

# Christmas Will Come in \$2 Package For Men in Florida Prison Death Row

Raidford Fla.—UPI—Christmas comes in a \$2 package to the men on death row at Florida state prison.

A small bundle of candy, fruit and nuts will go to each of the 22 men waiting on death row... the men whose crimes of murder and passion make this their last Christmas.

But no silver bells nor the laughter of children.

Only some Christmas ribbon, a touch of tinsel, perhaps a few cards taped to the grim corridor which leads to the heavy steel door and the electric chair in the room beyond.

Yet strange as it may seem, some of the Christmas spirit manages to creep in even here, where every moment of life is precious.

"It's surprising how much hope these men can still muster," said the Rev. E. F. Mayton, prison chaplain, who this year is spending his second

Christmas behind the concrete and steel walls of the Raiford penitentiary.

"As long as there is life, they still have hope," he said.

**Pretty Good Spirits**

On death row, as in the rest of the large prison, most of the inmates are in "pretty good spirits" during the holiday season, the chaplain said.

Part of it probably is psychological, he explained. "These men—most of them—have known they would be away from their homes and families on Christmas. So they have become adjusted to it. It's not as if it were something unexpected, although of course there are exceptions," said the Rev. Mayton.

Some sink into a melancholy mood, just as some pe-

haps become depressed during Christmas, he said. "But this isn't the general rule." Most inmates look forward

to receiving their \$2 package from the prison, paid for by Raiford canteen profits, and to visits by loved ones.

**Turkey Dinner**

Prison officials do as much as possible to make Christmas cheerful for the convicts. This year, there will be a baked turkey dinner, special visitor privileges, movies and athletic events, and two performances of a prison-produced pageant, "No Room at the Inn."

Another performance, set for Dec. 20, was open to the general public.

Christmas trees and lights and other decorations are put up at various places throughout the compound. There was talk of placing a tree in the death house, but the chaplain said it probably would serve little purpose.

The condemned men would not be able to see it anyway because of the way the cells are located in the squat, one-story building.

The men on death row won't be able to leave their cells, like other prisoners, to be with their families at visitors' park. But they will be permitted to have persons come to see them in the visitors' room at the death house.

The \$2 package, which goes to all inmates, contains five packages of cigarettes, a 10-cent handkerchief, one pound of candy and another pound of mixed nuts, two apples and two oranges. The items are handed out in small bags, officials said. They are not gift-wrapped.

Inmates may, in addition, receive gifts from the outside provided prior arrangements have been made.

Despite the turkey and decorations, the few presents, the visitors and the well-attended Christmas church services, spending the holiday behind walls isn't much fun.

"I wouldn't care to do it," confessed the Rev. Mayton, "not as an inmate."

## SATURN ENGINES TESTED

Huntsville, Ala.—UPI—The Saturn rocket booster's eight engines developed 1.3 million pounds of thrust Tuesday in a 60-second test firing at the

## Marshall Space Flight Center

here. The rocket, too big for ground or air transportation to Cape Canaveral for flight testing, will be ferried to the Cape soon by river barge.

## The fifteenth-century St. Bacon Church at Haarlem, near Amsterdam, has a great organ with four keyboards and 5,000 pipes.



**FIVE PERSONS DIE**—Police and railroad officials look over the tangled wreckage of a car which, the train's engineer said, was trying to beat the passenger train to a crossing in suburban Minneapolis, Minn. Five persons on a lunch break from a nearby plant were killed instantly. The Winnipeg-bound train, traveling about 65 miles an hour, carried the car and three of its occupants a half mile from the point of impact. The other two were thrown from the car. (UPI Telephoto)

## WOUND BORDER GUARDS

Jerusalem—UPI—Three members of an Israeli border patrol were slightly wounded Monday in a gun battle with

Egyptian guards near Nitzana in Sinai. The Israeli government complained to the United Nations Emergency Force which is in charge of the area.

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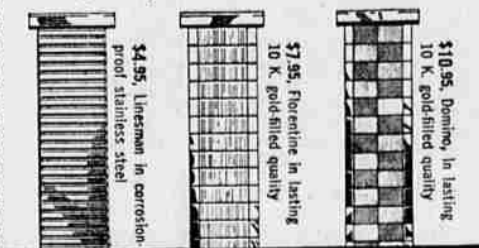
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## Board of Control Approves Change Of Hospital Name

Salem—UPI—The 1961 legislature will be asked to change the name of Mid-Columbia Home at The Dalles to Columbia Park State Hospital.

