

# EARLY HOLIDAY DEATH TOLL 115

## The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
As these words are written, a little before noon on the day before Christmas, this dispatch is coming off the wires from the village of Bethlehem.

"Rain, mud and grim reminders of war today marred the traditional Christmas Eve pilgrimage to Bethlehem, birthplace of the Prince of Peace . . .

"There were TWO ROADS this time—and TWO processions."

### HOW COME?

Well, it's this way:  
For a long time the Jews and the Arabs had been fighting for possession of the Holy Land. There came a time when the shooting ceased and a truce was arranged. Peace prospects were looking up.

Then—  
The general assembly of the United Nations decided to make Jerusalem an INTERNATIONAL city. The Jews balked. The Arabs balked. Both say they'll go on fighting before they'll stand for internationalization.

BUT let's get back to the two roads to Bethlehem. One leads from the Jewish part of the city of Jerusalem. The other leads from the Arab part. They come together at a set of demarcation that was set up by the armistice that stopped the war last summer.

Here, the dispatch from Bethlehem that is coming off the wires this morning says, "heavily armed soldiers of both sides face each other and the Bethlehem-bound pilgrims will be permitted to pass and return only at certain hours."

### TRAGIC, isn't it?

But it isn't new.  
Let's go back some 800 years into history and take a look at what was happening then.

ALONG about the beginning of the twelfth century (this is well into the 20th) the First Crusade was going on. We won't go into details here. It is enough to say that the objective of the First Crusade was to take the city of Jerusalem away from the infidel Turks, by whom it was then held, and give it back to the Christians. A spearhead of the armed forces of the Crusaders, led by Godfrey de Bouillon, reached the walls of the Holy City.

Let's tell the story from here on in the words of Ernest Barker, one of the great British historians.

HE says:  
"After a little more than a month's siege, the city was captured. The slaughter was terrible. The blood of the conquered ran down the streets until men splashed in blood as they rode.

"At nightfall, sobbing for excess of joy, the Crusaders came to the Republique from their treading of the wine-press and put their blood-stained hands together in prayer.

"So, on that day, the First Crusade came to an end."

THIS piece is too long already.  
What I mean to say at the beginning is this:

The spirit of Christmas isn't in Bethlehem. It isn't in Jerusalem. It isn't in the Holy Land. It isn't in any geographical place.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, FOR CHRISTMAS IS TO EXIST FOR YOU, MUST BE IN YOUR OWN HEART.

If the spirit of Christmas is in your heart, Christmas will be real for you.

## Be Careful, Police Warn Motorists

State police joined in asking motorists to drive carefully over the holidays so that Klamath county would be accident free throughout Christmas.

The sector to the north was not only visited by high winds, but heavy snows swept through the area. There was a fresh 10-inch fall at Odell on the Willamette pass and it was still coming down heavily. Five inches of fresh snow at Chemult, two at Chiloquin, and four inches at Bly, was the early morning report.

Chains should be carried by all motorists going north, driving to Weed or over the Greensprings, officers advised.

Colder  
It will be colder tonight with a minimum of 10 degrees, the weatherman forecast.

Christmas Day will be clear and cold.

At Crater lake the rim road was closed today and sliding at the rim tomorrow is problematical.

Winter made itself felt throughout Oregon today and the Klamath basin came in for a wind lashing that drifted snow into sharp patterns.

High Winds  
Wind velocity reached a peak of 22 miles per hour around midnight according to COA, but this was not the peak of the gusts which far exceeded this figure.

At Crater Lake national park rangers said the high south wind hit a high of 35 miles early this morning.

Roads were slick and motorists were urged to drive with extreme caution on highways leading out of the Klamath basin.

## Santa Speeds For Klamath In Big Sled

EDITOR'S NOTE: A year ago Hal Boyle wrote a Santa Claus story for parents to read to their children at bedtime on Christmas Eve. It met with such a fine reader response—from all sections—that the column is being repeated.

By HAL BOYLE  
NORTH POLE, Dec. 24 (P)—He's off! Santa Claus is on his way at last! The jolly old saint and his famous reindeer are zooming through the Arctic skies right now, heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight.

