

Christmas affects people in many different ways

JERUSALEM (AP) — Jerusalem's Jews are jammed with Christmas pilgrims, and a storm cloud is the Holy Land by the blossoming of new hopes for peace.

"This year's Christmas will have a special character and value," said Misha Gidon, of the Israeli Tourism Ministry. The Israeli European representative "will be job at Christmas," he added.

Nearly 20,000 foreign Christians, 10 percent more than last year, are expected for Christmas. And more President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem last month, bookings for next year "have been growing at the rate," Gidon said.

He predicted a 25 percent increase next year in the 1977 record of a million visitors.

LAMONI, Iowa (AP) — A Christmas gift to Grace-Land College would be difficult to wrap, but it's practical. It's a farm.

Paul Thompson, 59, donated his 475-acre farm and its

livestock to Grace-Land along with 400 head of feeder cattle, feed and other supplies, said Grace-Land President Frank Baum.

Nathan Thompson, not his wife, Marjorie, attended the college, which is sponsored by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, or adheres to that faith. But two of their children will attend the school after the first of the year.

NEW SHOREHAM, N.J. (AP) — For a while it looked as if Black Island wouldn't have any Christmas. When winds and stormy seas canceled mail deliveries for five days, and no packages arrived.

With only a grocery store and a gasoline station on the tiny island, the 500 winter residents rely on the daily ferries from the mainland to bring their mail-order Christmas packages.

On Thursday, the skies cleared and the first ferry since Saturday arrived.

"I knew they'd make it," said Natalie Mitchell, the town's postmaster. "It always clears. We beat it by two days."

LONGVIEW, Wash. (AP) — Robert Huff is wondering how Santa does it. Robert, 10 years old, couldn't quite get down the chimney.

Robert forgot his key when he left home early Thursday and found himself locked out when he returned a short time later with another youngster, said authorities.

Robert climbed on the roof and slipped down the chimney.

A neighbor, standing at her kitchen sink, saw the boy's head drop out of sight as he fell. She shouted to her husband and he called police.

Longview police and firemen found Robert had fallen about 10 feet and was wedged in the damper area, his legs dangling in the firebox.

Officers worked him free after a long struggle. Bath water was drawn for the soot-covered lad and his father, Wayne Huff, reported his son was shaken by the experience, but was not seriously injured.

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Benjy Stellmacher brings Christmas to riders on his bus every day. He sings and gets them to join in.

The state of Connecticut thanked him Thursday with Benjy Stellmacher Day.

"Throughout the centuries, millions of famous inventors, explorers, patriots and poets have filled the chapters of recorded history with their remarkable deeds and words of inspiration," Gov. Ella Grasso said in her proclamation.

After declaring the official recognition, the governor boarded Benjy's bus and joined his regular riders on a "Happy Bus Carol Sing" from Hartford to New Britain.

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HER BEST CHRISTMAS — Shakila Razek, 10-year-old Pakistani girl, prepares to leave Deborah Hospital in Browns Mills, N.J., yesterday with her father Abdul. The youngster underwent successful open heart surgery earlier in the month. She will recuperate at the home of relatives in Queens, N.Y.

There's a brightness that comes only at Christmas

By JIM OSTROFF

If it happened any other time of year some might think it a dream.

Stark, uniform housing developments seemingly pulsate now with flashing colored lights. Tinsel and wreaths drape windows and porches. Imaginative homeowners transform gardens into virtual winter wonderlands.

Distant relatives gather in homes — maybe your home

— and laugh, sing, and make merry.

Normally dour, glowering persons smile and even laugh, intoxicated by the air heavy with the scents of pine trees and candy and holiday roasts.

It's a miracle that thaws every chilled home and heart. It's Christmas 'round the world.

Towns everywhere get caught up in this holiday magic, too.

Shrewsbury for one, has

transformed its huge, historic Council Pine tree at Sycamore Avenue and Broad Street into a honeycomb of glimmering lights. And outside stores countywide the sound of jingle bells from a Salvation Army volunteer pierces the air for blocks around.

Joining in the spirit of caring, the Garden State Parkway Authority will be offering travel-weary drivers free coffee.

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Jersey coast rumbles

Garbage, sonic booms possible tremor causes

ATLANTIC CITY (AP) — There is still no answer to the latest mysterious shaking and explosion-like sensations along the New Jersey coast, but scientists are speculating it could be sonic booms or it could all be garbage.

Residents on Long Beach Island and mainland Ocean County communities from Bayville to Tuckerton reported two tremors within 30 seconds of each other at about 7 p.m. Wednesday.

"My whole house shook," said Ted Weeks, a fisherman at Barnegat Light. "Almost immediately the second report followed, but not near as loud. It was very distinct. The whole of Long Beach Island, I'm sure, heard it. You had to be dead not to have heard it."

On Dec. 2, a similar but stronger sensation startled residents from Connecticut to New Jersey and in South Carolina. Scientists at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Geophysical Observatory in Palisades, N.Y., said instruments recorded two sonic explosions that day and five more on Dec. 15.

The strongest, equivalent to 100 tons of dynamite, was centered at high altitudes about 50 to 100 miles off the New Jersey coast, they said.

Dr. Edward F. Chiburif, assistant director of the Western Observatory of Boston College in Weston, Mass., said his instruments picked up the Dec. 2 and Dec. 15 occurrences, but nothing was recorded Wednesday night.

"If I was asked to give an explanation with the limited data and limited analysis we've had so far, I'd strongly suspect they're sonic booms," Chiburif said.

Dr. William Donn, head of atmospheric sciences at the Lamont-Doherty Observatory, said his instruments also failed to pick up Wednesday's phenomenon. He said he was sure the events were not the result of sonic booms.

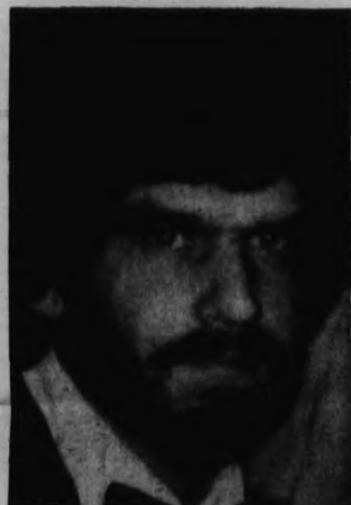
Eugene Flood, Federal Aviation Administration duty officer at New York's Kennedy International Airport, said no sonic booms were reported Wednesday and no supersonic Concorde airliners were in the air. He said, however, that military pilots might not report sonic booms.

Dr. Stanley L. Klemetson, environmental engineering researcher and associate professor of civil engineering at Colorado State University, said it is likely that a build-up of sludge deposits on the ocean bottom caused by ocean dumping of wastewater treatment residue, garbage and other refuse has resulted in the production of anaerobic gases — gases which do not contain oxygen, such as hydrogen and methane.

"As these gases accumulate beneath the sludge," he said, "sufficient quantity can collect to break through the layer and rise to the surface of the ocean."

The gas bubbles, if they are

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MISTAKEN IDENTITY? — Police officials are investigating a theory that two recent county killings may have resulted from a case of mistaken identity. Allen Ferrante, left, gunned down after he left Riverview Hospital, and Vincent DeMarzo, right, held in the killing of Joseph Agnellino, bear a striking resemblance. Also, DeMarzo worked recently in Brielle, not far from where Ferrante's bullet-ridden body was dumped. See story below.



Probe identity angle

Burying Agnellino today in Newark

By ANN BRENOFF and BARBARA KATELL

LONG BRANCH — Funeral services were to be held this morning in Newark for Joseph Agnellino, the 52-year-old owner of the Surf Lounge, murdered Monday.

Vincent DeMarzo, 33, of Apollo Street, Ocean Township, is being held in the

county jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail on charges of murdering Mr. Agnellino.

Police, who are still searching for a motive in the crime, found Mr. Agnellino's body lying near his car across the street from 77 Cooper Ave., here.

An autopsy report showed that the restaurateur died of head injuries apparently incurred when he was brutally beaten about the face and head with a brick. The victim was

also shot three times.

Police are investigating the possible implications of a strong resemblance between Mr. DeMarzo and a 32-year-old Dover Township man shot last week.

The body of Allen Ferrante was found with five bullet holes in it at a marina in Brielle on the morning of Dec. 14.

Mr. DeMarzo has told police that later the same day, See **Mistaken Identity? page 2**

Man shot in face dies; seek gunman

RED BANK — A 23-year-old borough resident, who was shot twice in the face on Nov. 28, died early yesterday morning at Monmouth Medical Center, West Long Branch.

Harry Jackson, of 14 Clifford Place, had reportedly been in a comatose state since undergoing emergency surgery on Nov. 29 to remove a .38 slug from his head.

The cause of death was apparently gunshot wounds in the brain, according to the county prosecutor's office.

Police were still searching last night for a Middletown man who allegedly shot Mr. Jackson during a fight outside Big Jim's Bar-B-Que, 270 Shrewsbury Ave.

Based on information supplied by witnesses, police have identified his assailant as Benny Hill, approximately 30 years old, whose last known address was 145 Magnolia Lane, Middletown.

Police say the fight between the two men started in

front of the restaurant, and wound up in the rear parking lot, where Mr. Jackson was wounded twice by shots fired from what eye-witness described as a chrome-plated, .38 caliber revolver, shortly after 9:30 p.m., police have said.

Several persons in the crowd which had gathered at the scene were attempting to break up the fight, according to police, when Hill allegedly got up from the ground, pulled the revolver, and fired two shots at Mr. Jackson.

Police arrived to find the victim lying in the parking lot, bleeding profusely. He was taken to Riverview Hospital, and later transferred to Monmouth Medical Center.

Hill was last seen running west on W. Bergen Place toward Leighton Ave.

The suspect is described as a black male, six-foot tall, light to medium complexion, with a moustache and goatee.

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Man dies in crash

MANALAPAN — A 42-year-old Pitman man, believed to be an employee of Investors Loan Corp. in Red Bank, was killed last night when his car went off Route 537, hitting a mailbox, pole and tree.

Pronounced dead on arrival at 9:45 p.m. at Freehold Area Hospital, a mile from the crash scene, was Harold A. Meck Jr., of 630 Spruce Ave.

Police said his auto hit the mailbox, then the telephone pole and turned over twice, hurling him into a tree, breaking off a limb. Police found Meck buried in two feet of soft mud over 200 feet from the initial mail box contact.

Byrne will helicopter in for Register's celebration

SHREWSBURY — Gov. Brendan T. Byrne is scheduled to arrive — via helicopter — to help The Register kick off its centennial celebration on Jan. 2.

A special flag will be raised during a ceremony slated for 10 a.m. on the front lawn of One Register Plaza.

State, county, and municipal officials as well as retired and present Register people and their families have been invited to attend the program, which will conclude with refreshments in the Register community room.

In addition to Gov. Byrne, the group will be addressed

by officials including Freeholder Director Harry Lariso Jr., Shrewsbury Mayor Joseph F. Dennis, Red Bank Mayor Daniel J. O'Hern, and Arthur Z. Kamin, president and editor of The Daily and Sunday Register.

Mr. Kamin notes that the flag-raising ceremony is the first in a series of contests and events to be sponsored throughout 1978. Readers and advertisers will be invited to participate.

The centennial celebration programs, Mr. Kamin explains, will tie in with The Register's public service role in the community.

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Brendan T. Byrne

\$1 Fri. Special, Steamers
All you can eat. Inlet Cafe, Highlands, 872-9764.

Rosie O'Grady's
New Year's Eve Party. For information and reservations, call 542-0800.

Tinton Falls Inn
Open Christmas night, 8 p.m., with Peter Hartung.

Tonight Stir Crazy
Next Wed. and Fri., Phoenix. The Tideaway Manor, 46 Chelsea Ave., Long Branch.

Santa Claus in Red Bank
Provident Savings Bank, 4 to 6 p.m. through Friday.

Trade Winds Cocktail Lounge
Fri., Phoenix and Forever Road. Closed Sat. Sun., Grand Canyon, 842-3292.

To a hot drummer "Bob Ebner"
Merry Christmas, Love Kevin, Lori and Sue

Boys' Thermal Underwear!
Warm, comfortable, insulated. Sizes 6 to 20, Long Johns or long sleeve tops, \$4. Youth Center, Red Bank.

Tinton Falls Board of Adjustment Reorganization Meeting, Jan. 3, 1978.

New Year's Eve, "Fresh"
Hot and cold buffet, all you can drink 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. \$20 per person. Trade Winds, Sea Bright. Trade Winds, Sea Bright, 842-3292.

Clam Hut
Last chance! Closing Dec. 30, 872-0909.

Merry Christmas
The Lobsterman-Fisherman's Wharf and Careless Navigator, will be closed Christmas Day, the only day we ever close. Happy Holiday to All!

Tim McLoone Tonight
Christmas Party, Sun., Dec. 25, Flounder Inn, Rumson.

Christmas Benefit Concert
Reunion of Tim McLoone and The Atlantic Coast Band, plus special guest stars. Wed., Dec. 28, Rumson High School. Tickets at Jack's, Red Bank.

Tinton Falls Planning Board Special Meeting, Jan. 4, 1978.

Wanted
First issue of Red Bank Register, dated June 27, 1878. We would like to either borrow it or buy it for our 100th Anniversary. Call 542-4000, Ext. 240.

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Levin is due to become Tinton Falls attorney

By JIM OSTROFF

TINTON FALLS — Arnold B. Levin will be named to replace S. Thomas Gagliano as borough attorney when Borough Council convenes Jan. 3 for its annual organizational meeting, the Daily Register has learned.

Mr. Levin, a Democrat now serving as borough attorney in West Long Branch, will be named by a now-Democratically controlled council to succeed Mr. Gagliano, a Republican. Mr. Gagliano will begin his term as a state senator on Jan. 1.

Sources on council say the remaining three GOP council members will not be able to muster a fourth vote — if they chose to do so — to block Mr. Levin's election. (Mayor Gabriel E. Spector, a Democrat, would be expected to vote his party's choice in case of a 3 to 3 tie, sources say.)

The Jan. 3 session is also likely to see the Democrats — with a majority for the first time in three years — name Democrat Arthur James to the Planning Board to replace GOP councilwoman Elizabeth Q. Billings.

Council will also appoint Republican Councilwoman Ellen Branin, defeated for reelection in November, to fill the one-year unexpired council term of Byron Ober Jr. Mr. Ober resigned earlier this month for health reasons.

By law a person of the same party affiliation as Mr. Ober must be appointed.

In appointing Mr. Levin, a West Long Branch attorney, council is tapping the man who sources say turned down the position of permanent



Arnold B. Levin

county prosecutor. Mr. Levin is a former assistant county prosecutor.

Mr. Levin is also a former West Long Branch councilman. In 1974, he ran unsuccessfully for mayor against the GOP incumbent, Henry J. Shaheen.

A 36-year-old Belmar native, Mr. Levin graduated from Asbury Park High School at age 15 in 1957. In that same year, he entered Rutgers University, from which he received a Bachelor of Arts degree four years later.

In 1965 he received his law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law at Newark.

Mr. Levin was elected to the Belmar Board of Education in 1967 and served as board vice president the following year. In Oct. 1968, he was sworn in as an assistant county prosecutor.

Begin brings Sadat a new secret plan

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) Israeli sources say Prime Minister Menahem Begin is bringing a new, still-secret proposal to his meeting Sunday with President Anwar Sadat that should stimulate progress on the Palestinian issue.

"It is a new plan and contains new thinking," the sources said. "We expect to make progress on the Palestinian Arab issue after Sunday."

Israeli and Egyptian officials at the Cairo conference, which recessed yesterday for the weekend, say the major stumbling block thus far has been the Arab demand for an Arab Palestinian state made up of the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip.

A ranking Egyptian official said Sadat received signs of Israeli flexibility from Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, who met with him Tuesday and Wednesday, and from President Carter after

his meeting with Begin in Washington last week.

The official said despite Begin's oft-repeated rejection of an independent Palestinian state, Sadat has information from Carter and Weizman that he and the Israeli leader can agree at least on a basis for further negotiations.

Begin told reporters in Jerusalem that his proposals, which his cabinet approved Thursday, constitute a negotiating position "and we will be ready to listen to counter-proposals."

He said it was possible "something will be signed" at his meeting with Sadat in Ismailia, on the Suez Canal. But he said he thought it more likely the negotiations would continue for "a few months."

He said he would propose setting up working committees on details of a peace agreement.

The prime minister said in television interviews last weekend that his peace pro-

posals include autonomy for the Arabs living in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip but with Israel continuing to station troops along the Jordan River. This would ring the autonomous areas with Israeli forces, and Sadat said this was unacceptable.

There have also been indications that Sadat and Begin might agree Sunday on a third Sinai disengagement agreement, withdrawing Israeli troops from most of that part of the Egyptian territory they still occupy. But both Israeli and Egyptian sources at the Cairo conference said this is not likely.

"This would raise a lot of questions as to the validity of the assumption that Sadat's initiative will lead to a comprehensive settlement" with Syria and Jordan also, one Egyptian said. "Withdrawal as a gesture fortifies and reaffirms the fears of the rejectionists and would poison the atmosphere for a settlement."

45 grain silos explode and 24 are believed dead

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Hope had all but vanished today for nine men still missing in the rubble of 45 exploded grain silos.

Fifteen bodies already had been recovered and weary rescuers, illuminated by eerie, high-intensity spotlights, labored late into last night searching for the others.

They were believed crushed under tons of shattered concrete and twisted steel where the two-story control building and lunchroom of the Continental Grain Co.'s elevator complex used to be.

The building was flattened by flying chunks of concrete and steel from a weighing station perched atop the 130-foot silos.

Ten men were taken to local hospitals, eight of them in critical condition. Two of the worst injured were grain inspectors blown out of the weighing station who fell to the ground.

Federal, state and local officials began investigations into why the silos blew up Thursday morning, firing in chain reaction like huge Roman candles. The initial theory blamed spontaneous combustion of the fine, highly volatile powdered grain dust.

The constant threat of explosion at grain elevators is so great that even telephones are specially sealed to prevent sparks.

Waves of smoke seeped from the shattered silos for

hours after the blast. The explosions destroyed 45 of the 73 silos which, along with the office buildings, made up the elevator complex.

More than 50 men were working at the complex when the explosion came at 9:10 a.m. Two hours after the shift had changed and departing workmen had picked up their Christmas turkeys, a traditional gift from the company.

Turkeys for others were stored in a warehouse which was turned into a makeshift morgue.

Families of the missing men gathered along the nearby Mississippi River levee, some of them braving the biting wind for much of Thursday night.

President warns farmers

PLAINS, Ga. (AP) — President Carter is warning farmers besieging his hometown with pickup trucks and tractors in a demonstration for higher prices that triggering a consumer backlash will hurt them.

By the score, the farmers were converging on Plains

today, asking to see Carter personally about their demands. The president's spokesman, Rex Granum, said Carter had not decided whether to meet with the farmers.

"As long as farmers let the consumers know they have got a problem, that is good,"

the president said Thursday. "But if they ever turn the consumers against them, they will be worse off than they were before."

The protest by farmers, some of them on strike, resembled a "tractorcade" that paralyzed this little country town Nov. 25.

Garbage

(Continued) warmer than the surrounding air, will rise intact into the atmosphere, he said.

"Natural static electricity caused by wind friction is sufficient to set off the explosions," Klemetson said.

Klemetson said that the location of the blasts generally approximate an area where refuse from large coastal cities such as New York City dump their garbage.

Col. Richard M. Sanders, deputy commander at the Air National Guard detachment near here, said two supersonic F-106 fighter-interceptors were aloft Wednesday night. But, Sanders said, the jets were operating at subsonic speeds off Wallops Island, Va.

Coast Guard and National Weather Service officials could offer no explanation. U.S. Geological Survey officials said oil exploration activities off New Jersey could not have caused such a phenomenon.

Ocean County civil defense authorities, citing confidential information, concluded that the Dec. 2 tremors were caused by explosions in outer space, Federal scientists, however, discounted that explanation.

Michael Benson, a spokesman for the FAA's National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center near here, said no activities at the testing base were responsible.

The Center for Short Lived Phenomena in Cambridge,

Mass., said that Robert Levi of Toms River reported to it that a smoke detector went off in his home seconds before he heard a loud explosion and saw a bright light in the sky shortly before 2 a.m. Wednesday.

However, center director Richard Golob said the smoke detector was apparently set off when a bank of electrical transformers shorted out on a nearby telephone pole. He said the short would have caused a loud noise and a bluish flash of light.

Golob said the electrical malfunction would also account for a local police officer's report that he heard a booming noise and saw street lights dim momentarily at about the same time.

Weather: Good for the holiday

In Fair Haven, yesterday's high temperature was 41 and the low, 30 degrees. It was 34 at 6 p.m. and the overnight low was 23. Today's 6:30 a.m. temperature was 25. There was no precipitation in the 24 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. today.

Mostly sunny today, highs in the mid 40s or 7c. Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow lows tonight low to mid 30s, highs tomorrow 50-55. Christmas day outlook, some cloudiness and mild. Precipitation probability, near zero percent today and tonight, 10 percent tomorrow. Winds, west to southwest increasing to 15-25 mph today, southwest 10-15 mph tonight. Ocean water temperatures are in the low to mid 40s. Coastal Forecast: Small craft advisory in effect at 5 a.m. Winds, west to southwest increasing to 15-25 knots today, southwest 10-15 knots tonight and 15-25 knots tomorrow. Visibility over five miles through tomorrow. Average wave heights, 1.3 feet tonight.

WASHINGTON (AP) — National Weather Service report of maximum temperatures for 12-hour period and precipitation for 24-hour period ending 7 a.m., plus forecast high, low and weather for next 24-hour period.

Table with columns: City, Max Temp, Min Temp, Precip, Wind, Weather. Lists cities like Albany, Anchorage, Asheville, etc.

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(Continued) John F. Famulary, national advertising manager and marketing manager, and Thomas J. Bly, executive editor, are co-chairmen of the special planning committee. Pat N. Ricci, controller, is honorary chairman. All are members of The Register's 25-Year Club, as are John B. Mattocchia, press room foreman, and John J. Crane of the composing room staff, who are serving on the committee.

Other Register staffers will be involved in special events throughout the coming months.

The flag which will fly outside The Register throughout the year is red, white, and blue, featuring a gold oval. Printed within it is "The Register. The best part of every day, 1878-1978."

The flag was made by Juanita Schell, Lincoln Park, Mich.

People

Roxanne Gay, the woman charged with the fatal stabbing of her husband, Philadelphia Eagles lineman Blenda Gay, last Dec. 20, was recommitted yesterday to the state's psychiatric hospital for the criminally insane in Trenton. Mrs. Gay's commitment was ordered by Camden County Court Judge I.V. DeMartino, who said he was "concerned about" Mrs. Gay. He said his concern was based in part on a letter, the contents of which were not disclosed, he had received from the 26-year-old woman. It was the third time since her arrest that Mrs. Gay had been sent to the state psychiatric hospital's "Vroom" building at West Trenton. H. Ian Waschstein, the court appointed public defender for Mrs. Gay, said the women's group would put up the cash again only if Mrs. Gay agreed to a voluntary commitment to the Riverview Hospital in Red Bank, which has a psychiatric unit.



Jerry Robinson

Some county officials have been complaining about the treatment Evel Knievel has been getting in the first month of a six-month jail sentence for assault. Knievel doesn't like it either. Deputy District Attorney Stanley Weisberg says Knievel's lawyer is about to ask for a delay in

While other 3-year-olds are learning to sing carols, he is learning with the aid of an artificial larynx to say "Merry Christmas." For the past 18 months and through 20 operations, little Jerry Robinson lain silently

in bed, recovering from severe internal burns suffered when he swallowed a large quantity of liquid lye. "It's an extraordinary case," Dr. Richard Storm, the pediatrician who guided Jerry's recovery, said yesterday. "He's a strong, plucky kid. Otherwise, he couldn't have made it. The survival rate for children who substantially injure both the esophagus food tube and larynx voice box is about 1 percent," said Dr. Allan Abramson, an ear, nose and throat specialist at Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center. Jerry was transferred to the hospital on May 16, 1976, one day after he drank some drain cleaner he found under the sink in his home in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn while he was being tended by a babysitter.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey arrived home in Minneapolis, for the Christmas holidays yesterday and promptly scotched rumors that he might resign because of the inoperable cancer he is battling. "I'm not resigning from anything. I may even join something," said Humphrey, 66, adding that he would leave his Senate post "only if I am totally incapacitated, and I'm a long way from that." He said he would return to Washington in a week or 10 days.

Explosion rocks air office

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A powerful explosion ripped through a complex of airline offices near Miami Beach's fashionable Lincoln Road early today, shattering heavy glass windows and door frames.

"It was some type of explosive device," said Sgt. Jim Blitch of the Miami Beach Police Department. "It's a shambles, unbelievable. It blew off two or three doors."

No injuries were reported. The target of the blast was believed to be the Viasa Venezuelan International Air-

ways ticket office located in the Airlines Terminal, a complex which includes a bus terminal, travel firms and airline offices.

The window of a nearby Delta Airlines office was cracked, but no other businesses appeared to have been damaged inside.

Earlier this year, anti-Castro terrorists claimed responsibility for the attempted

bombing of a Venezuelan military aircraft at Miami International Airport.

Blitch said the explosion occurred at 12:07 a.m. Heavy glass in a door and a large front window was shattered and scattered across the carpeting of the Viasa office.

"And implosion. They were pulled in by the force of the blast," said Blitch of the door and window.

Woman flees house fire

FREEHOLD TWP. — A woman, awakened from her sleep by her cats, fled a fire early today which destroyed the interior of her one-story, wooden-frame house on East Freehold Road.

Debby Culhane raced out the back door and to a neigh-

bor's house and phoned in the alarm. Firemen said the house was in flames when they arrived.

The blaze was doused by members of the East Freehold Fire Co. which responded with four trucks and 60 men, under the direction of Chief Paul McAninch

Mistaken identity?

(Continued) he was beaten by two Belmar men. He signed a complaint in Long Branch against Patrick Kilpatrick for this alleged offense.

Police have speculated that Mr. DeMarzo owed considerable sums of money and received this alleged beating to encourage payment.

Clinton E. Cronin, acting county prosecutor, acknowledged "The two men look very much alike. There is a close resemblance, perhaps a very close resemblance."

Mr. Cronin confirmed reports that until a few weeks ago, Mr. DeMarzo was employed as a bartender at Dante's Inferno in Brielle —

Man dies

(Continued) The victim was not carrying a weapon, according to police.

Mr. Jackson was born in Long Branch, and lived here all his life.

He was formerly employed by Twin Motors, here.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Sandra Jackson; a daughter, Miss Shanay Jackson; his father, Harry Jackson here; three sisters, Mrs. Margaret White, Mrs. Barbara Sheridan, and Miss Karne Jackson, all here; and two brothers, John Daniels and Shane Jackson, both here.

