

Sidelights On Yuletide Events

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Twenty-five children got their Christmas presents ahead of time in the shape of 25 lively dogs.

Radio comic Alan Young, self-styled "dog's best friend," played Santa yesterday at the animal shelter, paying pound and license fees to unite homeless dogs and dogless youngsters.

EL MONTE, Calif., Dec. 24.—(AP)—For 16 years a copper Christmas card has gone back and forth between Jack Newing, Burbank, Calif., and his brother-in-law, John Forester, who lives here. During the war, the well-worn

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon
Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy today and Saturday. Snow, showers and continued cold. Expected minimum tonight 15 to 20 degrees.
Highest temp. for any Dec. 70
Lowest temp. for any Dec. 5
Highest temp. yesterday 41
Lowest temp. yesterday 22
Precipitation yesterday 5.62
Precipitation from Dec. 1 12.94
Excess from Dec. 1 2.04

greeting card went all the way from El Monte to Newing's army post in India.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A large department store here sent out Christmas greeting letters to its personnel, one for regular employees and the other for temporary holiday workers. The latter letter expressed appreciation for "your help during the rush" and wound up with "maybe we'll need you next year."

The old timers got the wrong letters.

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Hundreds of thousands of Australians are leaving their cities today for holiday spots—trying to beat the Christmas heat. An estimated 300,000 persons will leave Sydney during the day for mountain or seaside resorts. The temperature is around 80 degrees today and inland, temperatures of 100 degrees and above have been recorded.

Truman To Extend Yule Greeting To Nation Via Radio

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 24.—(AP)—President Truman had a "Merry Christmas" wish for every friend and neighbor today as preparations for tomorrow's celebration reached a climax in his Missouri home.

He'll extend his greetings to the entire nation in a radio address from his old-fashioned living room in which a 10-foot Christmas tree sparkles with light bulbs and spreads its shadows over colorful Christmas packages.

His talk, at 2:16 p.m. (PST) will give the signal for the lighting of another Christmas tree, a giant living tree on the south lawn of the White House where hundreds will gather for Washington's traditional Christmas Eve ceremony.

The tree, a 35-foot fir, was decorated with varicolored lights yesterday. An hour-long ceremony, to be marked by carol singing and music by the Marine Band, will be held in Washington this afternoon.

It has been a gay holiday season for the chief executive since he flew here from Washington Wednesday. He has acknowledged the "Hi Harry" from fellow Missourians with a "Merry Christmas" and talked with as many of his old cronies as a crowded schedule has allowed.

A heavy fall of snow, which started yesterday afternoon, wrapped the "white Christmas" blanket over the spacious lawn on the Truman home and those of the President's neighbors.

He drove home through the snow and over slippery roads last night after a "super duper chill supper" in his penthouse apartment in Kansas City's Hotel Muehlebach and a brief visit at nearby Grandview, Mo., with his sister, Miss Mary Jane Truman.

Communists Control All of North China

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cities without even a contact with the Reds.

On the Communist side, too, there appears reluctance to force the fighting in the north. Lin Piao and other high commanders evidently prefer to await developments from the Peiping and Tientsin garrisons rather than to fight into the cities. Peiping is filled with historical treasures and the other commercial and industrial prizes.

Chinese and foreigners alike in North China do not question that the Communists will take over both cities. The only question is when and the majority seem hopeful that it will be soon in order to save the people such suffering as the people of Mukden endured before it fell.

General Fu seems to have ample food stocks to feed his soldiers. But food prices for civilians are zooming in Peiping, indicating an approaching shortage.

Red Superiority Increasing
It appears likely that the existing situation will continue until the new Chinese cabinet either succeeds or fails to bring an end to the whole civil war by a negotiated peace.

Between the Yellow and Yangtze Rivers, Red superiority of force is growing daily.

(Spencer Moore, Associated Press correspondent in Peiping, today likened Fu Tso-Vi's position to that of small islands in a vast Red sea. Moore said Fu's position was hopeless, that relief was impossible and so is escape.

"His position" wrote Moore, "is like that of a mouse in a priceless porcelain jar, which the Reds would have to break if they wanted to get at the mouse. The evidence so far shows that they do not want to do that.")

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Chinese Communist radio said today Red troops had captured Kaigan, 100 miles northwest of Peiping.

The broadcast, heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press said all government troops in

Kaigan had been "wiped out" by mid-afternoon today. There was no estimate of the size of the government garrison there. The report has not been confirmed by any other source.

Kaigan has been one of four government cities in Communist overrun North China. The other three are Peiping, Tientsin, and Tientsin's port, Tangku.

Christians of World Facing Brighter Yule

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bread be sold in Italian bakeries for Christmas. The traditional "panetton" cakes will be distributed to 1,650,000 school children.

There will be a little extra for Czechoslovak Christmas tables this year, including meat and butter from Russia, coffee from Brazil and cigars from Holland. But it will not be cheap.

In many parts of the Holy Land, Christmas prospects were dreary.

War and the weather promised the strangest Christmas Eve and the smallest Christmas pilgrim age since the Crusades.

