

Pilgrims Gather For Celebration

Jerusalem, Jordan — (UPI) — Hundreds of Christian Arabs crossed through Jerusalem's ancient Mandelbaum Gate from Israel to Jordan at dawn yesterday to celebrate the birth of Christ in Bethlehem.

As is the custom each year, Israel and Jordan relaxed tense relations long enough to permit the pilgrims to cross through the gate to pay homage to the Nativity.

Shortly after the gate was opened, 1,800 Christians walked through in the semi-darkness to spend the authorized 36 hours in the birthplace of Christ.

During the day many more were to cross from the Israeli sector of the city into Jordan. An estimated 15,000 pilgrims from all over the world have congregated in the city to tread the narrow alleyways and the ancient paths where Christ walked.

For most of the pilgrims the annual crossing was the only chance they have to visit relations in neighboring Jordan. The crossing is still barred to Jews. Many of the pilgrims carried gifts of oranges and olive oil.

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Hatfield Looks Back on Busy Year as Governor

Salem — (UPI) — Five network television shows, visits with like, Herbert Hoover, 48,500 miles of travel, host to platoons of dignitaries, and no time to meet Queen Elizabeth.

It's been a busy year for a young ex-college professor who was married only 18 months ago and didn't move into his own home until this winter.

Mark Odum Hatfield, now 37, handsome and ambitious, became an engaging national figure when he was one of a small handful of Republicans to win governorships last year. In Demand

As a result, he has been mentioned as a vice presidential candidate and has been in national demand as a speaker. He has turned down many more invitations than he has accepted. He had no time to go to Victoria, B.C., to meet Queen Elizabeth, nor to join President Eisenhower in Kansas for the kickoff of the presidential library fund. He turned down a chance to share a midwest platform with Billy Graham.

It's estimated Hatfield has been seen by 40 million persons on national network TV programs.

Summing up the governor's year, aides said the hustling governor had been out of the state 34 days in traveling but that of this 14 of the days were Saturdays or Sundays.

He has motored 21,000 miles within Oregon's boundaries, logged 28,000 air miles in out-of-state air travel and another 1,500 miles in Oregon air travel.

Vacation Time Limited

His vacation time, aides said, has been limited to three long week ends — in Vancouver, B.C., San Francisco, and on the Oregon coast.

The Oregon Centennial celebration occupied much of his time. He was a frequent visitor to the Portland exposition site to greet visiting dignitaries.

But 1960 promises to be an even busier year.

Hatfield already has been asked to appear in Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 27 for a "Dinner with Ike" tribute. In February he goes to Seattle for a Lincoln birthday affair. In mid-March he'll head an Oregon delegation of industrialists to eastern cities to promote economic development for the state.

And there is the 1960 Oregon primary election, which promises to be a key one for presidential aspirants. Hatfield, himself, has called it the "Cape Canaveral" primary.

Mother Has Busy Day in New Home

Chalk River, Ont. — Mrs. John Bronson will long remember the first day in her new home.

To start the day off, her daughter, three-year-old Debbie, let the bird out of the cage. After the excitement died, Mrs. Bronson decided to do the family washing.

She turned on the water and a pipe broke, spraying a back room.

Mrs. Bronson next decided to go grocery shopping but the car battery was dead.

While waiting for the repair man to fix the car, another daughter, Karen, 21 months old, fell down stairs and cut her mouth. Mom called a doctor who told her that a dentist was needed.

Dog Aids Police In Nabbing Thieves

Norman, Okla.—Blackie is not a police dog, but he aided police in catching two youths charged with stealing a car.

Merle Berman said he awoke to see his car going down the street. He said two boys, who were pushing it, jumped the fence into a neighbor's yard. Blackie, a male shepherd, also awoke.

When police arrived, they found Blackie had the boys "treed" in the corner of the yard.

Inventor Finds Way to Stop Coffee Beans' 'Perspiration'

Washington (Science Service)—Even coffee beans "perspire," and a German inventor has come up with a way to stop it.

During roasting, coffee has a tendency to exude moisture. This, in conjunction with escaping air from the bean interior, is apt to take on an unpleasant, old, stale and rancid odor.

Efforts to protect coffee beans against oxidation by coating or glazing them with harmless resins and waxes other than coffee wax have met with unsatisfactory results, according to Max Specht, late of Hankensbuttel, Germany.

