

Young Mother, Unable To Provide Christmas, Abandons 3 Children

Jacksonville, Fla. — (U.P.) — A sad young mother waited in jail today to be returned to the three children she abandoned in New York father than confront them with empty stockings on Christmas morning.

She was separated from her musician husband some time ago, she told Policewoman Alma Taylor. She left Victor, 5, Sandra, 3, and James, three months, on a bench in New York's bustling Grand Central Terminal last Friday.

Stations To Aid Orphan Children

Phoenix — (U.P.) — A group of radio stations have appealed to the nation to make possible a merry Christmas for seven children whose parents were killed in a car-train crash here Sunday night.

Faced Bleak Christmas Mrs. Pierce said she would rather lose her children than face the prospect of a bleak Christmas morning, possibly without lights and electricity in her relief project apartment at Waterbury, Conn.

Victor had pleaded for a pair of roller skates for Christmas. Little Sandra "was expecting a red wagon" from Santa. But she was unable to buy the presents with the \$20 meal ticket she received from the city each week.

The six stations are seeking financial aid for the seven children, ranging in age from 11 years to 20 months. Their parents were killed, along with seven others, when the 19-year-old car in which they were riding smashed into the side of a Southern Pacific streamliner.

The only survivor, 20-month-old Crucita Alirez, remained in critical condition today. Crucita and her six brothers and sisters, who were not in the car, were orphaned by the accident, the worst in history involving one car.

The Bartlett Broadcasters, consisting of KRUX, Phoenix; KCBQ, San Diego; WAKE, Atlanta; WAPL, Appleton, Wis.; WMTV, Madison, Wis.; and WOKY, Milwaukee, have volunteered to collect money to help the children.

Mrs. Pierce went to the Jacksonville Traveler's Aid Bureau to seek help in locating a brother she believed was stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in north-west Florida. The bureau found through a routine check that Mrs. Pierce was wanted for child abandonment in New York.

Air Force Abandons Search for Jet Plane

Cleveland — (U.P.) — The Air Force Monday night abandoned its search for a T33 jet trainer, missing since Dec. 8 with two men aboard.

The children were found by station officials and turned over to New York police. They are being cared for by the city.

Mrs. Pierce said she would waive extradition. A policewoman from New York was being sent to return her there.

Missing was the pilot, Lt. Frederick A. Davis III of Northford, Conn., and a passenger, Airman 2C Roger E. Watkins of Leeds Ferry, N.H., who was hitching a ride home from Sioux Falls, S.D.

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Some 42 Civil Air Patrol planes, joined by Navy air reserve planes from Akron, Ohio, joined in the search along Lake Erie's south shore and northern Indiana.

Tom Pigott Named To Portland Housing Group Portland — (U.P.) — Tom Pigott, director of the Oregon School Activities Association, yesterday was appointed to the Portland Housing Authority. Pigott will take the seat of Commissioner Jane Rasmussen, only woman member of the housing board, who has served seven years on the board.



ENTERING NEW YORK theater for premiere of new film, Bobo Rockefeller, divorced wife of Winthrop Rockefeller, heir to Standard Oil fortune, is escorted by man identified as James Webster. (International Soundphoto)

NEWS NOTES from Crater High School

BY PAT MEDLEY

Six advanced speech students and Don Lacy, Crater High speech coach, attended the Pacific University speech tournament Friday and Saturday. The group left Thursday at noon by car and arrived late that same night in time for registration.

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playing the trumpet solo, "Parade of the Icicles," "A Tribute to Glenn Miller" and the currently popular "Canadian Sunset." The varsity choir program included "Oh Sacred Head," "The Glory Train," "A Balm in Gilead" with Sylvia Yell doing the soprano solo. Kay Johnson directed the choir in a spiritual "Rock O' My Soul" and the last number was "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

Princesses and princes have been announced for the "Snowman's Ball," the annual winter formal. Princesses are Gayle Childress, Donna Gueches, Kay Burd and Sherrill von Buskirk. Princes are Bill Morse, Dick Davis, Don Hubbard, Don Goyette. From these a boy and a girl will be chosen as King and Queen Winter to reign over the dance.



