



HOLDING POM POM of Penn State's colors, little Peggy meets her hero, James Garry, State end, as East Shrine team visits Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, San Francisco. Peggy is one of hundreds who will benefit by annual East-West Shrine game to be played New Year's Day. (International)

A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — Next to Christmas church service, carols, and something for the kids, the grub board at a yuletide is most important. And a few flowers around the house also might help.

The oldest authority on the flower business hereabouts is the former mayor Harman Nichols of "H street," Zachariah Deminien Blackstone, aged 82, has been putting flowers in pretty bundles for more than 60 years.

His specialty always has been the poinsettia.

"In the old days, we sold them for \$1.50 a big bundle, and the night before Christmas for a lot less," the old man told me. "Today, we get \$4 for a small potful."

Rubs His Hands
When I called on Blackstone he had on a blue half-apron and had his wrinkled little hands in a pot which was for sale.

"We were not producers in the old days," he said, rubbing the good earth off his hands. "We were growers. If we had 500 plants in the hothouse, we considered we were coming up to a good season. Today, a grower who doesn't have a few thousand plants laying around some place where he can get at 'em ain't a big operator."

The way Blackstone looks at it, poinsettias don't grow much any more, they are manufactur-

ed. Like toothpicks or atom bombs.

Everything, the old-timer said, is on a time table. He and the other florists send buyers to the West coast early to buy stalk plants.

Modern Nonsense
"It's time table stuff," he said. "The cuttings are brought along on that basis, through proper temperature, tender care, and other nonsense we never used to think about over half a century ago. It is something like an assembly line. One plant needs a vitamin, so he gets one. Another is a little too far along so he gets a sedative."

So far as table decorations are concerned, Blackstone thinks that anything is all right so long as the things smell and act like flowers.

The old man would like to borrow something from the ancient New Year Scandinavian lore. That of the seven candles burning within a ring of evergreens on the festive board. He thinks that would be good for Christmas, too.

CENTURY FUND
Dallas, Tex. — (U.P.) — The city of Dallas stands to benefit every century from the will of the late Hale Davis. It provides that a \$50,000 fund shall be invested at 100-year intervals. Every 100 years the fund will be split, with half going to the city for municipal purposes and the remainder to be reinvested.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Richard E. Norton, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Clara Isabel McKee, failure to yield right of way to pedestrian, \$10.
Gary Marvin Stevens, failure to yield right of way, \$10.
Robert Gayle Furrott, illegal left turn, \$5.
Janet Lorraine Stallworth, no operator's license, \$5, failure to yield right of way, \$10.
Iness Elizabeth Hamlin, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Virginia Mary Fry, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Glenn Nathaniel McCullough, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Arden Mortimer Tyrrell, failure to yield right of way to oncoming traffic, \$10.
Mrs. L. D. Inskeep, expired license tabs, \$5.
Glover J. Peffleton, expired license tabs, \$5.
Dorothy Tuttle, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
Dennis James Whitcher, violation of basic rule, following too close, \$10.
Della E. Milhoun, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Kenneth C. Kerry, expired license tabs, \$5.
John Jackson Kime, violation of basic rule, \$10.
John M. McCabe, expired license tabs, \$5.
Joseph Nicholas Murrell, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
Eugene Duwayne Gosson, violation of basic rule, \$10.
William Milton Houston, expired license tabs, \$5.
Arleta Ellen Lows, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Arthur Alvin Guches, failure to stop at railroad stop sign, \$5.
Harmon G. Isaacs, unlicensed driver operating motor vehicle with permit with no license operator in car, \$5.
Eunice Mary Page, failure to stop at red light, \$5 bail.

DISTRICT COURT
Donald G. Skinner, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
Joe D. Humphrey, violation of basic rule, \$20.
Floyd T. Jenkins, failure to signal, \$15.
Bennie D. Kenney, violation of basic rule, \$20.
Brian C. Watson, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
Gilbert E. Brown, no PUC permit, \$20.
Edward L. Jansen, passing with insufficient vision, \$15.
Donald R. Lue, passing with insufficient vision, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT
Patricia Jean Johnson vs. Walter Robert Johnson, divorce decree.
Calvin Lane Dusenberry vs. Ada L. Dusenberry, divorce decree.
Leona Peters vs. Billy Peters, divorce decree.
Mary Agnes Kirkpatrick vs. John William Kennedy alias Hillis John Kirkpatrick.
Wilene Ann Andrews vs. Kenneth G. Andrews, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Eugene Wayne Eccleston, 19, Shady Cove, and Peggy Elaine Carnes, 18, of Box 768, Eagle Point.
Sidney F. Gay, 60, of route 1, box 137, Talent, and Susie G. Martens, 56, of 517 Lova st., Ashland.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for

C of C Brochure Describes Advantages of This Area As Wholesale, Trade Center

A four-page brochure, describing Medford's advantages as a distribution center for warehousing and distribution companies, was published this week by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Some 10,000 copies are being printed and distributed to a selected mailing list of firms. Each chamber member will receive one.

