

PACKAGE THAT WON'T GET SMASHED



Here's one parcel that won't get crushed in the Christmas mailing rush. T. B. Bennett, foreman of parcel clerks in Addison Road Station, London, checks weight of surprise package that stepped on the scales. The two-year-old tiger, Nizam stopped off while enroute through the station with other animals bound for Olympia, London. The beast actually weighs 250 pounds but tries to get by at half-weight. Anyway, Britons liked the gag. (AP Wirephoto)

Farm Mutuals Elect Officers

Woodburn — The annual convention of the Association of Oregon Farm Mutuals, held in the home office of the Butteville Insurance company in Woodburn, closed Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 15, with the annual business session of the organization.

Officers elected were: President, Ray Glatt, Woodburn, vice president of the Hop Growers' Fire Relief association; vice president, L. M. Waugaman, president of the Oregon Fire Insurance company, McMinnville; secretary, G. E. Ahre, Woodburn, secretary of the Butteville Insurance company. Mr. Ahre was also named to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Mutual Insurance companies, and the delegate of the Oregon body to the National convention to be held in New York city in 1954.

The 1954 convention of the association will be held in McMinnville with the Oregon Mutual Insurance company as the host company.

The banquet of the convention was held Monday evening at the Woodburn American Legion hall with 87 delegates and guests attending. Robert B. Taylor, state insurance commissioner, was the featured speaker and G. E. Ahre was toastmaster. Fred Dentel of Aurora, director of the Hop Growers' Fire Relief association for 27 years and president since 1930, received special recognition at the banquet.

NIXON ON TV WEDNESDAY

Washington (AP)—Vice President Nixon plans a radio-television report to the nation Wednesday night NBC, 7:30 p.m. PST on his just-completed 45,000 mile tour through Asia and the Middle East.

Weyerhaeuser Strike Ended

Enumclaw (AP)—A month-long strike at the White River branch of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. here, ended Saturday with an announcement by officials of local 23-157 of the International Woodworkers of America CIO that members had voted to return to work. A company spokesman indicated it was hoped work could be resumed Monday.

The strike began Nov. 21 in a dispute over the demotion of a veteran sawyer.

A plan was reported worked out in negotiations whereby the company will bring in an expert sawyer to train the man who was understudy to the demoted sawyer.

The demoted sawyer will not regain his position.

About 80 per cent of the air is nitrogen.

Skid Row Bums AT Wedding

Chicago (AP)—A divinity student's term project led him to his bride on skid row.

Last March, George E. Weber, 25, grew a beard and became a bum as a part of his sociology studies at Garrett Biblical Institute. Later he abandoned this roll to work

in human rehabilitation with the Rev. William Seath, superintendent of the Chicago Christian Industrial League.

Weber and Mr. Seath's 18-year-old daughter Wilma were married yesterday in the league's chapel. Mr. Seath both gave away the bride and performed the ceremony.

Guests included about 50 former skid row bums who sipped nonalcoholic punch.

Robins rarely live more than 12 years.

Dry Office Parties Loom

Washington (AP)—It may be a dry year for Christmas office parties in government buildings—the drought already has reached the state department press room.

The State Department Correspondents' Assn. called off its traditional Christmas party, usually attended by top officials, when Under Secretary of State Donald B. Lourie sent the newsmen word the ban on liquor would extend into the quarters they use.

All office parties in state department divisions will be non-alcoholic. And there were signs the same rule would apply in other government departments.

Mrs. Wesley Alt. The name chosen for the club is "Needle and Thread" club.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer have returned to their home from a trip each where they visited relatives and friends in Nebraska.

Nixon to Report on Trip by Radio and TV

Washington (AP)—Vice President Nixon will make a report to the nation by radio and television next Wednesday on his 45,000-mile good will world tour.

The address will be made over NBC facilities between 7:30 and 8 p.m. PST.

The White House announced Saturday that Nixon is making the report at the request of President Eisenhower. Nixon returned from the trip last Monday.

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KING FREDERIK IMPROVES

Copenhagen, Denmark (AP)—King Frederik IX was recovering Monday from an inflammation which has kept him in bed since Thursday.

Middle Grove

Middle Grove—The first of East Salem's school programs was that of Middle Grove pupils Thursday night at the school with a capacity filled house of parents and friends.

The program was entitled "The Christmas Story." Taking part were Sharon Van Hall, Mark Fields, Linda Kern, Mary Jeann Surgeon, Barbara Slimak, Ronny Sides, Beverley Hagen, Dennis Herigstad, Mike Bayer, Delvan Handley, Patricia Selby, Susan Humphrey, Lesline Ann Swink, Kitty Newcomer, Nancy Roberts, Vickie Smith, Gary Malm, Gary Reynolds, Mike Barker, Jan Anderson, Tommy Thomas and Larry Unruh.

Friday night the December meeting of Middle Grove Community club was held at the schoolhouse. At the business meeting it was announced that a covered dish supper would be served the night of Jan. 15. For the program, Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. Paul Bassett at the piano. Instrumental numbers were played by Edwin Anderson, Richard Lloyd, Fred Schafer and Billy Joe Slimak. Gaylene Van Cleave played her accordion. Serving as a refreshment committee were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Van Cleave.

A new 4-H club organized the past week was one for girls in sewing. At the organization meeting officers elected were: President, Mary Alt; vice-president, Linda Blankenship; secretary, Gaylene Van Cleave; reporter, Julia Blankenship; song leader, Garyle Gallagher. Other members are Janice Reynolds, Sandra Everhart, Charlene Wyatt and Sandra Alt. Leaders are Mrs. Melvin Alt and

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