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Santa Has a Big Job at This House Tonight



Pontiac Press Photo

MALE MAJORITY—Santa Claus will indeed be busy tonight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Morse, of 2195 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. The Morses have eight children—all boys. The boys pictured above with their parents are: Top row: Patrick, 4, Thomas, 6, and Peter, 7. Middle row: Michael, 12, Mr. and Mrs. Morse, Kevin, 3, and Tony, 14. Bottom row: James, 11, and Richard, 9.

Fields Granted Political Asylum in Red Hungary

Noel and Herta to Stay in Nation Which Jailed Them for 5 Years

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)—Hungary announced today Noel and Herta Field have won political asylum in this Communist country, which imprisoned them for five years as spies.

This latest development in the lives of the American couple—central figures in one of the cold war's greatest international mysteries—was disclosed in a communique from the official Hungarian News Service.

Field, a former U.S. State Department official, and his German-born wife were released Nov. 17 after serving five years in Hungarian prisons on spy charges.

American diplomats in Budapest have seen them only once—24 hours after the Hungarian government announced they were freed and all charges against them dropped.

The two Americans then entered a Budapest hospital for treatment. They asked to remain in complete privacy. The U.S. legation said it did not know the Fields' exact whereabouts or plans. The couple made no move to apply for new passports or renewal of their old ones.

A Budapest broadcast heard in Vienna provided the first word of the new development in the Fields' case. It confirmed speculation by Western diplomats in the Austrian capital that the couple would never return to the United States.

These diplomats said Field believed he would be questioned in connection with the Alger Hiss case if he returned.

Field disappeared in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in May, 1949, at the time Laszlo Rajk, then Hungarian foreign minister, was arrested and accused of plotting with Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito to hand over Hungary to "American imperialists." Field's name was mentioned during the trial of Rajk, who was convicted and hanged.

Field's wife was arrested later in Prague, while searching for her husband.

Hermann was released by the Communist Polish government last October, about three weeks before Noel and his wife were freed.

America Prepares for Holiday

White Christmas Unlikely for Pontiac and Vicinity

(From Our Wire Services)

In song and story, and in the warmth of the heart, Christmas has come again.

As in bygone years, the occasion will be observed in many ways—the carols, the brilliant decorations, the sparkling trees, exchange of gifts, the warm handshake.

Americans are going home for Christmas in almost record numbers today and rail, air and bus lines are putting on additional facilities to make sure they get there on time.

Transport spokesmen estimated that from seven to nine million persons will be in transit in order to reach home firesides for the Christmas holiday.

A white Christmas was forecast by the Chicago Weather Bureau for much of the Great Lakes and New England regions, but the Detroit Weather Bureau says we'll have to dream of a white Christmas—there won't be one in this area.

Although light snow is predicted for tomorrow, the weatherman said it will probably be only a trace of an inch and should melt as soon as it falls. Snow flurries are predicted for today and tonight.

One disappointed grandfather likely will be President Eisenhower.

His grandchildren won't be able to be with him and Mrs. Eisenhower, who are spending the holidays in Augusta, Ga. The grandchildren are at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., with their parents, Maj. and Mrs. John Eisenhower.

However, Mrs. Eisenhower's mother Mrs. John S. Doud, of Denver, and a number of friends and associates will spend Christmas at the Little White House.

Highlights of other Christmas observances:

Hot Springs, Ark.—A candlelight procession down a mountainside

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Nativity Scene in Tampa Adds Extra Feature

GI's Son Advises Santa: 'If You Need Money, My Dad Is Loaded'

(From Our Wire Services)

A cow in the living nativity scene of the First Christian Church in Tampa, Fla., added a calf to the tableau to the great surprise of everyone.

The calf was born during the night in a shed where the nativity pair are kept between the eight-tableaux which the church presents on Bayshore Boulevard.

Paul Dale, livestock man who supplied the cow, said he knew she was going to have a calf "but we didn't plan for her to have it so soon."

In West Germany the American forces network received a letter from a boy for relay to Santa Claus. He asked for "a train, a gun and a dog that talks" and added this postscript:

"If you need some money, just take it out of my dad's pants' pocket. He is a captain and is loaded."

On the other side of the world Japanese police in Yokohama picked up four members of a "Santa Claus gang"—so named for doing their burglary by dropping down the chimneys of warehouses and factories.

The Christmas spirit was evident in Los Angeles where U. A. Brown, 30, an unemployed lumber jack, was put in jail on his own request for the holiday even though Judge Charles T. Smith wanted to grant him a probation on a drunk charge. Brown said he wanted to go to jail so that he could get a Christmas dinner.

In Los Angeles Judge Donald R. Wright extended the Christmas spirit in the case of Gifford R. Case, 35, a father of four, who was charged with chopping down three trees in Angeles National Park. His fine was suspended by Judge Wright who said "being a father of four, I imagine you can use that money for Christmas . . . just don't chop down any more trees."

In Copenhagen a smart lingerie store owner had a "men only" shopping day. The reason: "For shy husbands and bachelors."

Amid western notes of prosperity a sad note from a Warsaw

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Assembly OKs Other Sections of Paris Pacts

Mendes Demands Vote on 2nd Reading of Arms Bill Next Week

PARIS (INS)—The weary French National Assembly recessed at dawn today after a dramatic night long session which brought the crucial Paris accords and the Mendes-France government close to disaster.

In a spectacular reversal during the early hours of the morning the Assembly moved half-way toward ratification of the Paris agreements.

But the key bill — providing for admission of West Germany to the Atlantic pact and the Brussels pact — was rejected in its first reading and will form the storm center of a showdown battle next week with the life of the Mendes-France administration at stake.

In the hours between midnight and dawn the following events took place in rapid-fire order:

1. The Assembly rejected by a vote of 280 to 259 on its first reading the all-important measure providing for admission of West Germany into NATO; and the admission of West Germany Brussels pact, or western European union.

2. Premier Pierre Mendes-France leaped to his feet immediately, demanded a vote of confidence on the second reading of the bill next week and made it clear he would stake the life of his government on approval of the Paris accords.

3. The deputies reversed their voting trend suddenly and approved two other bills by wide margins and in rapid succession. One contains a Franco-German agreement for Europeanization of the disputed, coal-rich Saar territory; the other provides for an end to the occupation of West Germany and the continued stationing of French, British and American troops on German soil as allies.

At one tense moment in this morning's session France's dynamic little premier arrived at what was, perhaps, the most dramatic moment of his dramatic six months in office.

He stood virtually alone and facing defeat which would mean not only the end of his leadership, but the crushing defeat of the free world's hopes for the creation of an integrated European defense alliance.

Mendes - France was badly beaten when the Assembly voted

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Quiet Yule Eve on Tap for Ike

President, First Lady to Unwrap Gifts Tonight at Augusta Retreat

AUGUSTA, Ga. (INS)—President Eisenhower was spending the Christmas holidays the way he likes best today—catching up on his golf under a warm Georgia sun.

The chief executive and Mrs. Eisenhower planned to spend Christmas Eve in relative quiet at the Augusta National Golf Club, site of the Little White House that Augustans like to call "Mamie's cabin."

They opened most of their presents before leaving Washington, but still have their gifts for each other to unwrap along with a number of others received from club members and Georgia friends.

More details of their Christmas celebration were to be announced today by White House news secretary James C. Hagerty, one of the few aides who accompanied Eisenhower on his work-and-play Christmas vacation.

Most of the work will come next week, when the President will begin whipping his state of the union message into final form for delivery to Congress Jan. 6. Several top administration officials, including some cabinet members, will

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City's Churches Are Ready for Christmas Services

Pontiac churches will celebrate the birth of Christ with special Christmas services tonight and tomorrow.

Dr. Milton H. Bank announces that the Central Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 10:45 p. m.

The Oakland Park Methodists will witness the pantomime, "A Star in the Sky" with music by the choir at 11 tonight.

Three of the city's four Catholic churches will begin their traditional Christmas observance with the celebration of Midnight Mass.