The Childs Funeral Home, here, is in charge of arrangements.

Man dies

(Continued) which is within walking distance of the marina where Mr. Ferrante's body was found.

The bar, which closed in November, was reportedly bankrupt.

Police are still trying to determine why Mr. Agnellino was killed.

One motive speculated is robbery. Mr. Agnellino was carrying large amounts of cash and known to be headed for the bank when he left the Surf Lounge.

The Surf Lounge has been reputed to be a meeting place for alleged members of the criminal underworld.

Mr. Agnellino's brothers, Attilio "Artie" Agnellino and Anthony "Tony Dale" Agnellino, have both been linked with the underworld.

Mr. DeMarzo was arrested at the scene of the murder. He was found by police sitting on a log near the body.

He acknowledged that he had been traveling with Mr. Agnellino, but told police that two other men in a separate car committed the murder.

A Long Branch shop which police associated with Mr. DeMarzo was vandalized the night after following the murder.

According to police, Mr. DeMarzo has a criminal record including break and entries and narcotics convictions.

The alleged murderer, saying he feared for his safety, requested additional protection while in the county jail.

He was given a separate cell, but no other security precautions were deemed necessary.

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BABY'S BIG DAY— Master Peter Mark Andrew Phillips breaks into a half-smile, as he is held by his mother, Britain's Princess Anne, in the White Drawing Room of Buckingham Palace.



Union Beach's given good news on taxes

By BOB BRANLEY
UNION BEACH — A report from the borough building inspector last night brought good news for local taxpayers.

Reporting for the month of November, Building Inspector Victor Buccino listed a total estimated cost of newly authorized construction as \$947,800. The figure refers to expansion of an existing building by International Flavors and Fragrances Inc., explained Patrick D. Healy, borough attorney.

"It should help stabilize the tax rate for next year," Mr. Healy commented.

Borough Council introduced an ordinance abolishing the job of full-time borough me-

chanic, now held by Anthony Pettinato at a \$12,500 yearly salary. Questioned by Rita Graham, a councilwoman-elect, Mayor Fred Varlese said the job, created by ordinance only last year, is now deemed unnecessary because the borough has purchased new vehicles which do not require the services of a full-time mechanic.

Mr. Pettinato, said the mayor, will be offered another post on the borough payroll.

Public hearing of the ordinance abolishing his post is scheduled Thursday, Jan. 12.

Council authorized an emergency appropriation of \$2,812 for repairs to a 1957 Ward-La France fire engine belonging

to Union Beach Fire Co. No. 1. The pumper needs a new water tank because of rot and corrosion. The work will be performed by Hamerly Custom Productions Inc. of Shartlesville, Pa., on an emergency basis so the fire engine will be back in service as soon as possible.

Council voted unanimously to stop the payment of sick pay to Greta R. Barker, tenured tax collector, who has been ill most of the year, as of Dec. 1. Mrs. Barker's salary will be resumed when she gets well enough to resume her duties.

Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m. until 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, when it will organize for 1978.

Eckert to become

MIDDLETOWN — The township's new mayor will be Township Committeeman Robert J. Eckert, who will have the support of his three Democratic colleagues when the committee organizes at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Mr. Eckert was elected to the committee two years ago with his running mate, Committeeman Richard V. Kelly, giving the Democrats a majority on the governing body.

Mayor Allan J. MacDonald, who has served as mayor two years, said he is certain Mr. Eckert "will provide the leadership and direction needed to continue the program of progress I have initiated."

Mr. Eckert, accepting the support of his colleagues, assured Mayor MacDonald that he will continue the current philosophy of "progress without chaos," a philosophy set forth by Mayor MacDonald and adopted by Mr. Eckert as his own.

The Democrats have also agreed to support Mr. Kelly as deputy mayor and to make

him the committee's representative to the Planning Board, replacing Ralph A. Siciliano, a Republican defeated for re-election.

Francis J. Callahan, committeeman-elect who replaces Mr. Siciliano, will take Mr. Kelly's current post as representative to the Shoal Harbor Advisory Committee.

The Democrats also discussed possible replacements for Dwight E. Richardson, Planning Board chairman who has resigned from that board, and Anthony D. Kulper, whose term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment expires Dec. 31 and who has said he does not wish reappointment. No announcements of replacements were made.

The Democrats have a free hand with appointments because they occupy four of the five Township Committee seats as of Jan. 1, when Committeeman Frank A. Self will become the only Republican on the committee.



Robert J. Eckert

Downed transmission line nearly causes Shanty fire

RED BANK — A downed transmission line disrupted power to 6,000 Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L) customers for 3 1/2 minutes and nearly set fire to the Lobster Shanty last night.

The line, which transmitted 34,500 volts of electricity from the Red Bank switching station to Middletown, snapped for as yet undetermined reasons at 6:21 p.m. The line had been connected to a wooden pole about 50 feet in front of the Lobster Shanty and fell just to the side of the restaurant.

Ted Sims, manager of the restaurant, said he saw the disconnected line arcing and rushed outside with a fire extinguisher to fight the resulting grass fire.

While he fought the 500 square foot blaze on the hill beside the restaurant, 27 patrons were evacuated, according to Mr. Sims.

Mr. Sims said that firemen

arrived promptly, but he had already extinguished the blaze.

JCP&L promptly cut power to the line, but restored power to the affected areas.

Sponsored party
KEYPORT — St. Joseph's Council of the Knights of Columbus recently sponsored a Christmas party for 21 retarded children and their families. The party featured appearances by Snoopy, Smokey the Bear, and Santa Claus.

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The Christmas & New Year editions of the Sunday Press will be at your newsstand the afternoons of Saturday, Dec. 24th & Saturday Dec. 31st. Enjoy the holiday at home with your family and a copy of the Sunday Press!

ASBURY PARK PRESS

Tinton Falls plans to study impact of complex on one-family houses

By JIM OSTROFF
TINTON FALLS — Borough Council last night authorized the borough Environmental Commission to hire an East Orange firm to study the impact of a proposed

huge housing development in this community of single family homes.

By a unanimous vote, council authorized the expenditure of \$750 to retain Louis Berger & Associates, Inc., to prepare

an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the effects of the proposed construction of a 248-townhouse-unit project off Shrewsbury Avenue.

The project was proposed by Grace B. Heck of Middletown. It calls for 10 housing clusters to be built on a 32.26 acre tract adjacent to the New Shrewsbury Ice Rink.

Council had fought approval of the application up through the Appellate Division of Superior Court. The court eventually ordered it to grant the needed variances to permit the project's construction and council voted not to appeal further.

Mrs. Heck applied Wednesday to the Planning Board for site plan approval. Formal hearings are expected to begin late next month.

However, James Blowers, board chairman, noted the application was "about the most complicated one to come before us in over a decade." The board has therefore asked the commission to detail the proposed project's impact on traffic patterns, school enrollment, water and sewer needs, as well as the area's ecological balance.

In other action at last night's special year-end session, council voted an emergency \$45,000 expenditure to pay for a revaluation of all borough properties. This sum will be paid out over three years.

The property-by-property survey is expected to begin early next year and take about one year to complete.

Council also approved an ordinance permitting the borough to sell \$1,650,000 in bonds to finance the installation of new sewerage lines in a wide area south of the intersection Hope Road and Tinton Avenue, south to Wayside and Shafto Roads.

Council further approved a resolution reducing the 50 mph speed limit on Wayside Road in accordance with a county request that it do so.

Effective immediately, a 35 mph speed zone will be in effect on Wayside Road from Green Grove and Hope Roads to 2,400 feet north of West Park Avenue. The speed limit will rise again to 50 mph from this point to Shafto Road. It will decrease again to 40 mph from Shafto to Tinton Avenue.

Mayor Gabriel E. Spector later announced that council will meet at 8:15 p.m. Jan. 3 for its annual organization meeting, and on the second Tuesday of each month thereafter.

Council also voted to set a \$20 price on each copy of the new master plan, adopted by the Planning Board Wednesday. This book will not include the suggested land use,

or rezoning map. Several council members said they were concerned that if this map were released now residents would assume that the borough would be rezoned along the map lines.

Actually, they noted, council must adopt a new zoning ordinance before the master plan goes into force. The land use map will serve as a guide for this rezoning.

Council is under a February court deadline to rezone. Several council members said they would probably ask for an extension on this deadline.

Brookdale returns county's \$800,000

LINCROFT — Acting in accordance with an earlier agreement, Brookdale Community College has returned \$800,000 to the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders.

The move, approved at last night's regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, reflects an increase of state aid to the college of 39 percent, to \$4,450,000 from \$3,216,000. Since the county has been carrying a disproportionate amount of the college's financial load in recent years, the college had agreed to repay the county when finances enabled it to.

"This is an unprecedented action, but we're not doing it just to keep in the spirit of the season," said trustee Gordon Litwin. "We're obligated by our previous agreement."

The trustees also approved a resolution stating that, should the college's final enrollment for 1977-78 meet expectations, it will repay up to \$137,000 to the county.

In other matters, the trustees approved a constitution for the new college assembly. The constitution calls for membership of 7 students, 7 faculty members, 7 non-academic staffers, 7 administrators, and 1 representative of the college police. The representatives will be chosen in January elections.

A report on the college's financial aid program said to-

tal scholarship funds awarded last year increased 11 percent to \$1,255,911, while the number of students aided increased 8 percent to 2,299. In 1977-78, the college anticipates awarding \$1,466,100 to 3,272 students.

Examiner in blast at doctor

NEWARK (AP) — Dr. Peter T. DeMarco's patients call him a miracle worker, but a state hearing examiner says he caused a hepatitis epidemic and should have his New Jersey medical license revoked permanently.

"DeMarco has been guilty of a conscious and reckless indifference to the health and safety of his patients," wrote former state Supreme Court Justice John J. Francis in a 100-page, opinion released Thursday.

The state Board of Medical Examiners was to act Jan. 11 on Francis' finding that DeMarco was guilty of gross malpractice and neglect.

Neither the doctor nor his attorney, John Montis, could be reached for comment.

DeMarco was accused in an administrative complaint with gross malpractice after 95 of his patients who received injections of his patented wonder drug, Procaine PVP, developed hepatitis. His medical license was suspended in July 1976 and he moved his office to Morrisville, Pa., where he still practices.

"The astronomical incidence of hepatitis in the practice of DeMarco as a lone practitioner in contrast with that of any other doctor in this country, convincingly points to him as the culpable source of the origin and spread of the infection among his patients," Francis said.

"DeMarco's multiple use of the same syringe without sterilization caused and was responsible for the spread of hepatitis among 92 of his patients," he continued.

No findings were rendered on the remaining three hepatitis victims because of insufficient evidence.

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In other business, the council delayed action on requests for pay increases from the borough Street and Sanitation Dept. and the borough Police Dept., pending further study.

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Liquor license request delayed

RUMSON — The Borough Council last night agreed to postpone until Jan. 26 consideration of an application for the transfer of a borough restaurant's liquor license.

The Flounder Inn, Ave. of Two Rivers, is to be taken over in January by a new owner, West Long Branch resident Anthony DeSantis, of Coast to Coast International, Inc.

The postponement was granted at the request of Philip Auerbach, the attorney representing Mr. DeSantis.

About 15 borough residents showed up at the meeting to question Mr. Auerbach about plans for the restaurant.

The residents said that they have repeatedly complained about excessive noise from the restaurant.

"We've gone through hell," one said.

Mr. Auerbach said that the new owner intends to develop the restaurant as a fish and continental cuisine restaurant, catering to "the older crowd."

"He's not interested in the beer crowd, the younger crowd. He's thinking of an older crowd, with music consisting of light piano," he said.

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der the new management. The new owner "will be seeing us in court."

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Reinstate Dr. Maggs

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP — Dr. Robert L. Maggs was reinstated as the representative of the Monmouth Community Action Program (MCAP) to the Monmouth County Board of Social Services Wednesday.

Dr. Maggs had resigned from that position last month. Wednesday he withdrew his resignation and the board approved the withdrawal.

All MCAP actions since Oct. 11 were nullified by Superior Court Judge Merritt Lane Jr. The withdrawal of the resignation by Dr. Maggs complied with this ruling.

Fire badly damages gas station

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP — A fire heavily damaged the interior of an Arco gas station at the corner of Schank and Stillwells Corner Road yesterday.

According to Fire Chief Miller Lawrence, the fire was called in at 2:49 p.m. and took 40 minutes to be brought under control. The Freehold Independent and East Freehold fire companies responded with three trucks and 45 to 50 men.

Lottery winners

TRENTON (AP) — The winning number in the New Jersey Pick-It Lottery Thursday was 825. The straight bet paid \$193.50; the box pay-off was \$32, and the front and back pairs each paid \$19.

The winning number drawn in the Pick-4 lottery was 6801. A straight bet paid \$1,857 and the box bet paid \$77.

TRENTON (AP) — The winning number in New Jersey's weekly lottery drawn Thursday is 622061. A contingency number of 282061 was drawn for the \$50,000 top prize only because a ticket with the six-digit number was not sold. The millionaire finalist number is 72651.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Blanche Sneddon, former SPCA manager

RED BANK — Mrs. Blanche Sneddon, 86, of Spring Street, died Thursday at Red Bank Convalescent Center.

She was the retired manager of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Eatontown.

She had been a resident of Red Bank for the past 12 years and previous to that, Eatontown.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Red Bank and was a member of the auxiliary of the SPCA of Eatontown.

Her husband, William Sneddon, died in 1967.

She is survived by one son, Walter Widger, Hialeah, Fla., two nephews and two nieces.

Robert A. Braun Home for Funerals, Eatontown, is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Joseph Churyak

HAZLET — Mrs. Mary Churyak, 76, Highland Avenue, died Thursday at the Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel.

She was born in Reading, Pa., and formerly resided in South Amboy. She lived in Hazlet 38 years.

She was a communicant of Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Union Beach.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Churyak, and one sister, Mrs. Frances Patterson, Hazlet.

Day Funeral Home, Keyport, is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Rae Smith

HAZLET — Mrs. Rae Klein Smith, 82, of 3325 Rt. 35, died Wednesday at the Brookdale Nursing Center, here.

Mrs. Smith was born in Hungary and lived most of her life in New York City. She moved to Asbury Park in 1958 and then settled here in 1968.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Sara K. Spaet of New York City, and Mrs. Bee J. Thomer of Hempstead, Long Island, and a brother, Philip Klein of White Plains, N.Y.

The John W. Mehlenbeck Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Leon G. Christinat, 57, former Matawan official

MATAWAN — Leon G. Christinat, 57, of 128 Ravine Drive, died Wednesday at Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel. He was a former councilman and member of the Matawan Board of Education.

Mr. Christinat was born here and was a lifelong resident. He was graduated from New York University and was a certified public accountant. He was associated with Price Waterhouse & Co., New York, for more than 32 years.

He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II, during which he was a major and pilot in the European Theater. He was a member of the American Accounting Association and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Virginia Hotaling Christinat; two daughters, Ms. Diane Christinat at home, and Mrs. Karen Holser of Isehn, and a sister, Mrs. Helene Sherwood of Bladensburg, Md.

The Bedle Funeral Home, here, is in charge of arrangements.

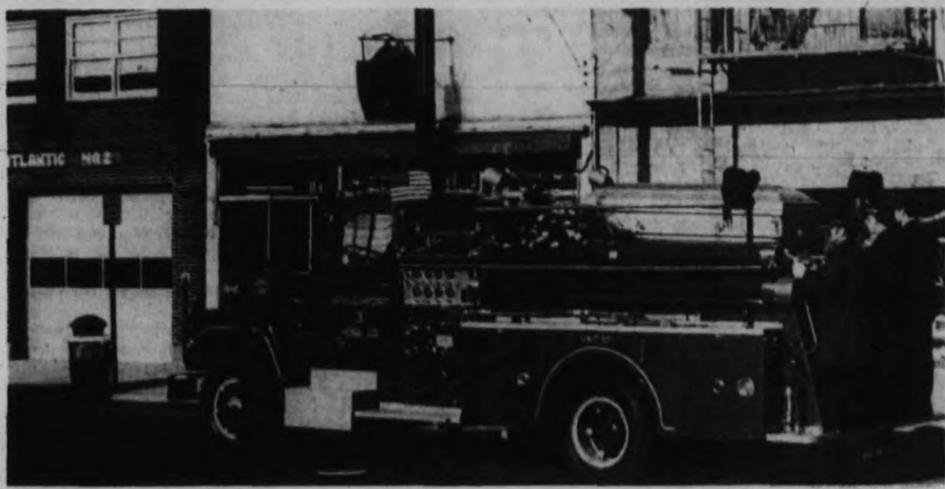
Red Bank shuts schools 1 day ahead of schedule

RED BANK — Borough schools were closed here today, as the flu increased absenteeism to 37 percent at River Street School yesterday.

Dr. Joan Abrams, school superintendent, said the 37 percent rate was reported in the morning, and even more students were sent home sick during the day.

Mechanic Street reported an absentee rate of 18 percent, and the Primary School, 15 percent, yesterday, she said.

The youngsters will have a full week to recuperate now, since schools will be closed next week for the Christmas holiday.



Register staff photo
LAST REQUEST GRANTED — Kenneth "Skinny" Yale Sr., former Long Branch fire chief, was granted his last request. He was carried to his grave yesterday atop the Branchport Hose Co.'s fire truck. A full fire department professional under arched aerial ladders in front of City Hall was conducted to pay tribute to the former fire chief.

Superintendent signs contract

By JIM OSTROFF
 TINTON FALLS — The Board of Education and Dr. John F. Fanning, school superintendent, inked a three-year contract Wednesday, extending the superintendent's tenure here through 1980, it was disclosed yesterday.

The agreement was reached in closed session with the board splitting 7 to 2 to retain Dr. Fanning, who has been here since July 1974.

Harry Estelle and John Kirby voted against reappointment. Ann Haskell, board president, Albert Mizrahi, vice president, Julius Frickel, Elaine Nixon, Chester Anderson and Frank Oram voted in favor of retaining him.

The discussions on the reappointment were not disclosed by the board since its personnel sessions are held in private. However, both Mr. Kirby and Mr. Estelle had unsuccessfully opposed the board's decision to grant tenure to

Dr. Fanning last June.

The terms of the new contract grant the superintendent a 7 percent salary increase retroactive to July 1. Dr. Fanning's salary will be \$37,384 for the current school year.

It will increase by another 7 percent to \$40,000 during the 1978-79 school year. The board may then decide to give the superintendent another salary increase during the 1979-80 school year. No timeline was set for these negotiations.

"Naturally I am delighted," Dr. Fanning said yesterday, "that the board felt it had sufficient confidence to provide me with another three-year contract."

The superintendent declined to read any further significance into the signing of his

second contract. "This is not a point in time in which we determine future goals. This is an ongoing process (conducted by) myself, the board, the staff, parents, etc."

Distribute toys, cheer tomorrow

HIGHLANDS — Toys and Christmas cheer will be distributed tomorrow to children on the pediatrics ward of Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, by members of the Twinights CB Club.

Gail Spinda (Little Doe), chairman of the project, was aided in setting it up by Violet Raikie (Sea Witch), Darcy Stanley (Sugar Babe), Lorretta Adams (Diamond Head and Mama Bear) and Chuck Kelly (Preacher Man), who will play Santa Claus.

Englishtown help sought

Register Statehouse Bureau
 TRENTON — Gov. Brendan T. Byrne is weighing a request from Monmouth County Freeholder Director Harry Larrison Jr. seeking declaration of the burned-out Englishtown Auction as a disaster area.

If the governor should heed the request and urge President Carter to make such a declaration, and the president should agree to it, the businessmen who lost their stock in the fire last Thursday would be eligible for low-interest Small Business Administration loans.

"We have received the request and we are looking into it," a spokesman for Gov. Byrne said of Mr. Larrison's plea. The spokesman did not know when a decision may be forthcoming on it from the governor.

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A notorious bank robber dies in Leesburg prison

Mrs. Lillian Ferry

UNION BEACH — Mrs. Lillian V. Ferry, 65, of 518 Cambridge Ave., died yesterday at Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel.

Born in Kearney, she had lived here many years.

She had retired from working at the Specialty Box Company in Newark.

She was the widow of Thomas Ferry, who died in 1967.

Surviving is a brother, George W. Foxhill of Leonardo.

The Scott Funeral Home, Belford, is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Adeline Stich

LONG BRANCH — Mrs. Adeline Stich, 87, of 732 Ocean Ave., died yesterday at the Monmouth Medical Center.

Born in Germany, she had lived here for the past seven years.

She was the widow of Karl Stich, who died in 1975.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Madden of Toms River, and Mrs. Gertrude Kimble of Monmouth Beach; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The Woolley Funeral Home, here, is in charge of arrangements.

LEESBURG — One of Connecticut's most notorious bank robbers — who also struck once at Freehold — died Wednesday at the state prison here.

Edward J. Devlin, 46, a former underworld figure in New Haven, Conn., and once a member of the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List, died from a massive heart attack while playing basketball at Leesburg State Prison, his lawyer said.

After being sentenced in December 1970 for a series of Hartford, Conn., robberies, Devlin pleaded guilty to robbing a Freehold bank in July 1970 of \$250,000.

His lawyer, Joseph Licari of New Haven, said he did not know whether Connecticut would pay to have the body shipped to the New Haven area for burial.

Devlin, 46, was linked by police to at least 19 bank robberies, including one that was the largest in Connecticut's history at the time.

New Haven authorities also connected Devlin to an under-

world power struggle in the late 1960s which resulted in the slaying of at least one rival gang member. But police could never prove Devlin was involved.

The late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover once referred to Devlin as the leader of organized crime in Connecticut.

In 1970, Devlin was given three concurrent 20-year prison terms in Hartford federal court after pleading guilty to three bank robberies. He was also given a two-year term for jumping bail.

Devlin pleaded guilty to the \$105,816 robbery of the Fairfield Bank & Trust Co. in Norwalk in January 1969 and to robbing two banks in Allentown, Pa., in January and April 1970. Those heists netted \$50,000.

New Haven police described Devlin's gang as one of the most sophisticated operations in the nation. They said the gang always rehearsed robbery plans, using stopwatches to get its timing.

Orders Being Taken for 1977 Associated Press News Annual

"The World in 1977," a compendium of news events of the year from The Associated Press, the world's largest news agency, is being offered to readers of this newspaper at a cost of only \$7.95.

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PBA PLAYS SANTA — Toys to be used throughout the year by pediatrics patients have been donated to Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, by members of Triangle Local 141, "Policemen's Benevolent Association, which encompasses Eatontown, West Long Branch, and Oceanport. The toys

Register staff photo
were delivered by Patrolman John H. Connor, left, of Oceanport, PBA president, and Patrolman Martin Arasin of Eatontown, state PBA delegate. The children, left to right, are Michelle Barrille of Barnegat and Julio Orengo and Ronald Lewis of Long Branch.

Woman charges officer

By ANN BRENOFF
LONG BRANCH — A city woman has counter-charged a city patrolman with assault. Audrey Womble, 32, 37 Grant Court, yesterday signed a complaint against Patrolman Joseph Byrne, alleging that the policeman

struck her in the face Wednesday night in the police station. Mrs. Womble has been charged by Patrolman Byrne with making an assault on him during an arrest. According to Mrs. Womble, she and a friend were brought

to police headquarters after a disagreement with a taxi cab driver. Mrs. Womble maintains that the driver would not take them to their desired location, and hence, brought them to the police station after they refused to exit the cab.

Police there, says Mrs. Womble, advised the two women to exit the cab "and when we did, they said we were under arrest." Mrs. Womble further maintains that once inside the police station, she was assaulted by the officer after she refused to sit down. Reportedly, Patrolman Byrne maintains that the woman assaulted him by kicking him in the groin, resisting arrest.

Derailment delays commuters

POINT PLEASANT — Several thousand commuters were delayed for up to one hour yesterday morning, following a derailment here on the North Jersey Coast Line.

No one was hurt when the engine and first four cars of the 6:11 a.m. train from Bayhead derailed while travelling at "slow speed," according to the spokesman.

Conrail reported that "normal service" on the line had been restored by 4 p.m. yesterday.

Six trains inbound for New York and three outbound trains were affected by the delays, according to a spokesman.

"There were minor delays during the day. Trains were

running late, but we were operating as best we could under the circumstances," he said.

The charges will be aired in court on Jan. 12.

Make A Date

A paid directory of coming events for non-profit organizations. Rates: \$2.00 for 3 lines for one day, \$1.00 each additional line; \$3.00 for two days, \$1.25 each additional line; \$5 for three to five days, \$1.50 each additional line; \$6.00 for 10 days, \$2.00 each additional line. Deadline noon 2 days before publication. Call The Daily Register, 542-4000, ask for the Date Secretary.

DECEMBER 27

Parents Without Partners, No. 644, Hospitality Night. New Member briefing, 8:30 P.M., Cobblestones, Hwy. 35, Middletown. Live music, dancing 566-0170.

DECEMBER 31

New Year's party sponsored by Friends of Cystic Fibrosis Children. Chinese buffet, champagne, dancing 9 p.m. Monmouth Reform Temple Social Hall, \$35 couple. Reservations 222-4681.

JANUARY 8

A meeting will be held in St. Agnes Church Hall, Atlantic Highlands, from 2-4 p.m. to discuss the 1978 trip to England, Scotland and Wales, 291-0876. (In case of bad weather, will be held Jan. 15).

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Indict man on perjury charge

FREEHOLD — A 22-year-old Neptune man was indicted by a county grand jury on charges of perjury and false swearing in connection with his testimony in two criminal trials in county court.

Richard Dorsey of 11th Ave., Neptune, is charged with falsely testifying as a state witness in the trial of James E. Thomas who was charged with armed robbery in a trial before County Court Judge Donald J. Cunningham.

Dorsey is charged with falsely testifying June 20 that Thomas did not participate in an armed robbery whereas he allegedly knew that Thomas had participated in it with him. Dorsey also is charged with falsely denying under oath that Thomas participated in the armed robbery.

In the second charge of false swearing, Dorsey is charged with falsely testifying as a state witness in the trial of Irving Young who was charged with armed robbery in a trial before County Court Judge William T. Wichmann.

Dorsey is charged with falsely testifying Dec. 18, 1975 that Thomas was a participant in an armed robbery whereas he allegedly knew that Thomas did not participate with him in the armed robbery.

This indictment and the following were among those handed up to Superior Court Judge Merritt Lane Jr., county assignment judge.

Hayward Jackson of Cooper Ave., Long Branch, is charged with breaking into the apartment of Hattie Hare, 125 Catherine St., Red Bank,

Sept. 12 and stealing a television set and a tape deck valued between \$200 and \$500.

In that same indictment, Edward Reed of Fourth Ave., Long Branch, is charged with aiding and abetting the break-in and larceny. Both Jackson and Reed are charged with conspiring to commit the break-in and the larceny.

