



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
This is Christmas Eve.
Tomorrow is Christmas Day.
That prompts a question: Where
does the word CHRISTMAS come
from?

It comes from the early English
term CHRISTES MASSE, which
means Christ's Mass. The words
"Christes Masse" were quickly
combined into the word Christmas.
The word is used widely through-
out the world, but its origin is
English.

The date for Christmas in most
lands is December 25.

How did that come about?

In the year 354, by order of
Bishop Liberius of Rome, the De-
cember 25 date was adopted. It
was noted later that this date
would fall within the rainy season
in Palestine, so that the shepherds
would not have been in the fields
at night, as they were when Jesus
was born.

The early church fathers possibly
chose December 25 because the
feast of the sun, or winter solstice,
was a familiar Roman feast day
celebrating the victory of light
over darkness. It is interesting to
note that the Armenians, who were
the first people in the world to set
up a Christmas state, celebrate
Christmas Eve on January 6 by
eating fried fish, lettuce and boiled
spinach. They believe that Mary
ate boiled spinach the night before
Jesus was born.

On Christmas Eve, Santa Claus
comes down the chimneys and
brings gifts to good little girls and
boys. Whence came the name
Santa Claus?

It started with a real person—
Saint Nicholas, the youngest and
one of the kindest bishops in the
history of the early church.
During the Middle Ages, he gradu-
ally became the patron saint of
schoolboys. From that it was an
easy step to patron saint of all
children.

In The Netherlands, both young
and old still celebrate his feast day.

How did Saint Nicholas become
Santa Claus?

Well, the Dutch settlers in Amer-
ica brought the feast of Saint
Nicholas with them to New Am-
sterdam, now New York City. The
feast, with its giving of gifts,
caught on with English-speaking
children. The Dutch name for
Saint Nicholas is San Nicholasas.
English children, trying to say San
Nicholaas, especially saying it
quickly and excitedly, changed it
over into Santa Claus. Try it your-
self. If you say San Nicholasas very
fast, you'll get an approximation
of Santa Claus.

One word more on Saint Nich-
olas. In the Dutch version, he is
kindly and loveable, but he is also
strict. If Hans and Katrina have
been good children, they find gifts
in their wooden shoes.

But if they have been BAD, they
find only a bundle of SWITCHES
there.

The Dutch think of Santa Claus
(Saint Nicholas) as dressed in the
robes of a bishop and riding
through the streets on a white don-
key. The English visualize him as
a gentleman dressed in a long tail
coat and a squarish beaver hat.

How did our picture of a roly-
poly gentleman with long white
whiskers and a fur-trimmed coat

Touhy Case Suspect Is Arrested

LINCOLN, Ill. (UPI) — A teen-
aged hitchhiker told police today
a man who picked him up boasted
of killing Roger Touhy and Chi-
cago police sent two detectives
to question both.

The hitchhiker identified him-
self as George Green, 17, and said
he was en route to visit his moth-
er in Dallas, Tex. He said he had
worked in Chicago since April and
Chicago police confirmed this.

Green gave a statement to po-
lice here that the driver claimed
to have shot Touhy, 61, prohibition
era gangster. Touhy was
shotgunned in an ambush in front
of his sister's house in Chicago.

A 12 gauge shotgun, the same
gauge that killed Touhy, was
found in the man's car. Chicago
police sent Detectives Marshall
Carroll and Robert Noonan to Lin-
coln to talk to the man and to
Green and to bring back the gun
and shells for laboratory analysis.

The man is a resident of Lock-
port, Ill., a Chicago suburb. Lock-
port sources said he had been in-
volved in two recent scrapes with
the police there. On one occasion
he is alleged to have produced a
shotgun in an argument with his
wife. Also, there is a charge
against him of having an open
bottle of liquor in an automobile.
He has been a patient in a Vet-
erans Administration hospital and
has been a truck driver and a gas
station attendant.

The man, Lockport sources said,
was believed to be on a hunting
trip.

He ran his car into a ditch on
U. S. 66 on the outskirts of Lin-
coln. State police said he was
drunk and unconscious when a
trooper arrived at the accident
scene. He was taken to a hospital
overnight but later was moved to
the jail here.

BULLETIN

A first degree murder charge
was filed today against William
Olen Gairson, a 40-year-old ranch-
hand previously arrested for bru-
tally beating two babies.

