and holly berries and foliage. The hostesses' gift to Miss Meisch was a cook book. Miss Batten was assisted in serving dainty refreshments by her mother, Mrs. I. E. Batten and Mrs. H. N. Sayer. Those invited to be with Miss Meisch were Mrs. Edmond Meisch, Mrs. William Blair, Mrs. Robert Callahan and the Misses Betty Moore, Jean Sayer, Mary Ann Wheelchel, Audrey Bach, Lillian Boyle, Dorothy Morrison, Minnie Ruth Odham, Charlotte True, Martha Brown, Janet Hetzel, Lolo Lee and Caroline Lee.

Personals

Mrs. W. F. Garner has returned from Hollywood where she spent two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hudson of Adrian, Mich. are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bolly.

M. B. Smith has returned from a visit with his sister, Mrs. Alice Gilmore, in Oglethorpe, Ga.

Walter Morgan is spending the holidays in Thomasville, Ga. with Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hollingsworth.

Junior Vickery Hugh Wheelchel and Lloyd Swain of Florida Southern College in Lakeland are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Smith have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Whitehead and daughter Mary Ann, of Richmond, Va.

Miss Dilon Baker is spending the holidays in Sanford with her parents. Miss Baker is a student at Southwestern Louisiana Institute.

Harold Penley and Ray Fox, attending the Alabama Institute of Technology, are at home for the holidays.

Clarence McKee and Emil Dalbo of the Georgia Institute of Technology are in Sanford with their parents for the holidays.

Mrs. James Alford of Tallahassee has returned to her home after visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McCall, on Park Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McCall plan to spend Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Alford in Tallahassee.

Mrs. Laura Mae Brown has arrived from Portland, Ore. to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Herman Brown, at 1114 Park Avenue.

Neill Powell and Howard Boteler who are students at Emory University in Atlanta are spending Christmas in Sanford with their respective parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gillespie and children of Melbourne will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wiley of West Sixteenth Street for Christmas.

From the Orlando Junior College in Orlando those spending the holidays in Sanford with their families are Bobby Jones, Tom Berkner and Jack Armstrong.

Mrs. Joseph G. Ball is spending the holidays with her son, H. C. Ball in Dalton, Ga. Mr. Ball is president of the Tufted Textile Manufacturers Association of America.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Davis of Jacksonville and Mrs. E. E. Brady of Tampa are spending the holidays with Mrs. J. T. Brady and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brady, Jr.

Among the students attending the University of Florida in Gainesville who are spending the holidays in Sanford are Billy Shoemaker, Troy Ray, Gerald Loring, Jack Moyer, Glen Lingler, Kenneth Leffler, Paul Hodges,

Pep Squad Enjoys Christmas Party

Members of the Pep Squad of Seminole High School enjoyed a Christmas party on Friday night held at the Future Farmer's building. The girls met in front of the high school and sang Christmas carols throughout the town after which they enjoyed hot dogs, hot chocolate, salted nuts and candy prepared by the mothers. Attending with the Pep Squad were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Morris, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Winn and Miss Barbara Ruprecht.

J. D. Grogan, Theron Madden and Bob Crumley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clause, Sr. have as their guests for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Blackman of Charleston, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. William McKibben today for Fort. Mills, S. C. where they will spend the Christmas holiday.

Miss Norabelle Clause is spending a few days in West Palm Beach with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Robbette. She will return to Sanford on Christmas night.

Mrs. C. O. Neiswander and grandson, Martin, of West Palm Beach are spending the Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Clause on Douglas Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Chase will have as their guests on Christmas Day Mrs. Chase's sister and her daughter, Mrs. Lane Cloward, of Daytona Beach.

Winter guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Neiswander are Mr. Neiswander's grandmother, Mrs. J. T. Neiswander, and his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Crowl of Wooster, O.

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. John Morgan will be interested to learn that they are residing in Germany. Mrs. Morgan is the former Nancy Hollingsworth of Thomasville, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gledhill and daughter, Rene Hope, of Marion, Ga., arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Gledhill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Colley, of Osteen.

Capt. and Mrs. Glenn Govocsek and son, Joe, of Eglin Field are spending the holidays with Mrs. Govocsek's mother, Mrs. I. J. Royette, and Capt. Govocsek's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Govocsek.

Among the students who are attending Murray State College in Murray, Kentucky and spending Christmas in Sanford are Clarence Grantham, George Chapman, Carl Williams and Sam Thurmond.

Friends of Robert Bradbury, who is stationed with the occupation troops in Germany, will be interested to learn that he has been transferred from Bamberg to Erlangen. He has recently been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McKibben have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKibben of Charlotte, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKibben were married on Dec. 21 in York, S. C. and are enjoying a wedding trip through Florida before returning to Charlotte to make their home.

A tornado is seldom more than 200 yards, in diameter. True hail occurs only in warm weather.

Xmas Services At Holy Cross Tonight

The traditional Christmas eve service will be held at Holy Cross Episcopal Church tonight beginning at 10:30 o'clock with a half hour of organ selections with Mrs. P. H. Fuller, Jr. at the console. This portion of the program will conclude with a solo by Dick Aiken singing "O Holy Night" by Adam.

At 11:00 o'clock the traditional midnight Eucharist will begin with the professional "O Come, all ye Faithful." The Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit, D. D., Suffragan Bishop of South Florida, will preach the Christmas sermon, and assist in the service.

