

Santa Claus Didn't Forget Poverty-Stricken Mining Town

Shallmar, Md., Dec. 22 (AP)—The spirit of Christmas burned brightly in this little mountain town today. And it is spreading to other poverty-stricken communities of the mountain area. All but a few of Shallmar's 200 residents were utterly destitute a few weeks ago. There had been no work in the community since its only mine closed down in March for lack of orders. Thin, scantily clad children became faint in school for lack of food. Some families had subsisted for weeks on a diet made up mainly of potatoes and apples. Then the plight of the town and its 80 children leaked into the outside world. Soon trucks loaded with food and clothing started bumping their way over the narrow mountain road to Shallmar. The packages were sent from all sections of the country. Hundreds of toys arrived and the mails brought letters from each of the 48 states. Many contained a coin or a check. More than \$3,000 is on hand now. It will be used to assure hot lunches for the children. In all six and one-half tons of clothing and foodstuffs have been sent to Shallmar. That would have been enough to carry the community for a long time. But Christmas is coming and many families of nearby Maryland and West Virginia communities all have been facing a cheerless yule. So Shallmar is dividing its gifts with less fortunate neighbors. Seventy neighboring families have received Shallmar food baskets in the last day or two. The children of 30 families have been clothed from Shallmar stocks. Many toys are being repaired by the men of the town. They will be sent to mountain homes where Christmas stockings would have been empty. Shallmar has given so much that there is just enough food left for the week-end. But this is a big week-end. The folks here are glad they have had a chance to spread the spirit of Christmas.

Red Cross Moves To Liberty Street

Headquarters offices for Marion county chapter, American Red Cross, are being moved to the Liberty building, 241 North Liberty, it was announced this afternoon by Charles H. Huggins, chapter chairman. The chapter offices will be upstairs in the suite of offices formerly occupied by the Portland General Electric company. The move is being made during the holiday week, the Red Cross office to be open in the new location January 1, Mr. Huggins said. The Red Cross offices have been upstairs in the McGilchrist building, State street, for many years. The move is being made to provide more convenient office arrangement, Mr. Huggins said.

\$10 Sent Police Fund for Boys

An unsigned Christmas card bearing a short note and including a \$10 bill was received by the Salem police department Thursday morning. The note said: "For the boys fund—keep it up." The money was promptly put in the fund which is devoted to aiding needy juveniles. Thus far most of the expenditures from the fund have gone for feeding runaway boys and girls picked up by members of the force. The fund was created by the officers to meet the need for giving a helping hand. Prior to the creation of the fund, officers on duty usually met the problem of feeding and other emergencies from their own personal funds.

Ruling on Ex-GIs Tuition Fees

Washington, Dec. 22 (AP)—Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., made a multi-million-dollar ruling today in favor of schools charging non-resident tuition rates for certain ex-GI students. Gray affirmed the legal right of the VA to pay the so-called non-resident tuition rate for veterans studying under the GI bill of rights even though such veterans are residents of the state in which they are going to school. The decision settled fears of hundreds of institutions that they might have to pay back to the government millions of dollars collected by charging such non-resident rates. The government's general accounting office, watchdog of the treasury, claimed that the VA had overpaid the University of Wisconsin, among others, from \$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000 because the non-resident rate was charged even though students lived in the state. Gray said that the GAO raised the question of legality of payments "undoubtedly" because of a lack of clarity in VA regulations. Some institutions which are prohibited by state law from charging tuition to state resident students have charged the VA non-resident tuition rates for former servicemen who are residents of their states.

One Union for Lumber Industry

Washington, Dec. 22 (AP)—Asserting that separate craft organizations "is not appropriate for employees in lumber industry," the national labor relation board has declared a policy of letting one union bargain for workers in that industry. The ruling was announced yesterday in a case involving a proposed bargaining representative election at the Weyerhaeuser timber company's new sawmill and logging operations at Springfield, Ore. A similar policy of letting one union rather than many unions bargain for workers was announced by the board last year for the basic steel producing industry. In the Oregon case, the NLRB ordered an election within 30 days among the company's 630 employees. It will determine whether they wish to be represented by the CIO's International Woodworkers association, the AFL Carpenters union, or by no union.

