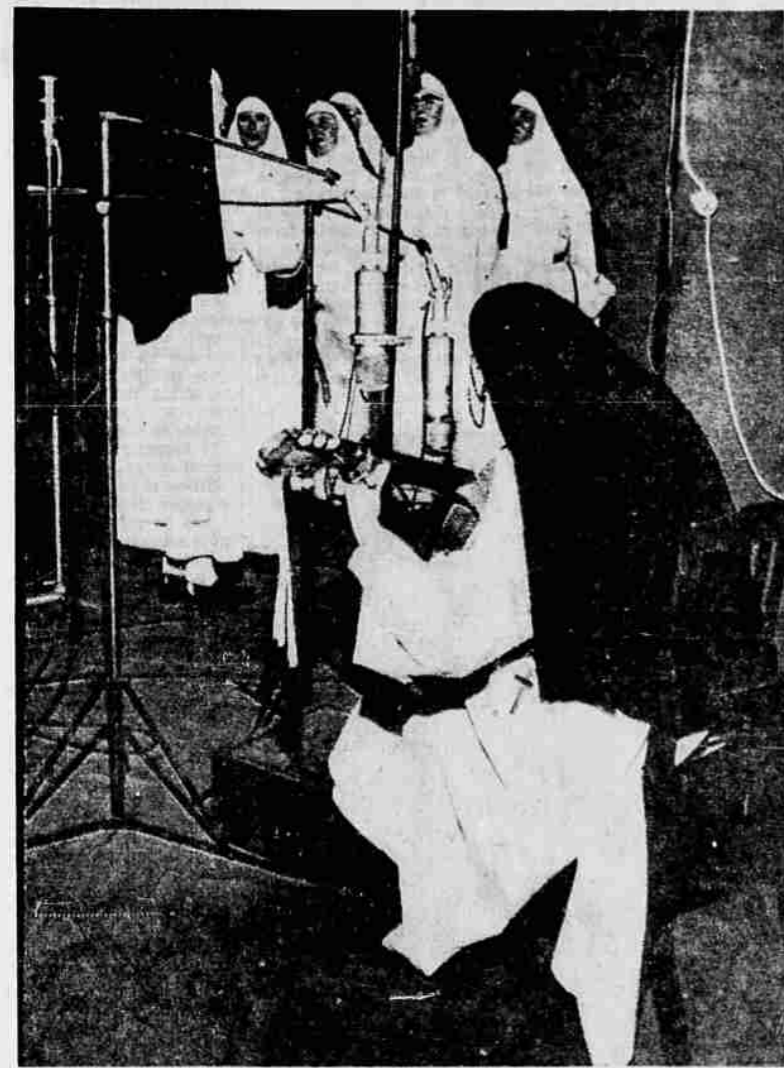


# Author of Popular 'Dominique' Plans Missionary Work in Dominican Order



RECORDING SESSION — "Sœur Sourire" (Sister Smile) of Brussels, Belgium, seated, is accompanied by other nuns of the Dominican Order during a recording session in Waterloo, France, convent recently. (UPI)

By HENRI SCHOUPE  
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WATERLOO, France (UPI) — "You make me sound like a film star," said the nun, her gray-blue eyes twinkling behind plain-rimmed glasses.

And then, in a convent near this historic town, the television cameras flashed on, and "Sœur Sourire" (Sister Smile) sang her now-famous "Dominique" with other nuns.

The song over, the completely self-possessed nun talked about herself, her French pouring out at a terrific rate ("yes, I know, I speak too fast...").

"Well," she said, "when I have finished my two-year course at Louvain (where she's studying theology at a Catholic university), I will go to some Dominican mission, in The Congo, in Latin America or in Viet Nam."

"And as far as my singing is concerned, I imagine I will continue to write songs and sing them until I dry up."

The mother superior interrupted: "We do not want to have Sister Smile built up as a star." But the fact is that Sister Smile is a star in Europe and the United States. "Dominique" has earned her convent more than \$100,000 — besides singing the praises of St. Dominic, her order's venerable founder.

**Brussels Girl**  
Sister Smile, or Sister Luc-Gabrielle, as she is known to the other nuns, is a Brussels girl who entered the Dominican order as a novice in 1958.