Dick Holtzel will sing Schubert's "Ave-Maria" between the Epistle and Gospel. Miss A. M. Phillips, choir director, will be in charge of the music. Mrs. Roy Symes will be the organist for the Holy Communion service.

The musical setting for the service will be Gounod's "Missa Solemnis." The offertory anthem by Maunder will be "Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn."

Solists in the service will be in addition to those already named, Mrs. James L. Ingley, Mrs. Arthur Branan, Mr. T. C. Brown.

The Rev. Mark Carpenter especially called attention to the fact that the service will begin earlier this year than before. The public is invited to share in this service of worship.

Miss Meisch Tells Of Wedding Plans

Miss Sylvia Meisch, whose marriage to Mason Whorton of Orlando will be an event of next Saturday evening, announced today the plans for the wedding. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Mark T. Carpenter at 8:00 o'clock at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

The cousin of the bride, Miss Caroline Lee, will be her maid of honor and little Miss Diane Whorton, niece of the bridegroom, will serve as flower girl. Bridesmaids are Miss Mary Ann Wheelchel, Miss Lillian Boyle, Miss Audrey Bach, Miss Camille Batten, Miss Mildred Robson and Mrs. Jerry Ross of Orlando. Jack Batten of Orlando will serve as Mr. Whorton's best man and ushers are George Kirk, Bryan Murchison, William Proctor, Guy Riley and Jack Hendrix all of Orlando, and Thomas Vaughan of Sanford.

Miss Margaret Davis will render a program of nuptial music and William Blair, brother-in-law of the bride will be the soloist. Immediately following the wedding, a reception will be held in the ballroom of the Mayfair Inn.

Some oil wells cost about \$250,000 to drill.

THE GARDEN GATE

MRS. E. G. KILPATRICK, JR., Editor
Weekly Column of the Sanford Garden Club

NATIVE MATERIAL FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION

What would be the best material for our evergreen plant material for some decoration? This cherished tradition is a direct heritage from England, where the beautiful English holly, Ilex aquifolium, is emblematic, and America places this genus in first rank as a holiday evergreen. This particular holly does not succeed in Florida, but we are fortunate in having 15 species of Ilex native to our State.

The leading American holly, Ilex opaca, thrives well from Central Florida north and along the Gulf. Some trees bear leaves that have but one tiny thorn at the tip of the leaf, while others are heavily armed with pointed spines. The latter most nearly resembles the English holly.

The Florida holly, or dahoon holly, Ilex Cassine may be classified as a shrub or as a small tree. This species has long narrow slightly armed leaves and small red berries borne in dense clusters. This plant prefers moist soil but can be easily grown in your garden. Keep in mind, however, the fact that holly is protected by law in Florida and removing plants or breaking of boughs is illegal unless permission of landowner has been secured.

It is a fine idea to grow your own Christmas greens, leaving pruning until the holiday season, as pruning at this time not only benefits your plant but supplies you with the needed decoration. Just for the fun of it as well as many surprising successes, try grafting one of the finer hollies on your native one. If you are doubtful of your success here, best buy a good plant from your nursery.

Remember also hollies are dioecious (dye-ee-ohs) that is some produce all pistillate or female flowers others only staminate or male blooms. One male tree to every 15 or 18 females is sufficient to produce abundant berries.

In Florida we are surrounded by so many usable greens and other materials. The boughs and cones from the native pines are very good. If they are cut in summer and allowed to dry and become a silvery grey they blend beautifully with a grey-green color scheme accented by red, blue or white. Mistletoe is another white and grey-green and permission of owners will readily be given to gather this welcome parasite. In this color

group is the wax myrtle, with its grey drupes clinging to the stem. Some of the Junipers or cedars have this same coloring. Many grasses and dried twigs and mosses are in shades of gray-green.

The red and green color combination the one of tradition seems to be the most popular and in this group we have:

The hollies, Ilex in variety, with their bright red berries. Ardisia, Brazilian-pepper, ornamental hot peppers in variety and the poinsettia, huckleberry and beautiful weed coffee with its glossy green leaves and large red berries.

Other color schemes, such as yellow into brown can be attained by using a variety of citrus and dried vegetables, seed pods etc.

Any color scheme to be worked out by lacquering either by spraying, dipping or hand painting, berries and foliage and twigs, or any other dried material. This artificial coloring is permissible at this season, but not usually considered best taste among our authorities on flower arranging.

The lequatum may be used naturally with its clusters of black berries or the entire limb sprayed with silver, gold or red lacquer. Pine cones, dried seed pods, cotton bolls, magnolia leaves and palm tree blossoms may be treated in the same manner.

If you wish greens to use with your decorations you will find, Pittosporum, holly, smilax, bottle brush, Japanese yew, Myrtle, English Ivy, Juniper, lequatum. (Continued on Page Eight)

Lee Home Scene Of Philathea Party

The home of Mrs. John L. Lee on Park Avenue was the scene of the annual Baptist Philathea Class Christmas party held on Friday night. Hostesses for the party were Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Cliff Ables and Mrs. John Kader who were assisted by Mrs. Walter Fessler and Mrs. Baeot Elberbe. Decorating the Lee home in the Christmas atmosphere, silver and gold covered cedar branches were banked against the mantle with small angels placed against the reflecting mirror. At each end of the mantle were arrangements of bright red poinsettias and small choir boys holding tapers.

