

Star of Christmas 'Leads Community' to Cloverdale School's Program



CLOVERDALE—Most elaborate and detailed production in the Community Christmas program held at Cloverdale School Friday night was a playlet of The Littlest Shepherd which closed with a scene of shepherds and wisemen at the manger cradle of the Christ child. All children of the little two-room school participated in the program which highlighted community activities of the yuletide season. (Statesman Photo.)



CLOVERDALE—The first few rows of seats are always reserved for the children in the traditional rural school Christmas programs, and here a trio of pre-schoolers move in for a frolic of their own while their older brothers and sisters sing as a part of the program. Seats were vacated when the entire school enrollment joined voices for caroling and the little ones put on their own program on the empty benches. (Statesman Photo.)



CLOVERDALE—Older girls of the two-room Cloverdale School, near Turner, sing Christmas songs at the conclusion of a wreath-decorated drill during the annual Christmas program held at the school house Friday night. Some 150 persons from six months to the eighties gathered for the community affair. (Statesman Photo.)



CLOVERDALE—Stage angels may be pixies in the dressing room. Here two Cloverdale School pupils enjoy a private joke in the door of the dressing room while waiting to go on stage for roles in the annual Christmas program held at the school Friday night. (Statesman Photo.)

Coal Remains Despite Try to Give It Away

MIDLAND, Tex. — Folks in this oil and gas-rich west Texas country who have never seen coal should look in the basement of the Midland post office.

There's a big heap of it there. It's been there 17 years, despite repeated efforts to get it moved.

Rep. J. T. Rutherford (D-Tex.) found the dust-covered pile this week while investigating whether more space could be made available in the building by using the basement. The coal was put there in 1937 before the building was converted to gas heat.

Postmaster N. G. Oates told Rutherford local post office officials have tried to get permission to move the coal but that the general services administration always tells him to keep it there "for emergency use."

Rutherford was at a loss as to what kind of emergency it would be. The building's heating system was converted to gas in 1937 and it would cost thousands of dollars and take several days to reconvert to the coal heating system.

Morse Confident Congress to Give Flood Victims Aid

WASHINGTON — Sen. Morse (D-Ore.) told President Eisenhower Saturday he was confident Congress will provide any supplemental appropriations necessary for relief in the flood-hit western states.

"All of us in government irrespective of partisanship stand unified in carrying out our humanitarian obligations wherever tragedy hits our people," the senator said in a telegram to the President.

Expressing appreciation for aid already granted Oregon, California and Nevada communities, Morse added:

"I am sure that you will exercise all of the emergency powers you have in connection with this disaster and I am confident that Congress when it reconvenes will back you up in providing any supplemental appropriations that you need for your presidential emergency funds."

Conference Planned On Transportation

WASHINGTON — The Chamber of Commerce of the United States is sponsoring a "Transportation Outlook Conference" here Jan. 12.

Speakers will include Rep. Priest (D-Tenn.), chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, and Louis S. Rothschild, undersecretary of commerce.

Peru Cabinet Shift Brings New Premier

LIMA, Peru — Political unrest generated by an election still five months away led Saturday to a Peruvian Cabinet shakeup. A new lineup Saturday night placed a military man in every ministry. Vice Ad. Roque A. Saldias remained as Premier.

President Gen. Manuel A. Odría accepted the resignation of his old Cabinet—in which both civilians and the armed forces were represented—and called in some army, navy and air officers to round out the new one.

Col. Augusto Villacorta was assigned to the powerful Interior Ministry, in which Alejandro Esparza Zanartu had been a target of criticism.

A riot last Wednesday in Arequipa, the commercial center of South Peru, touched off a chain of events which caused Interior Minister Esparza Zanartu to present his resignation Saturday morning. The other ministers then stepped out in a gesture of solidarity.

The fighting Wednesday grew out of a raid by the restoration party, which supports Gen. Odría, on a rightist coalition rally called to prepare for the national election June 3. Four demonstrators and five policemen were reported injured.

The next day a general strike paralyzed Arequipa.

Workers demanded the resignation of Esparza, who controlled national security and, through that, controlled political activity.

They also demanded reform of the election law, greater freedom for political activity and amnesty for political offenders.

U.N. Secretary Holds Hope for United Mankind

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld Saturday night held out the hope of "mankind united in peaceful competition, free from fear and free from want."

In a year-end message made public here, he said this "great dream" might demand "great sacrifices," "but it deserves the deepest loyalty of every man."

"Short of our unreserved devotion it will remain a dream, lacking substance," he declared. "If this is not recognized, it may even blind us to reality—and become a danger, though it should be a source of strength."

He said the year just ending had been one of achievements and disappointments in pursuit of this dream. He urged a "resolve in the year ahead to serve the cause of humanity with the unwavering loyalty and devotion that are demanded of us."

Annual Yule Pageant Attracts 150 Persons

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT JR., Staff Writer, The Statesman

CLOVERDALE — The star of Christmas led the shepherds and the wise men and the kings of this rural community to the little Cloverdale Schoolhouse Friday night for the annual and traditional Christmas program.

