

SWEETIE PIE by Nadine Seltzer



"By the way, I put the roast in the oven so it'll be cooked when we get home!"

One Person Killed, 38 Hurt As Train Derails in Illinois

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (UP)—One person was killed and 38 others were injured today when an Illinois Central train derailed near here and nine cars toppled over a 15-foot embankment.

The victim was identified by authorities as Mrs. Jennie Covell, 70, of near North Platte, Neb.

All of the injured were rushed to St. Elizabeth's Hospital here where spokesmen said at least one of them was in critical condition. Eighteen were treated for minor injuries and released.

Road Bed Shifts

Derailment of the 14-car baggage and passenger train, two miles west of here was blamed by state police on a shifting road bed due to recent rains and construction work.

Heavy fog and occasional drizzle hampered rescue workers at the crash scene.

Two ambulances collided while racing to the wreck and three persons were injured, including Andrew Russell, 53, East St. Louis, who was in serious condition. Russell was driving one ambulance and David and Joseph Renner, brothers from Freeburg, Ill., were the crew in the other.

Scene of Construction

Illinois Central officials said the wreck occurred at a point where state highway department crews were installing an underpass. They said train crews were instructed to reduce speed to five miles per hour in the area.

The train, called the Chickasaw, was enroute from St. Louis, Mo., to Memphis, Tenn., and connecting with New Orleans, La. It consisted of 10 mail, baggage and express cars, two coaches and one sleeping car. The two diesel engines and first five cars remained on the tracks.

Among the injured passengers was Dr. Lawrence C. Jones, 75, Piney Woods, Miss., who recently appeared on the television show "This Is Your Life." He was treated and released.

Nation Urged to Share Abundance With Hungarians

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower Thursday night urged Americans to share their Christmas "abundance and happiness" with the Hungarians.

The President made the appeal to a nationwide radio and television audience before lighting the 67-foot national Christmas tree at ceremonies in the ellipse south of the White House.

At the same time, Christmas trees were lighted in cities and towns across the nation and in American embassies and military bases throughout the world. Christmas wreaths in the cabins of major American airline planes flying over the continent also were lighted simultaneously.

More than 7,500 people gathered in the park in the winter dusk to watch the President push the button that lighted the great spruce tree and a double row of 52 smaller Christmas trees donated by foreign nations.

The ceremony officially opened the holiday season for the first family and the capital's third annual peace pageant.

Ike Tells Nehru How Red China Can Ease Tension

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower told Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru that if Red China sincerely wants to improve relations with the United States, it must:

—Promptly release 10 American civilians still held in Chinese jails.

—And agree to settle disputes with this country without resorting to the threat of or use of force, particularly in the Formosa area.

Informed sources said today that Mr. Eisenhower set forth these conditions in the private talks he held with Nehru Monday and Tuesday at Gettysburg, Pa., and Washington.

Once these conditions are met, the United States is understood to be willing to talk over "other matters" outstanding between the two countries. Red China has been pressing for talks between its premier, Chou En-lai, and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and for an easing of the American embargo on trade with the Chinese Communists.

Officials said Mr. Eisenhower made no pledges to Nehru on U.S. diplomatic recognition of the Peking regime or on relaxing U.S. opposition to Red China's admission to the United Nations. The United States recognizes the government on Formosa, headed by Chiang Kai-shek, as the legal government of China. It has led the fight against U.N. membership for Red China.

What Mr. Eisenhower told Nehru could have an important bearing on the future course of American-Red Chinese relations, beginning early next year.

Nehru, who left Washington Thursday, will meet with Chou En-lai soon after his return home from the United States. He talked with Chou before coming to Washington and relayed to the President Red China's views on improving relations with this country.

Items Under 'Good of City' Bring Chuckles at Meeting

At the end of every meeting of the city commission there is a notation or item in the program that reads, "Good of the City." It is there for any purpose not planned in advance for consideration.

Wednesday two or three things were mentioned under this heading, after the long formal session, that brought both laughter and sentimental expressions from the officials and the audience.

The first laugh came when someone mentioned that Police Chief Truett's wife received a ticket yesterday for overtime parking — and paid it. Truett is known for playing no favorites. Mayor Taylor often mentions that he gets hooked every month.

Next came a remark by commissioner Hans Slagsvold.

"This is the last meeting of the year," said Hans, "and my last as a city commissioner. I bring this up for the good of the city."

Commissioner Francis G. Gates, who also retires this year spoke up.

"When I got the little check this month, I gave it to my wife and told her it was the last one," said Gates. "She said, 'What are you going to do?' I told her, 'You'll just have to manage better.'"

The commissioners receive \$10 per month, less deductions.

When the chuckles subsided, Slagsvold wished well to the remaining commissioners and to the incoming ones — L. R. Shields and Jack Dempsey, who will succeed himself and Gates.

"May God help and keep us from further assaults on our pocket-books," said Hans with a smile.

After the meeting the commissioners shook hands with the retiring officials. Many expressed regret at the loss. Gates has served for six years. Slagsvold has been in office continuously for a like number of years and has been mayor twice, once in the 1940s. He has been noted for bringing many a controversy to a favorable conclusion by well considered, decisive recommendations.

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Kidnaped Child Found Unharmed

CRESTON, Iowa (UP)—A Utah child kidnaped last summer has been located unharmed at a farm home near here, authorities announced Thursday.

Sheriff J. R. Ewing and the FBI said Dennis Carter, 19-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Carter, Sandy, Utah, was found Wednesday night.

Two persons were held by authorities for questioning. The child was taken by Ewing and his wife to a juvenile home at Des Moines to await his parents.

Ewing said police arrested Mrs. Maxine Radford, Des Moines, at Des Moines Dec. 12. Her husband, Leland, was located in jail at Okaloosa.

Authorities said the child was found at a farm home in Union County, but the Radfords were not there. They declined to name the family which was caring for the child.

Authorities said Mrs. Radford told them the Carters "gave" her the baby "because they couldn't afford to support him."

Dennis disappeared from his home July 18, Ewing said, but kidnaping charges weren't filed until Nov. 28.

Observance Set At Bend Church

Christmas will be observed at the First Christian church of Bend on both Sunday morning and evening, December 23.

The morning worship service at 11 o'clock will feature a vocal solo and three anthems, "Today There Is Ringing," "Lullaby Christmas Eve" and "Angels We Have Heard On High." Earl Ronrig will direct the choir. The minister, H. Cecil Bever, will speak on the theme, "The Story of The Christ Child."

The Sunday school Christmas program is to be given at 7:30 p.m. Featured in the program will be the nursery, kindergarten, primary, junior, junior high and young people's departments. The Christmas story will be presented in song, carol, scripture and dramatization.

Lie Test Clears Man in Chicago

CHICAGO (UP)—A lie test showed Thursday that an alcoholic machinist dreamed up his story of taking part in the horror slaying of three Chicago schoolboys.

Police said the lie detector showed Erwin Staab, 32, was telling the truth when he repudiated his "confession" that he witnessed the triple murder 14 months ago.

Staab, winding up a three-day drunk, staggered into a police station early Wednesday with his story of watching two companions strip and beat John Schuessler, 13, his brother, Anton, 11, and Robert Peterson, 13, Oct. 16, 1955.

He stuck to his story through hours of questioning. Then, after a four-hour nap, he denied the "confession."

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