On the dining table a holly wreath surrounded a bowl holding fall fruit. The centerpiece was flanked by burning silver candles. During the evening a collection was taken for the basket for the needy. The group presented their class teacher, Mrs. J. M. Stimpcher, with a piece Haviland china. A leather bag was displayed which will be given to a member of the class who is ill.

Mrs. Lee read the Christmas story from Luke and Mrs. John Courier told a Christmas story. At the conclusion of the meeting Santa Claus appeared and gave presents to all the members and refreshments carrying out a holiday scheme were served. About 35 members were present.

A very merry Christmas — A very happy New Year, — in the best Holiday Spirit.

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Based on a story by Melville Shavelson

Greetings

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year — a time of giving and receiving — a time of joy and good cheer — a time when the spirit of good will fills men's souls — a time to extend sincere wishes for health, happiness and prosperity — to say simply and sincerely the old-fashioned, but tried and true —

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To One and All

M. B. (T-Bone) SMITH

COMMENTS from the SIDELINES

By ARTHUR BECKWITH, JR.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas.

Generally Christmas is thought of as a time for merry-making, feasting and over-indulgence, but this is one Christmas that we, as Americans, should limit ourselves on some of the more frivolous aspects of the day.

We should realize that there are people in the world who are hungry and will not have big dinners and many joyous hours during the festive period.

There are at least 3/4 of the world's population that are not getting a suitable diet, and we venture to say that over half of these are actually on a STARVA-TION diet; yet we think little of

their hardships and go right on with our own feasting.

In Luke 2:14 we find the answer to the whole perplexing problem of the world. The angels told the shepherds to go to the city of David and there they would find the Savior. Then there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and singing "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." If we would but glorify God, the radiance of our intimacy with Him would go out into all the world and there would be more good will between men.

This is just a little food for thought as we casually go on our way letting the rest of the world be damned, because we are going to have our fun and forget those who do not have enough upon which to exist.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 23 (AP)—The U. S. Army said today it had entertained nearly 1,600,000 German children at Christmas parties.

Behrens Ranked No. 1 In Junior Tennis

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Herbert (Buddy) Behrens, of Rollins College, 18-year-old Fort Lauderdale student, has been ranked No. 1 in the nation both in junior singles and interscholastic singles by the nominating committee of the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association in its annual report released yesterday.

Robert Perry, 14-year-old Los Angeles star, was ranked No. 1 in boys' singles, and Nancy Anne Chaffee, 18, of Ventura, Calif., drew No. 1 honors in girls' singles. Behrens, the National Junior champion, was paired with Richard Mouldous of New Orleans as the top doubles combination.

The rankings must be approved at the annual meeting of the U.S.L.T.A. next month.

Racing Attendance Is Bigger. But Not As Many Bets Made

By WILL GRIMSLEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—The growing tendency of the American citizen to tighten the grip on his pursestrings, was reflected today in figures from the nation's race tracks which showed that more people went out to watch the horses run this year but wagered \$158,946,650 less money than in 1946 on the outcome.

The Associated Press' annual year-end racing survey disclosed a marked trend away from the promiscuous on-the-nose spending that characterized the flush period following World War II.

Reports from 21 states in which the sport of kings thrives revealed that 25,704,853 paid admission to the various run-for-gold emporiums during 1947 and shelled out \$1,671,340,795 attempting to pick the winners.

All but six of the 21 states recorded sharp decreases in mutuel intake and the two biggest racing centers, New York and California, had drops of more than \$50,000,000 each. The No. 3 state in betting receipts, Illinois, was almost \$32,000,000 behind 1946.

New York's betting figure this year was \$352,624,464 compared with \$407,105,748 last year. In California the receipts totaled \$342,819,513 compared with \$400,029,346.

The states which recorded betting gains were New Jersey, Michigan, Louisiana, Florida, Arkansas and Oregon.

Of these the largest rise in business was noted in Michigan where spotmen spent \$18,501,730 more than last year trying to

beat the thoroughbreds.

Michigan's mutuel machines range up \$60,588,189 compared with \$42,076,459 in 1946. New Jersey's gain was around \$8,000,000 and Louisiana's close to \$7,000,000 with increases in the other states \$3,000,000 and below.

Florida, which last year moved from 15th place to sixth in the standings of racing states, gained another notch this time on the strength to mutuel play amounting to \$111,133,868.

The 1947 survey was based on the same number of racing days as that of last year—2,433—although some states had longer seasons and others shorter ones.

New York announced that the state's share of track revenue dropped from \$31,831,273 to \$28,227,763. Illinois' six tracks contributed \$11,123,713 to the state's coffers.

New Hope Comedy Hilariously Funny

The old adage—"uneasy lies the head that wears a crown"—has never been so hilariously demonstrated, according to advance reports, as it is in Paramount's latest Bob Hope comedy, "Where There's Life."

In this battle royal of a film, arriving Christmas Day at the Ritz Theatre with Signe Hasso and William Bendix also starred, Hope is cast as a gag-happy disk jockey who almost becomes King of a mythical country. And before his loyal subjects discover they have the wrong man, what happens to Hope shouldn't even happen to Crosby!

"Where There's Life" starts right off with a bang—an assassin's bullet falls the reigning

monarch of Barovia. The shot is heard 'round the world, for the king's death-bed confession names a New York platter spinner as his son and heir to the throne.

May happiness, gaiety and the spirit of good will — all that's symbolic of Christmas — be yours this holiday season.

