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Once upon a time, there was a man who looked upon Christmas as a lot of humbug.

He wasn't a scrooge. He was a very kind and decent person, generous to his family, upright in all his dealings with other men.

But he didn't believe all that stuff about an incarnation which churches proclaim at Christmas. And he was too honest to pretend that he did.

"I am truly sorry to distress you," he told his wife, who was a faithful churchgoer. "But I simply cannot understand this claim that God became man. It doesn't make any sense to me."

STAYS HOME FROM CHURCH

On Christmas Eve, his wife and children went to church for the midnight service. He declined to accompany them.

"I'd feel like a hypocrite," he explained. "I'd much rather stay at home. But I'll wait up for you."

Shortly after his family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window and watched the flurries getting heavier and heavier.

"If we must have Christmas," he reflected, "it's nice to have a white one."

He went back to his chair by the fireside and began to read his newspaper.

A few minutes later, he was startled by a thudding sound. It was quickly followed by another, then another. He thought that someone must be throwing snowballs at his living-room window.

When he went to the front door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the snow. They had been caught in the storm, and in a desperate search for shelter had tried to fly through his window.

"I can't let these poor creatures lie there and freeze," he thought. "But how can I help them?"

BARN FOR SHELTER

Then he remembered the barn where the children's pony was stabled. It would provide a warm shelter.

He quickly put on his coat and galoshes and tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the doors wide and turned on the light.

But the birds didn't come in. "Food will bring them in," he thought.

So he hurried back to the house for bread crumbs, which he sprinkled on the snow to make a trail into the barn.

To his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow.

He tried shooing them into the barn by walking around and waving his arms. They scattered in every direction — except into the warm, lighted barn.

"They find me a strange and terrifying creature," he said to himself; "and I can't seem to think of any way to let them know they can trust me."

OH, TO BE A BIRD

"If only I could be a bird myself for a few minutes, perhaps I could lead them to safety."

Just at that moment, the church bells began to ring.

He stood silently for a while, listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas.

Then he sank to his knees in the snow.

"Now I understand," he whispered. "Now I see why You had to do it."

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy with minor temperature changes tonight and Wednesday. Occasional snow, beginning tonight and continuing Wednesday. Low tonight 27, high Wednesday 30. Thursday outlook: Partly cloudy and colder.

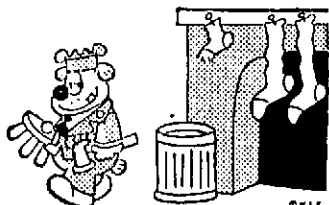
Festival of lights observed tonight

Candles will be lighted in Jewish homes at sundown tonight and for the succeeding seven nights as Jews celebrate Chanukah — "The Festival of Lights."

Chanukah is the holiday commemorating the victory of the Maccabees over the Greco-Syrian King Antiochus, who had attempted to suppress Judaism.

It is a wholly home-centered festival.

Locally, Sunday school children at Temple Israel presented a religious program Sunday afternoon, under the leadership of Linda Schwartz.



3 SHOPPING DAYS TIL CHRISTMAS

Victim of slaying laid to rest here

By DAVE COLLOGAN

As most Burlington residents rushed to finish Christmas shopping, friends and relatives of Mary Lange paused Tuesday to pay her their last respects.

Funeral for the 37-year-old mother of three, mysteriously slain last week, was Tuesday afternoon at Prugh's Chapel — three days after her body was discovered in the cold, muddy waters of Long Creek nine miles west of Burlington.

Pallbearers included Municipal Judge Gary J. Snyder, in whose office Mrs. Lange was employed, and Paul Rynell, county assessor, for whom she worked prior to transferring courthouse positions two years ago.

Other pallbearers were Donald and Ivan Gugeler, Dale Johnson and Bernard Tucker.

The tragedy of Mrs. Lange's death was in sharp contrast to the usually happy air of the approaching holidays and was magnified by the lack of an arrest.

No new leads appeared as authorities began the tedious job of sorting through the evidence and completing interviews of those who knew the attractive brunette.

Officers Monday visited the Lange home, a two-story white house less than a quarter mile east of the Des Moines county home.

Sheriff Merritt Quick said Mrs. Lange's husband, Marvin, 50, wasn't questioned while officers were there. He declined to say if officers talked to the three Lange children, Connie, 18, Danny, 14, and Diane 11, all of whom were home.

The children are living at home and are being cared for by their father and other relatives, Quick said.

Sought Divorce

Lange, a farmer, filed for divorce June 17 but no disposition of the suit had been made prior to Mrs. Lange's death. He had asked custody of the children.

Late Monday authorities huddled in Quick's office with Lange's attorney, T. K. Ford and Ford's associate, William Hildreth. Authorities made no comment on what was discussed.

Deputies combed roads leading to the Long Creek bridge looking for anything which would provide a clue to the slayer, including a

weapon. Apparently they found nothing.

After hours of probing grassy ditches, deputy Russ Krieger said, "It really is like looking for a needle in a haystack."

