

Rain Fails to Daunt 30,000 Parade Watchers

Past Cheering Pontiac Crowds



WHILE THOUSANDS WATCHED — Wet feet and trickles down the back of the neck apparently meant nothing to 30,000 area residents watching the annual Christmas Parade today. A section of the crowd here watches a float swish past them in the rain, still managing to look colorful and professional.

Curtice Offers to Present Facts Against Charges

Documentary Evidence Ready to Refute Dealer Claims of 'Pressure'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harlow H. Curtice, president of General Motors Corp., has told inquiring senators his firm will offer "documentary evidence" which he says will refute dealer criticism of GM policies.

Curtice made the statement yesterday after he and other GM executives spent most of the day listening to dealer-witnesses.

Sen. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) said today senators studying GM operations "want answer to numerous dealers' complaints" and "still have lots of questions" to ask the company's executives.

O'Mahoney also said he intends to "pursue" with top General Motors officials his proposal that they work out a new sales contract more equitable to GM car dealers.

The Wyoming Democrat is acting chairman of a Senate anti-trust and monopoly subcommittee which is studying GM as an example of corporate bigness.

The hearings were suspended until Tuesday when more than 300 GM executives were asked to return.

CHARGE PRESSURE
Harlow H. Curtice, GM president, said yesterday his firm has "documentary evidence" to answer all complaints made by past and present GM dealers to the Senate group.

Some of these dealers have charged they were put under excessive sales pressure, that dealer ship franchises were taken away arbitrarily and that they have been forced to buy equipment they did not need.

After waiting more than four hours while several more dealers registered their gripes, Curtice took the witness chair and defended the ethics and practices followed by GM in its relations with dealers and the public.

O'Mahoney said this would be explored in detail next week. Also testifying at yesterday's session was 80-year-old Alfred P. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Santa Claus Salutes the Crowd



A HEARTY WAVE — Beaming and waving through the drizzle, Santa Claus rides at the end of the parade while Pontiac children shriek greetings and wishes from the sidelines. Two favored youngsters riding with him should have a good Christmas this year—if they've been good.

Enthusiasm High as Crowds View Yule Procession

Wet Marchers, Crowd Celebrate Traditional Pontiac Event

By BUD MARTZ

Huddling in doorways and under umbrellas, an estimated 30,000 area residents lined Saginaw Street today to watch the 1955 Pontiac Christmas Parade in a drizzling rain that promised a possible record crop of colds tomorrow.

Despite the rain, the fortitude of the marchers was noteworthy. Soaked dangling fringe of the 34 floats was still colorful as it made ripples in street puddles, and drum majorettes bravely hoisted bare red knees leading the nine bands.

Parade Marshal John A. Riley, expressing "appreciation and thanks to everyone who did such a magnificent job in spite of the weather," said the parade was "one of the best we've had."

"Every one of the floats was really professionally done," Riley said. "There were many more animated floats than last year, and the ideas were excellent."

He added a special word of thanks to Pontiac police and National Guardsmen for their work.

Theme of the parade, "The True Story of Christmas," was carried out in five floats portraying pilgrims, Indians and churchgoers in the parade, and 17 floats portraying Biblical themes preceded by a sign "The Christmas Story."

"Toyland," the third section of the parade, had 11 floats showing fairy tale stories, Davy Crockett, Santa's workshop and Santa himself.

Pelted by snowballs from enterprising small boys on rooftops, the 5,000 marchers showed few signs of suffering. Anger's halos remained uncompromisingly straight.

Beginning at 9:30, the parade took over an hour to pass the Court House. The spectators, though somewhat soggy, seemed to like it.

The parade, sponsored annually by the Retail Merchants' Association, gathered at an assembly area near Saginaw and Turk streets. It followed Saginaw street north to Oakland avenue, and Oakland to Sanderson avenue, where it disbanded.

Ignoring the rain and cold, children along the route waved to the floats, cheered Santa, clamored for balloons and scampered joyfully underfoot.

And smiles and waving hands decorated the second-story windows where physically handicapped children watched the parade from special vantage points through the courtesy of downtown merchants.

High Birth Rate Shows Younger, Bigger Families

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A sociologist says that if today's birth rate is maintained American women may have families as large as their grandparents and great-grandparents.

Dr. Ruth Riemer, who has made an exhaustive study of birth rates, cited these trends:

Last year more than four million American women had babies. Almost as many were having their second child as were having their first.

