

When Christmas Wasn't Merry

(AP Newsfeature)
Merry Christmas has not always been merry in American history.

Unmerry times started very early. The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth four days before Christmas, 1620. Christmas day found them between the Mayflower and the cold, hostile shore.

Big Records for County Cattle

Dairy cattle in the Marion County Dairy Herd Improvement association are continuing to make high records this year. Jim Daugherty of Woodburn had the high 305-day record reported this month on Cherry, a grade that produced 705.2 pounds of butterfat and 11,736 pounds of milk in the past 10-month period.

Herb Coleman of Woodburn had four registered Jersey complete 305-day records over 500 pounds. S. R. Berry of Aumsville had eight cows complete record, five of them above 500 pounds. Other herds in this class were Floyd and Lesta Bates, Salem, with two registered Jerseys; Oregon State Boys school, Woodburn, Jersey; William Vogt, Salem, one, and L. L. Lee, Aumsville, two Jerseys.

Frank Poepping's Holstein, Zozo, at Mt. Angel completed one record 534 pounds of fat and 15,278 pounds of milk. Lady, in the O. A. Parton Jersey herd at Woodburn, made 523.8 pounds of fat in 305 days. DeGuire's Dairy at Silverton finished one record on a Jersey cow at 551.7 pounds of butterfat.

John Grassman, Route 1, Woodburn, joined the testing association this month and will be reporting records in a short time.

One thousand six hundred and twenty-five cows were tested during the month in Marion county in 58 herds. All of these cows averaged 597 pounds of milk and 28.3 pounds of butterfat.

Twenty-one more herds were on Owner-Sampler test with 339 cows. They averaged 602 pounds of milk and 27.9 pounds of butterfat.

Further information about production testing may be obtained from your county agents office in the Postoffice building in Salem.

Planting Mill Burns
Coos Bay, Dec. 24 (AP)—Flames destroyed the Coos Bay Logging company's planing mill in North Bend last night. The loss was estimated at \$30,000.
A short-circuit in an electric motor was believed to have started the fire.

Tragic Fire Kills Six of Family

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 24 (AP)—Six persons died in their blazing home here early today—San Antonio's worst Christmas season fire in history.

A mother and five of her children were the victims. The father and two others escaped, but the father and a daughter were critically burned.

The family was planning a happy Christmas. To add Yule cheer the interior of the house was painted yesterday. Firemen believe this caused the tragedy—the fresh paint caught fire from a stove left burning all night.

The heroine of the tragedy was Josefina Montelongo, 9, who managed to open the door to the home when her parents could not. Then she led her father and mother and 13-year-old sister to the outside. The mother, badly burned, succumbed shortly thereafter.

Dead were Mrs. Maria Montelongo, 37, the mother; two sons, Alejandro, 10, and Carlos, one year; and three daughters, Andrea, 7; Yolanda, 5; and Alicia, 4.

Critically burned and near death were the father, Ascension Montelongo, 36, and a daughter, Francesca, 13.

Josefina escaped injury.

Boy Electrocuted Under Xmas Tree

Newton, Mass., Dec. 24 (AP)—A six-year-old boy died last night under the Christmas tree he had helped his parents decorate.

The body of Albert Kevorkian, Jr., was found in a tangled mass of wires at the base of the gayly-decorated tree.

Medical Examiner T. Morton Gallagher said the boy was electrocuted when he put his finger in an open socket of a Christmas tree light while lying on his stomach on an iron hot air register.

The parents said Albert helped them decorate the tree only a few hours earlier.

Fewer Hens in U.S. Produce More Eggs

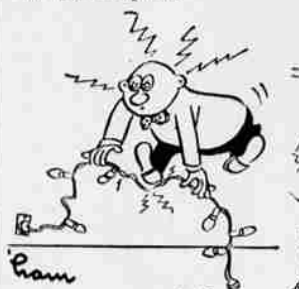
Portland, Dec. 24 (AP)—There weren't as many hens in Oregon last month, but they tried harder, and the result was a record number of eggs.

The department of agriculture said the number of hens was down from an average 3,010,000 to 2,846,000. Their record achievement: 11.9 to 11.7 eggs per hen.

