

Children To Hear Final Prayer Of Minister Father

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Five children will gather in the living room of their home on Christmas day to hear the last prayer spoken by their minister father.

His voice will come to them by tape recorder. The Rev. Orville Brunelle of the Evangelical United Brethren Church died last Christmas, 15 minutes after speaking the prayer into the recorder as he lay on a davenport ill from a heart attack.

The playback of their father's prayer will be the most solemn moment of the annual family Christmas service which the children themselves will conduct.

Their mother will sit with them as they read, pray and sing. Planner of the service is Philip, 14, who furnishes music and assigns reading. The others are Paul, 17, Gregory, 9, Judy, 3, and Mark, 2.

Sometimes during the service, one of the youngsters will turn on the recorder, and the family once more will hear their father say: "Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for this Christmas day and that we can be together as a family."

"We thank Thee for the Lord, Jesus Christ, who came so long ago on Christmas day to give us life eternal and provide salvation for us."

"Be with the church and bless it, we pray, and guide it in every thing that is said and done, we pray in Jesus' name."

"Amen."

Jurors Given Delay To Fix Scott's Penalty

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Jurors who must decide whether L. Ewing Scott dies in the gas chamber or faces life imprisonment for the murder of his wife have been given a postponement until the day after Christmas to make their decision.

The jurors, who convicted Scott of first-degree murder although the body of his wife has never been found, asked for the brief holiday when they returned to court Monday under the new California procedure that separates the trial from the sentencing in death penalty cases.

Scott, 61, was convicted Saturday of murdering his wealthy, socialite wife, Evelyn, who disappeared May 16, 1955. Death or life imprisonment are the only possible sentences under the law.

ATTEND CLINIC

The Melodears, a triple trio of high school girls, attended the Umpqua Valley League choral clinic this month at Oakland High School at which Max Reinsinger of the University of Oregon presided.

With their teacher, Gene Southwell, the girls attended the all-day session which included taking part in a 300-voice mixed chorus.

Santa Departs From N. Pole, DEWline Reports

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Make no mistake about it—Santa's on his way!

Santa's departure from the North Pole was reported early Tuesday to the North American Air Defense Command headquarters here by a Distant Early Warning line site near Point Barrow, Alaska.

It's reported Santa's traveling about 45 knots at an altitude of 35,000 feet and that he's taking advantage of the prevailing jet streams to hasten his voyage to the United States.

NORAD radar sites at the mid-Canada line and the Pine Tree line will continue to track Santa to the United States as he steers his sleigh along skies that are cold and clear.

Santa is assured safe passage by NORAD's units which will guard the old fellow against possible attacks from those who do not believe in Christmas. At the same time, NORAD's radar stations, fighter interceptors and Nike missile weapons will be guarding the skies over North America for unfriendly objects.

And Santa's tracks, being plotted on the main surveillance boards, are very wide ones, indicating his sleigh is heavily laden with toys and goodies.

Russians Claim Fastest Airplane

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R. — In an enigmatic newspaper article, the Soviet Union today claimed it has flown faster than any other plane of its type.

The guarded article by Col. F. Lushnikov in the army paper Red Star gave no figures to pin down the claim nor did it identify the aircraft.

Lushnikov congratulated five crewmen headed by the test pilot, Maj. A. Ponomarev, and Col. N. Savin for a flight "covering a distance that no other plane of this type ever covered."

The article also claimed that Lt. Col. D. Gaponenko flew even farther in another type of Soviet jet bomber, also unidentified.

The plane that is believed to be Russia's standard heavy jet bomber today, the Bison, reportedly has a range of slightly over 7,000 miles. The U. S. equivalent, the B52, has a range of over 6,000 miles but is about 100 miles an hour faster. With refueling, B52s have flown around the world non-stop.

The U. S. Air Force has ordered an eventual replacement for the B52 that will go long distances at more than 2,000 miles an hour.

