



APART NOW: At Chicago, nurse Margaret Florence attends the Brodie Siamese twins before a series of marathon operations severed tissue, nerve cords and blood vessels that joined them at the top of their skulls. The history-making surgery is being followed by a critica period for the now 15-month-old boys.

Christmas Business Up on National Level

NEW YORK (AP) — Christmas business is so good, says a Charlotte, N. C. merchant, that he even has a brisk demand for 60 neckties. They are made of velvet, woven with pure gold.

Denver's three biggest department stores agree that yule business is "substantially heavier" than last year and will set new records.

In Chicago, President Joel Goldblatt of Goldblatt Brothers Inc., reports:

"We're running 10 per cent ahead right now. If it keeps up it will be the biggest Christmas business in our history."

These enthusiastic comments are typical of others obtained in an Associated Press survey of Christmas shopping trends in 24 cities.

From coast to coast it's pretty much the same story: stores bulging with shoppers, downtown parking lots jammed, holiday buyers spending more money.

The one big exception is New York. John Haasch, president of Wanamaker's New York store, reports sales running behind last year "and I doubt if we'll pick up what we've lost." He blames transportation difficulties, competition of convenient suburban shopping centers and—most of all—the city sales tax of three cents on the dollar.

All Wanamaker stores outside New York expect to better last year's volume.

Two universal complaints in the country at large are lack of parking facilities for shoppers and a shortage of trained sales help. Merchants blame a late Thanksgiving for the traffic crush. They say people are trying to cram all of their buying into a shorter time.

In Kansas City the downtown

shopping district is so jammed with cars that operators of outlying parking lots are supplying "shuttle-bus" service for their patrons. Philadelphia has banned all parking of passenger cars in the central city area.

Gripes about the help situation are long and loud. A Los Angeles retailer complains: "It's murder."

Macy's New York licked the help problem by interviewing 27,000 applicants for part-time Christmas work. Six thousand were hired, included were nine Santa Clauses—two more than last year. The big store is experimenting with a self-service toy department.

Most retailers agree that the shortage of help stems from current full employment and general prosperity—the same influences that are bringing record crowds of shoppers into the stores. A merchant in Richmond, Va., theorizes that part-time help is hard to get because people have more money in Christmas clubs and don't need the extra work.

Changed buying habits here and there are attributed to the imminent change in the national administration.

Washington department stores say they are having a tough time selling furniture and rugs. They think it's because government jobholders are uncertain about their

future.

The Republican victory is credited elsewhere with loosening the purse strings of higher-income shoppers. Indisputably there has been a big gain in Christmas sales in the plushier type of store commonly associated with such famous-name streets as Fifth Avenue in New York or Michigan Boulevard in Chicago.

Typical of the growing prominence of suburban shopping centers is this comment from John C. Bailey, managing director of the Chamber of Commerce in White Plains, N. Y., on New York City's outskirts.

"All lines are doing exceptionally well. Christmas business should be at least 10 per cent better than last year."

With a population of 45,000 and annual retail volume of 125 million dollars, White Plains has the highest per capita retail sales in the nation.

Reports from other cities:

R. C. Dolbin, manager of the Dallas, Tex., retail Merchants Association, figures this year's Christmas sales will hit a new high of more than eight million dollars with men's furnishings, leather goods, hosiery and toys among the leaders.

Boston merchants expect a record Christmas volume if the weather is good for the rest of the shopping season. They report misses and women's wear selling best and home appliances doing well but toy sales down from last year.

Lower prices are turing shoppers into Indianapolis stores, with demand holding up for all classes of merchandise except TV. A record volume appears likely.

Southern retailers say increased employment in textile mills and easier installment credit will boost holiday sales to all-time peaks. Charlotte, N. C., is one of the few cities reporting a boom in household appliances and TV sets. Apparel for "formal" wear has shown a marked rise. Charlotte merchants also are going brisk business in soft goods and jewelry.

Atlanta reports a slight trend away from TV sets and toward soft goods and luxury items. In Richmond, Va., Alfred Thompson, manager of Miller & Rhoads, predicts: "We're going to set a new record for volume-dollar and merchandise—this Christmas season."

Television sets are moving well in Seattle and San Francisco. Two of the biggest department stores in St. Louis note a "tremendous demand" for toys.