Says Dr. Riemer: "Not only are women today having more babies than their jazz age and depression era parents, but they are having them at an earlier age. Statistics show that one of every two married women already has a baby by the time she's 21."

Turnpike's Cost Study Ordered

Officials Take 1st Step Toward Sale of Bonds With Data Demand

ANN ARBOR (AP)—As a first step toward selling bonds to finance construction, the Michigan Turnpike Authority is ordering its engineers to give it an up-to-date estimate on costs of a proposed toll road from Rockwood to Saginaw.

An estimate dated April 15 fixed costs at 164 million dollars for the 113-mile turnpike.

George N. Higgins, authority chairman, said yesterday he would ask a new estimate from J. E. Greiner Engineering Co., of Baltimore, the agency's civil engineers.

Authority action came quickly on the heels of a State Supreme Court decision holding the Michigan Turnpike Act unconstitutional.

Plans are to set up a right-of-way department and proceed to buy land "at fair market prices" as soon as the bonds are sold, Higgins said.

"There is no question of our right to acquire property or legal status now," Higgins continued.

"I hope from now on we will get cooperation. Some communities have been dragging their feet in negotiations with us, waiting to see what the court would do."

"The authority will meet any reasonable request, but will not stand for unreasonable delay."

The chairman said decisions of rights-of-way will take about 10 months and that during the time final highway construction design will be completed.

3,100 Ask for 200 Jobs

LANSING (AP)—The Michigan State Police has set at rest legislators' fears that it could not recruit 200 new troopers for an attack on highway fatalities. The State Police got more than 3,100 applications, it estimated today.

Grown-Ups Halt Shrewd Scheme of Venturous Lad

NEW YORK (INS)—One of the most down-hearted people in Brooklyn today was little Joseph Goebel, 8.

"People," he muttered. "Grown-up people!"

Here was Joe all set to earn \$3-a-day for a two-week stint that would have kept him out of school until Christmas holidays began.

"And then grown-ups had to louse it up!"

The grown-ups—his parents excepted, of course—were the Brooklyn Municipal Court clerk and a judge who turned him down for jury duty when he presented himself with a jury summons.

His mother, Mrs. Charles J. Goebel, whose first name is Josephine, thinks the summons was intended for her. But it will have to be reissued.

Mercury Dip, Snow Predicted for Area

The weatherman says that the rain will change to snow tomorrow and it will turn colder.

The low tonight will range from 34 to 38 degrees. The high tomorrow will be between 34 and 38 degrees.

The lowest temperature preceding 8 a.m. was 39 degrees. The thermometer registered 35 at 1 p.m.

Fussy Cow Obligated

LONDON (INS)—Hair stylist Andre, whose clientele includes society women and members of royalty, is a versatile man. He recently shampooed and gave a permanent to a cow's tail at the request of the animal's owner.

In Today's Press

Building News 13 thru 23
Church News 8, 9
County News 10
Editorials 4
Sports 24
Theaters 11
TV & Radio Programs 31
Wilson, Earl 32
Women's Pages 6, 7

Detroit Papers Remain Closed

Combined Unions Issue New Newspaper; Polish Daily Uses English

DETROIT (AP)—A new attempt is being made today to settle the three-day-old strike of stereotypers which has closed down Detroit's metropolitan daily newspapers.

Representatives of the AFL Stereotype and the Detroit Newspaper Publishers Assn. meet for four hours last night, but their only agreement was to meet again today.

Federal and state mediators sat in last night and were to be in on today's negotiations.

With the News, Free Press and Times shut down, the Detroit Reporter made its bow on news stands today. It is being published by the Newspaper Guild of Detroit and the printing craft unions. For the initial issue 100,000 copies were run off.

Wages are not an issue in the strike.

Don Doris, vice president of Local 9, said negotiations broke down originally in a dispute on overtime pay, color printing and what he termed a speedup.

Stereotypers walked out at 4:30 a.m. Thursday, following expiration of their contract at midnight.

At the time the wage scale was \$3.08 an hour for day work and \$3.33 for night work.

DETROIT (INS)—The Polish Daily News, Detroit foreign language paper which is printing most of its copy in English during the newspaper strike, reported today it sold all 150,000 copies printed yesterday.

