

State Honors Go To St. Paul Youth

PORTLAND (Special)—A St. Paul Union high school student has been named Marion county's top 4-H forestry participant for 1956.

Michael Koch, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Koch, St. Paul, has received the gold medal of honor, donated by the American Forest Products Industries Inc., Washington, D.C. for his efforts in promoting good forestry practices and his skill in executing them.

County Extension Agent T. O. Larson, Salem, made the presentation at the recent St. Paul 4-H achievement night. The 4-H official pointed out "Michael's in-

terest in forestry and his activity in this field makes it a well deserved honor. He's been a 4-H member since 1951 and this year won a coveted scholarship to the 4-H summer school at Corvallis.

Koch is a member of the St. Paul Tree growers 4-H club and has served as president of that group. He is also active in student affairs at St. Paul Union high school. He was recently elected president of the freshman class and plays basketball and football.

S. W. Robb, chairman of AFPI's Oregon committee and an official of Willamette Valley Lumber Co., Dallas, said "The work of 4-H leaders and county agents coupled with the assistance of 4-H extension foresters in instructing youngsters on proper methods of woodlot management is already an important factor in Oregon's growing timber supply."

"And to young Mike Koch, our congratulations for a job well done. He and other 4-H forestry members represent the Tree Farmers of tomorrow."

The 4-H forestry program is administered throughout Oregon by the county extension agents for 4-H club work. AFPI, donor of the award, is national sponsor of the industry supported American Tree Farm system of privately owned, tax paying lands growing timber.

Nehru Starts Canada Talks

OTTAWA (AP)—Indian Prime Minister Nehru today begins long private talks with leaders of the Canadian government on a broad range of international problems.

As in his Washington and Gettysburg talks this week with President Eisenhower, no formal agenda was drawn for the meetings today and tomorrow with Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, Gov. Gen. Vincent Massey and Foreign Secretary Lester Pearson.

The talks were expected to range from the Suez Canal and Middle East dispute to the problem of Soviet troops in Hungary, disarmament and military alliances.

Nehru and St. Laurent planned to confer more than five hours, including a luncheon meeting with a small group at the Canadian prime minister's residence.

Nehru and his daughter, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, landed at Ottawa's Uplands Airport last night after a flight from New York.

Norblad to Urge Westerner for Rules Committee

WASHINGTON (UP)—Rep. Walter Norblad (D-Ore.) said today he will urge that a westerner be assigned to the House Rules Committee to fill the vacancy left by defeat of Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.).

His personal preference, he said is Rep. Thomas M. Pelly (R-Wash.).

Norblad is a member of the Republican Committee on Committees which assigns new GOP House members to committees and approves shifts of other members at the start of each Congress.

He said it is "highly important" that the Republican member from the Far West, "and preferably from the Pacific coast, should be given a place on the all-important" rules group.

The committee, which includes eight members of the majority party and four from the minority, schedules legislation for action in the House and can under some circumstances block house consideration of bills.

"The membership of this committee," Norblad said, "is made up almost entirely of members from the eastern part of the United States and it is only fair that this vacancy should be assigned to the Far West."