At St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mass will be said at 10 p.m. tonight and midnight with Masses at 10 and 12 Christmas morning.

A Shepherd's Mass will follow the midnight celebration at St. Michael Catholic Church. The regular Sunday schedule of Masses will be followed on Christmas.

Caroling at 11:30 p.m. will precede the Mass at St. Benedict Catholic Church which also will follow their Sunday schedule of Masses tomorrow.

St. Vincent DePaul Church announces that in addition to Midnight Mass, other Masses will be

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Pre-Yule Traffic Kills 8 in State

Mother of Five Among Victims of Christmas Season Mishaps

(From Our Wire Services)

A mother of five young children was killed in an auto crash in Dearborn Township last night, one of eight Michigan residents who fell victim to pre-Christmas traffic accidents.

Pronounced dead after the car in which she was riding crashed into the rear of an oil tank truck was 30-year-old Mrs. Pearl Favor of Allen Park, who was on her way to an office Christmas party.

Sheriff's deputies said turn signals on the truck were defective and the driver, 24-year-old James Cherrington of Detroit was jailed pending a formal statement.

Roland Lardie, 54, of Detroit was fatally injured early today when he apparently fell asleep while driving on the Willow Run expressway.

Edwin B. Calvin, 77, of Plymouth Township was killed yesterday when he stepped in front of a car. Another pedestrian, Fred Smith, 56, of Detroit, died of injuries received yesterday when he was struck by a car in Detroit.

A car-truck collision near Durand claimed two lives yesterday. Harry Kurrle, 47, of Durand, driving to work with Richard Self, 19, of Corunna, lost control of his car and rammed the truck. Both men were killed.

George S. Smith, 53, of Adrian died yesterday in Monroe, eight hours after his car smashed into a parked truck near Dundee.

Robert Tyson, 22, of Farmington, was fatally injured last night when his car crashed into another car on M15 just north of Ortonville, in Genesee County.

John Ballentine of Farmington, a passenger in Tyson's car, was seriously injured in the accident. He was reported in critical condition in Hurley Hospital, Flint.

Gale Subsides Leaving 74 Dead

Europe's Wild Storm Fails to Break Dikes; Flood Threat Passes

LONDON (AP)—Europe's vicious winter gales abated today, leaving at least 74 persons dead and a tremendous damage bill. Prospects were bright for a calm and peaceful Christmas.

Rescue workers stood guard along West Europe's low-lying areas against sudden new storms that might hurl the sea through life-saving dikes.

But reports from Holland, Belgium, the English east coast, Denmark and north Germany were that the sea walls had generally held firm through the three-day assault. The hours of crisis were believed over.

In Holland, gale warnings were replaced by warnings against strong winds and the state of emergency was canceled.

The British army and air force restored Christmas leave to thousands of servicemen alerted to fight possible floods.

The War Office said, "The immediate danger has passed and there is little fear of a recurrence of surge conditions during the next 24 hours."

The giant liner Queen Elizabeth, delayed 24 hours by the storms, finally left on high tide for New York.

But in Switzerland, the big winter resort of Zermatt was isolated during the night by avalanches and landslides in the narrow valley connecting it with the outside world.

Heavy snow fell throughout the Swiss Alps but there were no reports of casualties. Snowfalls were also reported over the Pyrnees.

Twelve persons died in West Germany's storms and two were reported killed in the Communist zone.

Afterjolt Rocks Eureka

EUREKA, Calif. (AP)—The most severe afterjolt since the two-million dollar earthquake last Tuesday was felt here at 1:15 a.m. today. Buildings were shaken but there was no immediate report of new damage.

Holy Land Call Brightens Yule for Ben Gates

"It's like experiencing my first Christmas all over again," Benjamin M. Gates of 289 Whittemore St., said today.

Ben, who is 62, called to tell about a Christmas present he received today from thousands of miles away—from the land of the first Christmas.

It wasn't a material present and that's why Ben thinks it's the most wonderful Christmas gift he's ever received.

Ben, who lives alone here, lost his wife three years ago. They had always spent Christmas Eve at home with their daughter Constance.

But this year Connie is in Israel with her husband, Sgt. William F. Bartlett of North Branch and her young son, Carl Gregory.

This morning (Christmas Eve in the land of the Christ-Child) Ben answered the telephone.

"It sounded like it was a million miles away, but the voices were close to my heart . . . I talked to Connie, Bill and Carl. They called to say "Merry Christmas" from the land of Jesus. That was the most wonderful Christmas present I ever got."

Bill is with the army attache's office in the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv. They live in Zahalia, a suburb.

"I was all choked up when I talked to them, who wouldn't be," Ben, a former city commissioner, said.

"Gosh, people are wonderful—everyday should be Christmas," he said.

Huron Friendly Market Will be Closed Christmas and Sunday.

Only Snow Flurries Expected for Holiday

About the only hope of a very white Christmas for Pontiac residents is that the weatherman will be wrong, because the forecast in this area is for snow flurries and only light snow over the weekend.

Prediction calls for a low of 22 to 26 tonight, cloudy tomorrow with temperatures to 30 to 40 degrees, according to the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Yesterday in downtown Pontiac temperatures ranged from 25 to 36 degrees with cloudy skies and drizzles in the afternoon and evening.

Today at 8 a.m. the mercury stood at 32 degrees, remaining there most of the morning and rising to 36 by 1 p.m.

Skating conditions are expected to be good over the weekend at all Pontiac rinks.

Clean Sweep for Santa



United Press Photo

TAKING NO CHANCES—Brent Lee Hoffman, 19 months old, of San Mateo, Calif., is taking no chances tonight and will have the fireplace and chimney clean and slick for an important visitor. There is another cleaning job scheduled for Mom, with soap and water, when this project is finished.

Soviet Executes 4 Aides of Beria, Imprisons Two

MOSCOW (INS)—The Soviet government announced today that former Minister of State Security Viktor S. Abakumov and three of his aides have been shot by a firing squad as "accomplices" of the late Lavrenti P. Beria.

Two other defendants were sentenced to prison terms. All six men were accused of carrying out assignments "against the Soviet government and Communist Party" on orders issued by Beria, one-time head of the Soviet secret police who was executed a year ago.

The government announcement, quoted by the Soviet news agency Tass, said Abakumov, A. Leonov, U. Komarov and M. Likhachev had been tried by the Soviet Supreme Court sitting in Leningrad and sentenced to death.

The announcement added briefly that the sentences had been carried out by shooting.

A prison sentence of 15 years was imposed on S. I. Chernov and one of 25 years on Y. Broberman.

Abakumov was named minister of state security in 1946, but fell from grace after Georgi Malenkov became Premier.

He and his five former aides were accused of framing the so-called "Leningrad case" in which, Tass said, "a number of government workers were illegally arrested and falsely accused of the gravest crimes against the state."

The soviet news agency added that the court "also established many other instances of framing cases in criminal violation of the

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New Sheppard Trial Hearing Scheduled

CLEVELAND (AP)—Judge Edward Blythin, the jurist who sentenced Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard to life imprisonment, will hold a hearing next Thursday on a motion for a new trial.

The motion was filed yesterday by attorneys of the osteopath convicted Tuesday of second degree murder in the July 4 bludgeoning of his pregnant wife, Marilyn.

The attorneys cited what they called errors in the trial, criticized the grand jury that indicted Sheppard on a first degree murder charge; declared newspaper, radio and television coverage of the case led to a verdict "influenced by passion and prejudice."

Press Will Publish No Editions Saturday

Saturday is Christmas Day, a holiday observed throughout the Christian world as the anniversary of Christ's birth. In order that its employes may have a part in the observance of the day, the Press will not publish a paper on Saturday. Regular editions will be resumed Monday.

Merry Christmas From The Pontiac Press and Our Employes

MAKE OVER PAGES

The Day in Birmingham

Residents Still Can Enter Christmas Lighting Contest

From Our Birmingham Bureau

BIRMINGHAM—'Twas the night before Christmas . . . but still not too late to enter the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Our Brightest Christmas" lighting contest, according to Claude Kidd, president.

