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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS The day after Christmas and everyone seems in a happy mood. Great numbers of people going around resplendent in new shirts, gripping new pipes between determined jaws and sporting the latest thing in jewelry. Much comparison of various gifts going on from spot to spot wishing everyone the season's best and all that. All done until next year, now. Until a Friday in December to be exact.

The morning's mail also brings another sign of the old that will soon be a thing of the past. An invitation to one of the club dances with the slogan B.Y.O.L. After the legislature finishes with this session that should be a thing of the past. And what a relief it will be, too.

Weather still the prime topic of conversation for all concerned. Peculiar but a known fact that we do more conjecturing about the one thing we can't do anything about than anything else. If we put in as much time thinking about business matters as we do talking about the weather and worrying about it we'd all be rich.

A rich item from the latest issue of Weyerhaeuser Magazine, the Klamath Falls insert. Seems that the mill received a lot of cable, complete with packing slip and shipping tag addressed to "Keyser Haeuser, Lumber Co., Klamath Falls, Oregon."

We've gotten used to letters coming to various places in Klamath Falls, Klamath Falls, Calamath, etc., but this is the worst fouled up we've seen the fine old name of Weyerhaeuser. That's one of the first signs, however, that a newcomer is beginning to fit in the country — when they can spell Weyerhaeuser without looking it up or having to stop and think about it.

TELLING THE EDITOR

(Editor's Note: The following letter was received just before Christmas by Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewther, 4907 Summers Lane, from their son, Sgt. V. D. Lewther, who is serving with the armed forces in Korea.)

CHEER TAGUE, Korea—I hope an extra letter from me will help cheer your Christmas up a little. I know this year Christmas doesn't mean much to you but still you must try and realize that the rest of the world will have a worse Christmas than you. You should not feel sad because you have so much to be thankful for. There is no country in the world where people have as much freedom from fear and want as you do in your nice warm home.

Now I can bear you say that all this freedom and so forth doesn't bring me back home any sooner. Well, in our country this year there were more sons home from wars and more families than anywhere in the world. With all that freedom and happiness in the States I feel like my contribution to help is rather small.

Here in Korea a young man is drafted for ten years just the same as in the States only he doesn't get far from home. He only travels 200 miles from home but he sees his family less than I do when I am 7,000 miles away. I get letters more often than he does. I wear better clothes and eat better. So you see over here we Americans still have everything better than the rest of the world.

There is an old Sears Roebuck catalogue laying around here and of course we look at it a lot. We were comparing prices in the catalogue with prices here in Korea. Here is what we found: a pair of gloves that cost \$3.95 in Sears cost \$11.90 here in Tague. A suit that cost \$20 in Sears would sell for \$90 here. This is true with almost everything in the catalogue. Everything is about 200 per cent higher than in the States. We could work for a week and buy about 18 pairs of gloves but it

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—The day after Christmas the man of the house is always a mouse. The rest of the family seems able to take Christmas in stride. But it destroys him utterly. On Christmas Day itself the man of the house is a mighty figure. He is up at dawn with the kids to help them open their presents.

He accepts his own presents with fine grace—a purple necktie from Sister, a blue necktie from Junior, a green necktie from Mother, and a new leather leash from Towser, the family dog. He snaps the leash on Towser, and they go for a long walk in the bracing air. The man of the house cheerfully calls "Merry Christmas" 187 times by count during this stroll, and mumbles "same to you" 184 times to people who greeted him first. He stops in briefly at five neighbors' homes, and admires all their presents.

The man of the house returns to find a torrent of children flooding through his own dwelling, yelling, screaming, and beating each other over the head with their gifts. Five times he has to rescue the overturned Christmas tree and set it straight again. The phone rings 413 times and each time the man of the house answers it with the same hearty refrain: "Well, that was awful kind of you to call. Thank you, and a very merry Christmas to you, too, and a Happy New Year."

