

Hawk-Eye items

Mom writes Santa about naughty girls

Following is a late letter to Santa Claus from a mother who apparently experienced some pre-Christmas problems with two daughters:

Dear Santa: _____ and _____ haven't been very good girls. Tomorrow I am taking their jackets back to the store. If they are good the next few days you can give them to them.

I will leave that up to you. Also the other things they want will have to come from you — if they deserve them.

Two tardy lists given to Santa

Yes, Christopher and Lisa, there is a Santa Claus and The Hawk-Eye has given him your Christmas lists, although they were a bit tardy.

We hope the good gent still has a Barbie doll and "some records that are fast" on hand. He might even have some colored pencils, Lisa.

Santa will probably work hard to find a bicycle with training wheels for you, Christopher.

He also thanks you for remembering Marci in your lists, and he says he can't wait to sample your cookies.

P.S. An elf grabbed the gum you sent along for Santa.

Pension benefits hiked in shuffle

Retired Burlington fireman Paul Mower, 625 Hedge, has been boosted up and out by the city council.

The move came on a request from City Manager John Dullea and Fire Chief Mike Zaiser to give the veteran smoke-eater the pension benefits intended for him when he retired about two years ago.

But hiking Mower's retirement check became somewhat complicated by the fact that the city no longer needs the position he filled, that of fire equipment mechanic. "That position hasn't been used since he retired," Zaiser said.

So the council raised the pay rate for the empty job one range, automatically putting Mower on an assistant chief's pension level "which is how we thought he should have been retired," Zaiser said.

And in their next move, the council abolished the newly-elevated position after the fire chief advised that "with central maintenance (of all city vehicles), we cannot now justify it."

Governor joins Bible reading

Iowa's Governor Robert D. Ray has accepted an invitation to begin the New Year in a different way—by reading from the Bible.

The governor will be joining in the Second Annual New Year's Bible Reading, an inter-faith, continuous reading of the entire Bible, beginning at midnight, Dec. 31, at The Voice of Prophecy, international radio-broadcast headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Glendale, Calif.

Gov. Ray is reading Psalm 24 on tape which will be presented in the proper sequence during the non-stop recitation of the Scriptures.

Other state governors, mayors of major U. S. cities, and representatives of business and religion are joining in the reading, says Harold M. S. Richards, Jr., director-speaker of The Voice of Prophecy, which held the inaugural reading at the beginning of 1970 as "a public recommendation to people everywhere to sample the ageless wisdom of the Bible."

Bird count Sunday

An annual Holiday Bird Count for the Audubon society will be conducted Sunday by the Burlington Bird club.

The check will be held within a 10-mile radius of Burlington. Peter Lowther and Jack McLane have set up routes for each group of club members to cover. Special areas will include the Iowa Army Ammunition plant, Crapo park, the north bottoms, Carthage and Crystal Lakes and Dam 18.

Members will meet at the home of Dr. Charles Fuller, 420 S. Garfield, for a compilation of the count. Refreshments will be served.



Wicks "They said the present was under the tree somewhere!"



Brian Consbrock is patient wired for sound

Patient in yule season

By LLOYD MAFFITT

"He's amazingly cheerful," said Norma Consbrock.

He is, indeed.

It must be pretty hard for a little fellow of seven to smile when he's laid up in a hospital at Christmastime, but Brian Consbrock is making the best of the most memorable — but hardly the most pleasant — Christmas he's ever had.

Brian suffered a broken right leg in a fall at his home at 511 Swan, West Burlington, on Dec. 5.

There's no chance of his getting out for Christmas, so his family — father Richard, mother Norma, brothers James, 10, and Allan, 9, sister Kara, 5 — and friends (including teacher Jeanne Bohm, in whose first grade Brian is a pupil) are bringing Christmas to him.

They — with an assist from Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. — are also bringing school to him.

Two-way Hookup

A two-way hookup between Mrs. Bohm's room in the West Burlington elementary school building and room 450 of Burlington Memorial hospital permits Mrs. Bohm to teach Brian and Brian to talk with her (and with his classmates, who chat with him from the classroom, and play records for him, and sing to him).

"He's doing fine in his school work," Mrs. Bohm reported.

"He's keeping up in reading, math, phonics, and language arts."

Brian's schoolmates — not just his classmates, either — are showering him with remembrances — "A real gift of love," said Mrs. Bohm.



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THEY KEEP IN TOUCH with Brian Consbrock in Burlington's Memorial hospital. Teacher Jeanne Bohm and classmates play records of Christmas music from West Burlington elementary school building. From left, children are: Beth Knopp, Curtis Hansen, Connie Sherman, Todd Brisse, and Angela Warren.

Mistletoe to nations

The Associated Churches of Tamworth, N. H., have sent a sprig of mistletoe to the leaders of eight nations, including those involved in the Mideast and Indochina conflicts.