Entry blanks will still be available Monday at the Detroit Edison Co. or Chamber of Commerce offices, with judging to follow on Tuesday. Five prizes will be awarded to families who turn out what judges consider the best outdoor lighting displays.

Only religious scenes will be judged as a basis for the grand prize. The Maple-Woodward intersection is to be used as a 4-way dividing line for the other prizes, all donated by local merchants.

A friendly community spirit and a beautiful city is what Jaycees hope to accomplish through their annual contest, Harry Fike, contest chairman, said. Kidd added that entries this year have increased more than 25 per cent above last year.

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Taking effect yesterday was a new ordinance passed by Bloomfield Hills City Commission, prohibiting the littering of public highways with refuse. The new law provides fines of up to $100 and/or up to 90 days in jail.

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In games played this past week in the YMCA church basketball league, First Methodist took a 47 to 21 victory over the First Baptist team.

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Southfield Methodist scored 59 points to Holy Name's 28 and in a second game, Southfield won 63 to 11 over Kirk in the Hills.

Congregational Church eked out a 28-26 score over St. James Episcopal, with First Presbyterian scoring 30 to 18 over Holy Name.

Vacationing Y members will hold a checker tournament at the Y house at 2 p. m. Monday, with prizes going to winners.

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Students vacationing from colleges and other schools will be honored at several churches here Sunday. Student Recognition Day will be observed at the First Methodist Church at 9:30 and 11 a. m. services.

At First Presbyterian Church there will be a 4:30 p. m. student Communion service for college, high school and junior high youth, followed by a reception.

The Rev. Harold C. DeWindt of Kirk in the Hills Church will hold open house at the manse for college and preparatory school students from 8 to 10 p. m. At 4 p. m. a family vesper service will be held.

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Post-Christmas services at churches Sundey include a sermon by the Rev. Emil Kontz at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church on "When Christmas Comes to Stay."

The Rev. Howard Allwardt will deliver "A Christmas Message of Paul" at 8 and 11 a.m. services at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Christmas carols and an anthem will follow Rev. Reginald Becker's 11 a.m. sermon on "The New Life," at Embury Methodist Church.

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Charles F. Platz

Service for Charles F. Platz, 59, vice president in charge of sales for Michigan Limestone & Chemical Co., Detroit, will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at the Manley Bailey Funeral Home, with burial in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery. Mr. Platz, who died today after a short illness, had lived at 1305 S. Bates St.

He is survived by one daughter, Nancy Jane of Birmingham; one sister, Mrs. Joseph Penglase and two brothers, Clarence and Earl, all of Rogers City.

White Yule Unlikely, Says Weatherman

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will be followed by the 24th annual pageant in a natural amphitheater. Five thousand spectators are due.

Boston—Two groups of bell ringers will tour Beacon Hill. They will ring Christmas carols on English hand bells cast in Whitechapel Foundry, London, where the Liberty Bell was made. This event was originated some 25 years ago by Mrs. Arthur A. Shurcliff. One group taking part this year will be made up of her grandchildren.

Sun Valley, Idaho — Several hundred skiers will race down Dollar Mountain on Christmas Eve in a spectacular torchlight procession.

Elkhart, Ind.—A thousand church choir members join in the second year's Parade of Carolers through the heart of the city. The carolers, clad in old-time costumes, also travel by bus to sing at homes of shut-ins.

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Thousands of worshipers will gather in Moravian churches for the traditional Christmas Eve love feast services dating back to 1771. The custom also includes showing visitors through old Moravian houses, serving Moravian sugar cake, coffee and cookies.

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Bethlehem, Pa.—A huge lighted cross has been erected atop South Mountain at the edge of the city. Thousands of visitors have come to the city nightly to see it, as well as other elaborate decorations in the city.

Rodanthe, N. C.—Seafaring folk on the Outer Banks, an Atlantic barrier reef, have their celebration on Old Christmas or Eiphnany, Jan. 6. Just before then Old Bull, a villager wearing a papier mache head of a bull, goes around bellowing to the children they had better be good for Christmas.

Condemnation Price Is Set at $51,142

If the Southfield Township school district decides to condemn 1.1 acres of land as authorized by a Circuit Court jury Wednesday, it will have to pay $51,152, George A. Cram, attorney for the owner, said today.

The jury set a $41,142 price on the property off Southfield road between Eleven and Tweleve Mile roads, he explained, but if the board buys the land it will vacate Monterey street between the Annie Lathrup School and the condemned lots.

Owner Mrs. Louise L. Kelly would receive $10,000 more for her rights to the street property vacated, Cram added.

Silver Dollars Stolen

BIRMINGHAM — Five silver dollars were taken from a cash register at Murphy's Service Station, 511 N. Woodward Ave., by thieves who broke a side window and then jimmied an inner door to enter the office.

The Weather

PONTIAC AND VICINITY—Cloudy and colder tonight with snow flurries. Tomorrow, cloudy with occasional light snow. Low tonight 22-26, high tomorrow 30-34. Northwesterly winds tomorrow night cloudy with occasional light snow.

Today in Pontiac
Lowest temperature preceding 8 a.m. 32
At 8 a.m.: Wind velocity 16 m.p.h. Direction: Northwest.
Sun sets Friday at 5:04 p.m.
Sun rises Saturday at 8:00 a.m.
Moon sets Friday at 4:34 p.m.
Moon rises Saturday at 8:17 a.m.

Downtown Temperatures

6 a.m.	32	11 a.m.	34
7 a.m.	32	12 m.	35
8 a.m.	32	1 p.m.	36
9 a.m.	32		
10 a.m.	33		

Thursday in Pontiac
(As recorded downtown)

Highest temperature	36
Lowest temperature	28
Mean temperature	30.5
Weather—Cloudy, drizzly.	

One Year Ago in Pontiac

Highest temperature	41
Lowest temperature	32
Mean temperature	36.5
Weather—Snow.	

Highest and Lowest Temperatures This Date in 82 Years
61 in 1889 | -4 in 1878

Thursday's Temperature Chart

Alpena	36	29	Marquette	36	31
Baltimore	53	38	Memphis	68	38
Bismarck	37	11	Miami	72	54
Buffalo	36	33	Minneapolis	38	28
Chicago	43	39	New Orleans	71	46
Cleveland	40	35	New York	43	42
Detroit	38	32	Phoenix	71	36
Fort Worth	68	38	Pittsburgh	46	34
Houghton	35	28	St. Louis	55	28
Jacksonville	70	47	St. Marie	35	19
Kansas City	56	25	Tampa	66	46
Lansing	37	28	Traverse City	38	32



PRESS SAROLERS—Employes of the Pontiac Press took time from their tasks of putting out today's paper during the forenoon to liste to Christmas carols sung by this group of Press girls. In the group above are, top row left to right, Gerry and Sue Schaad, Betty Gates and Donna Anderson. Front row, Juanita Verch, Loretta Shelton, Janet Guoin, Coral Stanley, Wanda Thompson, Shirley Wood, Jackie Kroeplin and Kathy Ellibee.

Pontiac Press Photo

Funeral Monday for Ross Tenny

Oil Company Manager Dies From Injuries in Truck Accident

Funeral service for Ross P. Tenny, 56, of 208 Cherokee Rd., will be held Monday at 2 p. m. from the First Congregational Church with the Rev. Malcolm Burton officiating.

The body will be taken there from the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home at 11 a. m. Monday.

Mr. Tenny died yesterday in Pontiac General Hospital from injuries he suffered Tuesday when pinned between two trucks at the L. H. Cole Oil Co. yards.

Born in Big Rapids May 30, 1898, he was the son of Charles H., and Mary Jane Tenny. He was married to Lucille M. LaCore and had been a resident of Pontiac for 30 years. He was last employed as general manager of the L. H. Cole Oil Co.

He was widely known in Pontiac for his long service in public offices and institutions and especially for his work with young people.

Mr. Tenny attended Western State Teachers College at Kalamazoo and the University of Michigan, earning degrees in education at both schools.