Pat Medley

Adult Classes Are Slated for January

Registration for upholstery and drapery classes, which will meet next month, will be held at Medford High school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Lindsay Vinsel, director of adult education, announced today.

Registration may be made by telephoning Vinsel at 3-5341.

The upholstery classes will consist of covering and fabricating small projects. Classes will meet daily in room 341 at Hedrick Junior High school between 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon and between 1 and 4:30 p.m. Tuition fee is \$7.87. The first class will be between Jan. 7 and Jan. 11, and the second will be from Jan. 14 through Jan. 18.

The drapery class will meet each evening between 7 and 10 p.m. starting on Jan. 7 and continuing through Jan. 18. Vinsel said it will be held in room 15 of Medford High school, and tuition fee is \$6.

Mrs. May Frye from the Eugene Vocational school will be instructor for both classes.

Those interested in registering have been asked not to purchase material until after the first class session.

Vinsel said more classes will be provided at a later date, and suggestions of interest areas would be welcome. Vinsel said.

Officers Elected For Medical Society

Dr. Clarence Drummond was elected president of the Jackson County Medical society at a recent meeting at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Dr. Oscar Heyerman was named president elect, Dr. Earl Lawson, secretary, and Dr. Ralph Thompson, treasurer. Dr. Florian J. Shasky was chosen delegate to the Oregon State Medical society.

A symposium on back pain sponsored by the extramural post-graduate lecture series of the Oregon State Medical society highlighted the afternoon and evening meeting.

Visiting lecturers includes Dr. Kenneth E. Livingston, neurosurgeon, Portland; Dr. Donald B. Slocum, orthopedist, Eugene; and Dr. Arthur C. Jones, physician, Portland.

Among other visiting physicians were Dr. W. F. Hein and Dr. Wallace Planka, of the Camp White Domiciliary.

Body of Agness Man Found at Mouth of Rogue

Gold Beach — (U.P.) — The body of a missing man who had been sought after disappearing from his home at Agnes last April was believed to have washed up on the beach near the mouth of Rogue river here Sunday.

Officers said the body discovered on the beach had apparently been in the water eight or nine months. Tentative identification listed the body as that of Mose Frye.

Italy Clamps Down On Free Christmas Trees

Rome — (U.P.) — Italian forestry officials clamped down today on the nation's free-for-all Christmas tree harvest.

They said too many pine and cedar forests have been disappearing from the countryside during Christmas season. They set up a conservation system in which all trees ready for cutting will be tagged with a government seal.

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The annual FFA-FHA wreath-making party was held last Wednesday. Future Homemakers and their "brother" organization, Future Farmers of America joined forces and resources and the end result was a gaily decorated school building. Each classroom door window now sports a gay Christmas wreath.

Pruth McFarlin, Negro singer, entertained Crater High school students last Thursday at a National School Assembly. McFarlin presented a program of spirituals and several operatic selections. His accompanist, High Thompson, held the spotlight during a piano solo, "Rhapsody in Blue." These assemblies, at which student attendance is optional, never fail to provide superb entertainment.

The annual winter concert was held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The girls glee club sang "What Child is This," "God Painted a Picture," "On This Christmas Morn" and "Amid the Silence." Student conductor, Richard Evans led the band in their first number, an overture entitled "Kin." The rest of the band selections were "Autumn Silhouette," "Pavanne," with Don Hubbard

Nehru's Pants Style Came from Mongolia

Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — Those white jodhpur-like pants Indian Prime Minister Nehru is sporting on his current visit to the United States originated in the 13th and 14th century.

They were first worn by Mongolians who invaded and conquered northern India — men who spent most of their time astride horses.

The close-fitting calves and flaring hips make the pants mighty comfortable for horseback riding but Nehru's valet, Abdul Hamid, probably doesn't particularly relish pulling them over the Prime Minister's feet every morning.

With the passage of years, the pants lost their direct functional association with horseback riding and became a traditional garment for the Kashmir gentleman to wear, for dress or business. Nehru comes from Kashmir and has a natural affinity for the pants.

And how does the Prime Minister keep them up? With a drawingstring like the one in your pajama pants.

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