CITY BRIEFS

A Christmas Eve — candlelight service is planned by Hope Lutheran Church, starting at 7 o'clock tonight. The Rev. H. Edward Hamme announces that the meditation will be a story entitled, "A Shepherd Who Watched by Night." The service will feature also the Ned Davis trio.

Bethel No. 6—Job's Daughters, installation of officers, Saturday, December 27 at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Guest — Ruth Lobaugh, former music instructor in Klamath Falls schools, was a guest of Mrs. D. E. Van Vactor as she was en route to Phoenix, Arizona, to visit a sister and her family over the Christmas holidays. A no-hostess luncheon was arranged in her honor at the Pelican Cafe. Miss Lobaugh now teaches music at Rose City Park and Gregory Heights Elementary schools in Portland.

Big Turkey — Gust Vourchis, raised, dressed and cooked a 37-pound bronze turkey, serving part of the big bird to neighbors and friends. He also has received a card of thanks from her majesty, Queen Fredericka, of Greece, for the flowers sent to her from his own garden.

College Dance — All Klamath Basin college students are invited to the annual Christmas dance at the Willard Hotel Saturday night, December 27, at 9 o'clock. Rotary Club sponsors this dance each year for Klamath Basin college students. There will be good music by Fred Dallas Trio and refreshments. No charge all free.

Car Dealers Eye Problem

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut automobile dealers were told at their annual meeting that prospective customers have a selling technique of their won.

Dealer Del Spitzer said, "They study prices by candlelight to save electricity and hold us up. They come in with a chip on their shoulder. They can't dicker about the list price which the government controls so their chief concern is the trade-in."

Spitzer advised, "Let him think he's the aggressor. Instead of trying to sell him extra gadgets like windshield squirters show interest in his old car.

"He'll tell you everything because he'll figure it'll increase the appraisal. Then make a reverse pitch and get him to take you for a demonstration ride in his old car. This will make him obligated to you.

"Then when you show him the new model contrast its features with the defects you've spotted in his old model, instead of trying to run down the competitor's product next door. You'll have your customer following you around like a puppy dog."

FREE COFFEE

WEATHERFORD, Tex. (AP)—The Weatherford Rescue Squad will set up a highway booth tonight to serve free coffee to motorists. Squad members hope it will help counteract any effects of too much Christmas cheer.

QUICK SHAVE

BURY, England (UPI)—A department store Santa learned about occupational hazards Tuesday.

The mechanism of a toy automobile became tangled in Santa's beard and tore away part of it before store employes could come to the rescue.

JOLLY SAINT NICHOLAS pulls up on the lawn of the Cliff Schwegerl home on Castle Avenue in Dunsmuir, his sleigh loaded down with gifts. This scene was adjudged the best porch decoration in the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce sponsored contest, and will be awarded $25 from California Power Company. — Photo by Peggy Walsh

NAMED — The Rev. W. A. Morrison, 43, Williamsport, Pa., is new general secretary of Board of Christian Education of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

CONSCIENCE

GLENDIVE, Mont. (AP) — The unidentified man said his conscience bothered him. He appeared at two Glendive stores just before Christmas to pay them for goods he shoplifted two years ago. One store got $33, the other $10.

Budget Issue Up To Demos, Says GOP Policy Leader

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate Republican policy chief Styles Bridges said today President Eisenhower's scaled-down 77 billion dollar budget puts the spending issue "squarely up to the Democrats."

The New Hampshire senator said that the President's early announcement of a balanced budget for the 1960 fiscal year was "advance notice on spending."

The budget battle appeared to be under way—weeks earlier than usual. Bridges' statement, in a telephone interview from New Hampshire, came as Democrats challenged the validity of Eisenhower's budget conclusions.

Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D-Pa.) called it a "cheapskate program and an "ostrich budget" inadequate for the nation's growth requirements. He proposed an additional five to six billion dollars in outlays with the added cost made up by closing tax loopholes.

But Bridges' stand was: "If Congress wants to take the responsibility of raising it, the President is going to put that squarely on their shoulders."