A veteran of World War I, he taught in Flint public schools and in 1924 came to Pontiac as superintendent of Industrial Education. He was named superintendent of the Oakland County Juvenile Home in 1929 and remained there until 1942 when he was appointed head of the Boys Vocational School at Lansing. He left this post after two years and returned to Pontiac to enter private business.

Surviving beside his widow are two children, Beth and Robert at home. Also surviving are one sister and three brothers, Mrs. Ruth Legant of Big Rapids, Ralph W. and C. Bartlett of Lansing and John W. of Dearborn.

The family would appreciate friends making memorials to their favorite youth projects or to the Youth Chapel building fund of the Congregational Church in lieu of flowers.

Mrs. James Estes

Mrs. James (Mattie) Estes, 72, 112 Spruce St., died in Cadillac yesterday after a long illness.

Born in North Carolina, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fenley. She was a member of the Salvation Army.

Surviving are a son, James of Pontiac, and a daughter, Capt. Mabel Cox of Cadillac.

Service from Huntoon Funeral Home will be Monday at 1:30. Burial will follow in Perry Mt. Park Cemetery.

County Deaths

Leslie B. McEndarffer

NOVI—Service for Leslie B. McEndarffer, 4, of 24615 Novi Rd., will be held at 2 p.m. Monday from Thayer Funeral Home, with burial in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. The boy died suddenly Thursday.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Lawrence; four brothers and sisters, Mary and David McEndarffer, and Sylvia and James Lawrence.

Extra Feature Added for Nativity Scene

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Communist newspaper: Italian tangerines in Polish capital shops cost the equivalent of $4.06 per pound.

In Paris the police are looking for another batch of burglars who carted off hams, hundreds of dollars worth of French francs—and of course the wine stock—of the restaurant on the second platform of the Eiffel Tower.

London reports it is best to wear a commando's suit in entering the crush of buyers in stores there. The boom in buying is the biggest and the cocktails the merriest since the war despite British Foreign Secretary Sir. Anthony's House of Commons' statement that he "detests cocktail parties."

"Down under" in Australia they are doing their holiday shopping in sweltering humid summer temperatures, and with business so lush that some big stores had teams of employes whose only job was to periodically scoop the cash out of the ringing registers.

Laughead, Pals Are Going Out of This World

CHICAGO (UP) — Mrs. Dorothy Martin, whose predicted tidal wave didn't come off last Tuesday, said today she and Dr. Charles Laughead will get out of this world tonight.

She said she's received word from her "space brothers" that she, Laughead, and other fellow believers will be "lifted up" from the earth at exactly 6 p.m. CST tonight.

The lifting process will take place on the front lawn of her home in suburban Oak Park, the 53-year-old grandmother said.

"We have been instructed to sing Christmas carols while we wait to be lifted up," she said.

Dr. Laughead, 44-year-old ousted Michigan State College physician, made no immediate comment on whether he thinks he'll celebrate Christmas in outer space.

Laughead has returned here with his wife and three children from Lansing, where his sister has started court action to get him committed to a mental institution.

Investigate Arson at Cleaning Plant

Authorities today are investigating possible arson at a cleaning establishment Wednesday night when fire caused an estimated damage of at least $1,000.

Pontiac Fire Chief Max W. Wells said a broken window and a forced door led him to believe the blaze in the Marless Cleaners, 250 W. Montcalm St. was started by someone who entered the building illegally.

The fire was reported by an unidentified man who said he was walking past the establishment when he noticed flames inside the building.

Churches Planning Yule Services Here

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said at 6, 7:30, 8:45, 10, 11:15 and 12:30 Christmas morning.

St. John's Lutheran Church will begin their Christmas Midnight Carol Service at 11 p.m. tonight. The Rev. Carl W. Nelson will bring the message "A Great and Mighty Wonder."

The children of the St. Paul Lutheran Church will have their traditional Christmas Service at 7 tonight with the three choirs singing Christmas Carols. Tomorrow morning the Rev. George J. Mahder will preach at the Festival Christmas Service at 10 a.m.

A "White Gifts for the King" service will be held Christmas Eve from 8:30 to 9:30 at the First Christian Church. The congregation is asked to bring gifts of food wrapped in white. These will be used in Christmas baskets.

The traditional Carols and Candlelight Service will begin at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church with music by the three choirs. The Rev. Otto Schultz states that a Christmas Day Communion Service will be at 10 a.m. with the reception of new members.

A Christmas cantata "A Star in the Sky" will be given Sunday evening at 7:30 at the Silvercrest Baptist Church.

"Prince of Bethlehem" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Sunday by the choir at Marimont Baptist.

All Saints Episcopal Church will hold a service of Holy Baptism at 5 this afternoon. Tonight at 10:30, a service of Christmas Carols and Holy Communion is scheduled with a message by the Rev. C. George Widdifield. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion and the singing of hymns at 10 Christmas morning.

The human heart pumps five to six quarts of blood through almost 4,000 circuits in the human body.

Man Waives Examination on Charge of Larceny

Arthur P. Pruitt, 17, of 2834 East Dale Lane, Ferndale, waived examination yesterday of a larceny from an auto charge, and was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court for arraignment Jan. 3, 1955.

He was unable to furnish a $500 bond set by Royal Oak Justice Hendrik J. Smit and is being held in Oakland County Jail until his court appearance.

Oakdale Gardens Police said Pruitt was implicated in the theft of a suit from a cleaner's truck in that city Nov. 24.

Ike, First Lady Plan Quiet Christmas Eve

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fly down from Washington to help him work on this and two other messages which must go to Congress next month.

A West Point cadet homeward bound for the holidays got a surprise lift from the President yesterday in the luxuriously-fitted new Columbine III which flew the Eisenhowers from Washington to Augusta.

The cadet, First Classman William G. Peters, stopped by the Military Air Transport Service terminal in the capital hoping to catch a plane going somewhere near his home of Albany, Ga.

He ended up aboard the Columbine having a friendly chat with the President and first lady, who gave a similar lift in their motorcade recently to two Marines on leave.

6 of Beria's Aides Purged by Soviet

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law by Abakumov and his accomplices."

The court charged that the former security chief "prohibited statements and complaints from the arrested people from reaching the Central Committee of the Communist Party and the Soviet government."

The charges brought against Abakumov and his five former aides closely paralleled those on which Beria was purged a year ago.

Abakumov was accused of being "a direct participant in the criminal subversive group that carried out Beria's orders" and of carrying out "political adventures and provocations."

Beria had been accused not only of falsely imprisoning Soviet citizens, but also of conspiring with foreign agents against the Soviet government.

Today's announcement said the persons "falsely accused" by Abakumov had been "fully re-established as Soviet citizens."

The Tass report added that the sentences, announced in open court after a hearing lasting from Dec. 14 to Dec. 19, "were received by the audience in the court with great satisfaction."

'Junk Mail' Handling in Experimental Stage

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Post Office Department spokesman says the handling of "junk mail" still is in the experimental stage, with no final conclusions yet reached on whether it should be made permanent.

Your Friendly Agent Wishes One and All a Merry Christmas



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Reflections

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas around the world:

Swedish people place their flag at the tip of their Christmas tree and flags of all nations on the ends of branches symbolizing "Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Philippine people greet each other with offerings of flowers early Christmas morning.

A shining star is placed over an Eskimo village, below it Eskimos kneel in the snow with trophies of the hunt.

While singing the children of Denmark clap their hands to the rhythm of Christmas carols. We are greeted in Brazil: "Good Holiday of the Nativity and a Happy New Year." Ethiopia: "Melkam Ledetna Yedesta Amet Yihounclachouh". (A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.")

While at home a candle shines in a window, there's a bright star at the tip of our tree, tinsel and ornaments reflect light and below are gifts on an altar of love and good will.

Our wish for you and yours from all of us, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.



