



MOVE IN TO BLAZE — firemen and rescue were killed in the crash. Six other members and one B-29 bomber which overshot the runway at Municipal Airport in Ogden, Utah. Capt. B. D. Wilson, 31-year-old co-pilot of Chester, Pa., was killed in the crash. Six other members and one Naval "Hitchhiker" survived.

Italian Children Get Gifts On Three Occasions

By WEBB MCKINLEY
ROME (AP)—Italian children get Christmas presents more often, probably, than children anywhere else in the world.
In many parts of the country, times—on St. Nicholas Day, Dec. 6; on Christmas Day, Dec. 25; and on the Day of Epiphany, Jan. 6.
Even so, most Italian children won't get as many gifts as their counterparts in other Christian nations. For Italy has more than its share of poverty these days.
St. Nicholas Day is especially important in the big Adriatic port city of Bari. People sometimes say it's the home town of Santa Claus. Bari doesn't look much like the North Pole, but there's a certain accuracy to the idea.
The bones of St. Nicholas himself are there. They were brought to Bari many centuries ago from Asia Minor and lie today in a beautiful basilica close to the sea. St. Nicholas is a saint especially of children, and along the Adriatic

and in many other countries of Europe his day is a children's holiday with Christmas trees, toy fairs, gifts and candy.
Presents are exchanged on Christmas Day in honor of the birth of Christ, as in all other Christian nations. The celebration on the Day of Epiphany marks the time when the Wise Men came with gifts to kneel before the child who was born in a manger.
In the big apartment houses of Rome and in poor country cottages people celebrate this day, too, by giving gifts to children.
In Italy this also is called the Day of Befana. Befana is a witch, but a kindly one, and legend has

it that she leaves presents on trees for children when her day comes once a year.

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Polar Ice Islands Held Good Air Base Location

WASHINGTON (AP)—An explorer of the drifting polar ice islands says they would provide excellent hiding places for small, fast air

units that could deliver an atomic counterpunch to an aggressor.
Lt. Col. Joseph O. Fletcher proposed building such units "around the all-weather fighter as an atomic bomb delivery vehicle."

Writing for the official publication "Air University Quarterly," Fletcher argued that key regular bases might be destroyed if Russia suddenly launched an atomic war and friendly nations might be frightened into denying the United States use of facilities on their territory.

But, he said, a dispersed force such as he proposed "would be at home anywhere in the Arctic Ocean, would possess unparalleled destructive capability and could fade away into the trackless expanses of ice and water easier than an Arab in the Sahara... properly camouflaged, it could lurk within short distances from enemy shores without fear of detection."

He suggested the units could be supplied by air or submarine and, incidentally, predicted that the submarine will become an important weapon in the arctic because of its ability to hide under the pack ice.
Fletcher, now assigned to the air research and development command, organized the first detachment for the drifting ice island T3 in 1950.

Four Killed In Oregon Accidents

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Oregon highway accidents Saturday night and early Sunday claimed four lives. Two of the accidents were attributed to the storm which swept the state. The other two apparently were unrelated to the weather.

In addition, a 14-year-old boy was struck at Ely by a hit-run driver and seriously hurt.

Those killed:
William B. Derr, 21, of the Glenwood district near Hillsboro. The car in which he was riding was struck by a falling tree, putting it out of control and sending it into a 200-foot skid.

Mrs. Elmer Anderson, en route to Austin, Minn., with her husband after a visit at Eugene, their former home. A car skidded into the path of their car as it sought to avoid a boulder in the highway east of Burns.

Shirley Yvonne Nelson, 19, of Medford. She was in a car which onlookers said went out of control south of Medford when unidentified car pulled out in front of it, at a highway restaurant.

Lt. Albert Neill, 21, of Devon, Conn., driving east alone from Ft. Lewis. He was killed early Sunday when his car failed to make a curve 30 miles east of Baker.

