

Locals

A genuine Christmas was experienced at Our Lady of the Woods lodge where Rev. Father Buck makes his home in retirement, when his household was augmented by his sister, Mrs. A. M. Sharp and her family from Lewistown, Mont. The family consists of Mrs. Sharp's daughter, her husband, O. E. Preble, and their son Edgar and his wife Polly and their little daughter, Dawn, 3 years old. All attended the three masses and found upon returning to the living room that St. Nicholas had left a beautifully decorated Christmas tree and presents for all. They departed for home by way of California on the following Friday.

To sell that furniture see Russ Bright. Phone 7511.

Townsend club No. 4 will meet at 2125 North 4th street Wednesday evening at 7:30.

See complete line Color Perfect wall paper at Sears.

Traffic accidents caused injuries to two persons Monday night and both were hospitalized. In a collision at Center and Commercial, Mrs. Floyd Dunn received a scalp laceration that required stitches at Salem Deaconess hospital. No one else was hurt in the accident. Arthur Staples, 2190 Berry street, a pedestrian, was struck by an automobile just north of the underpass and the first aid car took him to Salem General hospital where a cut on the head was treated.

Reroof with Johns-Manville shingles Mathis Bros. 164 South Commercial. Phone 4642.

Some damage caused by the flood has caused a short delay in resuming operations by the sawmill division of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company. The mill will start Thursday morning. Operations were scheduled to begin Wednesday morning.

For unpainted furniture shop at R. D. Woodrow's, 345 Center.

Friends Foundation, 208 McKay building, Portland, has filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk, incorporations being John N. Davies, Hazel Davies and Carl T. Pope.

Legan secretary for permanent position. Phone 3424 days.

Certificate of assumed business name for Judson's, 279 N. Commercial, plumbing, heating and installation business, has been filed with the county clerk by Leonard B. Don R. and Burch R. Judson and Wayne H. Kuhl.

Limited supply 54-gallon steel drums \$4 each. Phone 9144. Firestone Stores, Center and Liberty.

Figures compiled by County Clerk Harland Judd show 608 marriage licenses issued in Marion county during 1945 with 446 divorce complaints filed. This makes a new record for divorce complaints filed, highest for any previous year being 326 in 1944. The 1944 figure for marriage licenses filed was 598, or eight less than for 1945.

Legal secretary for permanent position. Phone 3424 days.

Cpl. Monty G. Wagner, Spokane, and Alice Weston, Salem, were granted a marriage license in Spokane Monday.

Lutz Flower Shoppe, 1276 N. Liberty St. Phone 9592.

William E. Stafford, Estacada, is booked at the county jail under a sentence of 30 days from Justice Walter H. Bell's court, Stayton, on a charge of assault and battery. He entered a plea of guilty, the commitment states.

We cut and install shatterproof glass R D Woodrow, 325 Center St.

Firement were called to 1585 Saginaw street early Tuesday morning where a mattress was destroyed by fire. No other damage was reported.

Complete stock Kem-Tone, the miracle wall finish at Sears.

The Sunnyside Community club will give a short program in connection with the regular meeting Friday night. Each family is asked to bring either a cake or a pie to the meeting.

Taxi? Capital Cab. Ph. 6646.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beardsley, 2215 Hayden street, are the parents of a son born at a local hospital Monday. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stice, 25 Roberts street, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Grant, of Hubbard. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Trent, 945 Union, are the parents of a daughter.

For prompt service on diesel and stove oil phone 5606. Howard J. Smalley Oil Co.

Eldon Griffin notified the sheriff's office Tuesday morning that some one had torn down or damaged a number of mail boxes in the vicinity of Park and D streets during the night.

Regional WLB Ends Work

Seattle, Dec. 31 (AP)—Bringing the agency's work to a close, Dr. George Bernard Noble, chairman of the 12th regional war labor board, today summarized significant effects of the board's wartime actions.

Surveying its actions in 333 wartime disputes and 11,274 voluntary applications for approval of wage increase he said the board made these significant contributions to the industrial life of this region:

"Demonstrated that, in time of economic crises, wages can be effectively stabilized without discouraging production or lowering the nation's standard of living.

"Spurred general industrial acceptance of improved working conditions affecting thousands of workers in this region—with long range value which will extend far into the future.

"Encouraged a more scientific approach to payroll problems, such as job evaluation and job rates in relation to skills involved, on the part of employers."

Dr. Noble plans to return to his former duties as professor of political science at Reed college, Portland. With the passing of the WLB, its enforcement functions will be transferred to the department of labor's national wage stabilization board.

Firemen groping through the dense mist over slippery roads arrived too late to save the children who burned to death in the home of their parents in Sheffield.

Collision of two London suburban trains in the "pea soup" at North Wood Hills killed two men and a woman and seriously injured three other persons.