Key Democrats questioned whether the President could balance the new budget and still avoid a general tax increase. But administration economists counted on recovery from the business recession to boost revenues. The Commerce Department reported that the economy had climbed back to its pre-recession level.

Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), Senate Democratic whip, commented that Eisenhower had "presented a figure but is trying to keep the people ignorant of the facts as to what the budget will include."

Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.), senate small business chairman, said he fears Eisenhower is "overoptimistic in his revenue figures."

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) called the budget "dishonest" and "political." He said it would "be a miracle if it turned out to be a balanced budget even on the President's own terms."

CHRISTMAS MAIL HEAVIER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Christmas mail is running slightly heavier than last year but Postmaster Arthur E. Summerfield says it is being handled with greater economy and efficiency.

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New Atlas Missile Shot Successfully Spans Sea

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Air Force has shot an Atlas missile on a successful 4,000-mile flight across the Atlantic just six days after its predecessor became the nation's biggest satellite.

The latest Atlas triumph — the third big one in a row — was announced some four hours after the blastoff of the 80-foot rocket late Tuesday night.

There was no official word from the launching site, but Col. John Powers said at Air Force Ballistic Missile Division headquarters in Inglewood, Calif., that preliminary reports showed the Atlas test ran smoothly.

The spectacular Christmas fireworks display followed on the heels of last Thursday's satellite launching and the first 325-mile intercontinental range Atlas shot Nov. 28.

The four-ton Atlas now in orbit is signalling President Eisenhower's "Peace on Earth" message to the world.

Powers said efforts were being made to recover the nose cone of the rocket, after a blazing re-entry from space, but it was not known whether an announcement on this would be forthcoming.

Tuesday night's launching was the first appearance of a new Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile called the "C series." The missile featured some special modifications, most of them classified, which should result in lightening the Atlas payload by about 100 pounds.

The start of the shoot appeared to be highly successful as the 120-ton gleaming rocket burst up through a blanket of puffy white clouds and darted eastward like a fading star.

As the missile climbed, an eerie white glow was cast over the launching area by the Atlas' flashing exhaust tail reflecting off a low lying ground haze.

As the Convair rocket streaked out of sight, the Atlas satellite was making its 86th sweep around the globe in an orbit expected to last several more weeks.

The Air Force, which kept the satellite launching a super-secret last Thursday, announced Tuesday night that the shoot "was one of a continuing series of research and development flight tests of the Atlas weapons system."

The military rarely reports the results of a weapon shoot such as this.

Prior to the launch there were rumors that either another satellite attempt would be made or that something alive was aboard. Neither report could be confirmed.

The mission apparently was to see how the "Big A" would stand up under heavy stress now that the special modifications have been introduced.

The mighty Atlas—which may become operational before the end of 1959—reaches speeds as high as 16,000 miles an hour on a long range flight.

The flight time was only about 30 minutes when the missile was shot over the 6,325 mile intercontinental range just three weeks ago on Nov. 29.

The Atlas' three engine propulsion system, developed by Rocketdyne, builds up 360,000 pounds of thrust before the missile roars aloft.

Two small vernier rockets on the side of the missile frame make fine adjustments on the velocity needed for the trip.

After about two minutes the powerful twin booster rockets break away, leaving the sustainer engine to carry a lighter load toward the fringes of space.

The liftoff came four days after the highly touted Titan ICBM flamed out on its launching debut. The Titan program is a follow-on seires to the Atlas.

It was the 17th Atlas fired in the nation's accelerated ICBM development program which began just over a year ago.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Members of Gov. George D. Clyde's administration gave him two Christmas gifts Tuesday. They called them the "keys to success in balancing the state budget."

The items: A rubber slide rule and a tiny press that prints fake money.

Group To Select Top Farmer

CHILOQUIN—Gordon Givan has been appointed chairman of a committee to select this area's most outstanding young farmer in the 21-35 age group.

The committee, sponsored by the Reservation Jaycees, will organize a community search to increase public understanding of the farmer and his problems and to increase interest in agriculture as a career.

Anyone in the area may nominate a candidate who is between the ages of 21 and 35 and derives the majority of his livelihood from a farm.

These nominations should be submitted to Givan at Beatty. He is the 1958 winner of the award.

