



**Film Paid to Wed**—Actress Arlene Dahl and Lex Barker (above), motion picture Tarzan, are shown in Hollywood as they revealed their engagement. They have been seen together regularly for the past year. It will be the first marriage for Miss Dahl, who is 24, and second for Barker, 32. (AP Wirephoto)

## U. S. Finds Itself in Strange Situation with Sec. Acheson

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—At a most critical moment, this country finds itself in one of the strangest situations in its history.

Its secretary of state, Dean Acheson, has been discredited by a large part of congress, the republicans.

But at this instant he is in Europe, trying to plan with this country's western allies for a defense against Russia.

For them to take a spirited stand against Russia, those allies must feel this country stands solidly behind the plans being made.

Talking with Acheson, they must wonder: How can they be sure congress will back up anything he says?

Acheson flew to Brussels from here Sunday to talk over the plans with the members of the Atlantic pact.

On Friday, while he was preparing for the trip, the republicans in congress pulled the rug from under him by overwhelmingly voting no confidence in him.

(The republicans had started to do this about a week ago but Governor Dewey of New York, titular head of the party, stopped them cold for a few days by telling them this was no time for a move like that.)

(The republicans apparently thought this one over and then decided to go ahead, ignoring Dewey.)

This country's Atlantic pact partners have been dawdling along with their defenses. Acheson is supposed to spur them into action and get things going, in the belief there's no time to lose.

Before Acheson boarded his plane Sunday, President Truman issued a statement which said he had "complete confidence" in Acheson. He has stood solidly behind Acheson, and still is backing him, so far as is known.

(The no confidence vote was only the climax to many months of republican attacks on Acheson. But for that matter, the democrats, or rather most of them, haven't defended him very strongly and some not at all.)

There seem to be two schools of thought on what may lie ahead:

1. That Acheson may resign when he comes back, thus letting Mr. Truman appoint another secretary more acceptable to the republicans, since Mr. Truman needs republican backing on major foreign policy moves in this crisis period.

2. That Mr. Truman may get his dander up to such a point that he won't let Acheson go at all.

But if Acheson doesn't go, then Washington is going to see some of its most embarrassing situations in years. This is why:

Acheson has to deal a lot with congress, face to face, by trotting up to the capitol to explain to congressional committees why his state department has done this and so or what the government's policy is on this or that.

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## East Salem's Swegle School Gives Christmas Program

East Salem—In the auditorium of Swegle school before an audience of parents and friends which filled the room until there was little standing room left, the pupils and teachers of the school presented their annual school program. It was arranged in three parts.

Numbers by the primary grades were: "Deck the Halls" by a chorus; "Welcome," a poem by Mary Jansen; "Away in a Manger," the chorus; "Christmas," Roberta Smalley, Casey Jones, Mary Lee Harner, Norman West, Joe Cunningham, Jon Remy, Mary Fisher, Jimmy Armstrong and Nancy Welty; "Christmas Is Coming," Eileen Weigert, Andrew Stortroen, Linda Mikila, Jackie Oliver, Donnie Schaberg, Virginia Forse, Bobby Bowder and Jimmy Bryan; and the closing number "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Numbers by the intermediate grades: Piano solo, Mrs. Keith Gwynn; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," the processional by the chorus; "Angels From the Realms of Glory," fifth grade chorus; "O Holy Night," fourth grade chorus; "The First Noel," chorus; "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," sixth grade chorus; "We Three Kings," chorus with solo parts by Gary Frame, Gary Isom and Glenn Welliver; piano solo, Mrs. Gwynn; "Silent Night," chorus; "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," chorus; "O Come All Ye Faithful," the recessional by the chorus.

The pantomime was by the intermediate pupils; Mary was Yvonne Ellis; Joseph, Wayne Welty; kings, Bobby Douglas, Gerald Gilman and Tommy Serine; shepherds, Donald Straw, Charles Alderman, Jerry Fetsch,

Marvin Johnson, Lloyd Johnson, Larry Jayne and John Lee; angels, Carolyn Alzman, Doris Cobb, Donna Fitch, Marilyn Towery, Jackie Smalley, Dorothy Vaughn and Esther Utterback. Stage manager was Lloyd Johnson.

The Christmas treats were given to the school children in their room and the PTA presented the pre-school children in the audience with their sacks. A Christmas play entitled "The Meaning of Christmas" will be preserved by the children who attend the Swegle Sunday school on Friday night in the school auditorium at 7:30. Serving on the committee for its preparation are Mrs. Harold Olson, Mrs. Harold Alderman and Mrs. Albert P. Patz.

## Christmas Programs Scheduled at Mill City

Mill City—Grade schools will present the Christmas program Thursday evening, Dec. 21 at 8 o'clock in the grade school gymnasium. The upper grades will stage a play entitled, "Christmas Eve in Hillside Village," a cantata-drama under the direction of teachers: Mr. Hollyman, Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Schunk. Miss Smith plays all the accompaniments for the program. The choir is also made up of the upper grades, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth. The lower grades, under the direction of Mrs. Sletto, Miss Henry, Mrs. Loucks and Mrs. Schunk, will present, on the same night, a play entitled, "Merry Christmas to All". There are also choral groups in the lower grade activities. The program during the evening will include most of the students in the grade school.

## Longer Store Hours

Albany—Albany retail merchants will remain open until 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday evenings in accordance with previously adopted plans to accommodate evening Christmas shoppers. The stores will close at their regular hours Saturday.

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## Juvenile Night Club Broken Up by Police

Portland, Dec. 21 (UPI)—Portland police have broken up a juvenile "nightclub" in an unoccupied Portland home.

Police said Mrs. Frances Green of Tillamook was summoned after her house was found open and littered with empty beer bottles.

Officers said at one time they found five teen-age girls inside. Later three teen-age boys and two more young girls appeared on the scene.

One youth, 21-year-old Robert Voorhees of Rhododendron, was jailed on a trespassing charge. Mrs. Green said she had not lived in the house for several months.

## School Program Set

Sunnyside — Pupils of the Sunnyside school will present their annual Christmas program Friday evening, Dec. 22, at 8 o'clock.



**Dog Finds Shelter**—This stray dog found shelter from a snowstorm by curling up in the straw used in the Nativity scene set up on the Albert Lea, Minn., courthouse lawn as part of the city's Christmas observance. (AP Wirephoto)

## Book by Gibbs Interesting Story of Lost Men and Ships

By BEN MAXWELL

Bones of the ship and bones of the men who sailed them is the theme of "Pacific Graveyard," a James A. Gibbs, Jr., book of outstanding interest and merit lately sponsored by the Oregon Historical society.

Binfords & Mort of Portland are publishers of this small, well-printed volume in an attractive format.

As the name implies Pacific Graveyard is a log book of disaster about ships of all classes and nations, lost long ago or recently, at or near the mouth of the Columbia river.

More significantly the subject is present as history and not as romance by a writer who has had seafaring experience. Gibbs is now assistant editor of Seattle's Marine Digest, and recently was elected president of the Puget Sound Maritime Historical society.

And it may be added as an item of local interest that James A. Gibbs is a descendant of A. C. Gibbs who was Oregon's Civil war governor.

In his slight but comprehensive volume of 173 pages Gibbs enumerated some 160 vessels lost in the Pacific graveyard of his selection. Concerning many he tells an interesting and dramatic story about stays missed while crossing the bar, about anchors dragging when storm and tide defied human effort to save the ship.

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