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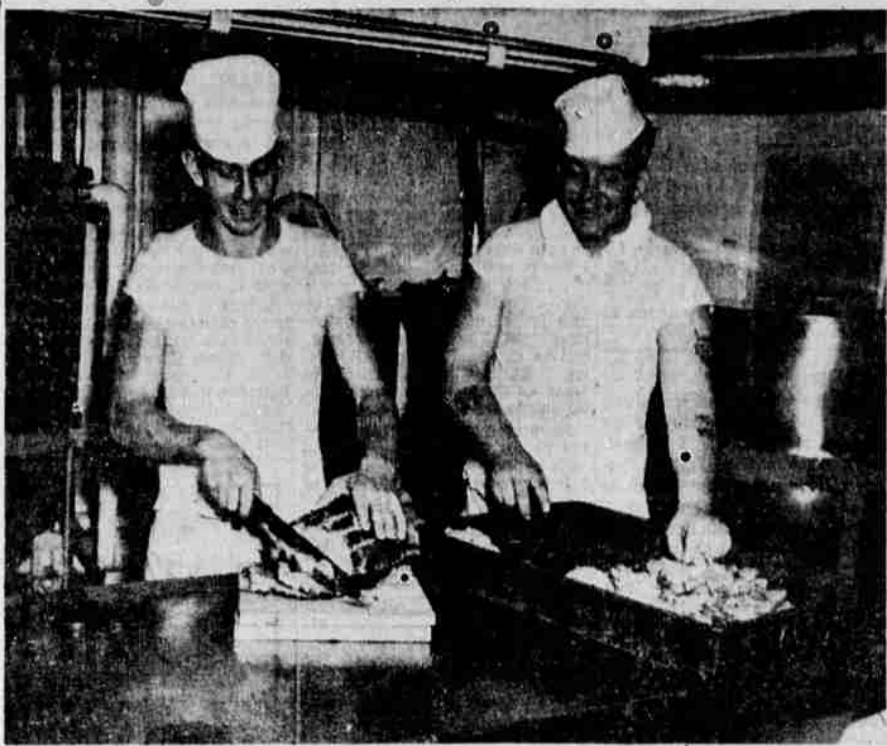
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**PREPARING FOOD** in the galley aboard the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge somewhere in the Pacific are Paul M. Hansen, (left), seaman, USN, and Gordon Hamilton, seaman, USN. Hansen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Hansen of Route 12, Fresno, Calif., while Hamilton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hamilton of Myrtle Creek, Ore. (Official U.S. Navy Photograph).

**Railroaders Plan Happy Christmas For Ailing Chum**

DUARTE, Calif. — (AP) — Santa Claus in the person of railroaders on the Santa Fe Los Angeles division comes to their ailing pal, 18-year-old Jill Miller, on Thursday.

Ever since Jill and her mother, Mrs. Freda B. Miller, moved into their house near the tracks in 1947, Jill from the front porch had waved and smiled at the engineers and trainmen on the passing trains. Track supervisors and signal maintainers, zipping along on little motor cars, also got greetings. In turn, they dropped off magazines and newspapers for her.

But a year ago they missed Jill. Then a sign appeared in her window: "sick." The railroaders inquired, found she had been stricken with rheumatic fever and presented her with a few Christmas trinkets last year.

Now she is a cardiac invalid, a bed indefinitely. Yet daily Jill flutters a little yellow flag in her window, signals at night with a flashlight, in place of her personal waves.

So this year the boys of the division are giving her a whopping

Christmas party. They'll present her with an electric blanket, a platform rocker, an ottoman, bed-jackets and other items made by railroaders' wives, and a huge mirror for her wall so she can watch the reflection of the passing streamliners, the locals and the freight trains.

Engineer O. D. Kelley of San Bernardino, Calif., with whom Jill corresponded, will head the Santa Claus delegation. Jill's doctor says her railroad friendship has given her a definite mental lift in her struggle for health.

**Elkton**  
By PHYLLIS A. SMITH

At the recent meeting of the city council, C. I. Licklider was granted a franchise to run phone lines in the city. Election for the adoption of a charter for the city of Elkton will be held Jan. 2.

Santa Clause is scheduled to put in an appearance Tuesday night. There will be a free show, "Great Feeling" at the Elkton theatre that night, after treats are distributed to the kiddies at the Christmas tree in town.

The Elkton high school students have invited the teachers' wives and husbands and board members and their wives to their annual Christmas dinner to be held Friday noon.

The Church of Christ will have a Christmas program at the church Wednesday evening. The Methodist church will stage a Christmas program during the regular Sunday school hour Sunday morning. The Willing workers of the Church of Christ held a program and gift exchange at the church Wednesday afternoon. The Elkton grade school will present a Christmas program Thursday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. at the school. The schools will close for Christmas vacation Friday afternoon and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Vird Moser of Numclaw, Wash., are stopping for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Esslinger for a few days. They are enroute to Los Angeles where they will spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Esslinger and daughter, Virginia, will leave Dec. 23 for Spokane, Wash., where they will attend the Christian Esslinger family reunion. While in Washington they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Esslinger.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Weigle and three children of Beaverton and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Weigle of Harbor, Ore., will arrive this weekend to be guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Wade Hemler over the holidays. They will stay for a week.

Mrs. Gerald Riley left for Washington D. C. Wednesday to be with her husband. She plans to be gone eight weeks.

The Elkton grade school basketball teams defeated the Drain grade teams in three games Thursday evening—Elkton girls 24, Drain 21; Elkton Bees 18, Drain 9; Elkton A's 19, — Drain 11.

**No Agreement Reached In Rail Labor Dispute**  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Negotiators kept White House lights blazing until 3:30 this morning in a third all-night session to settle the railroad labor dispute.

Dr. John R. Steelman, presidential assistant, told reporters "considerable progress was made toward reaching a settlement." He is steering the negotiations.

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