



OKAY GUYS—READY! SET!—With rain pelting the West Coast, it was snow in the East. In Chicago the youngsters seem about to let temptation get the better of their self control as they spy officer Vincent Blake wading through the season's heaviest local snowfall.

# Christmas Season Continuing; Leading U.S. Clergy Tell Why

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In the Christian tradition, Christmas Day is only the beginning of a season of peace on earth and good will to all men. Here are the views of several prominent clergymen on the continuing spirit of Christmas.

**United Press International**  
**NEW YORK (UPI)** — Christmas is over. The caroling has ended and some of the toys already have been broken. But does the spirit of Christmas die with the coming of a new day? No, say religious leaders of all Christian faiths. They offered these thoughts today to keep the spirit of Christmas alive through 1960:

**East**  
The Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, rector emeritus of Riverside Church, New York: "Christmas to many is a sentimental holiday but it really represents mankind's most desperate need. People call Jesus idealistic and impractical. But are the violence and hatred that torment the world today practical? Is nuclear war practical?... Jesus is the supreme realist and only his teaching put into practice can save mankind."

Roman Catholic Bishop John W. Comber, M. M. D. D., superior general, Maryknoll Fathers: "Christ said of himself 'The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister.' In the year ahead American dedication to the role should be marked by a keen sense of the problems of the entire human race. It was moving to find our President on returning home so deeply conscious of the needs of men."

**Southwest**  
R. C. Bishop Thomas K. Gorman of Dallas: "I think the dominant thought in the minds of all men could be gotten from the latter part of that familiar tune of the ages, 'Glory to God and on earth peace, good will toward men.' There are two translations of that. They amount to the same thing — peace among individuals, families and nations."

**Midwest**  
The Rev. Dr. John W. Barns, executive vice president of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago: "A thorough-going application of the Christian message in 1960 would bring industrial peace between our two greatest economic power blocs. An honest practice of good will and peace would impel both labor and management for conscience's sake to place a third value, the public welfare, ahead of their concerns for wages, salaries and profits."

**West**  
The Rev. Carl G. Howie, minister, Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco: "As wise men dedicated priceless gifts to a baby in a stable, so our land must learn to subordinate possessions to people. Jesus Christ came to demonstrate once for all that persons are God's most precious assets. Things should not be used to control people but rather to serve them."

**Northwest**  
The Most Rev. John J. Mitty, R. C. archbishop of San Francisco: "Is it not true that we are happiest at Christmas because we are most unselfish at this time? Perhaps if we tried during the rest of the year to think a little more of others and a little less of ourselves, we might experience some of that joy that we have come to associate with this blessed season."

every area of life is the intriguing and challenging message of this Christmas as it has ever been since the angels sang over the Judean hills that God came here as a babe in Bethlehem's stall."

**South**  
Dr. Louie E. Newton, pastor, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta: "Peace among men who seek to do the will of God in

# New Tax Pay Plan Bound To Make 'Padded Account' Boys Unhappy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — It's positively not true that Dana Latham, the Internal Revenue commissioner, had spent all Christmas week working out a fiendish scheme to spoil the holidays for millions of taxpayers.

He worked on the plan only through Wednesday, his office avers, and then went off to Florida. He won't announce it until he gets back, probably early this week.

From what I hear of the im-

pending announcement, it will make quite a few people unhappy. Latham proposes to make the expense account honest.

He's not going to touch legitimate expenses, at least not much. It's only the padded, and phony and unreasonable expense accounts he's going after, which of course is why so many people are likely to be upset by the news.

**One Dodge Illustrated**

"I am referring, of course," Latham said in a recent hit of the forthcoming action, "to such situations as purported business trips, including convention attendance, which in fact represent vacations at resort hotels, hunting lodges, or other vacation spots; lavish entertainment that is really personal rather than business in nature; the ownership and operation of automobiles, yachts, airplanes, hunting lodges, beach homes, etc., for personal use by company officials; the purchase with company funds of articles destined for the personal use of the executive, his family, or friends and many, many other similar expenditures."

Except for a fortunate circumstance, I wouldn't have had the slightest idea what he was talking about. My own expense accounts, in looking back, seem always to have run more to carfare, evening papers, and 10 cent phone calls, for a total of \$2.59 a week.

Only after a hearing by the House Ways and Means Committee, just a couple of weeks ago, did I realize fully what I've been missing.

