



Japanese Yuletide Stripped Of Most Religious Aspects

TOKYO (AP)—A frosty night, a jolly little man and a sleigh flashing across the moon going east—Santa Claus San headed for the land of the sun goddess. And with him will come Japan's unique and joyous celebration of the Yuletide—borrowed from the Western world and stripped in most cases of its religious significance.

This year the old, old fairy tale of Christmas will live in probably more homes of this predominantly Buddhist and Shinto nation than ever before, although tailored carefully to limited resources.

For days children have been prattling about Santa San, singing "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night" and taking goggle-eyed walks with their parents into the lavish Christmas wonderlands of Tokyo's department stores.

There curvaceous girl Santa Claus direct crowds into elevators, giant spangled Christmas trees rear two and three stories high and gifts of pearls, silks and strawberries are amazingly cheap by Western standards.

The decorations do not carry over into the average home. Only the rich can afford a tree, largely because of the approaching, more traditional New Year's holiday which requires special ornamentation of its own.

Christmas morning children will pop out of bed to find a present or two waiting for them. Later in the day the family may dine out, perhaps on chicken. For the children there will be ice cream and cakes.

POPULAR SINGER, Tex Williams will appear with Baldy Evans, Klamath Falls maestro and his band at the 14th annual Christmas Ball, Monday, December 26 at the Army. Williams, one of the country's best known vocalists, is coming to Klamath Falls from Hollywood, primarily to visit relatives living in this area. He records for major disc companies and has appeared on numerous TV and radio shows.

Fort Rock Plans Seeding

FORT ROCK—Plans are being laid for reseeding the 2,000-acre area burned over in the Labor Day range fire here. The fire was on federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and used by C. B. Webster. The area is eight miles northeast of Fort Rock.

The reseeding is attracting attention because it is the first in Oregon to use rye on public land to establish ground cover. Crested wheatgrass will be sown on this site a year or so later. The practice of sowing a grain crop as a protection against wind erosion in advance of grass seeding has long been recommended by E. R. Jackman, range crops specialist of Oregon State College. It is the method generally employed on private land but has hitherto been avoided on public land because of the risk that raising a cereal grain might change the classification of the land.

Seed rye, tractors and implements for planting will be furnished by the BLM, who will also furnish the equipment and seed for the later seeding of crested wheatgrass.

DIVORCE SUIT
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mrs. John Allen, 33, daughter of the late movie cowboy Tom Mix, filed suit for divorce yesterday, charging cruelty. Mrs. Allen, a member of a Doylestown, Pa., family, is a screen writer. The couple met in Tokyo in 1952 and married a year later.

DAMAGE SUIT FILED
CLEVELAND (AP)—Mrs. Loretta Giarrizzo, 70, filed a \$25,000 damage suit against house painter Stanley Gonsior, 53, yesterday, charging that he painted her arms green when she criticized his work on her garage.

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