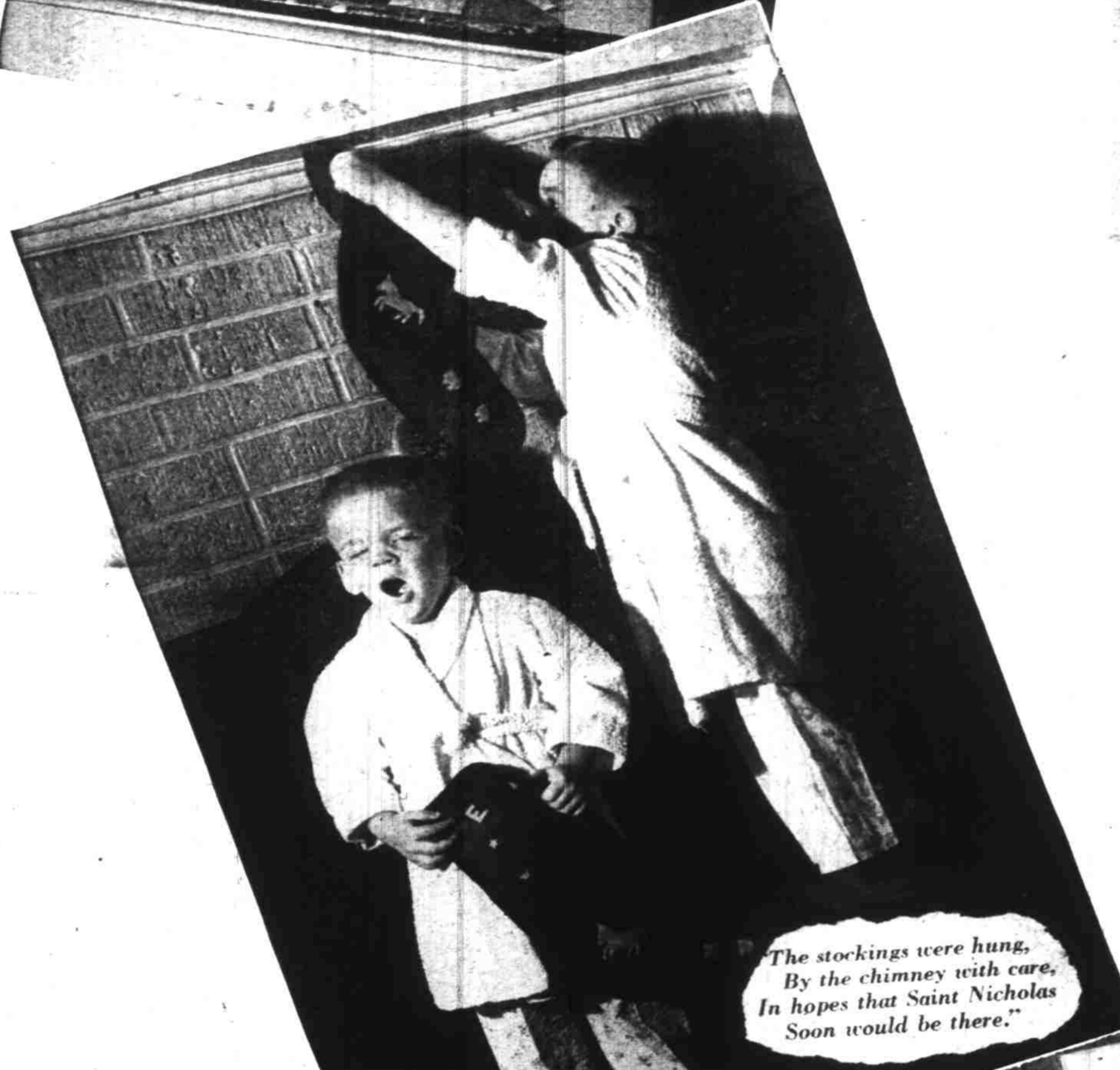