"From pre-Christian times," the Rev. James W. Kellett said in a covering letter, "mistletoe has been considered a symbol of hope and peace. In ancient times, less civilized societies, meeting under the mistletoe, threw down their arms and sealed their pledges of peace and friendship with kisses."

Mistletoe or not, there were no such pledges this Christmas season in either the Holy Land or the Mideast.

Hostilities vs. Holidays

Christmas truces were proclaimed by both the North and South Vietnamese but the South Vietnamese said the Communists violated their own truce twice in its first hours. There was no truce in Cambodia and

midnight masses in Phnom Penh were held at 8 p.m. because of a curfew.

And in Bethlehem, birthplace of Jesus Christ, Israeli troops sealed off the city to guard against terrorist attacks on Christian pilgrims. The town is in Israeli-occupied Jordan.

There was the usual holiday quota of joy, human compassion and humor in the United States.

An untrimmed Christmas tree stood in the Los Angeles City Council chambers Wednesday while city officials passed the buck over who should decorate it. The Board of Public Works apparently had authority over the tree itself, but had no decorations. The council said the tree was none of its business and just let it stand there.

Charity Prevails

Richard Hurlbert also had tree trouble at his Berkeley,

Mich., gasoline station. His problem was inability to get a permit to sell the 500 Scotch pines he had stockpiled. So Hurlbert decided to give the trees away—to needy families and to customers.

In San Francisco, baseball umpire Richard Malby is playing Santa Claus for the season. He says he likes "the contrast" with his regular job because "everyone likes Santa."

Prisoners at the maximum-security U. S. penitentiary near Marion, Ill., held a Christmas party for disadvantaged youngsters, Maryland Gov. Marvin Mandel granted amnesty to 107 inmates of the state's correctional system, and more than 20 men were released from "allimony row" in Chicago. Six non-support prisoners remained behind bars, however, some because their ex-wives wanted them to stay there.

Throng going to Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, Israeli-Occupied Jordan (UPI)—Christmas festivities in this town where Christ was born began today with the playing of Christmas carols by an Israeli police band and a heavily guarded religious procession to the fortress-like Basilica of the Nativity, believed to be the site of the manger.

More than 1,000 Israeli troops sealed off Bethlehem to guard against terrorist attacks on the thousands of pilgrims arriving by bus and car. A police helicopter hovered overhead and there were steel police barriers in the streets and guards on every housetop.

The Suez Canal cease-fire appeared to be making this the safest Christmas here since the 1967 war.

Highway Roadblocks Up

There were roadblocks on every highway leading to this town of 30,000 Arab inhabitants set atop the Judean Hills south of Jerusalem. Through the roadblocks came the pilgrims, tourists and Arab Christians and a procession of priests and church dignitaries led by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem,

his Beatitude Giacomo G. Beltritti.

Cheers and applause went up from a crowd of 1,000 visitors and residents of Bethlehem as Beltritti, preceded and followed by Israeli mounted police and patrol cars, entered Manger Square fronting the Basilica and was welcomed by the district military government and the mayors of Bethlehem and nearby towns.

A bright, warming sun shone as the festivities got under way, auguring well for the hopes of Israeli tourist officials who predicted 12,000 worshippers would crowd into Manger Square this Christmas Eve. G'her thousands were camping in the Shepherds Field where the New Testament said the shepherds saw the star in the east.

Roam Cobble Streets

As the day wore on more and more busloads of tourists arrived and sent their passengers roaming the narrow, cobble streets, mingling with Arab shoppers, women in flowing Arab dress, men in Kuffieh headgear, children scampering about to hawk postcards and souvenirs. And everywhere were Israeli

troops — two Jeeploads in the middle of Manger Square, troops helmeted and armed, patrolling in twos and threes, guarding intersections and buildings. There were two in the post office watching as foreigners licked away at the stamps to carry their Bethlehem postmarked greetings around the world.

Climax At Midnight

The rites reach a climax at midnight when Msgr. Beltritti celebrates a pontifical High Mass in St. Catherine's Chapel, the Roman Catholic section of the basilica.

As the roadblocks closed and Israeli security forces made final checks of Bethlehem's trash baskets and other places where guerrillas could plant bombs, more airliners winged into Tel Aviv's Lydda Airport bringing the last of an estimated 20,000 visitors the tourism ministry said would spend Christmas in Israel this year.

The weather bureau forecast partly cloudy skies but no rain, with daytime temperatures as warm as 59 degrees and dropping no lower than 47 degrees during Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Lange drowned

Mary B. Lange was hit on the head and then drowned, apparently in the waters of Long Creek where she was found last Saturday.

That was the preliminary autopsy report made Thursday. It said death came within an hour after the Burlington mother of three was struck by an unknown assailant.

The report was from Dr. G. R. Zimmerman, local pathologist who performed the autopsy.

Investigators said they were hopeful of receiving a more detailed written report this weekend.

