

# CHRISTMAS SET FOR BIGGEST YEAR

(See Page 10, Newsrel Section for wirephoto.)

CHRISTMAS, Fla., Saturday, Dec. 20.—(UP)—It looks like the biggest Yuletide in Christmas' 106-year history.

Mrs. Juanita Tucker, postmistress whose duties for 11 months of each year consist of serving a population of about 250, scattered within a radius of 15 miles, is hard at work with a large staff of December assistants.

Christmas' tiny postoffice handled 120,000 pieces of mail last year, but expects an even greater total for the 1941 Yuletide.

Every year since 1934, when the town was publicized by a newspaper story, hundreds of persons have driven here to mail their Christmas cards. Stamp collectors, philatelists and sentimentalists keep Mrs. Tucker busy. Before December 1 this year she had forwarded much Christmas mail to China and England—always making sure that each piece of mail bears a clear postmark.

**Eleven Assistants**

Eleven assistants worked with Mrs. Tucker night and day last year to send out the mail which must be taken by automobile to Chuluota, 12 miles away.

Christmas is a fourth-class post-office and, in 1934, the government ordered it shut down, but so many complaints arose that the order was canceled.

The latest gag from Christmas is the 1-cent money order which actually costs the sender seven cents, but gives him the chance to say "here's your Christmas check."

Mrs. Tucker said she doesn't mind making out these orders, nor does she complain about writing her autograph thousands of times each year. This year she has even gone to the expense of supplying a special green and red cachet to add a holiday touch to mail from Christmas.

**Wide Spot in Road**

Christmas, Fla., is just a spot where the road gets a little wider, but life flows gently and abundantly here. Homes are spread out among the ranches and groves and the business section includes only the post office, a gift shop, two filling stations, a church and school.

Tuckers have been postmasters off and on for many years and, although Mrs. Tucker keeps house and cares for her two children, she has held the job for nearly 10 years.

Christmas was named for a fort of cabbage palms built against the Indians near here and occupied by the whites on Christmas day, 1835. Named Fort Christmas, the "fort" was dropped long before the first post office was established in 1892.

# Portugal Must Protect Timor, Allies Declare

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 20.—(UP)—Great Britain and the Netherlands government-in-exile were understood tonight to have advised Portugal that troops occupying the Portuguese island of Timor will be withdrawn if the crisis subsides or if Portugal provides a garrison strong enough to resist any Japanese invasion attempt.

British quarters, reaffirming Portugal's neutrality, likened Timor's occupation by Australian and Dutch troops to a "blockade." They maintained it was necessary Timor be protected from the Japanese and said the commander of the tiny Portuguese garrison admitted his forces were inadequate to resist attack.

(Radio Berlin, commenting on Portuguese Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar's statement that he was negotiating with Britain, described Salazar's attitude as "a clear and neat moral condemnation of the act of British piracy.")

It said Germany would define her attitude when the nature of negotiations was disclosed.

# Workmen's Benefit Group Buys Bond

Seattle Branch No. 233 of the Workmen's Benefit Fund, a fraternal society whose members include many of German descent, yesterday purchased a \$100 defense bond. It was announced by John Lensch, financial secretary.

The national executive board of the society recently purchased \$50,000 worth of bonds. At the same time the executive board pledged its 60,000 members to united and vigorous support of America's war efforts.

# Cubans Jail German Having Spy Papers

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HAVANA, Cuba, Saturday, Dec. 20.—Ruediger Mueller, reputed to be a German army officer, was jailed in Principe Fortness jail today on charges of espionage. He arrived four months ago. Documents showing he is in the service of the German army, codes, and photographs of United States warships were found in his possession, police said.

# Pan-America Fiesta Is Canceled by War

NEW ORLEANS, Saturday, Dec. 20.—The war today caused cancellation of the Pan-America fiesta planned to commemorate the 450th anniversary of the discovery of America and promote better relations in this hemisphere.

It was originally scheduled to open here Oct. 12, 1942—Columbus Day—and had been indorsed by high government officials.