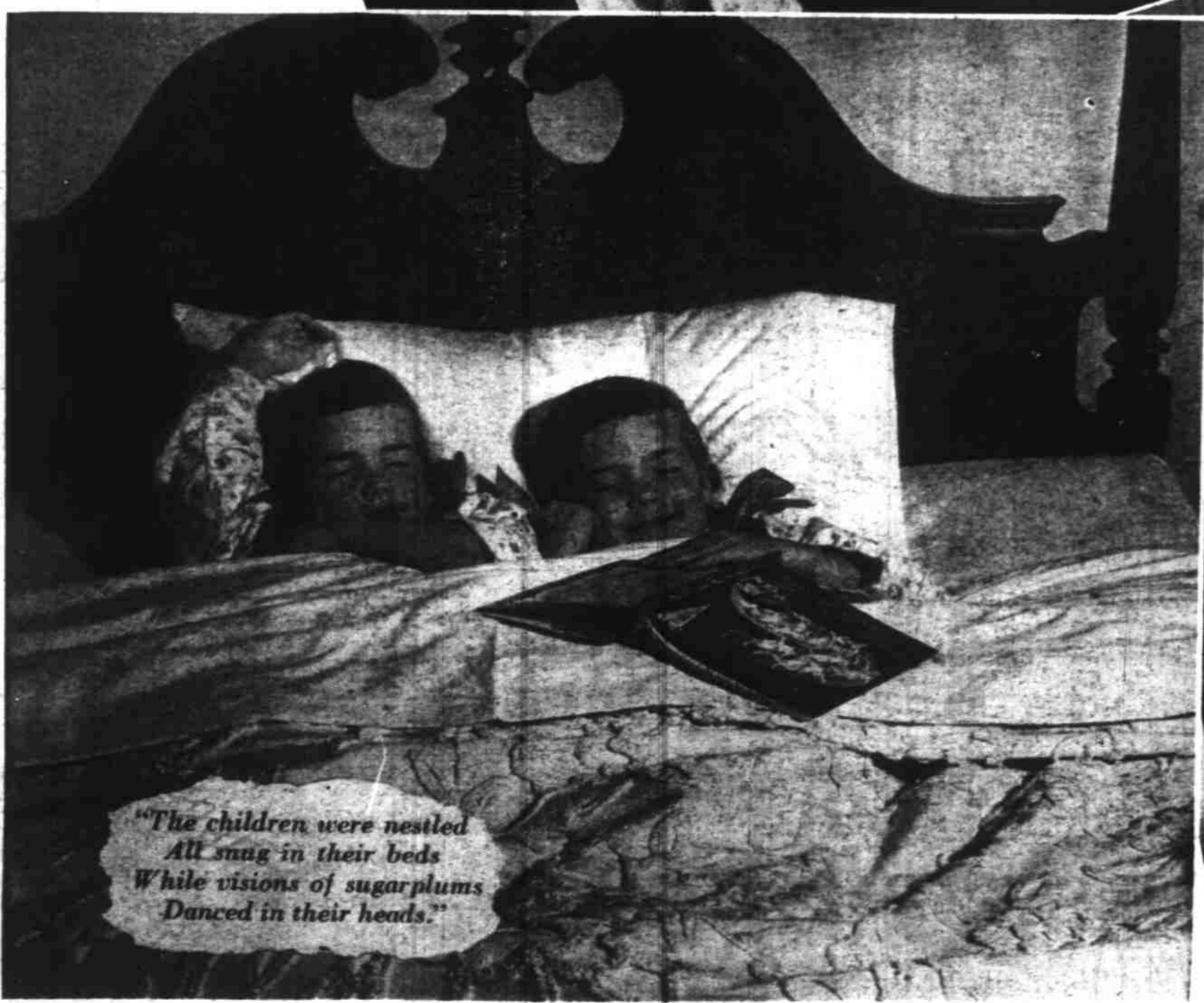


