

# Santa of Arctic To Move South; Is Famed Pilot

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Seattle, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Santa Claus of the Canadian arctic has retired. He's through flying into squalling 72-below-zero blizzards, and he's heading for the tropics.

That's bad news just two days before Christmas—but it's true. For Con M. G. Farrell, D.F.C., veteran pilot in two world wars, one of Canada's most famous bush pilots, and the man who pioneered organization of the north-west staging route airfields over which American-built bombers now roar north to Alaska, Russia and the Aleutians, has hung up his parka and muckluks—possibly for good.

**Warm Post Ahead**  
Reknowned throughout Canada for countless mercy flight rescues of stricken trappers in their snow-drifted huts around the rim of the arctic circle, Farrell admitted today he would leave shortly for Nassau, in the West Indies, "to fly an airlines desk job—where

it's warm."

Just retired after four years in this war in the Royal Canadian Air Force, Farrell won the unofficial title of Arctic Santa Claus in 11 years flying sick trappers, serum, bullion, mail, food, dogs, and freight in and out of Edmonton, Alta., throughout the vast MacKenzie river basin to the shores of the arctic ocean.

Never once since he topped his brilliant world war I record with the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Air Force in the last war with 11 years, and more than 12,000 hours of flying in the northern Canadian wilderness, during which he never lost a plane or a passenger, had Farrell been able to spend a single Christmas eve or Christmas day at home with his attractive wife, or his daughter, now seven.

**Plays Yule Role**  
Invariably, several days before Dec. 25 rolled around, Farrell roared out of Edmonton heading north in his battered old-vintage plane, in response to some urgent call for help, or with a last-minute load of eagerly awaited presents and mail for some isolated, snow-drifted settlement. And every Christmas day, without fail, Santa Claus Farrell celebrated his own Christmas huddled with his fur-clad mechanic at the edge of some frozen arctic lake, waiting out a howling blizzard and temperatures as low as 72-below, be-

## Takes It Easy



Six years ago Helmut C. Setz, above, entered a St. Louis hotel room and has not left it since. The 53-year-old millionaire recluse, pictured in bed, explained that he simply wants peace in which to carry on his studies and his business, which he transacts entirely by mail.

fore unslashing his storm-bound plane for another leg of his mission.

Not long after the newspapers in the north got wind of the way Farrell chose to spend his Christmases and gave him the nickname that stuck, the leathery little bush pilot once more changed his parka for the air force blue.

**Airfields Organized**  
With Russia in need of planes and Japan threatening the Aleutians, the Canadian department of national defense at Ottawa ordered Farrell back into the north, to organize the chain of airfields over which U. S. and Canadian warplanes streamed north, first in dribbles, then in torrents, to help beat back the Japs from Attu and Kiska.

Farrell's subsequent work in the arctic once that job was done still cannot be disclosed for security reasons.

But Farrell is through with the arctic and the biting cold for a while. At least that's what he says today.

"I decided it was time for a change when the air force stationed me at home one Christmas with my wife and kid. I never knew it could be so swell. I may go back and fly the arctic later after making noises like an executive for a while," he said.

"But right now it's me for the tropics—sunshine—and Christmas at home."

crutches.

E. A. Bussett, an old time pioneer of Central Oregon, passed away Sunday morning at the Redmond hospital following a lingering illness. "Daddy" Bussett, as he was known to his many friends, was 83 years old. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Redmond Community church with Rev. D. L. Penhollow in charge. Interment was at Powell Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Allison and family, were guests several days this week of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Haynes, and completed their Christmas shopping. The Allisons recently moved from here to John Day. Ed Haynes, who came over with them, will remain with his son until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Pauls and daughter, Donna Mae, went to Bend Sunday afternoon to visit their nephew, Harold Abbott, fireman 1/c, who is home on leave after 20 months active duty as fireman on a destroyer in the south Pacific.

Miss Joyce Steele underwent an appendectomy in the Prineville general hospital Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Minson took their son, Charles, to Portland Thursday, and he returned to his base at Jacksonville, Florida, after spending a short leave with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Minson returned Saturday.