Austin Jackson of Cherry St., Tinton Falls, is charged with selling wine without a license and possessing wine, whiskeys and beer with intent to sell without a license Sept. 18 in Red Bank.

Eunice Williams, 39, of 13th Ave., Belmar, is charged with obtaining \$726 under false pretenses from the Freehold Township Welfare Board between April and December, 1976 by failing to report that she was employed.

Benny Harvey of Lakewood is charged with committing an assault and battery upon Manalapan police officers Vincent DeGulis, Charles Lydamore, Edward Sutter and Daniel Murphy and resisting arrest by them Sept. 2 in Manalapan.

Josh Clark of Vought Ave., Freehold, is charged with obtaining \$1,684.95 under false pretenses from the Freehold Borough Welfare Board between October 1975 and February 1977 by failing to report that she was receiving social security disability benefits.

John Barron, 21, of Norristown, Pa., is charged with entering the home of Rose Marie Bromell, Ely Harmony Road, Freehold Township, without breaking Oct. 13, committing an assault and

battery upon Freehold Township police officer Frederick Hendricks and resisting arrest by him that same day.

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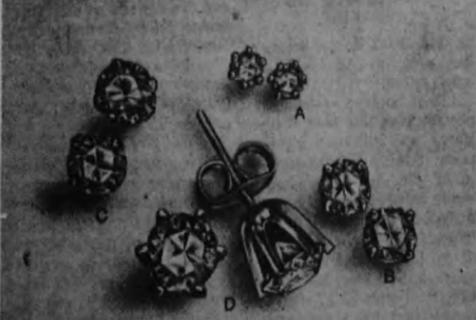
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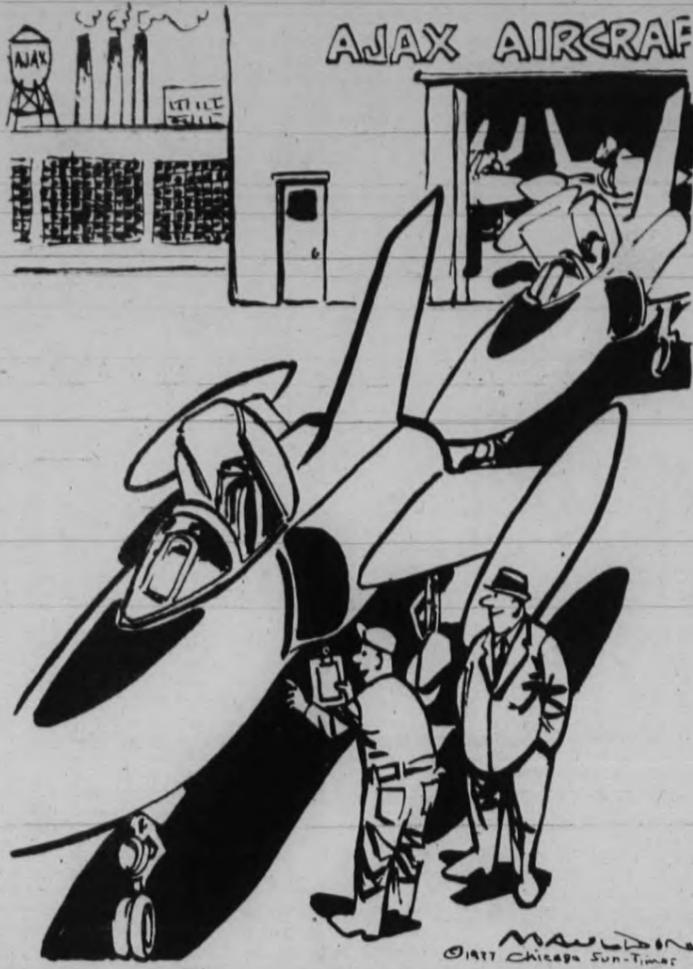
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Byrne's eye on Monmouth

Gov. Brendan T. Byrne's knowledge of and interest in Monmouth County, as made apparent by Sherry Conohan's report on an exclusive interview in last week's Sunday Register, are encouraging. His concern gives us reason for hope that solutions will be found — for at least some of our problems — in his upcoming second term.

Among the major items discussed by the governor was transportation, a primary concern not only of county residents who commute to their jobs, but to thousands more who have found their mobility limited by lack of public local transit facilities. A frequent county visitor as a child, he recalls the shore's short-line bus services of a few decades ago and deplores their decline.

Gov. Byrne said he will press for electrification of the shore Con-Rail line to its terminus at Bay Head. But he also will ask the state Department of Transportation to give as much attention to the problems of intrastate public transit as to those of moving our people into New York and Philadelphia each day.

The governor disclosed he does not favor the move to cut back the state's pari-mutuel betting take to benefit the state's private race tracks. He hinted, rather, at hope for ultimate state takeover of the private racing plants.

We must wholeheartedly endorse the governor's stand in opposition of

any extension of casino gambling operations beyond Atlantic City. We agree with Mr. Byrne that Atlantic City's situation is unique in New Jersey and that if casinos are to be of benefit it will be in drawing convention trade to the resort. To dot the state with casinos, he pointed out, would drain the assets and be self-defeating. We do not hold with those who suggest that extension of casino rights would be beneficial to local communities like Long Branch and Asbury Park.

Of prime local interest was the governor's disclosure of plans to seek extension of the tourism season in Monmouth and other areas of the state through the new Division of Tourism. He would like to see the shore area's July-August tourist traffic extended into June and September — or possibly over the entire year. He will ask the division's director and advisory boards, as yet to be appointed, to come up with a program for promotion of New Jersey tourism in the off-season.

"As soon as someone comes up with a good program to do that," he told The Register, "I think we can start advertising."

It's worth noting again that Gov. Byrne spent a great deal of time in Monmouth County in his last campaign. We're convinced, by the interview report, that he has a firm grasp of local problems — and the enthusiasm that can help solve them.

Star of the Sea Church

St. Mary Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, a proud parish that has been a bulwark of religious and social life of the Long Branch community over the years, prepares now to mark its centennial year under the leadership of a trio of young priests who have brought a new sense of warmth and closeness to the congregation. The attitudes and objectives of the three new clergymen — all named in September, their successes to date, and something of the problems the church faces all were told in a touching story by Ann Brenoff in last week's Sunday Register.

The parishioners, we learn, are experiencing a new sort of personal contact with their spiritual leaders — the Rev. Joseph Mokrzycki, age 37; the Rev. James O'Brien, 31, and the Rev. Vincent Romain, 29. They

offer masses in a variety of forms, a full program of social, spiritual and athletic activities and invited church members to have dinner — cooked by the three priests — at the church every Saturday night. All the innovations have contributed to the warmer, homier feeling within the parish.

But there are problems, too. Star of the Sea is not as affluent as it was a decade ago. The rising costs of inflation have created a fiscal squeeze, and a budget deficit for the parish school is projected. The upcoming centennial celebration year would seem a most appropriate time for the parishioners and the community to come to the church's aid in a critical financial period of its history.

Illegal aliens crisis grows

By JACK ANDERSON
and LES WHITTEN

WASHINGTON SCENE

The American people retain experts to look into the future and alert the nation to approaching crises. These planners and prophets predict that within a decade the United States will be overrun with illegal aliens.

The despairing outlook of Latin America's have-nots already have driven millions northward to seek their fortune in the land of opportunity. As illegal aliens, subject to arrest and deportation, they fill menial jobs which many U.S. workers disdain.

To the dismay of union leaders, the pay scale of these illegals is often standard. Still, it's far more than they could hope to earn at home.

We sent two reporters, Hall Bernton and Doug Foster, into Mexico to investigate the coming crisis, which will suddenly worsen if U.S. growers succeed in curtailing Mexican farm imports. Our reporters spent more than two months on the story, with Bernton examining working conditions.

He worked side by side with the campesinos in Mexico's most fertile farmlands, where the days go by in drudging toil under hazardous conditions amid shabby squalor.

Their stoop labor provides affluent Americans with natural vine-ripened tomatoes, field-grown strawberries and other fresh produce even during these months when most of our own farmlands lie useless under snow. Yet millions of Mexicans, underfed and ill-housed, cannot afford to eat their own fresh vegetables.

Their grinding poverty exists in ugly contrast, incidentally, to the silken life-style of Mexico's newly rich factory executives and the baronial homelife of absentee landowners.

Bernton found work for a week in the vegetable fields of the Mexican state of Sinaloa. He lived with the 250,000 campesino farm hands who toil there. He found shelter with a few families in a small village of tar paper huts where there is no electricity, no plumbing and the only water is supplied from an irrigation canal.

On his first night, Bernton shared a simple peasant meal with one of the families and slept with the village's two

bachelors in a dirt-floor lean-to.

By the time he was roused at the first light of dawn, the women in the compound had been up several hours in the darkness preparing a modest take-out lunch for their men.

He rode to the fields with the campesinos in the back of a farm truck over 15 miles of rutted road. Four of the harvest crew were young, teenage girls, who draped colorful kerchiefs over their long, black hair and shrouded their faces with veils to protect them from the dusty fields.

Their destination was a huge vegetable plantation owned by a Mexican grower who has amassed a fortune by shipping tomatoes and cucumbers to U.S. supermarkets. These great spreads occupy only 6 percent of Sinaloa's prime land but produce 50 percent of its wealth.

The assembly point for the day's work was a large concrete labor camp where other workers lived in the style of a military bunker. Bernton's group began with breakfast. They squatted down and ate a few still-warm tortillas along with beans, chile and small bits of grilled beef. They saved the leftovers for lunch.

Our reporter was dispatched to work in a field of climbing cucumber vines. It



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was stoop labor with string. Bending, he would tie twine to give the vine something to use for growing. Then he would rise to tie the other end, then down, then up, then down, then up in the 80-degree heat.

Bernton strung four long rows in a four-hour span. His Mexican compadres completed twice as many rows and cheerfully dubbed him "our lazy American."

Out of the distance came a small plane spraying fields with a chemical concoction. Disregarding the work crews, the pilot circled over the field where the campesinos were working. The first cloud of pesticide settled on their lunches lying nearby. On the next pass, the planes' discharge of toxic chemicals drifted directly on the workers who crouched in the field.

There was no water available for rinsing the poisonous residue from their faces or

bodies. During their mile walk back to their truck, the workers quenched their thirst from an irrigation canal. It had been sprayed with pesticide, too.

Back at the truck, Bernton's friends again hunched to the ground and finished their food. The tortillas were cold and heavy; the beans lumpy and gelled.

He asked a young woman co-worker why they didn't demand a table to eat from; she proudly flashed back: "I am a campesina, and I do not want a grower's table. The earth is good enough for me."

"But in the evenings at home in your village, you eat from a table," Bernton persisted.

"Ah, but that is different," was the seniorita's laughing response. "At home, I eat on a campesino table."

The campesino always retains his dignity in the midst of indignities. There is indignity even in receiving the pittance that he is paid every Saturday. He lines up behind a barbed wire fence in a wooden stall enclosure leading to a small metal shack. At the head of the line, each campesino turns in a field number and stamps his inked thumbprint on a pay receipt to get a small brown envelope. It contains \$26.

The good doctor has departed

By JIM BISHOP

Jack Mickley sipped the beer in defiance of intensive care and composed his hands on his chest. He dozed. The left ventricle of his heart exploded and Dr. John Hoke Mickley was gone. No pain. No regrets.

The news seeped from Florida to Pennsylvania. A great pathologist had departed. He was also a precise and profound intellectual. He had more understanding and mercy for the human condition than any man I knew.

He had scorn for physicians who were less than completely dedicated to the healing art. He poked fun at some: "A psychiatrist knows all and does nothing," he said, giggling. "A surgeon knows nothing and does all. A dermatologist knows nothing and does nothing. A pathologist knows everything a day too late."

Death, he felt, was libeled as a fearful enemy. It was God's reward. His personal sanction, for the chronically weary. His first brush with it occurred when he was 10.

He was a schoolboy in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. An army post was nearby. Dead-

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ly influenza swept the world in 1918. Mickley, returning from school each afternoon, heard the army band. They came up the hill playing a dirge. Behind the sun-flashing instruments were wagons laden with pine boxes.

A stiff-spined young lieutenant sat a horse riding up and down the flanks. It was his duty to escort dead soldiers to the railroad station. Each day there was a fresh parade, newer boxes. The same lieutenant.

One day there was no music. The band was in the boxes. The lieutenant sat his horse. Mickley asked an army sergeant the name of the gallant horseman. "A kid lieutenant from West Point," he said. "Dwight D. Eisenhower."

Mickley volunteered for the 82nd Airborne in World War II. Why? "I wanted an orchestra seat for that war," he said. Mickley was flying to-

ward Sicily in a big plane when the U.S. Navy mistook the planes overhead for Nazis. A shell fragmented through the floorboards and reduced the bones of both feet to something akin to talcum powder.

Doctors remember him flying around the corridors of Hollywood Memorial Hospital in an electric wheelchair with a funny wool hat covering his shoebrush haircut. His secretary, Grace Anderson, remembers that he and his beloved Esther built a beautiful home on the edge of Port Everglades harbor.

The upper floor was a huge room with floor to ceiling books. His jokes were gentle. He pointed to three skulls. "The large one is Pancho Villa. The smaller one is Pancho Villa as a young man. The little one is Pancho Villa as a child."

He questioned the judgment of all doctors, and especially his own. He had a microscope with four eyepieces. He called it his you're-a-liar instrument. A young woman said she had been raped by five men on the Indian reservation at Dania, Florida.

A policeman took notes and



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seethed at the foot of the bed. Mickley examined the girl gently. He found no vaginal bruising. "Were you in pain during this horrible experience?" he asked. The girl shook her head no. "Well," he said hesitantly, "did you feel a sense of pleasure?"

She giggled. "They're all friends of mine," she said. "Doctor, that was the most fun ever." The cop dropped his notebook. "Doctor," he roared, "you've ruined my case. What can I do with it now?"

Mickley shrugged. "Call it an Indian uprising," he said, and left. At home, in recent years, he blinked at his Esther through glittering glasses. Softly, he whispered words from Tennyson's Ulysses: "Come, my friends,

'Tis not too late to seek a newer world, Push off, and sitting well in order smile

The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths

Of all the western stars, until I die."

He had emphysema and heart disease. Esther suffered from cardiac failure. Esther would not permit a ship of any nation to enter Port Everglades or depart without running the proper flags up on a pole to salute. Hundreds of captains from nations around the world called her "the flag lady." They never failed to dip their ensigns aft in salute to her.

Now Jack was gone. Thousands of mute books kept their covers closed. Two cats purred on her lap. Outside, the cruise liner Fairwind moved at dead low speed toward the sea. The rails were lined with hundreds of happy passengers. The captain said: "Phone aft to prepare to return a salute from shore."

There was no signal. Esther smiled. "They don't understand," she said. "Jack is gone and I'm busy dying."

Sleigh full of energy-eaters

By ROBERT YOAKUM

"It's hopeless," Santa sighed. "Absolutely hopeless."

"What's the matter, dear?" Mrs. Claus asked gently, knowing that her husband always became depressed just before Christmas. "You've been working too hard again."

"That's not the problem. It's these orders!" He waved at several sacks of mail. "The world is running out of energy and look at the things people are asking for! Americans are the worst. They consume one-third of the world's energy, but they seem prepared to use every watt on earth."

"What kinds of things?"

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Mrs. Claus asked.

"Oh, the usual stuff, of course," Santa grumbled. "Washers, dryers, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, freezers, sewing machines, stoves, grills, radios, television sets, dishwashers, humidifiers, dehumidifiers —"

"I wouldn't mind having a few of those myself," Mrs. Claus said. "The help these days is impossible! Those elves are getting so uppity that this place looks a perfect

mess most of the time. Frankly, I'd like a vacuum cleaner for Christmas."

"You, too?" Santa sighed, shaking his head. "I suppose we're seeing the end of the good old world of washtubs, clothespins, dishcloths, brooms, and coal stoves."

"I certainly hope so!" Mrs. Claus exclaimed.

"It isn't those standard items that bother me so much," Santa said, "or the electric trains, or even all of those power tools. But look at this!"

Santa went over to a stack of letters and began to read one:

"Dear Santa, Please give me a Tiny Titan Trash Compactor, a Garage Door Opener with Digital Control and Light, a Twin Shoe Polisher with Toe-Tip Control Push-Button, and a De Luxe Contoured Thermal Massager. My wife's letter is also enclosed. Best, Harry Collins."

"The poor man must have back trouble!" Mrs. Claus said. "Why doesn't he go to one of those massage parlors?"

"I don't know," her husband replied. "Those gadgets he wants are probably cheap-



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er, but think of the energy they use! Anyway, here's his wife's letter:

"Dear Santa, I've been especially good this year, unlike Harry, who still won't leave a party if there is a single female left. Anyway, what I would like to have is, or are, a Super Max Swivel Round Brush Dryer, a Digital Radio Alarm Clock with Snooze Features, a Lob Ster Automatic Electric Tennis Ball Server, a Gold-Plated Electro Cappuccino Espresso Maker, and a Magicrepe. Thanks a lot. Merry Christmas! Betsy Collins."

"Goodness!" Mrs. Claus said. "That's quite a list! What's a Magicrepe?"

"It costs \$600 and it makes crepes and other kinds of pancakes automatically — one every 15 seconds. By the way,

those last three presents add up to \$4,350."

"Heavens!" "That's just a small sample," Santa said. "Listen to some of the other energy-eating requests I've received for the kitchen: Electric Pasta Maker, Natural Yogurt Maker, Vitamin C Fruit Juicer, Teasmade of Knightsbridge Fully Automatic Tea Maker with Clock, Electric Char-B-Que, Stir Crazy Corn Popper, Electric Plate Cozy, Quick Six Donut Baker, Electric Smoker —"

"A what?" "It's a gadget for smoking and curing meat. Also an Electric Brisket for keeping crackers crisp, electric ice cream makers, pizza bakers, egg cookers, cheese graters, flour sifters, can openers, woks, Fun Gun cookie makers, Liddle Griddles for Prestoburgers, and mixers, blenders, choppers, slicers, shredders, grinders —"

"That's enough!" Mrs. Claus exclaimed. "Where are they going to get all that electricity?"

"Well," Santa sneered, "five years from now they'll probably be asking me for it."



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1977. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1783, George Washington resigned as U.S. Army commander-in-chief and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Virginia.

On this date:

In 1788, Maryland voted to cede an area ten miles square for the seat of the national government.

One year ago: President-elect Jimmy Carter announced his choices for three top positions — Joseph Califano as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Theodore Sorenson as Director of the Central Intelligence

Agency and James Schlesinger as a special assistant on energy.

Today's birthdays: Dancer and choreographer Jose Greco is 59 years old. Businessman James Roosevelt is 70.

Thought for today: A wise wife soon learns to manage her husband, but a wise husband never tries to manage his wife — anonymous.

New York stock quotations

NEW YORK (AP) - Thursday selected national prices for New York Stock Exchange issues:

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NEW YORK (AP) - Thursday selected national prices for American Stock Exchange issues:

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Footnotes explaining symbols and abbreviations used in the stock tables.

The unneeded business records

By SYLVIA PORTER (Second of two columns)

When a small business of which I was a half-owner was transferred to its faithful employees records, I was actually embarrassed to discover what a paper clutter had been accumulated while it was in my hands.

If you're also a typical owner of a small business, it's more than likely that your clutter is almost as bad (it would be unusual for yours to be as awful) as mine. Thus, as guidelines:

In your office, one central file is adequate to protect a contract permanently, and there is no sense for other departments to be retaining copies as well. It's even more ridiculous to retain all the copies after the contract has expired.

Discard audit reports after 10 years; audit work papers after three years.

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Dispose of bids and awards three years after termination; price lists, when obsolete; purchase orders and requisitions, three years after termination; and quotations, after one year.

According to the Code of Federal Regulations, you can destroy after four years employee withholding records, excise exemption certificates, excise reports in manufacturing and excise reports at the retail level.

If you are a compulsive saver of papers, records, cancelled checks, etc. — the way so many individuals are compulsive savers of string — you might try to "cure" yourself by buying a simple loose-leaf notebook and using it as a working tool to make your record system work more efficiently and reduce your frustrations.

Discard accident reports, injury claims and settlement papers 30 years after settlement.

Eliminate from your files applications, changes and terminations after five years. As for attendance records, seven years is long enough to keep them while employee activity files become mere clutter two years after they have been superseded.

Discard employee contracts six years after termination. Get rid of fidelity bonds three years after termination.

Garnishments can be eliminated after five years; insurance records for employees are needless 11 years after termination; time cards go into the discard heap after three years; and union agreements (according to the Walsh-Healey Act) may be thrown out after three years.

Throw out your building and maintenance records after 10 years, unless there are special reasons to do otherwise.

Too many lawyers in Congress

NEW YORK — William Shakespeare was probably kidding when he had a character in "King Henry VI, Part II" declaim: "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers."

Will was, after all, a great kisser at the most somber of times, and he can't be held responsible for every sentiment he put in every one of his actors' mouths. But, on the other hand, Shakespeare may have been making a prescient point about the government of a country he never lived to see: the United States of America.

For, as we embark on the third century of a government that has increasingly inserted itself into the economic and social lives of Americans of all descriptions, we continue to let it be dominated by Americans of one single description: lawyers. And while homicide would be too severe a penalty (for one thing, no one would be left to defend us in court), it may well be time to start thinking about cutting back in less violent ways.

One serious student who is convinced that our economic

LOUIS RUYSEYER

policy-making procedures, in particular, are damaged by a superfluity of lawyers in Congress is Jack Carlson, chief economist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Carlson tells me that fully two-thirds of the present Senate is composed of attorneys, while in the House the figure is 54 percent.

"Not only that," Carlson says, "but they are usually lawyers who have not had resource management experience" — in other words, they are lawyer-type lawyers, rather than executives who gained a law degree along the way.

To Carlson this explains why, when it comes to economic and social issues, Congress in recent years has almost invariably moved instinctively toward what he calls "command and control type policies" instead of "incentives."

Businessmen, in contrast, more often would choose — and respond to — the latter approach. Carlson cites, as one example, environmental policy. Congress failed to take the more promising and

is more easily handled in the case of lawyers. Until conflict-of-interest laws came along, he asserts, Congress regularly scheduled its important business — the "purposeful agenda" — between Tuesday and Thursday, on the assumption that Monday and Friday were reserved for picking up a few fees back at the law firm.

In the real world, there's no way to set limits on the rights of the let's-make-rules types to run in free elections. But Carlson thinks voters ought to be aware at election time of the extent to which lawyers have come to dominate all kinds of policymaking.

It would be constructive, indeed, if more businessmen, housewives, dentists and jockeys could be encouraged to seek office and break the authoritarian oligarchy. For myself, though, I'm not quite ready to say, "There oughta be a law."

Market rolls up 2nd straight gain

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market, inspired by the dollar's rally in foreign exchange, rolled up its second strong gain in a row in heavy trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which had climbed 7.71 on Wednesday, jumped another 7.88 to 821.81.

Advances outnumbered declines by about a 9-5 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, and the exchange's composite index of all its listed common stocks was up .40 at 51.81.

Big Board volume reached a four-week high of 28.10 million shares, up from 24.51 million in the previous session.

The dollar rebounded against leading foreign currencies yesterday after a protracted slump.

Analysts attributed the upswing to President Carter's

statement late Wednesday that the United States would intervene in foreign-exchange activity if it was necessary to prevent "disorderly conditions."

A stronger dollar presumably would encourage buying of U.S. stocks by foreign investors who have been holding back recently for fear of the risk of currency losses.

Brokers also said the market continued to respond favorably to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' inability to reach a decision this week on whether to increase oil prices.

Blue-chip stocks continued to lead the market higher, with General Motors up 3/4 at 63 1/2 as of the 4 p.m. close of the NYSE; Eastman Kodak ahead 1 at 51, and Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing 1 1/4 higher at 47 1/4.

Local Securities

Table of local securities including Allaire State Bank, Community State, etc.

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Christianity: Materialistic focus

By GEORGE W. CORNELL

NEW YORK (AP) — Complaints often are made that Christmas has become too materialistic. But that's basically what it's all about — the highest exaltation of matter, of human flesh.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth," the Gospel of John says.

It declares the world's greatest potentiality in bodily form, in the stuff of earth, in the common clay of organic elements, in breath and birth and the first cry of a new child.

As the late theologian-United Church of Christ leader, the Rev. Dr. Truman Douglass often stressed, "Christianity is the most materialistic of all religions."

It is the only faith that asserts the incarnation — the manifestation of God's will and way for humanity in a human being, the man Jesus, in the blood and sinews that compose all peoples.

He was "made like his brethren in every respect," says Hebrews 2:17.

While he also is regarded as possessed of the very heart and purposes of God, it is the plain physical nature of Jesus, partaking of the pains, sorrows, struggles and needs of our humankind,

that give Christianity its special materialistic focus.

Unlike Oriental faiths that abjure the flesh and physical existence as a corrupting prison and seek release from it into a spirit realm, Christianity regards the world, its material makeup and biological life, as basic components and a springboard to the perfecting of it and consummate fulfilling reality.

"A new heaven and a new earth," the Book of Revelation calls it.

But its germination is situated in the human grain, in the texture, processes and decisions of earthly existence, like a "seed" in the soil or "leaven" working in dough, Jesus put it.

This is the materialistic bent that impels Christianity in its worldly works, in its far-flung operations for the poor and homeless, in its running of medical clinics and hospitals, in its maintenance of schools and universities, in its activist efforts for fuller justice, better ways, in its provision of shelter, food and clothing for those in need.

"As you have done it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it to me," Jesus said.

That materialistic quality in Christianity is expressed in its central act of worship — the sharing of bread and wine.

Those consecrated products of earth are considered a representation of Jesus himself, the "bread of life," occupying this domain, this tangible, corporeal frame, enlisting in its agonies and hopes, giving its harshest trials a new confidence and precedent of final triumph.

All of those Christian constituents — the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus — are scripturally woven in the fabric of matter, beginning in the concrete data of Christmas. While some deplore its hectic gift-buying and giving, this can reflect its original prime gift, packaged in ordinary substance.

As Episcopal church woman Rosemary Haughton writes in *The Living Church*, the fact puts a sublime premium on human flesh, on all bodies, as the ultimately potential "stuff of glory."

There's a special moral significance in this, she says, in an age that often abuses the body through drugs, gluttony and the trivialization of sex, for as Christmas attests, what one does with the body is done to godly ingredients.

"Your body," Scripture says, "is a temple of the Holy Spirit," meant for eternity.

Congregation puts a torch to 'devil's material goods'

WILLIAMSTOWN (AP) — With a strike of a match, the Open Bible Baptist Church congregation destroyed thousands of dollars worth of rock albums, Playboy magazines, television sets, liquor and other material goods they said were agents of the devil.