The charge, signed by a state
police officer, accused Gairson of
murdering 11-month-old Gary Lee
Bursik December 17.

The information of felony speci-
fically accused Gairson of beating
the child's head against the floor
until he was dead.

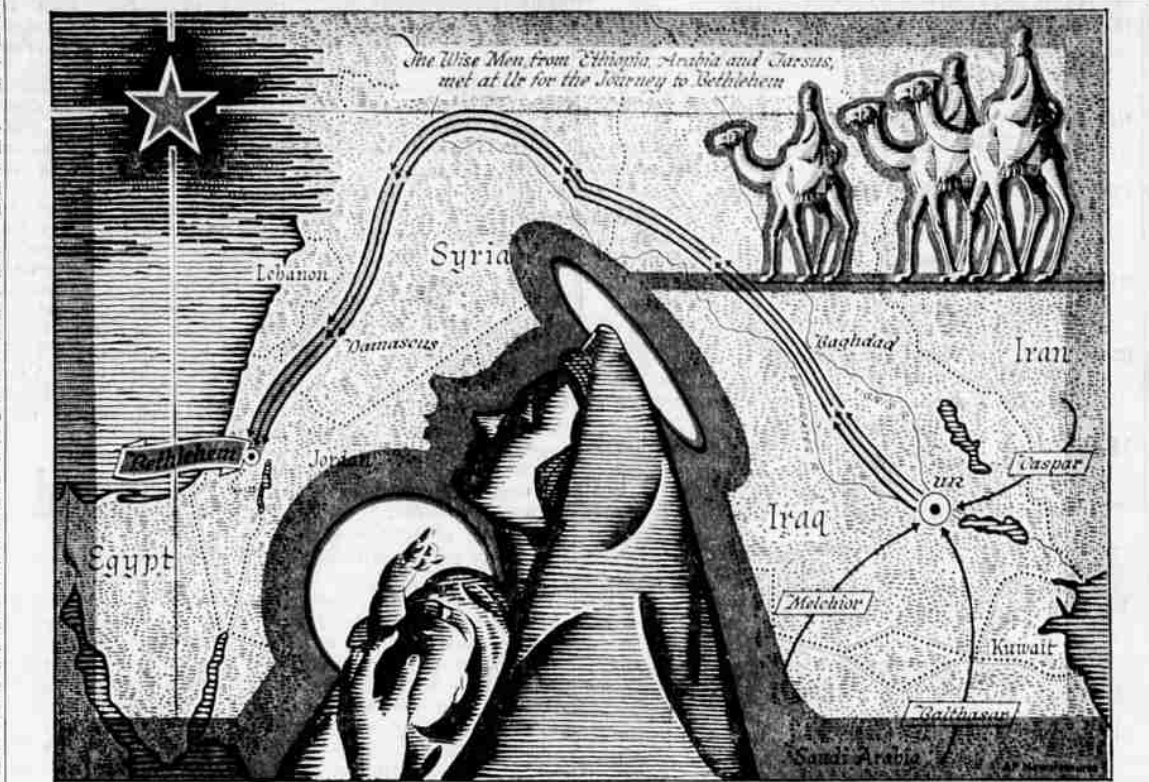
District Attorney Arthur Beddoe
said the information was filed af-
ter officers interviewed the child's
mother, Mrs. Ethel Myrtle Bursik.

SHOOTING HOURS DUCKS, GEES

OREGON		
December 25		
OPEN	CLOSE	
7:30	4:40	
December 26		
OPEN	CLOSE	
7:30	4:40	
December 27		
OPEN	CLOSE	
7:35	4:45	
CALIFORNIA		
December 25		
OPEN	CLOSE	
7:33	4:39	
December 26		
OPEN	CLOSE	
7:34	4:40	
December 27		
OPEN	CLOSE	
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PG&E In Line For Power

PORTLAND (AP)—The Bonne-
ville Power Administration has
recommended it sell its surplus
Northwest power to a private
utility—the Pacific Gas & Elec-
tric Co. of California.

In the preliminary draft of a
report on the proposed intertie
with California, the BPA said
Wednesday it could harvest some
\$1,800,000 annually in the first 10
years of the proposed sale.

The federal BPA came out in
favor of the sale to PG&E over
another proposal that it be tied in
with the Central Valley Project,
also federally owned, in Califor-
nia.

