

## Young Richmond Pupils Present Nativity Pageant



Angels and villagers of Bethlehem figured prominently in a Nativity pageant Thursday by pupils of Richmond school. The villagers shown here are third grade boys. The angels, from left, are Kathleen Schmidt, Linda Seburn, Joy West and Jo Eve Halley. Edith Gayle Brown was narrator for the program, which was featured by a number of Christmas carols and other music.

## Wiley Demands Investigation Of Grunewald

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—(AP)—Senator Wiley (R-Wis.) today demanded an investigation of Henry

W. Grunewald's "highly confidential" job with the office of alien property custodian during World War II. Grunewald, a Washington man of mystery known as "The Dutchman," is a key witness in a house committee's investigation of tax scandals. He refused to testify before the committee last Friday, claiming he was ill and that the committee had exceeded its jurisdiction. Wiley produced a civil service commission report showing that

Grunewald was a special investigator for the alien property custodian from Jan. 12, 1942, through Feb. 22, 1943.

The senator said Grunewald had "tremendous power" in that spot, that the records showed he had authority to represent and speak for the custodian at directors' and stockholders' meetings of alien-owned corporations set up by the government during the war. Citing complaints that the alien property office has been "a super-gravy train" for some people, Wiley is pressing for a congressional probe of its activities. Grunewald's connection with the office, which handled more than 300 million dollars worth of enemy assets, was turned up by Wiley during his preliminary investigation.

### REPAIR SHOP ON WHEELS

CHICAGO—(AP)—It seems to be a comparatively easy matter to make automobiles and electronics work together. A local company has put complete repair facilities in each of three panel trucks, turning them into what amounts to rolling laboratories for house-to-house servicing of television receivers.

## Isolated Town Gets Television The Hard Way

HAZARD, Ky.—(AP)—In spite of the surrounding Kentucky hills which hinder reception, local ingenuity has brought television to this community of 10,000 population.

Located in a natural bowl, the Hazard residents nonetheless licked their problem by building a large tower atop a 1,000-ft. hill and stringing house-to-house coaxial lead-ins. They carved a road to within 200 feet of the peak. Materials were toiled the rest of the way by hand.

The TV cables were run down the hillside from the tower, strung along poles of the local utility company and fed into the homes of set owners. This gives Hazard reception from two TV stations in Cincinnati and one in Huntington, W.Va., the nearest of which is 90 airline miles away.



**Merry Christmas**  
 We join with the carollers on their note of Christmas happiness . . . for every family we have served, and for those whom we will serve in the coming year.

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*Season's Greetings*

To you, our friends and neighbors—we extend our best wishes for the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years and add the prayer that your homes be blessed with Peace and Good Fortune.

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 "Salem's Oldest Exclusive Electrical Appliance Store"  
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## Logjam of GI's Broken; Most Home for Yule

By The Associated Press  
 A logjam of thousands of stranded service men—many from Korea—was broken yesterday, and most of them made it home for Christmas.

The military assigned some special planes to get the anxious men home. Bad weather lifted also to permit a steadier flow of commercial airliners.

There were still long, heart-breaking delays. But reports from coast to coast indicated that most if not all of the men finally got home.

The air force flew stranded soldiers out of San Francisco and Burbank, Calif., and Oklahoma City. Six New York airlines added 22 extra sections to break a passenger jam that included many servicemen.

Fog, flight mixups and the annual Christmas travel rush were blamed for the weekend tieup.

**Free of Fog**  
 More than 4,000 veterans from Korea finally were shaken free of fog in a 60-plane air force ferry out of San Francisco.

The pilot— not identified by name—reportedly told the GI's "this is the end of the line." Then he put them off and left them waiting for another transport that never arrived.

The Red Cross put 32 of the travelers on buses. But the other 17 held out for plane trips. Tinker air force base in Oklahoma City got busy and arranged for transportation. All the men got away today.

Said Traffic Manager C. A. Troxel of Trans-Continental in Los Angeles:

"It's just one of those things." He said the men would get a refund.

**Hopes Dashed**  
 Home-by-Christmas hopes of some 1,500 veterans of the Korean fighting were dashed at San Francisco yesterday.

But commercial, chartered and military planes rushed scores of others to their families.

The 1,521 army, navy and air force men who reached San Francisco before dawn aboard the transport Gen. Edwin D. Patrick learned it will be Christmas night

## One-Eyed Driver Regains License

SINGAPORE—(AP)—A one-eyed taxi driver has been given back his license on appeal to the city council after the registrar of vehicles had decided against re-issuance of a license.

The taxi driver was born blind in one eye. The city council in directing the registrar to re-issue the license also absolved the registrar from all responsibility "should the driver be involved in an accident as a result of defective vision."

Two aprons to keep you fresh and pretty at work! Make the bib

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From all of us, to all our friends  
 This greeting is extended...  
 For a very Merry Christmas  
 And a New Year that is splendid.

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May this Yuletide impart New Joy and Happiness into your heart.

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 The House of Hallmark Cards  
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**Christmas...**

The magnificent promise of the Christmas story has inspired the dreams and prayers of men through the centuries. Wherever mankind kept to the spirit of brotherly love, there the meaning, the symbolic beauty of Christmas remained.

It is our fervent hope that this Christmas will bring us still closer to the fulfillment of the promise of Peace and Good Will in all lands. In this spirit we wish a Merry Christmas to all.

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