The thick gray blanket, settling over the country at 11 p.m. last night just before the closing hour for night clubs, grounded planes, halted channel shipping and slowed to a crawl and at times completely stopped bus service and highway traffic.

The curtain lifted enough for traffic to resume at a slow pace in mid-morning, but the forecast of continued fog threatened to isolate New Year's merry-makers.

Rows of cars stood bumper to bumper in Piccadilly throughout the early morning, their occupants speculating on chances of getting home.

Some persons attempted to grope their way through streets where visibility was reduced to two yards. Incoming travelers were forced to spend the night in railway stations.

Scotland Yard, which said the fog was the heaviest here since 1925, attempted to reinforce its patrols, but could not move their cars in the fog-bound streets.

The fog extended over great areas in Britain and was accompanied by freezing temperatures which left the highways coated with ice.

Reported missing is Leland Maden, 14, 1730 North Front street. His family told police the boy had been gone since noon Monday.

Claim of 10,000 by the state board of control has been allowed against the estate of Andrew Routley.

Final hearing has been set for February 4 in the Bertina Menden estate.

Final hearing in the Anna Simpson estate has been set for Feb. 4. Cecil Edwin Rice is executor.

Order in the Mattie Swan estate confirms sale by Henry E. Brown, executor.

Marie E. Grant has been named executrix of the estate of Henry W. Gray and appraisers are Bruce Spaulding, Helen Peire and C. Oahler.

Sarah M. Williams has been released as guardian of Virginia Ann Williams.

Annie S. Wolfe has been named administratrix of the estate of Frank P. Wolfe and appraisers are Henry Chappelle, Dave Dryden and Ray Manning.

Violation of the basic speed rule, Joseph Willis, Jr., Portland, bail \$10. Frank Leonard, Salem, bail \$10. Everett O. Schirman, route 7, Clatsop, bail \$10. Liberty, bail \$10. Walter V. Staps, 1800 South 12th.

Having no motor vehicle driver's license, Frank Leonard, Salem, bail \$5. Earl Koenig, Dallas, car held for bail.

Violation of traffic laws, Donald G. Allen, Jefferson, bail \$10. Bill Towry, Jr., route 1, Turner, bail \$5.

Violation of stop sign, Pat W. Wilkinson, route 2, bail \$2.50.

Youth Still Watching for New Vision of Virgin Mary

New York, Jan. 1 (AP)—Joseph Vitolo, Jr., began the new year today by revisiting the improvised altar in a Bronx lot where he said he saw a vision of the Virgin Mary. And he made the same promise for 1946 that might be made by any other nine-year-old. He's going to try to be a good boy.

"He never misses a day at the shrine, except when the weather is too bad," said Theresa Vitolo, his older sister. "And even now there are always people who go along with Jo-Jo."

Sad-eyed, dark-haired Joseph doesn't attract the 15,000 persons that he did on several nights during the height of his 16-day vigil in the field, but each day about 100 people still come.

"We think it's better for Jo-Jo that there aren't more," Theresa said. "He doesn't get so excited any more. And those who come now aren't just curious. They really believe."

"The say, 'Will you bless us, Joseph?' And, of course, Jo-Jo always does."

Jo-Jo, himself, doesn't have very much to say. He loafs on the bed in his simple home, or he sits in a chair, while Theresa does the talking.

"He still wants to be a priest," Theresa said. "He's in the fourth grade now and after this term is finished we're going to a priest and see what can be done about it."

Theresa said that virtually all of those who visit the shrine now come from outside New York. "Most of them have something wrong with them," she said, "and many claim that Jo-Jo has helped them a lot. They come from New Jersey, or Philadelphia, and other places like that. They don't bother us much. They just sit and pray."

Will the vision of the virgin appear again in 1946?

"I don't know," Theresa said. She asked Jo-Jo. "Will she come?"

"I don't know either," Jo-Jo said.

"But he'll be there if she does show up," Theresa said. "Won't you Jo-Jo?"

"Oh, yes," Jo-Jo said. "I'll be there."

Byrnes described as unauthorized by the state department a statement made by Thomas D. Blake, press officer of the Far Eastern commission, in response to inquiries Saturday, to the effect that MacArthur had not objected to the plan.

Blake, who is a state department press officer as well as press official for the Far Eastern commission, also said MacArthur had been kept informed of Moscow developments relating to Japan.

MacArthur said yesterday in Tokyo that Blake was wrong on both counts.

Byrnes told reporters that MacArthur was correct in saying he had not been advised of the Moscow discussions.

The secretary added that he never had expected to advise MacArthur, although he always had been concerned with preservation of the General's administrative authority in Japan.

Byrnes said he firmly believed that objective had been achieved by the Moscow agreement.