A male friend of Mrs. Lange, who was with her from about 9 p.m. Wednesday until 2:45 a.m. Thursday, was cleared as a suspect Sunday following a lie detector test and verification of his story by authorities. He was not identified.

Met Man After Party

The man, an out-of-state resident, said he met Mrs. Lange shortly after she left a party at Memorial auditorium for municipal employees.

He said she dropped him off in downtown Burlington early Thursday after telling him she was going home.

The 1966 white Chevrolet four-door sedan she was driving was found at 12:37 a.m. Friday, parked and locked near Smith and Plane, just off Division.

Officers said the car was probably there at 7 a.m. Thursday, about six hours before Mrs. Lange's sister, Dorothy Malloy, reported her missing.

Despite public appeals no one has been able to place the car between 2:45 and 7 a.m.

Deputy Carl Anderson said officers have been given leads concerning the car, but that none has proved productive.

Lab Tests Pending

Results of tests made on blood samples found in Mrs. Lange's car have not been returned from the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C.

Cause of Mrs. Lange's death is unknown pending a complete autopsy report, but she had suffered head injuries.

Quick said Tuesday "it is our opinion Mrs. Lange died by drowning." Conceding he isn't a medical expert, Quick said it appeared head injuries suffered by Mrs. Lange weren't sufficient to kill her.

There was no evidence she had been sexually assaulted (the body was fully clothed when found) and authorities don't believe robbery was motive for the slaying.

Purse Found

Her purse, containing an uncashed payroll check, was found one mile west of Middletown on the north side of the Geode blacktop, apparently thrown from a vehicle.

An assistant clerk in Burlington's municipal court office, Mrs. Lange was considered by fellow employees to be a punctual and diligent worker.

Authorities believe the slayer was familiar with roads in the area where her body was found, considered a "lovers lane."

They also think she was taken to the area in her auto, then dragged down to the creek.



Hawk-Eye Photo by Bob Sogard

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE opened at Bethany Lutheran church, 2515 Madison, with a light freezing mist descending on sheep, donkeys and shepherds. Youth of the church are re-enacting the birth of

Christ for the second year. The scene will be lighted tonight and Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and on Christmas Eve, 6:45-7:30 and 8:30-9:15.

POWs named by Viet Reds

WASHINGTON (UPI) —The North Vietnamese delegation in Paris turned over today to emissaries of two U.S. senators the names of 368 American prisoners of war.

Sens. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said they sent representatives to Paris at the invitation of the North Vietnamese who previously had refused to supply a prisoner list.

A Defense Department spokesman said the Pentagon was grateful for the release of "some helpful information" but said the United States would not be satisfied until there was full conformance with the Geneva convention on the treatment of prisoners of war.

Fulbright sent to Paris a member of the Foreign Relations Committee staff, James Lowenstein.

Kennedy said the names were given to John Nolan, a Washington attorney whom Kennedy said he asked to go to Paris to get the list after being advised by North Vietnamese officials that they were willing to hand over the list. Kennedy said that at his request the list was given to David K. E. Bruce, the U.S. ambassador to the Paris peace talks, and was not available in Washington.

The Pentagon has listed 378 Americans as known prisoners of the North Vietnamese. Kennedy said the North Vietnamese list included names of 20 men who had died in prison camps and nine who were freed. The Pentagon said the



Sen. Kennedy

378 did not include men known to have died or the nine that were released by Hanoi.

Kennedy said at a Capitol Hill news conference that he asked Nolan, an old Kennedy family friend, Monday night to go to Paris as his emissary after receiving a wire from North Vietnamese officials, dated Dec. 20, inviting him or a representative to a Paris meeting.

Kennedy said the North Vietnamese handed over to Nolan this morning a letter and documents in the name of Ton Doc Thang, North Vietnam's president.

Airport costs, income figured

By DON HENRY

Burlington's municipal airport figured in a half-dozen different measures at city hall Monday night, as councilmen concentrated both on spending and on making money from city flight facilities.

On the right side of the ledger, the council set rental charges for city-owned light-plane hangars and okayed increased fees for Ozark Airlines operations.

On the debit side, the city bought the final easement and clearance for a runway extension, hired an architect for remodeling the terminal building and paid 90 per cent of the bill for construction of a set of new private hangars.

In the Ozark lease, the city continued its present rent rate for terminal space — but reserved the right to renegotiate when the building is remodeled.

Administrator Larry Roach

said the landing fees, however, would be calculated on a different basis. The present plan is based on number of landings per month and draws about \$175 in monthly revenue.

Fees Increase Seen

Put the new fee schedule, based on weight, "will bring in considerably more," Roach said (before the meeting, he estimated trebled or quadrupled landing-fee income). "T" hangar renters can house their light aircraft at rates from \$252 to \$558 a year under the council's rental fees on those structures, all now owned by the city (after two buildings were purchased earlier from private owners).

