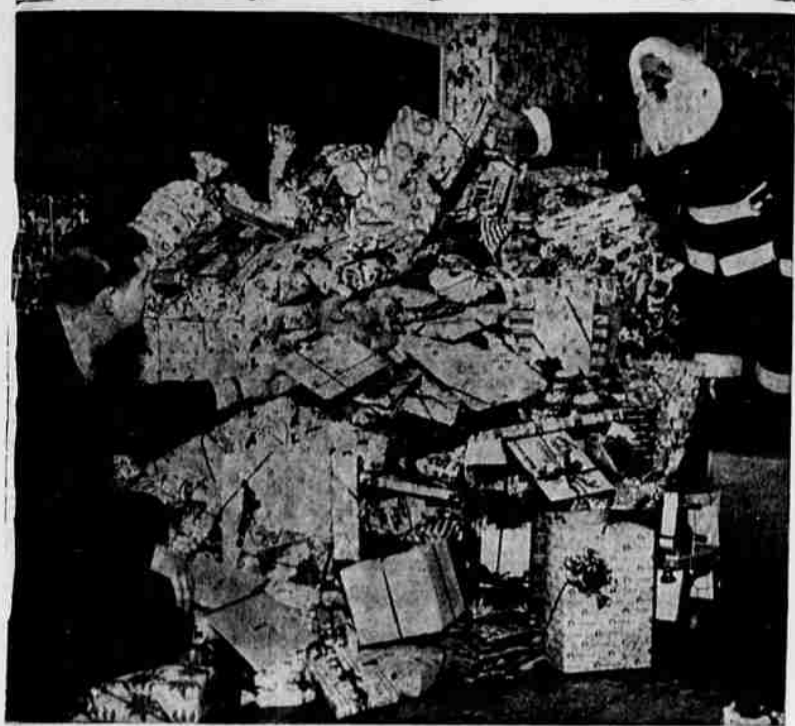


Gifts Ready for Oregon State Hospital



Gifts come from all parts of the state, assuring a Christmas gift for each of the 3,491 patients at state hospital. Picture shows Santa Claus telling Dr. Dean Brooks, hospital superintendent, that there are many more presents in boxes yet to be unpacked. Wide variety of articles are donated for distribution to the patients on Christmas Day. (Capital Journal Photo)

Board Clears Brooks Prin.

BROOKS (Special)—S. S. Rockwell, principal of the Brooks school, was exonerated by members of the school board at a meeting this week of reports that he had beaten a seventh grade boy severely Dec. 14. The boy was called before the board and questioned by members regarding the incident, and according to the chairman, Philip W. Beilke, stated that his punishment was not unreasonable. Rockwell says that he did slap the boy and spanked him slightly for insolence in the presence of another teacher as required by law, but insists that the punishment was not unreasonable. The school board did not question Rockwell after hearing the boy's story. Grandparents of the boy, who are his temporary guardians, said Friday that they will not file charges of any kind against Rockwell.

Truck Crash Injures Man

DALLAS (Special)—Jess Wayne Weims, a Falls City electrician, was in fair condition in Dallas hospital with multiple injuries suffered early Friday morning when his truck overturned east of Falls City while he was enroute to work. The accident occurred about 7 a.m. An ambulance from Dallas took Weims to the Dallas hospital where doctors found he had five broken ribs. Extent of other injuries was undetermined. He was alone in his pickup truck at the time of the accident.

No One Gets Five Canines

Five little dogs in the City Pound were still looking for new homes Friday morning. Poundmaster William Wilson said that five dogs were waiting at the pound for new masters. The dogs, picked up in the city and not claimed, are being offered free. Wilson hoped to give away all the dogs before Christmas but only Saturday from 9 to 11:30 a. m. and Monday from 9 to 11:30 a. m. and from 1 to 5 p. m. remained before the holiday.