This was in spite of an opinion
by the Department of Interior
regional solicitor. He said in an
opinion contained in the draft
that the preference clause of the
Bonneville Project Act that gives
publicly owned utilities first call
on Columbia River power would
apply to power marketed in Cali-
fornia.

The voluminous study was pre-
pared at the request of the Sen-
ate Committee on Interior and
Insular Affairs. After a review
by governors of Northwest states
and California and consulting
bodies a final draft will be made.
Some 25 billion kilowatt-hours of
the secondary power could go
to California in an extremely wet
year. This was based on mini-
mum power production estimates
of present facilities by Army En-
gineers.

Gift For Santa

DUNCAN, Okla. (AP) — If you
are writing Santa Claus some gift
suggestions a little encouragement
may not hurt.
Mark and Salli Edwards
dropped their letter in a mailbox.
Attached to the envelope were a
small candy bar and a red sucker.

Complete Tale Blurred On Story Of Wise Men

By TOM HENSHAW
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There came wise men from the
East, a Chicago suburb. Lock-
ing gifts of gold and frankincense
and myrrh.

The single sentence sums up
just about all the hard facts that
are known about the background
of those famed travelers of the
Nativity tale, whose story is told
in 12 terse verses by the Apostle
Matthew.

Who were they? How many
were there? What were their
names? Where did they come
from? What route did they travel
on their journey to the Christ
Child?

MATTHEW DOESN'T SAY. But
since human nature simply can't
abide loose ends, people in the
centuries that followed have tak-
en Matthew's meager facts and
have woven about them a remark-
ably complete dossier on the wise
men.

They were three in number. This
was deduced from the three gifts,
gold, frankincense and myrrh,
which is hardly conclusive evi-
dence. In fact, St. Augustine, who
lived in the 4th Century, figured
there were at least 12.
The wise men were magi, priests
of the one-God oriental religion
founded a thousand years before
Zoroaster in the Iranian high-
lands far to the east of Bethlehem.
Magi were particularly well versed
in astrology, hence the star.

Christmas Day

The Herald and News will not
publish on Friday, Christmas
Day, in order that our em-
ployees might enjoy Christmas
with their families and friends.

They were kings, a theory first
put forth by the Christian philoso-
pher Tertullian in the 2nd Cen-
tury. This story gained such wide
acceptance that Renaissance art-
ists depicted them in regal robes
and crowns accompanied by scores
of attendants.

THEIR NAMES were Melchior,
Balthasar and Caspar and they
represented the different races and
ages of man and their gifts signi-
fied that Christ was both King
and God who would die for man.
Melchior was king of Nubia and
Arabia. He is depicted as a man
of about 60 with a long beard.
An Asian, his gift was gold, sym-
bolic of Christ the King.

Balthasar was the ruler of Eth-
iopia. He is pictured as a Negro,
also bearded and about 40. He
brought frankincense, a fragrant
gum, which signified Christ the
Deity.

Caspar, sometimes called Gas-
par, was king of Tarsus. He was
a tall bearded youth of about 20.
A Caucasian, he carried myrrh,
another aromatic gum, which pro-
phesied Christ's death on the
cross.

CURIOUS PIOUS PEOPLE have
long conjectured on their route to
Bethlehem. All Matthew says
about it is that they came by
way of Jerusalem and returned
to their homes by a different
route.

Tradition has it that they gath-
ered at Ur in Babylonia, birth-
place of Abraham. Ur was a log-
ical place to start following a star
since the Babylonians were the
leaders in the astronomy of the
day.

They traveled up the fertile val-

16 Families Aided By SA

WEED—Sixteen families, includ-
ing 22 adults and 33 children were
remembered with Christmas cheer
baskets this year, presented
through efforts of the Salvation
Army local committee. Mrs. Ken-
neth Stone served as cheer chair-
man.

Articles of food, clothing and
toys were boxed for the annual
holiday remembrance.

Local organizations and individ-
uals making the cheer baskets
possible were the Women's Asso-
ciation of the Weed Presbyter-
ian Church; the Sunday School
from the same church; Atlanta
Rebecca Lodge No. 373; NAACP;
Girl Scout Troop No. 252; Weed
Lions Club; Weed Business and
Professional Women's Club; Moose
Lodge and Salvation Army.

