

## Laughs of the Day . . .

Huntsville, Ala.—(U.P.)—Taxi-cab drivers were perplexed to hear on their radios: "Pick up a passenger at Pier 1."

There are no piers near Huntsville.

The message came from the Naval Air Base dispatcher at San Diego, Calif., some 2,500 miles away. Freak atmospheric conditions were responsible for the reception.

Sydney, Australia — (U.P.) — Police blamed thieves for the disappearance of 30 Salvation Army Christmas parcels.

The parcels were to be sent to inmates of Bathurst jail.

The Sudan comprises nearly 1,000,000 square miles, an area one-third that of the United States, yet its population is only 8,820,000, about the same as Ohio's.

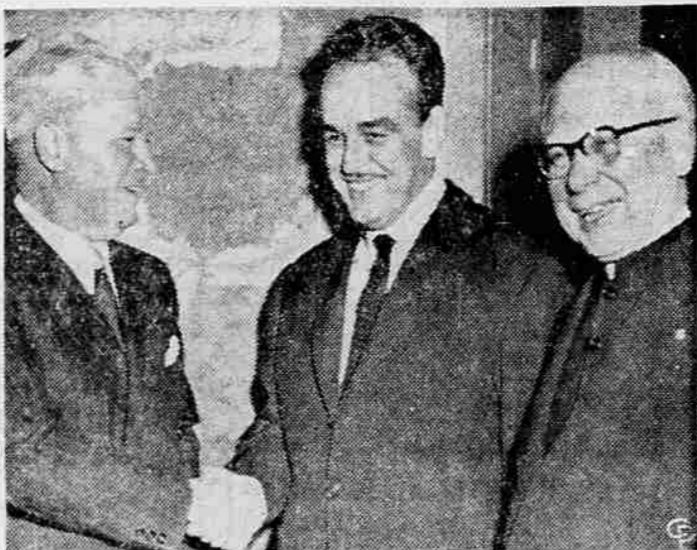
Troy, N. C.—(U.P.)—Grocer Harry Lewis received a special Christmas gift today from lumber yard operator John Hall.

Lewis, who has driven Hall to his doctor's appointments, jokingly said he expected a stick of peppermint candy for a Christmas gift.

Hall hired a candy salesman, who after a long search, found a stick 36 inches long, 24 inches around and weighing 35 pounds.

Benton Harbor, Mich.—(U.P.)—Benton Township Fire Chief Herbert Houghton said today the next person who tries to steal lights from his outdoor Christmas tree is in for a surprise.

Houghton said he wired the tree to give the next would-be thief the "jolt of his life." Someone previously stole 30 bulbs from Houghton's tree.



OFFICIAL GREETING IS GIVEN Prince Rainier (center), of Monaco and his chaplain, Rev. J. Francis Tucker, by New York Commissioner Richard Patterson (left). Highly publicized bachelor is expected to be feted by mothers with marriageable daughters during tour of nation. (International)

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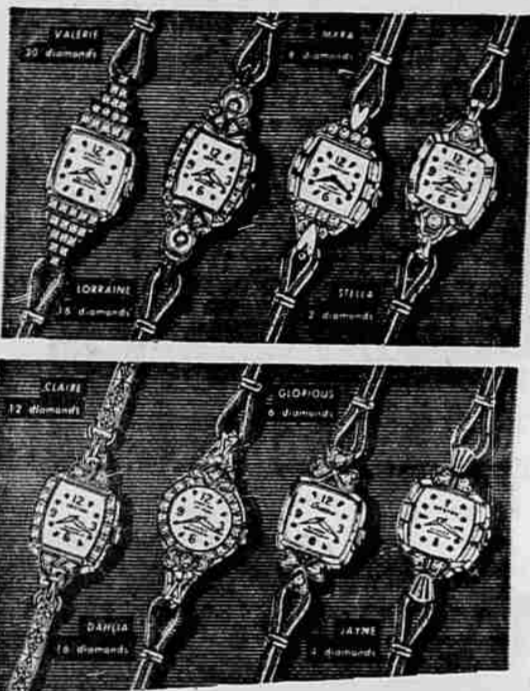
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