The hit-run victim was Norman Miller, 13, who was found in the highway after a car's screaming brakes had been heard. There apparently were no witnesses to the accident. The boy was taken to Klamath Valley hospital with internal injuries, head hurts and a leg fracture.

In the fatal mishaps, five persons were injured. Elmer Anderson, whose wife died in the Burns crash, suffered scalp cuts and a leg fracture. Those in the other car, Lee Baldwin Jr. and Charles Tice, had minor hurts. In the Medford accident, the driver of the car in which Miss Nelson died was Rodney Tweedell, 22, Ashland, who suffered head cuts. Taken to a Hillsboro hospital with leg fractures was Edward G. Heide, 25, brother-in-law of William Derr, the tree-accident victim.

IOOF, Rebekah's Plan Yule Party

Klamath Lodge No. 137, IOOF, and Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 104, will hold their annual Christmas party this evening at 7:30 p.m. Thelma Rho Girls Club No. 8 will be in charge of the program and arrangements have been made for Santa to visit the children who attend.

All members of both lodges, their families and friends are welcome.

Pilot Rescued After Ditching

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—A Michigan man, rescued after clinging to the pontoons of his light plane for 36 hours in the Gulf of Mexico, was recovering here Monday.

Roy K. Carlson, 47, of Whitmore Lake Mich., was treated for exposure, cuts and bruises.

A tug picked him up 60 miles west of Tarpon Springs Sunday.

Carlson was flying from Livonia, Mich., to Lake Park Fla., when his Piper Cub developed engine trouble Friday afternoon. He was forced to alight in the gulf about a fourth of a mile off shore.

DIES
MCALESTER, Okla. (AP)—W. Marz Saxon, 78, founder of the International Order of Rainbow Girls, died here shortly before midnight Sunday after an extended illness.

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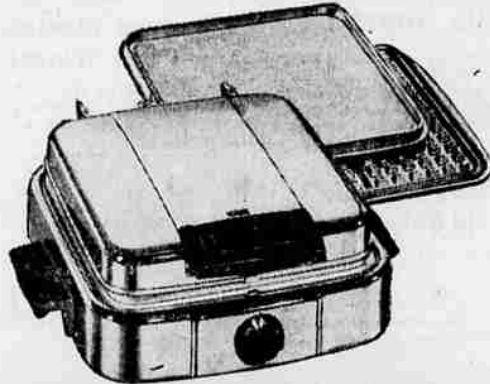
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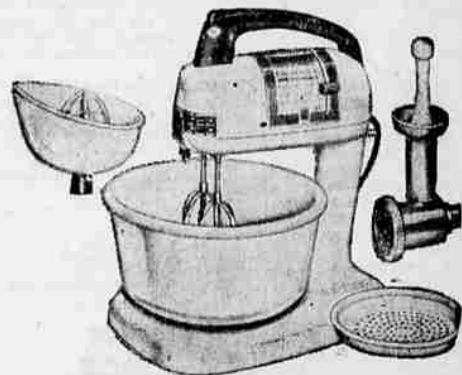
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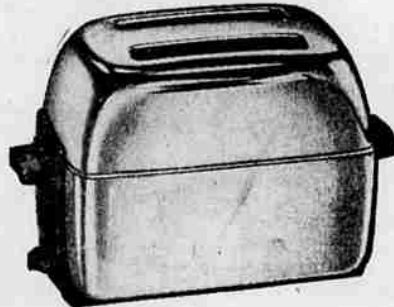
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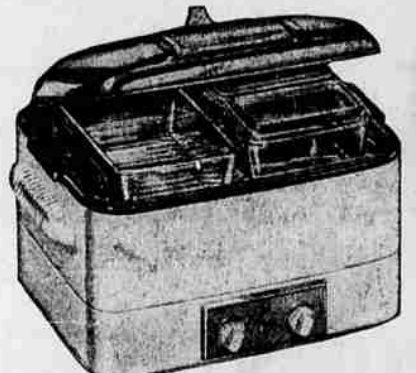
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