

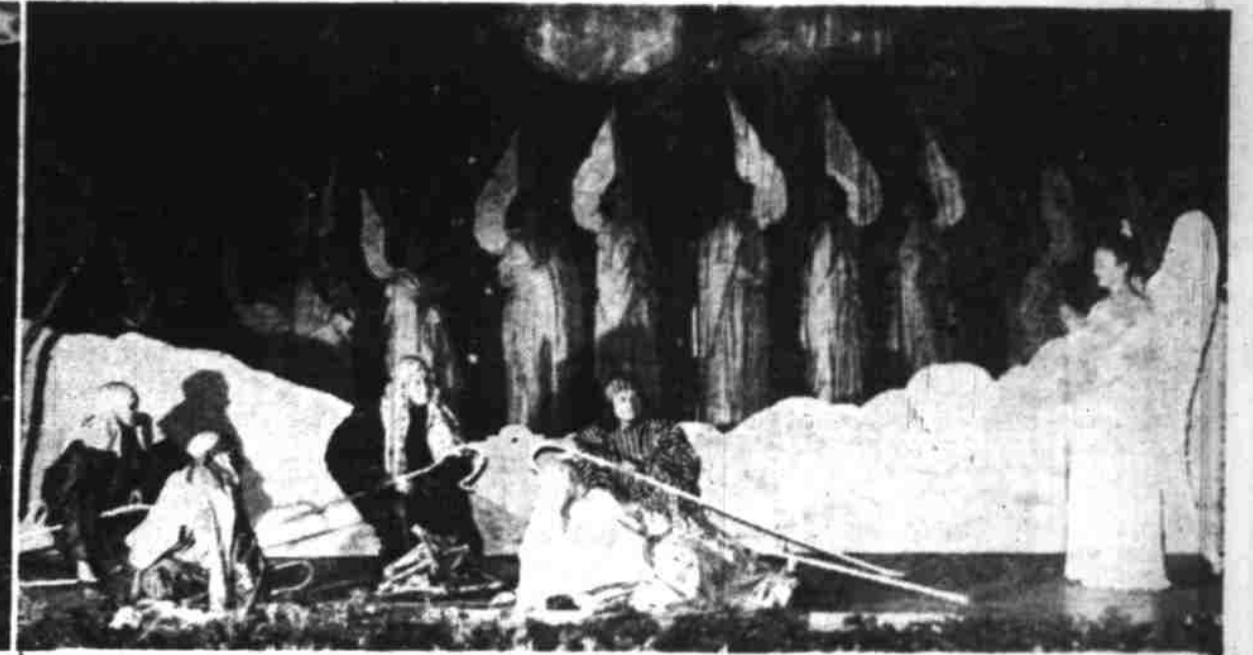
# 'Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men,' Message of Nativity



"And Joseph also went up from Galilee . . . into Judea . . . unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem . . . to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."



"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."



"And there were in the same country shepherds . . . And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them . . . 'For unto you is born this day . . . a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.'"

### Yule Pageant Pictured

These scenes and Biblical passages describe the event which Salem and the world commemorate today. Pictured are scenes from the Rieckreall community's Christmas pageant, as photographed by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.

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### IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

He was all of three years old, so he could tell what was going on as he stood on the courthouse lawn the other evening to watch the annual lighting of the Christmas tree. Afterwards he described it thus:

"It was all dark. Then the lights came, and the tree reached all the way up to the sky."

May we not say that the child caught the true spirit of Christmas: aspiration?

We are earth-bound mortals. We adults know that trees do not reach to the sky, nor do the mountains. We know that the lights are just bulbs made luminous by electric energy. The young boy, however, saw the sudden light lifting a tree up to the sky, for a tree-top looks very, very high to a small boy. Shepherds on Judean hills must have caught a similar vision over 1900 years ago when they saw lights streaming out of the sky.

Christmas comes to teach us giving and sharing as well as getting and holding; to look up to reach for the sky in thinking and doing. The Christ, whose birth is celebrated this day, is hailed as the "light that lighteneth up the world" to inspire mankind to nobler living.

### New Yorkers Gird for Snow

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—(AP)—Mayor William O'Dwyer tonight held out hope that New York might miss the "full brunt" of a snowstorm tomorrow.

Earlier the Mayor had warned the city might celebrate Christmas with the worst snowstorm in its history—meaning more snow than last Dec. 26's crippling 25.8 inches.

However, the Mayor said his latest advices from the weather bureau indicated the storm, then in the Carolinas, "may veer out to sea."

### \$1 Million Electricity Bill Shocks Customer

ESTERVILLE, Ia., Dec. 24—(AP)—Bob Peterson, farm bureau fieldman for Emmet county, gulped when he opened his monthly light bill from the city. It was for \$1,188,005.56.

