

By FRANK JENKINS

Problem as this is written: What to write about on the last day of the year, with New Year's Eve only a few hours off. Here's a BIGGER problem: How to write something that would be worth reading.

Here's a sample of what is being written and sent out over the wires in these last hours of the old year:

It will cost more to ring in 1960 than it did to welcome 1959, according to a nationwide survey of New Year's Eve night club prices. Tabs at the better bistros will range from \$20 to \$50 a couple—and could go a lot higher. This would depend, a Chicago night club manager says, "on how wild you want to get."

Prices in the plushiest places, the story goes on, include a dinner, a floor show and ONE drink. Other drinks will be extra.

Note: It's the extra ones that will determine the degree of wildness.

The survey adds: There is a growing trend this year to seeing in the New Year with parties at home.

Sounds good, doesn't it? But wait a minute.

These home-type celebrations are varied. There is the host in suburban New York, for example, who plans to spend \$32 a head for a household of reveling guests.

What of him? He's a show-off.

In this modern world, we could do with FEWER show-offs and more plain, honest, hard-working pluggers.

What of the old year that will end at midnight tonight?

The prevailing opinion is that it was pretty tough.

What of the new year that will begin when the old year ends?

The traditional expectation is that THE NEW YEAR IS GOING TO BE WONDERFUL.

How about it?

Let's put it this way:

The new year will be wonderful for those who MAKE IT WONDERFUL. For those who merely sit and wait for something wonderful to happen to them it will be just about like all the other years.

Crews Rescue TV Worker

WILLIAMS, Ariz. (AP)—A television trouble-shooter frozen overnight in 12 feet of snow was recovering in a hospital here today.

George DeGele 40, a robust 245-pounder, murmured, "Thank God, my hands are okay" after being lifted off 9,264-foot Bill Williams Mountain Wednesday by a helicopter from Luke Air Force Base.

He had spent Tuesday night standing up in the snow, unable to move while his feet and legs froze.

His limbs were blackened by the cold, but doctors said his general condition was "excellent."

DeGele started from this north central Arizona city Tuesday to climb the snow-clad peak in search of a TV cable break. About two-thirds of the way up, he said, a snowshoe broke—stranding him in drifts twice his height.

His employer, J. W. Brayer, became worried and organized a search. Undersheriff Clark Cole, Brayer and Wendell Unterreiner, all of Williams, struggled up the slopes.

Adventuress Being Sought By Officials

NEW YORK (UP)—An international search was underway today for a 22-year-old American girl and a mysterious British colonel on whose missing yacht she said she was "first mate."

Authorities sought to learn if the beaten, strangled and decomposed corpse of a young woman found in Tangier, Morocco, could be that of Harriet Elizabeth Benton, Ogdenburg, N.Y., or of another missing American.

Rep. Clarence E. Kilburn (R-N.Y.) said in Washington that meager details of the willowy brunette's disappearance have all the earmarks of international intrigue.

Miss Benton abandoned a promising advertising career with a Boston agency last summer to seek adventure abroad. Against the advice of relatives, she left with \$1,000 last August on a sight-seeing tour of Europe.

Harriet's Syracuse University classmate, Patricia Grant, 23, Maplewood, N.J., said today she was to meet Miss Benton in Gibraltar in September, but Harriet missed the rendezvous. The last Miss Grant heard from her was a letter she received in Madrid Oct. 8.

"It's foolish of me to want to go halfway around the world with a man I met yesterday... but we're sailing tomorrow," Harriet wrote from Gibraltar. "I've had a taste of Morocco. It was thrilling. I'm going back, then on to the West Indies."

She said she had found passage on a yacht bound for the West Indies and referred to the man as "Collin." In a postcard mailed Oct. 8 from Gibraltar, Harriet told her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Benton, she was employed as "first mate" on the yacht Raider, bound for the Canary Islands and the West Indies.

Kilburn said Scotland Yard pinned down the owners of the Raider as one Col. M. J. Gallon, who carried a British passport. Neither Harriet, Gallon, nor the yacht have been seen since.