Hint Berlin Blockade

BERLIN (INS)—West Berlin transport officials charged today that Soviet authorities are refusing to countersign permits for canal shipping between Berlin and West Germany, which might mean another blockade.

Goodfellows Sell Papers for Needy

Sale of The Pontiac Press by Waterford Township Goodfellows is being conducted today by a wind-driven fire in the city of Nase on an island off southern Japan. The entire downtown shopping and business district was wiped out in Nase, a city of 42,000 population.

The front coach of the passenger train was derailed, turned on its side and burst into flames.

Please, Mr. Mailman

CHARLESTON, S. C. (INS)—A youngster scribbled this afterthought on the back of his letter to Santa Claus: "Mailman, if this doesn't get there in 30 days, please walk faster."

CIO-AFL Unite Monday

NEW YORK (INS)—Gorge Meany and Walter Reuther, the plumber and the auto worker who grew to be architects of labor unity, map today the final details of the first AFL-CIO convention.

The formal healing of the 20-year-old split comes on Monday morning when 1450 delegates representing 141 independent unions with more than 15,000,000 members approve a merger resolution.

Under President Meany, the last convention of the AMERICA Federation of Labor smoothly approved the step Thursday.

The farwell convention of the Congress of Industrial Organizations did so yesterday — but without a reminder of the feuds which marked its history.

QUILL OBJECTS
The reminder came from Michael J. Quill, the outspoken president of the Transport Workers Union, who called the move "without honor" and a "tragic liquidation of the CIO."

softly but none the less sharply, accused Quill of being "hypocritized" by the headlines he has made in opposing the merger.

Fire Damages Jap City
TOKYO (INS)—More than 900 houses were reported destroyed today by a wind-driven fire in the city of Nase on an island off southern Japan. The entire downtown shopping and business district was wiped out in Nase, a city of 42,000 population.

The front coach of the passenger train was derailed, turned on its side and burst into flames.

Volunteer rescue workers and nearby home owners aided firemen in dragging the injured and dead from the blazing coaches.

Eyewitnesses to the crash said there were several explosions immediately after the collision. After the crash, flames spouted 40 feet into the air.

There were about 150 passengers aboard the commuters train, some of them returning from attending the theater in London.

Perhaps a Telegram?
MOSCOW, Idaho (AP)—Service station attendant Claude Campbell would have called the police last night to report a theft but he couldn't—it was the telephone that was stolen.

Four seconds later a girl weighing in at 5-pounds 3 1/2-ounces entered the world to join her brother.

The Evans live at 636 Arthur St. and have seven other children ranging in age from two to 20 years.

The third set of twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Elan of 263 Howard McNeil St. at 11:02 and 11:05 yesterday morning. A 6-pound one-ounce boy arrived first and was followed seconds later by a brother weighing 5-pounds 12-ounces.

The Elans have four other children at home from 11 months to five years. Elan too is a Fisher Body employee.

Miss Shirley Dove, administrative assistant at Pontiac General, said she did not know if the births set a record or not.

None of the twins have been named as yet, according to Miss Dove.

13 Die, 50 Hurt in London Crash

Commuter Trains Ram; Fire Engulfs Passenger Coach at Barnes

On Monday, at New York's Seventy-First Regiment Armory, Wagner will welcome delegates to the initial convention of the merged groups—now the largest labor federation in the free world.

President Eisenhower will deliver a message by telephone from his farm at Gettysburg.

On Tuesday, Gov. Averell Harriman will address the convention, and on Thursday, Adlai E. Stevenson will be the speaker.

Besides electing officers, the convention will set the policy which will govern the AFL-CIO during its first two years.

The toll in England's latest rail disaster—the third in two days in the London area—rose to 13 dead today.

Fifty others were injured in the flaming train collision last night.

Rescue workers searched under the garish light of floodlamps and flames through the night, seeking victims or survivors of the collision at Barnes, eight miles west of the city's center.

A fire department official, whose men fought flames 40 feet high at one point, said early today he thought "all were now out."

The collision occurred when an electric commuters train plowed into the rear car of a standing freight train.

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Rochester Seeks Election on City

Residents Ask Vote on Area Incorporation and Annexation

Petitions for city incorporation and annexation of Rochester were filed in the office of the Oakland County Clerk, Pontiac, at 12:30 p.m. Friday.

Signatures of 154 Rochester residents accompanied the petitions which were filed by the Rochester Progress Committee. The County Board of Supervisors will determine if and when a vote will be held.