Reservists Pay For Drills Ends

Washington, Dec. 22 (AP)—The army is cutting off all drill pay for 78,464 enlisted men and officers in 2,866 of its reserve training units. The order goes into effect January 1 for at least six months. Army officials disclosed the action today. They said a tremendous jump in the number entering the paid drill program has left the army without enough money to continue the payments. The order affects 57,705 officers and 20,759 enlisted men. They are in units which would be used as "fillers" in army groups in event of mobilization. The reservists can continue drilling, but without pay, the officials said. They pointed out that until congress authorized drill pay at its last session, all such drilling had been on a voluntary, non-pay basis. Congress gave the army \$22,400,000 for drill pay in the current fiscal year, which ends next July 1. Not counting Australia, which is regarded as a continent, Greenland is the largest island in the world. Preliminary construction plans have been drawn by park officials and will be submitted to Mrs. Ford. When she has approved them, a formal offer of the property will be made to the common council.

Secret of 64 Married Years

Corvallis, Mich., Dec. 22 (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. William Morris today revealed the secret of their 64 years of happy marriage. "When I jaw and sputter, Pa keeps still. When Pa jaws and sputters, I keep still," Mrs. Morris said. "That way, we never get mad at the same time."

\$250,000 Memorial For Ford Is Offered

Detroit, Dec. 22 (AP)—Mrs. Henry Ford Wednesday offered the city a \$250,000 site for a park in memory of the founder of the Ford Motor company. The widow of the automobile pioneer said she would prefer to have the 66 1/2-acre plot converted into a recreational area. However, the private cemetery where Ford is buried would be preserved, and a small church would be built on another part

\$5 for Crippled Vet Losing \$157

A friendly, grey-haired woman who asked that her name be withheld from publication, asked the Capital Journal Thursday to accept a contribution to help replace money recently lost by a Salem veteran. The veteran, who is unable to work and receives a total disability pension from the veterans administration, lost a wallet containing some \$157 which represented his monthly pension. The wallet was never returned. "I wish I had more to give," the woman said, "and my husband felt the same way, too. But our Christmas gift to that veteran—Douglas Smalley—is five dollars. Will you see that he gets it?" The veteran is living with a sister at 445 Academy street.

Elliot's Wife Brakes Romance

New York, Dec. 22 (AP)—Faye Emerson Roosevelt, estranged wife of Elliott Roosevelt, today put the brakes on a reported romance between the late president's son and Cafe Singer Gigi Durston. The third Mrs. Roosevelt said she found the report "a little surprising" and that she "may not be able to get away to get my divorce."

50,000 Persons in Trading Area Get Credit Ratings

A two-volume publication listing well over 50,000 names of residents in Salem and the surrounding mid-Willamette trading area was completed this week by Salem Credit Bureaus. The books, tediously prepared from ledger reports of more than 300 Salem and Marion county merchants, are aimed at offering retail credit managers information on credit risks. The volumes are known as the "Credit Bureaus Who's Who" and list paying habits of the individuals named in the books as well as addresses and other credit information. While not every merchant or business dealing in credit reported to the bureaus, chances are that virtually every person doing buying on credit in Salem is listed in the volumes. Six field workers and a staff of 22 office employees worked for a period of three months to prepare the survey. Charles Schmitz, manager of the bureau who was in charge of its preparation, points out that the number of listings are indicative of an actual trading area population well in excess of 150,000 persons. The records are proof of that many persons actively doing business in Salem and its environs. While the bureau reports do not actually rate the individual credit of the listings, the purpose of the publication is to give the credit departments of stores and other retailers a cue as to risks they face when surveying applications for credit. The reports are for the confidential use of credit managers. Schmitz pointed out that the 692-page work, the first of what is intended as an annual review, is aimed at providing merchants with a system of doing business in a metropolitan area. "In bygone days," the bureau manager explained, "each merchant was well aware of the reputation of his customers. He knew their habits and he was well aware of the risks involved in putting his business on the books. And he knew the customer's limits. In our Salem of 1949, there are just too many people for that close business-customer relationship, but the credit 'Who's Who' will help bridge that gap. We sincerely hope that the book will be a stimulus to sound credit business. Customers will find it a sound practice to keep their records clear, and we stand ready to aid them in keeping them on a sound credit basis. And we are interested in rehabilitating those whose credit outlook is not bright," Schmitz said. Regular reports will be made to enable merchants to keep the "Who's Who" up to date until the 1950 volumes are published.

