

### Yuletide Mailing Hits High Peak

The Christmas rush at the post office was the biggest so far this year Monday with 95,555 letters, mostly Yule cards, and 6,790 parcel post packages dispatched by Butte residents. Incoming packages numbered 3,227.

Fewer people waited in line Tuesday and post office officials expect the biggest rush Wednesday or Thursday if last year's peak figures are to be reached.

While there is still time to mail local cards and packages, postal officials say that there is little hope now of east or west coast Christmas mail reaching its destination in time.

Alabama was first settled by the French in 1702.

### Letter to Santa From a Child

CHICAGO (AP) — In the annual flood of letters addressed to Santa Claus, post office workers found one, carefully printed by a child's hand and unsigned.

"Dear Santa: Please send some presents to my brother. Give mine to him too. He was burned up at school. He is with Jesus in heaven," it said.

### Bah! Humbug!

LONDON (UPI) — The following advertisement appeared Tuesday in the personal columns of the London Times:

"Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bonning of Northwood, having joined the Biennial Christmas Society (odd years only), wish to inform their friends that they are leaving the country during the coming difficult weeks. No cards, by request."

### Final Monthly Crop Report Is Due Today

By DILLON GRAHAM WASHINGTON (AP) — Some Agriculture Department employees are going to be locked up Wednesday.

They'll be put behind bolted doors about the time most people are awakening.

All telephones in one wing of the department's south building will be disconnected. Venetian blinds will be drawn down and sealed with lead. Uniformed special policemen will guard the exits.

But don't begin feeling sorry for them. They're used to it. It's part of their job every month.

They're the experts who prepare the department's monthly crop reports.

All those precautions are taken to prevent any advance leaks on government estimates of crop production. A speculator could make a killing if he had early information on such estimates.

The crop-reporting board, along with clerical employees, will begin early Wednesday morning their check of reports from throughout the country. Some 600,000 farmers and ranchers furnish reports to regional Agriculture Department offices. These offices forward their estimates to Washington.

Just before 3 p.m. (EST) Wednesday afternoon "lock-up day" ends.

Sterling (Bert) Newell, gray-haired and 59, walks through the door of the sealed-off wing, his arms loaded with mimeographed pages bearing estimates of crops. Bert heads the crop reporting board.

He strides quickly across the corridor to another room where newsmen are waiting. Bert motions the reporters to a line six feet away, then lays copies of the estimates, face down, in a row of telephone booths.

At 10 seconds before 3 o'clock, he says "get ready."

At 5 seconds, he cries "get set."

And then, at the stroke of 3—"go."

Reporters spring to the telephones and start dictating.

Wednesday's report is known as the big one. It is the final general crop report of the year, wrapping up 1858 acreage, yield per acre and production estimates for almost every crop grown in the country.

### Your Problems

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: Please help a heart-broken girl hang on to her sanity. For over three years I went with a fellow I'll call Ralph. I wore no ring but considered myself engaged. All my relatives knew him and said we were an ideal couple. He cut down on his drinking when he started to go with me. His mother said I was the best thing that ever happened to him.

Last week Ralph came over and I could see he was soured. He told me he was leaving town and the explanation would be in the mail.

When the letter came I almost fainted. He had been seeing a 17-year-old girl behind my back and she became pregnant. They were married LAST MONTH and were leaving town in a few days. In other words, Ralph had been seeing me after he'd married this girl.

He swears she still loves me and always will. He wants to wait till after the baby comes then get a divorce. He says I should trust him and have faith. He says she may have him physically, but I have him mentally. Please tell me what to do.—KIKI

You may have him MENTALLY, but his wife has him LEGALLY. Put this fellow out of your mind, the same as any other married man with a family on the way.

A fellow who could get married behind his steady's back and continue to see her as if he were single is a deceitful scoundrel and you know it.

He asks you to trust him. Why should you; based on the record? What has he done to merit that trust? It's what people DO that counts, not lip service.

I hope you'll have nothing more to do with this double dealer. It's enough he's wrecked one girl's life. Don't let him try for two.

### Christmas Programs to Be Given On Thursday at Three Schools

The Hawthorne School will present its Christmas program at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium. First, second, third and fourth grades will take part.