A parade of tax lawyers came in to tell the committee the swindle sheet, which dates back at least to the Roman Empire, and last seemed about to get out of hand. Take for instance "the luncheon scheme," which was pictured as increasingly popular and operating as follows:

Mr. A will wine and dine his friends B, C, and D at a luxurious luncheon club on Mondays; B will entertain the group on Tuesdays, and so forth — all for

the purpose of having their lunches deducted on their own or their employers' tax returns as a business expense, although business was far from their thoughts.

**Club Dues Deductible**  
Business meetings, the lawyers explained, tend more and more to take place at beaches, spas, and the sites of contemporaneous sporting events.

Country club dues seem increasingly a part of the normal and necessary cost of doing business, they said. And when the wives of company executives arrive at the club they sometimes turn out to be driving company cars.

For all these things Uncle Sam winds up paying a part of the tab, frequently 52 per cent of it, through deductions on tax returns. One witness said the government is losing this way one to two billion dollars annually.

Latham had 35 years as a tax lawyer himself and in Los Angeles at that, so we can be sure he knows all the angles. Exactly what he proposes to do about them I don't know but he has already said what one result will be: A lot of business travel to Florida, when this year's tax returns have been audited, will turn out to have been wholly for pleasure.

As for his own trip to Sarasota, he bought the tickets himself, his office reports, and is charging them up to nothing but fun with his family.

# State System Of Education Told To Lions

Charles Ivie, local director of the General Extension Division, Oregon State System of Higher Education, was speaker at the regular weekly noon luncheon meeting of the Lions at the Sacajawea.

Ivie outlined the four principal functions of the General Extension Division as operating the state's educational radio and TV programs, summer and winter evening classes at the Portland Extension center, the department of visual aids, and the department of statewide services.

**Russian Course**  
Under the Statewide services some 3,000 people are enrolled this year in 670 different off-campus classes, and in about 77 different communities," Ivie said. "It is this department also where a considerable program of correspondence courses, consultant activities, teacher training and other, educational and advisory programs are carried on."

During the question and answer period following Ivie's talk, it was disclosed that an evening class in Russian is expected to begin at the college here in January. Classes will be held two nights weekly for seven weeks.

Major Jim Kisselburgh, former member of the La Grande club, now with the U. S. Air Force in El Paso, Tex., and his son, Jim, Jr., were club guests for the day. Al Kaiser was program chairman.

# Roving Farm Hand Tracked To Cave After Theft Wave

**BOSTON CORNERS, N.Y. (UPI)** — He was a slight, mild-mannered man with gray eyes who had worked over the years on a dozen farms around but never seemed to put a root down anywhere.

Since last summer, without a regular job or a home, he had lived in his battered car, or slept in convenient barns.

"He only stole what he needed," a state police officer said. "But it was getting to be a big nuisance, and some people were get-

# Sig Unander Successor Considered

**SALEM (UPI)**—Several persons were reported under consideration today to succeed Republican Sig Unander as Oregon's state treasurer.

President Eisenhower announced Monday he intends to nominate Unander, 46, to the Federal Maritime Board for the remainder of a term expiring June 20, 1961.

Unander said the President "has conferred a great honor on Oregon." He said his resignation as state treasurer "will go forward to the governor at the proper time."

**Job Pays \$20,000**  
Reports have circulated for some time that Unander was in line for the federal appointment, which must go to the Senate for approval after congress convenes.

The federal position pays \$20,000 a year.

Unander will succeed Ben Gill, of Texas, who has resigned effective Dec. 31.

Two persons have expressed interest in running for the \$12,500 treasurer's position. They are ex-State Sen. Lee Ohmart of Salem and Rep. Shirley Field of Portland, both Republicans.

**Other Names**  
Others whose names have popped up include former State Sen. Howard Belton of Canby; Deputy State Treasurer Fred Paulus; former State Sen. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland; State Sen. Anthony Yturri of Ontario and Eugene Mayor Edwin Cone, also a former legislator.

Unander said that "matters of the state treasury are up to date and all accounts are in first class condition."

# U.S. Labor Force Continues To Grow

**WASHINGTON (UPI)** — The American labor force is expected to grow by about 23 million people by 1975.

The figure is expected to include a larger number of married women but fewer men 65 and older.

The forecast was made at the annual meeting of the American Statistical Association here today by a government labor economist, Miss Gertrude Bancroft.

ting scared."

Through new fallen snow last week end they tracked James W. Ellis, 47, to the home he had found for the winter — a small cave high in the rocks of the Harlem Valley farmland.

"It's beautiful country," said Police Sgt. Earl D. Hanchett. In the small cave officers found a few blankets, a few clothes, a rifle and shotgun, empty food cans and the bones of the rabbits and deer Ellis had shot for food.

