



CHRISTMAS CAROLERS, intermediate Girl Scouts from the Falcon Heights Troop 101, entertained residents of the county nursing home Sunday afternoon. They also presented them with cupcakes, cookies, candy, puzzles and Christmas tree centerpieces.



CHRISTMAS CHEER will be spread around Kingsley Field and Falcon Heights Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. by Brownie Scouts of Troops 108, 110, 111 and 112, all from Falcon Heights. These girls are representatives of each troop, bundled up and ready to go. They are, from left, Nancy Carter, Troop 112; Lauren Del Rosario, 111; Dorene Closson, 108, and Peggy Del Rosario, 110. Leaders will serve hot chocolate after the sing.



"Well, if you're not going to talk about anyone, I might as well leave!"

Normandie Disaster Recalled

NEW YORK (UPI)—On another bleak Monday nearly 19 years ago the Navy was refitting a huge ocean liner for war duty. It was the once proud queen of the French merchant fleet, the Normandie.

Fifteen-hundred workmen were laboring to convert the luxury liner into a World War II troopship on Feb. 9, 1942. The 83,423-ton vessel had been renamed the Lafayette by the U.S. government which had seized the ship shortly after France collapsed to the Axis forces.

Some of the workmen were using acetylene torches. Others were using blow torches.

Suddenly the dread cry of "fire! fire!" rang through the ship. In a short time the ship was engulfed in flames.

Firemen pumped thousands of gallons into the fire. Ice formed on the deck and superstructure. Workmen were rescued as quickly as possible.

Only one workman was killed but at least 200 civilians, sailors and Coast Guardsmen were injured.

The flames spread. More water was pumped in. The vessel began to list heavily to port.

All hands were ordered off the ship and the once proud liner, her three upper decks destroyed, succumbed the following day to the ravages of fire and water. The sleek Normandie rolled over on her port side and settled into the mud on the Hudson River bottom.

In 1946 it was sold for scrap for \$161,680.

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Prince Charles Passes Milestone, First Shoot

LONDON (AP)—Prince Charles, 12, Tuesday passed an important milestone — his first pheasant shoot.

With his father, Prince Philip, looking on he bagged the first bird he shot at.

"A likely lad, that one," said a gamekeeper as he watched the heir to the throne hit a cock pheasant at a difficult angle.

The shoot took place at County Kent home of Lord Bradburne. Charles was armed with a .410-gauge double-barreled shotgun. Accompanying him was his gun dog, Flash.

The dragonfly is depicted on some prehistoric New Mexican pottery and in ancient Oriental paintings.

Before stopping for a cold lunch, Charles and his father bagged 20 birds between them.

NEEDS EXPLAINING
BEDFORD, Iowa (AP)—While getting ready to go out for the evening, Mrs. Dwayne Ayer of Bedford was putting the finishing touches to her hair with spray net. Her three-year-old son asked: "Are you spraying for bugs?"

PUPIL BESTS TEACHER
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Carl Schmidt was proud when his son, Tom, took a lively interest in his hobby, model airplane racing.

But Dad was somewhat chagrined when he finished as runner-up to 18-year-old Tom in the sixth annual Thompson Trophy Junior Air Races, sponsored by the Gulf Hawks Model Airplane Club.

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