Officials said the State Department, Coast Guard, Navy, Air Force, the FBI, Scotland Yard, and police units around the world are hunting for the New York girl and Gallon.

A diplomatic courier was reported en route from Tangier to Washington with a dental chart of the teeth of the young woman believed murdered there and her corpse thrown in a sack on the outskirts of the city in October or early November.

The chart will be shown dentists who treated Miss Benton and Helen Mueller, 19, New York, who also went abroad last summer to seek adventure and who vanished in Tangier in early November leaving her belongings in her hotel room.

Demos, No Doubt

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield's new pea green home was decorated by vandals Wednesday night with a sign:

"Keep Oregon Pea Green."

The sign, painted in red letters a foot high, was 10 feet long.

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WILL THIS BE YOUR LAST VIEW ON EARTH? If you drink, don't drive, or this may be the last thing you'll see as you die on the emergency operating table—a doctor, a nurse and two ambulance attendants. Photographer Gene Hackley of the Los Angeles Mirror News made this picture to dramatize the perils of excessive drinking during the holidays. —AP Wirephoto

Snowpack Below Norm

Snowpack in the Klamath Basin watersheds is far below normal for this time of the year, according to snow surveys made in the last few days. Billie Creek Divide has 14 inches of snow containing three inches of water, normal water content for January 1 is 10 inches. Fifteen inches of snow at Diamond Lake has only two inches of water against a normal water content of nine inches. Other courses are in about the same proportion.

Last year started off about the same way and ended with 25 to 40 per cent of normal snowpack at the end of the season. Records accumulated over many years show that early season trends in snowfall usually continue through the season. A second consecutive year of low snowpack in the watersheds could mean serious water shortages next summer. Snowfall during the rest of the season will have to be much above average to produce normal runoff in 1960.

The January 1 snow survey report and water forecast will be out soon. This report is compiled and edited by the Portland office of the Soil Conservation Service from snow surveys made by Soil Conservation Service and several other agencies and individuals. Anyone interested can get on the mailing list by calling the local office of the Soil Conservation Service, TU 4-6477.

Hampshire Paper Boosts Price

DOVER, N. H. (AP)—Foster's Daily Democrat, the only daily newspaper in New Hampshire still sold at five cents, will go up to seven cents beginning next Monday. In a page-one announcement, the newspaper said: "Costs of publishing newspapers have been climbing rapidly during the past several years and there are no indications that the trend will stop."

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity—Decreasing showers tonight with occasional clearing. Partly cloudy Friday. Continued cold. Low tonight 5-10; high Friday 25-30.

High yesterday	31
Low last night	15
Precip. last 24 hours	trace
Since Oct. 1	1.00
Same period last year	1.81
Low in area, Chiloquin	3

Northern California—Fair through Friday except scattered snow showers continuing into tonight in the high mountains. Colder tonight. Northerly to northwesterly coastal winds 25-35 miles an hour but diminishing.

CRATER LAKE

Low last night	41
New snow	15
Snow depth	41
Ski conditions	powder
Chains required	

It was snowing hard and continuously in the park at 8 a.m. this morning. Chains were being required for travel on Highway 62 through the park and from Annie Springs to headquarters.

Biggest Sub Sets Cruise

GROTON, Conn. (AP)—The Navy disclosed today that the world's largest known submarine, Triton, is being prepared for an extended cruise.

A spokesman said the 447-foot nuclear submarine is undergoing preparation at General Dynamics Corp. Electric Boat Division for extended operations which probably will include visits to foreign ports.

Names of the ports were not announced.

The 5,900-ton ship will leave early next year, but no return date was announced.

The Triton, presently in drydock, was launched Aug. 19, 1958, and commissioned last month.

Injuries Fatal To Lad, 7

Lawrence Lee Flock, 7, died at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday in Klamath Valley Hospital, seven hours after he was struck by a car at Keno. State police said the boy was playing on the Keno Bridge at the north entrance to town at 10 a.m. He darted from behind a bridge pillar into the path of a car driven by Mrs. Anna Marie DeGrande of Keno, they said.

The boy was rushed unconscious to Klamath Valley Hospital by Peace Ambulance. Police said he appeared to be suffering leg and head injuries.