Other nuns played the violin, the piano or the harmonium in their spare time. Still others the mouth organ. So when Sister Luc-Gabrielle brought her guitar along, Mother Superior Marie-Pierre did not object.

Sister Luc-Gabrielle delighted the other nuns with her poems which she spontaneously set to music. Girls from outside came to the convent for periods of retreat and religious instructions and soon they were begging Sister Luc-Gabrielle to have her songs recorded.

At last, the mother superior was persuaded, a large record company immediately recognized the value of the song and a contract followed.

At first, when the record came out, it was agreed that

Sister Smile would remain anonymous, that her picture would not appear on record jackets and she would not be called upon to make public appearances or sign autographs.

Finally, however, under pressure from a curious world, the mother superior agreed to admit a group of newsmen to the red brick building that has housed the Dominican community in Fichermont since 1929.

**Television Interview**  
Cameramen and photographers set up a fair replica of a

television studio. Cables snaked across the floor, lamps were positioned all around and in the middle of all the activity Sister Luc-Gabrielle stood shaking hands with everyone.

At the end of the interview she picked up her guitar. "There is one song of mine which explains what the religious life really means to me and I would like everybody to understand its real meaning," she said.

It is an artless tune with simple words. "Dans le coeur de Dieu j'ai trouvé tous les amours du monde; dans le coeur de Dieu les amities des hommes..." (In the heart of God I have found all the loves of this world, in the heart of God I have found all the friendships of man...)

Then a firm handshake and Sister Smile went off to her duties.

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## \$1.8 Million Spent On Cigarettes by County Residents

What are residents of Jackson County likely to do about their smoking, in view of the new barrage of reports to the effect that cigarette smoking shortens a person's life?

On the basis of their reaction several years ago, when similar announcements were made linking smoking with lung cancer and heart disease — not very much.

The figures show that they are puffing away at a greater rate than ever. Per smoker, local consumption is about 7 per cent higher than it was 10 years ago.

The data comes from national statistics compiled by the Department of Agriculture and from area reports issued by the tobacco industry.

**Considerable Anxiety**  
There was considerable anxiety some years ago among smokers when the first statements about the health hazard came out.

This anxiety was removed to a large extent by prompt action on the part of tobacco manufacturers. They were on the market quickly with filter cigarettes. Since then, the use of cigarettes has risen sharply.

In Jackson County, some 9,185,000 packs were consumed in the past year.

This was at the rate of 171 packs per year for every local resident over the age of 14.

**Lower Than Average**  
It was lower than in most parts of the United States, the average being 201 packs per

year. The rate in the Pacific States was 179 packs.

Except for 1953, when cigarette consumption dropped somewhat following the first lung cancer report, there has been a continuous rise in sales.

This year, it is estimated, over 523 billion cigarettes will be sold in the United States.

How much do Jackson County residents spend annually for whatever satisfaction it is that they get out of cigarette smoking?

The answer is — more than they realize. Last year it amounted to \$1,883,000, or approximately \$35 per smoker.

Taking into account the 70 million smokers in the country, some \$3 billion a year is spent for cigarettes and other tobacco products.

Most public health authorities feel that the case against smoking has been clearly proved. The tobacco industry, on the other hand, argues that the evidence is only statistical and doesn't constitute proof.

**Recent Burglaries Solved With Arrests**  
Recent burglaries of two trailer houses in the Yank Gulch area near Talent have been solved with the arrest of two boys, 12 and 13 years old, the Jackson County Sheriff's office has reported.

The 12-year-old boy was released to the custody of his parents and the 13-year-old boy was taken to the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Home. Action is pending on both cases.

**Scientific Approach To Whisky Baffling**  
LONDON, England (UPI) — Scientists the world over have been unable to figure out how the Scots make their whisky, a British biochemist said today in the weekly journal "New Scientist."

"The production of whisky is undoubtedly an art, and all attempts to produce it by a scientific approach have proved futile. Nobody has been able to reproduce it outside of Scotland," Dr. Eustace Barton-Wright said.

## PET TALK

By M. I. L.

### CHRISTMAS BEVERIE

When Christmas comes round again, I shall remember that there are others in the world less fortunate than we. In Europe, in Asia and, yes, in America, there are many people who have too little food, very often no home or shelter at all, and only scanty rags for clothing. I shall remember that man's inhumanity to man has been terribly evidenced in this twentieth century by the infliction of starvation and suffering on whole populations by an unprincipled few. I shall remember that cruelty and callous wanton brutality are yet rampant among the nations of man whom the Son of God was born to save and died to forgive.

