

Separate Buying by Armed Units Discloses Heavy Cost of Items

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 — (AP) — Out in a long warehouse in nearby Virginia is a dollars-and-cents exhibit of the high cost of independent buying by the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Some 400 items of clothing and personal equipment—things the three services are paying \$247,000,000 for this year—are laid out on counters for the edification of red-faced military buyers.

The munitions board—an advisory group in the defense establishment—got the exhibit together to convince the three services that many items should be the same for everybody, and cost less.

The board emphasized that it has no intention of trying to standardize such things as uniforms, buttons, insignia or "distinctive items of outer clothing which show to which service the wearer belongs."

But blankets, undershirts, belts, fatigue uniforms and a host of other articles have come under critical scrutiny.

A three-service committee is trying to reach agreement on such things. An announcement from the office of Secretary of Defense Forrestal said numerous items can be agreed upon for standardization but the committee "anticipates arguments" on many others.

News items are barred from the warehouse at the Army Quartermaster Depot in Arlington, just across the Potomac from Washington. The munitions board ruled that a detailed public report of the exhibit would embarrass the armed services.

Blankets Main Example
Despite the board's ban, however, a reporter recently walked through the exhibit and examined every item.

The variety gets into full swing with blankets.

There are seven kinds, four colors and various stripes and markings.

Like this: Different blankets, and different prices, for (a) sailors, (b) Navy officers, (c) Marines, (d) Army and Air Force, (e) Navy medical, (f) Army medical, and (g) Army field medical.

Price tags carry the year in which the latest purchases were made by each service, so a strict seven-way comparison is impossible.

However, the Navy officers' blanket (at \$8.25 each in 1945) is a few inches wider and has a blue "USN" on its white surface, whereas the sailors' number (\$7.30, also 1945) is solid white.

The Marines' blanket (\$8 in 1948) is green and has a special stripe which an accompanying card says forces the manufacturer to weave it straight, even though this slows production.

The Army-Air Force blanket (\$7.55 in 1947) is khaki.

The Navy medical blanket (\$8.95 in 1945) is white with a blue stripe, the Army medical number (\$7.95 in 1946) is white with a maroon stripe and the one for field service (\$8.04 in 1946) is olive drab.

Here are three folding canvas cots. The Navy paid \$3.20, the Marines \$7.50 for the same weight of canvas. The Army, with a \$6.34 price tag, points to a heavier material which it says means twice the life of the Navy cot.

Pillows come in five sizes. The Marines pay \$2.50 for the same size the Army gets for \$1.77.

Here are white sneakers for the Navy and Marines (97 cents) and brown sneakers for the Army and Air Force (\$1.67).

Here are tan shoes for the Navy at \$7.73, tan shoes for the Army and Air Force at \$5.07.

Here are electrically heated flying suits. The Air Force model at \$121.78 is good down to -45 degrees. The Navy's at \$122.47 only down to -20 F.

Exposure suits for surviving long periods of soaking in the ocean cost the Navy \$25.91, the Air Force \$47.13. The Navy's is black with a yellow dye package; the Air Force's is bright yellow. The Air Force has a zipper on the case the suit comes in; the Navy uses a snap button.

Yule Play Presented By Garden Valley Pupils

Pupils of the Garden Valley grade school presented their annual Christmas play at the Women's Club building for their parents and the community Tuesday evening.

Primary children presented "the Toys Had to Wait," under direction of Mrs. Helen Burkhardt, while the upper grade children presented a two-act play, "Too Old for Christmas," directed by J. A. Giroux.

Mrs. Helen Bamford assisted in the direction of Christmas music for the program. The women's Club of Garden Valley furnished treats for the children and adults.

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Admitted to Probate
The estate of Cora Gladys Helbig, who died in Roseburg at the age of 45 years on Oct. 6, has been admitted to probate under order of County Judge D. N. Busenbark. Petition asking that the will be admitted was filed by the widow, Vern V. Helbig, who has been named administrator. W. D. Fritts, Robert B. Lumburg and Harold Sanders have been appointed appraisers.