Police said the DeGrande vehicle was moving slowly. Mrs. DeGrande was not able to avoid hitting the boy, however, so sudden was his move. She was not cited.

The boy was the son of Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Norman Flock of Keno. Flock is stationed with the Air Force radar station on Haymaker Mountain. The victim was born in Willows, California. The family has lived in Klamath County for four years.

Survivors include two brothers, Bruce William and Eugene Paul, both of Keno, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stewart of Glenn, California, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Flock of Kelso, Washington.

Funeral services are pending at Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.

Commies Boast Of '59 Output

TOKYO (AP)—Communist China boasted today that record 1959 output enabled it to soar past the major industrial and agricultural production goals of its second five-year plan two years ahead of schedule.

Vice Premier Li Fu-chun said the total output value of industry by far surpassed its target—overfulfilling that of 1958 by 25.6 per cent, in an article in the Communist party journal "Red Flag." A summary was broadcast by Peiping radio.

320 Will Die Over Holiday Council Says

By United Press International

The nation's law officers began an all-out drive today to keep hundreds of American motorists from dying this New Year's week end.

Police were spurred by a National Safety Council prediction that 320 persons will die on U.S. highways in the first week end of the new year.

Leaves were cancelled and many police officers went on 10 or 12 hour shifts. National Guardsmen were ordered to help man extra squad cars.

In Illinois, police planned to keep their flasher lights operating throughout the holiday period as a reminder for motorists to ease up on the gas pedal.

Chicago police, while reminding motorists that "we are not running a taxi service," offered to help tipsy drivers home.

"We would rather help people home than help them to the hospital or the morgue," Police Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor said.

Police on New Jersey's Garden State Parkway offered drivers "one for the road"—a cup of coffee or tea with toast. Bus drivers in Detroit were told to drop passengers at their doorstep if the revelers want the extra service.

Iowa Public Safety Commissioner Donald Stinson announced a "get tough" policy to combat drunk driving. Patrolmen were ordered to set up road blocks on highways near selected night spots and stop all cars to check the drivers for drunkenness.

In the western Michigan community of Greenville, Police Chief Gerald Sage offered his department's annual service of a free ride home for New Year's Eve celebrants who feel they shouldn't drive.

India Papers Attack U.S.

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Two leading Indian newspapers today attacked the U. S. decision to put its ban on nuclear weapon tests on a day-to-day basis.

The Times of India called the decision "unfortunate."

The Hindustan Times published a cartoon showing Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev as an angel on a cloud with a halo over his head. President Eisenhower, on a mushroom cloud nearby, is swinging a halo around his waist like a lula hoop, saying, "We had better progress in peace talks—my halo can't stay up forever."

CLOSED

Most business firms will be closed tomorrow according to Leo Morstad, president of the Klamath Merchants Association. Both the county courthouse and city hall will be closed. However, the Herald and News will publish tomorrow.

The Suburban Drug Company, 3950 South Sixth Street, will remain open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. tomorrow.

Other druggists in town plan to close for the holiday.

Start Of New Frontier; World Eyes New Decade

By GEORGE W. CORNELL

Associated Press Staff Writer

The 1950s, time of technical triumphs, draw to a close tonight, and the world embarks on a new decade, on the edge of a strange, new frontier.

At midnight, men and women around the world will greet the dawning Sixties.

And as the eras shift, mankind had begun a different kind of struggle to reach the stars—no longer in spirit alone, but by physical prowess.

This was the challenging, still unfamiliar horizon of the new decade, born of a period of unprecedented mechanical advances—of rockets, satellites, automation and of computers that outraced the human mind.

But age-old problems, of peace and decency, still remained, and these, too, marked the occasion—legacies of the past, and responsibilities of the future.

As the church bells and partygoers sound forth in celebration, there will be prayers and hopes that the time ahead will bring solutions. And signs, both for optimism and anxiety, were in view.

In international relations, moves were afoot to ease tensions.

There were other bright notes, too. Prosperity abounded, and leisure increased. Material comforts surpassed those of any civilization that ever existed, and religious institutions flourished.

