



BUSY DAYS at the post office with a yuletide mail volume record in the offing has extra crews stepping. Two clerks are shown at work in the post office warehouse at Klamath and Fourth streets.

NEW DOLLS

The elves and imps in Santa's workshop no longer do-it-themselves. Their legendary prowess as toy makers is, more than ever before, founded on the most modern technical research. Attached to Santa's age-old shop are not one but hundreds of America's finest engineers and researchers, from



AMONG the newest additions to the ver-growing family of dolls made of play-safe Celanese acetate plastic is Nadia, the ballerina of a hundred poses. Thanks to the rigid durability of acetate plastic, even Nadia's ankles can be jointed so that she can walk or dance on her toes. She is manufactured by the Paris Doll Company and is 20 inches tall.

the chemical as well as the toy industry.

This will be reflected in the beauty and a new durability of millions of plastic toys under millions of Christmas trees this year. It is safe to say that for sheer ingenuity, Santa and his streamlined helpers have outdone themselves.

There are Geiger Counters that count, and harmless guns which spout realistic smoke with a loud bang, and perfect replicas of sleek convertibles and the State Coach of England, baby dolls that cry and wet, and even a ballet dancer

doll which can assume all of the standard ballet poses!

But of greater importance to parent and child alike — will these charming Christmas toys stand up to the abuse they will have to take?

A trip through any department store will convince even the most carping that the plastics industry and toy manufacturers have done a notable job of perfecting their products during 1955. Take the Acetate Toy Honor Roll, for example. This is a collection of toys that have had not only laboratory pre-testing, but have withstood "in use" trial, as well. "In use," in this case, means the exposure of plastic playthings to the growing children of young executives in the Celanese Corporation's Plastics Division. To say the least, the results have been encouraging. Not only have acetate toys benefited, but all plastic have as well.

Plastics—in this case acetate and plastic vinyls and polyethylene—can do what no other material can do. They can give any toy a realistic, life-like appearance, unattainable in metal or wood. And a major consideration is that plastics can be molded, using mass production techniques, to produce quality toys at a minimum cost.

Acetate plastic, which played a major role in building an American toy industry which could successfully compete with German and Japanese toy makers, is one of the most popular materials for any toy in which rigidity and appearance are important prerequisites. Most dolls, from the six inch to the 30 inch variety, are made of acetate plastic, as are gun stocks, scale models and toy musical instruments, among others.

The wary shopper can distinguish acetate from less durable rigid plastics by tapping the surface with a fingernail. Unlike its more brittle competitors, acetate does not have a metallic ring. Many Honor Roll toys of Celanese acetate plastic are identified with a label which bears the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval, further simplifying the shopper's task.

Celanese Corporation of America, which compiles and maintains the Honor Roll, is the largest of six producers of Acetate plastics. Celanese reports more than a 200 per cent increase in sales of acetate to the toy industry this year, indicating the degree of quality and worth that are to be found in toys of every description.

Abbott Set For Cross Examination

OAKLAND (UP)—A climax was reached in the six-week-old trial of Burton Abbott Friday as the defendant faced a detailed cross-examination by the man who is attempting to prove that Abbott kidnaped and murdered 14-year-old Stephanie Bryan.

The defense called Abbott to the stand in a surprise move Thursday and under friendly questioning by his attorney, Harold Hove, the 27-year-old University of California student emphatically denied each of the pieces of circumstantial evidence that the state has heaped around him.

However, cross-examination by Dist. Atty. J. Frank Coakley had barely begun when Superior Judge Charles Wade Snook halted court a half hour early. Coakley indicated later that he expected a lot of answers from Abbott.

"I'm going to keep him on for quite some time," the district attorney said. "At least all day and probably more."

In the 25 minutes Coakley had Thursday to deal with Abbott, he made no mention of the crime charged but calmly questioned the defendant about his earlier life.

Earlier in the day, the defense had a multitude of questions concerning the charged crime, most of which drew negative answers from Abbott.

After Hove took his client through a long minutely detailed account of his movements on April 28, when Stephanie vanished, Abbott was handed a shockingly vivid color photo of the girl's decomposed body as it lay on a Redding mortuary table after it was found near Abbott's Trinity County cabin.

"Did you at any time do this horrible crime to Stephanie Bryan?" Hove asked.

Abbott gazed unflinchingly at the photograph and answered, "No, I did not."

