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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Christmas comes Tues. Older girls who believed Washington bureaucrats last fall when they promised nylons to wear and hang up, have lost their faith in bureaucrats.

Friday was the shortest day in the year and ushered in winter. Outside of being rather runty, it was no different from any other day.

Whiskey was reported on tap here last week, guaranteed to be a month old. It cooled off en route from the distillery in Kentucky.

Col. G. (Cannonball) Jackson is scheduled to arrive home tomorrow, from his war activity.

Lt. John Dallaire, a former tired bank clerk, in the army, is now home on terminal leave. He is now tired of the army.

C. Wig Ashpole is back from a spell at Yuma, Ariz.

The eclipse of moon Tues. started exactly on time as advertised, 4:38 p. m. No parade ever held in this burg, has been as prompt.

J. Tannehill and Bob Walker have their paw, in the Navy, home for the Yule season.

Leon Offenbacher of the Applegate is building a bridge across the river of the same name, so he can get his cows, hay, and self across in style.

Joe Stalin of Russia is back in Moscow, after a long rest. It is suggested by many, he give the world one now.

The plea of federal agencies for people to stay off trains, has resulted in a record number getting on them.

The Chamber of Commerce is asleep. Every wakeful community in the nation is recommending itself as the home of the UNO.

Sidney Barker of Cent. Pt. towned during the week. He thinks the President's "cooling-off" period for strikes, needs boiling down.

Rural residents are getting ready to kill their hog shortages, between now and the new year. There already has been some pigsticking.

The next pull and haul at the Armory will be Wed. Jan. 9. The final show of the year was held last Thurs. A dusky villain was crushed, and a masked one escaped his just desserts.

Tires will go off the ration list Jan. 1, after many pessimistic predictions there would be none before 1947.

Scores of country people were in town during the week shopping, all returned home loaded.

John Bricker of Ohio has the best wishes of Jack Co. republicans for president. They got a good look at him, as he stood on a rear platform in 1944, and made a few well chosen remarks. It is not expected he will meet the approval of democrats, and the junior senator from Oregon.

There is some talk of widening Oakdale Ave., one of the better residential speedways. This would necessitate the whacking down of a number of 35 year old trees that improve the looks of things, but leave lawns in need of raking in the fall.

PEACE PROBLEMS AWAIT CONGRESS WHEN REST ENDS

Nervous Letdown of People Spurs Worries — Heavy Travel Noted

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—The government was in trouble last night with the recently won peace posing problems than the war it ended.

They were tougher because the emotional spur and enforced unity of war were gone. Complicating the problems of peace and making them more difficult were politics, labor-management disputes, and the nervous letdown and weariness which are the hangovers of war.

The 79th congress shut up shop for three weeks; the government agencies came to a dead stop for four days; the Pearl Harbor investigating committee recessed to Dec. 31; the president's fact-finding panel in the General Motors strike quit work until Friday, and its companion body in the oil dispute recessed to Jan. 7.

All were taking holidays from controversy in a time dedicated to peace. But while they rested, in most cases their work and their responsibilities were mounting.

Here is a partial listing of them: Atomic energy control, unemployment compensation and completion of action on a full employment bill, fact-finding boards for major labor disputes.

Merger of the armed forces and compulsory military training for youth, increased minimum standards, housing price controls, a permanent fair employment practice commission.

Tax revision, elimination of wartime controls and formal declaration of the war's end, compulsory health insurance, disposal of surplus merchant shipping, and the proposed \$4,400,000,000 loan to Great Britain.

In the forefront of most congressmen's minds as they deal with these labors will be thoughts of the 1946 congressional elections and the 1948 presidential campaign.

The four-day shutdown of government agencies contributed to the burden of rail and air lines already subject to record-breaking strains because of army-navy demobilization.

It was estimated that a quarter of million persons jammed the Union station and airport here late yesterday as the government holidays started.

Traditional Rites Christmas Eve At Episcopal Church

St. Mark's Episcopal church will hold the traditional choral Eucharist service Christmas Eve at 11:15 p. m. according to the rector, the Rev. George R. Turney. Christmas Day Holy Communion services will be held at 8 p. m., without music. The 11 a. m. service will be Holy Communion with Christmas hymns.

Order of the Christmas Eve service is as follows: Prelude, "Gesu Bambino" and "Christmas Folk Song" by Yon; invitational hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; processional hymn, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"; Kyrie, Lutkin; gradual, "A Son is Given"; Simper; Gloria and Laus Tibi; hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"; "Ave Maria," Bach-Gounod, by R. D. Werner, violinist.

Antem, "There Were Shepherds," Vincent; "Sursum Corda," "Sanctus and Benedictus" and "Agnus Dei," Lutkin; "Gloria in Excelsis," old Scottish chant; by Stainer; recessional, "The First Nowell," postlude, "Divinum Mysterium," Purvis.

BIRTHS

DUNLEVY—To Sgt. and Mrs. James J., 243 N. Holly St., Dec. 22, 1945, a girl, 8 lbs., at Sacred Heart Hospital.

HOOVER—To Mr. and Mrs. Claud, Rt. 3, Box 406, Dec. 20, 1945, a girl, 6 lbs., at Community Hospital.

