

# Yule Time Said Busy For Hatchery

MOUNT SHASTA — These are busy days at the Mount Shasta State Fish Hatchery. Twelve million rainbow trout eggs are to be taken during the 1959-60 season, which centers around Christmas.

The taking of that many eggs is a chore, but compounding the work is the weekly checking of females to learn when they will be ready for the operation. Five thousand brood trout are being watched over like a setting of eggs. And the delicate touch of trained personnel is needed to do the job right.

Two thousand male trout are required to fertilize that spawn. This, too, complicates the process. Two retaining ponds, divided into sections, and a loading chute between them allows various divisions to be shunted into the spawning house without mixing the fish that are in various stages of development. It all takes know-how. A ranch that specializes in thoroughbred stock is handled no more scientifically than are the Mount Shasta hatchery rainbows.

Not all the rainbow eggs are incubated in the local plant. Many are shipped to other state hatcheries; some to other states and countries on an exchange basis. A staggering one billion eggs will be shipped to British Columbia in exchange for Kamloops trout eggs.

The spawning crew consists of Thomas Driml, Clyde McQuoid, Cliff Mathews and James Neptune.

While the big rainbows are handled like domestic animals, they are still wild. They are placed in water that has been treated with a tranquilizer because excess handling causes them to injure themselves as they fight against something they can't understand.

Christmas at the Mount Shasta hatchery may be likened to the central Kansas farm scene during the top of the wheat harvest. Everybody moves—on the double!

# Medicine Bill Outstrips Money To MDs

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Americans paid more last year for pills, powders, potions, eyeglasses and braces than they did to the doctors who prescribed them.

It was the first time in history that the nation's medicine bill was larger than its doctor bill.

The government reported that last year physicians collected just under \$4,300,000,000 in fees from patients compared with \$4,362,000,000 spent for medicines and medical appliances.

Such items now represent the biggest out-of-pocket expense in America's health budget since they are not covered by most types of insurance.

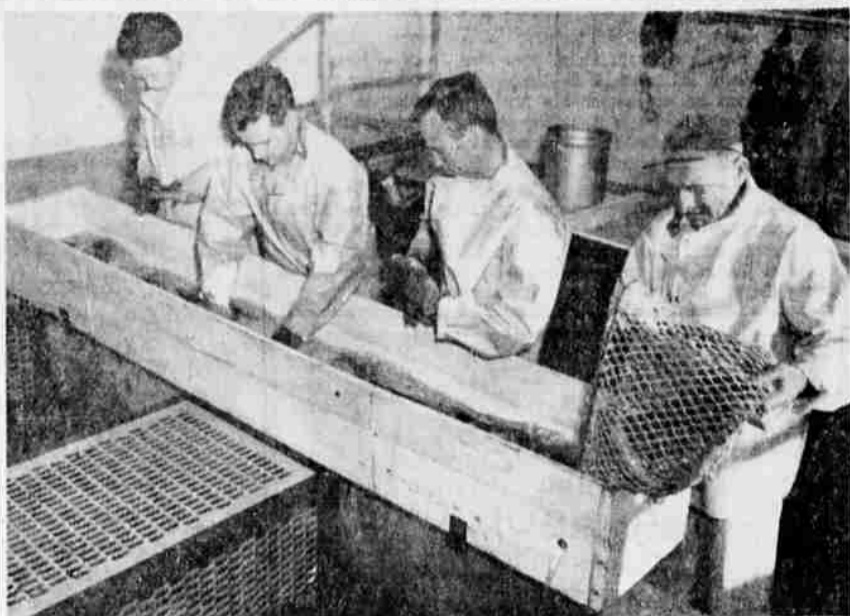
These figures were compiled by the Social Security Administration for publication in its December bulletin as part of a series analyzing benefits under health insurance plans.

According to these statistics, the nation's private health bill rose to a new peak of almost \$16,400,000,000 last year, an increase of more than one billion dollars over the year before, or \$95.65 for every man, woman and child.

Privately financed hospital bills amounted to \$5,100,000,000, of which almost \$2,000,000,000 was covered by insurance. Insurance paid for nearly \$1,300,000,000 of the doctors' bills.

The total does not include health expenditures by federal, state and local governments. Estimates place these at nearly five billion dollars a year.

Almost \$5,100,000,000 of the private health bill went to hospital bills; nearly \$1,700,000,000 for dentists' services; 769 million to osteopaths, chiropractors and private-duty nurses and other professional medical personnel and 200 million to nursing homes.



A CHRISTMAS SEASON CHORE at the Mount Shasta Fish Hatchery is taking 12 million Rainbow trout eggs for shipment to other states and countries. Here, from left to right, are James Neptune, Cliff Mathews, Clyde McQuoid and Thomas Driml, hatchery personnel, make a weekly check of female trout to determine if they are ready for the operation. Tranquilizer is used in the water to keep fish from injuring themselves. — Photo by J. O. McKinney

# Last Veteran Committed To The Soil

FRANKLIN, Tex., (AP)—The frail body of Walter Williams, the last veteran of the Civil War, Wednesday was committed to the red clay soil of the Franklin cemetery.