"There was nothing spiritual about the burning," said the church's pastor, Dr. George W. Riddell. "It was an outward symbol of what had already taken place in their hearts."

Riddell said this month's bonfire was a spontaneous reaction to a sermon he delivered on demonism and agents of the devil.

Members of the Gloucester County congregation continue to bring in records, magazines, games and televisions, but another bonfire is not planned, Riddell said in a recent interview here.

"It has to be spontaneous," he said. "It was a one-time thing. This ministry is based upon the word of God, not something spectacular."

He said about 10 percent of the 11,000-member congregation participated in the burning. "I preached rock music destroys, defiles, tears down," he said. The music, he added, "never brings up that which God has exalted."

The pastor charged that young people today are "brainwashed" by rock music's lyrics. "What you listen to is what you are," he said. "Music is a medium of communication

Once you used to sing about writing love letters in the sand, now you sing about making love in the sand."

Television represents an "all-out attack" by Satan to destroy dignity, Riddell said. "If you can't control that which comes over TV, get rid of it."

"I've got to warn my people," said Riddell, who refuses to have a television set into his home. "I've got to convince them to give up what God does not want them to have."

He blamed the lack of moral standards on the removal of prayer from the public school. "It was a great step backward for America," he said. "We no longer have freedom of religion. We have freedom to bow down to the God of atheism."

Bob Smith, the church's teen director, said youths in the congregation were receptive to the pastor's sermon. The average teen-ager has no standards, he said. "He is like a floundering fish" whose energies need to "be channeled in the proper direction — toward God."

Riddell said the church's philosophy about music was an outgrowth of the Bible.

"Our ministry is based upon the word of God," he said. "We are dealing with a society of empty people and they want to be filled with something."

"The Devil knows what he is doing," he said. "We are challenging people to live above that."



MUSIC BURNER — Dr. George W. Riddell, Pastor of the Open Bible Baptist Church in Williamstown, in Gloucester County, who recently led a mass burning of rock albums, Playboy and assorted games which he said were agents of the devil.

Bishop likes 'to entertain a lot'

By Rev. Lester Kinsolving

WASHINGTON — "THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH: AN ENDANGERED SPECIES" is the headline above an article in *The Christian Century* magazine, written by the wife of the director of communications of Trinity Church, Wall Street.

Mrs. William (Betty) Gray writes, "The Episcopal Church is in grave danger of disintegrating," because the House of Bishops "upheld the

right of Presiding Bishop John Allin to violate the canon (laws) of the church as a matter of personal conscience (since he has declared that he cannot accept the priesthood of women even though women's ordination is now clearly codified in the canons of the church and never has been specifically forbidden).

While this contention that women's ordination has "never been specifically forbidden" is highly questionable —

in fact at the heart of the controversy now rendering this denomination — Bishop Allin's delayed-action disclosure that he believes women can no more be priests than men can have babies seems like an attempt to lock the barn door after arsonists have set the hayloft on fire.

The firebugs in this analogy include Manhattan's wealthy social revolutionary, Bishop Paul Moore, who recently ordained a self-professed and practicing lesbian. (Bishop Moore has not — as yet — ordained any publicly self-professed and practicing heterosexual fornicators or adulterers, but stay tuned.)

The discipline of the Episcopal Church was shattered earlier than this, however, when, in the summer of 1934, three retired prelates on guaranteed pensions conducted an ecclesiastically illegal ordination service for 11 women. Since this media event 40 months ago, the denomination's theological seminaries have recruited record numbers of female students. But among an average of 800 pastoral openings per year, Episcopal national headquarters presently knows of only three women who have been elected or appointed to take charge of congregations.

Bishop Allin has been asked to resign by a number of people, including the wife of the recently elected Bishop Coadjutor (his apparent) of Newark, Mrs. Jack Spong.

Mrs. Spong has denied recurrent reports that her husband has admitted his desire to become Presiding Bishop (ranking prelate), of the nation's seventh largest denomination. Spong is the protege-biographer of Allin's prede-

cessor, Bishop John E. Hines, whose funding of minority hate groups cost the denomination so many lost members (one million in ten years) that he quit, the first Presiding Bishop to so resign since 1789.

But now Hines has committed the grossest possible violation of pastoral ethics, by public criticism of the man who is trying to do the job which Hines ran out on.

Spong is sufficiently magnetic to rise above this association with Hines. For Spong has the capacity to provoke either strong opposition, or absolute adoration wherever he goes — with many of his

adoring Richmond congregation known as "Spong's Groupies." They continued adulatory even as he was venting strong hatred of South Africa — while at the same time telling a Richmond reporter that "I don't even feel bad" about continuing to belong to the Country Club of Virginia — which excluded both blacks and Jews.

Spong arrived in the Newark diocese like a white tornado. Long before his superior, Diocesan Bishop George Rath, has retired, Spong began telling certain of Rath's clergy that they had better

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Perfected humanity seen in 'Nazareth Man'

EDITOR'S NOTE — This final installment of a five-part Christmas series, "The Enigma of Human Origins," deals with our chronology and its capsule, Jesus.

By **GEORGE W. CORNELL**
AP Religion Writer

THE ENIGMA OF HUMAN ORIGINS

A peak rises on the human horizon, a greater being, the new man. That is the further view that broke into sight at the start of this current dating era of anno Domini, the possibility of the totally good and enduring life made real in the Christmas coming of Jesus — the "Nazareth man."

His appearance in the long succession of genus Homo is to believers another advent, a fresh beginning, and also the image of a potential future flashed in the shadows of the pathway ahead.

"The light shines in the darkness," Scripture says of him, the "light of the world."

He is considered the high mark, the utmost advance in the chronology of the race. He displays a difference, an ultimate quality of the completed one, the ideal person, the epitome of manhood. Called the "man of Nazareth," he doesn't fit the usual mold; he's distinctive, of another class, new.

Both the strangeness and the intimate kinship of him have caused millions to regard him as unique among our kind. He identified fully with the human family, yet, in personality and impact, transcended it and set a nobler vision for it.

The "realization of the highest possibility of man's being," says Catholic theologian Karl Rahner, the "prospective entelechy" of history, the objective and fulfillment of the human journey, unfurled before it.

Scholars through the centuries, both scientists and philosophers, have filled libraries in analyzing the character of Jesus, that tender, indomitable Jew born in a hillside cave for animals, steady and sure in face of danger, loving, magnet-

ic, helping, implanting cheer and hope, threatened and slain, yet hosting an endless beacon before the world.

"The way, the truth and the life," he said.

In examining human beginnings, "the origin that encourages me the most is the virgin birth of Christ," says Purdue University biochemist Larry Butler. "He is unique, the most important for us all, divine yet fully human."

That is the profoundly baffling conclusion held about Jesus, that his special order of being enfleshed God's very will as man, that, though altogether human, he was totally possessed of divine motivation. Yet this doesn't make him less human, but more so, the perfecting of humankind, the crowning of the species.

The new "Adam," Scripture calls him, the "first fruits" of Genesis man's consummate destiny.

The earthly struggle toward it has been a long, erratic one, with differing views held of humanity's emergence in it and questions sometimes raised about whether the race is moving backward or forward, but in any case, the ways of man have radically altered any evolutionary pattern.

With Homo sapiens, "evolution is not a matter of change in genes, but in the new mechanisms culturally," says anthropologist Margaret Mead. "Human beings not only learn, but teach what they learn to others. What distinguishes our human evolution is dependence on cultural transmission, learned behavior from generation to generation."

It was into that labyrinthine process with its varying overt and subliminal influences that

Jesus injected a germinal ingredient, discerned both in outward example and in inner renewal. He is regarded as having not only offered a model, but a modality, a new spiritual thrust to becoming.

That goes beyond the known biological processes, the organic system through which all creatures exist and function, which has populated the earth with its passing panorama of life and through which the human lineage originated.

How and when that human beginning itself came about is a fluctuating issue among scientists, subject to debate and varying interpretations, and the latest fossil finds in Africa have forced drastic revisions in long-held views of it.

"The problems haven't lessened, they've increased," says anthropologist Ronald Burwell of the King's College in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. "More and more fossils have not fit into previously held sequences. They're being recast, with just about everything up for grabs and several theories about it."

Especially, the new finds have extended the start of the human story back much further than previously traced, to more than 3 million years ago, coupled with a rash of reclassifications and modified assessments, leaving the inception of humanity veiled in time.

When recent finds in Africa began, the first ones were less than human and were thought precursors to man, but then, in the 1970s, human finds of "Homo habilis" and skulls "1470" turned up, indicating the others were not precursors, but lived at the same time.

Prior to these finds, fossils of various other later types also were long considered precursors to humanity, but as a result of extensive reclassifications, mostly in 1964, they're now recognized as altogether human. They include:

—Java man, first found on an island now part of Indonesia in 1891, dated back a million years and long called Pith-



ecanthropus erectus, an "ape-like man," but now reclassified as Homo erectus, an erect human, with others of the same type found elsewhere classified as Homo sapiens, a wise human.

The original finder of Java man, Eugene Dubois, had also found fossils there of a contemporary with a brain averaging larger than modern man's, but had kept the find concealed for a quarter-century, apparently because it would have tended to discredit Java man as a "missing link," as was first erroneously held.

—Peking man, found in northern China in 1929, dated about a million years ago, a 5-foot specimen, whose genus was in doubt for a time, but which now is regarded as fully man, living in caves and using fire.

The fragments disappeared while being shipped to the United States in 1941, on the verge of World War II, but other equivalent remains have turned up elsewhere, including

older ones recently in northeast Africa.

—Neanderthal man, first found in Germany's Neander valley in 1856, dated back to 100,000 years ago, originally also hailed as a "missing link" predecessor to man, but now recognized as fully human, with an average brain size exceeding that of modern man.

Fossils of him have been found widely. He buried his dead and left offerings with them, indicating religious qualities. —Cro-Magnon man, dated back to about 30,000 years ago, a distinctly modern type, first found in France, and later widely in Europe. He had flint tools and knives, sculpted pottery, decorated his cave walls with art and left signs of religious-style ceremonies.

Another specimen, the so-called "Piltdown man," found in Sussex, England, in 1911, dated a million years old and for nearly a half century regarded as an apelike precursor to humanity, was determined

by tests in 1953 to be a fraud, its jawbone having been filed to resemble an ape.

Now, however, with the new and continuing finds in Africa, the human line is regarded as stretching back much further than any of the previously mislabeled predecessors.

There, the Richard Leakey team and anthropologist Donald C. Johanson of Case-Western Reserve University have found remains of genus Homo who used tools of three millennia or more ago, and also remains of a burlier contemporary, the Australopithecines, apparently living simultaneously — as apes and men do in the present day.

"Our ancestry is not subhuman, but only human and pre-human, with some cousins around," says Harvard zoologist Richard C. Lewontin. "People didn't come from apes, but they did come from some common order, diverging from it."

"There were no big jumps, no missing links. That's an invention. There was only contin-

uous change. A lot of processes are going on, and you can't always say when they occurred."

This is the predominant evolutionary view among scientists, although some disagree with it. But since the older African remains now are generally regarded as human, the picture before then fades into a yawning void of obscurity.

To connect it to some primal hint of a precursor, even though remote, fragmentary fossils of a monkey-size creature called Ramapithecus, found in India in 1934 and later elsewhere, were reevaluated in 1969 as a possibility. But he lived 8 to 14 million years ago, at least 4 million years — about 140,000 generations — before the first signs of men, still leaving their origins hidden in the mists of the indefinite and unknown.

Whatever the roots of human beings, they now live in an environment which they themselves largely determine, rather than their being its product, although the world they fashion in turn affects them. But the scales have reversed. Instead of natural forces shaping people, they now shape their own cultural-technological milieu, bearing the responsibility and impress of it, including its perils.

"It's a threatening dilemma," says Harvard's Nobel laureate biologist George Wald. "Man's discovery of the technology to redesign organisms through recombinant DNA involves a kind of violence to nature greater than has ever happened." That, and proliferation of nuclear power, he says, project human existence into a realm of uncertain survival. "We're on the brink."

Furthermore, the modern world diffuses a tide of potent influences, both subtle and blatant, through its rampant mechanization, speedy transport, its commercialism and advertising, psychological techniques, pills, diets, classrooms and touted therapies, its prolific publishing industries, television, governmental programs

and social engineering. It's a different, unnatural kind of man-made atmosphere.

Yet, along with the risks, it has immense potentialities for good and impulses toward it also are at work, reflected in efforts for disarmament and cooperation among nations, for racial justice, freedom and also mutual responsibility, for righting economic imbalances, for shared knowledge, understanding, interdependence and fuller community of the human family.

Into the mixed alternatives, the "second Adam," that new man, acclaimed son of the humblest and greatest, unleashes his compelling power for good, compounded of love. Like humanity and the universe itself, his origins, too, are shrouded in that abstruse, Scripturally-termed force, and "Logos," the wisdom and mind of creation.

"In the beginning was the Word (the Logos)," John's gospel says. "... He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him... In him was life, and the life was the light of men... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth."

To a billion believers around the earth, that "Nazareth man" is the prototype for a new era in humanity's long pilgrimage, not only inspiring but rectifying, laying the groundwork and start for full living of the unflawed and finished personhood. "Now we see not yet all..." St. Paul wrote, "but we see Jesus."

Much is unclear, with inexplicabilities masking his origins and ours, and the dimensions in which humanity lives, both the natural world and the fabricated instrumentalities of it, clouded with uncertainties and problems.

Yet, says Wald, "This is a universe that so moves that it eventually knows itself. We are that creature through whom the universe comes to know itself." As Jesus put it, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Area churches plan traditional Christmas services

UNITED METHODIST Oceanport
A Christmas Eve service of candles, carols, and Communion is scheduled for 8 p.m. tomorrow.

The Rev. W. Winfield West, pastor, invites families to worship as a unit.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL Middletown
The dressing of the creche will begin with an organ and harp prelude at 3:45 p.m. tomorrow. Helen S. List is organist and choirmaster and Marjorie Mollenauer will be guest harpist.

Carols and anthems by the youth and adult choirs will follow.

At 11:30 p.m. tomorrow, there will be Holy Eucharist with anthems and carols by the adult choir.

On Christmas Day, there will be Holy Eucharist at 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. in the old church.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC Perth Amboy
Members of Sts. Constantine and Helena National

Catholic Church will gather for a Christmas Eve midnight Mass at the home of the Capraun family, 267 Rt. 36, West Keansburg. The service will begin at 11 p.m.

The Rev. William St. John Frederick, pastor, says the location was chosen "because we are a young parish and have no permanent church buildings."

The Sunday service on Christmas Day will be held as usual at 11 a.m. at the John J. Ryan Funeral Home, 333 Carr Ave., Keansburg. Father Frederick says all interested persons are invited to attend.

The new church, formed last month by former Episcopalians, is affiliated with the Polish National Catholic Church of America. It offers an alternative church home for traditionalist Catholics and Episcopalians and liturgically-minded Protestants seeking a secure Catholic and Orthodox church.

The church has headquarters at 725 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy.

UNITED METHODIST West Long Branch
A Christmas Eve service of carols and candles is scheduled for 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Featured will be special music by the Youth and Wesley choirs, a children's story, a Christmas message, and the traditional candle-lighting ceremony.

The Rev. Robert B. Steelman, pastor of the oldest Methodist church along the Jersey shore, invites the public to attend.

A family service is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day. Members of the church and church school will participate.

OLD FIRST Middletown
The annual candlelight Communion service is scheduled for 8 p.m. tomorrow.

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Evelyn Hartmann, will render an anthem and Mrs. Ann Schieman, a soprano, will be soloist. The Rev. Arthur R. Namendorf, minister, will deliver a brief meditation and read a special

story for children. "The Tree That Stayed Up Until Next Christmas" by Robert Kraus.

A service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Christmas Day. Mrs. Hartmann will render special organ selections and Mrs. Ruth Hartman will be soloist.

CALVARY CHAPEL Navesink
Worship on Christmas Day will begin at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Richard L. Shaw, pastor, speaking on "The Purpose of the Advent."

The adult Bible and sharing class, usually conducted at 6 p.m. Sundays, will be canceled.

There will, however, be a candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Mr. Shaw will speak on "The Call of Christmas" and special music will be featured.

BRICK REFORMED Marlboro
The Christmas Eve candlelight carol service is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the sanctuary. The congregation will sing traditional carols and the choirs will

present Christmas portions of Handel's "Messiah."

The service at 10:15 a.m. Christmas Day will feature lessons and carols. There will be no church school session.

HOLY TRINITY Long Branch
The annual Christmas Mass of the Long Branch St. Gerard Guild is scheduled for 1 p.m. today.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL Red Bank
The traditional carol service is scheduled for 5 p.m. tomorrow.

Eucharist is scheduled for 11 p.m. tomorrow and 9 a.m. Sunday.

FIRST BAPTIST Red Bank
A Christmas Eve service is scheduled for 7 p.m. tomorrow.

The Rev. Arthur C. Reddie, interim pastor, will give a Christmas message at 11 a.m. Sunday.

ST. JOHN'S Little Silver
Scheduled for Christmas Eve are a children's service

at 4:30 p.m.; a sung Eucharist with handbells and the junior choir at 8 p.m., and a sung Eucharist with handbells and the senior choir at 11 p.m.

On Christmas Day, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated with carols at 10 a.m.

ST. AGNES Atlantic Highlands
Special anticipated Christmas Masses are scheduled for 7 and 8:45 p.m. tomorrow.

The midnight celebrated Mass will be preceded by carols by the senior choir which are to begin at 11:30 p.m. The Rev. Michael J. Lease, pastor, will be principal celebrant and homilist. The Rev. Felix F. Venza, associate pastor, and the Rev. Paul J. Feeley of St. Francis Monastery, New York, will be concelebrants.

Joseph Suchocki will be musical director.

Christmas masses are scheduled for 7:30, 9 (when there will be carols by the junior choir), 10:15, and 11:30 a.m.

Confessions will be heard 10 a.m. to noon and 3 to 5 p.m. tomorrow. Father Venza will occupy the room of reconciliation.

REFORMED CHURCH Middletown
A presentation of "Love Transcending," a choir cantata, will be followed by the traditional candlelight service at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

A family service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Christmas Day.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Matawan
Families are invited to gather around the outdoor creche for carols and a brief,

informal Christmas service at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

The senior high school group will serve refreshments in Fellowship Hall at its conclusion.

The traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service is scheduled for 11 p.m. in the sanctuary. Featured will be carols, scripture, and music by the Chancel and Senior High School choirs.

The service will follow an organ recital by Susan Wilburn. The high school handbell choir will also perform.

A family service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Christmas Day. The children's choirs will sing special music and a Christmas story will be told by the Rev. Michael Miller.

There will be baptism.

The nursery will be open but there will be no church school.



THE PREACHER'S NO DUMMY — After the Rev. Colin Cooper decided to keep his mouth closed, the congregation doubled in his church in Cloleston, England. He says his idea of using the ventriloquist's dummy was a winner because "Charlie" can make comments that might be thought outrageous if the minister made them.

Bishop likes to 'entertain'

(Continued)
begin looking for work elsewhere. When asked about this by this column, Spong angrily declined any comment at all. Bishop Rath was considerably less lofty in replying:

"I don't know what he tells the clergy."
Spong also forced the replacement of the editor of the "Newark Churchman," after she reported the news that many people in the Episcopal Church opposed Spong's election. Betty Sodoma, editor of

a chain of six secular weeklies including the "East Orange Transcript," told this column:

"He went into a temper tantrum because of this, and the fact that with the paper all pasted up, I had to edit down one of his long, long columns. He ordered that all letters to the editor were to be shown to him first and that no letter critical of him was to be published. He replaced me with a woman minister with

no editorial experience at all."

Bishop Rath confirmed that Spong "was upset" at Sodoma's featuring of his opposition. Rath went on to explain that Spong selected a \$120,000 mansion with eight bedrooms and a swimming pool. "He got it for somewhat less" in suburban Morristown, because:

"Jack likes to entertain a lot — including clergy, whom he intends to invite to his home."

No doubt the clergy from the slum sections of Newark and Jersey City — whose churches have not been either merged or closed — will be impressed with the manner of their new bishop's good living.

Fellowship is emphasized

NEW YORK (AP) — The most important factor in choosing a congregation to join is the "fellowship and friendliness" of its members, according to a survey made in the Lutheran Church of America.

In a scientifically representative sampling involving 3,100 completed questionnaires, responses indicated the second most important factor is the quality of pastoral care for members and their care for one another.

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sidered least important were the atmosphere of the church building and the congregation's status in the community.

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Debut in tradition

By MARGUERITE HENDERSON

NEW YORK — Silver for elegance. Pink for femininity. Those were the colors decreed by Miss Beatrice Dinsmore Joyce, founder and chairman of the International Debutante Ball when it was launched as a benefit for the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Club in 1954.

Years pass. Fashions change. The popularity of debutante galas have waxed and waned and waxed again. But pink and silver it will be when 55 young women from here and 17 foreign countries are presented Wednesday at the 23rd International Debutante gala in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Four debutantes from Monmouth County will be among that number. They are Miss Nanette Victoria Glospie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Paul Glospie, Holmdel; the Misses Lucile Andrews McMahon and Cordelia Anne McMahon, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. McMahon of Rumson, and Miss Pamela Mason Thackara daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McIntyre Thackara of Red Bank.

Leading the contingent of American honorees will be Mary Corrinne Littlepage Kidd, daughter of U. S. Navy Admiral Isaac Campbell Kidd Jr., commander-in-chief Atlantic Fleet, and NATO supreme allied commander, Atlantic, and Mrs. Kidd.

Lester Lanin and his orchestra will play for the debutantes, their families and guests in the main ballroom, while a rock quintet entertains in the debutantes' room, the East Foyer.

Miss Glospie will be escorted by Donald Nielson of New York, and — as is traditional at the International — a representative of one of the United States Military Academies carrying the flag of the debutante's home state. For her debut Miss Glospie has chosen a white Qiana gown with beading on its stand-up collar, the cuffs of its long full sleeves, and at the waistline.

Miss Glospie is a graduate of Holmdel High School and is a freshman at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Charles Minard of Westfield and the late Mr. Minard, and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Glospie of Jersey City. Her father has a chiropractic practise in Holmdel and formerly was a member of the faculty at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. Mrs. Glospie has been active in the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and is the treasurer of the Monmouth County Federation of Republican Women.

The Misses McMahon are alumnae of Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School. Miss Lucile Andrews McMahon, who is known as "Cee-Cee," attended Pine Manor Junior College, Chestnut Hill, Mass., and is pur-

suing her studies at Mount Vernon College in Washington, D. C. Her gown is of white Qiana with Italian Venise lace forming the shoulder line and used as inserts at the empire waistline. Her civilian escort will be Jonathan Teeter, also of Rumson.

Her sister, called "Cordie," will be escorted by Bruce Meyer of Fair Haven, N. J. She will wear a white silk organza gown appliqued with Venise lace fleurettes. She attends Marymount College of Virginia in Arlington.

The Misses McMahon are granddaughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. George H. Andrews of New York, and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. McMahon of Loch Arbor, N. J. They are great-nieces on their mother's side of the late S. Stanwood Menken of New York, a prominent attorney, and of the late Mrs. Gretchen von Briessen Menken, who was a New York socialite and philanthropist. Mr. McMahon, an attorney, is a senior partner with the Newark law firm of Lum, Biunno & Tompkins.

Miss Thackara will be escorted at the International Debutante Ball by Richard McCoy of Monmouth Hills, and will wear a white silk moire taffeta gown with Brussels lace double ruffles on its scoop neckline and cuffs of its long sleeves.

Miss Thackara attended Rumson Country Day School and The Masters School, Dobbs Ferry, and was graduated this year from the Katharine Gibbs School, Montclair. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Park Mason of Shrewsbury, N.J. and of Mrs. Charles Thackara of Red Bank, and the late Mr. Thackara. Her father is vice president of A. G. Becker and Company, New York, and a councilman in Red Bank.

Miss Thackara will be presented also Jan. 1 at the Debutante Assembly and New Year's Ball in The Plaza Hotel. This is the oldest dinner dance for debutantes in New York. The chairman is Mrs. Robert S. Williams Jr. of Pelham, daughter of the founder of the gala, the late Mrs. Thomas Webster Edgar.

In February Miss Thackara will carry on a family tradition and be presented at the Gasparilla Ball in Tampa, Fla., where her mother and maternal grandmother also made their debuts.

Honorary chairmen of the International Debutante Ball are Mrs. Howard Ellis Cox, Mrs. Isaac Campbell Kidd Jr. and Mrs. James H. Van Alen. Ball chairmen are Mrs. L. Field Armstrong, Mrs. Albert Bradley, Mrs. Marguerite Burnett Cole, Mrs. Hewitt A. Conway, Mrs. Joseph Warner Dorland and Mrs. J. Russell Maguire. The decor will be carried out by Count and Countess Nicholas Bobrinsky, who will dramatize the ballroom's pink and silver theme with twinkling mini Noma lights.

Col. Serge Obolonsky is president of the 58-year-old Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Club.



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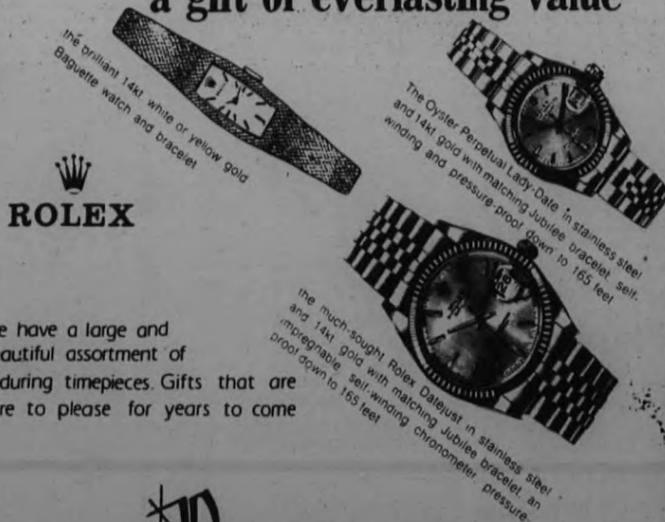


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(Dear Ann Landers: About 10 years ago you ran a column from a reader who mourned the loss of the true Christmas spirit. Hunt it up and run it again. We need it more now than we did then. — A Gypsy From Poughkeepsie

Dear Gypsy: Here it is — and I'm afraid you are right.

Dear Ann Landers: Someone circulated an essay

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around the office written by a man named William Kirchoff, whom I don't know. He's a friend of someone who works here. I can't quote the essay verbatim because I don't have it, but it expressed my views perfectly.

Kirchoff says Christmas is dead. The American people have stood it up against the wall and executed it. From its grave, a ghost has risen. The ghost calls itself "Christmas," but it's a poor imitation of the real thing.