The first grade will present a poem, "Christmas Star," and songs, "The Christmas Star" and "Old Santa's Coming." Those participating will be Don Bailey, Cecil Bailey, Smiley Crane, Mike Daniels, Jeffery Dobbs, David Duffy, James Hansen, Edwin Hauk, Dennis Kenny, Jeffrey Kreitzberg, Gary Kunkel, James Medici, Ralph Pingry, Mike Powers, Ronald Rathie, Elaine White, Rodney Rogstad, Terry Svejovsky, Joyce Chinn, Leonette Cox, Rebecca Crosby, Pat Daniels, Ann Louise Gidel, Sherry Lou Gray, Susan Hoffman, Susan Jenkin, Evelyn Knight, Junelle Morrison, Holly Olds, Denese Storer and Charlene Tucker. Leone Cox will tap dance to "Buttons and Bows."

The second grade will present "Santa's Last Sleighbell" with Janet Jordan, Penny Hubber, Connie Radoman, Keith Storer, Judy Sweeney, Kathy Bender, Robby Crooker, Neil Galasso and Janice Witcher.

The first grade will sing "A Letter to Santa Claus" and the first and second grader will sing "The Snow Man" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." Singers will be Wilbur Gray, Zena Fisher, Janet Jordan, Eddy Donk, Mary Lou Adams, Sharon Martin, Douglas Stewart, Bruce West, Carol Thornton, Andy Maxey, Cheri Albertson, Tiny Robins, Mark Davis, Joe Stolarz, Terry Barkell, Keith Storer, Penny Hubber, Connie Radoman, Kathy Bender, Florence Ballensky, Neil Galasso, Judy Sweeney, Janice Witcher, Charles Boyer and Bobby Crooker.

The second grade will present "The Santa Claus Parade" with Carol Martin, Stewart Costello, Kenny Alcheson, William Newman, Eddie Boucher, Herbert Hanifen, Pat Kenny, Richard Setterstrom, Joe Nassie, Jo Lee Carl, Jenness Doak, Kim Koehler, Judy Drozda, Pam Talmadge, Wayne Nixon, Debbie Jensen, Charlotte Soltermann, Ricky Svejovsky, Sue Daniel, Kathleen Spani, Geraldine Witcher, Laura Kavanagh, Leo Cox, Tommy Galasso, Lenore Malone, Barbara Peale, Jimmy Hill and John Bugni.

The third and fourth graders will dance "Jingle Bells" and "Yankee Doodle." Those taking part will be Robert Bentley, Fred Bjorklund, Rodger Crowell, Gordon Doney, Tom Felde, Earl Gray, James Inderberg, Robert Medici, Mike O'Dell, Rex Olds, Clyde Peale, John Powers, Jimmy Rogstad, Susan Waite, Rhonda West, Marty Strugnik, Steve Thornton, Tom Walsh, Roger Poole, Warren Soltermann, Sharon Lintz, Ann Belgrade, Susan Davenport, Sandra Inderberg, Susan Kreitzberg, Patty Lewis, Cecile McCollum, Jackie Marie Porter and Gloria Rathie.

The third and fourth graders will present "Santa Claus for President" with Jane Kirby, Stephen Tucker, Ann Weisner, Clyde Morrison, Glen Thomas, John Kreitzberg, Stephen McCulley, Gary Keltz, Danny Beamer, Adrien LaPalni, David Pearson, Lynda Zurnick, Robert Nottingham, Linda Medici, Mike Kavanagh, Barbara Gratioli, Arthur Gidel, Debbie Van Ausdal, Wayne Stodden, Marjorie Thornton, Bobby Duffy, Anna Jo Bailey, Wayne Doney, Richard Galasso, Charlene Godtland, Yvonne Chinn, Lonnie Brown and Peter Widener.

As a finale a chorus composed of fourth, fifth and sixth graders will sing "White Christmas" and "Silver Bells."

Marilyn McDonald, Marsha McDonald, Colleen McQuinn, Rudy Montoya, Carol Jean Morley, Daniel Lee Mueller, Pauline Moore, Michael Priesley, David Robinson, Eliodoro Rodoni, Edwin Smart, Thomas Snell, Karen Reba Stout, Ty Tyvand and Vicki Lee Peden.