2 Prison Escapees Sought Near San Diego

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 22 (AP)—The San Diego sheriff's office said today that two men who escaped Dec. 2 from the Oregon state hospital at Salem are being sought in National City, south of San Diego. Officers said that Robert Melvin Burr, one of the escapees, telephoned his sister in Portland asking that money be sent by Western Union to National City under the name of a brother, George. The sister reported the call to Portland authorities, who called the San Diego sheriff's office.

Packed Snow on Mountain Roads

Packed snow on highways near Government Camp, Meacham and Weston-Elgin makes chains necessary, the state highway commission warned today. In other areas, driving conditions were generally good. The 9 a.m. road report: Government Camp—Snowing lightly, packed snow, plowing, carry chains. 2 inches new snow. Santiam Pass—Snowing lightly, slush, pack breaking up. 4 inches new snow. McKenzie pass—Closed by snow. Willamette pass—Packed snow, well sanded, 1 inch new snow.

Ruffner Resigns Aeronautics Board

B. F. Ruffner, Corvallis, resigned today from the state board of aeronautics. Governor Douglas McKay appointed Ralph Scroggins, Lebanon, to fill the rest of Ruffner's term, which expires July 6, 1952. Ruffner, who has been chairman of the board, said he had to resign because of the pressure of his work on the Oregon State college faculty.



Complete Credit Facts—Shown above is a portion of the crew of-office workers who were kept busy for three months tabulating data which went into the compilation of the Credit Bureau's "Who's Who." The two-volume publication lists more than 50,000 names, indicating an actual trading population of some 150,000 persons for Salem and its area.

Farm Worker Unions Exempt

Washington, Dec. 22 (AP)—The national labor relations board ruled today that a union of farm workers is not subject to prosecution for unfair labor practices. The decision involved the AFL National Farm union, which had been on strike at a ranch of the Digiorio Fruit Corp. of Bakersfield, Calif. The board said that under the Taft-Hartley act members of that union could not be grouped into a labor organization as such and therefore dismissed charges of secondary boycott against a Digiorio local. However, the board ruled that two other well established labor organizations involved in the situation—the AFL teamsters and wine workers—had violated the act. They were ordered to "cease and desist" from the complained of activity and to post notice of compliance. The NLRB rejected the argument of its own general counsel that although a union of farm laborers cannot bring charges of unfair labor practices against farmers or obtain bargaining elections, it is nevertheless subject to prosecution as a labor organization. The board upheld the findings of Trial Examiner A. Bruce Hunt that the farm union local did not fit into the description of a labor organization in the Taft-Hartley act.

Snider Elected C of C Director

The Chamber of Commerce board of directors Wednesday night elected O. E. Snider, general manager of Blue Lake Packers, Inc., as a board member. When West Salem was merged with Salem it created a vacancy on the board, for the reason that the West Salem mayor was automatically a member of the board. Snider fills the vacancy. W. M. (Jack) Bartlett, chairman of the chamber's aviation committee, gave a comprehensive report of developments and improvements at McNary field. Bartlett told the board he believes service in Salem by West Coast Air Lines would be justified, but he does not want United Air Lines to abandon Salem, even temporarily. The board now has under consideration sending a representative to Washington, D. C., in February to appear at the hearing before the civil aeronautics board on the question of the United's continuation of service here. The representative would be in addition to the official representative of the city of Salem.

Hops at 60 Cents

Portland, Dec. 22 (AP)—A price increase of 4 to 5 cents a pound

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