

Y Entertains Many Youths

With school work suspended for the Christmas holidays, the YMCA has been swarming with youngsters since Friday morning. And while activities will cease Sunday and Monday, permitting Y staff members to be at home with their families, a full program of activities will be resumed Tuesday when tours of state buildings, and industrial plants, plus a basketball tournament will constitute the principal attractions.

Table tennis and checkers tournaments were held Friday with Allen Homaday winning first place in the 9-10 year age group for the paddle game. Richard Waterman won first in the 11-12 age group and John Caughell took the title in the junior high division.

"Pepper" Young proved the best checker player among the 9 and 10-year-olds and Dale Grimm placed first in the junior high division. Larry Beshore was the sharpest member of an audience listening to a series of stories by Carl Greider. Each yarn had a flaw and Larry spotted most of them.

Saturday forenoon's program consisted of a special Christmas program for members of the Preps, Rangers and Triangle groups, motion pictures from the collection of the late Dr. D. B. Hill; a Christmas story by Rev. George Swift and animal imitations by Allen Mueller.

Truman Visits With Relatives

Independence, Mo., Dec. 24 (AP)—Free from the burdens of state for a few days, President Truman planned to get in a lot more visiting today with relatives and old friends.

There was only one formal event scheduled for the day—a speech at 5:15 p.m. (EST) extending Christmas greetings to the nation.

Mr. Truman will speak from the rambling Truman home here and throw a switch lighting a big Christmas tree on the White House lawn in Washington.

The president lost little time in getting his annual Christmas visiting under way. Within a few hours after arriving from Washington yesterday, he called at St. Joseph's hospital in nearby Kansas City, to chat with an ailing World War I buddy, Theodore Marks. He remained with him for about fifteen minutes.

Sister James Marie, a hospital supervisor, told Mr. Truman about Kenny Fry, 17, who suffered a broken neck in a high school football game. The president dropped in to shake hands and to tell the youth to keep his spirits up.

The nun said Mr. Truman also dropped in to see another patient, Lawrence Weaver. They must be old friends, she told reporters, since they called each other by their first names.

Train Doctors For A Injuries

Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—The government will start this spring to prepare doctors across the nation to treat atomic-war injuries among civilians.

The atomic energy commission announced last night that a series of one-week courses will be held for "selected members of the medical profession, who in turn will instruct physicians, dentists and nurses in local areas."

The agency said it had prepared the program with the help of the national security resources board, which is the government's chief civil defense planning group, and the general services administration, which has the task of blueprinting wartime disaster relief.

The courses will start in March at the Argonne national laboratory, Chicago; University of Rochester, N.Y., and the Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland. Later in the spring, courses will be offered at the University of California at Los Angeles; the University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City; the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham, and Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore.

The atomic agency said the courses were planned this week at a meeting of representatives of the AEC division of biology and medicine, the NSRB and the interested universities and laboratories.

Carroll Miller Dies
Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—Carroll Miller, 74, a member of the interstate commerce commission since 1933, died today. He had been ill for two months.



DENNIS DAY SINGS SANTA ROLE—Dennis Day, NBC singing star, plays Santa for his son, Patrick James, and starts the Yuletide holiday right with a demonstration of the finer points of a fast freight. Patrick, who is just one year old, wonders when he will start playing with the toy himself.

Record Sales For Christmas

(By the Associated Press)
Cash registers in the nation's department and other retail stores played a merry Christmas tune during the holiday shopping season, indicating record sales both in unit and dollar volume.

This week's last minute shoppers swarmed the country's stores for purchases and sales in many cities soared above last year's record business. The big push to the store counters for Christmas buying, reports indicated, was in the last few weeks. November sales of chain stores and mail order houses were about two per cent below November, 1948, the U. S. department of commerce said.

But the federal reserve board reported department store sales jumped to a new record high in the week ended Dec. 17. No such fallings off in Christmas buying was reported in stores in New York, Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Kansas City, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Richmond, Va., Dallas and Seattle.

In New York, most stores reported business "highly satisfactory."

Lohr Plays Roll Of Real Santa

Seattle, Dec. 24 (AP)—Frank Lohr is a man knee deep in Christmas spirit.

Lohr took on the job this year of handling all mail arriving in Seattle addressed to Santa Claus. Since Seattle is on the mail route to the North Pole, stacks of them reach the post office here from all parts of the country.

It has been a full-time, family-size job for Lohr, who had to quit his service station work because of a leg injury. To answer Santa Claus mail and prepare Christmas packages for needy Seattle families, Lohr has drafted his wife, two full-time helpers, his neighbors and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lohr, who recently came from Hankinson, N. D.

The postmen bring letters by the thousands. All of them get answered. Lohr has been knee deep in mail and packages for weeks. Gift packages are flanked by individuals and two civic clubs.

Alibi for Postal Service Got Results

Richland, Wash., Dec. 24 (AP)—"Weigh these Christmas packages right away," said a woman who hurried to the front of a long line at the post office yesterday.

"Madam," replied Assistant Postmaster Floyd Hutchins, "everyone must wait his turn."

"Listen here," the lady shot back, "I'm due at the hospital right now to have a baby."