Santa had a torn tunic (perhaps caught on a chimney brick or TV antenna), one of the shepherds in the nativity scene displayed argyle socks, and two babies went off to sleep after vocally competing with the carolers. But nothing really detracted from the spell of Christmas.

150 Present

The program, a presentation of all the pupils of Cloverdale's two-room country school, brought out over 150 community residents (counting the kids).

The grownups squeezed themselves into the school's old style desks and filled up the corners of the school to watch the production from the welcome, by a lispng blonde first grader, to Santa's grand entrance.

In between, the pupils of the eight-grade school, turned out joyful entertainment, all with a Christmas flavor. Proud parents and friends and neighbors applauded noisily for the plays, songs and recitations.

Santa Arrives

Santa Claus, loaded down with sacks of candy for everyone, arrived just at the right time when the program was closing. Many residents of the community lingered on, long after Santa had returned to mufti, to chat with neighbors and friends before following the star of Christmas back home again.

Morse Asks Probe of Oil Rights Policy

WASHINGTON — Charges that the Interior Department is "giving away" oil and gas rights in wildlife refuges should be investigated by the Senate Interior Committee, Sen. Morse (D-Ore.) said Saturday.

The department under McKay "has shown itself more than willing to endanger recreational and wildlife values, whenever a piece of the people's resources is coveted by monopoly and big business," Morse said.

"The charges of the Wildlife Management Institute...are very grave," the senator continued in a statement. "I have not heard that the United States is suffering from a crisis in its oil supply. Quite the contrary, our position in this respect is excellent. Therefore there cannot be the slightest justification for this latest giveaway on any such grounds."

McKay has said the charges are political. He said his department's new regulations give maximum protection to wildlife reservations in which oil and gas leases are granted.

Morse said all but 12 of the 264 refuges have been thrown open to private oil development.

Abducted Girl, Mother Joined

NEW YORK — A 9-year-old girl, abducted three weeks ago and then abandoned on a Chicago street, rejoined her mother Saturday night in a tearful scene at La Guardia Airport.

Anna Wolf Buckley dashed ahead of a group of policemen escorting her from a plane that brought her here and ran into her mother's arms.

Weeping, Mrs. Dorothy Buckley, 30, embraced her daughter and murmured "Annie, Annie, Annie!"

A few moments later, her stepfather, Arthur Buckley, her sister, Virginia, 13, her brother, Louis, 11, and other relatives greeted her.

Each carried a Christmas gift for her.

Anna was abducted in New York on Dec. 5 when she and her brother, Louis, were taken on a visit to Times Square Amusement Arcade by Miss Janice Costanza, a family friend.

Louis returned home later in the day and said Anna had decided to stay with the woman.

Anna was found abandoned on a Chicago street Friday after an alarm was issued by police. Police are searching for Miss Costanza.

The child made the trip alone from Chicago after police placed her aboard the plane Saturday night.

Leaflet Defines 'Working Time'

WASHINGTON — The Department of Labor has issued "a practical guide" on "what constitutes working time" for employers under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The booklet discusses travel times, waiting time, rest and meal periods "and time spent in certain activities at the beginning and end of the workday."

LESS CRIME NEWS

ROME — The Italian Press Assn., in the spirit of the season, asked editors to minimize news about crime for the next week.

U. S. Probes Faulty Radio Sets for Army

NEWARK, N. J. — The Newark Sunday Star-Ledger said Saturday that federal authorities are probing possible sabotage or graft at Fort Monmouth on radio sets which failed to work in Korea.

The Star-Ledger, in an article under the byline of City Editor Arthur Heenan, said the FBI and the General Accounting Office (GAC) were investigating the matter.

A spokesman for the GAC in Washington said he had not heard anything about such an investigation. Harvey G. Foster, agent in charge of the Newark FBI office, said he had "no comment."

A Ft. Monmouth spokesman said: "We know nothing about this."

The spokesman added that Monmouth is the Signal Corps' research, development and training center while the Signal Corps' procurement and inspection headquarters is located at Philadelphia. He said a branch of the procurement office is located at Monmouth.

The newspaper said Rep. T. James Tumulty (D-N.J.) would recommend a full probe of the charges by the House Civil Service Committee, of which he is a member.

Monmouth was probed for several months by the Senate investigations subcommittee of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) in 1953. Later, 35 employees were suspended on security grounds but 27 were reinstated by various loyalty boards. Appeals of eight are still pending.

The Star-Ledger said it learned that 60 million dollars worth of contracts were signed and approved for unworkable short wave sets. It said the 1st Marine Division complained about the failure of the sets after communications broke down in a Chinese Communist attack across the Yalu River in Korea.

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Inmates Buy Candy for Tots In Evacuation

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — Thirty members of a San Quentin prison honor camp near flood-stricken Weott scamped up \$121 to buy candy and nuts for evacuated children there, Acting Warden Louis Nelson said Saturday.

The honor camp prisoners got word back to San Quentin to withdraw the money from their slim savings which are kept for their account here. The men get \$15 a month, out of which they must buy their tobacco and other luxuries.

Prison personnel bought the goodies and ordered them sent by air freight to the Weott refugee camp.

