

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 behind 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 Friday, when they marched through the halls singing. Under the direction of Howard F. Miller the choir sang the traditional Christmas songs.

The North Salem choir and drama class also performed before an audience of 1,200 at the State Penitentiary Wednesday evening. This is the first time in several years that any outside group has been asked to perform at the penitentiary. The Valkyries and the Harmonettes also sang. A violin solo was played by Pamela Clayton.

"Scarf from Smyrna," a one-act play was also presented. This same play was given at the homecoming assembly.

Michaelis Elected
Jim Michaelis was elected honorary Rotarian for the Month of January at the monthly student council meeting this week. He will represent North Salem High at the weekly Rotary club luncheon meetings.

Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Michaelis of 2220 Ellis Avenue. He is president of the Senior class, president of Arthur Cotton Hi-Y and vice-president of the North Salem chapter of Young Life. He is a member of "S" club, National Honor Society 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
At the same Student Council meeting the home room representatives elected Debbie Lamb and Corkie Meisinger co-chairmen of the coming polo fund drive.

A "Night Before Christmas" homecoming dance was held Friday after the North Salem-Hudson Bay basketball game. Chairman of the affair was Judy Wolfe. Assisting her with refreshments was Ruth Hornschuch. Helping with the 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 students early this week. A play "The Humblest Place" was given by a drama class. The characters were: Gary Kessel, Patsy Willis, Lloyd Earles, Janice Messmer, Carma Jean Eldridge, Rob Cheek, Lynne Shepard, Kathryn Beaty, Paul Keller and Terry Chancy.

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

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 characters were: Carol Shelton, Don a McCue, Marjorie Ball, Sylvia Jessop, Ethel Walker and Pat Adams. The orchestra also took part in the program.

LESLIE JUNIOR HIGH
Leslie presented its annual Christmas program Friday to the student body.

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 Melin 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 band playing "Christmas Moods." The program closed with the eighth and ninth grade choruses singing several Christmas carols and the audience joining in.

WARM CHRISTMAS
SYDNEY, Australia — Christmas down under means basking in the sun on beaches for thousands of Australians. The holidays outpourings from the cities were cheered by weather ranging from the 70s to 100 degrees.

Police Plan Yule For Children of Extortionist

PORTLAND — Their parents will be missing, but the five children of Mr. and Mrs. William Clarence Peddicord will have a happy Christmas as Portland police can provide.

The father, 38 and blind, is in jail, charged with bombing the Meier and Frank department store in a \$50,000 extortion attempt last April. The mother, 34, distraught over this, voluntarily committed herself to the state hospital at Salem last week.

The children are with friends. Portland police and firemen have collected many toys for them. In addition anonymous donors have sent in \$207.46 for the children.

Also sharing in this will be the three children of Joyce Keller, 28, accused of helping Peddicord carry out the plot. She is Mrs. Peddicord's sister.

Bandits Yield Yule Money

ATLANTA — "To hell with Christmas, take it," said one of the two masked teen age bandits to his companion Friday night when Edward Blackstone, night manager of a shopping center, pleaded that his wallet contained his son's Christmas money.

"We're not taking anybody's 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.

Blackstone didn't say how much money was in his wallet.

Church Group Head Talks at Arctic Base

THULE, Greenland — In an Arctic Air Force chapel where the sun never rises at this time of year, a leading American churchman said Saturday night the "light from Bethlehem" is burning stronger in the world.

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

In a Christmas Eve sermon for airmen at this lonely, northernmost outpost on the nation's defensive frontier, Dr. Blake said that the world politically is in "a black night," but he added:

"Against that dark curtain of this political moment, there is set the light of the kingdom of Christ, and the darkness has not overcome it. The light from the spirit of Jesus Christ is abroad in our world today."

It can be seen, he said, in America's action to supply food to "children of our erstwhile enemies," in the motive behind friendship trains, church world services and congressional action for relief.

WESTERN FRONT, Korea — As he has for five years, Francis Cardinal Spellman came to the Korean front and held Christmas Eve mass among the snow-powdered hills.

"Peace will come on earth only when men and nations know, respect and follow the commandments of God," the 67-year-old Catholic Archbishop of New York told a jammed chapel.

"Only by exemplifying in our everyday lives the love of our fellow man—be he white or black, yellow or brown—can we hope to achieve peace," the cardinal said.

Ike 'To Propose' Pay-as-You-Go Road Program

WASHINGTON — Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) said Saturday the Eisenhower administration has abandoned its bond financing plan and will propose a pay-as-you-go interstate highway program at the next session of congress.

Byrd, who heads the Senate Finance Committee, fought President Eisenhower's proposal earlier this year for issuance of bonds by an independent agency to help finance a \$2-billion-dollar, 10-year road building program.

The Virginia senator said in an interview that the administration's decision to reverse its course represents something of a Christmas present to the taxpayers.

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Attack Kills Ohio Woman

TOLEDO, Ohio — A pregnant mother, walking home from a Catholic hospital where she had gone to confession, was fatally stabbed Saturday night by an unknown killer.

Doctors at Mercy Hospital later delivered a baby girl by Caesarian section from the victim's body. The infant, which had been expected in January, was given only a 50-50 chance of surviving.

Police said the victim, Mrs. Jo Anne Burlage, 29, staggered into her second floor apartment where her husband and two children were waiting near a gaily decorated tree to celebrate Christmas Eve. Blood was streaming from a knife wound torn across the front of her throat.

Her husband, Robert, manager of the Ohio Steak and Barbecue Co. here, phoned police and shouted, "Send some help quick! My wife's been stabbed and she's pregnant!"

A police ambulance took Mrs. Burlage to Mercy Hospital the same institution where she had attended confession about a half hour earlier.

PLANNING BIG DINNER
SELB, Germany — The Rosenthal chinaware firm has an order from King Saud of Saudi Arabia for a gold-trimmed dinner service for 1,000 persons. The 10,000 pieces will cost around \$119,000.

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