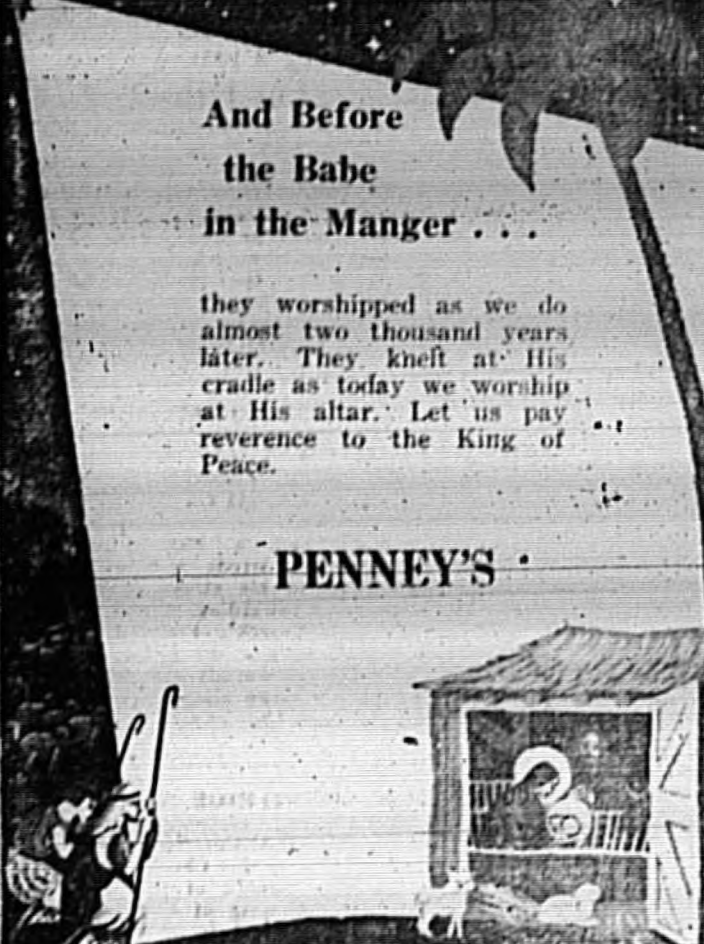


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PENNEY'S

Official Says Credit May Be Given As Aid

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 24 (AP)—Foreign Minister Juan Bramuglia says the \$5,000,000,000 suggested as a possible Argentine credit to Latin-American nations represents the country's aid to limit and would involve the total production available in the next few years.

Bramuglia said Argentina's exports would total \$1,500,000,000 this year and were expected to reach \$2,000,000,000 next year.

Senator Diego Luis Molinari, head of the Argentine delegation to the International Trade Conference in Havana, said Tuesday that Argentina's aid could be a \$5,000,000,000 credit, but Bramuglia said this figure had been obtained by taking the total exportable surplus of Argentine products.

Men were milking cows as long ago as 9,000 B. C.


At first blush these are astronomical figures indeed. However, they lose much of their impact when measured by last year's batch which show 24,859,505 poured a resounding total of \$1,830,287,455 through mutuel windows.

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A JOLLY Christmas

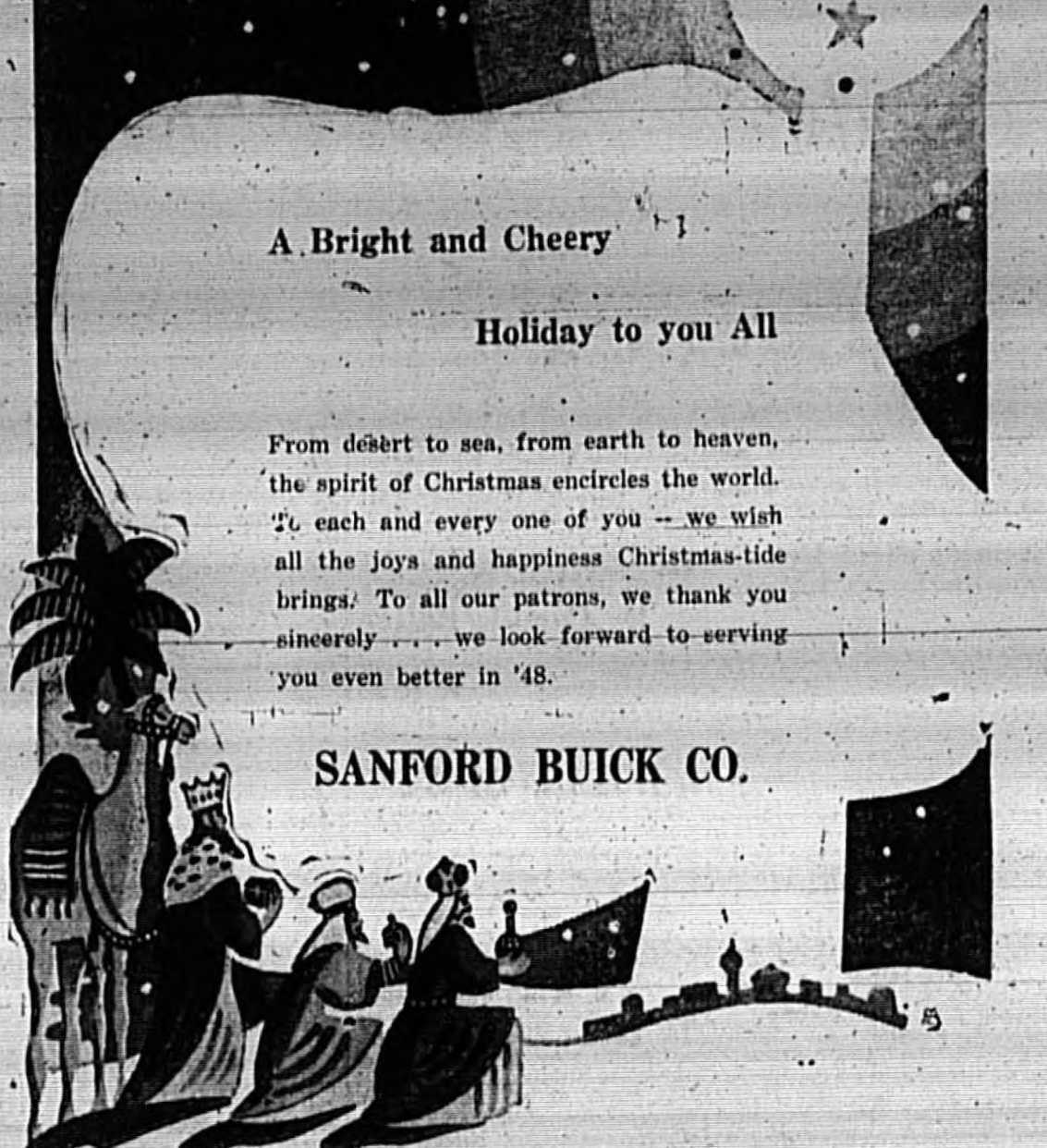
No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere . . . in France, in Holland, in Sweden . . . and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the merriest you have ever enjoyed.