First grade pupils under the direction of Miss Cecile Hannifin will present a playlet, "Santa Claus Parade." The members of the class are Dennis Bird, Scott Brim, Michael Burke, Effie Mae Cengugrana, James Conroy, Rex Davis, Warren Duhame, Gayle Evely, Barbara Frank, William Foster, Mark Stephen Galetti, Michael Griffin, Dana Lynn Hardin, Christina Harnish, Linda Hildebrand, Andrew Holt, Sheila Levitt, Stephanie Lorenz, Leslie Ann Patterson, Gregory Salo, Dana Simonovic, Mary Ann Stevens, Carol Williams, Mike Works, Steve Meyers, Mary Ann Stimpson and Kathryn Young.

Miss Emily Sherman's second grade pupils have written an original playlet, "The First Christmas," which will be given by the following pupils: Carol Bissell, Steven Cross, David Dugdale, Diana Evans, John Foster, Paul Fries, Kathleen Galetti, Charlotte Grund, Deborah Jarvis, Gary Larson, Sheryl Lauderdale, William McCarthy, Laurie Jean Mehring, George Poore, Roger Robinson, Sandra Scott, Wayne Treegar, Robert Miller and James Mullette.

"The Almost Wasn't Christmas," a playlet, will be given by the following second grade pupils under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Mary Agnes Brown: Bynne Adams, Beverly Best, Gregory Briggs, Ronnie Duncan, Judy Emerson, Stephen Erickson, Judy Frank, Sam Gillie, Linda Lee Holmes, Myron Larson, Dennis Long, Kathryn Morley, Denyse Pritchard, Robyn Redfern, Lois Retalack, Judith Robertson, George Rudolph, Kathie Schenk, Monty Shows, Gary Skuljelic, Jackie Stewart, Harry Watson and Susan Young.

Third grade pupils directed by Mrs. Julia McMullen and Miss Lois O'Keefe will present "The Cobbler's Story." The cast is Diana Bakken, Karen Brookings, James Bruner, John Cavanagh, Vickie Clausen, Donald Conroy, Linda Davis, Nikki Davis, Rita Duggan, Carol Evely, Reeve Farrington, Vickie Givogre, Roberta Glynour, Mary T. Hauck, Richard Henning, Jennifer, Dorothy Hinchcliff, Curtis Jeffries, Thomas King, Gail Krandall, Gregg Lienemann, David Mallory, Sally Martinson, Steven Pribyl, Michael Salazar, Nikki Salo, Joseph Scyphers, Martha Stadler, Debby Sterrett, Russell Stiefel, Wayne Storey, Mark Taylor, Mary Tobin, Joe Miller, Brock Cahley, Jimmy Casebeer, Linda Cawley, Alycia Chapman, Rickey Clark, Wanda Dowlin, Stephen Evans,



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### King-Sized Thefts

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — King-sized thefts being investigated by police:

A truck-trailer rig, with a giant construction tractor on the trailer, stolen from a truck terminal parking lot.

A 18-foot house trailer towed away from the Wilnot Mann home.

A 10-foot pine tree, uprooted from F. F. Hinzle's lawn and found propped on the front porch of a University of Utah fraternity house.

### Dear Ann: There is a girl in our crowd...

Dear Ann: There is a girl in our crowd who is giving a very nice guy a raw deal. She is interested in him only because he's captain of the football team.

She's told all of us he's a big jerk and that she intends to drop him right on his head as soon as football season is over. Then she plans to make a big play for the basketball star.

It turns us up to see her roll her eyes at this fellow and hang on his arm. He has already promised her his gold football and she's gloating like a fiend. He's a swell, Joe, but very honest. It hurts us to see him taken in by this scheming girl. Can you say something in your column to warn the guy?—TRUE FRIEND

Like what? An open letter to all homely football captains to beware of a girl who is taking him for a ride?

If he gets thrown for a loss he'll learn, like everyone else. In the meantime, I trust you will keep your noble mouth shut, True Friend, so that you will not make noises like a jealous cat.

### Dear Ann: The office where my husband works...

Dear Ann: The office where my husband works has a party every month for employees and their wives. My husband is treasurer.

Something always happens to the finances and he gets stuck. For example, last month a couple was unable to attend because of illness. They didn't let him know until it was too late to cancel the reservations. My husband had to pay for their dinners.