The Parent-Teachers' club met last Monday afternoon with a small attendance. The third and fourth grades won the prize for having the largest percentage of parents present. Plans for a picnic were discussed but nothing was decided upon. The next meeting will be held Jan. 8.

Mrs. Dale McKenzie arrived Friday evening from March Field, Calif., where she has been with her husband for several weeks. Lt. McKenzie has been transferred east.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vice entertained at a skating party on the lake last Tuesday evening, honoring Charles Minson who was home on leave. Weiners, buns and coffee were enjoyed during the evening.

Mrs. Miriam Webb of Prineville had as her dinner guests last Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Minson and son Charles, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Vice and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vice and small son, all of Powell Butte.

Mrs. Wimmerstrom and son, Homer, and daughter, Beverly, of Bend, were dinner guests Monday at the J. C. Minson home.

H. T. Moreland of Eugene was the guest speaker at the local church Sunday during the absence of the regular pastor, D. L. Penhollow.

Cpl. Gabe Rosko and Pfc. Earl Priddis of the Redmond army air field, were Sunday evening lunch

guests at the Luke Relf home. They later attended the Christian Endeavor meeting. The boys had been skating on the lake.

Mrs. A. C. Heston entertained at dinner and a party Saturday night in honor of her son, Jerry, on his 15th birthday. Those present were Jimmie Donahue, Glenn Stjean, Francis Bollinger, Joan Wycoff, Pat Webb and Beverly Stromberg, all of Redmond, and Phillip Weigand, Ice skating was the main event of the evening.

Anna Dean Weigand of Terrebonne, visited Friday evening at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Fred McCaffery.

Mrs. Neal Winkle and small son, Willie, spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Demaris of Sisters.

Powell Butte folk who attended the Altar society conference and dinner in Redmond Saturday evening included Mrs. A. C. Heston, Mrs. Fred McCaffery and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Weigand.

Doris Marie McCaffery entertained a group of young people at a Christmas party at her home Friday evening, and on Saturday evening her sister, Lois, entertained a group.

Mrs. Vern Ruedy of Santa Maria, Calif., spent several days last week as a guest of Mrs. A. V. Stevens and family.


Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reynolds and Roy Newport of Idanha, were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Stevens.

**FEAST OR FAMINE**  
Worcester, Mass. (AP)—A Worcester corporal now serving in France wonders how the army postal service operates. Cpl. Joseph H. Leslie wrote home complaining about an extended mail famine. Several days later, he received 67 letters in one mail call. In the same mail, he also received a postcard from Nantasket Beach and a package.

**CAR 'BARKS' WARNING**  
Topsfield, Mass. (AP)—A "barking" automobile rather than a barking dog aroused Mrs. Arthur Pym's family when fire broke out in a sedan parked in their driveway. The blaze apparently caused a short circuit, which started the car's horn blowing.

**SPINACH ONLY CASUALTY**  
Houston, Tex. (AP)—A bullet came through the door of a Houston grocery store, and no one knows where it came from. The bullet just missed some of the shoppers, and flattened a can of spinach against the wall, spraying spinach juice around. Police reported that a man had been seen running away from a nearby tavern just a few minutes before the time. That is the only clue to the stray bullet.

Food for wild birds about the home during winter months should be distributed frequently and in small amounts so that it will be eaten before it freezes.



# CHRISTMAS

## KEEP YOUR CHIN UP

When we think back over the strenuous days of the past months, the difficulties and obstacles that have confronted each of us, we find our Greeting rather empty and meaningless.

Not because we aren't sincere, not because we are unappreciative, but because we fully realize the magnitude of attempting to convey in words the things that are in our hearts.

We've come a long way and we've got a long ways to go yet, but somehow, our confidence in the people of this community, as well as all Americans, leads us to know that eventually we will again enjoy the full benefits of the American way of life as we like to live it.


Until that time, there's still work to be done, so, lets keep our chin up and look forward to happier days ahead.

# A Merry Christmas and A Bright New Year

# Cashman

Bend's Clothier

## MAY THERE BE HAPPINESS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



From the joys and happiness of our associations with our acquaintances and loved ones may we obtain the contentment and cheer so necessary for a successful Christmas.