The Night Before Christmas

"Twas the night before Christmas,
And all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a mouse."



"The stockings were hung,
By the chimney with care,
In hopes that Saint Nicholas
Soon would be there."



"The children were nestled
All snug in their beds
While visions of sugarplums
Danced in their heads."



The Christmas Party Whirl . . .

Christmas week is filled with a variety of social affairs including open houses, dinners and luncheons. Mr. and Mrs. William Newmyer, Mrs. Mona Yoder and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Yoder will be hosts today for an informal open house at the Newmyer residence in Manbrin Gardens on Shoreline Drive. All members of Salem chapter, 192, Order of Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Mona Yoder is worthy matron, have been invited to call between 3 and 8 o'clock.

On the calendar for Monday and Tuesday afternoons are the bridge luncheons for which Mrs. James T. Brand and Mrs. Charles A. Sprague will be hostesses at the latter's home for a group of their friends.

A Dinner Party
A holiday dinner will be given Wednesday night when Mrs. Lynn D. Lambeth and Mrs. A. L. Adolphson entertain at the Legion club for a large group of their friends. The 7 o'clock dinner will be followed by dancing.

For A Visitor
Miss Beth Siewert, who has arrived in the capital from Philadelphia to visit her mother, Mrs. A. A. Siewert, and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Siewert, during the holidays will be feted at two affairs this week. Monday night Mr. Alan Siewert will be hostess for a dessert bridge at her country home for her sister-in-law and Wednesday night Mrs. Siewert will entertain at her North Winter street home for the pleasure of her daughter.

Tea For Pi Phis
Also slated for the holiday season is the informal tea to honor Pi Beta Phi actives, pledges and their mothers, who live in Salem. The affair will be held on December 28 at the North Summer street home of Mrs. James T. Brand with members of the advisory board of the Oregon Gamma chapter as hostesses. Calling hours are from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Holiday Visitors . . .

By Jeryme English, Society Editor
Visitors and parties always highlight the holiday season, with many arriving this week to be with their families for Christmas.

The Carl E. Nelson home will be the scene of a gay Christmas as all members of the immediate family will be home, most of them arriving Christmas eve. Lt. and Mrs. Stuart Nelson and children, Genevieve and Lauren, are coming north from San Leandro, Calif. Reed Nelson will be home from North Bend, Mr. and Mrs. William Ean (Janice Nelson), will be here for the holidays from Corvallis, and Jack Nelson is coming from Thunderbird Field, Arizona, where he is attending the American Institution of Foreign Trades. Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Johnson of Portland, parents of Mrs. Stuart Nelson, will join the family here for Christmas.

Headed North
Arriving the day before Christmas to spend the holiday weekend with their mother, Dr. Mary B. Purvine, will be Miss Margaret Purvine of Berkeley and Mrs. Andrew H. Burnett of Santa Barbara, who are coming by train.

Lloyd Claggett of San Francisco is flying north today to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Patton and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Claggett.

Miss Carol Young, who makes her home in San Francisco, where she has a business position, is flying home Friday to spend Christmas weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbell A. Young, and sister, Miss June Young, an Oregon State student.

Mrs. John Williams of Rupert, Idaho, has arrived in the capital to spend the holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bjarne Erickson.

To Honor Visitors
Mr. and Mrs. George Riches will be hosts for a family buffet dinner Monday night at their home for the pleasure of their nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. George King, who are arriving in the capital Monday morning from Washington, D. C., to spend several weeks at the Riches home. Honoring the Kings will be Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Chambers, Dick and Donna Whately, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Riches, Thomas, Robert and David Riches, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lindbeck and the hosts.

Gathering at the Glenn McCormick home today in Kingwood Heights for a pre-Christmas dinner will be Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. McCormick, Jan and Judy of Oswego, Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. McCormick, Miss Vaughn and Miss Helen McCormick, all of Portland.



"Away to the window
I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters
And threw up the sash."

Reading the Christmas Story to her children, Billy and Becky, is Mrs. Ralph E. Purvine, above right. Posing for our Christmas pictures from top to bottom are: Franca McLeod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton J. McLeod; Geoffrey and Coburn Grabenhorst, sons of the Coburn L. Grabenhorsts; Kathleen and Christine Drye, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon H. Drye; and Duncan, Polly and Susan Clark, children of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis D. Clark. (All photos by Don Dill, Statesman photographer).

"A Happy Christmas To All And To All A Good Night"