#### The Greeks Have a Word for It



Alex Agathonos, South Salem High exchange student from Athens, Greece, examines a replica of the "fat and jolly" American Santa, much different from Greece's Saint. On the blackboard be-hind him, he has written a "Merry Christmas" in Greek to some of his fellow students.

## School Reporter

NORTH SALEM HIGH

The North Salem choir topped off the Christmas activities Frimas songs.

The North Salem choir and played by Pamela Clayton.

Scarf from Smyrna," a oneact play was also presented. This generation of Greece. same play was given at the homecoming assembly

will represent North Salem High that year. at the weekly Rotary club lunch-

eon meetings. Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Michaelis of 2220 Ellis Senior class, president of Arthur Cotton Hi-Y and vice-president of the North Salem chapter of Young Life. He is a member of and of National Athletic Scholarship Society. Jim is a three sport letterman and, manages to keep a high grade-point average.

Jim's plans for the future include attending Stanford University where he plans to study either engineering or accounting.

Fund Drive Set meeting the home room representatives elected Debbie Lamb and Corkie Meisinger co-chair-youngsters on Halloween. "Operation Doll" a committee headed by Eugene G. LaVigne of New Bedford, Mass., each child men of the coming polio fund

A "Night Before Christmas" homecoming dance was held Friday after the North Salem-Hudson Bay basketball game. Chairman of ing her with refreshments was of the houses are opened and the the affair was Judy Wolfe. Assist-Ruth Hornschuch. Helping with the the nasty words they know. Ex-Christmas like decorations were Sandie Gregory, Bob Fussell, Charles Crase, Caroline Cushman. Sue Todd, Phil Goulet, Joyce

Brown, and Barbara Woelk. PARRISH JUNIOR HIGH A special Christmas program was given for the parents of Parrish band "must show respect to the students early this week. A play wife." 'The Humblest Place' was given by a drama class. The characters were: Gary Kessel, Patsy Willis, Lloyd Earles, Janice Messmer, Carma Jean Eldriedge, Rob Cheek Lynne Shepard, Kathryn Beaty,

The eighth and ninth grade choirs, under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie Suko, as well as the orchestra completed the program with several numbers each.

Paul Keller and Terry Chancey.

The annual Christmas assembly was given before the students Thursday. The ninth grade choir sang several numbers and were able to fill requests for others. A play "Room for Mary" was given by a dramatics class. The charac-ters were: Carol Shelton, Dona McCue, Marjorie Ball, Sylvia Jessop, Ethel Walker and Pat Adams. The orchestra also took part in the

LESLIE JUNIOR HIGH Leslie presented its annual Christmas program Friday to the stu-

A pantomime of the Nativity was presented by eighth graders, Bonnie Barber as Mary, Fred Jones as Joseph and Dennis Fitch, Jerry Riewald, Ralph Shepherd, Wallace Belt, LaMont Perman, Richard Salsbery, and Jim Haynes as the Wise men and shepherds.

Background music was provided for the scene by the eighth and ninth grade chorus.

A brass quartet consisting of Larry Schendel, Robert Hill, Bill Largent, Kim Clark and Pete Mel-

in played "Good King Wenselas" and "Deck the Halls."

Leslie orchestra was next with "Christmas Carols Fantasy" by Sopkin, followed by the triple trio. singing "Holy Night" and b a n d playing "Christmas Moods." The program closed with the eighth and ninth grade choruses singing sev-eral Christmas carols and the audi-ence joining in.

#### WARM CHRISTMAS

SYDNEY, Australia UP - Christmas down under means basking in the sun on beaches for thousands of Australians. The holidays out-pourings from the cities were cheered by weather ranging from

#### For Children of Extortionist

PORTLAND OF - Their parents Arctic Base will be missing, but the five children of Mr. and Mrs. William Clarence Peddicord will have as Arctic Air Force chapel where the

The father, 38 and blind, is in jail, charged with bombing the man said Saturday night the "light Meier and Frank department store from Bethlehem" is burning in a \$50,000 extortion attempt last April. The mother, 34, distraught over this, voluntarily committed herself to the state hospital at

The children are with friends.
Portland police and firemen have collected many toys for them. In a Christmas Eve sermon for airmen at this lonely, northernthree children of Mrs. Joyce Keller, 28, accused of helping Peddicord carry out the plot. She is
Mrs. Peddicord's sister.

that the world politically is in "a
black night," but he added;
"Against that dark curtain of
this political moment, there is set

#### Bandits Yield Yule Money

ATLANTA (A) — "To hell with Christmas, take it," said one of the motive behind friendship the two masked teen age bandits trains, church world services and to his companion Friday night congressional action for relief. when Edward Blackstone, night manager of a shopping center, pleaded that his wallet contained Customs Like Those at Home

his son's Christmas money. a sister back in Greece. His fa-ther is a retired General of 35 Christmas money," said the other stocking-hooded youth of about 16, "that ain't right." And he handed back the wallet.

> But after forcing Blackstone and his brother, Roy, to remove their trousers, the young robbers locked them in a back room and fled with the store's money, between \$400 and \$500.

money was in his wallet.

# Head Talks at

year, a leading American church-

airmen at this lonely, northern- decision to reverse its course repmost outpost on the nation's de- resents sor Also sharing in this will be the feasive frontier, Dr. Blake said present to the taxpayers.

