

Santa Claus Takes Over Nation's Capital; Most Officials Out of City

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The jolly old man in the red suit and the babe in swaddling clothes held undisputed sway today in the nation's capital.

There were visitors a-plenty in Washington, but most top officials took advantage of the long Christmas week-end to enjoy a vacation elsewhere.

President Truman and his family were in Independence, Mo., to observe the holiday at the old family home. Vice President Barkley and his bride still were honeymooning.

The men who map strategy in the Cold War, make the laws and run

the nation were away as were many lesser government employes.

Truman plans to remain in Missouri until next Wednesday. But he arranged to light the White House Christmas tree by remote control from Independence, and to follow that by a broadcast message to the nation.

The rest of the world also will hear a Christmas greeting from the president, broadcast by the "Voice of America."

Great Dream

Former Secretary of State George Marshall issued a Christmas statement in which he said it now seems to be within man's power to make the "great dream" of permanent peace a reality.

Government offices were closed until next Tuesday. Only a few key employes in the budget bureau remained at their desks to work on the president's 1951 budget figures, which must be presented to congress early in January.

Figures, too, were mounting up on merchants' cash registers. The federal reserve board announced that department store sales last week were one per cent ahead of the corresponding week in 1948. An eleventh-hour buying wave was expected to send retail Christmas sales above last year's record.

At the White House, more than 100 gifts — mostly food packages — and 12,000 Christmas cards had arrived for the president and his family. Many of the gifts will go to hospitals and other institutions.

Turkey

The veterans administration sent out 100,000 pounds of turkey for Christmas dinners at its hospitals and other installations.

Service men and women around the world also will share in a typical American holiday feast. Main dish: roast turkey.

Service men in occupied Germany were granted permission for holy year visits to Rome.

Shallmar's Situation Much Better

SHALLMAR, Md., Dec. 24 (AP)—Remember reading of the plight of this little coal-mining town about two weeks ago—where 54 families were eking out a hand-to-mouth existence because there had been no work for months?

Thanks to a lot of people who acted out the spirit of Christmas, the story is changed.

Three rooms in the school principal's home are piled high with packages. Sacks of mail still are coming up the winding, narrow valley. A lot of cash came in those letters—more than \$5000 for hot lunches for the school children.

One miner's wife about summed it up when she said:

"We just can't quite believe it. And we are so grateful."

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Vet's Mail Bag

As a service to veterans in the community, this newspaper will publish an occasional column of news briefs from the veterans administration. For further information veterans should contact or write their nearest VA office.

Increases in disability and death compensation for veterans and their dependents voted by the 81st congress, in most cases will be received in checks issued for the month of December, according to the veterans administration. Checks will be mailed the first of January.

Following is a brief summary of the changes in disability and death compensation payments resulting from new legislation:

Largest group to get increase is composed of veterans with service-connected disabilities rated from 10 per cent to 100 per cent in degree, including the service-disabled of World Wars I and II and veterans disabled as the result of peacetime service subsequent to July 15, 1903. Average increase is 8.7 per cent.

Widows receiving compensation because of the service-connected death of a veteran, and who have one or more children, also will get increases.

Dependency allowances, previously allowed only for veterans drawing compensation for service-connected disabilities rated 60 per cent or more, have now been extended under the new law to those veterans rated 50 to 60 per cent disabled.

New legislation also grants an increase in disability compensation payable to World War I veterans whose disabilities are classified under law as "presumed" to be due to service. These veterans formerly were entitled to only 75 per cent of the rates payable for direct service-connected disabilities. They are now restored to the full rate.

More liberal, statutory disability ratings have been provided in cases of service-connected, arrested tuberculosis.

The law also liberalizes "line-of-duty" requirements as they apply to service personnel whose disease, injury or death was incurred (not due to willful misconduct) while in confinement under sentence of court martial or civil court. Such cases will be adjudged line-of-duty, provided the court martial sentence did not involve an unremitted dishonorable discharge, or a civil court sentence not involving a felony.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q. After my discharge from World War II, I surrendered my \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance converted policy for the cash value. I have realigned, and want insurance again. Am I eligible?

A. Yes. Application for new NSLI may be made while you are in active service.

Unhappy News For Workers

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 24 (AP)—Pay envelopes containing unhappy news were received yesterday by some 450 employees of Toby True Shoe company.

Notices in the envelopes told the workers the factory "is now closing down and will not resume operations."

Most of the work force was caught by surprise.

Stumped

The company, whose payroll exceeded \$1,000,000 annually, said there was no solution to its problems "and we are therefore left with no alternative."

The plant is the second to close in Haverhill within two weeks.

Unity Shoe Makers company announced recently that after reorganization it would open a plant in Newburyport and close its factory here.

The two closings mean the loss of approximately 1000 jobs in Haverhill.