The change that hit me first was the tree. When I was a boy, a Christmas tree was green and it smelled like a tree. The ornaments were pretty. Some were homemade. Today, a green Christmas tree — a live one — is rare. The "in" tree is white, silver or pink. It sparkles with sprayed-on stuff. The lights blink to keep time with a hidden stereo that plays Christmas music.

And this brings me to the next big change. "Silent Night" just doesn't make it anymore. It has to be sexy, like "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus." The worst in-

dignity is "Santa Baby." It comes back every year, like an itch.

Poor old Santa is no longer the jovial gentleman who puts candy canes in the children's stockings. Ho, ho, ho. He is the guy from Central Casting in the nylon beard and the red satin suit that retails for \$14.95. He comes riding into town, not on a sleigh with reindeer, but in an open-top convertible, surrounded by six half-naked beauty contest winners. A month early.

When the kiddies sit on his knee, he listens to what they want, then tells them where to drag their parents to buy these goodies. Santa has gone slightly commercial.

Worst of all, the spirit of Christmas is gone. Family get-togethers are now out of the question because people are busy with office parties. And that's another story. Booze flows like it's being piped in from the city reservoir. Stenographers smooch behind water coolers and filing cabinets with men whose first names they wouldn't dare use any other day of the year. All this in the name of Christmas.

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GERMAN NICHE — Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Schilde of Fair Haven, participate in the festivities at Monmouth Museum, with their niece Jennifer Malone, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Malone of Middletown. They are in the German tree niche in the international theme of decorated trees exhibited in "Sounds of Christmas" at the museum.

HUNGARIAN HERITAGE — The family group assembled by the Hungarian tree niche at Monmouth Museum, includes Eugene Harscar, Brielle, left, and his son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Harscar of Middletown, with their children, left to right, Ellie, 2, Glenn, 13, Judd, 7, and Katy, 12.



SWEDISH VISITOR — Susan Soderberg, 17, of Malmo, Sweden, enjoys the tree decorated at the Monmouth Museum in Swedish tradition. A student at Middletown Township High School, she is residing with her cousin and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Elson Guiterman, Lincroft.



ART WORLD — Rumson artist Nancy Gosnell and her daughter, Hannah, 11, are involved in work on the woodland scene at Monmouth Museum's "Sounds of Christmas" exhibition, which is continuing through Jan. 8. Closed Christmas Day and New Year's. Hannah holds a Boehm sculpture on loan to the exhibit by Ira Jacobson of Brielle.

Pain of life at work affects student

By DR. JOYCE BROTHERS
Dear Dr. Brothers: I'm a medical student and have been working in a section of a hospital that treats mostly terminally ill patients. When, and if, I finally become a doctor, I won't be working in this particular area. But for reasons too complicated to explain, I'm assigned to this section. I'm worried because it has had a terrible effect on me. I've been living with a man whom I love very much but since I've been working this section I am really a bore. I'm depressed and almost frigid. I just can't force myself to respond in any of the ways I used to take for granted. We can't understand this. How can I ever be a doc-

tor if I'm affected in this way? — S.P.
Dear S.P.: In your medical profession, or in any emotionally demanding profession, you will eventually have to learn to separate your personal life from the lives of those who need your help. In order to endure, it's essential to find ways to recharge yourself emotionally, to find experiences that are strongly positive to help counteract the pain of life at work.
According to Dr. Christina Maslach, a San Francisco psychologist, people in some professions tend to burn out emotionally. The toll this burn-out takes is incalculable. There's no way to measure its attendant ills, such as al-

ASK DR. BROTHERS

coholism, divorce, mental illness, low productivity and high absenteeism.
Overwork, tension, anxiety and depression are all killers of the sexual urge. The kind of stress that accompanies fatigue and depression tends to act like blinders and produces vision that can focus only on the negative aspects of life.
Admit that you need help. Find a counselor, discuss the problem openly and ask for suggestions from professionals in your field. Don't deny or ignore the problem.

CURB DAREDEVIL CHILD?
Dear Dr. Brothers: My 12-year-old daughter is a little daredevil and has been in the hospital more times than any other child we know. We don't mind her fearlessness and actually encourage her to take chances. My neighbor says this isn't normal and that to be accident-prone means something's definitely wrong. Is this true? — F.R.

Dear F.R.: Everyone should learn to take some risks in life, but if your daughter takes so many dares that she ends up with a pattern of physical injury then it would appear to me that you are pressuring her too much. She may feel unloved or feel she has to prove herself in or-

der to gain acceptance or respect.
Often, the child or adult whose only pleasure is in taking risks is really trying to combat a chronic state of boredom and depression. This kind of person is alienated from himself and is afraid of any closeness. This often stems from a great inner insecurity and a fear that no one will accept him for what he is.
Accidents are both self-pun-

ishing and a way of gaining attention. Your child should know that it's possible to gain love and respect without going to such extremes.
According to a New York physician, Dr. Manuel Rodstein, the accident-prone person becomes even more susceptible to accidents through boredom, loneliness, pre-occupations, anxiety, frustration, fear, excitement and mental conflict. Often, a specific worry or anxiety precedes the accident. It is essential to try to find out what your child's anxieties are. To do this, you may need professional help.
Accident-prone people tend

to have childless marriages, a high divorce rate, frequent changes in many types of jobs, adventurousness, irresponsibility and aggressiveness. Under stress, they make up their minds quickly and are often at odds with authority.

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Locomotives leasing OK

By SHERRY CONOHAN
Register Statehouse Bureau

TRENTON — The Commuter Operating Agency yesterday approved the leasing of 10 locomotives for year for use on Conrail's North Jersey Coast line, formerly the New York and Long Branch Railroad, to replace older vintage engines which frequently break down.

The COA, at an emergency meeting, authorized the lease arrangement with National Locomotive Co. in Morristown to help the railroad better keep to its schedules and to permit the overhauling of older engines in need of heavy work.

The locomotives, to be rented at a cost of \$150 each per day, will be available to the state after Jan. 1 and can be put into service as soon as State Transportation Department personnel inspect and approve them. G. W. Herkner, assistant to the director of commuter services, said all 10 locomotives would be put into service sometime in January.

The locomotives that will be leased are 10 to 12 years old, according to Mr. Herkner. The locomotives they will replace were built 25 years ago in 1952.

Conrail figures show that there were 11 locomotive failures on the North Jersey Coast line in October, 13 in November and seven so far in December.

Twenty of the 29 older vintage locomotives now in service on the line, which runs New York and Newark south to Bayhead, have been targeted by the Department of Transportation for heavy overhauling because they cannot provide reliable service. The department has authorized the overhauling of only one of these locomotives thus far, however, in an effort to draw up a prototype of specifications from it for the others on the type and extent of repairs that are needed.

Mr. Herkner said the department has not yet decided whether it definitely will proceed with the overhauling of the 19 engines. He said what happens to them hinges on what is contained in the final operating plan, now being developed, for the railroad after electrification is extended from South Amboy to the Red Bank-Long Branch area.

If the plan shows the engines aren't needed after the line is electrified, they may not be overhauled, he explained.

The first phase of electrification, extending it from South Amboy to Matawan, is scheduled to be completed by

1980 and the second phase, carrying electrification to an as yet undesignated terminus in the Red Bank-Long Branch vicinity, is slated for completion in 1981.

Cahill suggests Case bow to age and not run again

TRENTON (AP) — Former Republican Gov. William T. Cahill suggested yesterday that U.S. Sen. Clifford Case, R-N.J., is too old to seek re-election next year.

Case, 73, has indicated he plans to seek another six-year Senate term, but he

has not made a formal announcement.

"He (Case) will be 80 years of age at the end of that term," Cahill was quoted as saying. "You can't run a company that way; you wouldn't have a company."

Cahill made his remarks

in an interview with Harry Sayen, the former Mercer County Republican chairman who writes a political column for the Trenton Times.

An aide to Case described him as a "very young 73" and as a man who is in excellent physical condition.

"His age is his age and he wants to leave it up to the voters to decide whether he'll return to the Senate," said Frances Henderson, Case's administrative assistant.

Cahill, 65, was said to be on a business trip in Pennsylvania and Case was said

to be doing some last-minute Christmas shopping.

The former governor was quoted further as saying he believes "older" Republicans should step aside to help revitalize the GOP in New Jersey.

"The older Republicans will have to recognize that

there comes a time in life when you have to step aside. Older people seem to want to hang on together. I feel that when a man reaches 65, it's time to consider not to run for elective office. He should retire to make room for a younger man."



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Firm fills Casino box with forms

TRENTON (AP) — Resorts International unloaded 10 boxes of application forms and gave a non-refundable \$100.00 fee to the New Jersey Casino Control Commission yesterday to become the first company to file for an Atlantic City casino gambling license.

"I can see the point of most of it, but the forms are very, very thorough," said James Crosby, Resorts board chairman.

State casino law requires extensive personal histories, financial statements and tax records of an interested company's officers and top employees.

"Although the application is very comprehensive, there is nothing we haven't answered," Crosby said.

Casino Control Commission Chairman Joseph Lordi said the forms would be referred to the state Division of Gaming Enforcement for investigation.

See a stronger N.J. in 1978

TRENTON (AP) — The state's official economic forecasters predicted yesterday that New Jersey's economy would improve faster than the national economy in 1978 and would experience a further 1.5 percent decline in unemployment.

The state Economic Policy Council said in its year end review that New Jersey unemployment would decline from the current 8.5 percent level to 7 percent

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Public advocate will check nuclear plant cost overrun

By SHERRY CONOHAN
Statehouse Correspondent

TRENTON — The Department of the Public Advocate yesterday announced plans to challenge the effort by Jersey Central Power and Light Co. to get customers to help pay for construction cost overruns on a new nuclear power plant through a rate increase.

Public Advocate Stanley C. Van Ness said the department's Division of Rate Counsel has hired the accounting firm of Touche, Ross and Company to conduct an in-depth audit of the costs involved in the construction of the Three-Mile Island II plant on the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania.

If the cost overrun would be attributed to business mismanagement, the public advocate can be expected to argue that stockholders — rather than customers — should pick up the difference.

The plant, due to go into service by May, is being built at a cost of \$642 million, 350 percent higher than the original cost projection made in 1969, according to the public advocate.

Jersey Central, which owns 25 percent of the new nuclear facility and is seeking approval to up its share of ownership to 65 percent, has applied to the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners for a \$117 million rate increase, largely to cover part of the cost of plant construction.

Mr. Van Ness said the requested rate increase, if granted, would hike basic rates charged customers of JCP&L, which serves Monmouth County and all or parts of 12 other counties in New Jersey, by 8 percent.

This — coupled with a \$20.1 million rate increase granted the company in September, which amounts to a 4 percent boost in basic rates — will mean a total rate increase of 12 percent for cus-

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tomers, he said.

The September rate increase won't show up in electric bills until after March 1 because it is being offset until then by a \$23.5 million reduction in JCP&L's fuel adjustment clause.

"We feel electricity consumers should not be required to pick up the entire tab when a utility grossly underestimates construction costs," Mr. Van Ness said in announcing the department's action. "We are trying to determine through the audit if the cost overruns might have been the result of bad management decisions."

JCP&L disputed the allegation that there had been gross underestimates of the construction costs and took issue with Mr. Van Ness' implication there may have been any bad management decisions.

"The Three-Mile Island II plant has been under way for at least eight years, during which there have been severe inflationary pressures," the utility company said in a statement issued in response to Mr. Van Ness' announcement.

"Also in that period of time, there have been additional requirements imposed upon us by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission which could not have been foreseen," the statement continued. "Among these, for example, was the requirement that the TMI plant be built to withstand California-type earthquakes. Each one of these require-

ments has resulted in additional costs."

The company said it welcomed any competent investigation and, in fact, would work with and cooperate with the investigator.

"We further feel that any such investigation will vindicate us of any such charges as Mr. Van Ness is implying," the statement asserted.

JCP&L's rate increase request is based on the expectation that it will own 65 percent of the Three-Mile Island II plant by the time it goes into service.

The company's request to purchase an additional 40 percent interest has been approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Commissioners but has not yet been cleared by the board's Pennsylvania counterpart.

JCP&L also owns 25 percent of the Three-Mile Island I nuclear plant, which went into operation in 1974.

In addition it owns the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant in Lacey Township in Ocean County and is in the process of building another nuclear power facility, the Forked River plant, on the same 800-acre tract in Lacey Township where the Oyster Creek facility is located.

The Department of Public Advocate earlier filed suit seeking to block construction of the Forked River plant, but lost the case. That plant now is scheduled to be completed in 1983.

The schedule for the Three-Mile Island II plant calls for nuclear fuel to start being loaded in January and for tests to begin in February and March. It is expected to be in service by no later than May.

In addition to the four nuclear plants in which it has a direct interest, JCP&L also buys electricity from two other nuclear plants in York County, Pa.

Army denies any plans to cut 600 additional jobs at ECOM

By JIM OSTROFF

FT. MONMOUTH — The Army denied yesterday that it is now planning a 600-person cutback at the Electronics Command (ECOM). However, it did not rule out new reductions by next fall.

Meanwhile, a union official here said the Army is proceeding with cutbacks of eight and six employees at ECOM and the Satellite Communications Agency (SATCOM), respectively.

Col. Charles Hammaker, chief of public affairs with ECOM's Virginia-based parent agency, contested published reports that up to 600 ECOM employees would soon be fired for economy reasons.

Last week, Herbert Cahn, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, Local 476, said he had learned a new cutback of possibly up to 600 ECOM employees would soon begin.

"At the present time," Col. Hammaker said, "the Army is planning no reductions at ECOM for fiscal year 1978." (This fiscal year ends Sept. 30, 1978.)

"This decision is as solid as we can make it. But if there should be new general manpower cuts in the Army," the colonel added, "the cutbacks will have to fall where they may. For instance, if Congress cuts our budget before the fiscal year's end, there could be new cuts at Ft. Monmouth. But we can't predict this now."

On Wednesday, Rep. James J. Howard, D-N.J., received a letter from Charles R. Smith, a special assistant for congressional affairs in ECOM's

parent command, further denying an impending massive job cutback here.

"The U.S. Army Electronics Command (ECOM) foresees no additional manpower reductions of such (600 person) proportions," Mr. Smith wrote.

Mr. Cahn conceded yesterday that he was "way off base" with his original prediction of a 600 job layoff. "It was based on my feeling that SATCOM would get a 3 percent cutback and this agency hasn't suffered as much (with

cutbacks) as ECOM in the past. It turned out," he added, "I was totally wrong."

Mr. Cahn contested, however, Col. Hammaker's statement that no new cutbacks are being planned. He noted that a 3 percent cutback, or 6 job spaces, was indeed ordered by the Army for SATCOM on Dec. 8. In addition, he said that eight job positions were to be cut at ECOM. There are about 7,000 ECOM employees.

"This is DARCUM's (Army Materiel Development and

Readiness Command) portion of an Army-wide manpower reduction and is to be completed by next September," he added.

The union official said he did not feel that this latest 14 person cutback would result in any employee layoffs, noting they could be absorbed by attrition.

Mr. Cahn stated, however, that even this small "reduction in force" seemed to be part of an Army plan to continuously reduce manpower here.

"This does fall into a pattern of gradual reductions. Inevitably," he added, "these cuts add up and they tax a community that depends heavily on the fort as the source of its local economy."

Specifically, Mr. Cahn noted that since mid-1974, ECOM's employment strength has been cut by 1,382 jobs. This figure does not take into account another 414 jobs that are to be eliminated or transferred to other installations with the pending ECOM reorganization.



CARTER CHRISTMAS — President Carter, First Lady Rosalynn Carter and daughter Amy pose in front of White House Christmas tree. The official White House photo was released yesterday. The first family is spending the holidays in Plains, Ga.

Garbage

City businessman gripes to council

By ANN BRENOFF

LONG BRANCH — There was a lot of garbage discussed at the City Council meeting last night.

The council, prompted by a request from Joseph Tuzzio, owner of the Silver Dollar Bar on Morris Avenue, discussed the garbage collection schedules as they affect businesses.

Mr. Tuzzio maintained at the last public council meeting that the Broadway business district is provided garbage collection by the city seven days a week, while the 16 businesses in his area are given only twice-weekly collections.

"Why are their businesses any different than our businesses?" asked Mr. Tuzzio.

Councilmen last night called upon Charles Praskac Jr., director of public works, to provide them with the an-

swers. Mr. Praskac maintains that there is insufficient need to increase garbage pick-up along the Morris and Third Avenues area.

He further stated that merchants in that area have their garbage picked up regularly on Mondays and Thursdays; then again on Wednesdays during the all-city garbage sweep; and then again during the weekend, if it is on the curb and the truck driver spots it.

"That means they can have it picked up four times a week," said Mr. Praskac.

Mayor Henry R. Cioffi also told the council that additional pick-ups in that area are unnecessary.

Several councilmen suggested conducting a city-wide survey to determine if other business areas are in need of

additional garbage pick-up service.

The mayor disputed the need for such a survey saying, "You have an absolutely adequate service for those businesses in that area. It's working. Just because one guy gets up here and complains, you're going to change the whole system?"

"I am familiar with the Third Avenue area and I have not seen a garbage problem in that area," continued the mayor.

The matter was tentatively resolved by the council agreeing to notify Mr. Tuzzio of the available collection schedule to determine if he was making full use of it.

The council also postponed any discussion on a proposed rent leveling ordinance. A special meeting was scheduled for Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. to hold this discussion.

West Long Branch fire follows chief's warning

WEST LONG BRANCH — Police are investigating a suspicious fire that caused minor damage in an unfinished building at the Peter Cooper Village apartment complex yesterday — two days after Fire Chief C. Hoyt Gilman had warned that there was insufficient water pressure to fight a serious fire there.

"I could not rule out that there was no type of incendiary material there," said Detective John Demaree. "There are a lot of possibilities."

The fire, which broke out in a pile of pipe insulation on a concrete floor, was put out in a matter of minutes. Firemen pulled the rolls of insulation, each about three feet long and four to five inches in diameter, outside where they were sprayed with water from portable tanks.

The fire was reported at 5:15 p.m. by a West Long Branch fireman who lived nearby and saw smoke coming from the structure. Both West Long Branch fire companies responded.

According to Detective Demaree, the apartment building where the fire broke out was complete except for wiring, windows and doors.

There was no electricity in the building.

Informed of the fire and its suspicious nature, Mayor Henry Shaheen said, "I wonder why anybody would want to do anything like that, what the purpose of that would be."

Two days ago, Fire Chief Gilman stated publicly that the 200 senior citizens expected to live in the 140-unit, \$6 million dollar apartment complex would be endangered by a lack of water pressure.

Chief Gilman complained that he had been given "a gigantic run-around" by state officials when he pointed out that the existing water main could only supply between 800 and 900 gallons of water a minute. This, he said, did not meet the 1,465 gallon-per-minute standard of the National Fire Protection Association code needed to effectively fight a fire in the largest of the nine clusters of four buildings in the complex.

Chief Gilman and other fire officials had spent the last six months trying to correct the water situation with no response from state officials.

Mayor Shaheen, who has been an ardent supporter of the project and who has dis-

puted Chief Gilman's contentions, said he hoped the chief's charges had not inspired anyone to set the fire.

"I would hate to think that," he said. "It would be a very poor kind of a thing."

"If there is a problem with water pressure it can be proved through other methods—but of course we don't know that there is a connection," Mayor Shaheen continued. "This could be somebody's prank or somebody's mischief. It is a bad combination of circumstances."

"We will not allow our senior citizens to be under apprehension," he added. "We will not allow there to be any lack of fire prevention for that project."

Chief Gilman, who responded to the fire despite a bad case of the flu, was unavailable for comment.

Christmas services planned in Rumson

RUMSON — Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist services at St. George's by the River Episcopal Church, here, will be held at 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.

On Christmas Day, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at an 11:15 a.m. service.

MCAP trustees who left schedule a reorganization

By ANN BRENOFF

LONG BRANCH — The 10 trustees who walked out of the Monmouth Community Action Program (MCAP) reorganization meeting last October, since declared invalid in Superior Court, have called for another reorganization meeting to be held Tuesday.

Public notices were distributed yesterday stating that a special meeting will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Eatontown municipal building for reorganizational purposes.

Agenda items include election and seating of new officers for the coming year; the naming of official newspapers and the official depository; selection of meeting dates and the seating of members

elected in the Sept. 14 trustee elections.

Last week, Superior Court Judge Merritt Lane Jr. effectively "turned the clock back" and declared that MCAP's annual meeting of Oct. 11 was null and void.

Ten board members walked out of that meeting, leaving it without a quorum, because Reinaldo Nazario — then board chairman — insisted on remaining at the meeting and voting, despite his having been removed as a representative to the board by the Spanish Fraternity.

The MCAP board is composed of seven community representatives chosen by civic groups; seven members appointed by the county freeholders and seven members elected at large.

According to Clarence Gale, one of the trustees who walked out of the Oct. 11 meeting, the 10 trustees called for a reorganizational meeting to be held this Tuesday "in keeping with Judge Lane's order."

The judge also scheduled a hearing for Feb. 1 to determine whether Wilbert C. Russell should be removed as MCAP's executive director and a receiver appointed by the court to administer the agency.

Mr. Gale said the 10 trustees had the authority to call for the special meeting based on provisions in MCAP's bylaws.

These provisions, said Mr. Gale, allow for special meetings to be called by either the

board chairman or by any seven members of the board.

Notices of the meeting have been sent to the five people elected on Sept. 14 and to seven already seated board members.

The meeting notice is signed by Mr. Gale, David Cohen, Herbert Werner, William Williams, William Seaman, Juan Andujar, Dimas Montalvo, William Leon, Paul Smith and Robert Maggs.

86th floor leap ends on 85th

NEW YORK (AP) — A 26-year-old artist from Hawaii was held for psychiatric observation today after he jumped from the 86th floor of the Empire State Building in an attempt to kill himself, police said.

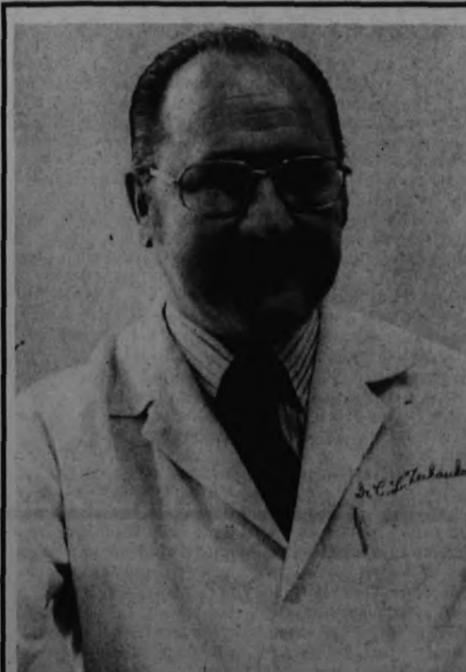
They said John Helms, of Mountain View, Hawaii, leaped from the 86th floor observation deck but was stopped short on the way down when he hit a 3-foot ledge on the 85th floor, 15 feet below.

A police officer said high winds — 30 miles an hour, according to the National Weather Service — probably saved Helms' life by blowing him back against the building after he jumped.

Helms lay on the ledge about half an hour before he managed to open a window to the NBC television transmitter room on the 85th floor and crawl inside about 7:15 p.m.

Name 9 to chorus

HOLMDEL — Nine member of the Holmdel High School Chorus have been named to the 1978 All Shore Chorus: Robert Abate, Kim Blessing, Michele Broder, Donald Caroli, Thomas Codella, Glenn Kelman, Kathy Lindsay, Linda Pappas and Ellen Tuchband. Earlier this year, Natalie Wu and Louise Codella were named to the All-State Chorus.



Register photo by George Andrews
DOCTOR OF THE YEAR — Dr. Charles L. Zukaukas, chief of surgery at Monmouth Medical Center, has been chosen physician of the year by the state division of the American Cancer Society.

'Doc Z' rates new nickname

By ANN BRENOFF

LONG BRANCH — The man known to hundreds as "Doc Z" has been bestowed still another moniker. Now you can call him "Top Doc."

Dr. Charles L. Zukaukas, chief of surgery at Monmouth Medical Center, has been chosen New Jersey physician of the year and presented with the 1977 Physician's Award — the highest honor bestowed upon a doctor by the state division of the American Cancer Society.

"Doc Z," as many of his patients choose to call him, has been a specialist in treating cancer for most of his medical career.

The tall, soft-spoken surgeon has been a volunteer with the American Cancer Society for the last 20 years.

From his office at 255 Third Ave., here, he noted yesterday that patients are reaping the benefits of the

various public-awareness programs.

"The public today is very much aware of the signs of cancer," he commented.

"And this awareness has led to them seeking earlier treatment and sometimes avoiding hideous consequences in doing so," added the doctor.

"The American Cancer Society has done a wonderful job as far as public and professional education is concerned," he continued.

Dr. Zukaukas, who is also a professor of surgery at the Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, is a graduate of Rutgers University.

He received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where he was president of his class.

Dr. Zukaukas has been chief of surgery at Monmouth Medical Center since 1970.

Acorn big factor in record deer harvest

George Howard, chief of the state's Game Management Bureau, credits the excellent acorn crop in south Jersey's pinelands for that new state record harvest of 7,814 deer bagged during the firearms season.

The unexpected large harvest of bucks in the south was largely responsible for the new record of 14,063 deer in the archery, firearms and special seasons. There were 3,883 deer reported on the Dec. 14 either-sex season and 2,366 were reported for the archery season. The previous record take was set in the seasons 1976-77 including 7,140 firearms, 3,768 special, 1,960 archery and 150 during last January's winter bow season.

The combined take was 13,018 deer, already surpassed this time, and we still have a special winter either sex season to go. It will be held Jan. 7-21 and of course 1978 archery licenses will be required.

The huge increase of 674 animals during the firearms season had not been anticipated, especially because the first day's take was only 3,818 compared to 4,533 last year. Opening day is usually the big one in hunting but the weather was abominable on Dec. 5 with snow in the northern counties and a deluge of rain in the south.

The weather continued against hunters for most of the season in the north but it was milder in the south. The increases in the harvest were particularly impres-

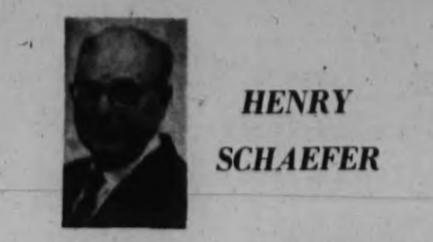
sive in the following counties: Atlantic, 928 compared to 381 last year; Burlington, 720-476; Cape May, 168-103; Cumberland, 473-303; and Ocean, 505-325.