New churches were springing up about as fast as shopping centers, bowling alleys, and spruce, suburban homes.

But it was also a juncture in history when towering material achievements created new dilemmas of their own.

Wider distribution of modern medicine saved and extended lives until overpopulation loomed as a problem. Streamlined agriculture piled up billions of dollars worth of American surpluses, but children starved in the Far East.

Men traveled by jet faster than ever, but saw less as they traveled.

Seeking to perfect the ultimate weapon, the world discovered it was contaminating the air even in peace. And so it has paused in its testing—uneasy, suspicious and uncertain about whether to continue.

All this was part of the outlook, as men faced the new decade, and looked back on the old one. To many, it was simply an occasion for fun and frivolity. But to others, it was a time for weighing prospects, and reflecting on a passing era, the changes made, the strides taken, the tasks undone.

What were the main features of the Fifties?

Notably, it was the decade when man cast his first, primitive vehicles into space, and glimpsed the far side of the moon. But the territory was still a dark, unexplored domain.

Science—the giant of the era—also dominated other realms. It licked polio, and learned to revive dormant hearts. It started a college boom in engineering and technical courses, and turned kids into amateur rocket-builders.

Science also moved into households, with gadgets and automatic dishwashers, and a big television screen that changed much family life into a spectator affair.

SHOOTING HOURS

DUCKS, GEESE

OREGON

January 1

OPEN 7:35 CLOSE 4:45

CALIFORNIA

January 1

OPEN 7:34 CLOSE 4:43

It was also a decade of the organization man, of efficiency testing, of management surveys, hidden persuaders, tranquilizing pills, personality adjustment, increased alcoholism, mental illness and divorce.

It was mostly a decade with a Kansas Republican, Dwight Eisenhower, in the White House. It was a time when the West saved South Korea from communism, and lost North Viet Nam, of Hungarian freedom fighters and revolution in Cuba.

It was a decade when the free world stood firm on Berlin, but saw its Middle Eastern alliance crumble. It was a time when America spent billions to contain communism, but communism grew stronger, even without Stalin.

It was a mixed, illuminating segment of history, of successes and frustrations. It was part of the lesson for the next chapter in the story.

Violent Storm Rips Arizona; Snows Heavy

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A violent year-end storm hit northern Arizona with heavy snow and lashing winds today.

Widespread snows were developing in the mountain areas of the Far West but the new year was expected to arrive with generally fair skies prevailing in the eastern third of the nation and the Pacific Coast states.

The storm created blizzard conditions in north central Arizona near Flagstaff. It was described as one of the worst storms in history at Prescott.

Visibility was cut to zero in some regions. Roads were open but very dangerous.

Snow was forecast for New Year's Day over western portions of the upper and middle Mississippi Valley and westward into the Rocky Mountain and Central Plateau regions.

From 1 to 5 inches of new snow piled up in the valleys of Idaho and Utah. Snow was ankle deep on some roads south of Salt Lake City.

Brisk northerly winds were expected to push colder air through the northern and central Plains and into the Far Southwest on New Year's Day, with a warming trend in prospect for the central and southern Atlantic states and the Ohio Valley.

Light snow fell during the night and morning in inland areas of the east from Kentucky and Tennessee northward over the Appalachians through Pennsylvania and New York into Vermont and New Hampshire.

A cold front spread snow from eastern Washington into Idaho and Montana and showers continued along the Northwest coast. Light rain sprinkled the lower Rio Grande valley.

The storms and tidal flood that hit the Northeast earlier this week continued to inconvenience thousands of persons. Some 250 families in Hull, Mass., have been ordered to stay out of their flooded homes for a week. Sea water was 5 feet deep in a section of 2½ miles long and 1 mile wide in the town of 6,000 which has been declared a disaster area. The tidal flood which hit the Atlantic Coast from New Jersey to Maine caused millions of dollars damage.

Thousands of homes in upstate New York were without electricity and telephone service as a result of the sleet and snow storms.

Survey Pact Mailing Slated

By TOM STIMMEL

A contract for a community hospital survey should be in the mail Monday night, a result of a lengthy luncheon on the subject yesterday.