Billy Graham Attacks Reds

TAEGU, Korea (AP) — Evangelist Billy Graham preached in an Army movie theater here Friday night and told a congregation that ranged from major general to private that "Communism is a diabolical, fanatical religion."

After his Army sermon, Graham moved to Taegu's Oriental-style First Presbyterian Church and preached through an interpreter to 400 Koreans who sat cross-legged and barefoot on the straw-mat floor.

It was the first time the fiery Southern preacher had held a service for Koreans under a roof. Four

earlier services for civilians in Pusan were all open-air affairs that drew thousands.

Although the groups at both sermons were small by the outdoor standards, both were jammed to capacity. The Army service drew 600.

"The only solution to defeating the diabolical, fanatical religion that we face today called Communism is like an evil octopus stretching out its tentacles to seize its victims all over the world."

The GI's and their general, Maj. Gen. Thomas W. Herren, commander of the Korean communications zone, were attentive and appeared moved by Graham's emotional appeal.

"It was inspiring," said Sgt. Aaron T. Howard, Greensburg, Ind. "He doesn't sound like the usual evangelist. What he says gets across."

Quietly listening were two Roman Catholic soldiers who said they came together "out of curiosity" but were impressed by the sermon.

"What he said really meant something," said one of them, Pvt. George Tizzano of New York. "I am also looking forward to Cardinal Spellman's Christmas visit."

Tizzano's friend, Pfc. Louis L. Rapin, Saginaw, Mich., said "what Graham said should make everyone think twice tonight."

Some NSLI Rates Drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Veterans Administration announced Friday a reduction in premium rates charged for total disability income riders on its five-year term National Service Life Insurance policies.

An official told a reporter some 45,000 to 50,000 veterans who had or have the riders will get refund checks which will total about 1 1/2 to two million dollars.

Under the riders, monthly income of \$5 per \$1,000 of insurance is provided veterans who become totally disabled for six months or more and their insurance also is continued in effect without further payment of premiums as long as the disability continues.

Cold Aids Spud Grower

LAKE HARBOR, Fla. (AP) — A. C. Thomas, who had 240 acres of potatoes ready to harvest when cold struck Florida early this week figures he came out better than most Everglades vegetable growers.

The cold killed the thick potato vines down to the ground. Ordinarily, the vines must be killed with chemicals before modern potato-digging equipment can be used efficiently.

Thomas figures the job the cold did for nothing would have cost him at least \$1,000.

Tanker Clears Belfast Harbor

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Exits and entrances to Belfast Harbor were clear today after tugs pulled the 15,000-ton tanker Caltex Wellington off a mudbank. The oiler, owned by a British company, blocked passage in and out of the port when it ran aground yesterday. It was refloated at high tide last night.

PUDs Endorse Douglas McKay

SEATTLE (AP) — The Washington Public Utility Districts Association has endorsed former Gov. Douglas McKay of Oregon as secretary of the interior.

The association said Friday the endorsement was in a resolution to be sent to President-elect Eisenhower thanking him for recognizing the Pacific Northwest in organizing his cabinet.

The resolution was one of a number adopted by PUD commissioners who make up the association at their annual meeting Monday and Tuesday.

In other resolutions, the commissioners said they will oppose any action by Congress to disturb the priority rights which public agencies now enjoy in obtaining power from federal projects, or any action by the Washington Legislature to require elections on PUD revenue bond issues or place the districts under the Washington Public Service Commission.

The association also endorsed Bonneville Power Administration policy in selling industrial power, and asked a federal Justice Department probe of efforts to block the PUD purchase of Puget Sound Power & Light Co. electric properties.

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IDEAL'S NEW BUBBLE EXPRESS Pull it and out come the bubbles. Were 2.98 **\$1.69**

BLACKBOARDS With Alphabet and Chalk Tray —Were 97c **67c**

TRAINER RIFLE POPGUN Shoots cork Were \$2.17 **\$1.49**

MARX ELECTRIC TRAINS Were \$13.88, Complete With Transformer **\$9.00**

MUSICAL CHUCK WAGON Pull Toy for Kiddies. Were \$1.35 **69c**

TOYVILLE NURSE KIT Everything for the Little Nurse Were 99c **59c**

STURDY CLICKER PATTON TANKS Were 57c **39c**

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