The old Remmers-Tomkins hangars closest to the terminal and the new set being built by Kirk's Construction Co. of Galesburg, Ill., will rent monthly for \$46.50 each.

The large existing city-owned

Double ballot expensive

By GRANT MARSHALL

"It will be a terrific problem and very expensive," was the consensus of remarks by City Clerk Richard Cain, and County Auditor Myranel Dockendorff on the US Supreme Court's ruling that 18-through-20 year-olds may vote for national offices but not state or local offices.

They are the local officials most closely involved with elections in Burlington and Des Moines county. And both admitted they were adopting a "wait and see" attitude.

"The attorney general and the Secretary of State will have to tell us what to do," Cain noted.

Said Mrs. Dockendorff, "I haven't had time yet to figure out just what this means but I am certain it will cause us to make some changes.

There will have to be a different way of handling the 18-through-20-year-old voter than we have in the past."

She noted that the present voting machines have a "lock-out" device which is used in the larger towns, which, by the throwing of a lever, locks out the township offices. "I think perhaps our voting machines could be programmed that way, but that would take a lot of training of election workers to throw the lever at the right time for the right age level of voter," she said.

"It will be a terrific problem for our election workers, of course, and it will also be a problem for the public at large," the county auditor added.

Paper Ballots

"We may have to go to paper ballots for the 18-through-20-year-olds," she said. Cain concurred, but said he didn't know if it was possible to mix paper ballots and machine voting that way.

Mrs. Dockendorff said it was possible that the county would have to print two different ballots, one for the 18-through-20-year-olds, with just the offices of President, Vice President, Senator and Congressman on it, the other for 21-year-old-and-over voters, including state and local officials.

"Frankly, I'm not going to try to solve it right now, hoping that somebody up in Des

Moines will solve it for us," Mrs. Dockendorff said.

She noted that the county does not have any voter registration at present, so the addition of the 18-through-20 age group poses no problems in this respect.

"But that can change. The law says that if the county has over 50,000 voters, then you must have permanent voter registration. We had between 47,000 and 48,000 this year. And they are talking about lowering the figure to 35,000 to 40,000 voters. If they do, then we will have to have permanent voter registration in the county and we will have a bigger problem with the new younger voters added," she said.

Allowed To Register

Iowa now permits 18-year-olds and above to register. "So far we have about 70 registered," Cain said. He guessed there

might be 3,000 in the city in the 18-through-20 group.

"Persons registering for the first time must swear they are a qualified voter. The burden of proof is on them and if we doubt them when they register, we ask for their driver's license, draft card or some proof of their age," the city clerk said.

He noted that the 18-through-20 age group registrations are kept in a separate book, not mixed in with the 21-and-over permanent registration forms. "Right now, the way it stands, that's what will happen in 1972. There will be two different books, one for the 18-20 group and the other 21-and-over," Cain said.

Both look for the problem to be resolved by 1974, but the 1972 election looks like nothing but a headache to them and all election workers as well as the general public, as the result of the Supreme Court's ruling.

Council approves city bus rate hike

The same public attitude which has forced Burlington city government to subsidize public buses marked a measure Monday night which raised bus rates five cents across the board and eliminated one of the seven existing routes.

The attitude — apparent apathy — came after a brief city council discussion of the resolution when Mayor pro tem Milt Titus asked for public comment... and received silence.

Noting that The Hawk-Eye and other sources had publicized the proposed bus provisions, the three councilmen present adopted the 1971 agreement with Burlington Transit Lines, Inc., on a 3-0 roll call vote.

Councilman Fred Savely called it a "conservation measure," while Titus explained that "curtailing some services is more an economic measure" to save the bus line.

And Councilman Wayne Hoberg, admitting the licensing provisions were "less than desirable," said the city was "awfully close to not having any bus service at all." Exact provisions of the BTL 1971 license are these:

As of Jan. 1, children's fares go from 15 cents to 20 cents; student fares from 20 cents to 25 cents; and adults, 25 cents to 30 cents.

And as of Feb. 1, the two

routes now serving the south central part of the city will be merged into one, running generally down Madison. Administrator Larry Roach said the city "will be publishing schedules with maps on the back" to give bus patrons advance information on the route change.

Hours of service will remain the same, but between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., buses will run only hourly instead of every 30 minutes.

(A slight route modification on the west side, carrying buses past Autumn Heights rather than along Mt. Pleasant to West Burlington, has already been in effect for a number of weeks.)

Titus cited problems BTL manager L. A. Worley has had with the buses: "In Worley's case, he was reluctant to raise the rates and cut service, too," but is caught between rising operating costs, employee demands for pay raises, and decreasing ridership from the general public.

"I still feel we are giving substantial service," the mayor pro tem said, "and we wish it could be as good as what we had. But we have to do this to keep the buses moving at all."

The rate increase, route change and midday-hour cutback in frequency of runs were all recommended by a recent survey of mass transit in the Burlington area.

Where in the world...?



What is Bulgaria's chief industrial city? Answer on Page 2.