The lady of the house then says, "I work my fingers to the bone cooking this Christmas dinner, and then I can't get anyone to sit down and eat it. If you don't all come this minute, I'll simply throw it all in the garbage pail." And the man of the house says tearfully, "Now, mother, don't get excited."

And he is a majestic figure then, the man of the house, a veritable king of the table, as he carves the turkey and serves his brood. An hour later, reduced to his favorite easy chair and for the

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—Joseph Stalin had nothing to lose by giving pleasant answers Christmas Day to questions about peace. By being pleasant, he made propaganda hay. If he had snarled, it would have been propaganda against him.

Actually, he committed himself to nothing when he said he was "favorable" to arrangements for a meeting between himself and president-elect Eisenhower and would "co-operate" in trying for peace in Korea. He has loopholes for doing nothing, if he intends doing nothing.

The New York Times on Dec. 18 submitted to the Russian Embassy here several questions to be forwarded to Stalin. The timing of the answers may have been accidental but, from the viewpoint of the Russian propagandists, was excellent. The answers were delivered to the Times late Christmas Eve night.

Because the Times is a morning paper, the Stalin story had to appear in the Christmas morning editions. And, with news usually scarce Christmas Day, a Stalin statement was bound to get maximum attention. It did.

And, since Christmas is the one day when the Western world sings most longingly of peace on earth, Stalin may have felt it was the most appropriate for representing himself as big-hearted Joe, although it is well known he is no believer in Santa Claus.

One of the Times' questions said: "Would you welcome diplomatic conversations with representatives of the new Eisenhower administration looking toward the possibility of a meeting between yourself and Gen. Eisenhower on easing world tensions?"

SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—Retailers in most parts of the country—in first reports coming in Friday—set new records for Christmas trade. When final returns are in, dollar volume of gift giving this year may be found to have topped last year's Yuletide rush by more than 10 per cent, on a national average.

Total dollar volume of retail trade in the final days before Christmas is estimated by Dun & Bradstreet as ranging from five per cent better than a year ago in the east to as high as 13 per cent better in the south and southwest. Apparel stores report an unexpected rush of last-minute shoppers, and their gains over a year ago may top those of department stores.

Some big city department stores continued to trail, but their branches in the suburbs report good business. January business may get a boost from the distribution of year-end dividends by corporations and by savings associations.

The United States Savings and Loan League estimates that 12 million Americans next week will receive 252 million dollars in year-end dividends from the nation's savings associations and cooperative banks. Assets of the associations rose 15 per cent this year, the league reports, and now approaches a 22 billion dollar total.

Republicans, Demos to Caucus

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Republicans and Democrats caucus separately next week, the former to divide up the spoils from the GOP victory in November, the latter to scrap over the leftovers. Hundreds of patronage posts, some of them paying over \$10,000 a year, will be at the disposition of the victorious Republicans after they organize the new House on Jan. 3.

Just about all of them now are held by Democrats, only a few of whom will be retained as "minority employees" at lower salaries. The Republican caucus set for next Friday afternoon will formally nominate candidates for speaker, chief clerk, sergeant-at-arms, doorkeeper and chaplain. Democrats will caucus several hours earlier to nominate their candidates for the same offices. The House itself will vote on the nominations shortly after it convenes on Jan. 3.

The Republican candidates are shooing because the GOP has 221 House seats to 211 for the Democrats and one independent. There are two Democratic vacancies. One was created on Christmas Eve by the death of Rep. Eugene

Congressmen Want Cut in Spending Before Considering Tax Reductions

WASHINGTON (AP)—Three influential members of Congress said Thursday night that federal spending should be reduced before Congress cuts taxes, but a fourth service notice he will move to chop about 5 per cent of income levies. Rep. Red (R-N.Y.), due to become chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said "first Christmas message by cutting out non-essential government expenditures, the budget can be brought into balance and the savings passed along to the people in the form of tax relief."

