

CAPITOL WILL BE MADE COOL FOR CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Construction work is under way on a complete air-conditioning system for the U. S. Capitol.

The new system, to be finished before January 1, may prove so popular with members of congress that sessions may continue long after Washington's 100-degree summer temperatures usually would have led them to finish their work, pack their bags and head for cooler, more comfortable places.

The four Capitol buildings, comprising the group that houses the nation's legislators, are annually repainted, cleaned and generally overhauled during the fall in preparation for the next session of congress. A congressional appropriation of \$2,550,000 made at the last session provided for an elaborate air-conditioning system that will provide pure, cool air.

The work is under way with 1400 men installing ducts in the massive brick walls of the stately structures.

Office Building Included
When completed, every part of Capitol Hill will be air-cooled except the subways that carry members of congress from their offices to the Capitol proper. Previously, only the legislative chambers and press galleries have been air-conditioned.

The congressional appropriation, which makes possible the construction of the world's largest central refrigeration plant to serve a group of buildings, is greater than the cost of the original Capitol itself, on which \$2,433,000 was expended up to 1827.

The work will air-condition nearly 2,000 rooms in the four buildings. The Capitol building has 430 rooms. The Old House office building has 696; the New House office building, 518; and the Senate office building, 356.

78 Degrees to Be Normal
Rooms will be furnished with enough cool air to maintain 78 degree Fahrenheit temperatures and 50 per cent humidity even when 100 degree temperatures are registered outside. But for the comfort of members who may desire cooler temperatures, each office is being provided with thermostats so that 75 degree temperatures or less may be obtained.

Other workmen are busy on another job in the preparation for the return of congress—preparing for a presidential inauguration. Under the Norris "lame duck" amendment to the Constitution, the inauguration will take place on January 20, 1937, instead of March 4, as in past years. A platform and stands are being erected on the east front of the Capitol to seat 11,524 spectators and participants. The cost will be \$35,000.

SHORTER COURSES COLLEGE PROPOSAL

Minneapolis, Dec. 21 (AP)—Possible elimination of the four-year courses from the curriculum in view of dropping enrollment in undergraduate courses was seen today by Dr. L. D. Coffman, president of the University of Minnesota.

Coffman said that although his school registered increased enrollment over last year, the freshman and sophomore groups were smaller. Greatest increases were in the technical and professional schools.

"There is nothing sacred about the four-year university course," Coffman said. "Efficient junior colleges can take care of the first two years of advance education. That would leave the universities free to concentrate on advanced students."

Coffman said that if the preliminary work were to be removed from the university's curriculum it would be possible to raise scholarships by making extreme requirements more exacting and examinations more difficult.

Gift For Christmas



Brown-eyed, curly-haired "Margaret" will be a Christmas gift for some childless couple at Memphis, Tenn. She is one of 25 babies offered for permanent adoption by the Tennessee Children's Home Society. A Memphis newspaperman originated the idea of offering orphans as Yuletide gifts. (Associated Press Photo)

BARRYMORE CHILDREN GO ABROAD



It's Christmas in Switzerland for the two children of John Barrymore. Dolores Costello, former wife of the actor, and the children, John Blythe and Dolores Costello Barrymore, are pictured as they sailed for Europe aboard the Queen Mary. (Associated Press Photo)

BRITE CASES TO BE CARRIED UP

Yreka, Calif., Dec. 21 (AP)—Counsel for John and Coke Brite, condemned to death by a jury for killing three men at Horse creek, today prepared to carry the case to the state supreme court.

Horace Frye, Sacramento attorney, said he will move for a new trial as the first step towards appeal when the mountain brothers appear before Superior Judge C. L. Luttrell for sentence at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

The jury, in a Saturday night verdict, convicted the Brites of murdering Deputy Sheriff Martin Lange, Constable Joseph Clark and Fred Seaborn, vacationer, August 30. The first degree murder conviction, without recommendation, made the death penalty mandatory.

Frye indicated the basis of his appeal will be the contention that the Brites, who claimed they were attacked and resisted in self-defense, did not obtain a fair trial.

The attorney contended lynching threats, heard openly before the Brites surrendered at their mountain hideout to District Attorney James Davis, indicated bias on the part of the community.

Lange, Clark and Seaborn were killed while attempting to arrest the Brites on an assault warrant sworn to by Charles Baker, a mountain neighbor.

Warner Baxter Aids School at Columbus

Columbus, O., Dec. 21 (AP)—Warner Baxter, suave movie star and native of Columbus, remembered the elementary school where he first received his reputation as an actor at benefit performances by gift of a moving-picture projection machine, equipped with sound mechanism and a screen.

