

GROCERIA AIDS SANTA'S VISIT TO 350 YOUNGSTERS

Gifts of Warm Clothing, Candy And Fruit Distributed—Many Groups Aid.

Through the generosity of the Groceria Super Food Markets, Santa Claus has visited the homes of 350 underprivileged children of Jackson county with needed gifts of warm, comfortable clothing and wholesome bags of candy and fruit.

Santa has been making the rounds of homes all week and today his pleasant task was almost completed. Just a few homes remained for visits from the jolly, kind-hearted old gentleman from the North Pole.

And just how happy have the children been made by this concrete manifestation of the true Christmas spirit, only those who have assisted in preparing and distributing the packages really know. Only they know who have come in direct contact with the children and have seen their eyes brighten in happy astonishment, have seen them literally jump into the air with unrestrained joy to realize that, after all, a true Christmas spirit does still prevail in the world.

Child Appreciative
It is only persons like Miss Lillian Roberts, secretary of the Red Cross, who can appreciate fully what new, warm clothing means to underprivileged children. From one little girl who received a Groceria Christmas package, Miss Roberts received a scribbled note of appreciation and enclosed with the note, to express her appreciation concretely, was a small Christmas token. "I just wanted you to have something for Christmas from me," the little girl wrote.

That is the kind of response that inspires welfare workers, Miss Roberts indicated. Not the gift, which was negligible, but the purpose behind it, the intention to show appreciation.

Then there were two motherless boys who, despite numerous obstacles, have held steadfastly to their purpose of acquiring an education, at least as far as the public school system will permit.

One of the impediments faced by the boys has been lack of clothing but now they are all right in that respect. Through the Groceria gift plan, they have received complete outfits.

Children receiving the Christmas gifts have ranged in age from one to 18 years but most of them have been of school age. They have been outfitted "from the skin out," as stated in a report received by William A. Gates, head of the Groceria firm. The articles have included underwear, many pairs of shoes, stockings, cord trousers and seats of sweat shirts and plaid shirts. The plaid shirts and cartoon sweatshirts have gone over big among the youngsters.

Red Cross Aids
The list of needy children was prepared and the distribution directed by the Red Cross with the cooperation of various other organizations. All the gifts were wrapped in Christmas paper so as to provide the gala Yuletide atmosphere.

The packages were wrapped at the Red Cross office by members of the American Legion auxiliary under the chairmanship of Mrs. Nettie Ellenburg. Those who did the wrapping, which required more than a week, were Mrs. Frank Martin, Mrs. O. L. (Cap) Overmyer, Mrs. C. E. Kunz, Mrs. Werner Pundt, Mrs. Tim Dailey, Mrs. Al Piche and Mrs. Fay Flynn.

Others assisting in the work

Columbus Survivors Reach New York on U. S. Cruiser



Survivors of the sunken German liner Columbus are shown lining the rail of the rescuing U. S. cruiser Tuscaloosa as the warship steamed up New York harbor. The 579 Germans, with the status of "castaways" were expected to be allowed the freedom of the United States for 60 days.

have been Mrs. Blanche Frisbie, supervisor of county nurses and those members of her staff: Miss Mary Ellen Bell, Miss Helen Parrish, Miss Florence Weisser, Mrs. Henry Padgham and Miss Elizabeth McGalliard.

Mrs. Una B. Inch, supervisor of county schools, school teachers and members of the Jackson county public welfare commission also have assisted. Mr. Gates expressed his appreciation of the help of all the workers and said the pleasure his firm experienced in providing Christmas happiness for underprivileged children was immeasurably increased by the devotion and humanitarian spirit of all who have helped carry out the company's plan.

Celebes Shakes

Batavia, Java, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Strong earthquake shocks today wrecked 108 houses and demolished a bridge in the province of Menado, in the northern part of Celebes Island. Several persons were injured slightly. The shocks occurred about 5 a.m. (about 4:30 p.m. EST Thursday).

Honor Belated

Kansas City, Mo. (AP)—Mrs. John E. Higdon, will be made a member of the Phi Beta Kappa chapter of DePauw University 44 years after her graduation. When she was graduated, women were not admitted to that scholastic fraternity.

Expert Gunner

Montgomery, Ala. (AP)—Gov. Frank M. Dixon of Alabama is an ardent hunter. When the governor can't get away to bag doves, quail, ducks or squirrels, he goes over to the army's tactical school at Maxwell Field here and shoots at skeets.

Children Get Thrill

London (AP)—When not "standing to" in the studios, B.B.C. radio actors and actresses are amusing and entertaining evacuated children in the country. Between engagements the stars are billeted in the same houses as the children.

Six-Leaf Clover

Memphis, Tenn. (AP)—Champion four-leaf clover finder is the claim of J. P. Winfield. He has been hunting multi-leaf clovers since he was a child. This season he has found 780 four and five leavers, and in his life's hunt, he has found one six-leaf clover.

About 20 tons of water are absorbed from the ground through the roots of a mature hardwood tree during the spring, summer and early fall.

FULL GOSPEL TO STAGE PAGEANT SUNDAY EVENING

The Bible School of the Full Gospel Church will present its Christmas program, Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

A pageant, "White Gifts for the King," will be given. It is based on the old legend of the King of Cathay, who, on his birthday, received only gifts of white from his loyal subjects. This is typical of the fact that the King of Kings wants only gifts of white, lives that are clean, pure and holy.

First scene shows the King of Cathay receiving gifts. Scene two shows a throne room all in white, with a large star over the throne, and a large white cross and an angel, standing on each side. Decorations will be in white and silver.