NICHOLSON—To Mr. and Mrs. J. D., 401 W. 2nd., Dec. 21, 1945, a girl, 6 lbs., at Community Hospital.

VALLANCE—To Mr. and Mrs. Leo, 325 Edwards, Dec. 21, 1945, a girl, 7 lbs., at Community Hospital.

CHAMBERLAIN—To Mr. and Mrs. Vernon, Shady Cove, Dec. 22, 1945, a boy, 7 lbs., at Community Hospital.

SLIDE HITS RESORT Salt Lake City, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—A snowslide has struck Utah's famed winter skiing resort of Alta, 30 miles southeast of here. A forest ranger report said three skiers were caught in the avalanche but were rescued.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

TRANSPORTATION OF LAND CREAKS UNDER BIG LOAD

Travel Jam Worst of Both Coasts — 400 Fatalities Forecast

Chicago, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—The nation's transportation system creaked tonight under the greatest load of passengers, mail, freight and baggage in the nation's history.

Everywhere, rail, bus and air-line officials described the situation as ranging from precarious to chaotic. From New York to San Francisco and from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico it was the same.

The national safety council expected traffic fatalities to run from 375 to 400 for each of the two holidays—Christmas and New Years—unless motorists and pedestrians are extra careful. This figure will include all deaths from traffic accidents, including those who die months later.

The worst jam was on the two coasts. In San Francisco, more than 50,000 servicemen were marooned as every available coach was moving across the seven main lines to the east in an effort to get soldiers, sailors and marines "home by Christmas."

The motto became, "every civilian who stays at home makes it possible for a serviceman to get home." Southern Pacific reported that 94 per cent of its eastbound passengers from the west coast was military personnel.

The transportation picture by sections included: Far West—In Portland, Ore., heavy military trains were receiving priority while military passengers were taking up 75 per cent of the remaining sleeper and coach space.

Railroad agents said the situation was precarious. Airlines reservations east from Portland, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and other far west points were unavailable. Scores of passenger coaches from the east were added to trains, but still passengers jammed aisles and stood in the vestibules. Bus transportation was just as chaotic. All available vehicles were being used.

Recently Gregg has been serving as engineering officer in advanced (Liberator and Privateer) combat training unit, at Jacksonville, Fla.

At present Mr. and Mrs. Gregg are residing with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James R. W. Gregg, Central Point.

OHIO DOCTOR WHO SAVED TOJO FOR WAR TRIAL HOME

Columbus, O., Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—The Newark, O., army doctor whose emergency operation with borrowed instruments saved the life of Hideki Tojo so that the former Japanese premier could be brought before a war criminal tribunal was home today, unable to understand all the "fuss."

Capt. James B. Johnson said the incident started for him while he was at dinner one evening. "My commanding officer came into the room, and said, 'Come on, Johnson, you're going to be famous. Tojo just shot himself and they need a surgeon.'"

Capt. Johnson was driven to Tojo's home where the ex-premier had apparently given up hope and wished to die. But Capt. Johnson had orders to save Tojo if he could, so he borrowed a Japanese doctor's crude instruments and went to work.

When Tojo was removed in an ambulance, Johnson lost track of him after he went into the first dressing station.

MAY EARTH PATCHING DIES IN GLENDALE, CAL.

Relatives here have been informed of the death of May Earhart Patching who passed away Dec. 18 at a hospital in Glendale, Calif. Survivors include two brothers, Frank L. and William C. Earhart of Medford.

Mrs. Patching taught in the Medford schools for a number of years. She had been making her home in Glendale for the past 15 years.

In Hospital—Mrs. Joe Wright of Central Point was taken to Sacred Heart hospital Saturday evening for a medical checkup.

QUOTATIONS — and — ANALYSIS on Listed and Unlisted Securities Conrad Bruce & Co. 313 Fluhrer Bldg. Phone 7471

Appeal of "Messiah" Manifest in Growth of Rogue Valley Chorus

The Rogue Valley chorus, which will present Handel's "Messiah" at the Presbyterian church Dec. 28, now has the largest membership in its history, nearly 70 members.

One reason for the present growth, according to Almus Pruitt, president of the chorus, is the great appeal held by the music of the "Messiah." "The average chorister, once he has gotten the feel of the music, finds it more interesting to sing than ordinary choral numbers because each part has an independence and melodic importance of its own," Pruitt said.

"The Hallelujah chorus from the 'Messiah' produces a spine-tingling effect that makes it easy to understand why the first audience ever to hear the 'Messiah' in London arose spontaneously during this chorus. Audiences have since made this rising traditional for the Hallelujah chorus.

Handel himself when questioned about his feelings during the composition of the Hallelujah chorus said 'I did think I did see all heaven before me, and the great God himself.' Handel always seemed to regard the 'Messiah' with a peculiar reverence not given to his other compositions. Apparently he felt, as many since have felt, that the 'Messiah' was composed with a very special inspiration that comes to only the greatest composers once in a lifetime."

PERRY J. GREGG, NAVAL VETERAN, HOME TO REMAIN

After 27 years in the Navy, Chief Warrant Officer Perry J. Gregg has returned to make his home in the Rogue River Valley.