EARTHQUAKE FELT

ALGIERS, Alg. — Sharp earth tremors continued today to shake the area around Oranville, where more than 1,000 persons were killed by an earthquake in 1954.

Russia Considers Additional Cuts In Armed Forces

By ARTHUR BAVSHON

LONDON, Dec. 24. — Nikita S. Khrushchev was quoted by Moscow Radio Tuesday as saying that Russia is studying the possibility of making new cuts in its armed forces.

The Communist Party first secretary addressed a 40th anniversary session of the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet in Kiev.

Khrushchev said the Soviet Union's scientific advances have created conditions favorable for the cuts.

The radio broadcast a summary of Khrushchev's speech in which the Russian leader stressed that the alternative to "peaceful co-existence" would be an "atomic war... with catastrophic results."

The Soviet Union in mid-1956 announced plans to slash its armed forces by 1,000,000 men. The Western allies have had no evidence except Moscow's claims that the reductions actually have been carried out.

The 1956 cutback nevertheless still would have left the Russians with air, land and sea forces numbering up to about four million men, according to Western estimates.

Khrushchev's hint of possible reductions appeared to be in line with Moscow's propaganda for conciliation and negotiation with the West.

Passing Motorist Saves Two From Deschutes R.

MADRID, Spain. — A passing motorist rescued two men from a car that plunged into the Deschutes River near Warm Springs early Monday.

The car occupied by Ed Scott, 37, and Lasco Gilbert, about 27, both of Simnasho, Ore., left Highway 26 and landed nose down in about 14 feet of water. They escaped from inside the car by breaking the rear window and climbed on top of the car protruding from the river.

Elvis Smith and his wife, Ramona, were returning home when they saw the lights of the car as it hit the river, and heard the men shout.

Smith jumped into the cold water and swam to the car. He had to make two trips to bring the men to safety.

Scott and Gilbert were unhurt.

Famine, Floods Strike West Java, Reports Say

JAKARTA, Indonesia. — Reports of floods and famine in central and west Java poured into Jakarta Tuesday.

A number of villages in Madjalaraja regency were reported swept by floods following heavy rains. No casualties were reported, but 15 houses collapsed.

A number of long lying villages in Kebumaran regency, in central Java, and neighboring areas were hit by floods last weekend.

Hundreds of acres of rice lands started severely damaged. A report from Semarang said 22 districts in central Java were hit by famine. The cause of the food shortage was not given, but presumably it resulted from crop failures and from the breakdown in inter-island shipping following the immobilizing of the KPM Dutch line.

Access Norma Talmadge Passes At Age 60 Years

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Norma Talmadge, the versatile dark-eyed siren who made more than 200 pictures during her silent film career, died Tuesday. She was 60.

Death came at the home she shared with her third husband, Dr. Garvel James. He said she had had a series of cerebral accidents — strokes — in recent months and had developed a case of pneumonia. He attributed death to the pneumonia.

Miss Talmadge and her husband had lived quietly during their 10 years of residence here.

Norma was the most famous of three famous actress sisters. Sister Natalie is flying here from Santa Monica, Calif., and sister Constance — now Mrs. Walter Gibson — is flying from Palm Beach, Fla.

Her first husband was film tycoon Joseph M. Schenck and her second was comedian George Jessel.

Her best known silent films include "Panther," "Ashes of Vengeance," "Secrets," "Within the Law," "The Passion Flower," "Graustark," "Kiki" and "Camille."

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BIRTHS

Mercy Hospital
BROWN — To Mr. and Mrs. Neil Gordon Brown, PO Box 143, Winston, Dec. 17, a son, Gordon Earl, weight 6 pounds.
SPENCER — To Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Spencer, Box 823, Oakland, Dec. 19, a daughter, Ellen Marie, weight 7 pounds.

Forest Glen Hospital
HESS — To Mr. and Mrs. William Hess, Myrtle Creek, Dec. 16, a son, Dinno Lee, weight 5 pounds 13 ounces.
MORRIS — To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morris, Glendale, Dec. 21, a daughter, Delora Sue, weight 5 pounds 11 ounces.