Howard said that because of the greatly increased food supply in the pinelands the year-and-a-half old bucks had grown legal antlers large enough to be seen. In years of limited food, meaning a poor acorn crop, the bucks often fail to develop legal antlers in the first fall of their maturity.

"The success of the season all seems to hinge on the food supply in that area," Howard said. He added that deer cropping has already resulted in larger and healthier animals in the overpopulated Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in Morris County.

Probably most sportsmen were unaware of the importance of the scrub oak trees in the so-called pinelands. In years when the oaks produce plenty of acorns the deer thrive and the young bucks produce visible antlers. When food is scarce only the older bucks will have antlers.

Even on good range bucks do not always develop antlers. Twice in my experience while hunting for deer of either sex I shot large, fully mature bucks that had mere knobs instead of antlers. And twice more I shot bucks that had already shed their antlers, once in November



HENRY SCHAEFER

and once in December.

Ralph Space who runs a wild animal farm in Sussex County, including whitetail deer, says bucks not infrequently shed their antlers quite early in the fall. He says this is particularly true of very large bucks. They're bald before the hunting season.

QUAIL BEING STOCKED

The Game Management Bureau on Monday started bi-weekly releases of game farm quail on a number of wildlife management areas. They included the Assunpink and Colliers Mills tracts and the Greenwood Forest.

The releases will continue into the New Year. While

the pheasant season will close on Dec. 31, the season for quail, squirrel, grouse and rabbits will continue to Feb. 11. Quail will not be stocked during inclement weather, of which we have had more than our fair share, and so the releases may continue into February.

Quail are stocked in coverts. Unlike pheasants these birds cannot endure intense cold but depend upon the body heat generated by their companions for survival. When resting, or asleep, the entire covey sits in a tight circle, all heads facing out and as close to one another as possible. On the snow the marks of a resting covey look like a doughnut.

Should dog or man, or whatever else, get too close the entire covey explodes into flight. In hunter parlance this is called a "covey rise" and if you don't know the birds are there the racket of 12 birds roaring up as one will be disconcerting, to say the least.

The game farm quail may be the best bet for what remains of the upland season. Wild quail are relatively scarce this year. Rabbits have not been lying out in the fields. Grouse are scarce and ditto for pheasants. Squirrels are still plentiful in some woods but tend to remain in their leaf nests and hollow trees during bad weather in the winter.

Attention on Scott, Pearson in Bears, Cowboys clash

DALLAS (AP) — The pregame talk has focused on the runners and the quarterbacks, but two of the best wide receivers in the National Football Conference will be on the field Monday in the first-round playoff game between the Dallas Cowboys and the Chicago Bears.

One of the prime reasons for Chicago's six-game winning streak and first appearance in the playoffs since 1963 is slippery James Scott, a second-year pro from Henderson Junior College, who was born in Longview, Texas.

And one of the best clutch receivers in the National Football League is Dallas' fluid Drew Pearson, who has caught at least one pass in his last 45 games.

Scott caught 50 passes to rank second behind Ahmad Rashad of the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC and Pearson grabbed 48 passes.

"Scott is a great concern to us because nobody really ever hears about him with Walter Payton on the Bear team," said Cowboys scout Eral Allen. "There's a tendency to overlook him but you'd better not. They (the Bears) will throw the ball to him and he's a dangerous one-two punch with Payton."

Bears quarterback Bob Avellini threw three touchdown passes to Scott, who gained 809 yards and averaged 16.2 yards per catch.

Pearson's credentials are well known. He has caught some memorable touchdown passes — the Thanksgiving Day pass in the last minute of a game against Washington from Clint Longley in 1975 and the "Hail Mary" bomb from Roger Staubach in the final seconds of a 1975 playoff against Minnesota.

The former free agent from Tulsa also caught a touchdown pass against Pittsburgh in Super Bowl X.

Pearson caught only two touchdown passes during the 1977 regular season — one for 67 yards — but he averaged 18.1 yards on his 48 receptions.

He was hampered at midseason by a severely sprained wrist

which required a cast and uncharacteristically dropped several passes. But Staubach never has deserted Pearson and usually goes to him in a pressure situation.

"Roger knows that I won't let any dropped passes bother me," said Pearson.

Staubach said, "Drew and I have played together so long that I don't even have to look and I know where he will be."

There was one situation against Washington this year when it was a good thing Pearson was looking.

Cedar Ridge matmen hand Huskies 3rd loss

MATAWAN — Bill Maher, Mark Metzitz, Fred Dias and Ron Williams of Cedar Ridge all scored pins to lead the Cougars (3-0) to a 43-11 victory over Matawan (1-3) in wrestling yesterday.

The Cougars' Joe Beragine scored a superior decision, 13-0, over Joe Robins (108).

Lorin Herbert (158) and James Jeffcoat (Unl) of the Huskies beat their opponents while James Schanck and Bill Steward drew with their opponents.

Shore 35, Manchester 26
WEST LONG BRANCH — Greg Stackhouse (115), Brian Baker (148), John Carroll (188), and Jos McGroarity (Unl.) pinned their opponents.

Shore's Joe Gallo scored a

15-6 major decision over Jim Varelle. Shore is 2-1.

Cedar Ridge 42, Matawan 11

- 101 — Ron Bile (C) d. Pete Jones 9-3
- 108 — Joe Beragine (C) d. Joe Robins 13-0
- 115 — Bill Maher (C) p. Greg Fuery 5-2
- 122 — James Schanck (M) drew Tom Metzitz 7-7
- 128 — Mark Metzitz (C) p. John Goodrow 4-4
- 148 — Don Daly (C) d. Russell Frericks 2-1
- 141 — Tom Brian (C) d. James Wing 11-0
- 148 — Fred Dias (C) p. Bill Markowitz 13-2
- 158 — Lorin Herbert (M) d. John Duffly 8-7
- 170 — Bill Steward (M) drew Ron Schanck 4-4
- 188 — Ron Williams (C) p. Sam Fedele 4-2
- Unl. — James Jeffcoat (M) d. Fred Haynes 6-3

Shore 35, Manchester 26

- 101 — Jean Cirilo (S) d. Francis 6-7
- 108 — Rodgers (M) p. Bill Keilom 1-10
- 115 — Greg Stackhouse (S) p. McGroarity 5-4
- 122 — Thomas (M) d. Cooper 11-3
- 128 — Edwards (M) p. Foster 2-25
- 135 — Brandy (M) p. Portanova 5-59
- 141 — Gallo (S) m. Varelle 15-6
- 148 — Brian Baker (S) d. Queffron 1-0
- 158 — Gervasio (M) d. Carr 6-0
- 170 — Galvan (M) d. McCann 15-6
- 188 — John Carroll (S) p. Killion 3-21
- Unl. — McGroarity (S) p. Parrish 4-1



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GROUND GOBBLERS — Football fans will have an opportunity to observe the playing styles of the Dallas Cowboys' Tony Dorsett, left, and the Chicago Bears' Walter Payton, two of the gridiron's premier ground gobblers when the Chicago Bears face the Dallas Cowboys on Monday.

DD at Meadowlands free

RUTHERFORD — The first thoroughbred meet at the Meadowlands concludes this week with free daily double bets, a \$50,000 stake, free admission coupons to the harness meet and a New Year's Eve doubleheader.

The Meadowlands closes the 100-night thoroughbred meeting with two programs on Saturday. Harness racing returns on January 18 and continues through August 5.

Coupons that can be exchanged for a free daily double ticket will be given to all paying customers until post time for both the matinee and evening programs of

December 31. The afternoon card, which begins at 1 p.m., is the first daytime program to be run at the Big M. The regular 8 p.m. post will be in effect for that night's races. Patrons arriving too late to use the daily double coupon at either program will be given, instead, a coupon good for one free admission to the upcoming harness meet.

Special attractions on New Year's Eve include the \$50,000 Honey Bee, a handicap for fillies and mares, 3-year-old and up, at one mile, one and one-sixteenth and live entertainment throughout the clubhouse and grandstand. Six

bands will entertain the crowd and liquor and concession stands will remain open until 2 a.m. to ring in the New Year.

A coupon good for one free admission to opening night of the harness meet will be handed out to all customers this Tuesday night. Thursday night fans will receive a coupon good for one free admission to any night (except opening) of harness racing.

Despite record rainfalls, the thoroughbred meet attracted larger crowds and higher handles than the standardbreds did a year ago. When racing ends on Saturday night, the

average nightly attendance will be over 18,000 people and the average handle will be close to \$2 million. Sam Maple, who begins the final week with an insurmountable lead, will be the first jockey champion at the Meadowlands. The leading trainer title, however, may not be determined until the final program. Jim Crupi, Dave Lopez and J. Willard Thompson are separated by just a handful of wins.

NFL leaders

American Football Conference				National Football Conference			
Team	Yards	Rush	Pass	Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
Oakland	4736	2637	2109	Dallas	3852	2369	2443
Pittsburgh	4645	2758	2387	Chicago	4655	2811	1844
Baltimore	4638	2123	2465	Los Angeles	4591	2575	2016
Buffalo	4391	1863	2528	St. Louis	4523	2642	2481
Cleveland	4375	2200	2175	Minnesota	4189	1821	2368
Miami	4327	2366	1961	Washington	3615	1752	1863
New England	4310	2203	2007	New Orleans	3597	2024	1573
Seattle	4292	1964	2328	San Francisco	3597	2289	1508
Cincinnati	4181	1848	2333	Philadelphia	3578	1722	1856
San Diego	4005	1761	2244	New York Giants	3284	1897	1387
Kansas City	3926	1843	2083	Atlanta	3248	1890	1358
Denver	3906	2043	1863	Detroit	3224	1706	1518
Houston	3873	1998	1875	Green Bay	3212	1644	1748
New York Jets	3620	1618	2002	Tampa Bay	2693	1424	1269

Freehold Tomorrow

1st — PACE 1M \$1,400 Clmg.	4th — PACE 1M \$1,500	7th — PACE 1M \$2,000 Clmg.
Hoot Shooter (Filion) 2-1	Osage Princess (No driver) 2-1	Petite Moi (Kelly) 3-2
Jefferson Good Boy (Lipari) 5-2	A R Jet (Inokai) 3-1	Shafter Adios (Candiano) 3-1
Overpass (Conso) 9-2	Ripping N Racing (Vitale) 9-2	Mannart Arthur (Dancer) 4-1
Geno Boy (McGuire) 6-1	Our Day (No driver) 9-2	Tarport Star (Scarpa) 6-1
Ema Steady Star (Vinc) 10-1	J M Fruit (Filion) 8-1	Rumcinn (Hapler) 8-1
Bad Guess (Lupari) 9-1	Kippy A Minbor (Parolari) 10-1	Game Tony (King Jr) 10-1
King Stacey Blair (Dancery) 15-1	Judges Jolly Folly (Rosino) 12-1	Miss Billie Vic (George) 12-1
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- 1 — Hoot Shooter, Jefferson Good Boy, Idlewhites Bill
- 2 — Goulburn Gold, Stewart Hanover, Late Knight
- 3 — Annear A, Brets Romeo, Awesome Yankee
- 4 — Osage Princess, Ripping N Racing, A R Jet
- 5 — General Gyrona, Alleluia, Big Spender
- 6 — Mac G's Miss U, Teddy V, Seasoned Pride
- 7 — Petite Moi, Mannart Arthur, Game Tony
- 8 — James Hadley, Power, Bootsie Barrett
- 9 — Urechin, Stoned Nollon, Nauty Joe
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Terps destroy Gophers

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Larry Dick passed for 211 yards and George Scott scored two touchdowns within a three-minute span of the second quarter Thursday night as Maryland beat Minnesota 17-7 in the inaugural Hall of Fame football classic.

Scott's first touchdown came on a 2-yard plunge that capped a 69-yard drive and his other TD was a one-yard run 2:11 later after Charlie Johnson had recovered a fumble by Gophers quarterback Wendell Avery on the Minnesota 14.

But it was Dick's passing throughout the game that enabled the Terrapins, 8-4, to control the action from midway in the first quarter.

Minnesota, appearing in its first post-season game since the 1962 Rose Bowl, opened the scoring by moving 66 yards on its first possession and getting the touchdown on Marion Barber's 1-yard run after only 5:58 had elapsed.

The Gophers, 7-5, threatened again following a 32-yard field goal by Maryland's Mike Socho, but lost a fumble at the Terps' 8-yard line.

Maryland threatened twice early in the third quarter, failing once at the Minnesota 26 when a fourth-and-one gamble failed and later after reaching the 7 when Scott fumbled and Keith Brown recovered for Minnesota on the 16.

Minnesota threatened only twice in the second half, the first time on a drive that

reached the Maryland 34 where Paul Rogind had a 52-yard field goal try blocked by Lloyd Buruss.

The second time came in the closing minutes of play when Avery completed a 25-yard pass and Maryland was assessed a 15-yard penalty, giving the Gophers a first down at the 27.

Avery was trapped several times and Maryland ended up taking possession at its 46.

Avery sparked Minnesota's first-quarter scoring drive, completing one pass for 8 yards and carry three times for 30 yards, including a 17-yard run to the Maryland 8.

Dick, who completed 12 of 20 passes for his 211 yards, accounted for most of the yards in the initial Terps' scoring march on a 57-yard pass to Eric Sievers, who caught a short toss over the middle at

the Minnesota 45 and raced to the 7, where Brown made the tackle.

Two plays later, Scott had his first touchdown.

Johnson, named the game's outstanding defensive player, keyed a tough Maryland defense that had little trouble with the Gophers after the early stages of the game. He was in on 15 tackles, four of those for losses, caused two fumbles

and recovered the one that set up the Terps' second score.

Maryland receiver Chuck White, who caught 8 passes for 126 yards, was named the game's top offensive performer.

The game, with net profits going to the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, drew a crowd of 47,000 on a cool night with the temperature in the 30s.



UP, BUT NOT OVER — Minnesota fullback Kent Kitzman (44) goes high in an effort to score from the Maryland one during the first quarter Hall of Fame game in Birmingham, Ala. Making the stop for the Terps are linebackers John Douglas (48) and Neak Oikewicz (47). Minnesota scored on the next play.

Lion secondary to be tested

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Cornerback Mike Guman and the rest of the Penn State secondary should meet their toughest challenge of the 1977 football season Christmas day when they try to top Arizona State All-America split end John Jefferson.

"He's the best receiver I've ever coached," says Frank Kush, coach of the Western Athletic Conference co-champions.

Many coaches say that about a player, but in Jefferson's case the remark has real meaning. Kush has sent such Arizona State receivers as Charley Taylor, J. D. Hill, Jerry Smith and Ben Hawkins to the National Football League.

Jefferson's statistics speak loudly. In Arizona State's 9-2 campaign, the 186-pound receiver caught 53 passes for 912 yards and eight touchdowns. He averaged 17.2 a catch. Oregon State Coach Craig Fertig claims there is nobody in the NFL who could cover Jefferson man-to-man, and UCLA Coach Terry Donahue observed: "If there's better receiver, I haven't seen him."

So, what do Guman and his secondary mates planned to contain the man who can't be stopped?

"First, our whole defensive team takes Jefferson as a tremendous challenge," says Guman, who switched from offense to defense after four games this season. "We'll try to hold him up at the line, take away his patterns."

Guman says the films of No. 5 Arizona State indicated Jefferson does not favor any particular area of the field.

"He's all over. He takes the sideline, the wide part of the field, goes deep, hooks, everything," Guman said.

Guman says Jefferson's biggest asset, next to his ability to

catch anything within reach, is his knack for changing pace.

"He lulls you to sleep," Guman said. "Then he explodes. He accelerates fast. We'll have to double team him at times, but we can't forget they have some other good receivers."

Guman has been the center of a minor storm at Penn State. He came to the Nittany Lions as one of the best high school running backs in Pennsylvania. Last year as a freshman he led the team in scoring, was third in rushing and tied for fourth in receiving.

At the start of the 1977 season, he was at tailback, and after four games led the team in scoring.

But after Penn State's only loss of the season (to Kentucky) Coach Joe Paterno called Guman to his office.

"He asked me if I would switch to defense," said Guman. "He said it was up to me. I didn't have to switch. But it would help the team to be great. He needed help in the secondary."

Guman said he was disappointed, that he didn't know what to do. He had experience on defense. He played both ways in high school and was a safety the first four games of his freshman year at Penn State. But offense was his bag.

"I called my parents, talked with a couple of close friends at school, and finally decided that it would be better for me and the team to make the change. I felt I could be just as good on defense as offense. It would help round my skills."

So Guman became a defensive halfback, and did a superb job in helping the Lions to their 10-1 season and No. 8 ranking. Now he plans to finish his college career on defense.

'Big Mouth' spills the beans on NHL affairs

NEW YORK (AP) — Notes from the pro hockey beat: With all due deference to Woodward and Bernstein's "Deep Throat," the source which helped them complete their Watergate investigation, we'll call our source "Big Mouth."

Now, "Big Mouth" tells us there has been a minor uproar in the offices of National Hockey League Services here. The NHL staff's anger is not as much over alleged improprieties by NHL President Don Rick, they're up in arms over the claim by a Toronto writer that staff members also were involved in some questionable affairs.

A story by Don Ramsay of the Toronto Globe and Mail alleged "that NHL staff members have been allowed to take female companions on business trips, first class."

In fact, the wording of the report on the NHL's internal audit of NHL, its marketing and public relations branch says that "has been policy for all staff employees to travel first class. In addition, it has been a policy that staff members are allowed to take wives or female companions on various business trips."

The staff members, married and single alike, take um-

brage at the accusation inferred by "female companions."

"Big Mouth" and other highly-placed NHL sources have confirmed certain allegations in the Toronto story. But other claims, including the "female companions" bit, are unfounded.

Just because they are "allowed" to take wives or female companions on trips doesn't mean that all staffers have done so.

"Big Mouth" hasn't been wrong yet.

Don't be misled by the attendance figures you've been seeing the bottom of the summaries from New York Rangers games at Madison Square Garden. Attendance has been listed as 17,500 for every game in recent memory, but bear in mind that the NHL does not publish "no show" figures as does the National Football League.

If it did, Rangers attendances would be lower than announced.

And while we're on the subject, when is someone going to remind the Rangers that hockey games are 60 minutes long

and that a full 60-minute performance would win a lot more games?

"You got me," said one of the Rangers.

Don't envy the members of the Pro Hockey Writers Association who have been designated to name the first-team and second-team All-Stars in the Prince of Wales Conference for this season's contest. It's not that the job won't be as difficult for the Clarence Campbell Conference selectors, it's just that the Wales selector provides so much high-quality talent.

Take goalies, for example. The foremost netminders in the Wales Conference, where durability is concerned, are Rogie Vachon of Los Angeles, Don Edwards of Buffalo and Mike Palmateer of Toronto. No question about that.

But how can you ignore the work of Montreal's Ken Dryden, who has more than carried his share of the load for the defending Stanley Cup champs? Do you leave him off because he's playing behind one of the best defenses in the world and the other guys aren't?

Somebody's got to be odd man out. You aren't going to

see four goalies in uniform for the Wales folks at gametime in Buffalo on Jan. 24.

And what about centers? You have to pick from Marcel Dionne of Los Angeles, Gil Perreault of Buffalo, Jacques Lemaire of Montreal who just happens to make most of the plays for Steve Shutt and Guy Lafleur, Jean Ratelle of Boston, Darryl Sittler of Toronto who keys the Leafs' top line with right wing Lanny McDonald and left wing Dave Williams, Dennis Maruk of Cleveland and even Guy Charron of the Troubled Washington Capitals.

It's a shame so many people fear for their jobs in hockey these days. One Detroit Red Wing player got off a pretty funny line the other night but begged a friend not to use his name when the quote made its way into the newspapers.

After Detroit had been given up countless breakaways and lost 6-2, this fellow said, "Our defense was parting the way the Red Sea did for Moses." Then he quickly added, "Hey, Don't quote me on that. I'll get hanged."

Ringo's reign ends as Buffalo head coach

BUFFALO — Jim Ringo's long suffering as head coach of the Buffalo Bills ended yesterday when owner Ralph Wilson Jr. let him go.

Wilson said that Ringo, whose teams won only three games while losing 20 during the 1977 and part of the 1976 seasons, won't be back as head coach next year.

Neely retired once before in June 1971. That was after he had a disappointing season and missed the Super Bowl because he was injured in a motor bike accident. Neely, who had been a perennial All-



RALPH NEELY will be lost to the team for Monday's National Football Conference playoff game against the Los Angeles

Rams, a Vikings spokesman here said.

McClanahan, a 5-foot-10, 202-pounder, carried 95 times for 324 yards and one touchdown this season. He'll be replaced in the Minnesota lineup by Robert Miller, a 5-11, 204-pounder who carried 46 times for 152 yards this season, the team spokesman said.

McClanahan's operation in Minneapolis was to repair cartilage in his knee, the spokesman said, adding that the knee "stiffened up" on him in practice Wednesday.

The NFC Central champion Vikings are practicing in Tucson, Ariz., for the playoff game in the Los Angeles Coliseum against the Western Division champion Rams.

DENVER — Denver line-backer Randy Gradishar continues to be troubled with a sprained ankle and his status

for Saturday's National Football League playoff game against Pittsburgh is uncertain, Coach Red Miller said yesterday.

"It'll be touch-and-go with Randy. I'm afraid," Miller said after Gradishar was able to participate in only part of Thursday's practice session. "He says he'll play, and we'd like to have him in there, because he's a strength. But his ankle hasn't improved as much as we'd hoped."

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — University of Arkansas Athletic Director Frank Broyles last night upheld Coach Lou Holtz' decision to suspend three key football players from the Orange Bowl game against Oklahoma.

Following a two-hour appeal hearing, Broyles an-

nounced that running back Ben Cowins and Michael Forrest and flanker Donny Bobo had not been kicked off the team, nor had they lost their football scholarships.

However, Broyles said that Holtz' decision to ban the players from the Jan. 2 Orange Bowl game in Miami would stand.

Broyles' decision apparently ended the first appeal that the players could use in their attempt to be reinstated for the Orange Bowl game.

Sports briefs

"We will begin the search for new head coach immediately," Wilson said in a release. "We have no preconceived notions on a successor, and there are no leading candidates at present."

Although Wilson said there are no top candidates, recent rumors put Bills' linebacker coach Jimmy Carr, former San Francisco 49ers Coach Monte Clark, and coach George Allen of the Washington Redskins in line for the job.

"We do not have a target date for the selection of a new man," said Wilson, "but expect to make a decision within a reasonable period of time."

Dallas Cowboy offensive tackle Ralph Neely said yesterday he will retire at the end of the playoffs because of physical reasons.

The 13-year veteran from Oklahoma has numerous business interests in the Dallas area and he said, "the time

Pro, never regained that status."

MOBILE, Ala. — St. Louis Cardinal Coach Don Coryell was named yesterday as head coach of the North squad for the Senior Bowl football game here Jan. 7.

Coryell will plot strategy against Atlanta Falcons Coach Leeman Bennett, who earlier was tapped as South coach in the nationally televised NBC contest between top college seniors.

Coryell and Bennett will bring their pro staffs to serve as assistants for the game.

The list of players invited by Senior Bowl officials was announced earlier. It includes Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell of Texas for the South and Heisman runner-up Terry Miller of Oklahoma State for the North.

LOS ANGELES — Brent McClanahan, a starting running back for the Minnesota Vikings, underwent knee surgery Thursday and thus

Backcourt battle in Classic

NEW BRUNSWICK — The first annual New Jersey Classic, featuring Fairleigh Dickinson, Seton Hall, St. Peter's and Rutgers in the Rutgers Athletic Center next Tuesday and Wednesday, could come down to a battle of backcourts.

That will be particularly true if Seton Hall and St. Peter's get past the first round and meet for the title on the second night.

Two high scoring duos could go head-to-head in that event. The Pirates' Greg Tynes and Nick Galis, felt by many to be one of the niftiest in the area, would take on the Peacocks' Kevin Bannon and Paul Siljee, whom have almost equalled the output of the others in the early season.

Tynes and Galis have combined for 38 points a game through seven contests so far and Bannon and Siljee have produced 36 between them per game. All four hail from New Jersey, Tynes (23.8) from Orange, Galis (14.2) from Union City, Bannon (18) from Verona and Siljee (18) from Clifton.

Borden leads Rumson

RUMSON — Doug Borden won the medley relay, 100-yard breaststroke and took second in the diving competition to lead the Rumson-Fair Haven High School swim team (1-1) to a 135-25 victory over Long Branch yesterday.

The Bulldogs took first place in all events with Nancy Wilson winning the 200-yard free style, Rob Brodsky winning the 200 individual

medley and Dave Kane finishing first in the 50 free style.

Rumson-Fair Haven 135
Long Branch 25
Med relay Rumson (Steve Blake, Rob Brodsky, Tom Kane, Doug Borden) 2:00
200 yd Free — 1. Nancy Wilson (R) 2:12.9
700 Ind. Med — 1. Rob Brodsky (R) 23:22.7
50 yd Free — 1. Dave Chaveller (R) 29.3
100 Butterfly — 1. Tom Crow (R) 1:50
100 yd Free — 1. Whelchel (R) 1:58.9
200 yd Free — 1. Steve Ross (R) 3:08.9
100 yd Back — 1. Tom Kane (R) 1:05
100 yd Breaststroke — 1. Doug Borden (R) 2:00

300 Free Relay — Rumson (Steve Knopp, Peter Knopp, Tom Bain, Nancy Whelchel)
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Disney veteran creates Elliott, the charming dragon

By BOB THOMAS
LOS ANGELES (AP) — One of the bright new stars of the holiday movie season is named Elliott. He's a dragon, the creation of a bearded 43-year Disney veteran named Ken Anderson.

Anderson doesn't look it, but he's a great-grandfather — "and I wasn't even so good as a grandfather," he quips. He was ready to retire from Disney Productions a year or so ago when executive producer Ron Miller tossed a challenge at him: help put a full-sized dragon on the screen and make him perform with human actors.



THE STAR IS A DRAGON — Disney Studio animator Ken Anderson holds a model of his creation, Elliott the dragon. Anderson was ready to retire when studio heads asked him to create an animated dragon that could perform on the screen with human characters. Half a days work and Elliott, the hit of the Disney film "Pete's Dragon," was born.

"Why not?" Ken Anderson agreed.

After all, he had been fielding challenges for Disney since 1934, when he joined the swelling group of artists Walt was collecting to make "Snow White" and other features. Newly married and inspired by the imagery of the "Silly Symphonies," Anderson thought the studio might be an interesting place to work.

Walt Disney learned Anderson had been an architect and assigned him to devise new ways to photograph cartoons. Since then he has been dazzling with his versatility, creating everything from cartoon characters to Disneyland attractions.

"I had finished doing the characters for another feature, 'Catfish Bend,' and was about ready to retire," said Anderson. "Then Ron gave me an original story that he said Walt had been interested in."

