



SANTA MADE A BIG HIT with the youngsters at the Moose Christmas party here. Above, he is holding Donna Marie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Oretch, while Mike Plaisted, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Wayne Plaisted, 2641 Radcliffe looks on.

**Billy Graham Works Among Wounded GIs**

By FORREST EDWARDS  
 ABOARD DANISH HOSPITAL SHIP JUTLANDIA, INCHON HARBOR, Korea (AP) — The American soldier lay inert, barely breathing, on the steel hospital cot. A tube carried whole blood to his arm from a bottle suspended over his head.  
 A doctor worked on one side of the cot, a nurse on the other. The medic straightened up, shook his head doubtfully.  
 A tall, handsome man, a chaplain's cross on his hat stepped to the bedside. He bowed his head in a prayer so softly spoken it was only a compassionate murmur six feet away.  
 The chaplain shook his head. His boyish face was grim, his voice hard, as he stepped through the doorway of the tiny hospital room.  
 "I wish," said Evangelist Billy Graham, "that I could take every person in America into that room for just a moment. I wish they could see that boy's life in suspension, hanging by a thread."  
 "Every night club in America would be empty Christmas Eve, the saloons would be deserted, and the churches would be jammed with millions of Americans praying for peace—and for each of these and all the other wounded."  
 He waved an arm toward more than 40 men, Americans and South Koreans, on double-deck hospital bunks in the wardroom.  
 The doctor and the nurse bent to their work again over the wounded soldier.  
 He was one of three wounded at the front by a burst of Communist shrapnel less than 12 hours earlier. They had been given emergency first aid and flown by helicopter to the Jutlandia.  
 The second man tossed on a bed of pain, his face contorted. Graham knelt by the cot.  
 "I'm Billy Graham. Would you like me to pray for you?"  
 There was a weak, almost imperceptible nod. Graham's prayer was a low, personal thing that included only the wounded American and God.  
 The third man was unconscious. As Graham walked down narrow aisles between the rows of cots, he stopped to pat a shoulder; here, a head there, to say "God bless you" to the patients who followed his slow passage between the cots with their eyes.  
 From one cot a hand raised. Graham stopped. The youth began his question twice, three times, then hesitated.  
 "Are you asking my help in your salvation?" Graham asked.  
 The boy nodded. Graham knelt, took one of the boy's hands in his own, and bowed his head. The youth in the bed tried to bow his head.  
 "You must continue to pray, as you have just done," Graham counseled. "And you must read the Bible. Do you have a Bible?"  
 The youth shook his head. "I'll see that you get one," Graham promised and wrote down the name.  
 A group of walking and chair patients were gathered at the end of one ward room.  
 "I just want to tell you," Graham said, "that all over America, thousands, yes millions, are thinking of you this Christmas season and praying for you."

**Germans, GIs Share Xmas**

FRANFURT, Germany (AP)—Thousands of Germans and American GIs will eat Christmas dinner together in what has become an annual postwar gesture of friendship.  
 German families are inviting the soldiers to share dinner with them in their homes on Christmas Eve. Many Americans have asked their German friends to eat the big yuletide meal with them.  
 The Army is making it possible for GIs to invite their German friends to have dinner in Army mess halls. The dinner, which the soldier pays for, will include turkey and all the trimmings.  
 GIs who were invited into German homes last Christmas say they are planning to return the hospitality by being hosts this year.  
 Throughout the European continent American soldiers and American civilians are joining in to provide a Christmas for needy Germans.  
 At the big U. S. airbase at Wiesbaden, airmen chipped in \$3,000 to throw a big Christmas party for 350 German children. Money left over will be used to buy food baskets for needy German families.  
 An American Christmas committee at Bremerhaven will spend \$6,000 to provide 3,000 underprivileged German children with toys, fruit, nuts and candy for Christmas.  
 Enlisted men and their wives at Wuerzburg will play Santa Claus to orphans there. Others are preparing to distribute food and coal to Wuerzburg's poor.

**Altamont**

ALTAMONT SCHOOL NEWS  
 By Sheila Kunn  
 The Christmas play and program was presented to a huge crowd in the school gymnasium Dec. 18 and 17.  
 It is planned for the elected officers to visit Fremont school after the Christmas holiday to see how the student government is running. Plans for this were made at a meeting after Thanksgiving.  
 Redecorating the music room will be taken up at the next meeting, Wednesday, the glee club sang Carole's "Daughters of the Nile" at the Willard Hotel. Five songs from the Christmas play were sung.  
 Home room officers of the 8th grade have met with Mrs. Tenney, 8th grade social study teacher, to plan for the 1953-54 Year Book which will cost \$1.20.  
 Christmas parties in all the rooms were held Dec. 19. Games were played and gifts exchanged. Refreshments were served.  
 Altamont had its first smoker of the year recently. The program included boxing by Ralph McKune and Monty Maris, Bill Foote and Chester Jones, Bill Steiner and Hershel Alcorn, Norman Tucker and Orin Ormbee, Ben Sheridan and Jim Anderson, Tom Ferrell and Frank Reeves. Although they were supposed to box for points, each bout was drawn. Bill Gibson and Jay Montgomery were seconds.  
 Those taking part in the wrestling matches were Kenneth Stang, Terry Nelson, Kenneth won; Jerry Casey, Charles Polson, Jerry won; Larry Duell, Vgene Cornetti, they drew; Gordon Franks, Richard Foote, Gordon won; Ronnie Phair, Robert Fields, Ronnie won.  
 Both boys and girls from physical education classes did tumbling. The girls were Jean Morgan, Jo-Jene Enzor, Shirley Barlean, Rita Carr, Sandra Nyack, Gail Mollison, Patty Braniff, Gwen Morris, Donna Pfefferle, Alice Polson, Peggy England, Marge Whittemore, Norma Brown and Mary Helen Shearer.  
 Boys were David Fields, John Meador, Larry Johnson, Harvey Johnson, David Farrell, Leon Williams, James Thompson, Gilbert Baker, Larry Brown, Gary Larimore, David Broilier, Bobby Asher, Doug Rusth and Ronnie Buchanan.  
 Trampoline acts were put on by David Farrell, Leon Williams, Larry Brown, James Thompson, Danny Shaw, Doug Rusth and Bobby Wycoff.  
 New mouth pieces, headgear and a horizontal bar have been purchased. The bar and mat will cost \$228. Gross receipts were \$73.55. The rest of the money will be obtained from the Crowell-Collier sales. Another smoker is planned later in the winter.  
 The Homemaking Service Club led by Mrs. Dea Jean Wright is another of the year's activities.  
 Club officers include Shirley Wise, president; Betty Simonson,

vice president; Kay Merrill, secretary; Shirley Moore, news reporter.  
 Other members are Alice Jakobowski, Sherill Verdun and Virginia Morrow.  
 The club has made curtains for the cafeteria, put up decorations each month and made Christmas cards and etched glasses.  
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