Carl Phelps, Mrs. John Mantle,
Rudy Gayners, Adams Grocery,
and Frank McMillan of Burlingame,
who contributes a box of toys
for distribution in this area each
year.

Toys Pour In For Beat Victim

A merry Christmas seems to be
in store for 3-year-old Billie Joe
Breeding, the baby found by ju-
venile officers last Friday beaten
and burned over most of his body.

The juvenile office said interest-
ed persons have literally flooded
the juvenile home with toys for
the child. These gifts include
stuffed toys, a basketball, a foot-
ball, wagon, a great many clothes,
shoes, candy and toys of all sorts.

The child, known to juvenile
workers as Jody, will spend Christ-
mas at the juvenile home. He still
is under a doctor's care, but
his condition is improving rapidly.

World Eyes Peace For The First Time Since Second War

By J. R. TRIPLET
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People on both sides of the Iron
Curtain looked forward this
Christmas Eve to the possibility
that, for the first time since
World War II, the world may
again know real peace.

President Eisenhower and Pre-
mier Nikita Khrushchev are key
figures in the hopes of millions,
just as the United States and the
Soviet Union have been key na-
tions in the cold war.

Shooting persists in Algeria,
Iran and Iraq have moved up
troops in a yuletide border spat.
Red China, no convert to Khrush-
chev's renunciation of force to
settle world problems, offers a
continuing threat in its claims to
Indian frontier lands.

Pilgrims thronging by the thou-
sands to Bethlehem, Jordan-held
birthplace of Jesus Christ, were
reminded by the presence of Arab
and Israeli military guard posts
along the nearby border that the
1948 Palestine war was ended by
an armed truce, never by a peace
pact.

Any universal peace is a matter
of the distant future.

But the past year has seen sig-
nificant steps toward greater in-
ternational understanding. Among
these have been the Khrushchev
visit to the United States and
Eisenhower's agreement to return
the visit; the arrangements for a
Big Four summit conference;
Eisenhower's 11-nation tour on be-
half of friendship and peace in
freedom; moderate progress in
Geneva nuclear talks; the coming
10-nation parley on disarmament.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and
vicinity: A few showers tonight.
Partly cloudy Friday with a few
snow flurries in the mountains.
Low tonight 18-25; high Friday
35-42.

High yesterday 42
Low last night 33
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 0.84
Same period last year 1.17
Low in area, Chemult 28

Northern California—Intermittent
rain through Friday except snow
in the mountains. Moderate to heavy
amounts likely. Snow level 3,000
feet in the north. Small craft warn-
ings on the coast for southerly
winds 25-35 miles an hour at times
tonight, becoming southwesterly
and westerly Friday.

CRATER LAKE

High yesterday 32
Low last night 26
8 a.m. today 28
New snow 13 in
Snow depth 23
Last year 5
Skiing Powder

It was snowing briskly this
morning in the park and chains
were required for travel over High-
way 62 through the park and from
Annie Springs to park headquarters.
The road from headquarters
to the rim is closed until it can
be plowed out. Snowfall so far this
season totals 50 inches compared
with 59 inches on this date last
year. The park rangers report it
was snowing on December 24, 1958,
also.

Eisenhower touched on his
peace mission in a Christmas mes-
sage carried around the world
Wednesday night.

"I talked with kings and presi-
dents, prime ministers and hun-
dreds of men and women in cot-
tages and mud huts," he said. "Their
common denominator was their
faith that America will lead the
way toward a just peace."

Bethlehem today was as usual
a focal point in religious obser-
vances.

Hotels and boarding houses of
that Judean town were turning
away customers with words equi-
valent to the ages-old "No room at
the inn." Chartered planes swel-
led a flow of tourists that spelled
prosperity for the many inhabi-
tants of Holy Land areas who de-
pend on tourist trade for their
livelihood. Arab-Israeli tension
had eased somewhat.

Even Algiers, celebrating its
sixth Christmas since the start of
the nationalist rebellion against
French rule, presented a more
normal appearance than usual.
Stores were crowded with French
people buying holiday gifts. But
outside the city, security patrols
were reinforced to bar grenade
raids.

Across the Mediterranean, gifts
of toys, candy, and relief supplies
went to flood-stricken French fami-
lies at Frejus. The official toll
from bursting of the Malpaset
Dam three weeks ago stood at
319 dead, 103 missing.