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Road Building
(Continued from Page Two)
The road board will meet in tentative budget, although it will not be formally accepted until late in February or early March.

Nation Rides High
(Continued from Page Two)
Jobs - The United States Employment Service says 1948 may be better than 1947.

Geneva News
By KATHERINE DAVIS
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Youst spent Sunday with relatives in DeLand.

Santa Claus, Noted Philanthropist, Takes Off On Annual World Flight
By HAL BOYLE
NORTH POLE, Dec. 24 (AP) - Santa Claus, noted elderly philanthropist, took off today on his annual good will flight around the world.

Young Pianist Fills In For Famous Star
NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 24 (AP) - Julius Katchen, young concert pianist, came to applaud yesterday and remained to receive the acclaim of an audience of 3,500.

Truman Given Ideal Gift For Christmas
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP) - President Truman received a "walking radio" today as a Christmas present from Secretary of Commerce Harrison.

Pope's Message
(Continued from Page Two)
from six to 10 inches of snow, but in St. Petersburg, Fla., the Evening Independent, normally a staunch defender of St. Peterburg's claims of year-round sunny skies, is plunging for a few clouds and snow for the Christmas season.

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8 ARTICLES FOR SALE

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1947 the words are old, but timelessly sincere
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Garden Gate

(Continued from Page Five) cherry-laurel, magnolia and pine stand up well either in their natural state or colored.

What is more appropriate than a living plant? A tree balled and burlapped to blossom with popcorn balls, bubbling lights and glittering snow, then later to be planted in your garden as an everlasting Christmas tree.

The Crown of thorns, Euphorbia, again gives you the traditional red and green.

Dish gardens made of mosses, growing greens in different shades and berries either red, yellow, black or white are very interesting and require little care.

Miniature scenes covering the buffet or a large window sill or maybe your dining table center piece. Use a large tray and begin with a dish garden here and extend the scene with dry moss and greens or cotton for snow.

While we are thinking of our decorations let's remember the birds that beautify our land. Give the birds a feast for Christmas and you will soon keep them for regular boarders.

Which thankfulness and the anticipation of a happy Christmas season tends to remind us of the One who gave us these things.

This Garden of Eden could well have been patterned from the one planted by the Creator Himself, for man's use. This garden was supposed to be located near Babylon. The name Eden from the Assyrian word meaning "plain" and the Greek word meaning "delights, pleasantness."

Let us not be neglectful in our duty as care-takers of our Eden. Strive to protect our heritage.

SANTA SCOLDED PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24, (AP)—Santa Claus got a reprimand today, from a youthful correspondent named "Joe."

Joe wrote St. Nick that the dispenser of Christmas cheer had disappointed him last year by not giving him the puppy he had requested. Now, said Joe, he wants to be sure he gets a one-year-old dog — last year's model.

Postmaster Joseph F. Gallagher, acting as Santa's personal representative, said he'd forward the letter but couldn't guarantee results. At least, said Gallagher, he hopes that next year Joe doesn't write asking for a two-year-old dog.

and forever "KEEP FLORIDA GREEN." E. M. E.

Garden Notes Cactus Garden in bloom. Visitors welcomed at the J. C. Ellsworth Garden. Turn right at Celery Avenue & Beardall Avenues. Visit the Garden Center and secure Amaryllis bulbs free.



Christmas Joy

Gleaming as the radiant bells that deck your Christmas tree are our wishes of Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you.

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Christmas

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Christmas PEACE ON EARTH

While angels hovered overhead, the Star of Bethlehem guided the Three Wise Men to the Manger at Bethlehem. We cannot offer you their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Our gift must be restricted to the old, but heartfelt wish for all the joys and blessings of the Yuletide season.