At this time each class of the Bible school will present their gifts to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords—by laying them at the foot of the cross. At the close of the program, the gifts will be taken to those in need.

Those attending who wish to help make Christmas a little happier and brighter for needy families, may do so, by bringing gifts of food, clothing, toys, games, books, etc. A white barrel will be in the vestibule of the church where gifts may be placed on entering.

An invisible choir of eight voices will furnish the musical numbers of the program.

The public is cordially invited.

Christmas Cantata At First Methodist Church Sunday Eve.

A Christmas cantata, "His Natal Day," will be given Sunday at 8 p. m. in the First Methodist church, corner Laurel and Main streets. The entire evening service will be given over to music with solos and duets by members of the choir as well as full choral numbers. The chorus choir is under direction of Elsie Carleton Strang, Doris Condit Lantz, pipe organist, will give solo numbers as well as accompany the singers. The public is invited. There will be no admission charge but a silver offering will be taken to be used by the choir in purchase of new music.

Vesper Service 5 p. m. Sunday At Nazarene Church

A Christmas vesper service will be held at the Church of the Nazarene Sunday at 5 p.

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m. A short cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," by Spence, will be given by the vested choir of 25 voices.

Mrs. Ethel Cornstead will be at the console of the electric organ. Elsie Carleton Strang is director of the chorus.

There will be a short sermon by the pastor, Rev. Fred M. Weatherford, and singing of carols by the congregation.

At 9:45 a. m., the Sunday school program, including music, recitations, dramatization, etc., will be given.

At 10:45 a. m., the choir will be heard and the pastor will deliver a sermon, "Christ In Exaltation."

The public is cordially invited. There will be no admission charge.

Births

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Unruh of Route 4 a girl weighing six pounds and 15 ounces in the Stanley nursing home early Thursday morning, December 21.

Defer Power Decision.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 21.—(AP)—A decision on whether Tacoma's municipally-owned power company should be expanded or if it should eventually be tied in with the Bonneville system was deferred today by the city council pending conferences with Bonneville officials regarding possible purchase of government power.

Weather

Northern California: Increasing cloudiness with light rain on extreme north coast tonight and in north portion Saturday; warmer in extreme north portion tonight; light northerly wind off coast becoming moderate southerly above San Francisco.

Frontage 3 Inches

St. Louis (AP)—Deputy assessors have found 12 lots with 3-inch frontages recorded on the city platbooks. Each had been assessed at \$20 but no record of tax payment could be found.

PLUMBER CITED BY STATE BOARD ON PERMIT LACK

W. B. Crause, charged with engaging in the plumbing business without first applying to the State Board of Health, entered a plea of not guilty in justice court yesterday afternoon. Justice Coleman set January 31 as date of the trial and in the meantime released Crause on his own recognizance.

The complaint, signed by a state agent, alleges that last July Crause installed certain plumbing fixtures in a house near Jacksonville, without the required papers.

Edward C. Blackwell of Ashland, 22, charged with petty larceny, entered a plea of guilty and was granted a six months' suspended sentence. The youth was charged with attempting to tamper with the auto of Homer Marx, when same was parked near the Marx residence.

It was the first offense for Blackwell. The court urged the youth, in granting a suspended sentence, to try and procure work and help his mother.

Floyd Burnett of Talent, charged with reckless driving, entered a plea of guilty, and the court deferred sentence until next Thursday. Burnett was charged with running into a drinking fountain in Talent and sideswiping lawn shrubbery.

George J. Mead, charged with operating an auto without an operator's license, was assessed \$2.50 and costs.

Buys Marshfield Hotel

Marshfield, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—The four-story Marshfield Hotel was purchased yesterday by J. L. Culbertson, formerly a hotel owner at Silverton, Eugene and Seaside. He reportedly paid a Portland mortgage company \$20,000 for the property.

ASHLAND INDIAN GOES INSANE IN BOUT WITH RUM

Elvin M. Jackson Committed To State Hospital While Enroute From Portland.

Grants Pass, Dec. 22.—(Sp)—After having run terror-stricken to the city police station with the tale that a lady bus passenger had tried to cut out his heart, Elvin M. Jackson, 30-year old Indian from Ashland, was examined and found insane Wednesday, and papers committing him to the state hospital were signed Thursday by Judge W. A. Johnson.

Dr. S. B. Osgood and Dr. W. A. Moser agreed that Jackson was insane, but inasmuch as

the Indian had been drinking, Judge Johnson waited until the next morning in hope that the man's actions might change when effects of the fire water had entirely worn off.

They changed, but only for the worse. Confined in a county jail cell, the Indian kept other inmates awake all night with his wailing fear of the people "chasing" him.

"They have shot my mother, father and brother. Did you hear the shots?" Police Chief Ben Graybill said he asked when the police chief visited him Thursday. The Indian's clothes were drenched with perspiration.

Jackson told physicians that he has a wife and four children in Ashland, where he worked as a carpenter, having come originally from Klamath county. He was en route home from Portland to Ashland, and had \$12.50 in his pocket.

Christmas Greetings

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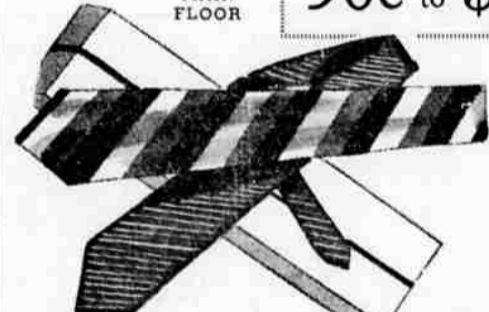


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