

Benson Ladies Hear Lighter Side Of The News From German Friend

Several years ago, just after World War II, Mrs. Winnie Smith and Miss Stella Creech were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Creech in Brooklyn, N. Y., when Mrs. Creech told them about her twelve year old niece, Elke Wichmann, in Kiel, Germany. Elke with her family, was an unfortunate victim of the ravages of the cruel war and was without many of the comforts of life. Mrs. Creech and her husband had been sending them help all along in the way of warm clothing and so when the Benson visitors returned home they decided to send Elke a few items of used clothing. Promptly came childish letters of thanks, written in German. It was a bit touching to be addressed by the little girl as Aunt Winnie and Aunt Stella.

The years passed and on occasional visits to the Brooklyn home of the Creeches it was learned that the Wichmann family had become more economically secure and for the past few years no contact was made with Elke by the Benson ladies. Only a Christmas card each year from the little girl.

This week, Miss Creech received a following greeting on a Christmas card, written in English with letters perfectly formed and words

properly spaced: "Wishing you all the joys of the Season and every happiness in the New Year!" signed Your Elke Wichmann from Kiel. On the opposite side of the card was a colored picture of a little child lighting tall candles under which was the inscription "Froliche Weihnachten."

The card was enclosed with a letter which read: "Dear Aunt Stella: A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you, dear Aunt Stella in the wide, wide world, from the niece Elke of your sister, Greta and your brother Bruce in New York. The best wishes also from my parents. I will hope that you have nice Christmas days and a happy New Year. Here in Kiel now all is decorated for Christmas and big Hemlock trees are in the streets and the light shines through the streets, which is really a nice look. This year we have had already a little snow, and I hope that will be till Christmas for last year it has rained for Christmas and that's not very fine, I find. I hope you can read what I have written in English. In German it is better and more. I will close, next time more. If you would write me a little I should like to be very glad. Love, Elke."

Lighter Side Of The News

NEW YORK — Crippled patients of Goldwater Memorial Hospital on Welfare Island had an early visit from Santa Claus when the jolly, white bearded gent came riding down out of the sky over the East River.

Observers attributed St. Nick's premature arrival to the fact that he has forsaken the reindeer and sleigh for a helicopter.

GARYVILLE, La. — Justice of the Peace Anicet Kilbert, picked up by game wardens and ordered to appear in his own court for hunting rabbits with a searchlight, fined himself \$12.50.

"I got hungry for rabbit," Kilbert said.

PHILADELPHIA — Grocer Gottlob Speer planned today to ask Earden Farms, Inc., of Salinas, Calif., if any of their field workers lost a plain gold wedding ring. Speer said a woman customer found the wedding band encircling the top of a carrot included in a shipment from the California concern.

VANCOUVER, B. C. — A five-year old tot told a department store Santa Claus to write down her gift list because "you'll forget." She toddled up to another floor

in the store where another Santa was stationed, approached him and said "I've changed my mind. I want a rocket pistol."

"Oh, yes," said the mystified Santa. "Let's see, you're the little girl who wanted a doll, aren't you?"

"You big bum," the tot yelled. "I told you to write it down. I knew you'd forget."

CHICAGO — The Anti-Cruelty Society announced today it will serve a hay dinner with all the trimmings to needy horses on Christmas Day.

The "trimmings" will include a bushel of mixed grain and some carrots.

Abandoned cats and dogs will get cooked liver sausage, raw horse meat, dog candy, biscuits, cooked fish, milk and cream.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

GREENVILLE, N. C. — Doris Harris, 13, was hit and killed by an automobile yesterday after she stepped from a school bus in front of her home.

SMITHFIELD — Harold Braswell, 6, was burned to death in a barn near his home here yesterday. Fire engineer Ernest Ward said young Braswell was trapped in the barn where he had been playing with several other children. The others escaped injury.

RALEIGH — The State Utilities Commission will resume hearings here Dec. 29 the Southern Bell Telephone Co. petition for an annual \$3,426,000 rate increase in South Carolina. The commission recessed hearing of evidence in the case yesterday. If granted, the increase would add roughly \$1 a month to the average telephone bill.

RALEIGH — State employees will get a 10 cent pay raise under the proposed spending program drawn by the Advisory Budget Commission for consideration by the 1953 General Assembly, Gov. Kerr Scott said yesterday.

RAEFORD — Hoke County citizens planned to organize tonight in an effort to block the army's plan for expanding Fort Bragg. Under the plan, a 55,000 acre corridor with most of the land provided by Hoke would connect

Bragg with Camp Mackail.

CHURCH PROGRAMS
Lillington churches will all have special music at the 11 a. m. services on Sunday. Baptists will use both junior and senior choirs in a special service of Christmas music.

A series of Biblical tableaux will be staged at 8 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Lillington Presbyterian Church. Miss Jean McKay will be in charge. On Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 7 p. m. Methodists will have a tree for the Sunday School pupils and a short play, "Lighting the Christmas Carols."



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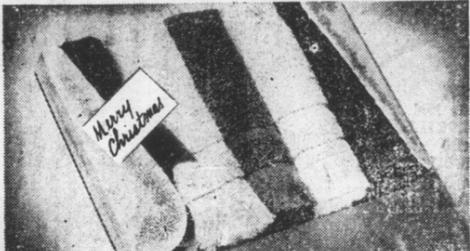
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