

Tells of Being Lost

Ruth Aberle Never Realized She'd Be Christmas Present

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Longview, Dec. 16 (AP)—"I never realized I'd be a Christmas present."

These were among the first words uttered by Ruth Aberle, 16 year old Kelso girl, when she was found about three miles above Goble creek Thursday.

The object of a terrific search which began last Sunday afternoon, Ruth seemed in almost unbelievably good physical condition.

C. F. Smith, a resident of Rose Valley, near Goble creek, was the person who first found Ruth. She had been in a cabin. "The girl was on the bank of a small creek when I walked up," Smith said.

He had been searching for her for several hours. "She couldn't say anything, when I first walked up to her," Smith related. "She didn't cry. She just didn't say anything."

This reporter had the opportunity to be among the first to talk to the missing girl as she was brought to the Cowlitz General hospital by ambulance.

The girl had spent the major part of four days and nights in the cabin which she said she thought she found about 7 p. m. Sunday night.

"I realized I was lost about an hour after I became separated from the rest of the kids hunting Christmas trees," Ruth related.

"I got on a log road and walked for a while. Once I saw a light. Later I lost it. Finally I found the cabin. I stayed in the cabin Sunday night. Monday I went out for about two hours. I didn't know where I was so I went back to the cabin. It wasn't too hard to find my way back."

Ruth knew that today was Thursday. She said she had not lost track of the time. "I guess I was gone about 96 hours," she said.

Her estimate was almost perfect. "To the few persons on hand to greet the missing girl when she was first brought from the woods, the smiles that Ruth was still able to put forth were most surprising."

"The cabin in which I stayed was fairly dry," Ruth said. "I found an old door that was off its hinges in one corner. I took the door and placed it in an upright position in another corner. I crawled in behind the door and didn't get too cold."

"I knew I'd get out," the brown-eyed girl said. "I wasn't scared, but I hope no one else ever gets lost."

Ruth was as much surprised to hear of the large scale search as her rescuers were to find her alive.

"I didn't know for sure if they were looking for me, but I thought they probably were."

The 16-year old Kelso high school student had had nothing to eat from the time she was lost Sunday.

Smith offered her a part of a sandwich which he had left when he found her near the cabin. Ruth could not eat it; she had been too long without food.

Her training in the Girl Scout Scouts was given credit by Ruth for having saved her life while she was lost.

"I don't think I would be here now if I had not known enough to stay in out of the cold," the girl murmured as she was being brought in by ambulance.

She evidently had not suffered severe exposure. The only sign she gave of her ordeal was a slight cough and a quite tired expression.

"Oh, gosh," was all that Ruth had to say when she was told that her picture had appeared in newspapers throughout the United States.

She told this reporter she would like to see copies of the Longview Daily News so she could see what had taken place while she was gone.

The dramatic climax to this search was a happy one. People lined the streets and rural area roads as the ambulance bearing the girl brought her in. Smiles on the faces of these people showed that they knew that Ruth was safe.

Even more thrilling was a scene enacted in one of the wards of the Cowlitz General hospital. Ruth's mother leaned over her bed; tears streaming down her cheeks.

Through her sobs of joy she heard her daughter say "I'm all right, mother. I'm happy now."

Mama's OPA' Is Snowballing

San Francisco, Dec. 16 (AP)—"Mama's OPA," more formally known as the San Francisco's Housewives league, reported today its coffee boycott is snowballing.

Mrs. E. W. Graham, president of the organization which campaigned militantly in San Francisco for lower food prices since the end of the war, said she had received "hundreds" of telephone calls and letters of approval since the league began its boycott Nov. 28.

"It's the only way to get the price of coffee down," she said. "I've talked to a number of coffee men who say there is a year's supply in the United States. There's no excuse for the price to be so high."

Mama's OPA also launched another campaign yesterday to get the luxury tax removed from essential items. A writer-your-congressman plea will be the league's strategy in that campaign, Mrs. Graham said.

Newby Will Not Run Against Sen. Morse

A rumor that Secretary of State Earl T. Newby may seek the U. S. senate against Senator Wayne L. Morse drew a denial yesterday from one of the state official's aides.

William Healey, assistant secretary of state, said there was nothing to the talk. Newby was out of the capital.

Portland Still Has Shortage of Homes

Portland, Dec. 16 (AP)—A survey of housing made for city council indicates only 4.7 per cent vacancy rate just before the war.

The city has 130,347 dwelling units at present, the survey report said. This compares with 108,745 in 1940.

Youth Rally Planned
Woodburn — A Youth for Christ rally will be held at the First Methodist church Saturday evening at 7:45 o'clock in cooperation with the Rev. Paul White revival. Special music and singing is planned including numbers by Miss Nelda Trullinger and the Broughton sisters. The public is invited to attend the rally and the revival services.



Longview, Wash.—Girl Scout Survives Four Nights In Forest —Ruth Aberle, 16, Kelso Girl Scout found Thursday in small hut northeast of here, rode upright to Cowlitz county hospital after a searcher came upon her in forest where she vanished Sunday. Ruth credited Girl Scout training for her survival. (AP Photo)

Morse Views Oil Fields in Mexico

Mexico City, Dec. 16 (AP)—Senator Wayne L. Morse (R., Ore.) here on a personal jaunt, has been busy looking over Mexican oil properties and their role in United States Mexican relations. The Oregon congressman said he "hoped to get a little rest and some personal information on two subjects—foot and mouth disease and Mexican oil development."