**Innocent Bystander**

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Saturday, Dec. 20.—Raymond Trevino was walking down the street when he saw two youths throwing rocks at each other. He stopped to watch the fight. A stone caught him on the head, inflicting a cut. The combatants did not hit each other.

# NORTH END BEACON



Standing at the head of Ravenna Boulevard near Green Lake, this tree has been decorated by the Greater Green Lake Community Club and Green Lake Commercial Club as their entry in The Seattle Times Outdoor Christmas Tree Contest. Members of both groups planned and executed the display, which is being lighted, together with the large candle which stands before it, each night. The tree is at East 71st Street and Ravenna Boulevard.

# Hints on Lighting Trees Given by Engineer Morgan

(See Page 6 for editorial comment)

In the 14 years since The Seattle Times first held an outdoor lighted Christmas tree contest, hundreds of people have learned through experience how to make their homes beautiful with light at Christmas time.

Together, they have made Seattle famously beautiful with the lights that glow each year along the Christmas Tree Trail.

Such experts as Lyman Day Morgan, the illuminating engineer who originated the white Christmas tree, have given the tree-lighters helpful advice through The Times. This year such advice is especially valuable because thousands of newcomers to Seattle, reading of the contest, haven't known where to start. Where they came from, the custom of illuminating trees is not so widely observed.

**Need Not Be Expensive**

For their benefit, and for others who will be decorating and lighting trees between now and Christmas Eve, when contest entry blanks must be received by The Times, Morgan yesterday gave these suggestions:

"Often a string or two of inexpensive outdoor lights will make an impressive display," said Morgan, who this year is on the Seattle Garden Club's board of contest judges.

"Many people like to use one or more small floodlights with, or instead of, strings of lights. An investment of \$5 for three floodlight lamps, plus probably \$4.50 for color screens, would enable the average householder to achieve beautiful results in lighting one tree in three colors, or three smaller trees in one color each.

"That investment would last for years, and the lamps, especially if fitted with a swivel base, can be used throughout the year as utility lights, to flood backyards, illuminate pools, protect property at night and add valuable hours of light for amateur gardeners in the spring, when the days still are short."

**Color Peculiarities**

"In employing floodlighting on growing green trees, remember these things: Where red light is used and the ornaments are red, the result is brilliant red ornaments. Red light turns green or blue ornaments black, and green light turns red ornaments black. Generally, lights of the same color as the ornaments intensify the color of the ornaments.

"The kind of tree makes a difference, too. A cedar tree's foliage has a great deal of red in it; therefore the tree could be colored in red and high-lighted with blue or green. The tree would take on a dark red color.

"Firs," Morgan said, "are best lighted with green, as there is little red pigment in their foliage. There is enough, however, so they

# Seditious - Speech Charges Dismissed

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 20.—(UP)—Attorney-General Francis Biddle tonight ordered dismissal of complaints of seditious utterances which had been filed against Herman D. Kissenger in Kansas City, Mo., and Robert Noble and Ellis O. Jones in Los Angeles, Calif.

The complaints were filed prior to Tuesday's announcement by Biddle that there should be no arrests or prosecutions for seditious utterances unless he authorized them. In the cases of the three men, it was found they had been properly exercising their right to free speech.

# ENTRY BLANK

## The Seattle Times Outdoor Lighted Christmas Tree Contest

Name of Entrant .....

Address .....

Telephone .....

Location of tree, if not at above address .....

(All trees must be inside city limits)

CHECK CLASS IN WHICH TREE IS ENTERED

Class 1—Residential illuminated tree, 10 feet tall or more, growing on property where entrant lives.

Class 2—Residential illuminated tree, under 10 feet, growing on property where entrant lives.

Class 3—Residential illuminated display, including decoration of home or garden, on property where entrant lives.

Class 4—Community tree, illuminated by community club, neighborhood group, business firm, fraternal order or other institution. Except in case of business firms, tree need not be growing on property owned or leased by entrant.