Nations of West Europe were
riding high. Except for Poland
and possibly East Germany—both
troubled by food shortages—this
should be the best Christmas sea-
son economically since the war
for Communist-ruled Eastern Eu-
rope. Though prices were high,
consumer and luxury goods were
reported stocked heavily by state-
run stores.

The Christian-style celebration
still defies conversion attempts by
the Communists in Hungary,
Czechoslovakia, East Germany
and Poland. Thousands crowded
their churches.

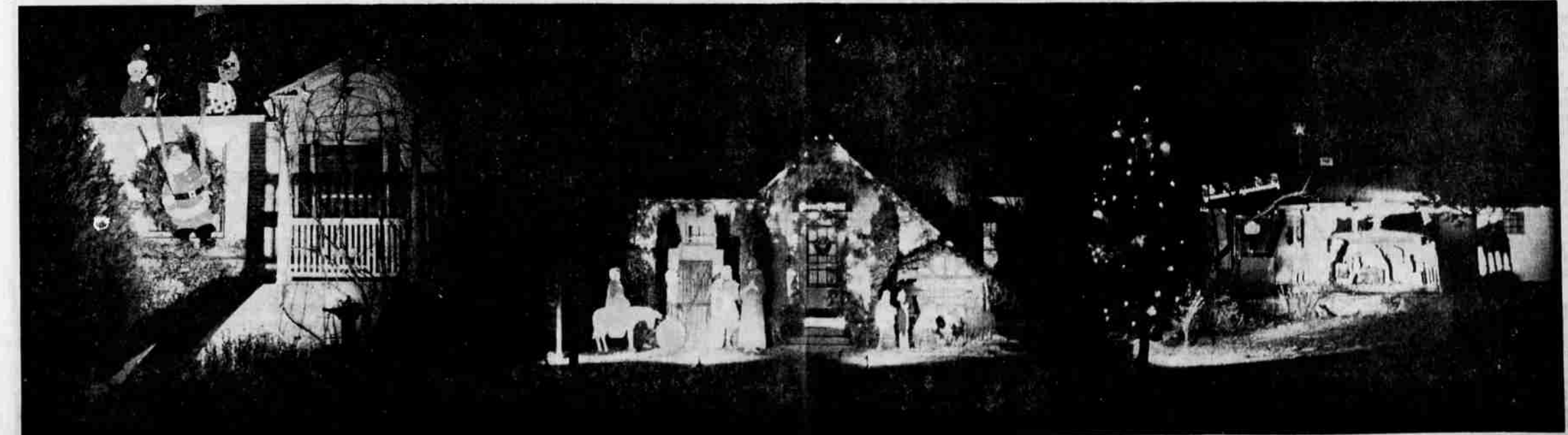
The season had its impact on
two Christmas Islands.
One is Christmas Island in the
Pacific, discovered Dec. 24, 1777,
by Capt. James Cook. There tur-
key and plum pudding will be
served soldiers and airmen man-
ning a British nuclear testing
base. The other is Christmas
Island in the Indian Ocean, dis-
covered Dec. 25, 1643, by Capt.
William Mynors.

Benefactor Pays Fines For Man

READING, Pa. (AP)—Thomas
Sager, 34, appeared headed for a
disastrous Christmas in Berks Coun-
ty Prison on a larceny charge.

Then Wednesday a man, who
did not want to be identified by
name, made \$300 restitution and
paid Sager's fine and costs so
that he could be home for Christ-
mas with his wife and three chil-
dren.

Justice of the Peace Emil
Rudloff freed Sager after the
plaintiff failed to press charges.
The anonymous "Santa Claus"
also gave Sager \$20 to buy gifts
for his children.



ENTRIES in the Jaycee Christmas Lighting Contest were
brilliantly aglow this week waiting for judges. Bad weather
prevented judging Wednesday night, but the judges plan

to begin tonight promptly at dark. At left is the home of
Otto Smith, 1114 Crescent Avenue. Felix Peace resides
in the home at center, 2331 Garden Avenue, and Emil

Schiesel Jr. in the one at right, 3803 Shasta Way. Judges
are Jean Walker, Bob Ingram and Grayce Surett. Jaycees
received 20 entries. They are offering a grand prize of \$100

and a trophy, four \$25 first prizes, plaques, and four \$15
second prizes.