



New York's Water Shortage Grows—With the water situation becoming more acute day by day and the metropolitan area taking emergency steps to save the precious fluid, New York housewife (above) takes the advice of a grocery chain by purchasing paper cups and plates to save water used in dishwashing. Some 100 other stores plan similar displays of the water-saving technique. (Acme Telephoto)

'Water Holiday' Decreed in N. Y.

New York, Dec. 13 (AP)—A "water holiday" experiment will start this week in an effort to help save the city's dwindling supply as millions of New Yorkers join in prayers for rain. Some rain was forecast for the next 24 hours in the city's Catskill mountain and Westchester county watersheds.

A further drop of 863,000,000 gallons in the city's reservoirs was reported yesterday for the preceding 24 hours.

The total yesterday was 85,255,000,000 gallons—about 33.7 per cent of the 253,000,000,000 capacity.

City officials have warned that rationing would be necessary if the supply dropped to 50,000,000,000 gallons, 19.7 of capacity.

Prayers for rain were offered in churches of various denominations yesterday. Clergymen urged their congregations to join the water conservation program.

Water officials said the weekend light rainfall was "very, very disappointing." They said it would provide only 210,000,000 gallons—"enough for a few hours' supply."

The latest report on the water conservation campaign was that consumption had dropped 75,000,000 gallons daily from the normal consumption of about 1,200,000,000 gallons.

Blizzard Blankets Southern Manitoba

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 13 (AP)—Southern Manitoba today began digging out from under the winter's first blizzard.

A howling wind up to 40 miles an hour swirled five to eight inches of snow from the Saskatchewan border to Kenora, Ont., and south into North Dakota yesterday. The weatherman said it would blow itself out by noon today.



High Flyer—Air Force Aerobee, upper-atmosphere research rocket, soars skyward from launching tower at Holloman air force base, Alamogordo, N. M., attaining an altitude of 60 miles above the earth. One of 60 such rockets to be launched in a two-year program of atmospheric research, this particular rocket is 20 feet long, about one foot in diameter and has three fins to provide stability. (Acme Telephoto)

93 Year Old Steel Executive Begins 75th Year at Desk

Coastville, Pa., Dec. 13 (AP)—Charles Lukens Huston, Sr., tomorrow will begin his 75th year of continuous service with the Lukens Steel company.

Huston, who is 93, started with the company as an \$8-a-week clerk in 1875. Grandson of Charles Lukens for whom the firm was named, Huston is now first vice president.

Still spry despite a leg injury which recently has prevented his daily walks from home to office, Huston attended a directors meeting three weeks ago in a wheel chair.

Citizenship to 11 Applicants

Circuit Judge George Duncan Monday afternoon granted citizenship to 11 applicants who had taken hearings earlier in the day from Arthur Kellogg, naturalization examiner from Portland.

Plans have been made for a dinner for the group Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA where the class has had a course of instruction in citizenship from C. A. Kells.

Also in attendance at the dinner will be Circuit Judge Duncan, Mrs. Helen Mulkey, deputy county clerk; Carle Abrams, chairman of the YMCA education committee, and Gus Moore, general secretary of the association.

Those being awarded citizenship Monday are:

Olga Elizabeth Kercher, 855 Plymouth drive, from Germany; Ralph Harvey, 2050 North Capitol, Canada; Virginia Clark, 955 Garnet, Canada; Gerda Luise Wodaage, route 3, box 697, Germany; Norma Lucy Bacon, 705 Ratcliff drive, Canada; Jean Paul Collette, 1715 Waller, Canada; Wilbert Jean Collette, 1385 Baker, Canada; Agrifino Nebre Rodriguez (name changed to Phillip N. Rodriguez), 3780 North River road, Philippine islands, all of Salem; Vivienne Madeleine Hanson, Gates, Canada; Marie Marcelle Lau, Stayton, France; Rudolph William Weber, Jefferson, Germany.

Juniors Offer Play

Willamina—The high school junior class play was held Friday evening. "Little Women" starred Linda Riley as Jo, Camille Howard as Amy; Bobbie Gilstrap as Meg and LaVelle McBee as Beth. Others in the cast were Edith Abderholden, Bob Billson, Robert Henthorn, Dale Nicolson, Dox Coddington and Lillian Hines.

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4. Use only non-inflammable tree decorations;
5. Do not plug or unplug your light directly under the tree.

House decorations, if inflammable, should be kept above head level; curtains should be

Veteran Newspaper Broker, 93, Passes

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Dec. 12 (AP)—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Charles M. Palmer, veteran newspaper publisher and broker.

Palmer died of pneumonia Saturday at the age of 93. He had been ill about two months.

Palmer, owner of the St. Joseph, Mo., News-Press and Gazette.

He helped found the present Associated Press in 1900. Prior to that time, he had been a

member of the Western Associated Press and the Associated Press of Illinois. Palmer had owned many daily papers, fully or in part. He participated in the operation of more than 50 papers from coast to coast.

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