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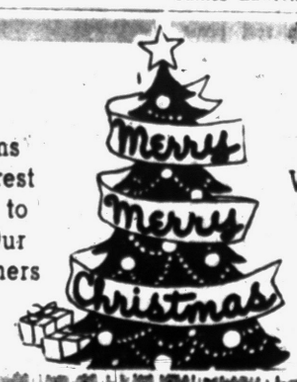
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Helen Hoerle Manages All Male 'Caine Mutiny'

By EARL WILSON

NEW YORK — "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial" is a great show—everybody admits—but there's also one going on backstage that could be called "Twenty-Six Men and a Gal."

Helen Hoerle bosses Lloyd Nolan, John Hodiak, Barry Sullivan and all the rest in her almost unique role of "company manager."

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"All the boys call me 'Boss'," Miss Hoerle told me, sitting in her office. "John Hodiak says I'm their godmother.

"But a company like this is easy—it's such a strongly masculine company. Sometimes one of the boys says to me, 'I met a new girl. Will you come out and have a beer with us?'"

I wondered what kind of a boss she can be since she calls them all "lambs," but she said, "Oh, I sit on them once in a while.



"Maybe they're late for a rehearsal, or something. But there's a whole new generation in the theater now.

"They're all working in modeling or doing TV or studying. They don't have time to get into squabbles or be playboys."

Last year she briefly managed "Don Juan in Hell"—which meant bus-riding every night with Charles Boyer, Charles Laughton, Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Tyrone Power.

"I can't imagine riding in a bus with 26 men; so when this company goes on the road, I'm going to stay home in New York in the house where I was born," she said.

"They might be hampered by my presence," Miss Hoerle smiled.

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Miss Hoerle pays salaries, "counts the house," makes up financial statements and tries to keep everybody happy. She was a little concerned about an order barring the actors from bringing coffee or food into the theater.

"Barry has to have his tea and lemon. Doctors' orders," she said. "What's he going to do? Barry's a lamb," she added. "The other day he must have said something, because he said, 'Oh, sweetie, excuse me; I didn't know you were in there.' I didn't even hear the remark. They're all lambs."

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CHIQUITA

THE MIDNIGHT EARL . . .

Fran Warren's doctors told her it might be twins. Mayor Wagner, vacationing in Miami, visited Jimmy Walker's first wife, Allie, an old friend. She runs a religious periodical business . . . Mindy Carson's a virus victim at N. Y. Hospital . . . The new Latin ¼ show offers the fine dance team of Chiquita and Johnson.

Frank Sinatra squired Mae Wynn to Gilmore's . . . The Duke and Duchess of Windsor were a Colony duo . . . Otto Preminger has been called in to work on "House of Flowers."

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TODAY'S BEST LAUGH: Bob Olin tells of the cannibal chief who saw a pretty captive and said, "She looks good enough not to eat."

WHEN THEY SAY A BACHELOR apartment's furnished in Early American, notes Bobby Nicholson, they mean the cigarette butts on the floor have no filters . . . That's earl, brother.

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Best Cane Collection Is Owned by Virginian

BUENA VISTA, Va. (AP) — A retired clergyman and his banker son here have one of the top collections of canes in the country.

Dr. Edward A. Shugart, the minister, began the collection about 50 years ago. His son took it over after World War II. It now numbers some 350 canes, most of them collector's items. Included is one made by a slave and used by President Andrew Johnson. The newest is from a cedar used as a Christmas tree at the last reunion of the seven Shugart sons and daughters at their home.

Boys Get Mom for Christmas

Prayers of 4 Brothers Answered as Mother Returns After 5 Years

SHENANDOAH, Iowa (AP)—Four young brothers, motherless for five Christmases, today had reason to believe in Santa Claus and in prayer.

They were reunited early today with their mother, who disappeared five years ago.

The mother, now Mrs. Elsie Rhoades Hill, flew here from New York with her husband in answer to her sons' prayers.

The boys, their grandmother says, have prayed nightly for her return.

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It was just 13 hours after Mrs. Hill, 29, walked into the offices of the New York Post yesterday that she had arrived home to meet her sons and parents.

She said she had read a Shenandoah story in the Post that her eldest son, Mike Rhoades, had cried for her every Christmas, and she was the only present he wanted.

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Mike, now 10, was only 5 when the plump, blonde woman left here in 1949 to attend a dance at Sherjdan, Mo. She never returned.

Two of the boys, David, 8, and Richard, 6, remember her less distinctly. The youngest, Robert, 5, was two months old when she disappeared.

The boys have been living with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woods, since their mother left.

The children's father was killed in an auto accident Aug. 2, 1949. About a month latr their mother vanished.

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Mrs. Hill went to Chicago where she met her present husband, David, 34. They were married last year and moved to New York where she worked as a waitress and he as a chef.

"I never meant to be separated from my babies," Mrs. Hill said. "Troubles can pile up on a person and you can't think straight." She said that each year away she "became more afraid and ashamed to go home."

The night hawk perches lengthwise on a tree limb, not crosswise as most birds do.



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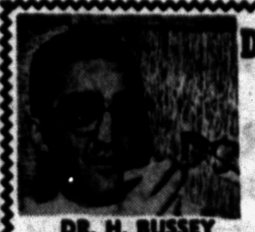
About 12,000 U.S. children are killed each year by accidents.

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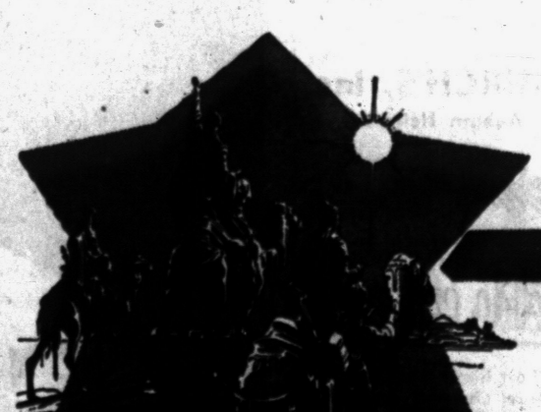
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In the selection of merchandise intended for gifts where size and color are important factors, the exchange privilege has always been graciously granted by Pontiac merchants.

This year there will be no exception to this custom, however, it is necessary that all exchanges of gift merchandise be made on or before January 4th, 1955. This will be to your advantage as well as the merchant from whom the purchases were made. In the interest of all concerned . . .

Exchanges of Gift Merchandise May Not Be Made After

Tuesday, January 4th

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Drought Ups Wheat Buying

CHICAGO (AP) — Some additional buying entered wheat on the Board of Trade today on the basis of the drought situation in the winter wheat belt.

New crop wheat deliveries opened on gains of about a cent and at new seasonal highs. Old crop months scored only minor gains.

Other cereals did not show much price change but a steady tone prevailed. Dealers were rather slow in the shortened pre-Christmas Day session.

Wheat near the end of the first hour was unchanged to ⅝ higher, March $2.31⅝; corn unchanged to ⅛ higher, March $1.56; oats ⅛ to ¼ higher, March 79¾; rye ¼ to ⅝ higher, March $1.16¾; soybeans ⅛ lower to ⅛ higher, January $2.81¾; and lard 3 to 8 cents a hundred pounds lower, January $13.10.

Grain Prices

CHICAGO GRAIN

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Opening

Grain:			
Wheat		Jly	71
Mar	2.31⅛	Rye	
May	2.27¾	Mar	1.16
Jly	2.18	May	1.20
Sep	2.19⅛	Sep	1.21¾
Corn		Soybeans	
Mar	1.56	Jan	2.81½
May	1.57⅞	Mar	2.79¾
Jly	1.59¼	May	2.78¾
Oats		Jly	2.74¼
Mar	79¾	Sept	2.54
May	78¼	Lard	
		Jan	13.12

Reds to Appeal Court Ruling

Leaders Will Ask High Tribunal for Decision on McCarran Act

WASHINGTON (UP) — Communist party leaders planned today to appeal to the Supreme Court a ruling while upheld the constitutionality of the anti-Communist Internal Security act.

Justice Department sources predicted the high court will agree to hear pleas from the party's attorneys to reverse a 2-to-1 ruling of the U. S. Court of Appeals upholding the law, better known as the McCarran Communist Control Act.