Although there may be many of our loved ones who will not sit about the festive board at Christmas, or who may not be with us to enjoy the pleasures of the annual Christmas tree, may we feel their presence from the thoughts they may have of home and of our thoughts of them in distant lands

### THE PEOPLE'S STORE

## ON THE TARGET



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Gifts away! We hope you'll be the target for scores and scores of nice things this Christmas. And we wish, too, that you may spend a most enjoyable and happy holiday. Greetings everyone!

### BEAR'S JEWELRY

Benson Building

## WE HOPE Santa's Pack

WILL BE FULL OF GOOD THINGS FOR EACH OF YOU, OUR FRIENDS.



SEASON'S GREETINGS!

### DESCHUTES FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

## Powell Butte

Powell Butte, Dec. 23 (Special)

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Stevens and children, Fred and Leola, and her father, A. M. Ingvardson, went to Portland Friday and returned Sunday.

Earl Herbst has been ordered to report in Portland on Dec. 21 for his physical examination for induction into the armed forces.

The Outlaw basketball team played two games last week and were victorious both times. The defeated teams were the Bend high school on Monday evening, and the Redmond high school, on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lynn Fischer and infant son came home Tuesday from the Prineville general hospital. Her sister, Miss Averil Newton of Portland, is assisting her for a while.

Jim Newton returned to Portland Wednesday after spending some time with his brother-in-law, Lynn Fischer.

The Christian Endeavor society held an ice skating party Wednesday evening on the Fischer pond. About 15 young people attended and Sidney Hacker suffered a sprained ankle, and is about these days with the aid of

*Wishing You a PLEASANT YULETIDE*

The Yuletide Season brings with it the pleasant thoughts of friendship, tried and proven, and cherished through the months just past. It makes us realize that friendly associations with our fellow man are invaluable in both public and private life and are above things material.

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## YOU'RE BUSY, WE KNOW

No doubt you've a lot of last minute things to do getting ready for Christmas. Who isn't excited on this great occasion. Just take a moment, please, to read our expression of good will. We want you to have all the good fortune which is so deservedly yours, and may the New Year see each of you happier than ever before.

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# CHRISTMAS

## At It's Best . . .

It is the duty and obligation of every American to make this the best Christmas of them all. It's going to be a big job, it's true, but for the sake of the sacrifices that have been made and because it's the neighborly and friendly thing to do, it is our job to make every effort to enjoy the full blessings of Christmas.

All of our loved ones cannot be home but may we keep in our thinking the idea of Christmas as it should be, and to observe it accordingly. That is the way those who will be absent would have it.

Let's be happy and considerate at Christmas and let us strive to maintain this same attitude through the months of the new year. It will make for a happier living for all.

Best wishes for the Yuletide and a host of good things for the year just approaching.

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

### The Shevlin-Hixon Company

**U. S. Army Group**

**HORIZONTAL**

- 1 Depicted in insignie of U. S. Army
- 8 Card game
- 11 Paid notice
- 12 Eagle's nest
- 13 Malt drink
- 14 Good
- 16 Get up
- 17 Meadows
- 19 Was indisposed
- 21 Dregs
- 23 Royal Navy
- 24 Ells English
- 25 Once more
- 28 Keen
- 31 Circle part
- 32 Division of geological time
- 33 Be in accord
- 35 Type of fortification
- 38 Symbol for iridium
- 39 Hebrew letter
- 40 Withstood
- 46 Ceases
- 49 Observed
- 50 Auditory
- 52 Drill
- 53 Italian gunny cloth
- 54 Fragment
- 56 Half-em
- 57 Standing room only

**VERTICAL**

- 15 From catch
- 18 Stair
- 20 Waltzers
- 22 Insets
- 26 Swiss river
- 27 Anger
- 30 Also tantulum
- 33 Ventilates
- 34 Welcomes
- 36 Subjoin
- 37 Bird's home
- 41 Gunlock
- 42 To the inside
- 43 Hurl
- 44 Engrave
- 45 Dreadful
- 47 Symbol for
- 48 Heavy blow
- 51 Head cover
- 55 Symbol for phenyl

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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