The State Board of Control approved the recommendation Tuesday. It was made by Supt. Glenn Howell.

Howell said there are several reasons for the name change but the main one was that for more than 40 years

## Southern Oregon Research Projects Noted in Edition

Ashland—The Oregon state system of higher education recently published a report on "Research in Oregon" which is devoted to the "industry of discovery" in the Oregon state colleges and universities.

Southern Oregon college had several pictures of its faculty as well as the Science Hall building included in the publication. Credit was given to Dr. Lloyd D. Pennington, professor of chemistry at SOC, for his study of the use of chelating ion exchange resins in the analysis of traces of heavy metals in the presence of high concentrations of electrolyte test.

Dr. Kenneth Bartlett, associate professor of science, was noted for his development of a titrimetric method for the determination of cyanide ion and Assistant Professor of Science Howard Sanborn, for making a study to determine the amount of destruction of Acarines (soil mites) which has occurred in burned areas of the Ashland watershed.

**Social Science**  
In the field of the social sciences, Dr. Frederick J. Trost, associate professor of social sciences, was mentioned for his study of group dynamics, the school, and delinquency.

A study of growth is being carried on through the cooperation of Southern Oregon college, the Medford public schools, the state department of education, the University of Oregon, and the Athletic Institute of Chicago which is listed in the report.

The project's objectives are to construct boys' growth curves for such traits as body structure, strength elements and batteries, reaction time and speed of movement and motor ability elements; to relate these traits to maturity, body physique, socio-personal adjustment, interests and scholastic aptitude, and achievement; and to contrast all traits in the study for boys who are athletic, honor roll students, leaders, delinquents and the like.

Mention was also made of a chemistry course prepared for television and presented by Oregon State college; a similar program is in the experimental stage at Southern Oregon college.

The pictures submitted by the SOC information office, Hugh G. Simpson, director, for use in the OSSHE publication were taken by student photographer, Jerry Taylor.

a private hospital by the same name has been operated in The Dalles area and there is confusion.

Heads of other state institutions presented recommendations for legislation and superintendents of the state mental hospitals asked for a change in the term "parole" involving their patients because of its application to corrections. "Trial visit" was suggested instead of parole.

**Damascus Seeks Change**  
Dr. R. L. Guiss of F. H. Damascus Hospital called for a change in the law permitting screening of voluntary patients from all persons taken into the institution under observation for 30 days.

Dr. Guiss also proposed a transportation system to the hospital operated by the state with charges levied to patients and their relatives.

He cited remote location of the hospital near Wilsonville and the fact that no public transportation is available.

Supt. Amos Reed of MacLaren School for Boys asked for a change in the law designating him as legal guardian of the boys in the school instead of legal "custodian." He said this would give him more needed authority.

Hillcrest School for Girls is asking for establishment of a cosmetic therapy training program.

**Work Camps Asked**  
The State Correctional Institution wants authority to establish work camps in such areas as forestry.

The board approved discontinuance of the cannery program at the state penitentiary. Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. said the cannery results in a "defect" on the total present operation. He said that at the peak of the canning season 125 prisoners are used meaning that many men are pulled off more responsible jobs.

Gov. Mark Hatfield agreed that as for the rehabilitation aspect cannery does not "add anything."

The board voted 2-1 with Appling dissenting for the state to take over the canteen concession at the State Hospital. The canteen is now operated by a private vendor.

## Reynolds, Presley Win 'Sour Apples'

Hollywood —UPI— Debbie Reynolds and Elvis Presley were named recipients of a couple of awards Tuesday but they didn't bother to pick them up.

The awards were the "sour apple" presentations voted by the Hollywood's Women's Press club to the least cooperative actor and actress in 1960.

Miss Reynolds, who in 1954 was judged by the club as filmland's most cooperative star, edged out Marilyn Monroe for the dubious honor. Presley's runners were Yul Brynner and Jim Garner.

The most cooperative actor and actress of the year "golden apple" awards were given to Nanette Fabray, Janet Leigh and Jack Lemmon.

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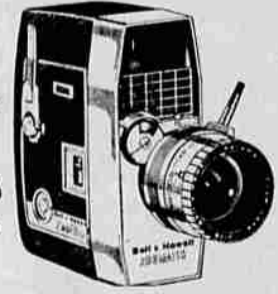
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