Trading Center

The publication points out that Medford is the trade center for a ten-county area in south-

Freakish Weather Greet's First Day Of Winter in U. S.

By UNITED PRESS

Old Man Winter made his official arrival in the nation today and brought along some surprises.

In Wyoming and Montana, where residents are often getting out of snow storms at this time of year, the temperatures were higher than they were in most of Florida.

Women in Miami put on fur jackets to do their Christmas shopping. But at mile-high Denver the weather was so mild shoppers were going around in jackets.

Cold in New York

New York City, where the weather generally isn't too severe, was one of the chilliest places in the nation. The temperature was expected to go to 10 or five degrees above zero today.

New England, however, maintained its wintry traditions with a snow storm that cancelled air traffic at Boston and piled up to 16 inches of snow at Portsmouth, N.H.

In Europe, winter opened with hurricane winds and floods in the north and snow, rain and blinding fog in the south. Eight deaths were blamed on the weather. Meanwhile a Mexican cold wave accounted for 17 deaths.

Year's Shortest Day

Winter began officially at 1:25 a.m. (PST). At that moment the sun reached the most southerly point of its sweep south of the equator—between the east coast of Africa and the southern part of the island of Madagascar.

It was the shortest day of the year and the sun's warming rays slanted across the northern hemisphere at their flattest angle. Actually, however, the sun was 3,000,000 miles closer to the earth than it is in summer.

Despite the freakish weather on winter's first day, the U.S. Weather Bureau hazarded a prediction that most of the north-east quarter of the nation will have a white Christmas.

ern Oregon and northern California with a total effective buying income of \$493,809,000 annually. The primary area, Jackson and Josephine counties, has a population of some 85,000 with buying income of \$146,923,000 and retail sales of \$124,327,000 the pamphlet shows.

The secondary area, including the two primary counties and also Klamath, Curry, Siskiyou and Del Norte counties, has a population of 172,000, of which 60 per cent is served by wholesalers and distributors in Medford. Effective buying income totals \$298,249,000, with retail sales of \$238,073,000.

285,000 Population

The total area, including the above counties plus Coos, Douglas, Lake and Modoc counties, has a total population of 285,000, of which 43 per cent is served by Medford firms.

The brochure also points to the rate of growth within the area, which in the 10-year period between 1940 and 1950 increased 46 per cent in population. Another criterion of growth, electric customer service, increased 105 per cent between 1944 and 1954, it shows.

Electric power, pure water, high-quality labor, good climate and adequate transportation services were also cited as reasons why Medford is a good site for such companies.

Victim of Beating Said Slowly Improving

Portland — (U.P.) — Richard Lightle, 5, victim of a beating last month is making "very slow improvement" at Good Samaritan hospital here, attendants said today. The boy has been in the hospital since Nov. 15.

Horace Crowley, 21, the boy's stepfather, is in custody at Oregon City under \$5000 bond charged with intent to kill. He gained a change of venue from Yamhill county and was transferred to Clackamas county Saturday.

DECORATION CONTEST

Sturbridge, Mass. — (U.P.) — This Berkshire community aims to be one of the brightest and best-lit towns in the nation come Christmas. A local organization is conducting a contest with cash awards for the most elaborate, original and attractive Yule home decorations.

Sutherlin, Ore. — (U.P.) — Hugh Copeland, 42, Oakland, Ore., father of seven children, was killed in an accident east of here yesterday when crushed by a log.

Voice From Mail Bag Startles Airway Crew

Santa Barbara, Calif. — (U.P.) — Southern Airlines employees were startled Tuesday when a voice suddenly started calling "all aboard for San Francisco" from a mail bag they were loading aboard a plane.

