

Santa's Letters Contain Pleas and a Little Sass

Santa Heim, Md., Dec. 6 (AP)—Santa Claus gets more mail than anybody—President Truman, even.

"I've been peeking into the jolly old fellow's mail sack at this Washington suburb where Harry Harrison (Santa) Heim is busy making the shiny pretties that go on Christmas trees.

The thousands of letters that come in here are the juvenile literary productions that your kid or mine writes.

Here are some samples:

"Dear Santa: I think you are a nice man. Will you please come and see me soon and bring me a bride doll with a husband, and anything else you can spare? Thank you. (Signed) Judy."

One little boy named Joe said that his daddy had a stable with nothing in it. Did he want a pony? No. He wanted "a two-wheeler—also a bale of hay."

The kid didn't explain what he would do with the bale of hay.

One little girl who signed simply "Aletha" said that all she wanted Santa to do for her Christmas was to drop his bag of toys "this minute" and come running to help her with her homework.

"I don't want anything else," said she.

A little boy who signed himself "Richard Dixon—your old pal" from Reading, Mich., said he had read about Santa at Santa Heim and wished he could be there "to see the trees and things."

"My dad is sick and my mother can't leave to get presents. All I will get is from the school and the scouts and the neighbors. Wish I could get more, but know you are busy," the boy wrote.

Some of the letters are a little messy.

One came from a little girl in Maryland.

She wrote:

"This is the last letter you will receive from me if you do not leave me a doll carpet sweeper. This is final. I love you and why don't you love me?"

One little boy in Texas, who apparently had some prompting from his mother asked, please, for a "pair of pants and a washing machine—and maybe an

electric iron."

Another country kid asked only for a "a farm and a color book and a football and a calf—that gives milk right away."

Betty Hutton Injured on Set

Hollywood, Dec. 6 (AP)—Actress Betty Hutton was confined to her home with a sprained ankle and two fractured vertebrae received in rehearsing a movie dance routine.

"I was doing a trammelling act like they do in circuses when they toss performers in the air with a net," Miss Hutton said. "But I didn't land right during one of the tosses."

Doctors could not say when she would be able to return to the set of "Annie Get Your Gun." Work on the picture was shut down pending her return.

British Refuse to Return Red Soldier

Berlin, Dec. 6 (AP)—A Soviet request for return of a Russian soldier who fled to the west has been rejected, British army authorities said today.

The soldier, a private, came to the British three weeks ago and described himself as a political refugee. He was given haven as such in accordance with the traditional British policy, the announcement added.

The Russians, requesting the return of Private Andrei Davidovich Sheika, who crossed into the British zone area November 13, said the soldier left the Russian zone by mistake.

Ordinary army deserters are normally returned under a four-power agreement that dates back to 1945.

Imogene Fisher Again in Jail

Klamath Falls, Dec. 6 (AP)—Imogene Fisher, 43-year-old Indian woman who achieved a measure of notoriety last May by taking a \$102 taxi ride from the state prison in Salem to Klamath Falls, is held in the Beatty jail today in connection with the stabbing of another Indian, Bobby George, 40.

George was knifed on the head and back of the left arm Sunday morning during what state police termed a drinking party at Beatty. He is held in a Klamath Falls hospital.

State police said Mrs. Fisher and several other Indians were sitting in a car at the Furmore Crane ranchhouse at Beatty

when they became involved in an argument and Mrs. Fisher swung at George twice with a knife.

The first blow hit him back of the head and the second inflicted a deep gash on his arm.

The Indian woman was booked on a drunk charge while investigation of the knifing was being made.

Mrs. Fisher was released from the state pen last May 25 after serving 4½ years of a seven year term imposed in 1944 for manslaughter.

November Job Picture Brightest of Year

Washington, Dec. 6 (AP)—The number of Americans regularly employed rose 517,000 in November.

Reporting this Monday, the

census bureau said unemployment declined 187,000.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer commented:

"The job picture in November was perhaps more favorable than at any previous time this year."

The census bureau explained that the top in unemployment was smaller than the rise in employment because of "an increase in the number of seasonal workers looking for jobs."

The bureau's report showed employment total 59,518,000 in November compared with 59,001,000 in October and 59,893,000 for November, 1948.

The number of jobless was listed as 3,409,000 in November, compared with 3,576,000 in October and 1,831,000 in November, 1948.

The Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball league, in its 46th season, is the oldest court loop in the nation.

Money Charges Bring Pair Before Court

Silverton — R. Thompson of Corvallis was brought into Judge Alf. O. Nelson's court by a Silverton business man who preferred a charge of issuing a worthless check.

Thompson was fined \$50 and costs, and given a 30-day suspended jail sentence on payment of fine and costs, and making restitution of the amount of the check.

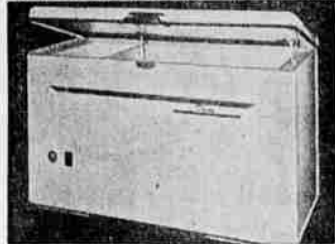
William Ingram, after trial before justice court, Judge Alf. O. Nelson presiding, was found guilty of larceny, was fined \$50 and costs and given a jail sentence of 30 days, suspended on condition he leave liquor alone, pay the fine and costs and make restitution of the amount of money he was alleged to have taken.

Gervais—Mrs. James DeSha—house guest of her friends, Mr. zor of Forest Grove was the and Mrs. Marion Henning.

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