The Northern lights switched on to a clear steady green—the "Go Ahead" signal. And the Royal Canadian Mounted police sent Santa this message:  
"We are clearing all air lanes in your path, old boy. There is no speed limit for you tonight. The sky is yours. Go as fast as you like. Good luck!"

Big Load  
And Santa Claus needed that wide, clear road in the sky. For his big red sled was placed so full of gifts it overflowed. It looked like a hay rick zooming through the crisp air.

"Oh dear, oh dear," worried Santa, just before the takeoff. "I do hope none of these presents fall out and bean some poor innocent rabbit down below. I believe this must be the heaviest load I've had in 20 years."

"What is he fretting about?" whispered Dunder to Vixen. "He's only riding in that sled. We have to pull it."  
Vixen laughed so hard the bells on her harness tinkled in merry music. And all the other reindeer laughed, too.

As Santa Claus climbed up into the seat of the sled, puffing a little because he has gained some weight this winter, three black and white penguins waddled across the snow in front of the reindeer.

Surprise  
"Here, here, get out of the way, please," said Santa Claus importantly. Then he said, surprised:  
"Why what are you penguins doing up at the North Pole anyway? You're supposed to be at the South Pole."

"We're on a vacation," said one of the penguins. "We're looking for Florida. Have you seen it anywhere?"  
"Climb aboard, climb aboard," boomed Santa. "I'll pick you off there. But I must say this is the first time I ever dropped you three hitchhikers wearing tuxedos."

Just then Mrs. Sunda Claus came running out waving a long piece of paper.  
"You almost forgot your list of good children," she said.

"Never mind," said Santa. "I don't need it. This year I am going to give a present to every little boy and girl, good or bad. The bad ones will feel sorry then, because they know they don't deserve a nice present. I'll make 'em try to be good next year."

"That isn't according to Hoyle," said Mrs. Sunda Claus, who likes to play bridge. "But it does make sense, you old sofie."

Delay  
Santa stood up to crack his whip in the air—the signal to be off. But then he heard a small voice crying:  
"Wait, please wait."

It was Cluny, Santa's favorite little elf. The other elves gossiped about Cluny and said she was clumsy at making toys. But Santa knew it was only because she was so young. He liked her because she had a good heart.

"Here," said the tiny elf, holding up a small shiny figure.  
"What's this? What's this?" grumbled Santa. "You're too late. My pack is already loaded."

"It is only my present to the world," said Cluny. "I made it at night in my room—all by myself."  
Santa took the little figure from her hands. It was a beautiful angel with butterfly wings and a robe of purest white. In her hand the angel held a small magic wand.

"It is the angel of peace," explained Cluny.  
"Why, Cluny!" said Santa. "This is better than all the other gifts put together. I'll see that your angel waves her wand for one day at least over every home in the land."

Takeoff!  
And he picked up Cluny and gave her a big whisker-tickly kiss on her cheek. Then he picked up his long whip again and cracked it sharply in the frosty air.

"Ho, ho, ho, here we go!" he roared. "Ho, ho, ho! Here we go!" The eight reindeer leaped forward and the big sled began sliding through the snow. Faster, faster, faster, faster—and then they were off the ground and into the air.

"Best 32-hoof takeoff I ever saw," said a nearby Eskimo.  
Santa was on his way.

## Professor, Secretary Wounded By Ex-Wife

ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 24 (P)—The ex-wife of University of Georgia Journalism Dean John E. Drewry shot five bullets into her divorced husband and his slim, brunette secretary last night.

The 47-year-old dean was struck twice. The 28-year-old secretary, Miss Miriam Thurmond, received three wounds from the .32 caliber slugs. Both were in satisfactory condition at Athens General hospital today.

Mrs. Kathleen Drewry, short, plump and 45, told Athens Banner-Herald Reporter Ed Thilenius that she, the dean and their 17-year-old son, Milton, had dinner together last night. Mrs. Drewry said she and the dean agreed on a reconciliation.

"We were going to be married again soon," she said.  
Mrs. Drewry said the dean bade her goodnight, wished her a good night's sleep, and then left for his apartment.

