

# Special CAA Teams Plans Air Safety

## Our Christmas Celebration Different

By BILL JENKINS

THE Christmas celebration tomorrow will be different in more ways than one. Yesterday it was mentioned that there was a noted lack of horses in the parade. Today it comes to mind that Klamath Falls is one of the few towns in the United States that hasn't dubbed the main drag "Santa Claus Lane" or some such title following all too closely in the footsteps of Hollywood. For this I am deeply grateful. Altogether too much commercialism has been brought into the Yule season already in this country. And on that subject, give the KP merchants a hand. They have done a lot of work, but they have done a lot of work, and in general made the whole deal possible with-

out injecting much commercialism into it. That is as it should be.

ANOTHER feature of the big show this year will be the community singing at the huge Christmas tree in front of the courthouse. A crowd numbering well up in the thousands is expected for the evening. There will be sound trucks, several choirs and other musical groups to get you started. It should be a lot of fun. It will, at least, mark one of the few times in a year that the people of the city and county can get together and sing and talk purely for the joy of it. No tickets to buy, nothing to sell, only the Christmas spirit of gladness and trust and friendship.

Christmas party next year as they have this year. At least we hope they will do it again next year.

WITH only 24 more days to go it looks like I might lose that bet about snow on the sidewalks. I sincerely hope I do. It'll be one of the few losses I would enjoy.

Oleomargarine was invented in 1869 by a Frenchman to secure a prize offered by Napoleon III for a cheap and wholesome butter substitute.

It Pays to Use the Want-Ads!

# Courageous Man Refuses Blackmailer

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1 (AP)—A former Detroit man's dislike of blackmailers and faith in American court justice has paid off.

Wanted for a 1916 slaying in Detroit, Thomas Karakatsianis came here 23 years ago. He changed his name, married, raised a family, and started what proved to be a successful business.

Everything went well with him—until a stranger came and demanded \$1500 to keep quiet about the 33 year old killing.

Karakatsianis decided he would rather face trial than submit to a blackmailer.

**Surrender**

He turned himself over to local police. They checked with Detroit. Karakatsianis was wanted all right—for shooting and killing one Mike

Hadjopoulos in a brawl in February of 1916.

But Detroit police reported everybody connected with the case—detectives, witnesses and other officials are all dead. Even the scene of the crime has been rebuilt.

Consequently the officials declined to bring Karakatsianis back for trial.

In telling the story Police Inspector Tom Cahill declined to reveal Karakatsianis present name.

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**Girl Wields Knife, Escapes, Caught**

SALEM, Dec. 1 (AP)—A 14-year-old girl, who threatened a teacher with a butcher knife, escaped from the State Hillcrest school yesterday.

But she was free only a few minutes. The girl forced the teacher to hand over the keys to the back door. She was captured a few minutes later a mile from the institution.

The Belgian Congo is 80 times the size of Belgium.

WASHINGTON, (NEA)—Four bright young government planners have been working for a year on advances in air traffic control designed to prevent the sort of crashes and near-misses lately plaguing the Washington airport.

The steady rise in air travel and consequent overcrowding of the airlines over busy centers has worried the Civil Aeronautics administration for a long time. It decided positive steps were needed. It set up a special committee to examine the problem and the committee wound up by naming the four-man planning team to update traffic control and navigation systems.

**New Blood**

To get the bold, original thinkers desired for this job, the CAA committee tossed away fusty seniority rules and canvassed its far-flung personnel in an elaborate screening process.

Out of this careful weighing of talent came the members of the present team—Jack Hilton, Tom Dodson, Roy Jones and Simon Justman. This quartet—average age 29—was lifted from obscurity in the CAA ranks and handed one of the toughest assignments in aviation history.

How tough can be gauged from the November 1 collision that sent 25 persons to their deaths over Washington, from the close call Vice President Barkley's plane had about a week later, and from the constant confusion and danger that surrounds the regular "stacking" of aircraft over landing fields when weather is bad or traffic heavy.

**First Hand**

The CAA's young planners know these troubles first hand. Hilton more than once sweated it out for an hour or so in the CAA control tower at Indianapolis airport, trying to bring in a lost plane that was holding up a big stack of circling planes. He was chief controller there and one of the first CAA men trained in so-called ground controlled approach operations.

Jones, a 20-year veteran of aviation, served as an air route traffic controller for CAA from 1941 to 1948. He began his career with private airlines, learned to fly and do a variety of other jobs, including the writing of a text on navigation.

Dodson was working as chief communicator at the CAA's desert post in Lovelock, Nev. He felt buried there, for no promotion had been on the horizon since 1942. The new assignment was reward for his 16 years of radio operating experience in the navy, the FCC and the CAA.

Only Justman was already stationed in Washington when team selections were made. As a radar engineer with training in the air force laboratories at Wright field, Dayton, O., he had been brought into the CAA's communications engineering section in the capital.

The screening program that culled these men from 160 applicants emphasized five main qualifications. Tests or interviews were used to determine fitness for the exacting task ahead.

From eight men with the highest qualifications the heads of CAA's traffic control and communications divisions picked the present four.

The team went to work in November, 1948. It is now under direction of E. R. Mehring, who recently returned from duty in Germany as air traffic control adviser in the Berlin airlift operations of the air force.

One of the first major projects to engage the planners' attention is the so-called "private line." This is a proposed system calling for automatic two-way transmission of traffic control information between planes and the ground. Its goal is to assure a "position check" on each plane every 10 seconds, comparison of that position with the position of other aircraft, and relay of approval or change in a plane's flight path within 10 seconds.

If a relatively foolproof device of this sort can be developed, it may go far toward preventing repetition of mishaps like the tragic collision over the capital airport.

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