"Against that dark curtain of this political moment, there is set the light of the kingdom of Christ, and the darkness has not over-come it. . The light from the spirit of Jesus Christ is abroad in our world today." It can be seen, he said, in Amer-

WESTERN FRONT, Korea un As he has for five years, Francis Cardinal Spellman came to the Ko-

rean front and held Christmas Eve when men and nations know, re-spect and follow the command-ments of God," the 67-year-old

"Only by exemplifying in our everyday lives the love of our fellow man-be he white or black, Blackstone didn't say how much yellow or brown-can we hope to achieve peace," the cardinal said

Catholic archbishop of New York

Police Plan Yule | Church Group | Ike 'To Propose " Pay-as-You-Go Road Program'

WASHINGTON (# — Sen. Byrd mother, walking home from a Catholic hospital where she had gone hower administration has aband-to confession, was fatally stabbed oned its bond financing plan and Saturday night by an unknown kill-wife's been stabbed and she's property of the Confession of the Ohio Steak and Barbe Co. here, phoned police and she wife's been stabbed and she's property of the Confession of the Ohio Steak and Barbe Co. here, phoned police and she wife's been stabbed and she's property of the Confession of the Ohio Steak and Barbe Co. here, phoned police and she wife's been stabbed and she's property of the Ohio Steak and Barbe Co. here, phoned police and she wife's been stabbed and she's property of the Ohio Steak and Barbe Co. here, phoned police and she wife's been stabbed and she's property of the Ohio Steak and Barbe Co. here, phoned police and she wife's been stabbed and she's property of the Ohio Steak and Barbe Co. here, phoned police and she wife's been stabbed and she wife's been will propose a pay-as-you-go interstate highway program at the next

stronger in the world.

"Again and again, we see its flashes," said Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Blake, presid

ding program. The Virginia senator said in an interview that the administration's

Statesman, Salem, Ore., Sun., Dec. 25, '55 (Sec. 1)-7 Attack Kills Ohio Woman

Police said the victim, Mrs. Je

Doctors at Mercy Hospital later delivered a baby girl by Caesarian section from the victim's body. The infant, which had been extended confession about a later to the later t

pected in January, was given only hour earlier.

Police said the victim, Mrs. Jo
Anne Burlage, 29, staggered into
her second floor apartment where
her husband and two children were
her husband and two children were waiting near a gaily decorated tree from King Saud of Saudi Arabia to celebrate Christmas Eve. Blood for a gold-trimmed dinner service was streaming from a knife wound for 1,000 persons. The 10,000 pieces will cost around \$119,000.











By BARBARA BONIFACE Statesman School Reporter

travel the approximate 10,000 gineering Corps, miles to Greece for Christmas, Not Co-Educatio day, when they marched through Alex Agathonos, Greek exchange the halls singing. Under the di-student attending South Salem rection of Howard F. Miller the high finds many of the holiday choir sang the traditional Christ- customs here are celebrated much as they are in his native land.

The Greeks believe that St. Basdrama class also performed be- il (the Greek Santa Claus) was a fore an audience of 1,200 at the real person living in the 4th cen- date the next evening. State Penitentiary Wednesday tury A. D. in Asia Minor. He is evening. This is the first time in said to have been a poor man, several years that any outside who devoted his life to serving group has been asked to per-mankind and died fighting for form at the penitentiary. The Christianity. St. Basil is pictured Valkyries and the Harmonettes as being tall and thin, but in the also sang. A violin solo was past few years the American obese Santa has replaced this picture in the minds of the modern

on the final day of observance, a ences and social studies prede Jim Michaelis was elected hon- golden cross, which the children orary Rotarian for the Month of dive for, is thrown into the sea.

Keeps Traditions "The trouble with the new generation of Greece is that it wants which to display this letter. Avenue. He is president of the and add the traditions of other what traditions it hes countries," says Alex. This is best sible will keep it when he returns shown in the adoption of opening to Greece-"if he can find a barpresents, not only on Jan. 1 (the ber to cut my hair right." "S" club, National Honor Society the tradition of the old genera-

Christmas Eve. When asked about the greenery and decorations, Alex simply remarked, "We don't have the mistletoe habit. This is quite new Ordnance Co. 7680 of NATO's

to me. Christmas, New Years and Jan. guns Christmas Day. At the same Student Council 6 in the eve and day when they On the third year program of meeting the home room represent are given candy or money for "Operation Doll" a committee

Not Successful

Parents tell their children that with the coming New Year they will forget all the "nasty words they knew and upon the striking of midnight on Dec. 31, the windows children are forced to speak all periment has shown that this method is not entirely successful, A typical Greek New Year's resolution would be, according to

Alex, the resolution of the wife "to show respect to the husband," while here you say that the hus-

Now staying with the Reynolds Allens, Alex has his parents and

## a sister back in Greece. His fa-Although he won't be able to years service in the Greek En-

Dates were quite new to Alex as the schools in Greece are not co-educational and there is no datbiggest shock was arriving Thurs-day night and "through the kindness of my new 'sister' I had a

The Greek school system consists of six years of elementary school, after which students are given an exam to determine school. Even if these students do pass the exam and attend high school for the full six years, only about a fourth of them graduate.

An average of twelve subjects There is much religious activity are taught to the Greek student from Christmas Eve to Jan, 6 and with languages, mathematics, sci-

Alex's most prized possession he January at the monthly student The youngster recovering the has received since his arrival in council meeting this week. He cross is said to be blessed for Salem is a letter for his work on the swimming team. The Salem Rotary Club gave him for Christ-mas a South Salem jacket on The crew cut he sports, he labels 'strictly American" and if pos

> tion, but also on the American U.S. Troops Plan 'Operation Doll'

> > LEGHORN, Italy un - U. S Southern European task force will youngsters carol on be concerned with dolls instead of

at the Casa Firenze orphanage at nearby Ardenza will get socks, sweater, shoes and a doll

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