



Religious Services Mark Birth Of Prince

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Religious services in Christian communities throughout the world today quietly commemorated the eve of the day almost two thousand years ago when the Prince of Peace was born in Bethlehem. Thousands of pilgrims gathered in Bethlehem to offer prayers for peace in a world which lives in the shadow of war. Many millions more made the short pilgrimage to their community centers of worship for Christmas Eve services.

The theme of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" was repeated in thousands of churches. President Eisenhower said the theme of the Christmas story contained an ideal of all men, regardless of their beliefs. The United States will work toward that ideal, the President said in Washington just before lighting the national Christmas tree in the park behind the White House.

New Yorkers were still without their newspapers as a two-week-old strike of deliverymen continued. Thousands of travelers competed for plane space made scarce by two airline strikes. Many switched to crowded trains or buses. Many more couldn't get home for the annual reunion.

In Bethlehem, the schedule of Christmas Eve ran from noon through midnight services. Between 4,000 and 5,000 foreign tourists crowded into the bleak little hilltop town 12 miles south of Jerusalem where Christ was born.

Another 1,737 Christians from Israel, mostly Arabs, received Israeli permission to cross the Palestine war truce line in Jerusalem to attend the Bethlehem services. About 200 foreign diplomats, clergymen and others from Israel also were given permission to visit shrines across the line in Jordan.

Peaceful conditions in the Holy Land which swelled the pilgrimages were reflected in the Gaza Strip between Israel and Egypt. Non-Christians from India took over most of the guard duty along that border while United Nations Emergency Force troops from Western nations enjoyed the religious holidays.

U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and the UNEF commander, Canadian Gen. E. L. M. Burns, joined the troops at Gaza who were decorating 90 imported Christmas trees.

In Baghdad, Iraqi Premier Abdel Karim Kassem pushed back the beginning of curfew until 1 a.m. to permit Christians to attend midnight services on Christmas Eve.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 On this Christmas Eve, let's for the moment forget Santa Claus. Let's put out of our minds the gifts we've given and the gifts we may get. Let's give no thought for a few minutes to the volume of the Christmas business and whether it was larger or smaller than expected. Let's cease to worry about whether or not we remembered everyone we should have remembered.

Let's concentrate, ever so briefly, on WHY IS CHRISTMAS?
 Christmas is the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. In His short life, Jesus of Nazareth changed this earth more than any other person who ever lived on this earth.

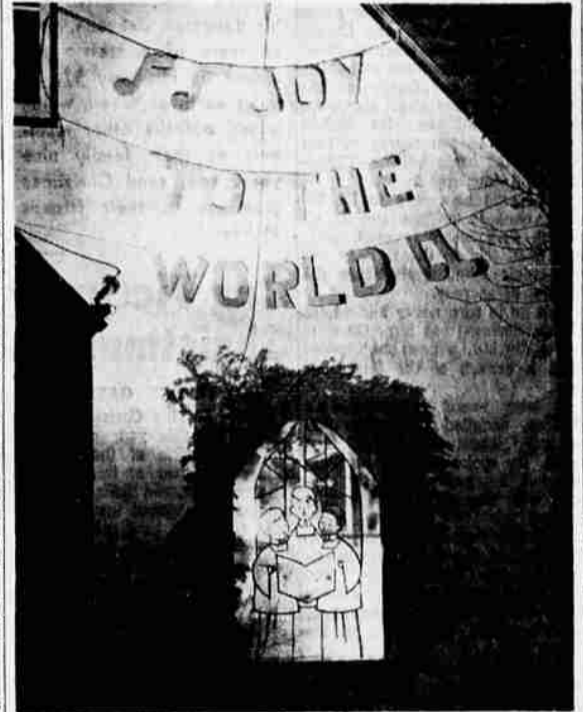
He wrought these changes by the simple beauty of His own life and the eternal truth of His teachings.
 It was an unwholesome world when He came into it.
 The good things were rather exclusively in the hands of the GREATS of the world. There was little enough left over for the little people.

Jesus changed that. He changed it NOT by the sword. He changed it NOT by the power of armies. He changed it NOT by the power of property. He changed it NOT by the power of politics.
 He changed it by the simple beauty of His life and the purity of His teachings.