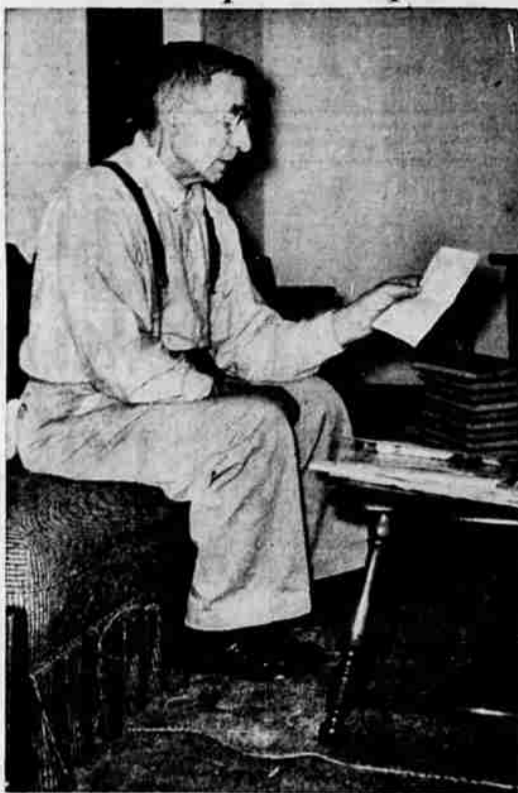
Pinza Gets His Christmas Wish

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP)—Singer Ezio Pinza got his Christmas gift wish — being able to spend the holidays at home with his wife and three children.

The famous basso was discharged yesterday from Green-wood Hospital. He had been a patient since Dec. 3 after suffering a second heart seizure.

Pinza, star of opera and musical comedy (South Pacific and Fanny), suffered his first heart attack in August while in Italy.

Sends Gospel to Captives



Gerhardt H. Wiens of Lebanon reads letters from friends and relatives in Russia asking him to continue to send Bibles. A stack of nine New Testaments, written in Russian, are ready for shipment on the table before him.

Bibles for Russia Sent by Retired Lebanon Carpenter

By DORIS GUNDERSEN

LEBANON (Special)—"Please keep sending Bibles," read letters from friends and relatives in Russia and Siberia to Gerhardt H. Wiens of 256 Third St.

With the cooperation of members of the First Baptist church, Wiens has sent more than 250 New Testaments to Russia in the past three months, since he moved here as a retired carpenter from California.

The New Testaments are obtained at a cents each from the American Bible society, and are written in the Russian language.

Wiens also sends copies of books of the Gospel, obtained in Russian at five cents each, and Russian-language hymnals. The latter are more expensive, and are obtained through a firm in New York.

A request for hymnals came from Mrs. Wiens' brother and his two daughters who are exiles in Siberia. The brother is choir leader for a Baptist group.

Wiens began to think about his project of sending information on Christianity to Russia at the time of Stalin's death, when he heard a sermon from the third chapter of Ezekiel (verse 11)—Get thee to them of captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them . . .

When I read about some of the ministers being released, those that had not been tortured and killed, I began to send the Bibles," he explained. "The Russian people tried Communism for 30 years. Now they want to know about Christianity."

Mr. and Mrs. Wiens left Russia in 1912 with their five children, descendants of Dutch Protestants who had lived in the Ukraine since Catherine the Great opened the area 200 years ago to Dutch and German groups seeking freedom of religion. The Wiens left when they were told to give up their children to be brought up by the state.

When they reached America, their children were 12, 11, 9, 7 and two. All are now married and living in America.

"We really loved the Russian people," Mrs. Wiens said. "They are good; they are not wicked, just misled."

Her husband added, "The people didn't want Communism; they had it forced on them. Maybe 90 per cent of the people couldn't read.

Americans Everywhere Are Doing True Christmas Deeds

By RELMAN MORIN

Associated Press Staff Writer

It is a tree of matchless splendor, wreathed in garlands of love and devotion.

Bright Christmas colors gleam in the branches, symbols of warmth and compassion, courage and hope. That silver bell is a child's laugh, the holly a kindly act. The shimmering ornaments were put there by happiness, and the candles speak of faith.

Where is this tree? It is everywhere in America today.

Who brings these precious gifts? Uncounted numbers of people, known and unknown, of many faiths and races, from every station in life.

One was a man in Philadelphia, a delicatessen owner. He bought a big tree, set it up outdoors, decorated and lighted it, and put a sign on it:

"This tree is for all people who are homeless or who have no Christmas tree of their own."

And one was Judge John J. Walsh in Utica, N.Y., who was about to jail a chronic alcoholic when the prisoner showed him a letter from his daughter. It said she thought the man was dead.

The judge, withholding sentence, gave him some money and said: "Merry Christmas and God bless you . . . I hope you get to her."