"It was about a boy and his dragon, but the dragon never appeared to anyone. The village had to keep making up excuses for all the damage that happened — a freak storm or something. The dragon came into the story only in the boy's dream, and then he was just a storybook dragon with no intimation of personality."

"I was really on a spot. I felt I shouldn't be critical of something both Walt and Ron had believed in. I could have drawn a dragon out of any book, but I decided to operate on the play that Elliott appears to those who are in need of his help."

From 9 a.m. until noon one

morning, Anderson made a series of sketches for his concept of the star of "Pete's Dragon." Ron Miller and coproducer Jerome Courtland saw the result and were charmed. Miller convinced Anderson to stay on and direct the young animators who would bring Elliott to full, fire-

breathing life.

It wasn't easy. Elliot was to appear throughout the movie, doing scenes with Helen Reddy, Mickey Rooney, Red Buttons, Shelley Winters and Jim Dale. The scale had to be diminished so Elliott's face would not seem too huge in his many scenes with young Sean Marshall, who plays Pete.

"The schedule for animation was backbreaking," Anderson said. "The picture had been set with the Radio City Music Hall for this Christmas and it had to be delivered in time. Fortunately, Don Bluth, one of the young animators, came aboard as director, and he did a tremendous job."

"All of the young crew did. They worked twice as fast as we older animators could have. On 'Pete's Dragon,' you had to be young or you would die."

Disney had combined cartoons with live action before "Song of the South," "Mary Poppins" but never against natural locations. Scenes were filmed at the Disney ranch and at a lighthouse the Disney crew built from scratch near Morro Bay, Calif. Elliott was then added.

"It wasn't hard to get the actors to work in a scene with a dragon who would be painted in later," said Anderson. "They rehearsed with a model, so they knew what to ex-

pect. But the live-action crew had to be helped. They had trouble adjusting to the fact that Elliott would later fill up half the screen."

Ken Anderson expects to retire finally next April, and he plans to write and illustrate books and do some painting

— "having seen what passes for art today, I hope to restore some faith in beauty." He will leave with faith in the new crop of Disney animators — "They have the same kind of drive and ambition that we had in the '30s. Nothing is beyond them."

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Handel's 'Messiah' endures as Christmas masterpiece

By ROBERT BARR

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the greatest hits of 1742 is one of the biggest hits of Christmas 1977 and shows no signs of slowing down.

"Messiah," George Frederick Handel's best-known work, is nearly unavoidable in December — playing to eager audiences in Carnegie Hall, the Royal Albert Hall in London, and countless churches, auditoriums and college campuses.

It is an immensely popular work which nonetheless is esteemed as a masterpiece: it is an unmistakably Christian work which rated several performances this month in Tokyo; it is a technically demanding work for the most skilled performers; but the audience is likely to leave humming the tunes.

"It wears very well," says Dr. George Geyer.

Geyer should know. The Boston pediatrician has been in the chorus each December since 1946 for the Handel and Haydn Society's annual "Mes-

siah" performances at Symphony Hall.

Why is it so popular?

"Basically," Geyer says, "it is just good music."

"It is just one tune after another," says Frederick Grimes, who has directed the Christmas portion of "Messiah" at New York's Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

"I think the average person, not deeply involved in music, not only wants excitement, but something to remember," Grimes says.

The oratorio is chock full of high points. Foremost, of course, is the "Hallelujah" chorus. But there is also the sprightly chorus "For unto us a child is born" the soothing aria "He shall feed his flock" and the robust interplay of bass and trumpet in "A trumpet shall sound." Everyone has a favorite.

"It is accessible," says Thomas Dunn, music director of the Handel and Haydn Society. "The scriptural text is an advantage. People are familiar with it... and most people are familiar with the music."

"It is the one work that is loved no matter how it is

done," adds David Randall, who directed the Masterwork Chorus in a demanding series of eight performances in the New York area.

"I suppose there are people who say, 'Well, it's Christmas. I better repent and wear the hairshirt and go hear 'Messiah.'"

"There are other oratorios by Handel that are just as beautiful. I can't account for it, but 'Messiah' has caught on," Randall says.

Dunn rates "Messiah" as more difficult than Johann Sebastian Bach's ethereal masterpiece, the "b" minor mass, but the Handel work does not scare amateurs.

Grimes recalls that his first bout with "Messiah" was at 14, when he directed a chorus of 16 in Hillsboro, Texas.

"Apparently the music is great enough to survive all these performances," he says. "It can withstand a tremendous amount of damage."

Popularity is precisely what Handel intended for "Messiah."

Although Handel was religious — in his final illness he declared he wanted to die on Good Friday "in the hope of

rejoining the good God, my sweet Lord and Savior, on the day of His resurrection" — he was a composer for the stage with a sharp eye for the big chance.

"Messiah" came at a low point in his career. His once infallible grip on the public as an opera composer was behind him, his last stage venture in 1740 had flopped, and he had retreated to his rooms.

In his seclusion, Handel dashed off the music for "Messiah" in three weeks. It premiered in Dublin on April 13, 1742 to wild acclaim.

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'Rudolph' is still his favorite

By BURT BERLINER

NEW YORK (AP) — Some people call him "Mr. Christmas of the Music World." Man of a thousand tunes, he wrote one simple song about 30 years ago that swept through the world in a wave of instant success.

Today, at 68, songwriter Johnny Marks is still composing. And his simple little song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," remains one of Christmas' biggest hits and a staunch bit of cherished Americana.

"I'd write it again without changing a note," says Marks, who finished the piece in 1949 — 10 years after the idea came to him — and sent it off to country-Western singer-actor Gen Autry.

"Autry didn't want to record it at first," Marks recalls. "Felt it didn't fit his image like the song, 'Tumbling Tumbleweed' did. But his wife heard 'Rudolph' and got him to do it."

The original Autry record

has now passed the 10 million mark as Columbia's Records' all-time best seller.

"Rudolph" isn't Marks' only yuletide hit to sell more than a million records. Others are "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," first recorded by Bing Crosby in 1956, "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," which became a Brenda Lee hit in 1960, and "A Holly, Holly Christmas," which Burl Ives recorded in 1963.

Autry's no-frills rendition of "Rudolph," which he introduced at a show in Mad-

son Square Garden, remains Marks' favorite version out of more than 50 others recorded by such stars as Bing Crosby, Perry Como and John Denver.

The musical tale of the shiny-nosed reindeer and Marks' other scores continue to reach millions through television specials. ABC broadcast "Rudolph's Shiny New Year" with Red Skelton, and CBS telecast "The Tiny Tree" with Buddy Ebsen and Roberta Flack. Last month, CBS ran "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" for the

show's 14th consecutive airing.

Born in Mount Vernon, N.Y., and raised in New York City, Marks attended Colgate University where he took every available music course. "My parents didn't approve of songwriting. It wasn't a real profession — and you certainly didn't send your son to college to be a songwriter," Marks says.

"It's been a good career, even back in the early days when I played the clubs at night and spent afternoons on the bench in publishers' waiting rooms hoping for a chance to plunk out my tunes."

These days Marks is playing the likes of Ethel Mergan and Mickey Rooney, among others, whose voices will be heard singing 10 of Marks' melodies in the movie, "Rudolph and Forshy," an animated musical slated for release in 1979.

Marks still lives in New York's Greenwich Village, where he wrote "Rudolph" plus 150 other published songs and more than 750 unpublished pieces.

"I've never had to dig," he says. "I write quickly — it seems to come naturally. But through it all, 'Rudolph's' still my favorite."



MR. CHRISTMAS OF THE MUSIC WORLD — Songwriter Johnny Marks entertains during a recent appearance at New York's Ballroom Restaurant. Marks' simple little song, "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," written nearly 30 years ago, remains one of Christmas' biggest hits the world over.

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DAYTIME MOVIES
10:00
7 MOVIE Pocketful of Miracles Part IV
1:00
9 MOVIE A Woman's Vendetta
4:00
9 MOVIE The Three Musketeers
4:30
7 MOVIE White Christmas Part II
EVENING
6:00
2, 3, 4, 8, 7 NEWS
8 BRADY BUNCH
9 HOLLYWOOD CONNECTION
11 STAR TREK
Immunity Syndrome
12 13 ZOOM 6:30
3 NBC NEWS
5 LOVE LUCY
4 ABC NEWS
9 JOKER'S WILD
13 32 OVER EASY
Guest: Mort Sarr - comedian
7:00
3 CBS NEWS
13 EVENING MAGAZINE
Lasse Come Back - A Clown Comes Home
8:40 NBC NEWS
5 BRADY BUNCH
8 TO TELL THE TRUTH
7 ABC NEWS
9 BOWLING FOR DOLLARS
10 CONCENTRATION
11 ODD COUPLE
12 38 32 MACNEIL-LEHRER REPORT
13 KIDSWORLD

7:30
2 JERRY AND LISA
3 WILD WORLD OF ANIMALS
Hawaiian Wilderness
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5 CAROL BURNETT AND FRIENDS
Guest: Alan Alda
6 FAMILY FEUD
7 GONG SHOW
9 NEWLYWED GAME
13 MACNEIL-LEHRER REPORT
8:00
2 16 THE CBS FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES
The Bible: 1966 George C. Scott. Peter O'Toole. The film epic recounts the story of man's creation, his fall, his survival of the flood and his idyllic life in the future. (R) (2 hrs. 20 min.)
3 4 THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY
An animated Christmas story of an orphaned boy who goes to Bethlehem and arrives at the Christ Child's manger with nothing to give — except a song. Guest: Carson as the narrator. The Vienna Boys' Choir sings. (R)
5 CROSS WITS
6 7 DONNY AND MARIE
Guests: Ann-Margret, Mormon Tabernacle Choir
9 HOCKEY
Montreal Canadiens vs. New York Islanders
11 TA
12 THE BOWL
Florida State vs. Texas Tech University
13 38 32 WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW
8:30
3 4 THE FOURTH KING
The animals of the forest see a wonderful star that leads them to the manger in Bethlehem where they discover something important that was missing from their lives — love for one another
5 MERV GRIFFIN
12 13 38 32 WALL STREET WEEK
Host: Louis Rukeyser. Investing in Fine Art. Guest: Morton Shuman, investor in art and antiques
9:00
3 4 THE ROCKFORD FILES
The Deadly Maze. Jim is duped by a daily, seemingly deranged scientist who puts him through an elaborate stress exercise under the guise of investigating a homicide
6 7 JOHN DENVER ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS
Singer-composer John Denver stars in this holiday season special with his guest stars Valerie Harper, Olivia Newton-John and comedian Steve Martin. (R)
13 ELIZABETH R
Horrible Conspiracies: Mary Queen of Scots is beheaded when her plot to assassinate Queen Elizabeth is discovered
10:00
3 4 QUINCY
When an actress pret. known for his crusade against pornography, is found dead of a heart attack in a prostitute's bedroom, Quincy suspects a porno publisher of complicity in the death. (R)
5 32 NEWS
6 7 EVE OF CHRISTMAS EVE
An examination of the affairs of the nation and the world as we approach 1978
10:30
9 GARNER TED ARMSTRONG
13 DATELINE NEW JERSEY
32 SCOTT FREE!
11:00
3 4 (6) (7) (11) NEWS
5 FOREVER FERNWOOD
9 LIFE OF RILEY
12 PEOPLE'S BUSINESS
13 38 32 DICK CAVETT SHOW
Guest: John Cheever, award-winning American short story writer and novelist
11:20
2 36 NEWS
11:30
3 4 THE TONIGHT SHOW
Guest host John Davidson. Guest: Victor Buono
5 LOVE AMERICAN STYLE
8 MOVIE
The Over The Hill Gang Rides Again: 1970 Walter Brennan, Fred Astaire. A drunken ex-lawman finds his way back thanks to aid from his old cronies. (1 hr. 35 min.)
7 BARETTA
The Sister Ain't No Cousin: Tony is confronted by an angry ghetto nun when one of her street kids is murdered to keep him from talking to the police. (R)
9 MOVIE
The Mummy's Curse: 1944 Lon Chaney Jr., Virginia Christine. Mummies of an Egyptian priest and priestess are brought to life by a secret potion and they attack. (1 hr. 15 min.)
11 ODD COUPLE
13 VISIONS
The "Phantom of the Open Hearth Humoral" Jean Shepherd's nostalgic comedy, set in the Midwest during the 1940's, centers around a young man's anticipation and apprehension of his high school's upcoming Junior Prom.
11:50
2 16 THE CBS LATE MOVIE
A.S.H.: A likable, but inept nurse learns the need to make companionship and howays is nominated by the other nurses to provide it. The Malleable Bepko: 1969 Dan Rowan, Dick Martin. A pair of ten-makers next-door neighbors appear to be werewolves. (R)
12:00
11 TWILIGHT ZONE
5 MOVIE
Fanny 1961 Maurice Chevalier, Charles Boyer (3 hrs. 11 min.)
11 F.B.I.
12:35
7 MOVIE
Ferry to Hong Kong 1961 Orson Welles, Curt Jurgens (2 hrs. 5 min.)
12:45
9 JOE FRANKLIN SHOW
1:00
3 4 THE MIDNIGHT SPECIAL
Host: Pat Boone. Guests: Debby Boone and other family members sing Christmas carols, plus Phoebe Snow, Emerson Lake and Palmer, David Gates
1:05
4 BARETTA
The Sister Ain't No Cousin: Tony is confronted by an angry ghetto nun when one of her street kids is murdered to keep him from talking to the police. (R)
1:20
10 MOVIE
As Mine to Give 1956 Cameron Mitchell, Glynn Johns (1 hr. 55 min.)
1:30
11 GOOD NEWS
1:45
9 NEWS
2:00
9 PRAYER
11 NEWS
2:30
4 MOVIE
The Village 1957 Mel Ferrer, Pier Angeli (1 hr. 50 min.)
11 BIOGRAPHY
2:40
3 MOVIE
Meet Me in St. Louis 1945 Judy Garland, Tom Drake (2 hrs. 16 min.)
11 NEWS

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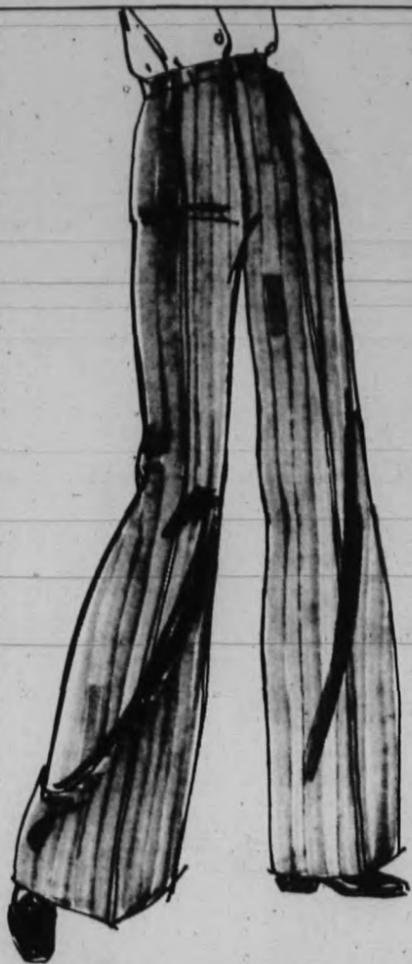
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Williamsburg Yule traditional

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — The Grand Illumination of the City on Dec. 16 marked the official opening of the annual Christmas fortnight at Williamsburg, which keeps Christmas with traditional customs from the days when this small city was the 18th-century capital of the Colony of Virginia.

The festive program starts with a cannon blast at one end of the old Duke of Gloucester Street, echoed by a second cannon midway along the street and by a third near the other end. Musket volleys follow, and the fife and drums strike up a lively tune.

"For the residents of the Historic Area, this is the signal to light the candles in all their windows — a tradition known as the white lighting," says Richard B. Sessoms, director of special events for Colonial Williamsburg.

Singing, dancing and music continue at various places along the Duke of Gloucester Street for about an hour as part of the opening ceremony.

"Each night thereafter," Sessoms says, "the candles are lit in the windows without ceremony until New Year's and they give Williamsburg that special glow at the holiday season that has delighted thousands of visitors

each year."

Burning cressets provide light in the yard of the College of William and Mary and on the Palace Green, and candlelight tours are given through the 18th-century buildings, as well as at the Capitol and Carter's Grove Plantation.

All down Duke of Gloucester Street residents decorate their doorways by combining the natural materials found in the area with designs appropriate to the period, Sessoms says. Swags and wreaths adorn the Governor's Palace, and the 40 exhibition buildings and shops are all decorated.



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Postmark of Noel, Mo., popular

By RICHARD L. FRICKER
 NOEL, Mo. — During the summer months this community of slightly less than 1,000 people and roughly 50 businesses, including eight motels, comes alive as the workman's Riviera in the Ozarks with float trips along the Elk River, camping, cave exploring, weekend dances, and nature walks through colorful hills.

But as the foliage of summer turns brown with the fall it reverts to looking like any of the other hundreds of small Ozark communities — almost.

Noel is saved from the stagnation of winter by virtue of its name: it is the "Christmas City" and has a postmark to prove it. Although the tradition has diminished somewhat through the years, people from nearly every state still send their Christmas cards to the postmaster here for mailing because of the postmark.

For a time, the Chamber of Commerce estimated more than a half-million cards were hand-stamped annually with "Noel, Missouri 64854" and the city's Christmas tree symbol.

It all started with Uncle Bridges Noel who helped settle the area in the late 1800s. He apparently did a good job because in 1896 the post office was named in his honor.

About 35 years later, postmaster Ed Rousselot came up with the idea of sending Christmas mail through his post office for just a touch of Christmas class.

The idea caught on gradually, until one night Kate Smith told the Noel story on



television for all America to hear. Cards and letters poured in, and volunteers stamped letters beginning early December right up to Christmas Eve. The post-marking was, and still is, free.

The publicity did not hurt local businesses. Since the days of Model Ts, Noel has lured summer tourists to the area with its mysterious caves once occupied by ancient man and decorated by nature with colorful stalagmites and stalactites. Now, visitors had a good reason to come in winter, too.

The tourist dollar soon became the main staple of Noel's economy, except for the time in the 1930s when a

few of the townspeople made it big in the movies playing extras in a flick about Jesse James, who was from the area. The movie starred Tyrone Power and the Noel-Kansas City-Southern railroad depot, which now serves as City Hall.

After that things ran relatively smoothly in Noel until

1961, when the State Highway Department omitted the town from its annual vacation map for tourists. As a means of redress, Noel and the rest of Macdonald County seceded from the state and the Union.

The rerouting of a state highway around the town just prior to that had already stirred locals past the point of

civil tolerance, since the new road was taking tourists away, and the map incident served as the call to arms.

The secession got results: not only was Noel reinstated on Missouri's maps, but the town, because of the press coverage it received, was once again playing host to scores of visitors.

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Yuletide symbols rooted in legend

CHICAGO (AP) — A near-sacrifice to a pagan god; a gentle bishop of Asia Minor; a poisonous plant under which foes could gather in peace, if only briefly. They are the bizarre but mostly forgotten origins of three of the most popular symbols of Christmas: the fir tree, Santa Claus and mistletoe.

While the custom of decorating the Christmas tree has been traced to the Germans as early as the 1400s or 1500s, the tree as a symbol originated, according to one legend, about 1,200 years ago, says The World Book Encyclopedia.

The English missionary Winifrid, who later became Saint Boniface, is said to have come upon some Druids who were about to slay a young

prince as an offering to their god Thor.

Winifrid called a halt to the proceedings and cut down the sacred oak tree against which the human sacrifice was to have taken place. Legend has it that a young fir tree sprang up where the oak had stood.

The missionary told the Druids to adopt the fir as their new holy tree and explained to them that it was the tree of peace and of Christ.

But if the tree of Christmas is rooted in pagan rites, the most popular symbol of all — Santa Claus — may have had his roots in the inability of some Americans to pronounce foreign names.

The mythical "Santa" began life as a real person, Saint Nicholas, a bishop in

Asia Minor in the 300s. A kindly man who took presents to the needy, Nicholas came to be known as the patron saint of sailors, travelers, bakers and merchants, but especially of children.

The custom of giving gifts on the celebration of his feast day, Dec. 6, grew in Europe until Nicholas became widely accepted as the gift-giver at Christmastime.

Early Dutch settlers in New York brought the custom with them, but Nicholas' Dutch name, Sinterklaas, was hard to pronounce and he became known as "Santy Claus" and "Santa Claus," according to World Book.

Author Washington Irving in the 1809 "Knickerbocker's History of New York," is believed to be the first to de-

scribe St. Nick as a jolly fellow wearing a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches and smoking a long pipe. Santa's roly-poly image came to full flower in an 1837 painting by artist Robert Weir and, in the 1860s, in a popular series of drawings by cartoonist Thomas Nast.

The "gift-giver's" sleigh and reindeer were the creation of Clement C. Moore in his poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas." The belief that Santa delivered his gifts to the home via the chimney stems from an old Norse legend, according to the encyclopedia. The Norse believed that the goddess Hertha would bring good luck to a home if she appeared in the fireplace.

It was from the Norse also

that the mistletoe so commonly found in homes at Christmastime gained its wonderful "kissing" properties.

A parasitic and poisonous plant which grows on the trunks and branches of trees, mistletoe had been used ceremoniously by early Europeans. The ancient Celts used it as a charm. And Northern mythology has it that an arrow made of mistletoe killed one of their gods.

But it was perhaps the early Scandinavians who gave the plant its sociable qualities. They considered it a plant of peace. Warring factions would declare a truce if they met under it. It is thought that the modern custom of kissing under it began here, according to World Book.

The Scandinavians are also believed to have bequeathed to us the yule log and the term "yule" to describe the holiday season.

Their pagan festivities included the burning of a huge log in honor of the god Thor. With the arrival of Christianity, the custom of burning the log spread throughout Europe and included dragging the log into the home. Using an unburned portion of it to light next year's yule log would bring good luck.

Winter in Nantucket

By JULES LOH

NANTUCKET, Mass. (AP) — When winter's rains and ruins are over, half a million people will crowd this little island. Now, though, it belongs to the islanders, just 4,000 of them, and they have a secret.

They know, and would just as soon not many others knew, that now is the time when their island is at its most seductive.

Now is the time when tranquility nudges aside gaiety, when the sight of blue chimney smoke rather than white sails gives an even cozier meaning and the undulating dunes wear a simple coverlet of snow instead of gaudy bathing towels and the only footprints on the beaches are the chevrons left by gulls.

The old bell tolling the hours from the Unitarian Church spire, as it has since 1815, seems to ring with special clarity in the cold December air; just so does winter's hush allow a more penetrating view of what is generally taken to be a summer resort, an exclusive playground for the well-to-do.

In the winter it is all the more exclusive for being, simply, a home.

Nantucket has always been a precious place to those who live here all year long, to the whalers of the storied past and the innkeepers of the romantic present.

"The inhabitants," observed one Nantucketer, Obed Macy, who lived here 150 years ago, "generally were attached to their place of nativity and were seldom desirous of leaving it."



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Cheer up a shut-in for holiday

Christmas is the ideal time to pamper the bedridden.

A room occupied by an ill person is often the dreariest room in the house whereas it should be made the cheeriest.

Looking at the idea from the vantage point of the sick bed, what would please the ailing one?

How about a remote control unit so that the TV dial might be controlled more easily by the captive viewer? And how about that reading matter that is absentmindedly removed from the bed area or falls to the floor? A useful item is a long-handled paperer that serves as an extra hand in picking up anything from a small coin to a book.

A reading stand that folds flat to be used as an eating tray is another convenience item. A subscription to the local newspaper is a good companion gift. Attach a copy of the paper to the stand when you gift wrap it.

Or how about one of the new designer series telephones — Mickey Mouse is one idea. He has certainly had a lot of experience in dispensing cheer.

Contour bed pillows offer comfort and ear-muffs are useful in shutting out annoying noises. A number of other

items may be used as pain relievers — moist-heat padded collars and body covers that operate without water or chemicals.

A sheepskin pad can be used under bedsheets to relieve soreness. These can be found in some medical supply stores and through some sheep grower groups.

Lamb's wool-lined heel protectors can be good stocking stuffers. So, too, loose lamb's wool which can be taken out of small packages and formed into little beribboned rolls of fluff for the Christmas stocking. These can be used to relieve corns by wrapping bits of it about toes.

As for grooming, instant curlers release a fine mist for longer lasting curls and are designed to keep hair looking good between washings.

In bringing cheer into the sick room, trim a plant with little ornaments, ribbons or even little fluffs of the lamb's wool.

There are other ways to provide cheer — very little effort is required to turn ordinary drinking glasses and punch cups into handsome bedtray accessories.

Acquire ball point paint tubes, wash each piece of glass or pottery to be decorated with

baking soda and water, rinse and dry with tissue paper to avoid finger marks. Tape a little design (holly, wreath, Santa Claus, tree) inside a clear glass and prepare to paint the design on the outside, following these instructions suggested by the Vogart Crafts people who advise that these paints may be used also on fabric, leather, metal and other surfaces:

In working with a paint tube hold it vertically, press down lightly so the paint will flow easily through the ball point tip. Following taped designs, blend the paint to achieve attractive shadings. Apply dark colors first, blend the lighter shades over them before the first application dries. Wait at least 48 hours before washing the glass and do not put painted glass in the dishwasher. For maximum durability after painting, bake the glassware in a 275 degree oven for about 25 minutes, and cool slowly. Never bake plastic.



Fire official urges caution for holidays

NEW YORK (AP) — As a family man and as an admitted boy at heart, John Barracato, deputy chief fire marshal of New York City, looks forward to the coming holiday season.

"But as a fire fighter, I am also aware of the added home fire dangers that holiday festivities bring," says the author of the book, "Arson."

"People are frequently more high-spirited and busier than at other times during the year, and potential fire dangers that might normally be checked sometimes go unnoticed. A home fire, particularly during the holiday season, often catches people off guard.

"Also," he emphasizes, "wrapping paper, roaring fires, Christmas lights and candles and the traditional holiday trappings are very real sources of fire danger."

If there are children at home, Barracato recommends that they become the house fire bosses.

"Children of elementary school age are big enough to be alert to fire safety, and they will enjoy the position of responsibility. Put them in charge of 'hot spots' such as the fireplace or Christmas tree," advises Barracato, spokesman for the Burger King fire safety program, a public service program aimed at educating youngsters on fire safety.

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MENLO PARK, N.J. (AP) — On New Year's Eve, 1879, 3,000 people flooded into this little town of Menlo Park, N.J., to see Thomas Alva Edison demonstrate, for the first time in public, the light bulb he had invented on Oct. 21 of that year.

His laboratory, the streets of Menlo Park, and some of its houses were illuminated by electric lights.