One of 1,007 Patents

Specht received one of 1,007 patents granted by the U.S. Patent Office here last

week for a method of preventing coffee bean perspiration that involves applying a protective coat of coffee wax extract to green surfaces prior to roasting. The wax extract is obtained during the process of removing caffeine from the beans. This coating inhibits the escape of moisture, air and coffee oils during roasting without giving the beans an undesirable oily appearance.

Other interesting patents granted include a floating helicopter trainer, a meter that indicates how many miles-per-gallon a vehicle gets, a car-top tent, and a combination loose-leaf binder and book stand.

Training Afloat

The helicopter trainer is mounted on a float so that

it may move freely on water, giving the trainee pilot the sensation of movement similar to flying without actually leaving the ground. Inventor Ludwig Hoffmann of Buhl, Baden, Germany, claims his trainer can fully acquaint a pilot with the controls of a helicopter without necessitating actual flights during preliminary training.

The miles-per-gallon meter is a "compact, economical and simple device for measuring the efficiency of an engine in terms of miles traveled per gallon of fuel consumed." It is claimed to fit into a short-length of fuel conduit than previously known indicators of the same type. Invented by Barton R. Graves of Whittier, and Jack H. Rupe of Sunland, Calif., the meter is preferably located between the fuel pump and the carburetor.

Car Tent Invented

For those "not willing to experience the difficulty of pitching a tent upon the ground" and those for whom a trailer is too cumbersome or expensive, Verner E. Emanuelson of Great Falls, Mont., has invented a car-top tent.

The collapsible, framed tent rests on a rigid platform that can be carried atop the car without offering any excessive wind resistance while driving. When set up, the tent may be entered from a ladder running up from the rear bumper.

The loose-leaf binder invented by Ewald O. Schlachter of Oakland, Calif., has a hinged panel attached to the rear cover that can be folded out to fit against the front cover. This offers a conveniently angled stand for books, manuscripts or charts that may be clamped securely in place.

Dual Rear-View Mirror

Alert motorists can be afforded a better view of the vehicles around them by using a dual rear-view mirror invented by Alexander J. Husak, Flint, Mich. Supported by a forked bracket extending from the front of the driver's door, the mirror consists of two semicircular mirrors so closely together as to give the appearance of one mirror. One-half may be adjusted to observe vehicles directly behind the car, while the other is adjusted to give the driver a direct view of the cars that attempt to pass him in the other lane.

Sueo Hoshiko of Sakai, Japan, has invented a "method of introducing heat into the human body" that involves preparing a 1.3 per cent to 3.3 per cent salt solution in water, heating it with steam to about 100 degrees to 115 degrees Fahrenheit, and sitting in it for 10 to 30 minutes. If this immersion is repeated six or seven times daily, he says, you can sustain an average raised body temperature throughout the day. This he claims is of therapeutic value.

Suitcase on Wheels

Other recent patents include a simulated Christmas tree that can be assembled with a number of cardboard panels shaped to resemble the contours of a true evergreen, a device that sets off explosive discharges resembling gunshots at regular intervals to scare off birds and other farm pests and a suitcase with retractable and removable wheels that may be used to roll the suitcase when it is too heavily loaded for carrying; also left-handed pinkie shears, and a motor-driven eraser.

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Language of Flowers Can Be Very Vocal

Most of us have heard about the "language of flowers" whereby we associate certain flowers to certain occasions, or name a specific one to represent a state, or even a nation. It's quite a system. Florida named the orange blossom to be its state flower. It was a wise choice. Those people who do not think of it as the state flower of Florida, do associate it with brides or wedding rings.

The forget-me-not stands for remembrance, as well as an emblem of friendship. Longfellow spoke eloquently to them when he wrote:

"Silently, one by one, in the infinite meadows of heaven Blossomed the lovely stars, the forget-me-nots of the angels."

The goldenrod, which is supposed to represent encouragement, is the national flower for the entire United States. It received the most votes when a poll was taken and the overwhelming weight of those preferring this common flower was not to be sneezed at so it was selected.

Marigolds—Contempt

Send a person a bunch of marigolds and you are indicating "contempt," a sprig of geranium means "conceit" while a pansy reflects yours, or the receivers', thoughts. Canada selected the leaf of a tree; the maple; while England adopted the rose. I'm not at all sure but I think Russia selected the skunk's cabbage.