"Death is swallowed up in victory," said Chaplain Frederick Richardson of Ft. Hood, Tex., reading the burial service at the graveside rites for the 117-year-old Confederate soldier.

There was a brief prayer as 2,000 stood with bowed heads under a heavily clouded sky. Three volleys by an honor guard echoed across the small, barbed-wire fenced cemetery.

Then the notes of silver taps rose and fell—the last taps for the four million men who fought in the Civil War nearly a century ago.

The simple graveside service near Williams' farm home in the oak and pine covered hills of central East Texas followed funeral services and a military procession through downtown Houston as a united nation paid final tribute to the former forage master in Hood's Brigade and Quantrill's raiders, who died Saturday.

"Those who struggled from North and South now lie in dust," the Rev. S. Stephen McKenney said at the funeral services in the South Main Baptist church of Houston.

More than 25,000 persons, many with hats held in their hands, lined the three-mile route as the funeral procession moved from the Civil Courts Building, where the body had lain in state 48 hours, to the church.

Gov. Price Daniel of Texas and representatives of the governors of 10 other Southern states were among those attending the Houston service.

President Eisenhower was represented by Maj. Gen. C. Stanton Babcock, 8th Corps commander, at the Houston service, and by Lt. Gen. Edward T. Williams at the graveside rites here.

# People Become Depressed Around Christmas Time

By RENNIE TAYLOR  
Associated Press Science Writer  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Christmas in the United States has become a breeder of mental depression and infantile behavior and a reminder of an unhappy past for some people, says a psychiatric research team.

It offers an excuse for some weird doings by individuals with personality troubles. It can be a headache for people who don't want to play the holiday game as it has developed in American culture, the researchers add.

Society's rules and regulations now hold that at Christmas time everybody should be absolutely happy; everybody should receive gifts; adults should exchange presents as symbols of friendship, and family ties should be renewed, no matter how ragged they may have become.

There always are people who dislike one or more of these rules, and they show their disapproval by abnormal reactions, the psychiatrists say.

In drawing this picture of the other side of Christmas, the researchers say doctors can expect a spate of complaining patients who need mainly understanding and advice.

The researchers were Dr. Nyla J. Cole and Dr. Herbert B. Fowler, University of Utah psychiatrists, and Orla M. Shaw and Helen Ratcliffe, psychiatric social workers.

# Well, Anyway, Pupils Got Gifts

WESTMINSTER, Mass. (AP)—Santa Claus was kept out in the cold Wednesday when he appeared at a primary school bearing candy and gifts.

The school committee said his appearance in the school "would interfere with the children's education."

So Santa, otherwise Eugene C. Lanoue, distributed his gifts to homeward-bound pupils of the first to third grades outside the school.

# Former Naval Officer Keeps 2 Services Happy

WASHINGTON (AP) — How does Dudley C. Sharp, a former naval reserve officer, get along with the Air Force he now runs? Sharp says he thinks he gets along fine — not only with the Air Force but with his old naval service.

The new secretary of the Air Force is 34. He's a 6-foot, sandy haired Texan who came to the Pentagon the first time in 1955, returned to his business later, then answered to a summons for another Pentagon tour of duty.

He was president of the Mission Manufacturing Co. of Houston — a firm that makes petroleum industry equipment — when he accepted appointment as assistant secretary of air for materiel in October 1955. He resigned his position last January, returning to his firm.

He didn't stay in Houston long. Resignations and reshuffling in the Air Force directorate left open the No. 2 position of undersecretary. James H. Douglas, until recently secretary of air but now deputy secretary of defense, prevailed on Sharp to return to Washington. On Dec. 11, Sharp moved up to succeed Douglas upon the latter's promotion.

Douglas comments that the Air Force is fortunate in getting an already job-trained man back on the job. He says administrators, like ordinary airmen, are more useful if they have experience in their job.

Sharp's quiet manner in working with other Pentagon officials and with committees on Capitol Hill is viewed as an asset for the job.

Sharp smokes cigars, preferably Philippine makes, in moderation. He used to play tennis, then shifted to golf which he says he plays with no more than medium scores. He likes to hunt and fish, but has little chance to do either. He also likes sail boating, when there's time for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp have two children, both married. Son Dudley C. Sharp Jr. lives in Houston; daughter Julia at Charlottesville, Va., where her husband, Jose Vergera, is a professor at the University of Virginia. The Sharps keep a home here as well as the one in Houston. Sharp proposes to head back for Houston the next time he gets free from his Washington assignment.

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