



**Safe From Drug**—Mrs. Chester V. Stalker and her son, Donald, 10, of Burbank, Calif., gaze at a poisonous silver nitrate compound at New Brunswick, N. J., after the end of an intensive two-day search for the mother and son over railway station public address systems between New York and Philadelphia. The search was instituted by a Philadelphia druggist who had given the boy the poisonous solution in a mistake for a "car sickness" remedy. Mrs. Stalker heard about the search for the first time when visiting friends. The boy had taken a small dose of the drug but suffered only temporary nausea. (AP Wirephoto)

### Four Corners People Greet Guests Home for Holidays

Four Corners, Dec. 27—Home for the holidays is Ronald Pearson, who is stationed with the Marines at San Diego, Calif. He is spending his leave with his mother, Mrs. Mabel Pearson.

Four Corners students home from college for the vacation are Evelyn Benz, Verlaime Walker, Walter Hart and Leonard Perlich, who attend Oregon State college. Jack Corning from the University of Oregon and Lawrence Cherry and Robert Gilbert, who attend Willamette.

Celebrating the Yule season with a party, the Girl Scout troop 42 made merry at the community hall, where they sang carols, had a gift exchange around the tree and presented Shirley Thulin and Jennie Christmas their awards in the Christmas card contest. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Raymond Hough, leader with Mrs. Earl Thulin as co-leader. The next meeting will be Jan. 2 after school.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Fox at 6 o'clock dinner Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood and children of Amity and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Steed, Michael and Susan of Salem and Miss Eunice Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Batteron, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Deen and Richard Deen were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Crockett of Salem.

The Firemen's auxiliary will sponsor and chaperone a social evening for all teen-age youth at the Community hall Friday evening.

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Albany—Resignation of Mrs. Ary Neptune as Albany city librarian and appointment of Eleanor Davis of Klamath Falls as her successor is announced by the Albany library board, effective tentatively as of February 1.

Mrs. Neptune's resignation, prompted by ill health and by impending operation of the Oregon state retirement act, will not mean, however, her immediate severance from the library staff for, board members said, it is contemplated that she remain at the library for a month or more to assist Miss Davis in adapting herself to the local library and community.

Miss Davis has been Klamath county library for the last two years. Mrs. Neptune will leave the library after 21 years of continuous service.

### Aged Incense Merchant's Got Ideas for Water-Short N. Y.

By EARNEST HOBERECHT

Tokyo, Dec. 27 (AP)—Maki-San, an aged incense merchant whom the Japanese consider a wise old man, had some suggestions today for water-short New Yorkers.

Never one to be rushed into advice, he pondered the subject awhile when we approached him at a local shrine.

"So they want rain in New York," he mused. "Have they tried all standard rain-making devices?"

"What devices?" I asked. "Well," said Maki-San, "it is written in column one of the famous Japanese book, Zoku Nihonshoki, that on the day of the horse in the fourth month of the second year of the reign of Emperor Nammu (April 698), a horse was offered to the Gods of Mizuwake with a prayer for rain."

"Did it rain?" I asked. Maki-San seemed not to have heard me.

"Then," he said, "on the first day of the fifth month a cloth offering was made at different shrines. On the day of the rat, a messenger was sent out to offer a prayer for rains to the Gods of the famous mountains and the long rivers."

"And did it rain?" I asked. "The books does not say," he replied.

He made change for a customer who bought two long sticks of incense.

"But further on," he summed, "the books does say that a black horse should be offered if you want rain and a white horse should be used to halt rain. Honorable New York persons should keep this in mind."

He paused again.

"Building fires on hills is also good way to start rain," he said. "Are there any high places around New York?"

"Even the housewives can help," he said. But, of course, they would have to hold private ceremonies because women should remain in the back-

### Christmas Celebrations Staged All Around World

(By the Associated Press)  
Sydney, Australia, Dec. 27 (AP)—Christmas eve was a scorching in eastern Australia. Thermometers hit 96.6 degrees in Sydney at 3 p.m. Thousands in this land south of the equator, where the yuletide comes in the summer, are spending the holidays at beach and mountain resorts.

Batavia, Java, Dec. 27 (AP)—A republican army spokesman announced Indonesian troops here to take over when the United States of Indonesia gets independence Tuesday—played a football game Christmas day with Dutch soldiers they were fighting five months ago.

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 27 (AP)—For the first time since the war, Belgian children are asking for more cowboy suits and fewer toy cannons and soldiers. That means, said the manager of a large Brussels department store: "Peace is now a reality."

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Dec. 27 (AP)—Nine-year-old Jaromir Muzik received a special Christmas gift from soldiers of the Klatovy garrison "for his vigilance and alertness with which he helped catch an enemy spy," the army newspaper Obrana Pidu said. It did not identify the spy, give details of the capture or say what the gift would be.

Bari, Italy, Dec. 27 (AP)—San Nicola, the patron saint of this southern Italian city, is supposed to be resting tonight, tucked out from his scurrying to deliver toys to children from southern Italy to the Netherlands. The tradition is that he makes his toy-delivering visits Dec. 6.

Berlin, Dec. 27 (AP)—Seven men who once helped rule all of Europe went to a Christmas eve church service in their jail tonight.

Recordings of Christmas carols and a brief reading of St. Matthew's version of the birth of the Christ Child represented Christmas for Rudolf Hess, once Adolf Hitler's deputy; Admirals Erich Raeder and Karl Doenitz, munitions expert Albert Speer, banker Walther Funk, youth leader Baldur von Schirach and the aged diplomat, Konstantin Von Neurath.

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With "know how" and "can do" spirit, they soon became the largest group of construction experts the world has ever seen. The Seabees participated in every major invasion, won fame for their speed and ingenuity.

ground, he said.

"They should prepare offerings and then climb to high places and make great noises by means of drums, gongs, and musical instruments consisting of kitchen utensils," he said. "This is sure to work."

and have earned permanent post-war status in the navy.

Today these fighting builders of World War II are back in their civilian jobs, but not losing any of the "know how" they gained while island-jumping in the Pacific. Organized to form nuclei for construction battalions in event of a national emergency in the future, the Seabee Reserves keep their members abreast of all new scientific developments in ways of construction.

In the 13th naval district, which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, there are 6,000 former Seabees. Of this number approximately 1,500 are in the Reserves, making up 16 Seabee companies in this Naval District.

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