LAUNDERETTE of SANFORD



Now's our opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for your loyal patronage during the year and to wish one and all the merriest Christmas ever and a Happy New Year!

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Sanford-Orlando Highway Phone 1347-W



Time To Be Happy!

Christmastide is the one time in the year when we should all be as happy as a boy with a bright new sled. So let's light up our faces and our hearts when we light up our trees, and here's wishing for you and your family the happiest Christmas you've ever had.

STINE MACHINE & SUPPLY CO. 207 West Second Street Phone 62



Joyous Christmas

With each beautiful note of the organ as it peals forth Christmas music, goes our best for a Happy, Happy Yuletide.

SLATON MONUMENT CO.



Christmas May all Happiness be yours

... may christmas 1947 stir your memory to thoughts of the fragile beauty of the happiest christmas you can remember ... when these memories flood over you, we know that the spirit of this glorious and happy season will engulf you, and that this year itself will become your ... merriest christmas ever!

MONK'S BILLIARD ROOM

CLAY WILLIAMS, Manager (We Will Be Closed Christmas Day)



HOLIDAY Greetings

Season merriment clings to every hearth and to this joviality we add our personal wishes for all-time Christmas happiness and a Happy New Year.

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And

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Glory to The New Born King Merry Christmas To All

Let us at this great Christmas Festival remind ourselves of our kinship with God and resolve to make our lives more joyful.

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Nicaragua To Encourage Students To Attend American Universities

TAMPA, Dec. 24 (AP)—A Nicaraguan official said today he was taking steps to encourage students from his country to attend the University of Tampa.

Rafael J. Urbela, who is here as personal representative of President Victor Manuel Y. Reyes of Nicaragua primarily to survey trade possibilities, said the University of Tampa offered great opportunities to Nicaraguan youth.

Throughout all Latin America there is a move to send students to North American colleges, but placing them has been difficult because of overcrowded conditions in most institutions in this country, he said.

Urbela said the Tampa school provides an atmosphere highly agreeable to Nicaraguan youth and Tampa's location near Central America is a big advantage.

Dr. E. C. Nancy, president of the university, said that although it is operating at capacity this semester there will be room for "several hundred" Latin American students at the 1948-49 summer session.

Therefore, as the number of students under the GI Bill decreases the University will welcome students from South and Central America, Dr. Nancy added.

Urbela said he had begun an educational program in Nicaragua through newspapers to acquaint his people with facilities available at the university.

Handmade Gifts Are As Popular As In Grandma's Day

By BETTY CLARKE

AP Newfeatures Beauty Editor

Handmade Christmas gifts are becoming just as popular as they were back in Grandma's day. But you do not have to hunt yourself to gifts which can be made with your knitting needles. Smart girls are raiding dad's tool chest and producing useful gadgets which formerly were available only in stores.

The workability of today's many plastic materials, and their present availability at reasonable cost, affords unlimited opportunity for home craftsmen.

You can make an attractive powder box for each of your girl friends at nominal cost with a transparent shatter-resistant plastic. It can be sawed, drilled, threaded and sanded as easily as common wood, and transferred to readily-formed pliability in an ordinary kitchen oven.

Use either clear plexiglas or colored translucent plastic (3/16 in. thick material may be used throughout). You can find this plastic at plastic centers and hobby shops. A piece about 10 inches square is required to make a powder box.

You can, however, increase the measurements to make a larger box to hold cleansing tissues, jewelry and makeup aids. When you master the art of making things from plastic, you can wrap up such things as carrying cases, dressing table trays and shoe horns.

Tools needed for this powder box project are a saw with a fine blade (if the man in the family has a motor-driven jig saw, so much the better); flat file, coarse and fine sandpaper; small drill and bit; wax pencil or pointed scribe; jar of special acrylic plastic adhesive cement (obtainable at plastic centers and hobby shops).

This equipment may sound like a large order, but you'll find that what Pop doesn't own can be (Continued on Page Two, Sec. 2)

CHRISTMAS REVENGE

By DAMON RUNYON

CHRISTMAS is coming around once more, and it always reminds me of what good times we have at such a season of the year back in my old home town out West.

It also reminds me of the Christmas that Swede Sam Sundenberg has the big Christmas tree and celebration in Union Park, and gives Christmas presents to all the little boys and girls of my old home town, there being many such, both male and female.

In fact, statistics prove that there are more little boys and girls in my old home town in those days than any other town west of the Mississippi, proportionately to population. It is a matter of which all our citizens are very proud indeed, and is mentioned to everybody who visits our town.

This Swede Sam Sundenberg who gives the Christmas tree and celebration to the little boys and girls is a big squarehead who is run out of my old town by Marshal Dillon a year before, because all Swede Sam does is to hang out around saloons, and drink beer, and whiskey, and keep himself drunk up at all times.

Naturally nobody wishes to see such a character around my old home town, and Marshal Dillon not only run Swede off, but gives him a good booting down the railroad track to make Swede Sam understand he is not wanted.

Well, Swede Sam goes up into the Cripple Creek district, and the next thing anybody knows he strikes it rich. He is wandering around the hills drunk one day and falls into an old prospect hole, and what does he find in the hole but a pay streak which is overlooked by the guy who first digs the hole.