Explanation: City Clerk Glenn Story said the billing machine went haywire. The amount should have been \$5.56.

### ASKS FOR STINK BOMBS

OMAHA, Dec. 24—(AP)—A Santa Claus visiting with children in an Omaha store was snatched out of his reverie when a whisp of a girl stated her Christmas wishes: "... and a couple of stink bombs to throw in a theater, please," she lisped.

### Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



## Teacher Plans to Marry Boggie, Freed Convict; Pair Have Never Met

STERLING, Colo., Dec. 24—(AP)—A Wisconsin school teacher confessed tonight that she plans to marry a pardoned Washington convict whom she has never seen.

The teacher, Beatrice Nichols, said she plans to leave Sunday to marry Clarence Boggie, who was pardoned at Walla Walla today. The 55-year-old convict was serving a life term for a murder which he always has denied having committed.

Miss Nichols, a widow who lives on a farm between Barronnet and Cumberland, Wis., said she became interested in Boggie's case when she read about it in a magazine.

"I was interested in his case and in seeing that justice is done," she told reporters. She wrote him last August and they started to exchange letters.

"We found that we had many things in common—poetry, and good literature, for example," she told a reporter. "We had many heart-to-heart talks by mail."

These common interests will form the basis for a happy marriage, she said, admitting that she didn't know yet whether she was in love with Boggie.

"I was thrilled when he called today saying he had received the pardon," she said. "We had been expecting it."

She will join Boggie at the home of his parents in Lebanon, Ore., she said, and they plan to be married soon afterwards. She has given up her teaching job.

### Larry Got That \$20 the Hard Way

It will be a merrier Christmas for Larry, "a small boy who lost a \$20 bill," if the finder reads this story and acts in the spirit of the Yuletide.

Larry brought an ad to The Statesman yesterday. It said the bill was lost near Stiff's Furniture store about 3:45 p.m. Thursday; that the money was "hard-earned berry money" to buy Christmas presents; it offered a \$5 reward, and asked the finder to phone 3-1546. Larry is Larry Brandt of route 6, box 431.

The Statesman staff decided this was no time or occasion to be buying an ad—hence this story on page 1 where space is not for sale. But he gets on the classified pages, too, for good luck. Anyone see that \$20?

### First 1948 Christmas Baby Born at 12:02 a.m.

Salem's first 1948 Christmas baby—a boy—was born at 12:02 a.m. Saturday at Salem Memorial hospital to Mr. and Mrs. George S. Rossman, 1357 Hines st. Rossman is employed by the state highway department. The infant has been named George B.

## Worship Services Set Today, Sunday to Honor Christ's Birth

Worship services today and Sunday in Salem churches will commemorate the birth of Christ in Bethlehem 19½ centuries ago. Music and meditation will pay reverence.

First service this morning will be at 6 o'clock at First Congregational church, where Dr. S. R. Huntington will speak on "As the Martians Saw Our Christmas." Children will enjoy a tree after the service.

At St. Joseph's Catholic church today will be a solemn high mass at 6:30 a.m., sung mass at 11 a.m. and low masses at 8, 9 and 10 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic church will have sung masses, today at 7, 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Holy communion will be served at 10 o'clock this morning at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Planned for the Lutheran churches are a worship service at 11 a.m. for Christ Lutheran; Sunday school program at Cen-

## U.N. Asks Indonesia 'Halt Fire'

PARIS, Dec. 24—(AP)—The United Nations security council tonight called for a halt to bloodshed in Indonesia without a Dutch retreat.

But there was little chance the Christmas eve resolution — it already was Christmas day in the East Indies — would have prompt results.

Some time was likely to elapse before the Dutch would consider and issue any order for a cease-fire to their troops.

Obviously it would be hard for the order to reach the Indonesians immediately. Their central government is largely in the hands of the Dutch and the republicans are using guerrilla tactics. As long as they continued to shoot the Dutch would likely fight back.

Moreover, the council's good offices committee in Indonesia said its military observers had been expelled from Dutch-held territory.

Most foreign sources in Batavia said that obviously a cease-fire order by the Dutch would have little effect since the Dutch army probably would have gotten control of all major cities in the Indonesian republic by the time it went out.

The resolution the security council finally adopted was a watered down and amended American proposal which does not ask the Dutch to retire to the positions from which they jumped off in a sweeping "police action" last Sunday.

## Christmas to Visit Girl in Hospital Today

A two-year-old Salem girl who misses her daddy very much will have a Christmas tree and all the trimmings today even though she is recovering from a serious illness in a local hospital.

She is Dolly Tice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Tice, stricken last Tuesday with a mastoid infection. She misses her daddy because he's in Germany serving as an investigator for the U.S. military government.