Hutchins weighed the packages in record time. The lady hurried out.

Japanese Kiddies Learn of Christmas

Tokyo, Dec. 24 (AP)—Most Japanese children have no idea what Christmas is about.

But this year, nearly 250,000 of them are going to get a faint idea. Through the Christmas season these needy ones will receive new clothing. And for free.

Their parents are on relief. There is no money for clothes. Children between five and nine

New York Reservoirs Raised Some by Rain

New York, Dec. 24 (AP)—New Yorkers got a Christmas present from Mother Nature today as a jump in this drought-stricken city's water supply.

Water department officials announced that yesterday's rainfall produced an increase of 361,000,000 gallons stored in the city's Catskill and Grotton watersheds.

At the same time, they estimated that the rain and its eventual runoff into storage reservoirs would give the city an additional 2,070,000,000 gallons, or about two days' supply.

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Few Make Trip To Bethlehem

Bethlehem, Dec. 24 (AP)—Rain, mud and grim reminders of a recent war today marred the traditional Christmas Eve pilgrimage to Bethlehem, birthplace of the Prince of Peace.

There were two roads this time—and two processions. Only a few would make the trip, in comparison with the thousands who used to go in other times.

Clergymen and pilgrims living in the Arab-held old city of Jerusalem were forced to follow the mired northern route to the ancient city. Delegates of the U. S., diplomats and a few other pilgrims traveled from the new part of Jerusalem, held by the Jews, over the southern Roman road.

The dull sound of explosions could be heard as Jewish soldiers cleared wartime mines from their route. The road travels for a few miles through Jewish-held territory to the Arab-Jewish demarcation line set up by the armistice which stopped the war between them. Heavily armed soldiers of both sides face each other there, and the pilgrims will be permitted to pass and return only at certain hours.

But inside Bethlehem the spirit of Christmas-time worship prevailed. Mass was celebrated in St. Catherine's church adjoining the Church of the Nativity, which is said to stand on the spot where Christ was born. Msgr. Gustave Testa, acting Roman Catholic patriarch, conducted the service.

Detroit—The Eagles lodge of Detroit and Idanha gave a Christmas party to all Idanha and Detroit children on the afternoon of December 24 at the Detroit theater.

Truman Says Love Is Answer

Independence, Mo., Dec. 24 (AP)—President Truman said today that love is the only answer to the troubles that beset the world.

He urged Americans at Christmas time not to forget the multitudes in other lands for whom, he said, "there is no room in the inn."

The president, speaking from his home here, turned on by remote control the multi-colored lights of the national community Christmas tree on the White House lawn in Washington. He delivered his annual Christmas message by radio.

"In love alone—the love of God and the love of man—will be found the solution of all the ills which afflict the world today," the president said.

His plea for the world's less fortunate people climaxed a ceremony that each year attracts thousands to the lighting of the so-called East tree, a big spruce on the south lawn of the White House.

In the capital, the marine corps' band played and the National Press club choir sang chorals as crowds awaited for Mr. Truman to touch the signal that turned the big tree into a blaze of light. The program was aired by all major radio networks.

General Brannon Advocate General

Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—President Truman today appointed Brig. Gen. Ernest M. Brannon to be judge advocate general of the army and promoted him to the rank of major general.

General Brannon, whose recess appointment must be confirmed later by the senate, succeeds Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Green, who is retiring. General Green's four-year duty as judge advocate general ended Dec. 1.

Mr. Truman also named Brig. Gen. Franklin P. Shaw as assistant judge advocate general. He

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—
Betty Grable—Color
"MOTHER WORE TIGHTS"

Scio Theatre
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Sun., Mon., Tue. Dec. 25, 26, 27
JUNE ALLYSON
ELIZABETH TAYLOR
in
"LITTLE WOMEN"
In Technicolor

Marshall Sees Peace Possible

Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—Former Secretary of State George Marshall said today in a Christmas statement that it now seems to be within man's power to make the "great dream" of permanent peace a reality.

"This is the season when hearts and thoughts turn to peaceful hopes," Marshall said. "The world is weary of wars. It is weary of threats of wars. The people seek a peace that is permanent, not just another breathing spell between wars."

"This hope for permanent peace has been the dream of mankind down through the ages. Today it seems within our power to convert that great dream into a reality.

"The free nations of western Europe and of the western hemisphere have set themselves to task of correcting the conditions that lead to war.

"We are all working together to that end and we must work in the spirit of Christ whose birthday the world is celebrating. If we strengthen that spirit, if we continue to work and plan together, there can be no doubt of ultimate success."

Marshall, the author of the Marshall Plan for European recovery, issued his statement in response to requests from the European press for some comment at this season on the recovery program.

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Wins Freedom—Louis Boy, 50, walks out of Sing Sing prison at Ossining, N. Y., a free man after serving 18 years of a life term as a convicted murderer. Boy, once condemned to death in the electric chair, won a gubernatorial Christmas pardon for risking his life in an unsuccessful medical experiment to save the life of a little girl doomed by leukemia. Guard Sergeant C. K. Bosenbark holds the gate open for the happy Boy. (AP Wirephoto)

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