Our income is not large. My husband is in no position to make enemies. How can he collect from these deadbeats?—PINCHERD

Either take the parties to a restaurant that will collect for the dinners on the spot or send a letter to all employees informing them that unless their check is in your husband's hands 24 hours in advance, it will be assumed that they are not able to attend.

### To learn the booby-traps of teenage drinking...

To learn the booby-traps of teenage drinking, write for ANN LANDERS' new booklet, "Teenage Drinking," enclosing your request 20 cents in coins and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Mail to Ann Landers, Box 3346, Chicago 54, Ill.)

### Mrs. Wrigley Jr. In Coma 11 Years, Succumbs

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. William Wrigley Jr., widow of the chewing gum millionaire, died today after 11 years in a coma.

She succumbed in the mansion from which she was never moved after she suffered a paralyzing stroke Dec. 23, 1947.

Ada Wrigley had kept her age a secret. Friends believe she was about 96.

Her husband died in 1932, at 71, in Phoenix, Ariz. She leaves a son, Phillip K. Wrigley, and a daughter, Mrs. James R. Offield, both of Chicago.

The elder Wrigleys, arriving from Philadelphia, settled in Chicago in 1892. Wrigley, a salesman, gave away chewing gum with goods he sold, then decided it would be more profitable to sell gum itself.

### Ramsay

The Ramsay School will present its Christmas program at 8 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium. Charles Gorr of Anaconda will preside as Santa Claus.

Those taking part in the program will be Anne Bustle, Beverly Earhart, Shirley Hanson, Cherie Hotzel, Rhonda Miller, Ann Miller, Lauri Peterson, Ellen Peterson, Jane Ripley, Rusty Boggs, Jerry Boggs, David Brinig, Jimmy Cramer, Dee Jay Glasser, Gary Hammond, Steven Hawke, Daniel Hazlett, Kenny Howe, Richard Jenkins, Dennis Maesar, Dante Miller, Wesley Ripley.

Arel Sessions, Sean Sullivan, Ronald Ueland Thomas Rirkenbuel, Cameron Boggs, Janette Cochran, Harla Jean Colwell, Joyce Craddock, Carol Ann Cramer, Rene Cronk, Betsy Earhart, Katherine Hammond, Robert Hanson, Clara Howe, Constantine Peterson, Katherine Richey, Ronaldson, Laurel Ripley, Richard Waldemar, Susan Wedin, Betty Witt, Terry Wold.

Harold Allran, Harry Allran, Alice Bailey, Joan Bartlett, William Birkenbuel, Aletha Boggs, Edna Boggs, Roger Boggs, Benjamin Bustle, Robert Chamberlin, Susan Erickson, Michael Hanson, Jean Harris, Robert Hawke, George Holt, Larry Holverson, Xondra Lyle, Darlene Mee, Guy Ripley, Terry Romning, Ernie Seadin, Deana Sessions, Danny Sullivan, Jerry Tibesar, Robert Tibesar, Carl Ueland, Clara Ueland and Karen Wedin.

### McKinley

Pupils of the primary grades will offer their Christmas program at the McKinley School Thursday at 1:30 o'clock, and parents and friends of the students are invited to attend.

The program will open with a playlet, "The Toy Shop," by Mrs. Josephine Twomey's first grade pupils, including Lisa Babich, Janice Braham, Brenda Bruner, Janice Cross, Floyd Dowlin, Richard Estabrook, Kim Gardiner, Robert Glenn, Linda Jersey, Jackie Kelley, Peggy Kilroy, Laurie Lester, Roy Mark Loreno, Karen May,

Gloris Hildebrand, Elizabeth Hitchens, Judith Holt, Diana Jersey, Kathy Kautzman, Scott Larson, Kathy Lauderdale, Jay Levitt, Debora Mauder, Jay McCarthy, Scott McKenzie, Linda Montoya, Sherrel Mueller, Beth Ann Nelson, Michael Parent, Peggy Platt, Gary Rowe, Nada Simonovic, Michael Smith, Valinda Thomas, Karen Ulrich, Janet Williams, Larry Busch and James Miller.

Intermediate grade pupils assisting in the program are Donald Quenzer, John Morley, Tony Gardner, Douglas Robinson, Kenny Adolph, Jimmy Evans, Greg Dunlop, Teddy Grund, Jerry Phelps, John Bowsher and Bruce McKenzie.

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