

## Many Wards in Oregon Institutions To Get Home for Christmas; Others Plan Parties

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Salem — About 1,000 of Oregon's 7,648 wards in seven state institutions here will get home for Christmas.

And for the rest, doctors, officials and volunteers are working hard to make Christmas as full and warm as it can be in a state institution.

All of the institutions plan feasts based on turkey. Religious observances, parties, plays, singing, dancing and games are planned at various times.

For example, the State hospital holds its traditional Saint Nick dance for about 400 patients tonight.

Superintendent Dr. Dean Brooks said packages were rolling in by the hundreds from generous persons and organizations throughout the state.

Every patient will have a package along with Christmas goodies from the institution. Walls of the wards will be decorated with Christmas murals executed by patients. Two special parties are planned for wheelchair and older patients and occupants of the maximum security ward.

About 200 of the hospital's 3,550 patients will get home and Dr. Brooks said a lot more individual parties would be held at the hospital this year.

None of the 1,404 inmates of Oregon State prison will leave its walls, contrary to the practice of some states, but each prisoner will get a package containing oranges, nuts and candy.

Warden Clarence T. Gladden said religious services are set for Christmas day.

Both the blind and deaf schools will close Friday, but they are doing some celebrating right now. Supt. Everett E. Wilcox of the blind school said a high point of their holiday observance would be an outside Nativity scene featuring two live donkeys, sheep, goats, a colt, and other animals. He said the blind students enjoyed feeling the shape of the animals and petting them.

Before their two-weeks vacation, 225 deaf school students will hold a Christmas program with their own Santa Claus, according to Supt. M. B. Clatterbuck. It was set for 1 p.m. today.

About 50 girls out of 135 at Hillcrest school will go home. The rest will see a Christmas Eve movie, have a relaxed "lazy bones" breakfast Christmas morning and Vesper services later in the day. Supt. Marjorie McBride said games and TV watching would conclude the day.

At Mac Laren Boys schools near Woodburn, Supt. Amos Reed said some 200 boys out of 350 would be able to leave the campus for a period of from one to four days during the holidays.

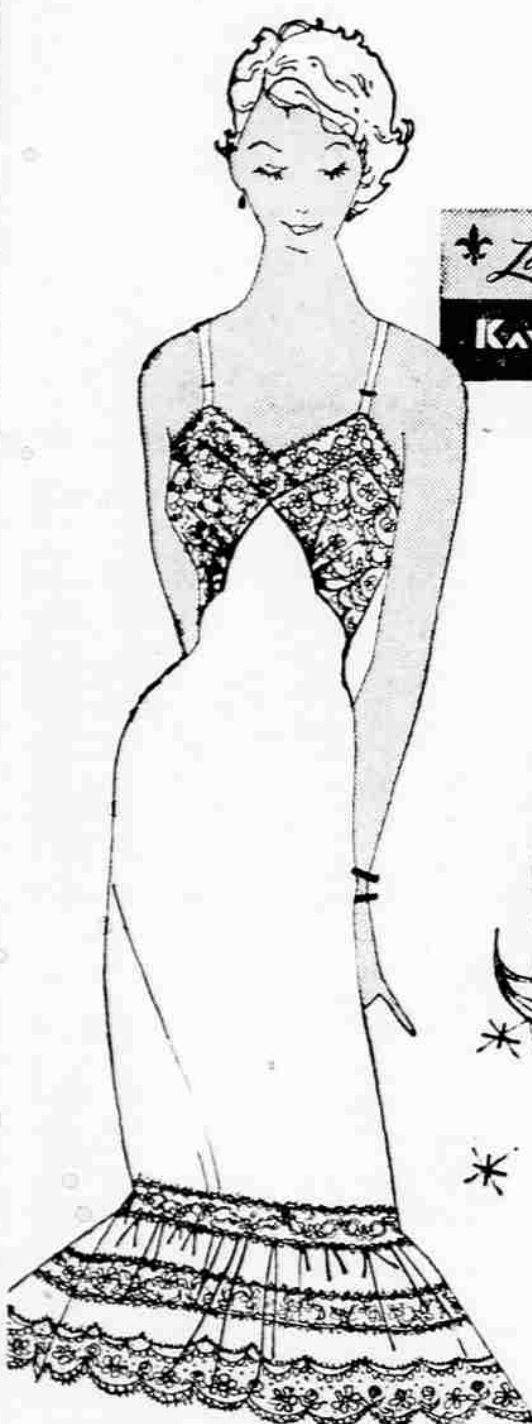
He said about 100 boys were working on a Christmas program to be presented to parents and friends at 3 p.m. this Sunday. All cottages have been decorated for Christmas.

Fairview Home for the mentally retarded will also have an outdoor manger scene with live animals and the young patients will revive their free public Christmas program at 8 o'clock tonight. It was discontinued two years ago due to overcrowding, but a new building will seat 700 persons for the event. "Absolutely no one will be without a present," Supt. Dr. Irvin B. Hill said. He added that about 300 of the 1,900 children at Fairview would get to spend the holidays with their families.