Jesus gave to the world this simple rule of life:
 "Whatsoever ye would that men shall do to you, do ye even so unto them; for that is the law and the prophets."
 What there is of good in this world has come about very largely through adherence to that rule. What there is of bad has come about CHIEFLY through departure from it.

And—
 Whatever hope there may be for mankind of a PERFECT WORLD must be achieved through adoption of that rule as a way of life for mankind.
 One can't help feeling that if in the Christmas season more thought was given to what Christmas REALLY IS there would be more satisfaction with the Christmas season and more happiness throughout the year and throughout the world.

The Herald and News will be closed Christmas.



FIRST PRIZE in the window lighting category of the Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Klamath Jaycees and Copco went to E. J. Boothby for this display which may be seen at his residence, 2919 Summers Lane. The Boothby display is not only visual but also musical with choristers' singing heard during the hours of illumination. — Photo by Kettler

City Wants A Lot Of Snow For Yuletide Celebration

By PEGGY WALSH
 DUNSMUIR—"All we want for Christmas is five feet of snow—on Mt. Shasta" is the refrain in Dunsmuir.
 Otherwise the community is celebrating the birth of Christ in the traditional manner with worship and music, special events for children and friends, decorations and family celebrations.

All of the churches in Dunsmuir had special events slated in observance of Christmas. At the First Methodist Church, the celebration began on Sunday with special choir music at the 11 a.m. service. "Unto Us . . ." was the theme of the church school presentation on Sunday evening with pre-school through eighth grade participating. A Christmas Eve carol and candle service is scheduled to begin at 7:30 for all Christian families. Rev. O. A. Terrell has announced.
 St. Barnabas Episcopal Church will have a holy communion service at 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve with special choir music and a Christmas message. An 11 a.m. service will also be held Christmas Day. The church school program was held during morning prayer service on Sunday.
 St. John's Catholic Church will

hold its annual midnight mass on Christmas Eve.
 "Simeon, the Stable Hand," a play presented by the young people of the Assembly of God Church, was a feature of the special program held on Sunday evening.
 The congregation of the Church of Christ at Florence and Sacramento avenues presented a special program designed to glorify the meaning of Christmas on Sunday evening.
 The decorative start of Christmas began in November with the chamber of commerce erecting and lighting a big downtown tree. A group of volunteers strung the tinsel and lights across the commercial area of Florence Avenue.

The joy of Christmas is not complete without a concern for those less fortunate and Dunsmuir did not forget this portion of Christmas.
 The children of the Methodist Church brought canned food for a family in need. The children of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church placed gifts on the altar to prove to the foster children in Siskiyou County that someone cares—either at Christmas time or when a special gift is needed.
 Gifts were gathered by the Dunsmuir Women's Club for the in-

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Tale Of Christmas Reply Recollected

NEW YORK (AP) — Francis P. Church obviously was annoyed when given the assignment.
 "He bristled and pooh-poohed at the subject," his employer recalled in later years.
 Finally, however, Church went to his desk — with an air of resignation — and set to work.

Church was an editorial writer for the New York Sun, since merged with the New York World-Telegram and Sun. It was in September 1897.
 Even though Christmas still was a considerable time away, a little girl of 8 had been thinking about it. And a great big question had popped into her mind.
 She put the question to her father who suggested she write the Sun. It was her letter that was handed to Church with the request that he prepare a reply which could be published in the newspaper.

Church pondered the matter, then began to write.
 How well he wrote he perhaps did not realize at the time — but in the years before his death in 1906 he came to know full well, indeed, it became a classic expression of Christmas sentiment.
 The little girl to whom Church addressed his message still is living. She now is Mrs. Laura Virginia Douglas, a New York school principal and a widow with children and grandchildren of her own. She is 69.

But by courtesy of the World-Telegram and Sun, the editorial is published again here.
IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?
 We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

"Dear Editor:
 I am 8 years old.
 Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
 Papa says 'if you see it in the Sun it's so.'
 Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?
 Virginia O'Hanlon.