Mr. Gregg enlisted in the Navy, from Medford, July 30, 1918, in Naval Aviation, and has been in that branch of the service ever since. He was a mechanic on the NC4, in preparing it for the first flight of an airplane across the Atlantic. Since that time he has worked on all the various types of planes the Navy has had and has served on several of the aircraft carriers.

He was commissioned warrant officer at the outbreak of World War II, and helped organize the original, famous Black Cat Squadron, V.P.12, which commenced operations against the Japs in Guadalcanal in December, 1942. He served twenty-one months in the South West Pacific area, the Black Cat Squadron having operated a total of 5800 hours on various missions in combat area and over enemy territory. More than 2000 hours was on night mission over enemy territory, without the loss of a single plane by reason of mechanical failure.

Alonso E. Alexander and Albert A. Garrison, drunk, \$10 fine suspended.

James Franklin and Guy Conley, drunk, five days suspended.

Robert J. Duanne, violation of basic rule on Oakdale avenue, \$10 fine.

Armin M. Thompson, violation of basic rule on East Main street, \$10 fine.

Ruth A. C. Greene, double parked, \$2.50 fine.

Ralph White, no stop at stop street, \$5 fine.

Lawrence E. Neely, parked in alley, \$5 fine.

MRS. MANSFELDT'S REQUEST DENIED

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Annie Irene Mansfeldt, widowed socialite matron who was convicted of manslaughter in the fatal shooting of her suspected love rival, may yet spend Christmas with her three children.

Her aunt, Mrs. Jeanette Thorne, who was a witness for her niece during her trial for the slaying of Nurse Vada Martin, said today she would take the children — Irene, 15, John, 14 and Terry, 12 — to county jail on Christmas day if authorities permit.

Both superior and appellate courts yesterday rejected her attorney's pleas for temporary release and ordered her held in jail until Dec. 26 when her second trial — for insanity — begins.

Posthumous Medal For Patton Favored

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Rep. John E. Rankin, D., Miss., proposed tonight that the medal of honor be awarded posthumously to the late Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.

Rankin said he would introduce legislation proposing the award as soon as congress reconvenes on Jan. 14. The proposal appeared likely to win strong congressional support.

Another posthumous honor for Patton has been recommended by Sen. Alexander Wiley, R., Wis. Wiley asked that the permanent three-star rank of lieutenant general be assigned to the dead hero.

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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO December 23, 1925 (It Was Monday) Gov. Martin demands use of Oregon labor and material in new capitol.

Tokyo brands Sen. Pittman of Nevada predicting war between America and Japan as "absurd."

Bill Morgan, former Black Tornado player, named as tackle on All-Star pro team.

Col. Lindbergh and family flee to England, as threats continue, and dread of kidnaping grows.

Cloudy and unsettled. High 43, low 23. State liquor store to be open Christmas eve.

STORMS SWEEP EUROPE Slump in turkey prices predicted.

Frank A. Munsey, magazine publisher, passes. Rain. High 48, low 43. Potatoes soar to \$2 per bushel.

Ruch store and school robbed by auto yeggs. THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO December 23, 1911 (It Was Saturday)

Emerson Merrick plays the role of 'Billy' in 'Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch', presented for the poor of the city, and was a financial and artistic success.

White Christmas predicted for the Rogue River valley. University club to hold a Christmas Tree party.

Ed. G. Brown leases the Star theater, and will stage free movies for children.

TROOPS TAKE OFF TRANSPORT PLANE Seattle, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Two mammoth C-97 transport planes, loaded with 201 overseas veterans homeward bound for Christmas, were enroute to municipal airport in Chicago tonight, after taking off on a special ferry flight from Boeing Field.

The first of the Boeing super-transport took off at 2:12 p. m. (PST) carrying 100 Michigan soldiers, 46 of them from Detroit, and the second took the air one hour and three minutes later, bearing 101 Illinois veterans, most of them from the Chicago area.

Court House News

Divorce Decrees James Neely vs. Mattie O. Neely.

Blanche Sipes vs. Wendall Sipes. Venita Nadean Correll vs. Lawrence E. Correll. Katherine M. Straus vs. Louis Straus.

BIG THREE HOLDS KREMLIN SESSION

Moscow, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—The Big Three foreign ministers, speeding their discussions at a heightened tempo, met in the Kremlin for the first time today.

The meeting opened at noon. Attendance was limited to U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov.

Talks were described as "going well" on the positive note achieved by the chief delegates yesterday during an informal session of nearly five hours at Soiridonovka Palace.

Paul Wilson Wins Reading Contest At City Library

Paul Wilson, of 402 King street, who is in the Washington school fourth grade, was winner in the pre-Christmas reading contest conducted in the boys and girls department of the Medford Public Library, according to Miss Mildred Selby, children's librarian. A total of 616 books were read by the 114 children who took part, Paul, who read 76, received special recognition in his school room.

Special holiday-time displays appealing to both adult and young readers have been arranged at the library. Three beautiful and inspiring posters were painted by Miss Maccine

Titus, a member of the library staff.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon. Please remember.



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