News Reflects Effectiveness Of Yule Spirit

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NEW YORK & — The early flickering of the Christmas spirit affected human conduct nearly everywhere last week.

A Pasadena, Calif., woman rescued the important things from her burning home—her 4-year-old son and 250 Christmas cards she was addressing.

A Salt Lake City boy, wishing to square his conscience with Santa Claus, left a nickel with a woman in payment for quite a few berries he'd stolen from her garden.

In Key West, Fla., where Santa Claus visited personally, he lost his britches as he alighted from a fire truck.

Chicago police went to a citizen's home to arrest him for 21 traffic offenses but his wife said he wasn't home. Suddenly from a closet came a crash and a howl of pain. The cops found the citizen pinned under a big Christmas box which had fallen on him.

In Cleveland three Mexican burros, intended as Christmas presents, had no place to go because they'd eaten their address tags.

Horse-drawn trailers are going to haul Christmas presents in Stevens Point, Wis. But in Dallas, Texas, the post office is bringing 75 Army trucks out of "mothballs"

to help Santa Claus.

This season of love affected an aviator in Boyne City, Mich. He circled the town in an airplane trailing a huge banner which read: "Evelyn I love you. Marry me. Carl." But Evelyn still said, "No." Home From Navy

On the other hand, love was reciprocated in Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love. A fellow came home after four sea weary years in the Navy, looking forward to a little rest at home

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Turned out his wife had gotten involved in one of those national contests and won a 12-day Caribbean cruise for them both. So great was his love for his wife that he went uncomplainingly.

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Speaking of contests, a Kansas
City woman won a new \$1,800 car
in a contest. But presents can be
expensive items, it seems. After
the federal government collected
a \$485 tax on the prize and she'd
fitted the auto with accessories
she discovered the "free" car cost

Proposals for PublicWelfare Changes Told

PORTLAND (*) — A legislative interim committee Saturday announced its recommendations for changes in Oregon public welfare

laws.

The recommendations, to be submitted to the next session of the Legislature, were prepared by a five-member ommittee headed by Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton. Other members of the committee are Sen. George A. Ulett and Reps. Gust Anderson, Leon Davis and A. C. Goodrich.

Among the recommendations were these:

That laws be strengthened to assure more steady payment of support money for children in divorce and separation settlements.

That penalties be increased against deserting parents and that additional legal help be provided to bolster enforcement of non-support laws.

That the relative responsibility act be amended to require some measure of contribution from married daughters for support of their dependent parents.

That the home of a deceased person be subjected to the state's preferred claim if the person had been a welfare recipient.

That certain earned income of a welfare recipient be exempted to allow him to raise his standard of living.

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That general assistance payments be retained at their present

That state administrative control be extended over the general assistance program at the county

level.

That a \$600,000, 60-bed convalescent hospital for crippled children be constructed with the aim of rehabilitating such youngsters and relieving the state of the burden of maintaining them through

Quick Work Gives Man New Home

ATCO, N. J. (A)— Friends of James Gauker, 70, a broommaker, worked so fast after fire destroyed his tiny home that he had a new one before the embers

One company donated a 10 by 12 tool shed. Another hauled it to the site. Volunteer firemen, in a canvass of the town, collected heating and cooking stoves, bed, table, chairs, shades, curtains, blankets, bed linen and towels.

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A volunteer work crew put on a new roof, repaired the floor, replaced broken windows and painted the place. As the grateful Gauker prepared to go to bed in his new home, firemen were still wetting down the embers