Swede Sam comes back to my old home town with plenty of dough, and naturally everybody forgets what a no-account proposition he is when he is there before. A no-account guy without money, and a no-account guy with plenty of it, are two different matters in my old



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home town and everywhere else. Well, it is along about Christmas when Swede Sam returns, and he says he wishes to put on a big Christmas tree and celebration because he always loves the little boys and girls of my old home town, and also is very proud of my old home town having so many little boys and girls, both male and female.

Now this does not sound like sense to a lot of people who know Swede Sam work, and know it is not like him to be loving anybody or anything, or being proud of anything, but as long as he has the dough to pay the bills for his celebration nobody can see any objection. In fact, many of our citizens are in favor of it, figuring it will save them money in playing Santa Claus.

So Swede Sam sends up into the hills and has the biggest pine tree in the whole country cut down and put up in Union Park. Then he goes to Denver and buys Christmas presents for the little boys and girls, though

what these presents are nobody knows until the night of the doughs.

The tree is certainly a pretty sight standing there in Union Park, all lighted up with electric lights, and decorated with glass balls, and one thing and another, and at the foot of the tree are stacks of long bundles and a whole slew of bicycles. There are hundreds of the long bundles and hundreds of the bicycles which anybody can see are girls' bicycles.

The park is jammed with little boys and girls, pulling and hauling, and much pleased up over the idea of receiving presents from Santa Claus. Furthermore, all their parents are there, figuring maybe Santa may have something left over for them.

Old Swede Sam certainly does the thing up right. He has hired the Silver Cornet Band there and also the choir from the First Methodist Church to do some singing, and Preacher Hathaway to say a sermon, and Dr. T. Hannibal Wilcox to make

a speech, although of course, Dr. T. Hannibal Wilcox is nobody but old Doc Wilcox.

Well, of course, a lot of nice things are said about Swede, and what a credit he is to the community, which, of course, he is nothing of the kind and then out comes old Bill Hemming made up as Santa Claus, with whiskers and one thing and another, and starts to hand out the presents. Old Bill is one of Swede Sam's pals in the days when Swede Sam is hanging around the saloons, but he makes a fine Santa Claus.

It seems the bicycles go to the little girls, every little girl in town getting one, while the long bundles go to the little boys, and they turn out to be 22-caliber rifles, with several boxes of cartridges with each one. There is also candy for all hands, including the parents, and then the celebration comes to an end with everybody giving three cheers for Swede Sam.

Well, of course, there is some comment on Swede Sam's choice

of presents, because some of the little boys who get the rifles are only two or three years old, and some of the girls who get the bicycles are not much older, but everybody figures it shows Sam's heart is in the right place, anyway.

But by noon the next day one and all realize that Swede Sam picks these presents out on purpose, and they can see what a terrible man he is at heart. Furthermore, everybody in my old home town is very sorry Marshal Dillon runs Swede off, and makes him see at us, because by this time of day there is not a life pigeon and very few canary birds left in town, and crippled cats and dogs are running every which way screeching and howling like the dickens, with bullets from these 22-caliber rifles in them.

Every window light in town is busted, and nobody is safe in the public streets, because if they do not get hit by stray bullets they are sure to be knocked over by little girls learning to ride bicycles. It is one of the most terrible situations that ever comes up back

in my old home town out West. It sounds like the Fourth of July in the streets, as some of the little boys are trying to get Indians with their rifles, and other little boys are playing cowboys, and everywhere you hear the voices of little female children crying because they tumble off their bicycles.

Well, the members of the city council get together as soon as possible and pass an ordinance forbidding 22-caliber rifles, or bicycles, in the city limits, but by this time the damage is so great that they also add another ordinance forbidding public Christmas trees, or Swede Sam Sundenberg within the county lines for a period of 10 years.

But the chances are Swede Sam Sundenberg does not care, because nobody ever sees him anywhere near my old home town again.

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Sec. Marshall Is Rated Top Man Of Year In '47

Taft Also Named In Poll Of Editors By Associated Press

By SHERRY BOWEN

AP Newfeatures—Writer GEORGE C. MARSHALL, U. S. secretary of state, was voted top newsmaker of 1947 and outstanding man in foreign affairs by editors of Associated Press newspapers.

The wartime Army chief of staff flew home in January from China, where he had been ambassador, to find the Senate unanimously had approved his appointment as head of the State Department. From then on throughout the year he remained almost constantly in the headlines, causing most editors to place him ahead of President Harry S. Truman in the man-of-the-year category.

Headlines Start Early

In the foreign affairs department Marshall had no competition. Only a waffling few of the editors named anyone else.

Marshall was sworn in Jan. 21 and moved quietly to reorganize the department and transfer its principal offices into another building. He was off to Moscow and the crucial Foreign Minister's Conference March 5. The Hungarian crisis and the easing of strained U. S. relations with Argentina followed in May and June after his return.

In a call at Harvard University June 5 he gave the first outline of his aid-to-Europe program which came to be known as the Marshall plan. August 13, he started for the Rio conference at which the inter-American defense program was approved. The United Nations Assembly meeting started Sept. 16 and approved Marshall's "Little Assembly" plan.

Nov. 11, he started for London and the second round of the Foreign Minister's conference. Taft leads conference.

Sen. Robert A. Taft was the overwhelming choice of AP editors as the outstanding political figure of 1947. When Congress convened in January he was, and remained, one of the leaders of the new Republican majority in the Senate.