Entries must be received by the Christmas Tree Editor not later than December 24.

# JAPANESE PLAN LOYALTY RALLY

Seattle's Japanese community will hold an "Americanism rally" tomorrow evening to demonstrate its loyalty to this country and its government.

The rally will begin at 8 o'clock in the new Buddhist Church, 14th Avenue and Main Street, under sponsorship of the Japanese-American Citizens League's emergency defense council. Mayor Earl Millikin and Fred M. Fucker, state adjutant of the American Legion, will be the principal speakers. The meeting will open with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and singing of the national anthem.

Speakers, besides Millikin and Fucker, will include Mrs. Leah McKay, representing the Red Cross; James Y. Sakamoto, chairman of the emergency defense council; Johnson Shimizu, Japanese-American Citizens' League, and Francis Chujo, representing the Japanese community. Takeo Nozaki is rally chairman.

# IDAHO AWAITS TEST BLACKOUT

BOISE, Idaho, Saturday, Dec. 20.—Civilian-defense authorities today declared the air-raid precaution system was in readiness to put out the lights of Southwestern Idaho and Southeastern Oregon for a 15-minute test blackout tomorrow night.

Twelve towns and cities from Mountain Home, 40 miles southeast of here, to Vale, Or., 75 miles to the northwest, will participate in the test, starting at 9:15 tomorrow evening. An aerial patrol from Gowen Field will cover the area to spot illumination and report to air-raid wardens by short-wave radio.

**Deer Everywhere**

ST. PAUL, Saturday, Dec. 20.—Deer have been reported from each of Minnesota's 84 counties for the first time in state history, according to a Department of Conservation survey.

# Match Hits Oil-Soaked Rug; Couple Escape Death in Fire

An elderly couple narrowly escaped death yesterday when fire, ignited with a roar on an oil-soaked rug, swept through a second-story room of a house at 108 14th Ave. N.

W. J. Cunningham, 69 years old, suffered severe burns of the face, hands and back, and a back injury. He collapsed with his clothes aflame on an upstairs porch after stumbling through the fire. He was taken to Harborview County Hospital.

His wife, Mrs. Grace Cunningham, was burned slightly about the face.

**Fire Extinguished**

Firemen, led by Battalion Chief M. W. McIntosh, beat out the flames on Cunningham's clothes, and extinguished the fire before it spread to other rooms.

The fire, Mrs. Cunningham said, started when the head of a match flew off as she was lighting an old oil heater.

"The match head hit the rug and flames sprang up all over it," she said. "I hadn't realized that oil from the heater had gradually soaked into it. I grabbed a rug and threw it over the fire but it just flashed out around the corners and spread."

**"Happened So Fast"**

"It all happened so fast that I'm not sure just what happened after that. My husband has difficulty in getting around—he has to use two canes to walk. He was sitting across the room and he got up and came across to turn the oil off in the stove. By the time he got across the room everything was on fire.

"I grabbed the telephone, but the smoke and the heat were so terrible that I couldn't stay there to use it. I groped for the door, calling to him to follow me. But he went the other way, out through a door to the porch, and through the fire all the way."

According to Chinese statistics, more than 3,000,000 Chinese were in Thailand.

# LANG TO HEAD SERVICE BUREAU

Mayor Earl Millikin yesterday announced appointment of Richard E. Lang as head of the volunteer service bureau of the Seattle Municipal Defense Commission. Lang is president of the Seattle unit of the National Jewish Welfare Board, an affiliate of the United Service Organizations, and will be an ex-officio member of the defense commission.

Col. Marmion D. Mills, chief of the auxiliary transportation subcommittee of the commission's civilian-protection division, will leave December 29 to go on active Army duty, and a successor will be named to his post. Otherwise the commission appointments now are complete.

London has a "bare-leg beauty parlor, where, in a South-Sea island setting, women have their legs sprayed with a new kind of sun tan lotion at 10 cents a leg, just to save stockings during the shortage.



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