MANY GROUPS GIVE

All State Hospital Patients Get Gifts

Wards Decorated For Christmas Festivities

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Generosity of many individuals and groups in Salem and many other communities in the state assures a Christmas present for every one of the 3,491 patients in the Oregon State hospital this Christmas.

The type of presents covers a wide range, including wearing apparel, candy and gum, cigarettes and smoking tobacco, home canned fruits and jellies, and to the particular delight of some of the women in the hospital, a large supply of cake mix as well as many more articles too numerous to mention.

One of the outstanding donors is Miss Helen Cowgill, Corvallis, a senior citizen, who for years has been the leader in Benton county in marshaling women to aid her in the making and packing of suitable articles for the State hospital patients.

Home Used as Workshop
Miss Cowgill opens up her home as a workshop and to get an idea of the scope of her generous operation, the average number of gifts coming to the hospital from this source numbers in the neighborhood of 1,500 each year.

Even though she suffered an illness during last summer, Miss Cowgill again was at her work and Dr. Dean Brooks, superintendent of the hospital, received a telephone call from her Friday, informing him the gifts were ready for a pickup truck to transport them to Salem. The truck was dispatched at once, Dr. Brooks said.

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Groups Adapt Wards

Dr. Brooks said there are a number of groups who take over a particular ward and provide Christmas presents as well as entertainment throughout the year.

Electric toastmasters and electric shavers for the men are among the gifts given by these groups for patients in some of the individual wards.

Unusual Christmas decorations have been installed by the patients in a number of the wards. In one ward murals have been painted on the walls; in others Christmas cards have been strung across the room with a pleasing effect.

"We do everything possible to bring the Christmas spirit to the hospital at Yuletide," Dr. Brooks said. "Patients and members of the staff cooperate in this effort."

Bert M. Davis Held in N. M.

Bert Major Davis, who is wanted in Salem for grand larceny, is under arrest in Moriarty, New Mexico, says information received by the state police and relayed to Salem city police.

He also is wanted in Portland and may be taken there for prosecution.

Davis allegedly stole a car from Valley Motor Co., and drove it to Portland where he abandoned it and stole another car.

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Light Thieves Come Back to Get Tree Also

Salem thieves are no respecters of the Christmas spirit or property. Police report today that Christmas lights were taken from the front yard of the W. A. Cladek home, 1120 North 14th.

Cladek discovered Wednesday night that the tree in front of the house had blacked out. Then he found that the lights had been carried away.

Beer, Pop Taken From Tavern Here

Beer and pop valued at \$15 was taken Thursday by someone who raided the South Village Tavern, says a report at the sheriff's office.

To get entry into the tavern a board was pitched through a window in the early hours of the day. Some money was in the cash register but it was not taken. The tavern is located at 3795

Firecrackers Blast Cause

Where the firecrackers came from in a city where they are not permitted to be sold is not known. Anyway someone wrapped a bunch of them in paper, set them afire and tossed them on the front porch of Mrs. Glenn Davenport, 2240 South Winter St., Wednesday night.

Some of them went off and shook the house, and others were found unexploded after she had reported to the police that a "bomb or

N. Marion High Holds Yule Party

NORTH MARION (Special)—The 7th Annual Christmas Program of the North Marion union high school was presented this week in the high school gym under the direction of Hal W. Bevers, music instructor.

It was a musical program with three numbers presented by the junior high band whose students come from Donald, Broadacres, Aurora and Hubbard schools. There were numbers by the

Sacred Heart Plans Musical

The Sacred Heart music department will present a two-act musical comedy Feb. 6 and 7, it has been announced. The comedy is "Miss Caruthers Returns."

The cast includes Sally Joseph, Gloria Koch, Brenda Davison, Marlene Burton, Janice Ebner, Eloise Corey, Janet Larson, Jackie Doerfler, Pat Kindel, Nancia Evans, Dorothy Rupp, Janice Dabler, Sue Watson, and Vicki Schmidt.

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