



THE NATIVITY — Mrs. C. D. Groves, 1434 Lakeview Street, has copped every sweepstakes prize offered in Christmas decorating competition here in the past few years, and this year decided not to compete in order to give others a chance. However, her display is up and open for viewing by the public. Lakeview Street may be reached by driving West on Upham three blocks above Oregon Avenue. Mrs. Groves' residence is on the West side of Lakeview Street, about two blocks off of Upham.

Nuts Big Business in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)—Your English walnuts probably come from California and your Jordan almonds from the candy store — but those Brazil nuts are strictly from Brazil. The nuts are gathered in January and February deep in the state of Amazonas, the heart of the Amazon region. The tree from which they come, a variety of chestnut, abounds there. But experts estimate that the total annual output comes from perhaps 100,000 trees, a fraction of the total number. These trees are closest to the innumerable water courses in the region. The nuts grow in shells about the size of a coconut, and each shell weighs from two to four pounds. They are called "ouricos," and contain 15 to 20 separate nuts. The Indians who work in the harvest are therefore very careful about being under the trees during a wind. An ourico dropping 75 or 100 feet can easily smash a skull. As the nuts fall, the native takes a heavy knife, called a *terado*, and cuts through the tough outer covering to free the individual nuts. These are transported to his nearby canoe. The canoes, in turn, gather at collection points, where motor boats carry the nuts on down to the Amazon. There, ocean-going vessels that can travel 2,000 miles up the river may take them on down to the port of Belem.

Belem, itself 60 miles from the sea, is the center of the Brazil nut industry. Eight of the 15 shelling plants in the nation are located there. In recent years, these shelling plants have come to play a larger and larger part in the exportation of the nuts. About half of the exports now leave completely shelled. This is a hard process because of the Brazil nuts' resiliency. First the nuts are soaked for 24 hours in cold water. Then they are dipped suddenly for two or three minutes, in boiling water. The final step is to run them through a machine much like a home bottle capper. Pressure is applied and the meat pops out, ready to be stacked in 66-pound boxes.

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Ike to Meet With Anti-Communist Group

NEW YORK (AP)—President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower meets today with four key officials of the new administration and representatives of the Committee on the Present Danger.

The committee is headed by Dr. James B. Conant, president of Harvard University. Other committee members who will attend today's conference are John Foster Dulles, named for secretary of state; Harold E. Stassen, who will be director of mutual security in the new administration; Gen. William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan, chief of the World War II Office of Strategic Services; and Tracy S. Voorhees, New York attorney.

Herbert Brownell, attorney general-designate, and Roger M. Kyes, appointed deputy secretary of defense last Friday, also will sit in at the session. Kyes will represent Charles E. Wilson, who will be secretary of defense. Dulles, Stassen and Brownell will be in departments or agencies directly concerned with fighting communism at home and overseas. The President-elect took time out from a planned week end of rest yesterday to confer for two hours at his Columbia University residence with a committee he recently named to study and streamline organization of the executive branch of the government. The committee is working with Ter-le University personnel who are making a special survey in that field. Those named by Eisenhower who met with him are Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, former assistant secretary of state and co-ordinator of inter-American affairs; Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of Ohio Wesleyan University; and Dr. Milton Eisenhower, president of Pennsylvania State College and a brother of the general.

Truman Lauds GIs in Korea

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman in a specialuletide message told troops in Korea they are holding back aggression and thus enabling "your countrymen and millions of other people" to enjoy a peaceful Christmas. In a second message issued during the week end the President told all overseas servicemen that "the task you have set for yourselves is nothing less than the salvation of the world." At home, the President will deliver his last official Christmas message to the nation Wednesday at the 30th annual lighting of the living Christmas tree on the White House grounds. It will be carried by radio networks at 4:30 p.m. EST.

Also present were Joseph M. Dodge, Detroit banker who is serving as Eisenhower's pre-inauguration representative in the Budget Bureau; Gov. Sherman Adams of New Hampshire, assistant to the new President; Arthur H. Vandenberg Jr., his executive assistant; and John French, the committee attorney. James C. Hagerly, Eisenhower's press secretary, said the committee made a preliminary report and probably will meet again with the general in advance of his inauguration Jan. 20. Hagerly did not disclose what recommendations the group made. In naming the committee last month, Eisenhower wrote Dr. Robert L. Johnson, president of Temple University, that it was his understanding the university study would integrate and bring up to date other studies which have been made in the same field, including the report of the Hoover Commission on organization of the executive branch.

Eisenhower's schedule today also includes a visit to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to attend the annual meeting of the Freedom Foundation, and conferences at his Commodore Hotel headquarters with officials of the U. S. Council of the International Chamber of Commerce, and representatives of the National Fraternal Council of Churches, which has members from 11 Negro denominations. The members of Eisenhower's Cabinet and other top officials in the new administration are being thoroughly investigated by the FBI—at their own request. Dulles started it. He announced shortly after he was appointed last month that he had asked the FBI to make an A to Z inquiry into his background. Since then, an associate of the general said, the eight other Cabinet appointees and those named to other key posts either already have made similar requests or will do so. Their attitude has been, said the associate, that there shouldn't be the faintest taint of suspicion about any government official. He added that the officials named to head departments and agencies are planning to have the FBI run immediate checks on personnel they appoint. Those inquiries will be apart from FBI investigations that would be made routinely under the government loyalty program.

CASUALTY LIST
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department today identified 62 Korean War casualties in a new list (No. 715) that reported 23 dead, 33 wounded, 2 missing and 4 injured.

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New Y Club Plans Party

Members of the Klamath YMCA are receiving an invitation from a new organization of young Klamath men—the Y Men's Club—to attend a Christmas party for members of the "Y" Tuesday at 7:15 in the YMCA. A feature of the evening is to be Dickens' Christmas Story, with songs, movies, games and Santa Claus also programmed. In charge of the party are Earl Hilton, Bud Noffsinger, Ray McLoughlin and Frank Parsons.

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