Nearly every flower has some emotional significance to it. We even have them representing each month of the year, and we give them, or wear them, to mark special occasions. Even the color has a distinct meaning; white carnations are supposed to mean the exact opposite of the red, and red roses speak a different language than do the white. Whatever month your birthday comes in there has been a flower chosen to represent it.

Books on Language

There has been a great deal of time and serious thought given the subject and there are some very interesting, as well as enlightening books on the language of flowers and the sentiments they are said to convey. There are some that I can't figure out myself, and likewise some I can't for the life of me understand. I would say that the thistle was another way of spelling discomfort, but in reality it, too, has been selected as a national flower.

No one I have ever heard of interprets the water-hyacinth and the troublesome 'stick-tight' as anything but a pest and a noxious weed. They both cause trouble and expense. Most of us think that we could very well get along without them.

But it is altogether possible that the "Language of flowers" is more vocal than I have always thought for I have still not figured out what that person meant that sent me such a beautiful bouquet of sandspurs, all intact on the plant. I have an idea and I also believe that the 'language of flowers' can sometimes become a little profane.

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Cheerless Day In Prospect for Many Servicemen

Washington—(UPI)—Today was to be a long, lonely, sometimes dangerous Christmas for Uncle Sam's nephews stationed in the most remote corners of the earth.

While millions of Americans celebrate Christmas with their loved ones beside glowing hearths, tiny bands of their countrymen will spend a cheerless day in the storm-battered Atlantic, the frozen South Pole wastes, steaming Amazon jungles.

Who are these lonely men? There is the handful of Air Force personnel on the "Rock"—barren, snow-covered Resolution Island off the northern tip of Labrador. They man a distant early warning line station watching for Russian bombers. The island is so desolate, a Christmas tree must be air-dropped to the base.

And there are the servicemen in scores of other early warning stations from Shemya in the Aleutians across frozen northern Canada to Greenland.

At the opposite end of the earth, the 17 Navy men at a scientific station at the South Pole will try to brighten their grim, sub-zero Yule with a candlelight Christmas dinner. Nearby, other scientists will spend a solitary holiday at Alpha and Bravo stations on Fletcher's Ice Island.

Danger for Crew

It will be a dangerous Christmas for the crew of the Coast Guard's "Barataria" plowing through stormy North Atlantic seas searching for icebergs. For the Coast Guardsmen, the holiday will be just another lonely day in their lighthouses, long-range navigation stations in the Atlantic and Pacific, and cutters sending weather and route information to trans-ocean airliners.

Motorist Finds Push Was Lacking

Baltimore—Ray McNeal was having a little difficulty with his light truck on a slippery grade, the wheels spinning furiously as he slowly made his way up the hill.

McNeal glanced in his rearview mirror and noticed a car immediately behind him. He remarked to his wife that it was "swell of that guy to push me."

Three blocks away, McNeal pulled into a service station. Another motorist pulled in beside him and said:

"Say, buddy, that car you were towing broke away."

It was then that McNeal discovered his bumper had hooked onto a parked car a half mile away and that he wasn't being pushed—he was pulling someone else's machine.

A Spanish census in 1799 listed a population of 368 for the "Arkansas District."

Nation's Medical Bill Larger Than Cost of Doctors

Washington — (UPI) — Americans paid more last year for pills, powders, potions, eye-glasses and braces than they did to the doctors who prescribed them.

It was the first time in history that the nation's medical bill was larger than its doctor bill.

The government reported that last year physicians collected just under \$4,300,000,000 in fees from patients compared with \$4,362,000,000 spent for medicines and medical appliances.

Hit New Peak

Such items now represent the biggest out-of-pocket expense in America's health budget since they are not covered by most types of insurance.

These figures were compiled by the Social Security administration for publication in its December bulletin as part of a series analyzing benefits under health insurance plans.

According to these statistics, the nation's private health bill rose to a new peak of almost \$16,400,000,000 last year, an increase of more than \$1 billion over the year before, or \$95.65 for every

man, woman and child.

Insurance Helped Some

Privately-financed hospital bills amounted to \$5,100,000,000, of which almost \$2,600,000,000 was covered by insurance. Insurance paid for nearly \$1,300,000,000 of the doctors' bills.

The total does not include health expenditures by federal, state and local governments. Estimates places these at nearly \$5 billion a year.

Almost \$5,100,000,000 of the private health bill went to hospital bills; nearly \$1,700,000,000 for dentists' services; \$769 million to osteopaths, chiropractors and private-duty nurses and other professional medical personnel and \$200 million to nursing homes.

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