JUSTICE — To Mr. and Mrs. James Justice, Riddle, Dec. 22, a daughter, Melody Lynn, weight 6 pounds 10 ounces.
MEERKS — To Mr. and Mrs. Clement Meers, Riddle, Dec. 22, a son, Jeffery Henry, weight 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces.

Post-Sputnik Christmas Draws Prayers For Peace
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includes 30 Protestant and Orthodox denominations, visited the armed forces in Alaska.

U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld was also visiting troops for Christmas. He arrived in Gaza Monday to visit the U.N. emergency force.

Arabs Map Demands
Hammarskjöld was met with a demand from Arab refugees that they be returned to their old homes. The 19,000 Hungarian refugees in Austrian camps also hoped for new homes as police gave them Christmas parties.

For those still behind the Iron Curtain, Radio Free Europe prepared special Christmas programs from Polish and other national groups in the United States and Britain.

Authorities in Algeria said they hoped for the quietest Christmas Eve since the rebellion began three years ago. The curfew will be lifted in Algiers Tuesday night to permit worshippers to attend midnight mass. However, scattered stabbings and bombings were reported across the North African territory and military officials said 53 rebels were killed in three clashes Monday.

A Moroccan newspaper said Spanish planes bombed a rebel-held fort near the border of Ifni Monday. In restive Cuba 15 bombings in 48 hours caused fears that rebels might open up in Havana and other cities during the holidays. On Cyprus 100 political prisoners were granted Christmas amnesty and returned home amid cheers.

In one suburb of Buenos Aires, potted Christmas trees twined with strings of lights have been hanging in the streets without bulbs. Officials were waiting until just before a lighting ceremony Tuesday night to screw in the bulbs and planned to take them out afterward to protect them for next year.

In his broadcast speech at the tree lighting, President Eisenhower said that through work and sacrifice, "we confirm our faith that men may walk one day unafraid under the Christmas light, at peace with ourselves and their fellows."

"In dedication to peace, in our determination and readiness collectively to sustain that peace, we are firmly joined with our NATO partners — as indeed we are with other friendly nations around the world," Eisenhower said.

Queen Elizabeth II prepared for her annual Christmas day radio message, which this year for the first time will be televised. Monday night the Queen and her family sang Christmas carols with a village choir at the royal lodge near Sandringham.

In London Christmas shoppers created the worst traffic tangle in years. Shoppers and sightseers crowded gaily lit cities in many parts of the world. The Automobile Club of New York estimated that 750,000 automobiles would be on metropolitan area roads Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Australians were up the move in record numbers. After a Christmas spending spree estimated at a billion dollars, tens of thousands fled midsummer city heat for the sea, mountains and the country. Sydney airport had its busiest day in history.

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Winchester Man Killed In Auto Accident Monday

Funeral services are scheduled Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Howell-Edwards Mortuary in Salem for John Frank Brown, 77, of Winchester, who was killed Sunday in a Highway 99 traffic accident near Eugene.

He died at 5:40 p.m. Sunday following a two-car accident about two hours earlier north of Eugene. Brown's car was struck by one operated by Elias E. Pittenger, 41, of San Diego, Calif. Both Pittenger and his wife, a passenger, were hospitalized.

Following Wife
State police reports of the accident said that Brown and his wife were driving separate cars south on highway 99. Mrs. Brown was driving directly in front when she slowed down to avoid colliding with an unidentified car crossing the highway from a side road.

Brown, attempting to avoid hitting the rear of his wife's car, pulled into the opposite lane and was struck by the Pittenger auto.

Brown, attempting to avoid hitting for 30 years, had lived in Winchester approximately a year. He was born May 8, 1880, at Glover, Pa., and farmed in Pennsylvania until 1918. He moved to Fresno, Calif., and operated a trucking service there until moving to Jefferson.