The Judean hill roads that Joseph and Mary traveled on their way to Bethlehem 1949 years ago were barred by gun posts and barbed wire. Rain, and fog made travel difficult.

Nazareth, where Jesus Christ grew to manhood, Christmas preparations were more festive. Trees were brought in, churches decorated and places made ready for visitors.

American troops abroad will get a taste of Christmas, too.

U. S. forces in Germany will celebrate the Yule with the traditional dinner and religious services. All personnel except the necessary guards will get Christmas Day off.

The British-American airlift will operate as usual, but American crews will eat turkey with all the trimmings between flights.

Thousands of German children are being entertained by American and British troops. Some 70,000 German youngsters already have been fed in Berlin.

Christmas parties in Moscow's diplomatic colony got underway today. Tomorrow religious services will be held in Moscow's Church of St. Louis (Catholic) and in Russia's several Baptist churches.

Most Russians will observe the Yuletide at the close of the year, owing to the difference in their calendar.

The Philippines—only predominantly Christian country in the Far East—will begin its Christmas celebration tonight with mass prayers for peace. Midnight Mass will be followed by feasting.

Myrtle Creek Firmco Edges Oakland Quintet

Myrtle Creek's Firmco quintet downed Martin Box Factory of Oakland, 51 to 49, in a thriller of a hoop tilt on the Myrtle Creek High School floor Wednesday night. The whole second half was nip-and-tuck right down to the final gun with the lead changing several times during the last three minutes of play.

Firmco led at the half, 20-12, but then Garrison of Martin Box went wild and before the game ended had plunked in 21 points to add to the six he had made in the first half. Richardson led Firmco's scoring attack with 15 markers.

Lineups:
Firmco: 11 F. 140 Martin Box
Elliott 11 F. 7 Lillard
Robinson 19 F. 7 Drake
Stumpert 13 C. 5 Grading
Newton C. 6 Gibson
For 27 Garrison
Substitutes—For Firmco: Dyer 4, Amos 3, Clam 2, For Martin Box: Cross 6, Belvedere 2, Leiby and F. Leiby.

Log Hauling Permit Fee Hiked for Roads' Upkeep

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county roads and the route over which the applicant proposes to haul the logs, poles or piling are necessary.

The applicant will be held responsible for "damage resulting to any county road, culvert or bridge, and to any person or workman on said road by the use of such equipment in transporting logs, poles or piling and shall save Douglas County harmless from any damage in connection with

Truman Apt To Cite Deficit If Taxes Not Upped

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—President Truman's new budget is taking shape within the 42-to-43 billion dollar range.

Something between those two figures was listed as good bet in high quarters today, although the final decision on the precise amount have yet to be made.

Another bet was that Mr. Truman will predict a deficit—that is, more outgo than income—of from one to two billion dollars unless Congress votes to increase taxes.

The figures apply to fiscal year 1950, which begins next July 1. Government spending in the current fiscal year now is being estimated at around \$39,000,000,000.

This figure, as well as the forecast for next year's budget, is some \$2, 30,000,000 below previous statements—but only for technical reasons.

Refunds will amount to over \$2,700,000,000 this year against around \$2,000,000,000 next year. This year's total shot up because of the retroactive feature of the income tax cutting bill passed last spring.

Other rules specify that maximum weight limits must not exceed that allowed for hauling over state highways, and shall not be more than 65 feet in length with special permit. Hauling on Saturday afternoons, Sundays and nationally recognized holidays, or night time hauling are prohibited. A speed limit, when loaded, of 35 miles per hour or when not loaded of 45 miles per hour, and 15 miles per hour crossing bridges is established.

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Ten Perish in Crash Of New-Type Bomber

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fleet. The plane, which has a normal gross weight of 60 tons compared to 53 for the B-29, can carry 10,000 pounds of bombs. Its engines each are rated at 3,500 horsepower, compared to 2,000 for the original superfort.

List of Casualties
At Tucson, Davis-Monthan Base officials issued the following casualty list:

Dead: William J. Valentine, airplane commander, Austin, Minn.; 1st Lt. Joseph E. Tatum, radar operator, Charlotte, N. C.; Missing: Capt. Charles C. Cromie, pilot, Tucson; 2nd Lt. Edward R. Kub, co-pilot, Weleetka, Okla.; Capt. James V. Evans, navigator, Tucson; Tech. Sgt. William J. Lusk, radio operator, Montez, N. M.; M/Sgt. Norman L. Davignon, flight engineer, Tucson; Staff Sgt. George R. Hreha, gunner, Plains, Pa.; M/Sgt. Gerald N. Hamry, gunner, Kindred, N. D.; 1st Lt. Benjamin F. Hodges, bombardier, Tucson.

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Breaded Veal Cutlets and Cream Sauce	1.10
Chicken Fried Dinner Steak, Cream Gravy	.95
Grilled Halibut, Tartar Sauce	.90
Grilled Pacific Oysters, Lemon Butter	.90
Chicken Fried Steak, French Fried Potatoes	1.25
French Fried Fish and Chips	1.00
Potatoes	Vegetables
Dessert	Coffee

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