No Answer  
"Before going to bed, I called John to tell him how happy I was and I was sure of a good night's sleep," she continued. "But the phone did not answer. I knew where he was."

Mrs. Drewry said she followed him to the Thurmond home, walked into the living room and fired at Drewry first, then turned the gun on Miss Thurmond.

Mrs. Drewry is being held under guard at St. Mary's hospital on open charges. Sheriff Tommy Huff said charges of assault with intent to murder probably will be filed against her later today.

The widely known journalism dean, the university's administrator of the Peabody awards (radio's Pulitzer prizes), was conscious when taken to the hospital. He was able to walk to the Thurmond home to an ambulance.

Police Chief Clarence Roberts said Drewry told officers:  
"My divorced wife walked into the room where I was talking against the Thurmond and abruptly began shooting at us. She called us horrible names."

## Shooting Hours

	Open	Close
December 25	7:00	3:31
December 26	7:00	3:32
December 27	7:00	3:33

Pilgrims went by two routes through rain and mud and amid grim reminders of the Palestine war to the little town of Bethlehem for Christmas Eve ceremonies today.

Only a few made the trip to Jerusalem through the armed encampments of occupying Israeli and Hashemite Jordan forces.

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SANTA CLAUS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS, working right up until dawn tomorrow morning, are taking a last minute order over the telephone before they load the sleigh and Santa over housetops to fill the multitude of waiting stockings which will be "hung by the chimney with care" tonight. MERRY was a very busy man just one hour before this picture was taken. He took time out to pay a visit to 700 children gathered at the armory Friday night at the Moose lodge and Junior chamber of commerce sponsored Christmas party for youngsters of the town.

## 3 Men Held In Cattle Rustling Case

Three Poe valley men were arraigned in justice court this morning on felony charges of growing out of the butchery of a 600-pound Hereford heifer on a Poe valley range.

Lewis Moore and Warren Moore, brothers, and Bill Cornell, who resides at Warren's place, are charged with larceny of livestock and the Moore brothers are also charged with illegal possession of deer meat.

Their bail was set at \$2500 each.

Hide Found  
A two-day investigation by the sheriff's office, state police and a state brand inspector ended last night when the hide of the heifer was found in a clump of junipers on the range.

Most of the meat was located earlier at Lewis Moore's place some three miles south of the old Poe valley school building, and at Warren Moore's place nearby.

The heifer belonged to Don and Dewey Smith of Malin and was cut out of a herd being ranged in Poe valley. Don Smith discovered its disappearance in counting the herd when it was being brought off the range.

Probe  
Investigation by Deputy Sheriff Marvin Barnes and Brand Inspector Chester Leichty pointed to the Moores and when arrested Lewis Moore is said to have admitted butchering the heifer.

Late last night Sheriff Jack Frane, a deputy and a state patrolman went out to Poe valley and located the hide belonging to a Lazy JC brand, registered to Don Smith.

Attorney Arthur Schaupp represented the Moores and Cornell at this morning's arraignment.

## ICC Member Dies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (P)—Carroll Miller, 74, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission since 1933, died today. He had been ill for two months.

## Bill Giving Indians Citizenship Readied

By HALE SCARBROUGH  
A bill is being readied for presentation to congress in January which, if enacted into law, would have the effect of allowing individual members of the Klamath Indian tribe to withdraw from the tribe and at once become entitled to all rights and liabilities of full American citizenship.

A rough draft of the proposed legislation was given to The Herald and News today by Wade Crawford, prominent member of the tribe and a member of a 16-man Indian committee which drew up the measure.

The bill will be known as the "Klamath Voluntary Withdrawal Act" and is at least supplementary to another piece of proposed legislation, the bill to liquidate the million-acre Klamath reservation, which is stalled somewhere in congress.

Procedure  
The measure would direct the commissioner of Indian affairs, William Zimmerman, to prepare a tribal roll within one year after passage of the law, to be used in the "emancipation" work, and that a certificate of emancipation be issued any adult member of the tribe making application.

Each Indian withdrawing from the tribe would be given 80 per cent of the value of his or her individual share of tribal property, presumably in cash.