The Rochester Village Council has had the issue under study for more than two years. Annexation of Rochester fringe areas would mean that police and fire protection would be extended.

Annexation would also include an increased area from 1.3 to approximately 4 square miles and would change the assessed value from present \$6,000,000 to \$9,000,000, according to the committee spokesman.

The boundaries of the proposed city would not include the South Hill area but would end at the present village limits on the south. Main Street bridge, go east to include a section of the Park-Davis property and west to Livermore Road.

The Judge Is Startled — His Boy's a Bureaucrat

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Traffic Judge James Demopolis fears his 8-year-old son, Jimmy, may grow up to be a bureaucrat.

The judge confided yesterday that he received a letter from Jimmy last week while in New Orleans to address a meeting of the American Bar Assn. "How are you feeling, dad?" the letter said. "Please check yes or no in the space provided."

'It's Twins'... 3 Times in 13 Hours at Hospital

A record of sorts was set Thursday and Friday at Pontiac General Hospital when three sets of twins were born over a span of 13 hours.

Two baby girls both weighing 5-pounds 13-ounces were born to Mrs. Ethel Young Evans, of 626 Arthur St., and Mrs. Susan Threet holds the baby

boy. The first delivery was made at 10:39 Thursday night with the second following at 10:45.

Luther St., have another set of 16-month-old twins at home and a 12-year-old girl.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

Is Christmas shopping putting a strain on your pocketbook? If so why not do like hundreds of others do... Round up those unused articles about your home and sell them through the Want Ads.

The extra cash will come in mighty handy and you'll be pleased with the quick results you get. This ad brought over a dozen calls and \$35 in cash.

USED WRINGER TYPE WASHING machine and laundry tubs, \$35. FE 2-9024.

To Place Your Want Ad DIAL FE 2-8181 Just ask for the WANT AD DEPT.

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READ THE ADS
FOR BABY

Airlines Ordered to Begin Passenger Safety Program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Board has ordered the nation's scheduled and non-scheduled airlines to give their air crews special training for emergencies and to install certain escape equipment.

The CAB this week issued a series of civil air regulations amendments requiring that the training be put in force within six months and the new equipment put in place within 18 months.

The agency said the need for these new steps was indicated in the course of investigations of several air accidents. Affected are lines operating within the continental United States and abroad.

The CAB said it had learned that "in certain instances crew duties are not sufficiently delin-

ated and crew training programs are not sufficiently complete to provide proper coordination of the crew in the event of a crash landing or ditching."

The board ruled that after May 31, 1956, each airline must:

1. Assign emergency functions to be performed by each crew member in the event of plane evacuation.

2. Brief all passengers orally, before any extended over-water flights, on the operation of life vests and emergency exits and the location of life rafts.

Effective next Jan. 1, outside surfaces of each passenger plane must be marked to identify clearly all of the required emergency exits.

The board said that after May 31, 1957:

1. All emergency exits must be

marked conspicuously.

2. For night operations a source of light, with a supply independent of the main lighting system, must be installed to illuminate all emergency exit markings. The lights must be designed to function automatically in a crash landing and also to operate manually.