Survives
Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Sadie Brown of Winchester; seven sons, John, Otto and Roy Brown, all of Salem; Jacob and Keith Brown, both of Winchester; Elmo Brown of Springfield; and George Brown of Albany; three daughters, Mrs. Wilma Finlay of Jefferson, Mrs. Helen Miller of Salem and Mrs. Naomi Hill of Albany; three sisters, Miss Iola Brown and Miss Kate Brown, both of Sanger, Calif., and Mrs. Nina Magoon, Salina, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

24 Persons Aboard Crashed Radar Plane
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up the four men from among the debris floating in the area.

Seas were heavy, with waves at times topping 14 feet.

The Super Constellation's when specially converted for radar patrols, are capable of remaining aloft more than two days.

The Navy said that one of the men at first thought aboard turned up in downtown Honolulu. Richard D. Varner, 22, an aviation technician third class, was on leave Monday to get married.

The Navy said, and was excused from the training flight, Varner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Varner, live at Ontario, Calif.

Costly Operation
The 7 1/2 million dollar radar-cramped plane made its last flight report at 3:30 p.m. It was 100 miles northeast of Kure at Barbers Point Naval Air Station on Oahu.

It was the worst military plane accident in this area since a Military Air Transport plane crashed into an Oahu Mountain in March 1955, killing 66 persons.

The most recent plane disaster in the Pacific involved a Pan American Stratocruiser early last month. All 44 aboard were killed when it crashed in the Pacific midway between Hawaii and the West Coast Nov. 8. A vast sea and air search got under way as soon as that plane was reported overdue but it was a week later before bodies and floating wreckage were found.

ACTRESS HAS BABY
HOLLYWOOD — It's a baby girl for actress Ann Blyth and her physician husband Dr. James McNulty. The baby, Kathleen Mary, weighed in Monday at 6 pounds 2 ounces. Red-haired Kathleen has a sister, Maurice Ann, 2, and a brother, Timothy Patrick, 3 1/2.

REBEKAHS WILL MEET
Roseburg Rebekah Lodge 41 will hold a business meeting Tuesday night at 8 at the IOOF hall.

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NEW VET ADMINISTRATOR—Sumner G. Whittier, former Lt. Gov. of Mass., shown as he talked to newsmen in his office in Washington after he was named as head of the Veterans Administration. He succeeds Harvey V. Higley who resigned.

Up Fraser River
The Musqueam Reserve is nine miles from downtown Vancouver on an arm of the Fraser River. A tug boat on the river and an unknown householder gave the alarm.

A fire truck bogged down on a marshy track and firemen walked and ran to the burning house but could do nothing. There were no hydrants nearby.

A fire official identified Mrs. Louis' children as: Maxine, 14; Virginia, 11; Connie, 3; McGary, 4; James, 3 and Regan, 20 months.

The Vancouver Island fire was caused by an exploding oil lamp at the home of a Cowichan Indian family. Duncan is about 30 miles north of Victoria.

Dead are: Charlene and Colleen Bob, 10-month-old twins; Lillian, 2; Lawrence, 3, and Delmar, 5.

Four persons escaped, including the children's mother, Evelyn Bob, 24, who was burned seriously.

Sister Escapes
A sister, Betty Bob, 21, escaped with her two young children, Geraldine, 15 months, and Sharon, four months.

The father of the five victims and the father of the two surviving children were fishing in a nearby river when the tragedy occurred. They returned too late to give any assistance.

An RCMP officer on patrol saw the flames a quarter of a mile away.

The two women were standing outside the blazing house when he arrived. They had thrown Betty Bob's two children through a window to safety before escaping themselves.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME
NEW YORK — Racketeer Frank Costello can spend Christmas at home instead of in jail.

He had been scheduled Monday to resume serving a five-year prison sentence for "income tax evasion." But Federal Judge John F. X. McGohery ruled that his lawyers could have until Jan. 6 to carry the case to the U. S. Court of Appeals.

40 Blind