The Appeals Court ruled yesterday that the Communist party in this country is controlled by Moscow and should be required to register with the government as required by the McCarran Act and as ordered by the Subversive Activities Control Board. It was the first court test of he act's validity.

Joseph Forer, one of the attorneys for the Communist party in this case, called the appeals court's decision "completely wrong" and said the party would appeal it to the Supreme Court.

Such a move would delay any government action to compel the party to register.

It was emphasized that the ruling applied only to those sections of the law which pertained to the Communist party itself and did not involve the law's sections applying to so-called Communist fronts.

But Thomas J. Herbert, chairman of the SACB, said the ruling would enable the board to "dispose with all possible dispatch" of the some dozen "front" cases it has pending.

He said the ruling also would put the board "in a position to expedite further the processing of new cases" filed by the Justice Department in accordance with the recently - enacted Communist Control Act of 1954.

This act pertains particularly to unions, putting them in the same position as Communist fronts. It was known that the Justice Department was working on several possible prosecutions, but there was no indication when they would be forthcoming.

News in Brief

Lloyd Shipman, 46 of 1692 Weymouth, Union Lake, is reported in fair condition today at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital with head injuries suffered in an auto collision at 16-Mile and Woodston Rds., Troy Township, yesterday.

If your friend's in jail and needs bail, Ph. FE 5-8201. C. A. Mitchell.

Blind Sells Vision

AKRON, O. (UP) — Bruce Thomas is a successful television salesman and recently sold one of the first color sets in this vicinity. Unusual: Rather, Thomas, 45, is totally blind. He has never seen a movie or a TV show and sells on points he has learned from others.

Foreign Exchange

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—Foreign exchange rates follow (Great Britain in dollars, others in cents):

Canadian dollar in New York open market 2 5/16 per cent premium or 103.31¼ U.S. cents, unchanged.

Europe: Great Britain (pound) $2.78 9/16, unchanged; 30 day futures 2.7819/32, unchanged; 60 day futures 2.7819/32, unchanged; 90 day futures 2.78 19/32, unchanged. Belgium (franc) 1.99 9/16, up .00½ of a cent. France (franc) 39½ of a cent, unchanged. Germany (western) (Deutsche mark) 23.8¾, unchanged. Holland (guilder) 26.41, off .02 of a cent. Italy (lira) .16¼ of a cent, unchanged. Portugal (escudo) 3.50, unchanged. Sweden (krona) 19.34, unchanged. Switzerland (franc) (free) 23.34½, unchanged. Denmark (krone) 14.50, unchanged.

Latin America: Argentina (free) 7.24, unchanged. Brazil (free) 5.38, unchanged. Mexico 8.02, unchanged. Venezuela (bolivar) 30.03, unchanged.

Far East: Hong Kong dollar 17.50, unchanged.

MARKETS

Produce

DETROIT PRODUCE

DETROIT, Dec. 24 (UP)—Wholesale prices on public farmers' market reported by the Bureau of Markets:

Fruits: Apples, Delicious, fancy, 3.00-3.50 bu; No. 1, 4.00-4.50 bu; apples, Jonathon, fancy, 4.00 bu; No. 1, 3.00-3.50 bu; apples, MacIntosh, fancy, 4.50 bu; No. 1, 3.25-3.75 bu; apples, Northern Spy, No. 1, 2.50-3.00 bu; apples, Wagner, No. 1, 2.00-2.50 bu; cider, No. 1, 2.00-2.25 4 gal. case. Pears, Bosc, No. 1, 3.50-4.00 bu.

Vegetables: Beets, topped, No. 1, 1.00-1.40 bu. Cabbage, No. 1, .85-1.00 bu; cabbage, curly, No. 1, 1.00-1.50 bu; cabbage, red, No. 1, .90-1.25 bu. Carrots, topped, No. 1, 1.00-1.50 bu. Celery, No. 1, 2.00-2.50 crate; celery, No. 1, .75-1.25 doz. Celery root, No. 1, 1.00-1.50 doz. Fennel, No. 1, 1.00-1.25 bu. Horseradish, No. 1, 5.00-6.00 pk. Leeks, No. 1, 1.00-1.25 doz. bchs. Onions, dry, No. 1, 1.35-1.65 50-lb. bag. Parsley, curly, No. 1, .85-1.00 doz. bchs; parsley root, No. 1, .85-1.00 doz. Parsnips, No. 1, 1.00-1.50 ½ bu. Potatoes, No. 1, 1.30-1.40 50-lb. bag; potatoes, No. 1, 2.50-2.60 100-lb. bag. Tomatoes, hothouse, No. 1, 2.75-3.50 10-lb. basket. Turnip, No. 1, 1.00-1.35 doz. bchs; turnip, topped, No. 1, 1.00-1.50 bu.

Lettuce and salad greens: Celery cabbage, No. 1, 1.50-2.00 bu.

Greens: Collard, No. 1, 1.00-1.50 bu. Kale, No. 1, 1.00-1.50 bu. Swiss chard No. 1, 1.00-1.25 bu.

CHICAGO POTATOES

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Potatoes: arrivals 72; on track 302; total U.S. shipments 370; supplies moderate; demand good; market firm to slightly stronger. Carlot track sales: Idaho Russets $4.25-4.35; Minnesota North Dakota Pontiacs, washed and waxed $2.50; scattered sales $2.35-2.45; unwashed $1.80.

DETROIT EGGS

DETROIT, Dec. 23 (AP)—Eggs, f. o. b. Detroit, cases included, federal-state grades:

Whites — Grade A large 36½-39, weighted average 37½; medium 30-33, wtd. avg. 32; small 27-28, wtd. avg. 27½; B large 33-35, wtd. avg. 34.

Browns — Grade A large 37-37½, wtd. avg. 36; mediums 30-32, wtd. avg. 31½; small 28; B large 34; C large 27.

Checks 23.

Comment: Market steady on large and supplies ample. Mediums about steady. Demand irregular and supplies short in some instances and more than ample in others. Uncandled offerings in good demand. Overall trading somewhat slower as most of the retailers are well supplied. First receivers not willing to accumulate stocks due to the end of the year personal property tax. Receipts lighter due to increasing hatchery demand.

CHICAGO BUTTER AND EGGS

Chicago, Dec. 23 (AP)—Butter steady; receipts 1,341,772; wholesale buying prices unchanged; 93 score AA 58.75; 92 A 58.25; 90 B 57.75; 89 C 56.5; cars 90 B 58.25; 89 C 57.

Eggs easy; receipts 11,724; wholesale buying prices unchanged; U.S. large whites 36; mixed 36; mediums 36; standards 35; current receipts 35; dirties 32; checks 32.

Poultry

DETROIT POULTRY

DETROIT, Dec. 23 (AP)—Prices paid per pound f.o.b. Detroit for No 1 quality live poultry to 10 a.m.

Heavy hens 19-20; light type 12-13; heavy broilers or fryers (2½-3¼ lbs) 27; Gray crosses 26; Barred Rocks 26-27; capons (5-6 lbs) 27-29; geese 25-30; Swan geese 19; ducklings 30; heavy ducks 24-25; light ducks 19; turkeys, heavy type young hens 33-33; heavy type young toms 34-36.

Comment: Market steady. Fairly good late demands on heavy hens, heavy ducks, capons or fryers with moderate supplies clearing. Good heavy hens are short. Muscovy ducks moving slow. Geese firm and short. Turkeys: Market unsettled to weak. Receipts light and carryovers appear more than adequate to the slow trade. Small hens under 12 pounds are moving best.

CHICAGO POULTRY

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Live poultry: Barely steady to weak on young stock and capons, balance steady; receipts 922 coops (yesterday 1,678 coops, 300,166 lb); f. o. b. paying prices unchanged to 1 lower; light hens 12.5-13.5; heavy hens 17-18.5; fryers and broilers 21-25; old roosters 12-12.5; capons 24-26; hen turkeys 37-38; fancy tom turkeys 36.5-38; young tom turkeys 33-36; ducklings 30; geese 23-24.