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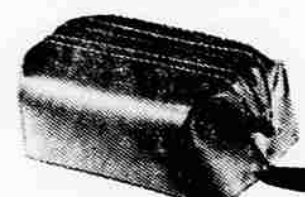
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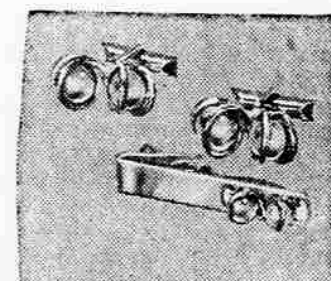
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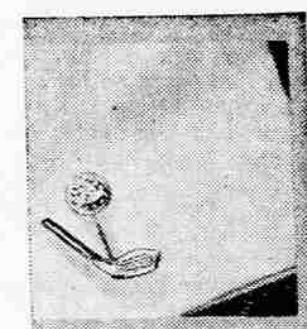
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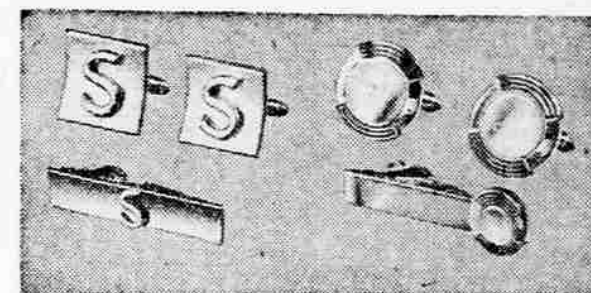


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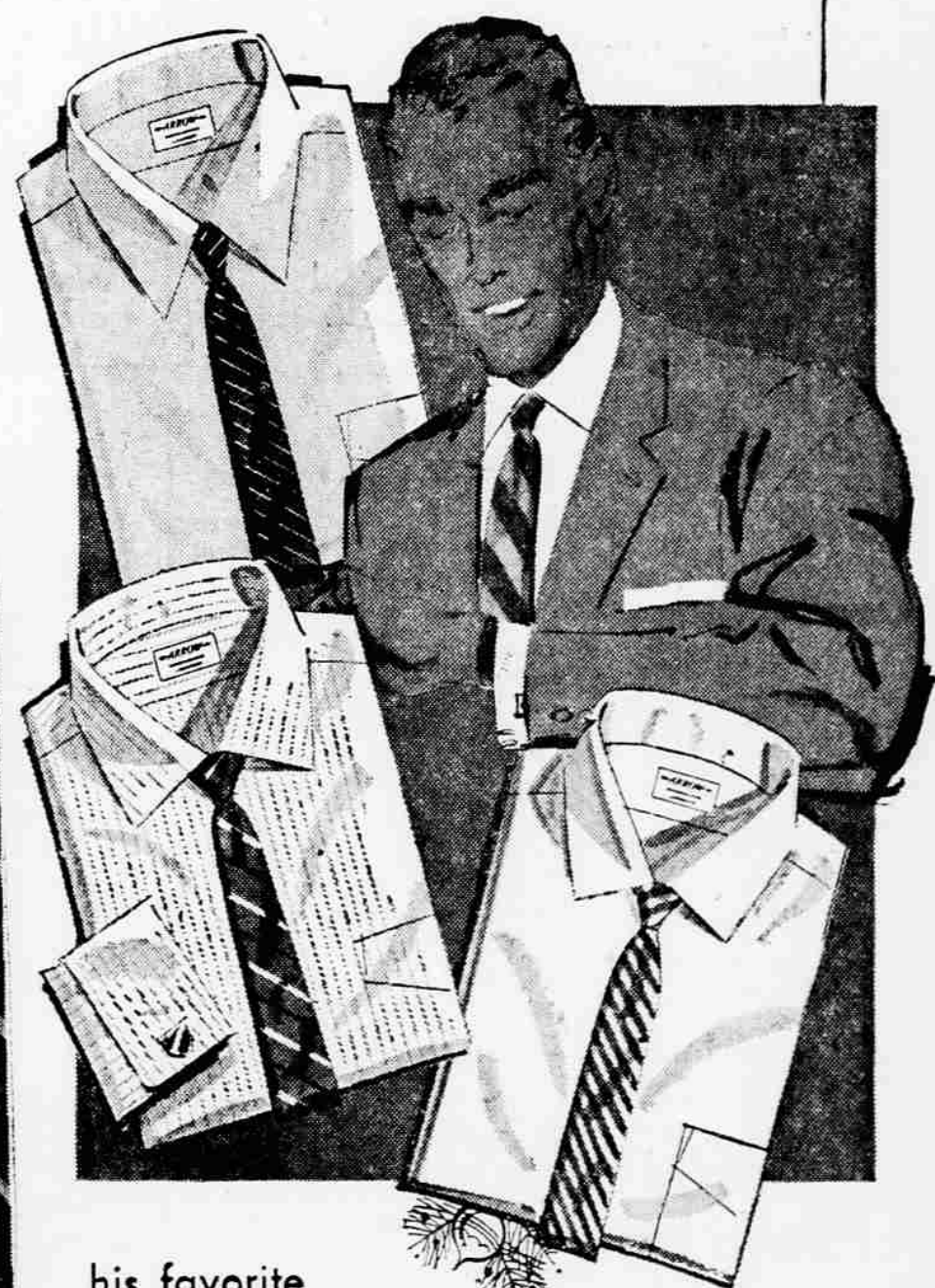
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