I shall remember on this birthday anniversary of the King of Kings that despotism, tyranny and death yet reign in the hearts which were created to know life and love. I shall remember the blood bath in Europe, which inundated those people who fought for human freedom and I shall remember too, the frightened small creatures who shall be facing their own blood bath under the persistent huntsman's unrelenting gunfire. I shall remember the birds, starving in an ice-encrusted forest, the blue jay, the wild pigeon, the dove, searching for food on the snow-covered earth. I shall remember the lost puppy, the stray dog freezing, the kittens abandoned on some frosty riverbank; the persecuted beaver, the otter, the deer, the bear that walks like a man and that — for the crime of living — has been almost exterminated from the earth.

Next year, I shall take time to pray that the eyes of mankind may be opened so they may see what it is that they do. Next year, I shall resolve on Christ's birthday to remember to be always kind and gentle. Will you remember?

And I shall remember that the Christian spirit will not prevail in the grim laboratories where merciless men and women experiment on pathetically helpless and defenseless dogs, cats and other animals. And I shall pray that the eyes of these men and women will be opened so that they shall see the cruel things they do, and repent — From "Reverence for Life" Magazine.

## Annual Bird Count In Jackson County Scheduled Jan. 1

The annual count of Jackson County birds will be made by the McCamant Bird Society Jan. 1, according to Maj. Gen. J. H. Hicks, president of the Society.

The annual count is now under way in many sections of the nation, where it is known as the Christmas Bird Count.

Under the rules of the National Audubon Society, each area is laid out in advance within a circle 15 miles in diameter or approximately 176 square miles.

The same area has been used for nine years in the Rogue Valley count, Gen. Hicks said. The center of the circle is between White City and Central Point.

**Helping With Count**  
He expects to have between 25 to 30 persons helping with the count, which is made in this area on the last day of the official period which opens Dec. 19 to continue through Jan. 1. Each local leader chooses the particular day best suited to the convenience of his team. Among the veteran counters, who will be assisting in the Jan. 1 count, according to Gen. Hicks, will be Ralph Browning of Phoenix, Dr. John Reynolds and Dr. Elmo Stevenson of Ashland, and Mrs. Howard Bush and Leland Mentzer of Medford.

**Hoffa Expects To Sign Trucking Agreement**  
ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Teamster boss James R. Hoffa, said Friday he expects to sign the union's first national trucking agreement next month.

These workers will appreciate it if hunting Jan. 1 so the counters will be able to include ducks in their survey. If the hunters are out the ducks will not be loitering where they can be counted, Hicks contended.

He also asked that any persons in the area who have noticed any strange birds around this year or any large concentration of birds in a particular section, telephone him Jan. 1 after 5 p.m. at 773-5230.

**88 Species Counted**  
Last year the McCamant Society counted 88 species. It was a record year and Gen. Hicks doesn't expect to locate as many birds in the forthcoming annual count unless the weather is as favorable as it was last year.

There are many robins around this year, he has noticed, because of the exceptionally good crop of madrona berries. The migrating robins stayed in the county to feed upon these berries and are now moving into private gardens to feast upon berry-bearing shrubs since exhausting the madrona crop.

The National Audubon Society discounts the value of the annual count as a means of estimating bird populations because of the many variables in field conditions, but finds it helpful in determining the seasonal movements and shifts in range of different species of birds.

Last year the Society estimated more than 15,000 persons participated in the count in all 50 states, eight provinces of Canada and the District of Columbia. Ornithologist Allan D. Cruickshank, Society expert compiled and edited the reports.

**Modoc Lumber Firm Buys Winema Timber**  
KLAMATH FALLS — Modoc Lumber Company was high bidder on the Haystack timber sale conducted by the Winema Forest last week with a high bid of \$317,300.

Volume in the sale was 12,500,000 board feet, and the appraised value was \$319,515. Other bidders were Klamath Lumber and Box Co., Inc. and Thomas Lumber Company.

This is the final Winema Forest sale for calendar year 1963, and brings the sold volume to an approximate total of 112,000,000 board feet for the year.

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