115 West 95th Street."
 Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They don't believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus: it would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men of that age lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fairy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view

and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.
 No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Considerable cloudiness Thursday with night and morning valley fog. Showers early tonight. Low tonight 23-28; high Thursday 38-43.
 High yesterday 44
 Low last night 20
 Precip. last 24 hours 0.01
 Since Oct. 1 1.19
 Same period last year 6.61
 Normal for period 4.30

Northern California—Rain tonight and early Thursday with snow level 3,500 feet in extreme north and 6,000 in Sierra Nevada. Otherwise partly cloudy Thursday with little change in temperature. Southerly coastal winds 20-35 miles an hour from Point Arena northward.

CRATER LAKE

High Tuesday 30
 Min. Tuesday 15
 Temp. 8 a.m. Wednesday 23
 Snow fall December 23 was 2 1/2 inches against a total of 87 inches last year on the same date. Fifty-nine inches have fallen this year in comparison to 187 inches at this time in 1957. The weather is calm with overcast skies. Chains are advised on Highway 62 and mandatory from Annie Springs to the rim.



SHOOTING HOURS:

OREGON	
December 25	
OPEN 7:02	CLOSE 4:40
DECEMBER 26	
OPEN 7:02	CLOSE 4:40
CALIFORNIA	
December 25	
OPEN 7:03	CLOSE 4:39
DECEMBER 26	
OPEN 7:03	CLOSE 4:39

Southern California Kids Cheer Ailing Santa Claus

MONROVIA, Calif. (AP) — It was Christmastime, but none of the yuletide bustle filtered into the quiet room where the man lay, pale and gaunt.
 His only companions were memories.
 Memories of other Christmases when big-eyed children told him their dreams.
 Memories of happy days when he was the most popular, rotund, bewhiskered Santa Claus in Monrovia, a foothill town 20 miles from Los Angeles.

Now he was alone in a hospital room, forgotten. A sadness welled inside him.
 Suddenly, the door opened and two small children lifted in.
 "Merry Christmas, Mr. Santa Claus," they chorused.
 His eyes opened. Tears rolled down his emaciated cheeks.
 The spirit of Christmas had returned to 81-year-old Tom Davies. For years Tom has been Santa to thousands of San Gabriel Valley children. Several months ago he suffered a stroke.
 The children who remembered Santa Tuesday were David, 4, and Debbie, 7, children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Dickerson of Monrovia.
 The Dickersons started a movement to get Santa's young fans to write him "thank you" and "get well" letters.
 "Tom was the best Santa we ever had," said President Jerry McBratney of McBratney's Department Store where Tom worked for eight years. "He was wonderful with kids. He even visited them at school. Tom knew the true meaning of Christmas."
 After the Dickerson children had left the quiet hospital room, Tom looked at the letters they had given him.
 "I always told the children when they sat on my knee to say their prayers at night," he said. "I thought that was the real way to teach them what Christmas means."

Ten Members Of KF Family Aided By Kingsley Airmen

A family, consisting of a mother and nine children, ranging in age from 4 months to 14 years, are going to have more to eat this Christmas than they could have dreamed of, thanks to the combined efforts of Kingsley Field personnel and the South Sixth Street Safeway Store.
 Personnel from Kingsley Field's Fire Department and installation engineers section joined forces and contributed \$15 toward purchasing groceries for some needy family in the Klamath Falls area. T.Sgt. Virgil Mast and S.Sgt. Al-

ten Eidson were selected to purchase the groceries and present them to the family.
 Ellis Landrum, manager of the South Sixth Street Safeway Store, helped the two sergeants select a variety of food, and then went on to contribute at least another \$20 worth of groceries.
 As Mast and Eidson drove away from the store, their car was piled high with canned fruit and vegetables, milk, sacks of flour and potatoes, a large turkey, candy and everything else that goes to make a Christmas dinner.



TOM TRULOVE AND TOBY SCHUH collaborated in producing this highly effective display, which took first place in the lawn lighting category of the Christmas Lighting Contest jointly sponsored by the Klamath Jaycees and Copco. The display is at the Trulove residence, 4055 Shasta Way. — Photo by Kettler

Scribe Tells Poignant Tale Of Waiting For St. Nick

By RUTH KING
 This is a Christmas Eve story . . . a story that unfolded in the city of Klamath Falls . . . a story that sounds so fantastic it can scarcely be believed, but it is true and it happened not too long ago.
 The family might have been your neighbor or ours . . . identity would add nothing to the telling so the principals remain unknown.