The body of Mrs. Lange, 37, was found last Saturday in the waters of Long Creek below a bridge on a popular "lovers lane," nine miles west of Burlington. She had head wounds. The discovery of her blood-

spattered, abandoned car Friday morning led to the search for her body.

Meanwhile, authorities said they are tracking down a number of leads, but no major break in the case is in sight.

Authorities have speculated that Mrs. Lange was struck on the back of her head and her car used to transport her to the Long Creek area where her assailant dragged her to the water.

Mrs. Lange's purse was found Sunday a mile west of Middletown on a blacktop road to Geode state park. Officers said it appeared to have been thrown from a car. Her uncashed payroll check was still in the purse.

On Sunday a male friend of Mrs. Lange was apparently cleared of involvement in her death.

He told officers he had been with her from shortly after she left a city employees party last Wednesday night until about 2:45 a.m. Thursday. It appears, authorities said, that she died between 2:45 a.m. and 7 a.m. Thursday.

Material collected in the investigation — fingerprints, blood samples and mud from the Lange car — is still undergoing analysis. Much of the material was sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington, D. C.

Both sheriff's authorities and Burlington police have been interviewing those connected with the case or anyone who might have been Mrs. Lange's car, a white 1966 Chevrolet four-

door sedan, between the hours of 2:45 a.m. and 7 a.m. last Thursday.

At the time of her death, the Langes were involved in a divorce action. The petition was filed in June of this year by her husband, Marvin, 50, who was seeking custody of the couple's three children.

Snowless Christmas

Merry Christmas everybody, but you won't have a white one.

The cloud front that brought freezing drizzle to Burlington and vicinity earlier in the week moved out before the cold air behind it could trigger the snow that had been expected.

The weatherman now calls for generally fair skies Christmas Day, with slightly warmer temperatures.

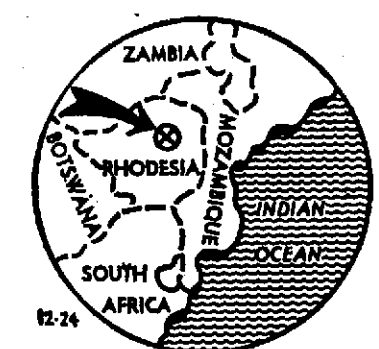
The overnight low is expected to be 12, compared with the 5-above reading here at 5 a.m. today. The high Friday is predicted at 30.

Population total

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Census Bureau says the U.S. population on Nov. 1 stood at 206.2 million—an increase of 1.5 million since the official 1970 census was taken April 1.

The Nov. 1 figure was an estimate. The official April 1 figure was 204,765,770.

Where in the world...?



What is the capital of Rhodesia? Answer on Page 2.

US says POWs omitted

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Pentagon officials said today they are certain Hanoi left at least 26 names off its latest list of Americans held prisoner in North Vietnam. It is possible, they said, that even more were omitted.

Officials said they were puzzled by the omissions from a list the North Vietnamese described as final and complete. Some of those left off have appeared in prisoner of war photographs released by North Vietnam.

Because of this the Defense Department refuses to accept the new list as official and complete, said Brig. Gen. Daniel James Jr., deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs.

James refused to name the men who failed to appear on the list because "we do not want them (the North Vietnamese) to know who we know or think they have."

"It could endanger the lives and safety of men they might

hold that we don't know about," James said.

Another Pentagon official said if the United States made public a list of all the men the Pentagon believes are prisoner of war, then North Vietnamese jailers might tell other prisoners not on the list "your government doesn't know you exist."

"They could bring tremendous pressure this way to get those men to talk. They might

even kill them and never say anything about it," he said.

412 More 'Missing'

There were 368 names on the list given Tuesday in Paris to representatives of Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and J. William Fulbright, D-Ark. Of these, 339 were listed as alive and 29 as dead. The other nine have been released.

The Pentagon believes North Vietnam has captured 378

Americans and that at least 20, possibly 22 of these have died in the hands of their captors. Most of those captured were pilots of U.S. fighters or fighter-bombers shot down over North Vietnam—aircraft that carry one or two men.

In addition to the 378 identified as prisoners, another 412 are listed by the Pentagon as missing in action in North Vietnam.

Officials said this means the ultimate fate of these 412 men is unknown; they may have been captured, or they may have died in the crash of their aircraft.

Weather

FORECAST: Generally fair, not so cold tonight and Friday. Low tonight 12, high Friday 30. Saturday outlook: Partly cloudy, little temperature change.

RIVER STAGES: Burlington 9.4, up 0.5; Wapello 2.1, down 0.2; Augusta 3.4, down 0.5.



HANGDOG EXPRESSION means that Heidi, a six-month-old St. Bernard, is the guilty party in the tipping

of the tree. Heidi eagerly awaits a visit from Santa Claus in the home of Sig-mund S. Witkowski at Reading, Pa.