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Yule 'Gifts' Showered On Video Entertainers

By CHARLES MERCER

NEW YORK — In this benign Christmas season it would be nice to remember everybody in television. But that's impossible, so let's first simply give a pat on the head and a shapely filled stocking to everyone.

Come to think of it, our numerous favorite girl friends — Janet Blair, Vivian Blaine, Kim Stanley, etc., etc., etc. — already have filled their stockings very well. So

There are a few of the kids who should be specifically mentioned, however. Under the tree they'll find gifts useful and frivolous.

To George Gobel we give the big silver badge presented each Christmaside to the best best comedian who has ridden the hills and valleys of popularity. This is known as the Adult Eastern Sheriff's Badge.

Sheriff's Badge

The Adult Western Sheriff's Badge goes to Worthington Miner and his posse who weekly corral "Frontier" on the TV screen. And a badge only slightly smaller goes to the "Wyatt Ear" gang.

Here's a useful gift for Red Skelton wrapped in cellophane. Four new writers busting with fresh comic ideas.

This giant-sized bottle of nerve medicine goes to Milton Berle who (word comes from Hollywood) was briefly unhinged this season by the scurrilous attacks of those vile fellows known as "the New York Critics."

Well, well—two gifts for Jackie Gleason. One is a shiny new script for "The Honeyymooners" in which our boy does not once yell at Audrey Meadows, "same day, Alice, you're gonna get yours!"

Small Package

Say, now, here's a small package for a big show—"Omnibus." It's a simple certificate stating, "To the consistently most intelligent and entertaining hour and a half weekly program on television." With this and a token one of you guys can have a subway ride.

This one is marked to "Famous Film Festival." It's the silver movie projector presented each Christmas to the best regular movie program on TV.

Phil Silvers, step up here, please. For you a diamond-plated drill sergeant's whistle in honor of Sgt. Bilko—the character who looks so remarkably like you and so remarkably makes several million veterans believe the Army can't have been so bad after all.

Steve Allen's package ticks. Not a time-bomb, it turns out, but the noisiest alarm clock in Christendom. This is so he'll know how several million viewers feel about getting up in the morning after he has kept us awake so pleasantly after midnight.

Week's Vacation

What's this? A week's vacation off the air with full pay for every last single quiz program on television. Mighty magnanimous of somebody.

If Betty Hutton will be quiet for one minute and untie that big package—that's it. Well, what do you know! Out steps Perry Como, the most relaxed guy on television.

There's a note attached to his ear that reads: "Watch me for one week and learn how to be relaxed." Any girl should be glad to receive Como for Christmas.

Quiet, please. Quiet! What a noisy throng of strapping youngsters just crowded in here. Can't you kids read? Don't you know this show is on the air? Let's see, let's see!

"Somebody's bound to be overlooked among these bustling dramatic shows. Here's Playwrights '56 and TV Playhouse; Studio One Theater; Climax and Matinee Theater and U. S. Steel Hour."

Okay, okay, so you're all clutching for good scripts. And there just aren't enough here to go around.

So we'll just throw these in the air and you grab what you can. Everybody else duck before the Christmas tree falls over.

Spiral-Track Snow Vehicle Demonstrated

WALLOWA, Ore. — Leonard Ferguson of Wallowa took his spiral-track snow tractor out for a test Saturday, and said it performed "better than we expected."

Ferguson said the tractor, propelled by two, long revolving drums with screw threads, made up to 20 miles an hour over a level snowfield, and climbed a hill that would have been too steep for a jeep in summer.

Ferguson said they would have given an even more impressive display of the tractor's power, but the only available rope broke.

The rope had been tied to an automobile. The intent was to have the tractor pull the car sideways across a road. Just as the car began to move, the rope snapped, Ferguson said.

For power there was a four-cylinder, 70-horsepower gasoline engine, geared to the drums. Three long pieces of two-inch angle iron had been welded spirally onto the drums for threads to bite into the snow.

The steel drums, made in Boise, are 11 feet long, 30 inches in diameter.

A number of friends went along to watch the test, 12 miles north of Wallowa. Snow was about 2½ feet deep, Ferguson said.

Also there was M. Sgt. Junior Carper of the Idaho Military District in Boise, who financed Ferguson's construction of the tractor.

Carper says the tractor could become an important development for Arctic troops.

Waves Shift Cargo of Ship

SEATTLE — The freighter Liberty Flag called for Coast Guard aid in getting into the Columbia River Saturday afternoon.

Winds up to 45 miles per hour kicked up waves that shifted the freighter's forward deck cargo.

The Coast Guard cutter Yocona was sent to escort the freighter into the river.

The Coast Guard said it did not know offhand where the freighter was from nor where she was headed. The vessel belongs to the Gulf Cargo Carriers Corp. of New York.

Top Russ to Get Encyclopedia Sets

NEW YORK — Five top Russians, including Premier Nikolai Bulganin, each are going to get complete sets of the Encyclopedia Britannica as gifts.

Publisher William Benton, who got into an encyclopedic discussion with the quietest during his recent visit to Moscow, says he asks only that they read for themselves to see that the volumes do justice to Russian history and Lenin.

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