He was scheduled to meet with President Miguel Aleman today, talk again with Gen. Harry H. Johnson, head of the U. S. section helping Mexico fight the cattle disease, and visit the Poza Rica oil fields.

Sen. Morse noted yesterday that Mexico has asked a \$400,000 loan from the United States to develop oil lands. He praised what he saw of Mexican oil developments under the Latin American nations' national monopoly Pemex bureau. This followed visits to oil fields and refineries.

The U. S. senator said yesterday he believes the Americas are

a bulwark against Red dominated Asia. He said: "I think we must recognize that Canada, the United States, Mexico and Latin American countries to the south constitute a strong chain in defense of freedom against the threat of totalitarianism as we see it rearing its head in Asia."

"I believe that the future security of the United States depends on cooperation with these countries in a program of mutual aid and understanding."

Albany Kidnapping Complaint Dismissed

Albany, Ore., Dec. 16 (AP)—A complaint that a Cheshire woman was kidnapped has been dismissed by the Linn county district attorney.

The complaint was filed by Robert L. Martin, Cheshire. It said Sam Price, 35, a roomer in the Martin home, abducted Martin's wife, Florence, 21.

District Attorney Melvin Goode said he dismissed the charge after Mrs. Martin told conflicting stories about what happened when Price drove away with her from in front of a state liquor store here.

Chamber Will Meet Teachers

About 35 special guests, all new members of the teaching profession in Marion county, will attend the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday noon.

An added feature will be the singing of Christmas carols by Willamette university chorists. The teachers are from Salem schools, other schools of the county and Willamette university. They will be introduced by Robert Fenix, business manager at Willamette and chamber board member, who suggested entertaining the teachers, by City Superintendent Frank B. Bennett and County Superintendent Agnes Booth, and will be greeted by Mayor Robert L. Elstrom.

Chamber luncheons will be in recess through the Christmas holidays. No luncheon meetings have been scheduled for the Mondays immediately following Christmas and New Year's. The first luncheon meeting after January 1 will be Monday, January 9.

New members to be announced Monday will be Marvin F. Schulz, Gus Robertson and Bob Robertson, all of Capital Tractor & Equipment company, 2955 Silverton road; and O. B. Engstrom, Gables Motor Court, 2375 South Commercial.

The Christmas party for members of the Ametie club of Middle Grove community was held Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. Leo Hammer with Mrs. Mildred Hammer, Mrs. Earl Hammer and Mrs. Lawrence Hammer assisting hostesses. The president Mrs. Wilbur Wilson conducted a short business meeting when final plans were made for the club's booth of candy and games at the Associated clubs fair Friday night. Mrs. John Van Laanen, Mrs. Norman Fletcher and Mrs. Theodore Kuenzi are the committee representing the club.

For the program hour Mrs. William Kleen and Mrs. Lewis Patterson planned group singing of carols, and pantomimes of Christmas songs. Gifts were distributed from under the lighted tree. The seasons decorations were used by the hostesses on the mantle a Christmas scene, small trees in other rooms and on the serving trays tiny filled mesh stockings as favors. There were 40 present with Mrs. Clemens a guest. The January meeting will be a hard time party at the home of Mrs. Paul Bassett.

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East Salem Club Women Plan for Annual Benefit

East Salem, Dec. 16—Members of the Swegle Women's club are the second East Salem club to plan a benefit project for this week, but this one will be held in Salem at Elstrom's store in the basement. Plans for this "shoppers lunch" were the chief items of business at the meeting in the home of Mrs. Mary Swingle in Salem. Members of the club are all contributing home made pastry and other food items to be served. As this is a welfare organization one benefit project is planned each year.

A covered dinner was served at noon with the 1949 officers as hostesses. For the social hour gifts were exchanged from under the large Christmas tree by Mrs. Albert Patz. Present were Mrs. Lewis Neuman, Mrs. Clifford Yost, Mrs. Ralph Hein, Mrs. Rex Pepper, Mrs. Elmer A. Terrell, Mrs. Helen Enloe, Mrs. Charles Norton, Mrs. E. E. Brandt, Mrs. Austin Kyle, Mrs. Otis Dawes, Mrs. Walter Biggerstaff, Mrs. Menno Dalke, Mrs. William Damery, Mrs. William Hartley, Mrs. Swingle and guests, Mrs. Carl Dibbern, Mrs. Edwin Wilson, Mrs. Julia Jennings and Mrs. Ernest Lanham of Silverton.

Cleo Keppinger, Mrs. and Mrs. John Van Laanen, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kuenzi, Mr. and Mrs. Wagers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Packerel and Mrs. Lewis Patterson.

A guest Sunday in the Auburn community home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meier was her aunt, Mrs. R. E. Folven from North Dakota who has been visiting relatives in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hanson of Monroe ave. were in Canby over the week-end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Ramberg.

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bration of a special mass for the holy year at midnight, December 31 in all the Roman Catholic churches of the world.

A decree published today by the Congregation of Sacraments said the masses should be celebrated to ask God that the holy year give the expected results.

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