Postal authorities discovered the voice came from a Christmas package containing a toy radio unit used in electric trains.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.
To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

1 Mailman	31 Problems	61 Glad
2 Contact	32 Personality	62 Or
3 You'll	33 Don't	64 Trust
4 Consultation	34 Which	64 Mature
5 Aspects	35 Whom	65 Over
6 Check	36 You	66 The
7 Don't	37 Be	67 Pace
8 Don't	38 Or	68 At
9 Allow	39 Nistic	69 News
10 You	40 To	70 Judgment
11 Let	41 Short	71 Balance
12 Those	42 By	72 To
13 Con	43 Be	73 Troces
14 Indicate	44 Authority	74 Your
15 Any	45 Neighbors	75 Accept
16 Write	46 See	76 Better
17 Your	47 You	77 Hunches
18 Resolve	48 Thrown	78 Limitations
19 Let	49 Affect	79 Pocketbook
20 Be	50 Some	80 Be
21 Your	51 Displaying	81 Its
22 Challenge	52 Set	82 Tidings
23 From	53 Business	83 Cores
24 Yourself	54 Kick	84 Advance
25 Papers	55 Joints	85 Enlightening
26 Bring	56 Now	86 Now
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1952 PLYMOUTH SUBURBAN	1545	1345
1951 NASH RAMBLER STATION WAGON	995	795
1951 CHEVROLET DELUXE TWO-DOOR	1145	995
1951 CHEVROLET DELUXE FOUR-DOOR	1145	945
1951 PONTIAC 8-Cyl. CHIEFTAIN DELUXE FOUR DOOR SEDAN	1395	1195
1951 CHEVROLET STYLELINE DELUXE FOUR-DOOR	1145	995
1952 STUDEBAKER CUSTOM TWO-DOOR	995	745
1951 STUDEBAKER V-8 COMMANDER 4-DOOR SEDAN	1045	895
1951 FORD CUSTOM V-8 TWO-DOOR SEDAN	1095	945
1950 FORD V-8 4-DR. SEDAN. Comp. Recond. Good Rubber. Heater. New Car Trade-In	795	645
1950 CHEV FLEETLINE DELUXE TUDOR. Radio. Heater. Good Condition	945	845
1950 CHEV CONVERTIBLE. New Top. Heater. Very Clean. A Bud Bacon Special	995	795
1950 CHEVROLET DELUXE FOUR-DOOR SEDAN	995	845
1949 DODGE CORONET FOUR-DOOR SEDAN	845	695
1949 CHEV DELUXE TWO-DOOR SEDAN	845	645
1949 OLDS 2-DR. CLUB SEDAN. Hydromatic. Radio. Heater. Good Rubber	845	695
1949 FORD CONVERTIBLE	845	695
1949 STUDEBAKER CONVERTIBLE. Radio, Heater. New Paint	695	545
1949 PACKARD FOUR-DOOR SEDAN	745	595
1949 DODGE TWO-DOOR SEDAN. New Paint. Cust. Seat Covers. Radio. Heater	645	545
1949 FORD CUSTOM 4-DOOR SEDAN. Radio. Heater. Reconditioned	645	545
1949 PLYMOUTH CLUB CPE. Excel. Cond. A Guaranteed O.K. Used Car. Radio, Heater	845	695
1949 FORD V-8 4-DR. SEDAN. Radio. Heater. Completely Reconditioned	745	645
1948 FORD TUDOR. Beautiful Black Finish. Heater. Seat Covers	495	395
1948 CHEV 4-DR. DELUXE. Heater, Spotlight. Cust. Seat Covers. Engine Just Overhauled	645	525
1948 CHEVROLET FOUR-DOOR. Radio. Heater	595	495
1948 KAISER FOUR-DOOR SEDAN. Heater. Better Than Average	295	195
1946 DESOTO FOUR-DOOR SEDAN. Radio. Heater	445	345
1953 INTERNATIONAL 1/2-Ton Pickup. Extra Long Box. Heater. Sharp	1295	1145
1953 CHEV 1/2-Ton Pickup. Blue. 3-speed. Heater	1345	1195
1952 CHEV 1/2-Ton Pickup. Deluxe Cab. TuTone Paint. Heater. 3-speed	1245	1095
1951 FORD 1/2-Ton Pickup. Blue. Heater	995	895
1950 GMC 1/2-Ton Pickup. Long Wheel Base. TuTone Paint. Heater	945	845
1950 DODGE 1/2-Ton Pickup. TuTone Paint. Heater	795	645
1950 CHEV 2-Ton Chassis and Cab. 161" Wheelbase. Heater	1195	995
1950 CHEV 1/2-Ton. Deluxe Cab. 4-speed Trans. Heater. A few built-in dents	845	745
1949 CHEV 2-Ton Stake Rack. 161" W.B. Dual R Wheels. Heater	995	795
1948 CHEV 1 1/2-Ton Chassis and Cab. 4 speed. Dual Wheels	795	645
1945 FORD 1/2-Ton Pickup. 3-speed. Heater	445	345

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