His influence was vital in the handling of all important legislation. But it was as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee that he sponsored and forced through the Taft-Hartley law, over the opposition of all the leading labor leaders of the nation and the veto of President Truman.

Democrat's Frequent

The law had personal repercussions for Taft when labor pickets approved and almost all the meetings at which he spoke on a political tour in the summer and fall. He was good natured about the demonstrations, calling one of them "an ideal reception."

His formal announcement Oct. 23 of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for President came as no surprise.

Victory in Union

Walter P. Reuther was selected as the outstanding man in labor. More than twice as many editors chose him as voted for John L. Lewis. Reuther's spectacular victory in the November convention of the great United Auto Workers' Union when his slate of officers was elected was the event which caught editors' eyes. Reuther had announced that his program was designed to eliminate Communist elements from the union.

Reuther announced, however, (Continued on Page Two, Sec. 2)

How Would You Like 3 A Year?

By EDWARD CURTIS

AP Newfeatures

BETHLEHEM—Celebration of three Christmases each year is part of the official duties of Issa Effendi Bandak, Christian Arab mayor of this hilltop village where Jesus Christ was born.

Use of different calendars by western Christians, the Greek Orthodox and the Armenians, account for the three dates. But the mayor himself hangs his stocking but once, on the Christmas of his own church, the Greek Orthodox.

"Preparations for these great occasions, when the Church of the Nativity and the Manger Square in front of it is jammed with people, are not difficult," says the mayor. "For years traditions and customs have established set ceremonies which are carried out rigidly."

The mayor, who says he is (Continued on Page Two, Sec. 2)

Christmas Wish Comes True When Little Tony Becomes Able To Walk

By EDWARD CURTIS

NEW YORK—The sun shone bright and hot on a hospital bed and cast a golden glow on the boy's face.

"If you could have any Christmas gift you wanted, what would you wish for, Tony?" asked the social worker who sat beside his bed, her mind busy with thoughts of candy, toys and spangled Christmas trees.

The boy's bright blue glance flicked downward to the crippled legs in a look that was like a wince of pain. Then the sun shined on his face with a glow that transformed it.

"I'd wish I could walk," he whispered.

Ten days later Tony was wheeled downstairs and into the hospital's occupational therapy workrooms filled with tools and paint and abuzz with work. First he was put to work making blocks, then he advanced to building a birdhouse and finally he learned to use the bicycle saw. Day after day the crippled legs turned the wheel that sawed wood; day by day the muscles strengthened.

Two weeks before Christmas trees were fitted to Tony. On Christmas day he walked slowly but steadily through the hospital corridors, stars shining in his eyes.

Tony's Christmas wish came true because of the work of the Occupational Therapy Committee of the New York Junior League, composed of League members and professional therapists in 17 New York hospitals.

The committee, headed by Mrs. Henry Webster, runs a six weeks course which trains volunteers to teach occupational therapy. They in turn, go into New York hospitals and, working under professional therapists, teach handicapped children and grown-ups hand work that will take their minds off pain and heartache and strengthen weakened bodies.

Leather is worked into wallets and belts, string plaited into dog collars and leashes and old copper pots are beaten into new ashtrays and bowls while hours fly by to the tune of songs, without a single thought of fear or pain. Similar work is done by the Junior Leagues of Dayton, Ohio; Louisville, Ky.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Wilmington, Del.; Tacoma, Wash.; Portland, Ore.;

No Worries Wanted At Christmas Time

By DOROTHY ROE

Associated Press Fashion Editor

CHRISTMAS should be a time of happiness, of renewing old friendships and cementing family ties, of reaffirming the Biblical words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

If the season is marred by worry over stretching the budget and knowledge of an impending avalanche of bills, the traditional meaning of the holiday is lost and it may become a time of tension and strain and frantic efforts to "keep up with the Joneses."

The woman who is expert at needlework is lucky, particularly in this year of soaring prices, for she can solve all her gift problems with her own nimble fingers, with practically no strain (Continued on Page Two, Sec. 2)

U. S. Woman Wants To Aid Greek Women

By HELEN MAMAS

AP Newfeatures

ATHENS—A 27-year-old American woman who has devoted 25 years of her life to teaching homemaking wants to take Greek peasant women out of the fields with a raised standard of living.

Dr. Edna S. White, former director of the Merrill-Palmer school in Detroit, is home demonstration specialist of the American Mission for Aid to Greece.

For the past month she has been surveying every social problem related to child care, nutrition, and village life to "uncover all the community forces that touch the homes and children of the Greek people."

Online director of home economics (Continued on Page Two, Sec. 2)

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Two Veterans Make Christmas Candy

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NEW ORLEANS—Two veterans, who decided that one overhead was better than two, have pooled their resources and now are making Christmas stick candy, caramels, fruit cake and other southern confections.

The two captains of the candy kitchen are Carl Smith, Jr., and Bryan Bell, Jr., who decided to go into business together to take advantage of special allotments of sugar the government made available to veterans. Now they are using in 18 days what comprised a whole year's allotment under rationing.

They opened their business in Nov. 1946, and called it "Tasso Plantation." Today they employ 24 persons, mostly ex-GI's who have learned to be experts at baking the fruit cakes and shaping caramel pecan pralines.

The ex-GI's are employed with the help of the government's on-the-job training program.

The partners estimate they turn out a ton of candy a day and at least 1,200 pounds of fruit cake.

Cuba has about the same area as Louisiana.

Merry Christmas to All Our Friends

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