Reed said that when the new Republican Congress meets on Jan. 3, he will introduce a bill to reduce individual income taxes a little more than 3 per cent next year. The following year, he said, he will move for another tax cut, bringing the two-year total to 11 per cent. That would just about wipe out the post-Korea tax hike which took effect 14 months ago. Those who said the budget should

National Leaders Affirm Faith

By The Associated Press Christendom's faith in a brighter future and in the triumph of good-will was reaffirmed Thursday in Christmas messages by world leaders and in prayers of people everywhere. Even on the cold, snowed-in battlefields of Korea, the burden of war was lightened a bit by recollection of the promise the day holds for mankind.

President Truman, in his last Christmas Eve message from the White House set the theme for America, stressing that the long, common struggle of many free nations which have joined together to seek a just and lasting peace. He called on Americans for patience, fortitude and steadfast support of the men bearing the brunt of the battle.

Across the Atlantic, Britain's young Queen Elizabeth II, broadcasting her Christmas message, added her prayers for brotherhood. She urged the people of the scattered British Commonwealth to "work for tolerance and understanding among the nations and to use the tremendous forces of science and learning for the betterment of man's lot upon this earth."

The 26-year-old sovereign added: "Above all, we must keep alive that courageous spirit of adventure that is the finest quality of youth, and by youth I do not just mean those who are young in years. I mean, too, all those who are young in heart." The Queen spoke from the country estate of Sandringham, where the royal family spent a quiet Christmas.

Holland's Queen Juliana broadcast similar greetings to her subjects and expressed confidence peace would prevail if everyone realized the futility of war. West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer warned his people they could lose their peace and freedom by delay in joining a Western alliance against Communist aggression. The Chancellor's Christmas message was an indirect appeal for support for pacts with the West that would restore German sovereignty and put German troops in a projected six-nation European army.

Alert Couple Spot License

PORTLAND (AP)—A couple Thursday night jotted down the license number of a car just pulling away because the thought two men in it were acting in a suspicious manner. As a result, the men were jailed in a matter of minutes and charged with robbery.

The grocery store proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Mendel Goodman, said two men, one of them armed, had held them up and made off with about \$120 from the till. Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Hansen reported the car's license number when Goodman, running out of the store, asked them to follow the car to try to learn the number. Jailed were Mark A. Hebron, 29, and Francis J. McCarthy, 43, in either a car or on foot. Although this is not the first time the pair have been in the same way, although this is not the first time the pair have been in the same way, although this is not the first time the pair have been in the same way.

Souvenir Shell Blasts Home

CHICKASAW, Ala. (AP)—Explosion of a souvenir 45 mm. "tank buster" shell transformed a quiet neighborhood Christmas get-together into a scene of tragedy in which four persons were injured Thursday night. As a result of the accident, 16-year-old Mildred Childers lost both legs, and Mrs. Verblie McCrory had to have her right leg amputated.

Two others suffered burns and cuts. They were Joe McCrory, 14-year-old son of Mrs. McCrory, and Kenneth Andrews. Police Chief M. H. McWhirter said the shell had been brought home by Pic. James W. McCrory, 47, a Marine on Christmas leave from Camp Lejeune. He wasn't around when the tragedy occurred. McWhirter said McCrory's younger brother, Joe, was showing the shell to another person on the McCrory's front porch when he dropped it.

The exploding shell blew a gaping hole in the front porch floor and the living room wall. Several other persons, talking with neighbors in the front yard, escaped injury. McWhirter said the young Marine told him he hadn't realized the danger of the explosive.

Woman Sees Son in Film

A wonderful Christmas present came as a surprise to Mrs. Betty Knighten, 5323 S. Sixth. Attending the holiday show at the Police Theater, she saw the navy film, "They Fly Through the Air," which featured her son, the late Lieut. (jg) James E. Cahill, who lost his life in a highway accident some months ago. In the technical picture he was featured as a fledgling parachutist who was receiving navy training for defense of our country. He took the leading part in many of the scenes. When the picture was made he had written his mother some of the details, but not the name of the film, so his appearance on the screen came as a complete surprise to her.

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