Livestock

DETROIT LIVESTOCK

DETROIT, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Detroit livestock market:

Hogs salable 50. Not enough hogs offered early to make a market.

Cattle salable 150. Today's market nominally steady. Compared last Thursday: Trading spotty; supplies small; high good to prime fed steers and heifers fairly active, strong; lower grades slow, uneven, steady to weak; canner, cutter and utility cows active, strong; commercial cows slow, weak; bulls active, strong to 50 cents higher; stockers and feeders slow, steady to weak; few small lots high choice and low prime 950-1142 lb fed steers 30.00-32.00; bulk good and choice fed steers 21.00-26.75, choice mostly 26.00 upward; few good and choice fed heifers 19.00-23.00, few head prime to 24.50; most utility and commercial steers and heifers 11.00-17.00; some high commercial to good steers and heifers 17.00-20.00; bulk utility and low commercial cows 9.00-11.00; canners and cutters mainly 7.50-9.50; bulk utility and commercial bulls 12.00-14.00; most good and choice stockers and feeders 18.50-22.00.

Calves salable 75. Market about steady today. Compared last Thursday: Trading very erratic, demand sporadic, final prices mostly steady; late bulk good and choice 20.00-30.00; early week top 33.50, late practical top 30.00; most utility and commercial 12.00-20.00; cull and low utility 8.00-12.00.

Sheep salable 100. Today's market active, strong. Compared last week: Demand much broader; slaughter lambs fully 2.00 higher; sheep and feeder lambs fully steady; several sizable lots choice and prime 95-98 lb wooled slaughter lambs 21.25-21.50; good and choice wooled slaughter lambs mostly 19.50-20.50; most utility and low good lambs 15.00-18.50; some cull and utility 10.00-14.00, with 64 lb severely emaciated culls 5.00, around 50 head choice and prime 90 lb high yielding shorn lambs 21.00; bulk cull to choice slaughter ewes 3.00-6.00; few choice handyweight ewes 6.50; good and choice feeder yambs mostly 17.00-18.00.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP)—Salable hogs 9,000; fairly active; strong to mostly 25 higher; most advances on weights over 230 lb; instances up more on these weights; sows mostly steady; around one deck choice No 1s 300 lb at 19.25; several decks choice No 1 and 2s 190-230 lb at 19.00; most 190-220 lb at 17.75-18.75; bulk 230-250 lb 17.00-17.75; a few choice No 1 and 2s 230-250 lb at 17.25-18.25; most 260-280 lb 16.50-17.00; with bulk 290-325 lb 15.75-16.50; sows under 400 lb scarce at 15.00-15.75; most sows 425-600 lb 13.50-15.00.

Salable cattle 2,000; salable calves 300; prime cattle absent; steers and heifers choice and below slow, steady to 50 lower; cows steady to 25 higher; bulls and vealers about steady; a load of choice prime 1074 lb steers 30.00; a few loads choice steers 26.00-27.00; good to low choice 20.00-25.50; choice to prime 1075 lb mixed steers and heifers 29.00; good and choice heifers 19.00-26.00; a load utility and commercial 700 lb weights 14.50; utility and commercial cows 9.50-12.25; canners and cutters 8.00-9.75; utility and commercial bulls 13.50-15.50; good to prime vealers 20.00-24.00; a load of good to choice 440 lb Montana stock steer calves 21.25; medium and good replacement steers and calves 16.00-20.00.

Salable sheep 3,000; slaughter lambs moderately active; about steady; other classes steady; good to prime wooled lambs 110 lb and lighter 18.50-21.00; latter price for weights up to 105 lb; a deck 97 lb 21.25; a few mostly choice 100-125 lb wooled skins 17.50; cull to low good lambs 7.00-18.00; cull to choice slaughter ewes 5.00-6.50.

Bond Investments Up

DETROIT (UP)—Delmar V. Cote, state director of the United States Treasury Department's Michigan division, said Thursday that Michigan residents increased their investments in U.S. savings bonds 8 per cent in 1954. The 1954 investments in Michigan brought the state's accumulative bond investment total to 290 million dollars.

France Turns Down Boon Rearmament

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down the German rearmament bill at its first reading. He was beaten because many of his supporters pooled their votes with those of the Communists and the anti-Mendes-France MRP (Popular Republican) party against him.

The situation suddenly appeared desperate and many parliamentary leaders, fully expecting Mendes - France to resign, waited for the words which would end his brief but action-packed term as premier.

Even for the men who had supported the European Defense Community, which the Assembly rejected, it was an opportunity to say "we told you so." The situation appeared to support their repeated claims that there could be no alternative to the ill-fated EDC treaty.

But Mendes - France demanded that the voting continue and the balance of power swung suddenly to his side as frightened anti-Communist deputies rushed to his support. At the end of the session observers were saying that the premier had a good chance to win next week's votes.

It appears now that Mendes-France faces not one, but a series of confidence votes beginning next Monday. While two of the three bills embodying the Paris accords have been approved, the showdown battle still must come on the question of German rearmament.

It was probable that this key question would be split into a series of votes, and the premier made it clear that he would make each one a question of confidence if necessary to win ratification of the accords.

The second reading of the bill rejected during the night may come Tuesday or Wednesday with an over-all vote on ratification Wednesday or Thursday.

Three in One Family Injured in Crash

Christmas will be postponed for three members of a Walled Lake family who were hospitalized after a head-on collision of two autos last night at Pontiac Trail and Walnut Lake road.

Reported in good condition today at Pontiac General Hospital are Delbert A. Smith, 25, of 4451 Middledale, and his son, Michael A., 3, Smith's wife, Gloria J., 23, is listed in satisfactory condition with leg and head cuts.

Mrs. Smith was driving the family car east of Pontiac Trail, lost control of the car on a curve and crashed into another auto driven by Glenn Van Cleve Jr., 21, of 811 S. Lake Dr., Walled Lake. Van Cleve was treated for face cuts and hip bruises.

Smith suffered multiple rib fractures and a collarbone injury and his son received head injuries.

Man Is Being Held in Hit-Run Probe

Police are holding Ernest Williams, 34, of 512 Fildew St., Pontiac, on investigation of leaving the scene of an accident and driving with no operator's license after his truck reportedly struck and injured the driver of a car yesterday at Telegraph and Franklin roads.

Police were in the immediate vicinity when notified of the accident, and overtook Williams about one half mile from the scene.

The other driver, Robert Karch, 19, of 3810 Mystic Valley Dr., Bloomfield Township, was treated for head cuts. He told police that William's truck pulled out of Franklin road, and struck his auto, spinning it around several times.

Police said Karch told them Williams then turned, and sped west on Franklin. Karch stopped a car headed in the same direction, and followed Williams to where police had forced him to a stop.

Suspect Faces Mental Hearing

A holdup suspect, who tipped police to his robbery plan, may be committed to a mental institution on petition of his wife.

William McCord, 33, of 2219 Ellery, was arrested at the Avon Inn in Avon Township, Dec. 7, as he attempted a robbery after informing law officers of his intentions.

He is held in Oakland County Jail on a robbery armed charge, according to Arthur W. Kollin, assistant prosecutor.

A commitment hearing is slated Jan. 10 in Oakland County Probate Court at which two physicians, who examined McCord, will testify, Kollin said.

The accused robber, with an accomplice, walked into a police trap and was disarmed by Pontiac Detective James LaPonsie.

Famous Ghost a Hoax, British Group Decides

LONDON (UP)—The famous ghost supposed to haunt Borley Rectory in Essex doesn't have any real substance, the Society for Physical Research decided today.

The specter was said to be that of a nun murdered in the rectory 300 years ago. But the society said the nun never existed. Previous studies identifying her as a Marie Lairre don't bear up under close scrutiny, the report added.



