

Santa Claus Will Deliver More Than Million Bicycles

Santa Claus had better add a trailer to his sleigh to make room for the more than one million bicycles Santa Claus will deliver to happy youngsters and adults this Christmas.

With more than 29,000,000 bikes already in use by America's young and young at heart, this year's crop of Christmas bikes will bring the cycling fraternity's membership to an all time high.

To illustrate Santa's delivery problem — if all the sturdy, new American-made bikes he will deliver were placed bumper to bumper, they would reach from Pittsburgh,

Pa., to Shreveport, La., about 750 miles.

Heavy Load

And if weight is any factor in getting his sled off the frozen runway at the North Pole, Santa's cargo of lightweight and middleweight two-wheeleders will tip the scales at about 35,000,000 lbs.—17,500 tons! Add to this several tons of lights, horns, bells, baskets, kick stands and fox tails now set for Dec. 25th delivery and the total weight figure will be phenomenal.

Bikes are more popular than ever. Why? Partially because "kids is kids" and the bike is still the best way to

light up a youngster's eyes on Christmas morning. Grandparents seem most cognizant of this phenomena, for they are the largest single group of gift-bike buyers.

Also adults of every description — college students, young mothers, village patriachs, entire families — have realized that the bicycle offers the perfect "exerciser."

Demand for livestock vitamins is soaring as hog and poultry farmers find vitamins as important to livestock health and growth as to that of humans, according to Commercial Solvents corporation.

— an "instant gymnasium" with which they can pedal their way to physical fitness at their own pace, have fun and go places while exercising. For this growing group of Americans, regardless of their age, the bike rates high on the Christmas gift list.

So when you see Santa delivering those million bikes around the country, don't be surprised if the old gentleman is not only bringing one, but riding one as well.

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AUTO SPEED RECORD
Indianapolis, Ind. — 196 — Roger Ward set the record for the Indianapolis 500 — mile auto race when he won the 1962 event with a speed of 140.293 mph.



HONORED — Miss Dorthea Lench, Portland (right), director of recreation for Portland, was presented a life membership, during the closing session of the 45th annual convention of Oregon Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Making the presentation was Miss Janet Woodruff, chairman of the honor awards committee.

License Tags Vital Crime Detection Link

By United Press International

If your car is stolen, chances are better than 9 out of 10 that it will be recovered by the police in a day or two.

The major aid in recovering stolen cars, says Edwin Silberling, special assistant to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, is the automobile license plate.

So vital are car tags for all kinds of crime detection that law enforcement officials have developed special programs to make citizens license-plate conscious. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, in a booklet distributed to gasoline station operators, urges that license plates that appear to have been tampered with be reported immediately.

Memory Courses

In some areas, such as Cook County, Illinois, police officials work through the public schools to teach children to become license-plate conscious. Some police departments give their men special speed reading and memory courses designed to equip them for faster identification of license numbers.

An extensive study of license plates was made recently by the University of Illinois. Out of it came the recommendation that state officials make their tags out of rough material so the numbers could not be obscured by bending or cracking.

Commenting on the University's experiments with various materials, Cook County Police Chief George J. Hevlett said: "Steel is the natural material for license plates. Steel tags are durable, and a normal paint finish protects them from rusting. Other materials simply can't take the beating that steel can."

Deer Ate Tags

License plates have been made out of various materials, including leather and soy beans. The soy bean plates had to be withdrawn when it was found that deer were eating them.

Annual plates also are preferred by police officials because the yearly switch in color combinations makes it easier to spot outdated tags.

ALGERIA GETS LOAN

Cairo—UPI—The United Arab Republic will lend Algeria \$25.7 million interest-free to help it "overcome economic difficulties," according to an announcement here. The presidency council said the loan would be paid back in 12 years, starting two years after it is advanced. The U.A.R. will attach no conditions to the loan, it said.



PLEASE HER WITH PEARLS — To answer every woman's Christmas wish, pearls in many sizes, shapes and colors, are just the right accent for any costume. The Imperial Pearl Syndicate points out that a single strand checker or a four-strand bib — with many lengths in between — are all available for gifting lovely ladies on Christmas lists.

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MARKET BOY Serves

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Trim fat from medium-sized stewing chicken which has been cut in pieces. Melt fat in large heavy kettle or Dutch oven. Brown chicken in fat, a few pieces at a time; drain on paper towels. Fry 6 slices Canadian bacon lightly in same kettle, remove and set aside, pour off all fat. Return browned chicken and bacon to kettle, add one medium chopped onion, 1 tsp. salt, 3 or 4 peppercorns and 6 cups water. Cover tightly, heat to boiling then simmer 2 hours until chicken is tender. (If much fat accumulates, skim it off.) Stir in one package (8-oz.) elbow macaroni and one tbsp. parsley flakes. Add one cup water if needed. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, 15-20 minutes or until macaroni is tender. Taste and adjust seasonings. Makes six servings.