It all began back in the mid-20s when a businessman in the Midwest stepped outside the pale of human rights and later paid the penalty in a Midwest prison. He left a daughter who migrated to Oregon, eventually to our town. She married and children were born.
 Letters from her father arrived from time to time, postmarked following the serving of his term from many parts of the United States, Canada and even from Mexico. He never mentioned a permanent home because he had none.
 One year, early in the depression that followed the crash of 1929, he sent an appeal to the only child he had. There were then two children in her family, a son and a daughter. The wanderer, for he had taken to the road and the jungles, hungered to see them. In that letter, he made a proposal.

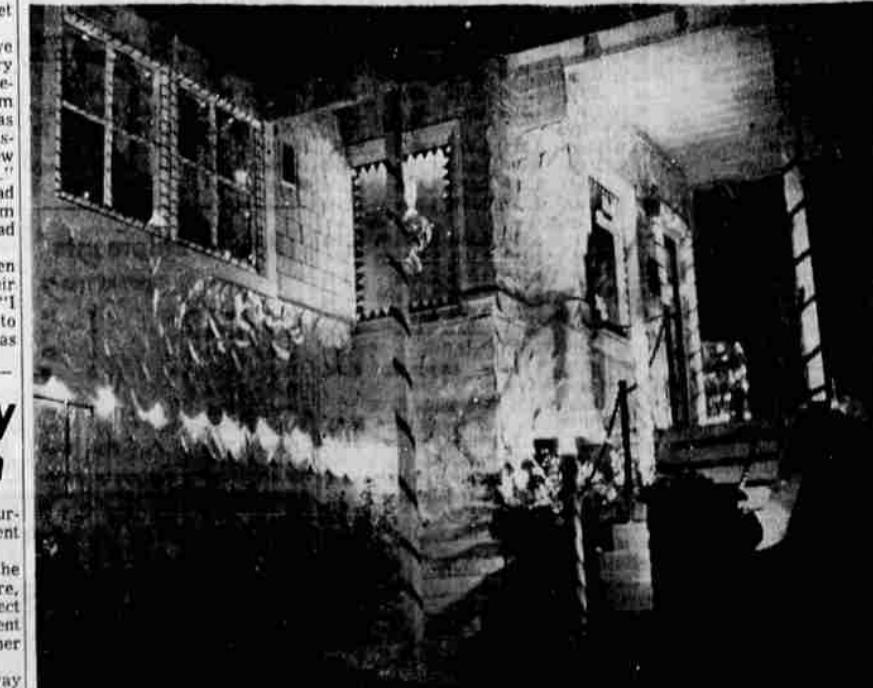
Because of his past, his identity, he said, must not be known to his growing grandchildren. Could he come for a few moments on Christmas Eve, take the part of Santa Claus, touch small tousled heads, give his treats and leave? If the plan was not acceptable, they had only to send a postcard to a certain address. If he could play the part life would take on a deeper meaning. He vowed never to let slip one word that could offend.

He had never seen his son-in-law nor his daughter since she had been a small child.
 The decision was a difficult one for the young woman to make but blood ties were strong and soon after the Thanksgiving holiday that first year, she wrote the invitation for him to come. The basement door would be open on the evening of December 24. The children would be about the lighted tree and the front doorbell was to the right of the door. A blue light would be burning on the porch to guide him and there would be cookies and hot coffee.
 In the days that followed no other word came. She was skeptical. Her husband was also.
 The days before Christmas passed in the rush of prepara-

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CHRISTMAS GROCERIES FOR A NEEDY FAMILY were loaded by Ellis Landrum, left, manager of the South Sixth Street Safeway Store, T.Sgt. Virgil R. Mast, center, of the installation engineers section at Kingsley Field; and S.Sgt. Allen Eidson, of the field's fire department. The two sergeants initiated the collection of groceries for the family and were generously assisted by Landrum.



INGENUITY AT WORK has transformed this Dunsmuir home into a veritable candy house. The home, that of Lester Gilzean, on Surrey, has been adjudged the best outside decoration and awarded a \$25 prize by the California Oregon Power Company. The Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce sponsored the decoration contest. — Photo by Peggy Walsh