

Anything Can Happen Christmas Morning



THE SILICONE FINISH will keep this bright plaid State-O-Maine robe clean and new looking long after the last decoration comes off the tree. Silicones make most drinks and non-oily liquids roll off without even wetting the fabric. Since Dow Corning Sylmer finishes last through repeated dry cleanings, chances are that next Christmas this wool robe will still look as new as the day it was taken from its gift wrappings. The robe is available in three plaids: red and green or black and white in boys' sizes 4-12; men's sizes small, medium and large.

Recipient Care Gift Writes Mrs. Wagner

Mrs. H. S. Wagner of the Foscoe neighborhood has supplied the Democrat with the following letter she received from Rome, thanking her for a CARE package.

Major Carlos DeLima of Boone translated the letter for Mrs. Wagner. It is as follows:
My Dear Mrs. Herbert Wagner,
First of all allow me to introduce myself. My name is Milano Salvatore, head of a family composed of my wife named Marcia and the children, Francesco, Angela, and Sergio. Precisely, I am beneficiary of the United States Dept. of Agriculture by means of the Cooperative for American Remittances to Everywhere, Inc. with headquarters in New York 16, N. Y., 680 First Ave.

Our package arrived most opportunely since winter was just beginning; imagine, therefore, if you can, what warmth your good deed in the way of food and clothing brought to our hearts. I am already acquainted first hand with the generosity of the American people both civilian and military who on various occasions have given me the opportunity to appreciate them.

There is so much I wish to say to express my infinite gratitude and that of my family, but, unfortunately, I am not a good orator. However, I assure you that I am looking forward to the day when you may visit Italy, particularly Rome, and shall be very happy to share my house with you. You may spend a happy vacation here and days to be remembered in the future.

I wish to make known my work which is that of corporal in the police force of Rome; thus I can serve as guide and show you all the beautiful and famous places here which I know so well. Meanwhile, I look forward to the time when, with the help of God, you may visit us so that my family and myself will have the opportunity to celebrate your arrival and thank you in person for your generosity. Cordial salutations from my family and your most devoted servant.

Milano Salvatore
P. S.—Pardon my having written in Italian as I know very little of your language, but my family and myself had to make you and yours know of our good wishes and appreciation.
Mrs. Wagner understands that the salary such a police officer

receives in Rome is perhaps \$20 to \$25 per month.

High Money Is Top Fiscal Tale

The sharp rise in money rates and the consequent decline in bond prices was the biggest financial news story of 1956, it was revealed by Investor's Reader, a publication of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane.

The poll was made through the firm's 117 offices in 111 cities from coast to coast and in Puerto Rico, Canada, Cuba, and Switzerland. Results were announced by Clyde W. Wright, manager of the firm's Asheville office.

The tight money story received an overwhelming 87 first choice votes. The second most important story was the unprecedented demand for Ford Motor common stock when first offered to the public. The complete list of ten top business news stories follows:

- 1—Tight money becomes still tighter as interest rates rise and bond prices slacken.
- 2—The unprecedented demand for Ford Motor stock when offered to the public.
- 3—The steel strike, settled by a three-year contract which set a pattern for industry.
- 4—A halt in the downturn of commodity prices, aided by an energetic cut-rate export program to reduce surpluses and the start of the soil bank.
- 5—Continued prosperity as industrial production, employment and national income reach new peaks.
- 6—Enactment of the \$33 billion, 13-year federal highway program.
- 7—Resumption of the uptrend in living costs and the inflationary impact of the wage-price spiral.
- 8—The bull market in stocks levels off with ups and downs influenced by the year's conflicting news.
- 9—Auto slump exceeds predictions but output is still fourth highest in history.
- 10—Home building declines.

Kitchener, Ont.—A bee flew into the car being driven by Ross Steeves and, in fighting off the bee, Steeves rammed into a parked car on a city street. He escaped a bee sting but the damages to both automobiles cost him \$500.

Wool Debits To Continue

Deductions for wool market development activities of one cent per pound from wool payments and 5 cents per hundred pounds of live weight from unshorn lamb payments will continue to be made for another year. The reductions will be from payments to be made to producers next summer under the National Wool Act, for wool and unshorn lambs marketed in the 1956 marketing year.

Dwight Cable, Chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, explains that the deductions were approved by wool growers in a referendum held August, 1955. The National Wool Act providing payments to producers to encourage domestic wool production was enacted in 1954. Funds for financing wool payments are from tariff receipts on imported wool.

Payments to producers for the 1955 wool clip by early October had reached a total of \$55 million. Of this total, Watauga county growers received \$6,769.23 of the total of \$45,560.46 received by growers throughout the state. Market development deductions under the 1955 program are estimated to total approximately \$3 million for the nation.

The promotion program is carried on by the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc., under an agreement with the Secretary of Agriculture. The Council is governed by a delegate body made up of representatives of the National Wool Growers Association, National Wool Marketing Corporation, National Grange, National Farmers Union, National Livestock Producers Association, National Lamb Feeders Association, New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc., Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, and Pacific Wool Growers.

Seattle, Wash. — Mrs. Carrie Borjes, 89, recently received her first call to serve on a jury. Stating she had always wanted to serve on a jury, she said she would be delighted to do so "if they'll have me."

OKLAHOMA CITY—After receiving his fifth parking ticket, a smart local motorist thought he had figured out a way to avoid arrest and a fine. He changed his auto's license plate numbers with a paint brush. Alert police arrested him anyway.



Christmas

To all our valued patrons:
our warmest thanks for the privilege of serving you during the year now drawing to a close and our very best wishes for your happiness and success in the new year now dawning.

CAROLINA PHARMACY

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