Dolly and her mother, who live at 1210 S. 18th st., had planned to spend this Christmas with Tice overseas, but government red tape was still tangled until too late and no passports were in sight.

Dolly's father left Salem last May when she was only 18 months old, but she has never forgotten him. Each night before going to bed she kissed his picture and placed it under her pillow.

Today little Dolly will have a small tree in her hospital room and presents from Mommy and many friends. But best of all, her mother has promised to bring daddy's picture to hospital for her to kiss before going to sleep.

## Centennial . . . . . Inventory of . . . . . Oregon Resources . . . . .

Oregon has celebrated in 1948 the centennial of its organization as a territory. Due attention has been given to its growth in population, in cultural advancement, in civic and industrial advancement.

What of its natural resources has it consumed in this century? A feature article by Mrs. Marguerite Wright in next Sunday's Statesman gives an "inventory" accounting of our resources.

Study it for our Debts and Credits! Sunday in

Your Home Newspaper

## White Christmas Roads, Wrecks, Plea to Cut Travel

### White Christmas First for Salem In Last 24 Years

Salem's white Christmas weather is the first such snowy holiday in 24 years, as checked by weather bureau and The Statesman files reveals.

On the 1924 white Christmas here the temperature ranged from 5 to 27 degrees and the river was frozen solid enough that the local citizens could walk across to Folk county. Four inches of snow had fallen on December 15 and stayed on the ground through Christmas.

The Statesman reported then that it hadn't been so cold on Christmas in 50 or 60 years.

### Pilgrims Cross No-Man's Land To Bethlehem

JERUSALEM, Dec. 24—(AP)—One hundred Christians living in New Jerusalem crossed no man's land between Arab and Jewish forces in an hour this afternoon on their pilgrimage to Bethlehem.

At the barriers their credentials were checked by both Arab and Jewish military. About half the pilgrims were members of the American consulate staff and marine guards.

### BETHLEHEM, Dec. 24—(AP)—Pilgrims of many nationalities knelt before the manger in the Church of the Nativity tonight to celebrate the birth of Christ. They awaited the joyous peal of bells at midnight that will signal another Christmas in a troubled world.

Only the holders of special military passes were permitted to use the Arab military highway from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. The ancient way by which Joseph and Mary came has been closed by war for nearly a year.

In the square outside the church three tanks stood silent over the motley crowd. Less than three miles away Arabs and Jews faced each other across battle lines in an uneasy truce.

### Traffic Toll Starts Annual Increase

By the Associated Press

The Christmas holidays were only a few hours old tonight but the nation already counted 30 dead in accidents—most of them as a result of traffic mishaps.

Michigan, with six traffic deaths, led the accident toll. Ohio was only one behind.

### Weather

Station	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	33	28	.00
Portland	34	28	.00
San Francisco	48	30	.00
Chicago	29	16	.00
New York	28	23	.00

Willamette river 3.2 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight, clearing somewhat by Sunday morning. Little change in temperature. High today near 35. Low tonight near 20.

### SALEM PRECIPITATION

(Sept. 1 to Dec. 25)

This Year	Last Year	Average
18.65	18.35	15.68

### Police Called To Over Fifty Auto Accidents

Automobiles piled in ditches and rammed each other like toys on the living room floor on Christmas morning, Friday, but through the eve of the Yuletide holiday no serious injuries had been reported in the Salem area. City, state and county police offices were swamped through the night with accident calls and investigating officers were going from one wreck to another unable to cope with many tangles on the treacherous area roads.

Several persons were treated for minor injuries at Salem hospitals but all were released to spend Christmas at home.

State police investigated 11 accidents in a few hours and were unable to check many reports called in. Thirty-two accident reports had been filed at the city hall and nine at the sheriff's office. Many more were expected to be reported today.

### Prisoners in City Jail Released on Christmas Eve

Nine sober but still - disheveled men filed out of Salem's municipal jail Christmas eve and left the jail empty for the first time in several weeks.

They were free because of a special Christmas present from Chief of Police Frank A. Minto. Most of the men were serving sentences for intoxication or vagrancy.

"I'm letting you go because this is no place for anyone to spend Christmas eve," Minto told the offenders. "But I don't want to see you back here tonight."

### Pope Calls on World to Work Toward Peace

(Picture on page 2)

By Frank Brutto

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24—(AP) Pope Pius XII called upon mankind today to pray and strive toward peace under the United Nations, lest civilization pass over a precipice into oblivion.

The pontiff admonished his listeners to discourage aggressors by outlawing actions that threaten the nations' ability to live side by side as neighbors.

Speaking of "the common interest of all nations in the defense of peace," he said:

"Every violator of the law should be banished in disgrace to solitary confinement by civil society, as a disturber of the peace. May the United Nations organization become the full and faultless expression of this international solidarity for peace!"