Pontiac Press Photo

MAILMAN'S REWARD — Letter Carrier Karl (Mickey) George of 4118 Athens, Drayton Plains, worked hard and cheerfully serving people on his route this year and they decided to make things easier for him in 1955. Yesterday he was presented with a cart "to take the load off his back" and a Christmas card sparkling with 130 quarters ($32.50). Shown from left are Mrs. William Mason, of 85 E. Huron St., Mrs. Henry LaVerdure, of 89 E. Huron St. and Mrs. Simon Repoush, of 67 N. Parke St. Standing in front is George's daughter, Beverly, 4.

New County Lawyers Will Be Sworn In

Area residents who recently qualified for Michigan State Bar membership will be sworn in Monday at 11 p.m. in Oakland County Circuit Court.

The three circuit judges will sit together for the proceedings, with Judge Frank L. Doty presiding in his courtroom, according to Carl W. Forsythe, chairman of the Oakland County Bar Assn.'s committee for the event.

Gilbert Davis, president of the county group, will give a brief talk before the candidates are introduced by attorneys sponsoring them. Each sponsor will describe his candidate's qualifications and move for admittance.

Those who have informed the county bar of intention to seek admittance are:

William E. Jackson, 236 Cherokee Rd.
Kenneth H. Hempstead, 36½ Newberry St.
Martin J. Kabcenell, 243 Cherokee Rd.
Louie Jane Lawton, 6490 Commerce Rd.
Sherwin M. Brinkrant, 1085 James K Blvd.
John J. O'Brien, Royal Oak.
Jerome L. Vikser, Oak Park
Charles V. Makorien, Berkley
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Philip A. Young, Holly
Elliott R. Pearlman, Oak Park
Thomas J. Dillon Jr., Detroit

Dillon has been serving as clerk for county Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore.

Two Stock Exchanges Close for Three Days

NEW YORK (INS)—The New York Stock Exchange and the American Stock Exchange were closed today to provide a three-day Christmas holiday weekend for employes and member firms.

The New York Cotton Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade are among the commodity exchanges which will curtail their normal day's activities by closing at noon.

Banks, however, were open as usual since today is not a legal holiday.

New Dog Licenses on Sale at Sylvan Lake

Sylvan Lake dog licenses are now on sale at the city clerk's office in the city hall.

Proof of vaccination for rabies control, given within the year preceeding the date of obtaining the license, must be given at the time of purchase.

No license will be issued without a vaccination certificate, said City Manager Ernest L. Ethier.

Ethier also reminded Sylvan Lake residents that 1954 county and school taxes are payable through Jan. 20 at the city treasurer's office. A four per cent penalty will be added after the 20th.

Fire at Clarkston Hits Evans Equipment Co.

CLARKSTON—A fire in the B. F. Evans Equipment Co. at 6507 Dixie Hwy., was confined to the ceiling, roof and upper walls last night by the Clarkston Fire Department.

Smoke and water damage were reported to lawnmowers and garden tractors in the cement-block building by co-owner Mrs. Evans.

Residents Give Postman Mail Cart for Christmas

"I have the best mail route in the city of Pontiac," Karl (Mickey) George, 35, said yesterday as some 120 of his friends presented him with a mailman's cart in appreciation of his faithful service.

The gift was a complete surprise to Mickey, as was the presentation of a 36 by 24-inch Christmast card with the words Merry Christmas spelled out with 130 new 25-cent pieces ($32.50).

The presentation in Al's Grocery at 111 E. Huron St. was the climax of a three-week campaign organized by Mrs. Henry LaVerdure, of A-89 E. Huron St., Mrs. William Mason of A-85 E. Huron St. and Mrs. Cy Repaush of C-67 N. Parke St.

"We decided to do something for Mickey," Mrs. LaVerdure said, "because he's a wonderful mailman. He makes us all very happy with his friendly smile and efficient service. The mail is always on time and he's never made a mistake. He never complains about anything."

Although Mickey has been a postal employe for seven years, he was permanently assigned to his present route two years ago. Consisting of 693 stops, the route includes parts of Huron street, N. Parke street, Union street and Arcadia and Union Cts.

Mickey was speechless when first presented with the gift. But later he recovered enough to say, "Gee whiz, this is really going to be a Merry Christmas. I was never so surprised in my life."

"This cart is really going to come in handy," he said. "I carry anywhere from 45 to 60 pounds of mail a day on my route."

Born in Ironton, Ohio, Mickey came to Michigan in 1929.

He served as an infantryman in the European Theater during World War II, landing with his unit on Normany Beach on D-Day He was wounded and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Mickey's wife, Mary, who knew of the presentation plans right along, said after the presentation, "Mickey makes friends wherever he goes—he's really a likable guy."

The Georges, who live at 4118 Athens Rd., Waterford Township, have two daughters, Sandra Kay, 7, and Beverly Frances, 4, who also are proud of the gift for their dad.

Groveland Residents Report Mail Theft

Two Groveland Township residents yesterday reported their mail boxes had been looted and the contents scattered through a swamp off Bird road.

Arni A. Arnason Jr., of 1085 Bird Rd., told Oakland County Sheriff's deputies that mail taken from his mail box and that of a neighbor, Howard Grovesteen, of 555 Oakwood Rd., was found in a swamp 200 yards from the Arnason home.

Arnason's wife said it was the first time any mail stealing has been reported in her neighborhood. Most of the recovered letters were bills and Christmas cards. Mrs. Arnason said.

Short Week Cuts Auto Production

DETROIT (UP) — Working 4½ days this week the auto industry assembled 123,272 cars and 18,291 trucks, Ward's Automotive Reports said today.

The total compares with last week's 151,924 cars and 21,909 trucks. In the comparable 1953 week 67,308 cars and 17,951 trucks were built.

The statistical agency noted that the industry built its 1,000,000th truck this week, marking the eighth consecutive year in which truck assemblies have topped the million mark.

Ward's said also that Chrysler Corp. this week accounted for 21 per cent of U. S. car output. It was the fourth consecutive week Chrysler has hit that percentage figure. Ford got 27 per cent of this week's car assemblies and GM 50 per cent.

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Show Business

Two Struggling Actors Eat Salami at Yuletide

By EDDIE CANTOR

I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and give you a true Christmas story about a young theatrical couple who were struggling for the "big break" in New York.

Knowing the prestige value of stopping at the Algonquin, famous as the "actors' hotel," they even gave up eating half the time to pay the rent. The meals they did have were brought in from the neighborhood delicatessen. Their slim budget could never stretch to hotel food.

Christmas Eve they decided to splurge. They'd have the usual salami—rye bread with pickles—but they'd call room service—get an order of mashed potatoes and a pot of coffee. The fancy hotel plates and silver that would come with the order would make it seem like Christmas.

They lingered over their dinner. When they finally finished, they sent for the waiter to pick up the dishes. When he entered, the actor said, "My check, please."

"Check?" repeated the waiter. "There is no check. Don't you know the Algonquin plays host to everyone in the hotel on Christmas Eve? You should see the dinners some of the guests are eating tonight!"

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Hope to Finish Water System

Sylvan Lake Manager Says Job May Be Done by Early Summer

Sylvan Lake City Manager Ernest L. Ethier today reported an early summer target date for completion of that city's new water system.

"If everything goes right and the weather and bond issue sales are favorable, we may have the system in operation sometime between June 1 and July 1," Ethier said.

The city already has developed one of the two wells necessary for the system's operation.

The second well will be located either at a site 350 feet northeast of the first or on the property of a camp operated by a Detroit newspaper, Ethier said.

Two bond issues, totaling $225,000, will be floated to finance the system.

Ethier said he expects bids for the bonds to be sought around March 1.

One of the issues will be $125,000 in general obligation bonds. The second will be a $100,000 special assessment-general obligation bond issue. They will be paid off concurrently.

Voters last June approved the projected water system. The city's 1,500 residents are now served by individual, privately operated wells.

An automobile is stolen in the U.S. on the average of every 2.4 minutes.

Business Briefs

Winston Scheer Sr., of Monroe and Laurence H. Cook of Bay City have been reelected directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, serving Michigan and Indiana. Their terms are for two years.

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