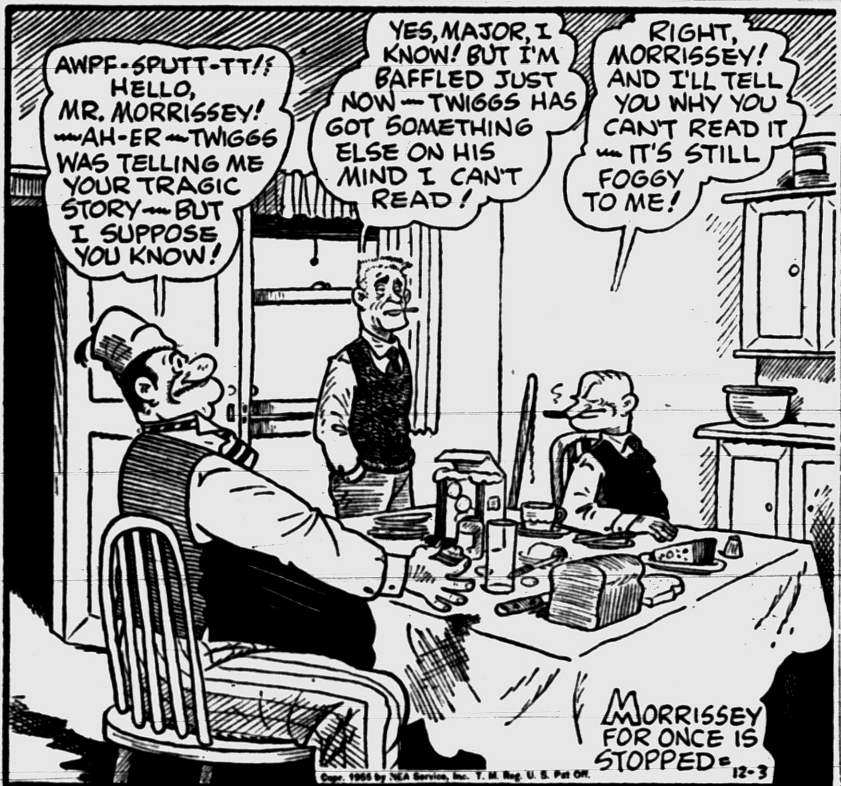
3. All life rafts, life vests, and signaling devices—required equipment in over-water flights—must be easily accessible in the event of a ditching and must be installed in conspicuously marked locations.

4. A survival kit, appropriately equipped for the route to be flown, must be attached to each life raft.

Fire Destroys Tavern

SAULT STE. MARIE (AP) — Fire destroyed the William Jarvis Tavern in nearby Brimley Thursday. Jarvis estimated damages at \$50,000 and blamed the fire on an overheated furnace.

BOARDING HOUSE



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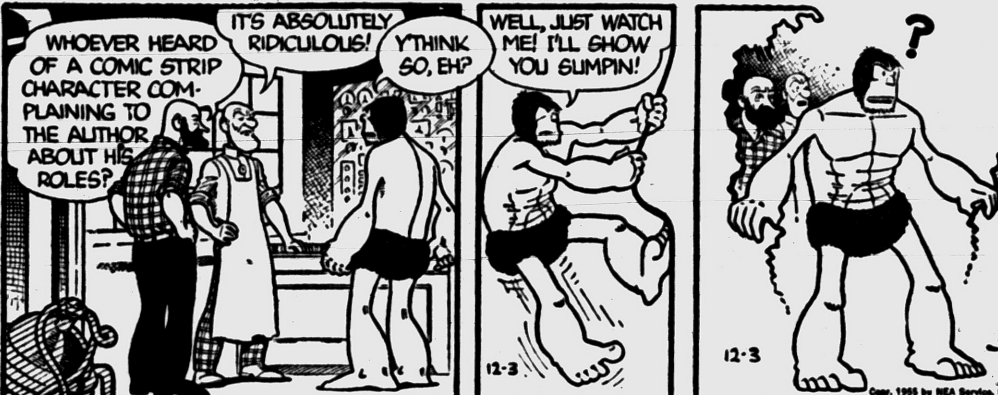
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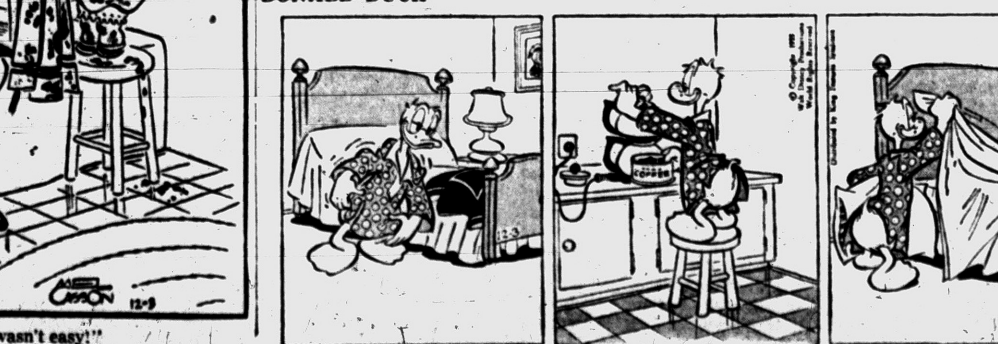
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HALF ACRE CASTLE



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By T. V. Hamlin



By Ernie Bushmiller



By Leslie Turner



By Edgar Martin



John Morris



By Walt Disney