In the case of married Indians, no application for withdrawal would be considered unless both husband and wife want to withdraw from the tribe. Children in legal custody of withdrawing Indians would also be emancipated.

Necessary Vote  
To become effective, the legislation would have to be approved at a reservation election, with at least 30 per cent of the eligible voters balloting, as well as by congress.

Crawford said this bill should "forever lay low continued propaganda that the Indians will not agree on any legislation and that the reservation is split wide open in two factions."

The bill would allow those who want to pull out of the tribe to do so.

## Eisenhower Club Organized

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24 (P)—A "Dwight D. Eisenhower for President Club" has been set up in Cleveland.

Allen James Lowe, managing director of a hotel, launched the club, which was issued incorporation papers as a not-for-profit organization in Columbus yesterday.

## Operation Ends Gunner Career

ELLENSBURG, Ore., Dec. 24 (P)—Three years ago young Dennis Farrell won one of the top events at the Grand American trapshoot. Now his career as a marksman is over. A malignant growth cost him his right arm.

The 19-year-old Central Washington college student, son of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Farrell of Ellensburg, underwent the operation recently at the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn.

BLOOD REWARDS  
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 24 (P)—Fourteen Missouri convicts won freedom today with their blood. They were released a month before their terms end for giving two pints each to the blood bank. Under a new prison rule, each pint earns 15 days off with a limit of two pints annually.

It is a white Christmas, last night's snow took care of that, and Moore park's skating pond will boast many new ice skaters, mittens and scarves.

First skating of the season is scheduled for tonight at 7 o'clock, according to Director Sam Smith of the recreation department. The pond has been enlarged and scraped.

Hospital patients will find their trays turned out with holly and bright trimmings, let alone the festive fare of a merry Christmas.

And to all, a Merry Christmas (L.S.)



MERRY CHRISTMAS—This comes from Letha Smith who serves customers at a hamburger stand near The Herald and News.

## Traffic Accidents Kill 84

By The Associated Press  
Traffic accidents and fires ruined Christmas joy for the families of nearly 100 death victims even before the holiday arrived.

One hundred fifteen persons were killed across the nation between 6 p. m. (local time) Friday and mid-morning Saturday, 84 from motor mishaps. Twenty-six others perished in fires and five died from miscellaneous causes.

The death toll nearly doubled in five hours today.

The national safety council had predicted 435 traffic fatalities for the three-day week-end from 6 p. m. Friday by midnight Monday.

Fire Deaths  
A Brantford, Conn., couple and their two infant children burned to death on the couple's fourth wedding anniversary. A mother and five of her six children perished in a fire in their three-room home in San Antonio, Tex.

A Texas farm family of five burned to death and a truck driver was killed after an automobile-gasoline truck collision. The five were trapped in the burning car after the gasoline ignited. A five-year-old Texas boy also burned to death after his playhouse of flimsy boxes caught fire from a candle he carried into the playhouse to light firecrackers.

A six-year-old Newton, Mass., boy, Albert Kevoorkian Jr., was electrocuted as he played in front of his gaily decorated Christmas tree. He was killed when he put his finger in an open socket of a Christmas tree light while lying on an iron hot-air register.

## Christians Bow Heads Tomorrow

The Christian world will halt in its hustle and bustle of everyday living and the rush of holiday gifts buying, to bow its head in remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ tomorrow, Christmas Day.

Tonight in thousands of churches throughout the land the faithful will trudge through the snow to candle-decked churches in observance of Christmas Eve.

The prayers for peace will probably transcend all others as the hearts of men and women ask for surcease in this troubled world.

The hectic commercialism of holiday commercialism will be forgotten for a few hours as minds of those cognizant of the grief and troubles of others center on those less fortunate.

Services  
There are special Christmas services in Klamath Falls churches on Christmas Day which falls on Sunday. Choirs will sing the age old anthems, so beloved in the Christian world.

Monday will be observed as a holiday in Klamath Falls as well as throughout the state.

The Herald and News will not publish.

Folks in the business world, from clerks to the boss, will spend the day at home. School is out until after New Year's and bright sleds, new tissue wrapped, will probably get a good workout on Klamath's snow-clad hills.

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Meet the People