

## Stray Penny Grows To \$1110 To Cheer British Children

YPSILANTI, Mich., Dec. 21.—(AP)—This is a Christmas story about a lucky penny, a plane on a production line and the warmth of a soldier's heart.

It begins when Le Roy Oesch found a penny on the floor of the sprawling Willow Run bomber plant and, "just for good luck," pasted it on the fuselage of a B-24 Liberator bomber destined for England.

Twenty-seven year old Oesch started something that day which will brighten the Christmas of two war-orphaned children in England—and will give American airmen at a base in England a happier holiday.

Oesch pasted a note next to his penny, on the plane. As the big bomber moved along the plant's mile-long assembly line, from one operational station to another, workers read the note and pasted quarters, dimes and dollars to the side of the war plane.

When the bomber had completed its assembly line trip and was ready to be painted, \$1110.09 was sticking to its sides. Painters peeled off the money and turned it over to Glenn R. Brayton, president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) local at the Willow Run plant.

Oesch has a brother, S-Sgt. Clifford Oesch, in England. Both come from Florissant, Mo. Le Roy suggested that the money be sent to his brother's unit—the headquarters and service company of an engineer aviation battalion in England. So it was.

The story of the penny and the



**SANTA**—With manpower shortages making department store Santas scarce, this young man donned his North Pole suit and is ready for a job. He is Stephen Dudley Johnson, five-months, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Forest Hills, N. Y.

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plane might have ended there—had the soldiers decided to spend the money on themselves. But a letter from Sgt. Robert Wood, a writer on the U. S. army newspaper Stars and Stripes, told the sequel to the story of the lucky penny that turned into \$1110.09 on a production line.

Capt. Richard M. Rice, of Portland, Ore., was the service company commander who received the money in England. Wood said Rice posted a suggestion in the company orderly room that the major portion of the contribution be turned over to the war orphan's fund founded by Stars and Stripes. Every member of the company voted approval. Lt. Andrew M. Prescott, of Lakeport, Cal., and First Sgt. Oris C. Brashers, of Alameda, Cal., were selected to represent the unit in making the donation.

Prescott and Brashers presented \$800 of the contribution to two children who have been left homeless by the war. That left \$310.09 in the company fund. But the contributions are just started. An additional \$208.60 from Willow Run has swelled the company fund. And there's more coming.

## Prison Camp Life Levels All Classes

By BERNARD COVIT  
NEW YORK—(AP)—Some 3500 Americans and British—rich and poor, doctors, lawyers, big businessmen, clerks, society folk and "squaw men" who had married natives—went into the Santo Tomas internment camp under the prod of Japanese bayonets.

The Japs threw a ring of guards and barbed wire around the university buildings where we were housed, but left our organization to ourselves. We all started from scratch; it was interesting to see how various ones made out.

Take Sam Gaches for example. Sam was the president of the Heacock department store, Manila's largest, housed in an air-conditioned skyscraper. He was silver-haired, distinguished, president of the American chamber of commerce. He became the men's wash room attendant. I shall always remember him sitting beside the door, issuing two or three sheets of paper each to the file of men who entered. Paper, like dignity, was scarce.

The camp "sanitation department" was headed by Robert Cecil, an insurance man. His staff included a national city bank executive, an American president steamship line officer, two Standard Oil men and a high school teacher. They lugged garbage and burned rubbish.

The biggest man in the camp, 6-foot, 4 1/2 inch David Harvey MacTurk, never scrubbed a floor or hauled a garbage can. He had been a professional entertainer and in camp he carried on, with quips and jokes that kept the internees' spirits high.

Earl Carol, an insurance salesman with a silver tongue, had been chairman of the civilian defense organization and the Japs appointed him chairman of the camp executive committee. He was the perfect leader and not one of his fellow-internees, many of whom had been far more influential in Manila life than he, ever questioned his leadership. His persuasive arguments induced the Japs to ease progressively the rigid rules under which camp was set up. By super-salesmanship he got us one concession after another until finally we lived in a fair degree of comfort.

And the women—some of Manila's most exclusive matrons gathered at the wash troughs to scrub their own clothes. Their executive husbands washed their own.

War Stamps Placed On Christmas Cards

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Something was wrong, officials decided, when Christmas cards came through the Shreveport postoffice bearing 25 cent war stamps instead of the one cent postage stamps.

They investigated, learned that both types of stamps have the same hue of green, which contrasts nicely at the Christmas season with the color of a red-faced temporary clerk at a postoffice sub-station who had sold \$400 of the stamps as one-cent stamps.

Hurried patrons had stuck the stamps on Christmas cards without noticing the difference.

## Irish Destroyer is Still in the Ring

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—After more than 15 months of continuous action in the south Pacific, the "tin can" with the fighting Irish name—O'Bannon—is back at a west coast port with a record of destruction that would do credit to a battleship.

Here is how the navy summarized the scrappy little destroyer's record tonight:

Active participation in five major service engagements. Seven bombardments of Japanese installations. Helped sink a battleship, three cruisers and six destroyers. Three rescue operations, including one in which American destroyers stole up to Japanese-held Vella Lavella and removed survivors of the sunken cruiser Helena.

Downed 10 Japanese planes during numerous fights with enemy airmen.

Participated in many landing operations and was on so many convoy assignments the commanding officer quit counting them.

The O'Bannon's skipper, Commander Donald J. McDonald of New York, wears two navy crosses and the silver star medal which, he said, his crew earned for him.

Flu Continuing Throughout State

By The Associated Press

The influenza epidemic continued unabated throughout Oregon today, although no deaths were reported.

Marshfield's schools did not open today as authorities sought to check spread of the malady in the Coos Bay area. Many pupils and teachers were absent Monday. The chamber of commerce discontinued meetings until Jan. 6, and a banquet honoring the high school football team was postponed.

North Bend and Oregon City reported 20 per cent absenteeism among students, and West Linn high school 25 per cent.

More than 35 per cent of Portland's elementary school pupils were absent and 205 of the Portland school system's teachers.

Willamette University moved its Christmas holiday up a day and a half to today noon because of an influenza outbreak at Lausane hall where men in the navy's V-12 program are quartered. Thirty of the apprentice seamen were ill.

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