He used the same answer to a series of questions, including whether he'd ever known Stephanie Bryan, or known where she lived in Berkeley, or had her in his car, or kidnaped her, or buried her on the Trinity County hillside.

Hove also showed Abbott the large pile of Stephanie's possessions found in his basement in Alameda, her purse, her wallet, some books, and a brassiere identified as the same type as the one she wore April 28.

"Have you at any time had any of those exhibits in your possession?" Hove asked.

"No," Abbott replied.

Shown a photo of Stephanie, the prosecution's exhibit No. 1, Abbott shook his head and said, "I never saw her before in my life."

Reds Begin Talks In Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and party boss Nikita Khrushchev met Afghan leaders for some hard bargaining Friday.

Afghan Premier Mohammed Daud and his colleagues seek economic aid and Soviet political support—but not at the price of a Communist Afghanistan.

The Soviet leaders, on the other hand, have in Afghanistan a golden opportunity to extend Russian influence right to Pakistan's borders on the Khyber Pass—historic landmark on the Indian continent's northwest frontier.



A BUSINESS new to Klamath Falls the E. R. Palmer Insulation Company which will specialize in insulation, roofing and siding has been opened with offices at 1227 Main Street by E. R. Palmer and George McMichael, newcomers from Nampa, Idaho. The new arrivals who were looking for a location were impressed with the prospects for growth in Klamath Falls and decided to make their home here.

Students Plan Annual Program

WEED—The annual Christmas program of the Weed Parent Teacher Association and given by the students of the Weed elementary school will be presented Tuesday afternoon, December 20, at the elementary school auditorium, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The program will be titled "Christmas Pageantry" and will consist of plays, pantomimes, and singing of various selected Christmas melodies.

All parents and friends are invited to attend the annual PTA program and meeting and are urged to register early to hear the introductory Christmas music planned to precede the program and to add to the afternoon enjoyment.

Church Planning Two Programs

WEED—Two separate Christmas programs will be given at the Glad Tidings Assembly Church during the holiday season, the first to be Monday night December 19.

Pageantry with the Christmas theme will be presented Monday evening by the Sunday School department of the church under the direction of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

Various recitations and songs will complete the planned program to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Treats from the decorated Christmas Tree to be arranged in the church will be given by the Church Assembly to the children attending the program.

"His Star" is the title of the selected Christmas cantata to be presented by the Glad Tidings Assembly Choir on Christmas night, Sunday December 25. The annual holiday musicale will be directed by Mrs. Hazel Shelton and will begin at 7:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

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INDUCTED last month was Pvt. Richard Morehouse, son of Mrs. Mabel Morehouse of Fort Rock. The single graduate of the Fort Rock eighth grade, Morehouse was graduated from Paisley High School with the class of 1954. He assisted his mother and brother, Robert, with ranch operations until he entered the Army. He is stationed at Fort Ord, California, for eight weeks of basic training.

DOGGONE GOOD
MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Florida looks for a record winter season for a record winter season if the season's first pari-mutuel wagering is any criterion. The first night of greyhound racing attracted 12,180 patrons who wagered \$309,064 on the program, a new state record for one night of betting on the dogs. The admission price was hiked from 25 to 50 cents this season.

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Clinton Anderson Urges AEC To Reveal Secrets

CLEVELAND (AP)—Sen. Clinton Anderson (D-NM) says the Atomic Energy Commission should tell the public all details about its quest to harness the H-bomb for peacetime purposes so that more hands and brains can join in the recently announced project.

He expressed that opinion Thursday after telling newsmen the AEC had even kept members of the Joint Senate-Atomic Committee in the dark about the project for a while. He is chairman of the committee.

Anderson said that last March, he took some of the members of his committee on a tour of the AEC's atomic laboratory at Los Alamos, N.M.

But, he said, "I was not allowed" to take them through one area where, he found out later, research on the controlled fusion, or H-bomb reaction, was going on.

"The atomic energy law says the commission shall keep the joint committee informed of all developments," he said, "but they thought that this was so secret a project that the joint committee should not be told about it."

He spoke at a news conference before addressing the Nuclear Science and Engineering Congress at which he again called for the AEC to tell more details about the project in contrast to the limited disclosures it has made hitherto.

"The job of seeing whether hydrogen energy can be controlled is an immense job," he told the

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