Child Sees Mother Take Fatal Plunge

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 24 (AP)—The car stopped near the railroad track.

The young mother of six small children cried out to her seven-year old daughter:

"Tell your father I love him very much. And always will. Now don't watch what I'm going to do."

Horror

Then, as the child looked on in horror, she fled to the track and threw herself in front of an on-rushing train.

The woman, Mrs. Faith M. Land, 26, was fatally injured. She died yesterday.

Her body fell between the tracks and a head injury caused her death. Deputy sheriffs said Mrs. Land had been under treatment for a nervous disorder.

The woman's husband, Tip C. Land, said he and his wife had argued as they were driving around town. He got out of the car at their home, he told authorities. His wife drove off with seven-year-old Patsy Lou, who with two brothers and three sisters were left motherless by the pre-Christmas tragedy.

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Youngster Poses Big Question

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 24 (AP)—When Jimmy Smith, six, announced he wanted a baby sister for Christmas his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Smith, told him "maybe."

He didn't understand why he was taken, suddenly, to Aunt Rose Norton's house the other day, but he was fascinated with wrapped gifts, "come" for him. Aunt Rose said he couldn't open them until Christmas day.

Then daddy called him up to tell him he had a baby sister. To which Jimmy replied:

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Film Fanfare

John Wayne Gets Merry Christmas---Big Box Office

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 24 (AP)—John Wayne isn't looking for Santa Claus tonight; he already has his Christmas gift.

"Being nominated as number two on the box-office list is the best Christmas present I could get," said the rangy star.

Wayne is philosophical about his success and attributes it to the fact that his films show "honest emotion."

"The reason some pictures are so bad," he declared, "is that the director or writer or actor is afraid to show sentiment. They'll twist the plot around to avoid it. And they are wrong. The world loves sentiment."

Tears

"All my successful pictures were hits because they were frankly sentimental. The women in the audience cried, and they loved it."

"There will be sentiment in my present picture, 'Jet Pilot,' too. I'll play some scenes with a baby. People will be curious to see how a big bruiser handles a baby."

Acting, he continued, doesn't require any formal lessons. (Wayne received his dramatic training on the USC football team.)

"Of course, an actor has to acquire poise—either through dramatic

schooling or by working in quickies. But lessons don't make an actor.

Reaction

"I've learned that what's being said in a scene isn't so important. It's the reaction to what's being said. The more natural the reaction, the better the actor. That's why kids are so good on the screen—their reactions are completely natural."

Without appearing so, Wayne is one of the smartest actors in the business. He is aware of his limitations and will not undertake anything that is over his depth. He is also not afraid of work.

"I have four pictures already lined up for next year, which means I'm not going to have any time off. But," he added hastily, "I'm not complaining."

Singer

Reflecting on his 20-year career in films, Wayne recalled that he was the screen's first singing cowboy.

"I played a character who always sang when he got mad," he recalled. "Soon they had me getting mad three times in every picture. That was too much. I'm not a singer, so I bowed out."

A lad named Gene Autrey inherited the job.

A New Line on You!

Farmers Get New Tax Filing Date

A new provision has been announced by the treasury department which will permit a farmer to file his income tax return on or before January 31 following the close of his taxable year.

Previously a farmer had to file a declaration of his estimated tax on January 15, following his taxable year.

In the new provision, farmers can now pay the full amount of their tax at the end of January, in lieu of the declaration required on January 15.

Courthouse Records

- Marriage Licenses**
- GODARD-BENSE, Albert Godard, 48, boxman, native of N. Y., resident of Klamath Falls, Francis Albert Bense, 44, native of Iowa, resident of Klamath Falls.
- Justice Court**
- Melburn Randall Atkins, combination overload, fine \$100.
- James W. Frazier, assault and battery, fine \$50 or 25 days.
- John Walka Fleming, no wheel covers, fine \$5.50.
- Thomas Finner Jackson, illegal possession of game birds, fine \$29.50.
- Roy Johnson, illegal possession of game birds, fine \$29.50.
- Cecil Clinton Neuberry, illegal possession of game birds, fine \$29.50.
- H. I. Yeater, overload, fine \$25.
- Clarence D. Harrison, combination overload, fine \$14.50.
- Ardith Minerva Smith, no license, fine \$5.50.
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- Francis Gilbert Kirk, inadequate emergency brake, fine \$5.50.
- Frank Summers, no license, fine \$5.50.
- Mark Anthony Forelquist, no license, fine \$5.50.
- Oscar Edwin Harper, improper muffler, fine \$10.
- Fred Phelps Jr., five in front seat, fine \$10.
- Ralph Di Battista, hunting for migratory wildfowl during prohibited hours, fine \$14.50.
- Gene Adrian Page, failure to stop at stop sign, fine \$5.50.
- Timothy Benjamin White, hunting for migratory waterfowl during prohibited hours, fine \$14.50.

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