The contract with Stanford Research Institute of Menlo Park, California, to determine precise hospital needs of the Klamath Basin 10 years hence will include a new feature—suggested ways to finance a hospital.

This means that the survey will cost another \$750, or a total of \$8,750. The Hospital Survey Board of Governors had raised \$7,733 toward its goal yesterday, so it still has another \$1,000 to go.

FINANCING came up almost immediately after the survey board of governors, with past and present Chamber of Commerce boards of directors, met with Dr. Mark Blumberg and Dr. Keith Duke of SRI's division of economic research at the Pelican Cafe.

Dr. Blumberg, a young man sporting a bushy beard, reviewed purposes of the survey as explained in the first meeting on the

subject, exactly one year ago. The survey would examine the trend of hospital services here and compare them to other communities, forecast the Klamath Basin's growth and economic potential, examine the types of physicians' services available here, and study other pertinent facts.

Among a "something else again" category not included in the survey as planned, Dr. Blumberg placed such things as financing, location, and administrative costs.

Financing, however, persisted as a critically important subject. As the Rev. Robert Groves of the First Presbyterian Church, a survey board member, observed, a financing study must be made and it may as well be made now, at less cost than later.

Dr. Blumberg frankly advised the group against considering voluntary contributions to build a hospital—regardless of what hospital is decided upon. It just doesn't work, he said. Chamber Manager R. Frank Tucker observed it had cost Pendleton \$38,000 just to raise funds. Some other means was deemed advisable.

SRI'S STUDY of financing, Dr.

Blumberg said, would include the estimated cost of a hospital, potential sources of income, including church and other foundations, a study of the county tax base should a hospital district be formed, and other pertinent studies of "facts, not opinions."

"We'll examine all the legal tricks and dodges available," the frank-speaking Blumberg observed, "and we'll discover all the strings attached." The dodges, he said, were honest, and worth knowing.

An example, he said, was one community's decision to build a 28-bed hospital. Had it built a 100-bed hospital, Hill-Burton (federal) funds would have required adding a morgue.

Dr. George Massey, one of three physicians present, asked Dr. Blumberg whether Klamath Falls should build an entirely new hospital or expand one of the present ones, Klamath Valley or Hillside. Dr. Blumberg, himself a physician, said that would be shown in the survey. But he said, "You already

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CONTRACT TALKS for a community hospital survey were completed yesterday at a meeting of hospital survey and chamber of commerce officers with representatives of Stanford Research Institute. From left are Greer Drew, survey board chairman; Bob Mast, chamber president, and Dr. Mark Blumberg and Dr. Keith Duke of SRI.

STAR GAZER
By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide
According to the Stars.

ARIES MAR. 21 - APR. 20 15-33-42-52 60-77-91-88	Taurus APR. 21 - MAY 21 19-26-30-42 65-78-87-99	GEMINI MAY 22 - JUN. 21 20-12-31-49 52-64-73-85	CANCER JUN. 22 - JUL. 23 2-17-24-36 58-64-72-83	LEO JUL. 24 - AUG. 23 1-23-47-61 67-70-80-94	VIRGO AUG. 24 - SEPT. 24 4-7-8-43 53-54-71	LIBRA SEPT. 25 - OCT. 23 11-12-16-55 62-73-76	SCORPIO OCT. 24 - NOV. 22 24-37-41-46 50-59-75	SAGITTARIUS NOV. 23 - DEC. 22 6-18-27-32 63-72-86-90	CAPRICORN DEC. 23 - JAN. 20 3-5-9-14 22-25-39	AQUARIUS JAN. 21 - FEB. 19 21-25-35-51 56-58-68	PISCES FEB. 20 - MAR. 21 20-29-40-45 64-67-74
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IN THE HERALD AND NEWS
WHAT THE STARS have in store for you can be discovered daily in the Herald and News when the Star Gazer makes its appearance on the comic page with the issue of Sunday, January 3. Clay Pollan, who drafts this daily message says, "Whether you take astrology lightly or seriously, Star Gazer is ideal. It helps those who believe, amuses those who chide."