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Plastic Skull For Head Cases

New York, Jan. 1 (AP)—Irving Austin Goldman, false teeth manufacturer from Alexandria, Va., claimed today that he has perfected an adaptable plastic skull which will vastly improve treatment of critical head cases.

Goldman, a prosthodontist, said he has also developed an electronic artificial arm, or leg, which reacts to temperatures and operates on its own power.

You just pick up a pen or pencil by clamping your teeth together.

Goldman, who used to make false teeth in Brooklyn, is director of a new Virginia firm which will manufacture his products.

He has also invented an air compression pistol which inflates an automobile tire when you pull the trigger.

Goldman said he is making his plastic skull for six-year-old Norman Turner, son of a registered nurse, Mrs. Laura Turner, of Arlington, Va.

"The boy has a very unusual skull formation," Goldman said. "He has only a thin layer of flesh and hair between his brain and the open air. You can see the brain pulsations."

"Naturally his mother has been unable to allow him outside to play with other children," Goldman said. "The slightest pressure on the exposed brain would be fatal."

British announced today they were holding for questioning all 743 members of the Indonesian police force of Batavia, ousted Saturday when British troops seized police stations here.

The Indonesians, some of whom are suspected by the British of collaborating in recent kidnappings, are being held at the central police station.

Meanwhile, 2,000 Dutch marines, trained and equipped in the United States, were preparing to disembark from a ship which arrived off Batavia yesterday. A British announcement said the marines would disembark within a few days.

Indonesian leaders have protested against the importing of additional Dutch forces into troubled Java, but agreed some time ago, in this particular case, to allow the marines to be brought in to replace Abonese natives serving in the Dutch army, said Premier Sutan Sjahrir of the unrecognized Indonesian republic.

Intermittent fighting continued at Buitenzorg, where Indonesian snipers killed two British Indian soldiers and wounded two Dutch internees, and at Semarang, where the natives shelled an airfield.

Aneta, official Dutch news agency, said that 55 Indonesians suspected of terrorist activity were arrested in Batavia today, bringing to about 250 the total number of persons arrested within the last several days.

Nearly 40 per cent of the total area of Australia lies within the tropics.

Veteran War Reporter Writes about General Patton

By Hal Boyle

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'HERMANN' REMOVED — "Hermann," 4,000-pound bomb which had rested in a pit at Croydon, England, since the Germans dropped it, is lifted out by a disposal squad which first rendered it harmless. Hundreds cheered its departure.

Sailors Favor Change in Navy Attire About 2 to 1

Washington, Jan. 1 (AP)—The sailor in the street had mixed reactions today to the navy's proposal to monkey with his monkey suit. In a poll taken by this reporter, the sailors favored a change by about 2 to 1. The navy started all this by disclosing last night that it is considering a new uniform. Under the proposed new design, ordinary trousers will replace the old bell bottoms, and a jumper type shirt will be used instead of the present skin-tight jumper.

This outfit, the navy hastily explained, is just in the trial stage. It will be three months before tests are completed and recommendations made.

Here are some reactions to a new uniform:

Rando Garrett, seaman second class, Ben Hur, Va.: "I don't like this garb, and furthermore I don't even know anybody who likes it."

Philip Jones, carpenter's mate first class, Richmond, Va.: "There's nothing wrong with this uniform. The trouble is, too often it doesn't fit. Now you get one tailor made, see, and it's okay. Is there anything wrong with the way I look?"

On him (6 feet 2 inches, blue eyes, curly hair) it looked good.

Anton Traub, photographer's second class, Akron, Ohio: "What do I care? I'm getting out in another month."

The navy said it has distributed 2500 sample uniforms to be tested under all conditions.

In addition to the jumper and bellbottom, the black neckerchief also will go, if the new design is accepted. Tradition says the British are responsible for the black neckerchief, a sign of mourning for Lord Nelson. The plain four-in-hand will take its place.

No fashion note, of course, would be complete without the woman's reaction. Here are the views of a couple of lady sailors:

Doris Williams, mailman second class, Duncombe, Iowa: "Fine. I've always felt sorry for the poor boys. They look so uncomfortable."

Ruth Larabee, yeoman second class, Williamstown, Mass.: "I'm glad. With those things they wear now no man can look his best."

He told the board about a conversation with Kimmel and his Pacific fleet staff on November 27, 1941, the day he received a war alert message from Gen. C. Marshall, the army chief of staff.

In the course of the discussion, Short testified, Kimmel asked Captain (now Vice Admiral) Charles H. McMorris, his operation officer, what he thought the chances of a surprise attack on Honolulu were and Captain McMorris replied, "none."

Short said he had a supporting affidavit from a Colonel Momen, who was present, as to what was said at the conference.

Stark began his testimony when the investigating committee resumed its session after a Christmas holiday.

The 1940 census showed 329,478 native American Indians living in the U. S.

The tomato is a South American plant.

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