He went peacefully with the troopers. He made no fuss as they lodged him in the Columbia County jail at Hudson to await a grand jury action.

And nobody still knows much about why Jim Ellis chose to live as he did.

Hanchett guessed that Ellis knew he was suspected of a couple of burglaries and simply hid in the hills because "he didn't want to be arrested."

Ellis is suspected of about 20 burglaries, almost all of summer cabins broken into after their city-dwelling owners had locked them up for the winter.

# Politicos Paying Election Wager

**PICKENS, Miss. (UPI)** Two determined politicians left this small town today astride a donkey and a bull, plodding relentlessly on to the state capital to fulfill an election promise.

Sen.-elect Hugh Bailey, 35, and Constable-elect Buster Montague, 31, arrived here Sunday after riding most of the day in a down-pour.

The two promised voters four months ago that, if elected, they would ride a donkey and a bull from Winona to Jackson. They began their 90-mile jaunt Saturday morning and made 31 miles the first day.

# Bandits Take Relics Said Worn By Christ

**JERSEY CITY, N. J. (UPI)** — Two relics said to have come from the cross on which Christ died and worth \$90,000 were taken by two bandits Monday night from a descendant of Austrian nobility.

Matthew Jaksch, 69, was robbed of the relics as he was about to deposit them in a bank. Police said the bandits probably thought they were getting money.

They also took \$7 from Jaksch. The items, in a manila envelope included a splinter purportedly from the cross on which Christ was crucified. The other was part of a thorn said to have come from the crown of thorns Christ wore at Calvary.

**DOORS**  
Fir, Mahogany and Birch  
ALL SIZES IN STOCK  
MILLER CABINET SHOP  
Greenwood and Jefferson

# Union Youth Initiated Into Phi Kappa Phi

**UNION (Special)**—Dick Gipson has been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi national scholastic honorary at Oregon State College. He is a senior in the school of science.

Mrs. F. G. Calvin, Olympia, spent the day here with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Delaney.

Mrs. La Nore King was the honored guest at a recent dinner party in Mrs. L. W. Bingham's home. Mrs. King is leaving after the first of the year to make her home on the coast. Other guests were Mrs. Dorothy Spray, La Grande, Mrs. Agnes Rogers, Miss Marie Moulton, Mrs. Iola Harn and Mrs. G. I. Hess.

**At Hot Lake**  
The MYF of the Methodist Church went to Hot Lake where they entertained the patients with a Christmas program and songs.

The Lucky 13 bridge club met at Mrs. Olga Smith's apartment, for their annual Christmas party and gift exchange. Cards were played with Mrs. Ralph Taylor winning high and Mrs. Carl Posey, low.

Willis Johnson, who had been confined to the hospital with pneumonia, has returned home to convalesce.

The FHA girls had a caroling party at Hot Lake, after which they went to Kay Hannan's home for a Christmas party and gift exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams, La Grande, have purchased the home of Mrs. Lawrence Hibbeln in northeast Union.

# Joseph UP Man Gets Promotion

The Union Pacific railroad has appointed Lowell Robert (Bob) Capps as its traffic agent at Pendleton beginning Jan. 1. He succeeds L. Earl Donahue who was promoted to general traffic agent at Lewiston, Ida.

Capps' territory will be the Union Pacific main line from Huntington to near The Dalles and the Joseph, Pilot Rock, Heppner and Condon branch lines.

Donahue has been traffic agent at Pendleton since 1954. He began his U.P. career in 1941 as a telegraph messenger at Portland. He attended grade school at Joseph and was graduated from high school at Elgin in 1936.

# BB's Physician Warns Newsmen

**PARIS (UPI)** — Brigitte Bardot's physician appealed to the press today to let his comely patient have her expected baby in peace.

Dr. Andre Laennec said disturbances like the attempted weekend "invasion" of the Bardot apartment by two French newsmen are bad for an expectant mother.

"Please leave Brigitte alone," Laennec said. "All this excitement is bad for her nerves. A woman needs peace before the birth of her child."

Jacques Charrier, Miss Bardot's ex-soldier husband, and a club-wielding bodyguard drove off the week-end "invaders," confiscating a picture one of them had snapped of Charrier in the doorway of his home.

Charrier married Miss Bardot June 13. Her baby is expected sometime next month.

**KING ORDERS SUITS**  
**LONDON (UPI)** — King Phumiphon Aduldej, 32-year-old ruler of Thailand, has ordered \$14,000 worth of suits and uniforms from a London tailor, according to the Sunday express.

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