Surely a bright strand was placed on the tree this week by Dr. Laurence Jones, 72-year-old Negro educator. He is president of the Piney Woods School in Mississippi where 500 underprivileged youngsters work their way from grammar school to college.

He came to Camp Kilmer, N.J., bringing Christmas trees and 10 bushels of pecans grown by his students, to the Hungarian child refugees there.

"We have very little at Piney Woods to share with you," he said, "but my students are deeply grateful to America . . . We know it will be equally good to you."

And surely a television program in the Veterans Administration hospital in San Fernando, Calif., will throw a bright gleam on the tree.

There, on Christmas Day, veterans suffering from tuberculosis

will talk to their families over a closed-circuit TV hookup. It has been years since some of the men saw their children. Those under 15 are not admitted to the tuberculosis wards.

A group of volunteers in California raised the money and arranged for the program.

Who knows how many Americans connected with the armed forces have helped trim the big tree? Even a partial list runs long —

In New York, Jewish War Veterans are sending 50 hospitalized servicemen to their homes in 13 states for Christmas, giving them roundtrip tickets and pocket money. Jewish USO volunteers are taking over from their Christian coworkers in veterans hospitals and elsewhere. This is a "thank you" for courtesies they received on the Jewish New Year and the Day of Atonement.

In Boston, employees of the Boston Naval Shipyard planned their annual Christmas party, raised over \$20,000 for it — and decided to entertain 1,000 orphans instead.

In Ft. Polk, La., the 84th Engineer Battalion did the same thing, and found it had enough for two children's Christmas parties, which have been scheduled.

In Brooklyn and New York, the navy is bringing hundreds of poor children aboard the USS Intrepid for dinner and presents, giving each child a sailor host and guide, and sending truckloads of gifts — from contributions from the men — to every veterans hospital in the area.

Indonesia Army Pulls Coup in Sumatra Area

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—The army held control of central Sumatra Saturday as the result of a bloodless coup.

The move climaxing months of political and economic crisis and army unrest presented a grave challenge to the government of Premier Ali Sastroamidjojo.

Proclamation Authority Col. Simbolon, 37-year-old Army head of both the civilian and military authority in central Sumatra. He said he would return power "when the people's demand for economic improvements are met."

Sastroamidjojo's government struck back with an order suspending Simbolon from his military command and accusing him of an action "against the law and a danger to the safety of the republic."

The question was whether Simbolon would obey the order. Simbolon declared earlier he would not recognize the central government's cabinet, but added he did not intend to set up a new state.

The central government here announced it would send a delegation to Sumatra to contact "people there." It made no other comment on the move by the army group. There were no reports indicating the coup was spreading to other points in the Indonesian archipelago.

There are 500 Americans in Sumatra, but there were no indications any of them were affected by the power switch.

Communications between Sumatra and Jakarta, the country's capital on Java, and the outside world were severely restricted. The head of Jakarta's cable and wireless company said the army had delayed all out-bound cables from Jakarta under strict censorship.

There were no reports of any clashes. One report said the formal takeover of power was without incident.

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Spires in Germany

U. S. FORCES, GERMANY — PFC Lloyd E. Spires, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd R. Spires, Route 2, Dallas, recently participated in "Sabre Knot," a field training exercise with V corps and seventh army in Germany.

A gunner in company D of the 10th Infantry division's 85th regiment, Spires entered the Army in January 1955 and was last stationed at Fort Riley, Kan.

He and his wife have agreed to live entirely on her retirement funds and use his for sending Bibles and hymnals to Russia.

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Man Admits Bank Robbery
WAXAHACHIE, Tex. (AP)—The First National Bank of Millford, Tex., was robbed of almost \$3,000 yesterday and Ellis County Sheriff Burl White said a man had confessed to the crime.

White identified the man as Yancy Abner Batie, 32, Negro, of Los Angeles, Calif., a former resident of Millford.

White, who quoted Batie as saying he robbed the bank to get some money for Christmas, said \$372 was found in Batie's possession.

William Murphy, FBI agent in Dallas, said Federal charges against Batie would be filed today.

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