

Childless Parents Swamp Orphanages To Adopt Babies At Christmas Time

Kansas City—Door bells rang with the constancy of sleigh bells in orphan homes.

Baby adoptions set a fast pace in middle America as toy windows beckoned to childless husbands and wives.

All records were broken at Chicago during the past two months. Deputy Clerk William E. Golden said the number of adoptions there during November and December have tripled figures for the same period last year. November adoptions averaged three a day. The average rose to four a day during this month and Golden expected it to be five-a-day this coming week.

In Kansas City, adoptions exceeded 480 for the year and gave every evidence of passing the 500 mark.

"By the end of the year the number probably will be around 550," smilingly reported Juvenile Court Judge Ray G. Cowan.

"The demand this Christmas season is larger than it's been in a long time."

"From 15 to 20 states have come about 250 requests for children," said Mrs. Mary Wilson Jones, supervisor of the child adoption department of the court, as she answered a steady stream of telephone calls.

"We just have so many babies available at any given time and those who don't get any of these will just have to wait."

In hundreds of homes, however, "Dad" is getting his first experience in shopping for doll and tricycle. And "Mother" is reciting

Eight Convicts Still At Large

North Carolina.—Of 10 prisoners who escaped from the State convict camp here Saturday night, only two had been captured Tuesday.

Two of the the prisoners escaped through a hole in the wall of a camp building while the guards and camp force were eating supper.

Two of the prisoners, John Gambill, negro, sentenced to two years for larceny in Cleveland county, and Bernard Ball, of Forsyth county, were captured today.

Others who escaped were: Roy ty, serving two years for larceny; cemy in Guilford county; Howard Brackett, sentenced in Gaston to serve three to five years for bigamy; Jac k Presnell, Haywood county, serving two years for larceny; Price Miller, serving six months for assault in Guilford county; Ray Hoffman, serving 15 months for forgery in Guilford county; Will Brown, sentenced to two years for larceny in Mecklenburg county, and Knox Brown, serving two years for larceny in Irdecell county.

Nurse Held In 'Mercy' Death

Woonsocket, R. I.—A young practical nurse who, police said, confessed she killed a woman patient to end her suffering, was with murder, pending determination of her mental condition.

Deaths of other patients the nurse had attended were under investigation.

The nurse, dark-eyed Marie Sevigny, 26, was so distraught when called for arraignment she was unable to appear and her attorney entered a plea of not guilty to a charge she ended the life of Mrs. L. Valmore Normandin, 47, wife of a former city auditor, with a portion of household ammonia.

Police Inspector Leo Vanasse said Miss Sevigny, once a member of a religious order, first told him she administered the caustic agent to quiet Mrs. Normandin, but finally conceded she killed the woman to end here suffering.

Mrs. Normandin was undertreatment for a nervous breakdown.

Only 400 Civil War Vets Left In North Carolina

Raleigh.—The ever-present scythe of old Father Time cut another wide swath in the thinning ranks of surviving Confederate veterans from June to December this year in North Carolina, and there were 54 fewer names on the soldiers' pension rolls today.

Last June when State Auditor Baxter Durham made out the pension checks there were 454 veterans of the War Between the States who drew that semi-annual payment.

Today, Auditor Durham was preparing to mail the vouchers and only 400 names remained. Those 400 veterans are drawing \$73,000 in State money at the rate of \$1 per day each for the last six months.

RE-OPENS FIGHT FOR BABY — St. Louis.—Mrs. Nellie Tipton Mnench today reopened her legal battle to reclaim the "gift of God" baby. Claimed as her own, which the St. Louis court of appeals recently awarded to unwed Anna Ware.

GERMAN BISHOP OUSTED — Berlin.—The militant confessional (opposition Protestant) Bishop Zaenker was removed from office Monday by Hans Kerrl, Nazi director of church affairs, for violating government ecclesiastical decrees, it was learned tonight.

U. S. SIGNS TRADE TREATY — Washington.—A reciprocal trade agreement providing for mutual tariff concessions was signed today by the United States and Honduras at Tegucigalpa, the eighth pact to be consummated under the administration's foreign commerce program. American exports to Honduras for 1934 were estimated at \$6,000,000.

"The Night Before Christmas." It's "for keeps" with them.

Credit Associations Save Farmers' Money

Production credit association loans, bearing a low rate of interest, have enabled many North Carolina farmers to save money during the past year.

The interest on these loans is five per cent a year, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, who pointed out that buying on long-credit often adds 10 to 40 per cent to the cost of the goods.

The production credit associations were established to provide loans at low cost to farmers who run short of cash and would otherwise have to finance their farming operations at high interest rates. The associations are farmer-owned and controlled.

Another advantage of borrowing through the associations is that a farmer may secure his loan in installments as he needs them, paying interest on each installment only for the time he actually uses the money.

For example, a farmer may borrow \$1,000. In the spring he may receive an advance of \$300 on which he will pay interest for nine months. Three months later he may receive another \$300 on which interest is to be paid for six months. The remaining \$400, received at harvest time, would bear interest for only one month.

In this way the total interest would amount to \$20.41, as compared with \$38.50 he would pay if the entire loan had been issued in one installment to bear interest for nine months.

E. F. Warner, secretary-treasurer of the Raleigh Production credit association, pointed out that his association loaned \$270,000 to ap-

proximately 1,000 farmers in 1935. Practically all the loans have been paid back, he reported.

Route One Items

Dr. G. M. Flemming of Cleveland, spent a portion of the 11th hunting with J. A. Fink.

Wright nad Barringer have moved their saw mill on George Fink's place and have sawed some lumber. Sidney Hutchins has been having chills.

Mrs. M. L. Bost is sick.

J. A. Bost has been sick.

Mr. and Mrs. D L Bost motored to Kannapolis and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hendrin, the 16th.

W. T. Barber spent Tuesday with G. F. Powlas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Myers spent the 15th with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Myers.

BALD SANTAS GET BUSY

Racine, Wis.—Three hundred Racine men set out today to prove they don't need hair, much less whiskers, to be Santa Claus. They are members of the Racine Bald-headed Men's club, organized recently to ward off quips about shiny pates. Proceeds of a banquet tonight will go to a Christmas charity fund.

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PHILADELPHIA — Thelma Kaighn, 18, (above), was rushing around to get dressed for a party. She swallowed a straight pin. Now the doctors at a hospital here have Thelma eating sandwiches filled with fluffy cotton, as a part of the strategy of protection.

Roaring River Bandits Loot Post Office Safe

North Wilkesboro—Burglars looted the Roaring River post office plundering packers and stealing several dollars. They were unable to open the post office safe.

HOSPITAL IS BENEFICIARY

Baltimore—An unrestricted memorial fund of \$900,000 was left the John Hopkins hospital here by the late Albert Marburg, retired tobacco manufacturer. The will was filed today for probate. Marburg died December 9.

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