The pope, as usual, did not single out any nations, and mentioned only one area by name. That was Palestine, for which he bespoke a secure peace.

"Never since the end of hostilities," he said, "have men been so obsessed as today with the nightmare of another war."

### Helicopters Board Carrier for Fast Greenland Rescue Run

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 24—(AP)—Two helicopters landed aboard the aircraft carrier Saipan today as a hastily assembled crew readied it for a fast rescue run to Greenland.

The Saipan has been assigned the job of backing up the air force attempt to take 11 stranded airmen off an icecap 7,500 feet high.

Seven men have been there two weeks, since their C-47 plane was wrecked. The others joined them in rescue attempts.

Capt. Joseph L. Kane of Washington, commander of the carrier, announced it will depart at 12:30 p.m. (EST) Saturday. The run to the point to which rescue attempts will be launched is expected to take 46½ hours, which would put the Saipan off Greenland's west coast Monday morning. The run will be made at 26 knots (30 miles an hour).

Three more helicopters will land aboard before departure. These are twin-rotor Piasecki HRP's, capable of carrying eight persons. Officers said the "copters have a ceiling of 15,000 feet and should be able to reach the high plateau where the men are stranded.

One item taken aboard today indicative of what the ship is expected to encounter was 6,000 pounds of rock salt to be used on ice coated decks.

The helicopters which landed today are an experimental single-rotor Sikorsky KHJS's.

A navy ice breaker also was ordered to the Greenland coast to assist the carrier in approaching the shoreline if ice conditions made that necessary.

The 11 marooned men are on the ice cap about 100 miles inland from the coast, an easy distance for helicopters, planes or gliders, if the weather permits.

The weather continued bad today, with turbulent winds up to 58 miles an hour preventing rescue attempts.

### Portland, Coast Clear; Valley Area Affected

Salem took on a powdering of snow and a glaze of ice Friday for the Christmas holiday.

Salem's weather bureau promised more snow during the early hours Christmas morning and snow flurries during the day to maintain the White Christmas backdrop for the 1948 holiday.

The Christmas eve snowfall through three afternoon hours amounted to only 3 inches, but the below-freezing temperatures which froze it solid enough to tie up traffic and alter many a travel plan for the holiday.

Automobile accidents were numerous as the snow came in the thick of last-minute shopping and early Christmas eve traffic. By later last night, however, traffic moved warily to the chinks of tire chains and many folks stayed at home or highways in the summit of the coast mountains.

Advise Little Travel

State police and highway officials advised the citizens to "keep it quiet" with a minimum of travel today, as most of the state's roads are considered treacherous.

Portland and Astoria were free of snow last night and highways north of Brooks were generally clear, the state highway maintenance engineer, E. A. Collier, reported. But all highways to the south and to the coast are icy and require chains for safe driving.

The Columbia river highway was reported open, but dangerous.

Snow Frozen to Roads

Packed snow was frozen to roads throughout most of Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Benton and Linn counties. Special driving caution was urged for traveling on all grades between Salem and the coast. Six inches of snow was expected in the summit of the coast mountains.

Salem shivered through Friday with temperatures nearly always below the freezing mark. For only three hours at midday did the mercury climb above 32 and then to reach a high of only 33.2 degrees.

The day's minimum of 19 degrees was the coldest recorded for the winter and matched last February 12's 19-degree reading for the coldest of 1948. After the afternoon snowfall, temperatures continued to stick just below the freezing mark and maintained a 30-degree reading through Christmas eve.

Baker Still Coldest

Baker was still Oregon's coldest city Friday with a low of 24 degrees below zero. LaGrande with minus 4, Klamath Falls with 2 below and Lakeview with 9 below followed. Other temperatures about the state included: Redmond 4, Medford 15, Roseburg 22, Eugene 17, Portland 28 and Newport 30. Astoria and North Bend had unusually cold weather with 35 degrees reported in each.

The combination of snow, ice and holiday produced the usual effects on local and statewide communications.

Most Trains Delayed

Southern Pacific's passenger station reported most trains delayed, but not seriously late. Traffic was heavy, about the same as last year. Pacific Greyhound station here filled all regular and many extra buses throughout the day. Buses were coming in late from the south.

Oregon Motor Stages' city lines had a big day, too, with heavy loads of the business day and early evening dwindling as the night went on. The icy streets upset bus schedules, but routes were covered as rapidly as drivers could make their rounds. Manager R. J. Davidson said Friday's bus business was the heaviest day's business in several months.

Salem Taxi service said all cabs were rushed into service when the weather turned to ice and so many persons began calling for cabs that some of the telephone trunks had to be disconnected.