Justice Court Fines
Justice Hartfield reports the following traffic fines: Charles E. Moore, axle overload, \$10 on each of 40 counts; Donald Parker, unit overload, \$10; John C. Moore, no clearance lights, \$10, and no tail light, \$10; Faye M. Kosak, speeding, \$10, and Delbert J. Cobb, overweight load, \$10.

VAGRANCY CHARGED
Eben and May Mode, arraigned in Justice Court Thursday on a charge of vagrancy, asked to see an attorney, and their bail was set at \$100. Justice of Peace Thomas C. Hartfield reported. Arrest was made upon filing of a complaint signed by Earl C. Wallace. The complaint was dated Nov. 22.

Choral Groups Present Christmas Assembly

A special Christmas assembly was presented by the choral groups of the Senior High School Thursday Dec. 23, the last day before Christmas vacation. Alumni, home from college for the holidays, as well as parents and friends of the students, were present.

Readings by Dick Bonebrake and Susan Motschenbacher, and music by the High School Choir, the Junior-Senior Girls' Chorus, and the Sophomore Girls' Double Trio, under the direction of Mr. Wendell Johnson, took part. Miss Harriet Booth was soloist.

At the close of the program, Mr. Laws wished everyone a Merry Christmas and dismissed school thirty minutes early. The early dismissal was well received by the students.

Elks Distribute Christmas Cheer To 37 Families

Thirty-seven Douglas County families have been made happier for Christmas by the distribution of a similar number of amply filled baskets of food and toys. The Roseburg Elks Lodge Thursday made its annual distribution to needy families, reported Exalted Ruler Harry Pluniger.

Each basket contained a turkey, bread, cranberries, butter, butter substitutes, shortening, oranges, candy, peanuts, merchandise certificates and toys for children. Families receiving the gifts ranged in number of children from two up to 11.

Two nights were required to pack the baskets. Three Elks worked one evening and eight the second night, so that all gifts were ready for distribution Thursday.

Last Saturday the Elks treated 1700 boys and girls to a theater party and treats. The Umpqua Amusement Company opened the doors of the three Roseburg theaters and admitted the children. Don Radabaugh, owner, provided the films free of charge, and he and Assistant Managers Bob Elliott and Jack Loomis helped manage the large number of children.

Volunteer Elks passed out sacks of candy, nuts and oranges to the children. The sacks had previously been filled by the Lady Elks, who spent long hours filling the bags from the bulk lot of candy and nuts.

A Christmas potluck dinner, Christmas tree and dancing or other social entertainment comprised the feature of the Elks Lodge Thursday night. Approximately 300 were in attendance.

The Elks Club will be closed all of Christmas day. Tickets for the New Year's Eve dance will go on sale Monday. The first Junior Elks teen-age dance will be held next Tuesday night in the Terrace Ballroom.

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Awakens in Fire Dream, Finds Home Burning

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 24 — (AP) — W. L. Gallman dreamed Wednesday night that flames were shooting from his chimney. He awoke abruptly at that point, he said later, and found his house was afire.

A faulty wood furnace was blamed for starting a blaze that ate through two floors of the frame house. The family of three escaped unharmed.

California Faces White Christmas

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 — (AP) — A white Christmas is in prospect for sections of California where snow hasn't been seen in years. It snowed in patches along the coast yesterday and more was on the way today.

The weather bureau forecast showers for Christmas in the lowlands and snow in the Sierra Nevada. But the sagging temperatures of the last two days could bring snow generally if they persist.

San Francisco proper remained officially snowless yesterday but there were a few flakes in Golden Gate Park and a fleeting fall at San Francisco airport.

The first pre-Christmas snow in 25 years fell at Beaumont, near Los Angeles.

Fresno, in the interior San Joaquin Valley, had its first snow in 11 years and shivered in 32-degree cold.

In southern California, heavy

hall storms whitened streets in Compton, Santa Monica and Long Beach.

Los Angeles had its chilliest day in a year with a low of 38 degrees.

Equal parts of dried celery and pineapple are excellent for a salad when teamed with black olives and mayonnaise. Serve on shredded escarole or lettuce or on romaine.

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Greetings for Christmas

The most cherished of gifts bestowed upon us by the outgoing year is the confidence of those we have been privileged to serve. Ever appreciative of this pleasant relationship, we want to express to our many good friends our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas season and a very happy New Year.