This demonstration was followed just three years later, in 1882, when the world's first electrically lighted Christmas tree was decorated. The event took place in the home of Edward Johnson, a colleague of Edison who became a vice

president of the newly formed Edison Electric Company, according to Phillip Snyder, author of "The Christmas Tree Book."

Johnson lived in the first square mile of New York City, or any city in the world, to have electricity. The event was not reported in the New York papers of the day but it was seen and recorded by a young reporter named Croffut for the Detroit Post and Tribune.

The story he posted began: "Last evening I walked over beyond Fifth Avenue and called at the residence of Edward H. Johnson, vice president of Edison's electric company. There at the rear of the beautiful parlors, was a large Christmas tree representing a most picturesque and uncanny aspect. It was brilliantly lighted with many colored globes about as large as an English walnut and was turning some six times a minute on a little pine box.

"There were 80 lights in all

encased in these dainty glass eggs, and about equally divided between white, red and blue. As the tree turned, the colors alternated, all the lamps going out and being relit at every revolution. The rest was a continuous twinkling of dancing colors, red, white, blue, white, red, blue — all evening. It was a superb exhibition."

Immediately, the novel idea of electrically lighting the Christmas tree became popular. Christmas tree parties to

show off the electrically lighted tree became exciting social events for children of the society set during the first years of electricity.

From this small beginning, with their use largely in the homes of the wealthy, Christmas tree lights spread across the nation and this Christmas — according to the National Ornament and Electric Lights Christmas Association (NOEL) — more than 50 million Christmas light sets will be sold.

Christmas trees are a farm crop

Natural Christmas trees outdoors are used everywhere for the holiday, decorated with lights and baubles. Natural trees that you may plant later are beautiful and safer indoors (because they are alive and do not dry out). But even if you are an environmentalist or conservationist, don't be too concerned because millions of trees are cut each season just for the holiday, then discarded.

Just as other crops are planted and harvested, so are Christmas trees marketed.

A natural tree is considered the true symbol of Christmas. These trees are available in many sizes, species and shapes. The choice is yours. But we can help you as far as quality and safety are concerned.

Pick a tree suitable for the place in your home where it will be displayed. This will determine how symmetrical it must be. If it goes into a corner it won't need as many good faces, or sides.

Check for freshness, cleanliness, healthiness. Bounce or shake the tree gently on the ground. If only a few needles drop, the tree is fresh. Run your finger down a branch. The needles shouldn't become detached. The tree is clean if it doesn't have moss, lichen, vines or other foreign substances. It is healthy if it has natural color and good fragrance. Don't buy a tree with barren branches.

Shippers and wholesalers buy trees according to density and taper, so why don't you. Density is the amount of foliage,

the number and length of branchlets on each branch. Taper is the relationship of the width of the tree to its height.

And after buying a tree that is well-shaped, don't cut large portions from either end. This would alter the natural shape.

Buying early gives you a wider selection. But be sure to keep the tree fresh by storing it outside in a bucket of water.

Before placing it in water, saw about an inch diagonally off the butt to open pores and help water absorption.

Before bringing the tree indoors, saw off another inch,

squaring the diagonal so it will fit well in its stand. Use a stand that has a water container, which should be kept filled.

The longer the tree is indoors the more combustible it will become. Check your light cords against fire danger. Keep the tree in the coolest part of the room.

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Poinsettia cleared of charges

Just in time for Christmas comes assurance that the holiday favorite plant, the poinsettia, has been exonerated of charges that it is poisonous.

The poinsettia, reports the Society of American Florists,

has been given a clean bill of health. It has been falsely accused by way of stories unsubstantiated by medical and scientific fact, since 1918.

The society said that an unfortunate, unfounded tale about

the death of a child of an army officer stationed in Hawaii from eating a poinsettia leaf "helped scare people into thinking that the poinsettia is poisonous."

Research at Ohio State University in collaboration with the society (representing 50,000 industry members), "has effectively debunked 'old wives' tales' that the poinsettia is harmful to human and animal health if parts of the plant are ingested."

While on the subject of this colorful plant: About 25 million of them are used by Americans each year.

The plant was named for Joel R. Poinsett, American ambassador to Mexico in 1851, who introduced it to the United States. It also is called the Eastern flower, lobster flower, Mexican flame leaf and Christmas flower.

The poinsettia plants sold to the U.S. public are cultivated

and grown in green-houses and are quite hardy. Through breeding, they are now available in the traditional red, white, pink and variegated. The leaves are green with long-lived bracts (vividly colored leaves) and golden flowers.

Poinsettia Care

Here are tips for the care of the poinsettia from the Society of American Florists:

—Keep them in a room with sufficient light.

—Avoid any drafts or excess heat from appliances, radiators and ventilating ducts.

—Keep the plant in a place out of heavy traffic and out of the way of careless youngsters and animals.

—Put plant in a water-proof container to protect furnishings.

—Water plant thoroughly when soil is dry to touch; always discard excess water.

—Ideal temperatures should not exceed 72 degrees Fahrenheit daytime and 60 degrees at

night to prolong bright color of bracts.

When bracts fade, cut back plant to eight inches to grow as a foliage plant. It may be placed out of doors when outside temperature is warm. Avoid night temperatures below 50 degrees (F) through summer.

Return to room for direct light six to eight hours daily and 60-70 degrees night temperatures. For reflowering in winter, starting Oct. 1 avoid artificial light at night. This is described as the closet treatment.

In buying a poinsettia, select a plant with green foliage down to the stems. Check for a number of small green buttons on the center of the bracts. These indicate flower development.

If you are carrying the plants home, don't expose them to below 50-degree temperatures. Wrap them well if you are taking them out. We suggest that when you get plants home, water them thoroughly and give them a bit of food.

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The four students won their places in auditions earlier this month in Hillsboro High School in Belle Meade.

Holiday tips

Spray holiday greens with clear lacquer. They will keep their color and needles longer.

Here's a Christmas table centerpiece idea. Use several cymbidiums or gardenias on a round piece of Styrofoam wrapped with gold velvet ribbon.

For a simple but sparkling holiday corsage, for your clothing or hair: Pin together red carnations, green foliage and tiny pine cones. Sprinkle the carnations with silver glitter.

For a door decoration: Take a set of tiny plant pots, spray-painted in festive colors. Slip colored cord through their drainage holes and knot the cord to hold them fast. Tie the cords from each pot together and fasten to your door. Attach a small spray of green inside each pot so that it cascades from the collar of the pots.

The Christmas Rose

The plant called Christmas rose (*Helleborus niger*) is actually a relative of the peony. It enjoys shaded areas and partially moist soil. It is almost stemless, has evergreen leaves and solitary white flowers flushed with rose. It flowers in autumn in the north; around Christmas in warm climates.



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Holidays time for home flowers

By EARL ARONSON
AP Newsfeatures

The holiday season is a time for flowers in the home. It is a time for fresh or dried flowers of autumn hue — red, russet, gold and beige, for bronze chrysanthemums, yellow snapdragons, bright marigolds, burgundy cockscomb and others.

If you prefer dried arrangements around the centerpiece or cornucopia of late season fruits and vegetables, there is so much available: sprigs of wheat, cattails or ornamental grasses, Indian corn, seeds, lotus pods. Or you can hang sprays of bright leaves and dried pods from the front door to welcome guests.

One historian says the early American holiday table did not bear flowers but they were abundantly displayed on sideboards, chests and buffets.

The cornucopia on the table, however, will be enhanced by fruits and nuts, apples, grapes, gourds, cauliflower, cabbage and broccoli. But don't make your decorations so tall your dinner company will have trouble looking over them.

A note of caution: If you combine fruits and vegetables with floral arrangements, re-

member that fruits and vegetables give off ethylene gas that shortens the life of fresh flowers.

There are some fine American shrubs and vines that will help supply color to your decorations. Popular for orange berries is the pyracantha or firethorn, which grows large outdoors in the sun. Prune judiciously for decorative material. Another is bittersweet, which makes a fine covering for fences. You'll need male and female plants for abundant orange fruits that split open. The foliage and orange fruits will well in dry arrangements or when stems are kept in water. Holly is another, with red ber-

ries.

Another decorative plant is the Chinese Lantern or Physalis. The orange fruits are encased in a papery, inflated ornamental husk. To raise these, start seeds indoors or in the garden early in the spring.

Staying with the orange theme for outdoor decoration there is the Mountain Ash (which isn't very long-lived in the North) and the Tea Viburnum which has clusters of fruit that the birds enjoy.

Use a variety of materials of different shapes, sizes, colors and textures. Decorative pieces for shelves or mantels don't have to be as fussy as those for

tables because they can't be seen from all directions. Just balance them so they don't look top-heavy.

Here are some suggestions:
Colored gourds; a pineapple decorated with a candle and surrounded by smaller fruit; a terrarium with assorted moss, berries and other woodland material (you can use an abandoned fish bowl or tank); on a flat piece of weathered wood arrange pieces of cattails, corn tassels, strawberry corn and rosettes made from corn husks; pine cones sliced to make "roses"; milkweed pods dissected into "petals."

One acquaintance dried artichokes in a very slow oven until they opened to make large, light brown "blossoms."

Need a container? There are around the house wicker baskets, brass bowls and watering cans that will do nicely.

Just don't make your arrangements too formal. And there are always roses.

(For Earl Aronson's "Associated Press Guide to House Plants," send \$1 to House Plants, AP Newsfeatures, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y., 10020.)

Late gifts are pleasant surprise after New Year

By VIVIAN BROWN
AP Newsfeatures Writer

For people with bad memories, New Year's gifts can be friend savers.

Scents, books and wine can save the day when one has been confronted at Christmas

with an unexpected gift. Or one may have forgotten tradespeople or office friends.

The late Christmas gift idea not only gives you a chance to correct an oversight that might be made during the Christmas gift buying rush but also can give unexpected pleasure, a surprise gift to someone who might have thought he had been forgotten.

A good choice for any man can be made in a few minutes at a fragrance counter. A chic, attractively wrapped package can make a good impression even if it is nothing more than a shower soap on a rope.

Wine or a book are other good "last minute" or "I forgot" gifts. Good domestic wines need not be expensive, and are always welcome.

And don't stew over your choice, especially if the gift is for a casual friend or business acquaintance.

"Forget the age of a man when you are choosing toiletries. It makes no difference whether he is a college student or a business executive. They all have the same needs," says toiletries executive Alyn Sym-Smith, of Black Tie Fragrances.

He suggests that a good choice for all men on your list might be the newer, popular, musk-based colognes.

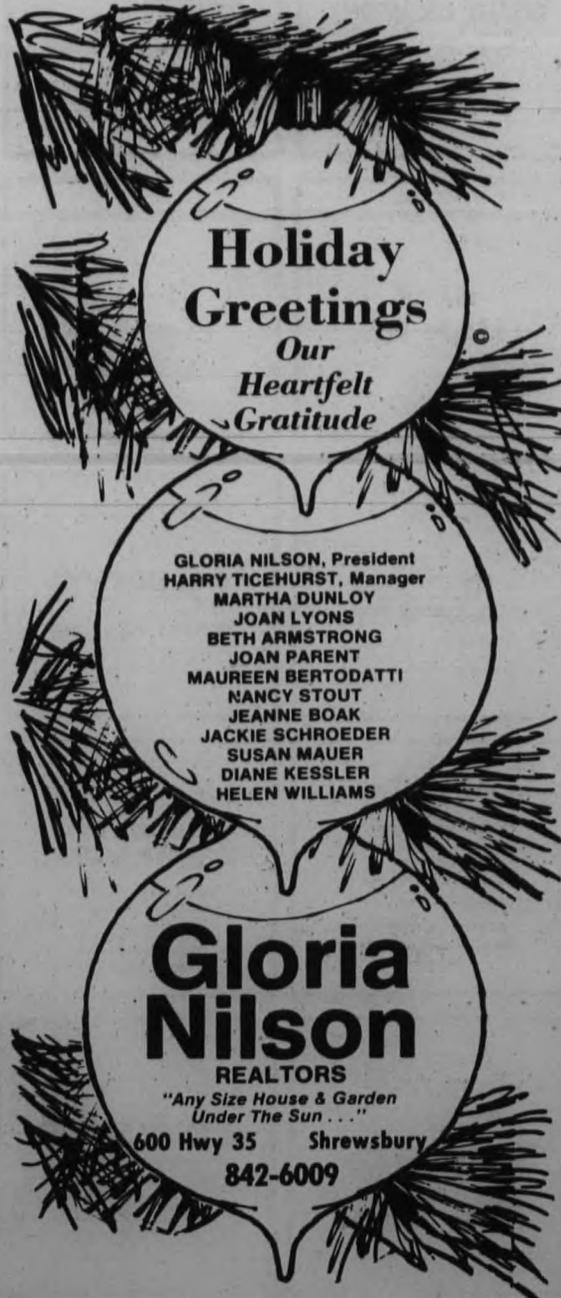
"For the man you know would like to portray a masculine image, think robust," advises Sym-Smith. Usually the blend will combine a variety of challenging spices.

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Santa of 1838 carries a sword

CHADDS FORD, Pa. (AP) — An oil painting on display

here that depicts Santa Claus with a sword and an impish



A JOLLY OLD ELF — This oil painting on display at the Chadds Ford, Pa., Brandywine River Museum may be the oldest known portrait of the Christmas elf as he is known today. The painting, showing him with a sword, was done in 1838 by Robert W. Weir.

grin may be the oldest known portrait of the Christmas elf as we know him today.

Until recently it was common belief that cartoons in the 1860s by Thomas Nast first visually captured the St. Nicholas described in Clement Moore's famous poem, "The Night Before Christmas."

Then last year an illustration from the New York Mirror of 1844 was discovered, predating Nast's work.

Now, the Brandywine River Museum has on display an 1838 oil painting of Santa by Robert W. Weir, a friend of Moore, that appears to be the granddaddy of them all.

The museum says the painting was first displayed at the New York Academy in the late 1830s. It's on loan from the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio.

"To our best knowledge, it is the oldest color portrait of Santa Claus in the United States of any consequence," says Joan Gorman, Brandywine's associate curator. "If anyone has an

earlier one we'd love to see it."

Whatever, Weir's Santa is a far cry from today's department store variety.

He's a gnome-like figure in fur-trimmed red cape and black boots, "laying a finger aside of his nose" and about to rise up the chimney.

In two stockings by the fireplace he has placed presents, in a third coal and a switch, and then in a gesture of apparent forgiveness, he has attached a jumping jack to the toe.

The painting is reminiscent of a Dutch Christmas, with

painted tiles on the fireplace, a broken clay pipe on the floor — evidence of Santa's visit — and an orange, symbolizing the ruling Dutch House of Orange.

Although Weir is little known today, he was one of the more popular of American painters during the Civil War. An instructor of drawing at West Point (accounting for Santa's sword?), he taught both Gens. William C. Sherman and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson at a time when military officers were expected to sketch terrain and fortifications.



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(For Earl Aronson's "Associated Press Guide to House Plants," send \$1 to House Plants, AP Newsfeatures, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020.)

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If someone gives you fresh cut flowers for Christmas enjoy them longer by doing the following:

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Santa may bring problems for TV

By JOHN D. McCLAIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — If your television set starts acting up this weekend, it may be partly Santa Claus' fault.

Jolly Old St. Nick is expected to deliver quite a few new CB radios this Christmas, and the Federal Communications Commission says 83 percent of all TV interference complaints are related to CB operations.

But while most TV interference may involve CBs, CB

radios themselves are not necessarily at fault.

The fault may be in your own TV or stereo set, radio or other home electronic entertainment equipment — equipment that just does not have the necessary filters to eliminate legal radio transmissions.

The FCC said earlier this fall that a check of numerous complaints found that TV sets are almost as much to blame for TV interference as CB radios themselves.

Just what causes TV interference, or TVI as it often is called?

A CB set transmits on frequencies ranging between 26.965 and 27.405 megahertz MHz, while television signals range from 54 to 216 MHz.

The interference is caused by the phenomenon called harmonics, which occurs when a frequency is increased by multiples of itself.

So, if a CBER is transmitting on Channel 11, or at 27.085 MHz, his signal may produce harmonics of itself at 54.170 and 81.255 MHz. Those frequencies correspond to Channels 2 and 5 on your TV set.

Thus if the CB transmitter is close enough and the TV set does not have the proper filters, the TV set could receive both the TV and the CB signal.

How do you tell whether the CB transmitter or the TV set is at fault?

The FCC has issued a new handbook illustrating some of the more common TVI patterns and providing low-cost home remedies that require no special tools or skills to apply.

And it offers suggestions both to CBERs and to those experiencing TVI.

It tells CBERs, for instance:

"Although some interference problems can be attributed to television receivers, such problems can also be traced to CB radio transmitters.

"Therefore, upon receipt of an interference complaint from your neighbors, you should take all steps possible to insure that your radio transmitter is not causing the interference."

The handbook then suggests certain tests to determine whether the CB set is at fault and, if so, remedies to correct the problem.

At the same time, the handbook advises TV owners the problem may lie within their own equipment and offers suggestions "to help you identify and resolve interference problems..."

"... Keep in mind," it says, "that not only must your equipment be able to receive and amplify the desired signal, but it also must reject all unwanted signals and noise."

"This means that, even if the CB equipment allegedly causing the interference is

Christmas tree can be recycled

What do you do with your Christmas tree after the holiday season?

If it is a live tree, you plant it. If it is a cut tree, recycle it.

First, the live tree. Before the ground freezes hard, dig a hole where you want the tree — not too close to the house or other structures and not beneath power or telephone wires. The tree is going to grow tall and spread out.

The hole should be twice the size of the ball at the roots and slightly deeper. Mix some organic material such as peat moss or compost in the hole, then add soil to the bottom so the root ball will sit lightly exposed in its burlap container.

being properly operated, it is still possible to experience (TV) interference."

The handbook, "How to Identify and Resolve Radio-

TV Interference." may be obtained for \$1.50 from the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 051F, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.



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Agent Alpha studies Christmas

By MELVIN MADDOCKS
Christian Science Monitor

The visitor to Earth known as Agent Alpha has always had the worst time with his December reports. How to explain to the folks back home in Galaxy 7 the mystery of this planet -Earth custom called Christmas? Yet each year his duty as investigative (and interpretative) reporter of earthlings forces him to confront the seasonal challenge.

At the moment the Galaxy 7 spacecraft hovers overhead. The deadline is upon Agent Alpha. On his computer he punches out as warm-up: "The quick silver rocket-ship chases the lazy pink satellite."

"Christmas," he begins — and stops. Bits of tinsel scholarship — the origin of the tree, pseudo-learned comparisons of Santa Claus, Father Christmas, and St. Nick — float through his head, but out of his fingers comes "On Donner, on Blitzen. . . . Scratch that, Galaxy 7."

Has he been away too long? Agent Alpha knows they are asking that, and as a matter of fact, he is thinking of them as "they" more and more, and of earthlings as "we."

So be it. This year he will try to explain Christmas to himself, and never mind "them."

"Christmas," he begins again, "has become a ritual within a ritual. Each December there is the ritual of the tree, the presents, the Christmas carols, the parties, and (possibly) the extraordinary visit to church. There also now is the Christmas ritual of analyzing and debating all the above Christmas rituals."

"Like old ornaments, the slightly battered questions come down from the attic:

"Is Christmas — for maybe the 47th time — becoming too commercial?"

"Should Santa Claus be abolished — or just the office party?"

"Ought people to make gifts rather than buy them?"

"Or ought everybody to donate to charity and forget family and friends, including absolutely unrepresentable Aunt Margaret?"

Such Christmas writings have become so intense, so unsettling that, after the ministers and editorial writers are through, the psychologists stand by as a routine media event to inform earthlings how much the suicide rate has increased this Christmas.

"In short, Christmas has become a 'problem,' like all the other earthling problems — a holiday, one is tempted to say, that needs a holiday after it.

"What is the problem? Here is one more analysis, Galaxy 7 — mine.

"Earthlings are very good at certain kinds of verbs: to buy, to sell, to produce. It's verbs like to love and to give they have trouble with. They have to read a manual or take a course on verbs like these.

"Yet they know that to give, to love is at the heart of Christmas. They have been taught that the child in the manger is the gift of God — the proof of God's love — and that the Three Wise Men brought gifts to acknowledge this gift-without-compare.

"In other words, they are aware (from the neck up) that Christmas is a world of love-beyond-words — of gifts, of gestures. But this only seems to embarrass a lot of earthlings today.

"Is Christmas a gift they no longer want?"

"Christmas for a lot of earthlings has certainly become a forced act. They give but without the feel of giving. They ho-ho but with an effort that makes 'merry' seem an archaic word.

"Too often Christmas has

become the season when earthlings measure their material wealth and their spiritual bankruptcy.

"Is Earth ready to join Galaxy 7? This is the question I was sent here to answer. This is the question I ask myself four years later. As you know from my reports, I've become quite attached to cornflakes, the World's Greatest Jazz Band, and Barbara Walters.

Still I retain my ruthless standards.

"If earthlings can regain — what shall I say? — their gift for Christmas, they will pass the test for Galaxy 7, as well as all their own tests. I am optimistic, but not unduly so. Let's wait until next year.

"In the meantime, please wish my good friend Agent Gamma on Mars a very merry Christmas."

Set classes in caning

LINCROFT — Four courses ranging from Backgammon to Belly Dancing, jewelry making to chair caning are being offered by the Monmouth County Park System at Thompson Park, here.

The chair caning class will meet on Tuesday evenings,

from 7-9 p.m. starting Jan. 10 and ending Feb. 15. Students will learn how to cane their own chairs with expert instruction from Jim Moore of Farmingdale.

Backgammon classes will be held on Wednesdays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 15, from 7-9 p.m.

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Gift problem? Try a museum

By DIANA LOERCHER
Christian Science Monitor
 NEW YORK, N. Y. — A Christmas riddle:
 If Christmas shoppers do not shop in stores, where do they shop?
 Answer: In museums.

Those who do their Christmas shopping in New York each season and are looking for novel gift ideas should head for the city's major museums, and those who would rather stay at home should send for their catalogs. Mu-

seums in New York, and throughout the country for that matter, have vastly expanded both the volume and the variety of merchandise in their gift shops.

Whereas a typical museum shop used to be a small, stuffy cubicle where one rarely found anything more exciting than postcards or books, it has changed in recent years into a bizarre Bazaar where art lovers can translate their aesthetic tastes into jewelry, decorative and/or functional objects, and even articles of clothing.

Books now are considered an incidental and often separate part of most museum shops, unless they have an obvious commercial intent like the Whitney Museum's charming children's book corner which it started this season.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, which expects to reap about \$12.5 million from its sales this year, reports that business has more than doubled during the past five years across the board.

Bradford Kelleher, the museum's publisher, surmises that one of the reasons is that museums are riding on the coattails of the mail-order boom. He attributes this to the fact that more women are working and therefore have less time to shop, so they rely increasingly on making purchases by mail.

Another reason is the cachet, quality, and uniqueness of objects being sold in museums. Where else could you buy "William," the ceramic hippo copied from his blue faience 12th-century Egyptian ancestor; a porcelain plate festooned with roses copied from the private dinner service of the Empress Elizabeth I of Russia, and a replica of a 19th-century American glass biscuit jar?

These are all best-sellers at the Met this season, along with its cookbook. The sales staff of the gift shop also confirms an outbreak of "Nile fever" or Tutmania, as the current craze for all things Egyptian is called. Reproductions of Egyptian jewelry and sculpture, and stationery,

ties, and scarves with Egyptian motifs are selling like proverbial hotcakes.

The Brooklyn Museum, which also boasts an outstanding Egyptian collection, is cashing in on the same vogue. A spokesman there said 75 percent of its items are new this year, and the majority are reproductions from the Egyptian collection. Banal objects such as dominos or coasters are enlivened by hieroglyphics inscribed on porcelain. A culturally related extravaganza is a complete set of china with a Mesopotamian "palm frond" design.

If you ever thought of giving someone a baptismal bowl for Christmas, you can buy

that, or a combination inkstand and writing box in hand-polished pewter, reproduced from originals in the museum's decorative arts collection.

Diane Viera, executive assistant of publications and marketing, explains that the Brooklyn Museum features "decorative objects with a function."



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North Pole Santa gets lots of letters

By WARD SIMS

NORTH POLE, Alaska (AP) — Con Miller gets letters, lots of letters, from all over the world.

They have one theme in common, "Dear Santa Claus. I've been good, and I wish you would bring me . . ."

Miller, 64, a bouncy grandfather, is Santa Claus in spirit and deed, if not in fact, and

he'll give you an argument on the last point.

He and his family operate Santa Claus House on the Alaska Highway in this community 14 miles southeast of Fairbanks.

Santa Claus House is a box-like building, painted white and trimmed in red. On it are pictures of Santa Claus, reindeer, dog teams and the mid-

night sun.

The first floor is given over to a shop stocked with tourist items and goods tied to the Christmas theme. Living quarters and an office are on the top floor.

At any time of the year, Miller is likely to don his Santa Claus suit to receive youngsters or tourists. During the Christmas season he holds court each Sunday.

Often at his side as Mrs. Claus is his wife, Nellie, and his daughter, Merry Christmas, 16. He also has five sons and 12 grandchildren.

"I get about 100,000 letters a year," said Miller. He and some helpers answer the mail, although about 30,000 letters cannot be answered because the addresses are illegible.

Some of the letters Miller gets give Santa advice on where to get presents at the lowest price. Sometimes they carry accusations that Santa is a fake.

Among the letters Conrad B. Miller cherishes is one from the Philippines:

"Dear Santa. Please bring me a Mickey Mouse watch for Christmas. You can get it in Hong Kong on your way to the Philippines. Daddy says they are cheaper in Hong Kong."

And he has another which always gives him a chuckle.

"Dear Santa Claus," it starts out. "You are a fake. You didn't bring me what I wanted last year. You didn't bring me what I wanted the year before."



AP photo

SANTA UNFROCKED — Con Miller, the operator of Santa Claus House, talks about the thousands of letters he gets each year from youngsters around the world. In the box in the foreground are just a few of the letters that flow into the home of Santa Claus year around.

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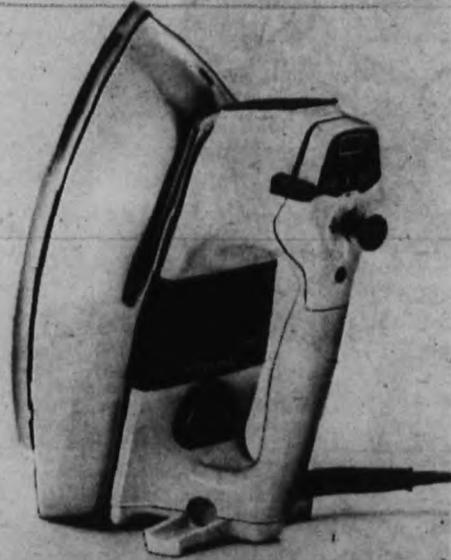
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