The Hubbard Avenue Elementary School Parent-Teacher association had appealed to Baxter for the machine so the dullness of geography and nature studies as illustrated by textbooks could be brought to life by motion pictures. The Hollywood actor immediately sent the movie apparatus.

Baxter attended the little school more than two decades ago and received all his elementary training there. He left Columbus for the stage at the age of 20.

McConchie Clan to Church 172 Strong

Victoria, Dec. 21 (AP)—When the McConchie family of this city decided to attend church ensemble there wasn't much room left for any one else or anything left for anyone else to do.

When the entire family got together they numbered 172 members. They attended the South Richmond Methodist church in a body.

The service was conducted by two McConchies. The choir of 30 members and the orchestra of three were McConchies. The collection taken up from more than 100 other McConchies was one of the largest the church ever received.

The original Mr. and Mrs. David McConchie came to Australia 64 years ago from Langham, Scotland. The oldest surviving member of the family now is their son, who is 77. The family even has its own cricket team, and one of the best.

Dafoe's Family Tree Traced for 300 Years

Minneapolis, Dec. 21 (AP)—It is little surprise to Albert H. Dafoe, of Minneapolis, that one of the "three and one-half million Dafoes," Dr. Allan R. Dafoe, Dionne quintuplet physician, has gained fame.

Albert Dafoe, a pioneer railroad man, proudly displays pictures of his fourth cousin, the Ontario country doctor. On a wall in his home hangs a framed letter from Dr. Dafoe thanking Albert for a previous message. The letter is dated Cal-

STUDENTS TO AID TESTS BY PICCARD

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 21 (AP)—A 22-year-old Duluth senior in the aeronautics department of the University of Minnesota has taken an important part in the recent stratosphere flights by unmanned balloons sent aloft by Prof. Jean Piccard.

The youth, Harold Larsen, has been working closely with Dr. and Mrs. Piccard, Prof. John Ackerman of the university staff, and Miss Jean Barnhill, another student.

Larsen and Miss Barnhill built the first bag sent into the stratosphere last June. It was made of cellulose material to permit sun rays to pass through without heating the hydrogen gas inside. It was found, however, that unless there was some way to let the gas out, the balloon might get too far out of reach.

Larsen developed a unique device consisting of a sealer ring surmounted by a small alarm clock at the top of the 30-foot bag. The clock can be set to make an incision in the balloon after it has been aloft for five hours, thus permitting a slow and safe descent of the balloon.

Larsen also aided in designing and building the tiny radio in the balloon, which broadcasts its call letters, the height it has reached, the temperature and relative humidity, once every eight minutes.

Frontier of Soviet And Persia Violated
Erivan, Soviet Armenia, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Soviet-Persian frontier, normally quiet, has suffered a "border incident" which will not lead to diplomatic protest. The frontier violator was a huge striped tiger, which attacked a flock of sheep after bounding across the frontier.

Shepherds surrounded the tiger, wounding it. With a great roar the beast fled into a cave where it remained five days before hunters dared to enter. They found it dead.

Teachers Are Guests At Hunt Residence

Woodburn—The Misses Justine and Elizabeth Hunt were hostesses for a Christmas party for the J. U. G. Rural Teachers' club at the Washington Junior high school.

Zella Teir presented several new steps in tap dancing and Clara Kirsch gave several playground games. Christmas gifts were exchanged, after which a luncheon was served by the hostesses assisted by Audrey Eitinger.

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will give their annual Christmas program on Friday evening, December 18, at 7:30. The following children will take part in the program: Lorene Kahut, Herbert Asbury, Berta Eder, Verna Vachter, Mary Werkerle, Jean Rosse, Agnes Stravens, Zella Meyer, Howard Brown, Richard Vachter, Wilson Beckford, Vera Kahut, Grace Warnick, Margaret Stravens, Betty Lichte, Glyde Vachter, Gladys Meyer, Gregory Relling, Maxine Meyer, Brooks Beckford, Milton Kahut, Jackie Bonner, Rose-

anna Stravens. Miss Clara Eder, the teacher, is in charge of the entertainment. Silverton—W. L. McGinnis, superintendent of the Silver Falls mill, accompanied by Mrs. McGinnis and

her father, P. W. Mutch, their house guest from Pentstemon, B. C., are spending the holiday season with relatives in Los Angeles.

West Slayton—Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chance, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruggles drove to Portland spending the week end there with Mrs. Vernon and family.

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