The award will be made at the Annual Awards Banquet to be held in late January.

The area designated by the Reservation Jaycees in the outstanding Young Farmer search comprises all of Klamath County lying north of the south boundary of the Klamath Indian Reservation.

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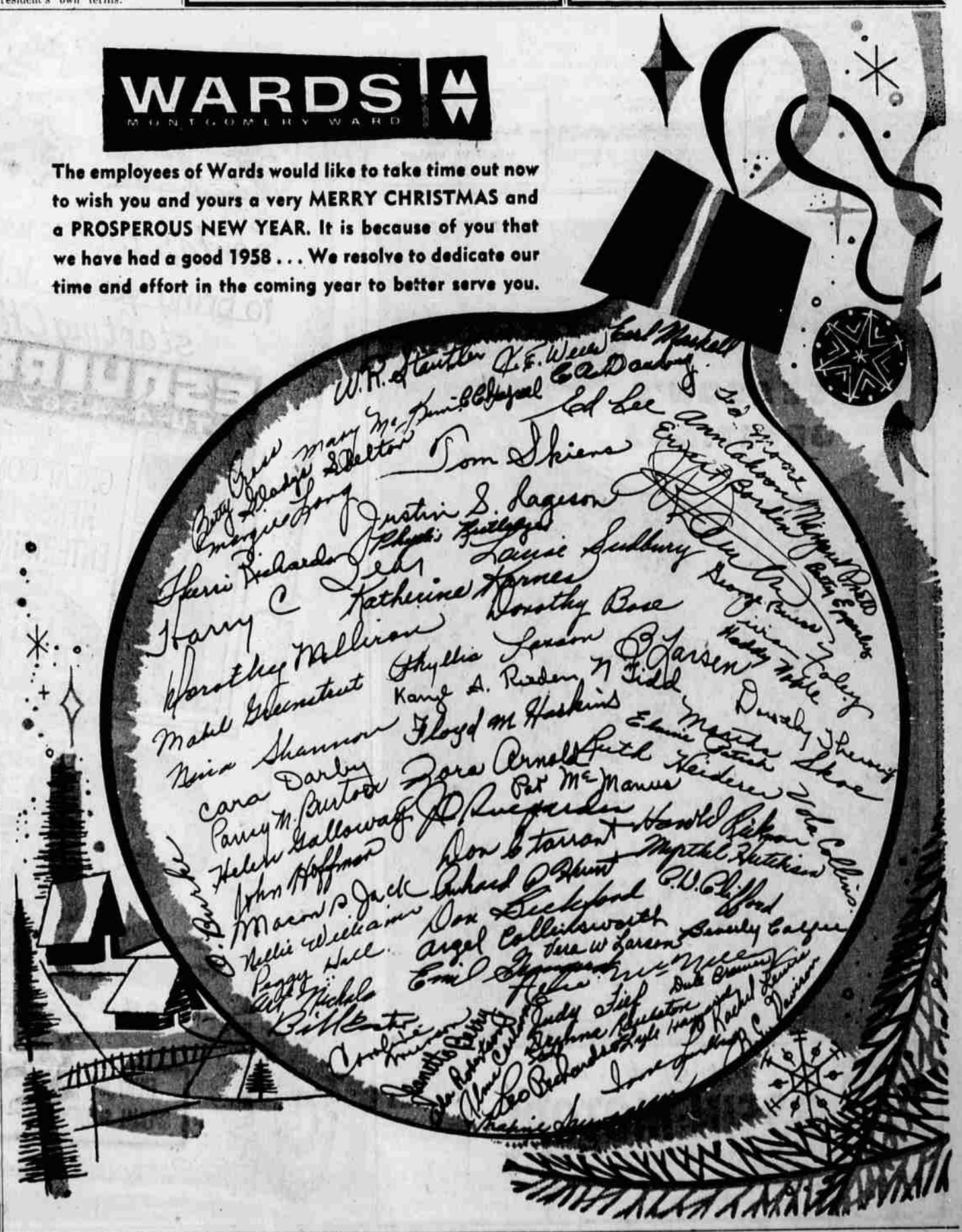
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