Christmas Recipe: Play It Safe!



SET the tree up in the coolest corner of the room . . . not, for instance, near an open fireplace.



CHECK carefully the wires and switches of your Christmas lights. Defective wires could cause fires.



ABSTAIN from sampling all the home-made candies and the cups of cheer proffered by friends and relatives.



REMEMBER your age—and the age of your ladder—before you climb a wobbly one to hang the decorations.

Catch as Catch Can—Heifers Sold As Is and Where Is

Oldland, England, Dec. 24 (AP)—Weary Charles Cryer has sold his two racing heifers—as is and where is.

Now all the buyer has to do is catch them. The heifers—a pair of three-year-old Shorthorn sisters named Rosie and Daisy—are lurking in a 25-acre field.

Two weeks ago Cryer decided to round them up and take them to market. Rosie and Daisy seemed suspicious. They ran like gazelles every time he entered the field. This went on for days.

In desperation, Cryer put up a reward of 5 pounds (\$14) for their capture. Fifteen men and four dogs chased Rosie and Daisy fruitlessly up and down the field. This also went on for days.

Finally Cryer gave up and sold them, at 30 pounds (\$84) under the market price, to Dealer Albert Lovell.

"I've got a few ideas up my sleeve," Lovell said today. "Now I'm going to let them calm down a while before I have a go."

Farm Group Feted
Unionvale — About 200 attended the Christmas party for the employees and their families of the Alderman farms, held at the Unionvale Evangelical United Brethren church social room.

450 Employees Get Pink Slip

Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 24 (AP)—Pay envelopes containing unhappy news were received yesterday by some 450 employees of Toby True Shoe company.

Notices in the envelopes told the workers the factory "is now closing down and will not resume operations."

Most of the work force was caught by surprise. The company, whose payroll exceeded \$1,000,000 annually, said there was no solution to its problems "and we are therefore left with no alternative."

The plant is the second to close in Haverhill within two weeks.

The two closings mean the loss of approximately 1000 jobs in Haverhill.

Father Hit by Car Saves Daughter's Life

Independence, Ore., Dec. 24 (AP)—Francis Holt, 46, Independence, was struck by an automobile here last night, but he saved his two-year-old adopted daughter from injury by throwing her to safety.

Holt said he saw that he would be struck by the car, and so tossed the girl, Sonnie, toward the sidewalk. She landed unhurt.

Holt threw himself flat, and the car ran over his legs. Hospital attendants said he apparently escaped serious injury.

Police said the car was driven by William Paul Hirschy, 21, Independence, a student home on vacation from Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls.

Visitor in Wheatland
Wheatland — Miss Laverne Barr of Los Angeles, Calif., has arrived by bus to be a guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Clyde M. LaFollette, and other relatives for almost a month.

94-Year Preacher Goes on Honeymoon

Sandusky, O., Dec. 24 (AP)—The Rev. Silas L. Sears, 94, was on his honeymoon today. He married Mrs. Addie Jetter, 59, of Barberton, O., yesterday.

A great-granddaughter of the bridegroom—by a previous marriage—was among guests at the wedding reception.

Amity—Henry Miller will go to Eugene for the holidays with relatives.

Parking Meter Slugs Thrown Into River by City Clerk

Ray Maker, clerk in the office of City Treasurer Paul Hauser, Friday heaved into the Willamette river over 650 dimes and spurious coins that have been put into parking meters in the last year to beat the city out of parking space.

There were foreign coins, mutilated American coins, washers, just plain discs of nickel-size and other things of weight and size to trip a meter. Fifty pounds of them went into the river at the Salem Boat house.

Some people too still put dimes in the meters, good for only 12 minutes of parking. The city doesn't throw those into the river.

Good money is still flowing through the meters at the rate of about \$100,000 a year.

But for the month of December to and including December 21 City Treasurer Hauser reports the take a little under the same period last year, which may mean, he thinks that more Christmas shopping has been done before 9 a.m., and after 6 p.m. than in previous years.

Last year the December months ran a little over \$2600 weekly. This year the third week was \$2612, and the first two weeks even lower.

However November collections were higher than last year.

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