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Generally fair and continued cold today and tonight. Wednesday increasing cloudiness and not quite as cold.

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GIGANTIC WELCOME HOME FOR IKE



WHAT A GINGERBREAD MAN!—Linda Perkins looks hungrily at a nine-foot gingerbread man in Memphis, Tenn. J. C. Stoesser boosts Linda up. He's foreman of the bakery where the 185-pound cookie was baked.

Rescue Attempt Underway

Dutch Ship Caught On Reef, Sinking

MIAMI (UPI) — A 368-ton Dutch freighter began sinking on a Cuban reef today as a Cuban patrol boat made an attempt to rescue the eight persons aboard.

The commander of the patrol boat reported shortly before noon he would have the eight persons removed from the freighter June within an hour.

Just how the rescue could be accomplished was not clear. The Coast Guard reported only minutes earlier that the freighter could not lower its own lifeboats and other vessels could not reach it because of heavy seas on the reef.

The freighter's master also reported that the reef had pounded a hole all the way through his vessel's double bottom. A Coast Guard spokesman said this would enable the sea to rush in swiftly and sink the ship.

8-Year-Old Grabs Bag With \$5,675

NEW YORK (UPI) — Was the little girl a prankster or a trained robber? Was the man who ran off with the money her father, her mentor, or just a bystander who saw an opportunity?

These questions were unanswered today because the little girl, the man and a bag containing more than \$5,600 cash were all missing.

Monday afternoon Miss Catherine Bacon, 62, a bookkeeper for a West Side cafeteria, was walking to a bank to deposit \$5,675 which she carried in a paper bag. While she was waiting to cross the street a girl about 8 grabbed the bag and started running.

Miss Bacon ran after the girl shouting "Help! A thief!"

A woman passerby stopped the girl. (Continued On Page Two)

Nixon Heading Reception Unit In Maryland

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Hundreds of dignitaries and thousands of other Americans will give President Eisenhower a cheering, torchlight welcome home tonight from his Christmas season quest for peace on earth.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon will head the estimated 500 to 600 U. S. and foreign officials who will greet Eisenhower at nearby Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Nixon has urged Americans to give the Chief Executive an enthusiastic reception when he returns from "this terribly hard schedule in the service of the cause of peace."

Sparkler Display
The President's luxurious four-engine jetliner was scheduled to land at 10:50 p. m. e. s. t., bringing him home from his exhausting 11 nation, 23,000-mile mission in time to spend Christmas with his family.

After simple ceremonies at the airport, 15 miles from the capital, Eisenhower will ride to the White House. (Continued on Page Two)

Little Spanish Miss Makes Ike Late

MADRID, Spain (UPI) — President Eisenhower kept a blind date with a little Spanish miss today which made him late for breakfast with Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

The date was 7-year-old Rosa Maria Jimenez Calvo, who planted a kiss smack on Eisenhower's lips in a burst of affection. The President blushed noticeably.

It all began last Sept. 8 when tiny dark-eyed Rosita wrote to President "Esinyaguer" — which is how his name sounded to her — and asked to see him when he visited Spain.

U. S. Ambassador John Davis Lodge learned of the letter from the little girl, who referred to Eisenhower as "the good-looking grandpa."

Waits At Stairway
Lodge arranged for the meeting this morning as Eisenhower left the palace where he spent the night to drive to El Pardo palace for breakfast with Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

Rosa, scrubbed to shining cleanliness, and wearing a prim blue dress and white stockings, was waiting at the bottom of the broad

stairway of Moncloa Palace at 7:40 a. m. when the president came down.

Lodge and Rosa's parents, Mario and Ann Jimenez, were with her.

The president, natty in a freshly-pressed gray business suit and carrying his topcoat over one arm, smiled broadly when Lodge introduced Rosa.

The President posed for pictures with the child, telling her "let's wait until the pictures are over and we can talk."

Gives Her A Doll
Then he led her to a chair and sat down, but she decided she'd stand. Placing a hand affectionately on his arm, she said: (Continued On Page Two)

Rich Pair Are Fined For Never Filing

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Two wealthy brothers in their 70s were fined \$10,000 each and given suspended one-year prison sentences Monday on their guilty pleas of never filing an income tax return.

Federal officials said the brothers owed the government more than half a million dollars on four million dollars income since 1935.

"Oh what a blissful life it must have been," said Federal Judge William M. Byrne. "Even a poor judge has to pay taxes."

He said he suspended the prison sentences of Irving Koppel, 60, and his brother Leonard, 69, because of their ages and the fact that they had led "exemplary lives"—except for not paying income taxes.

Ad Claim Probe Is Still Underway

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A spokesman for Better Business Bureaus told the Federal Trade Commission FTC today to avoid creating a "national neurosis" that would lead consumers to believe that all advertising is "suspect."

Edward M. Lockard, manager of the organization's Baltimore office, made the statement at a

conference of business and consumer groups called by the FTC to alert the public against phony advertising and "trickery in the market place."

The last day of the conference dealt with swindlers who attempt to milk the public through bogus job offers such as "earn money at home" schemes and offers of (Continued on Page Two)

Dunn Retailers Find Sales Rip Along

Definitely, It's A Big Christmas

The surprising news was that most Dunn retailers, currently swamped in the Christmas rush, are as happy as Huckleberry Hound or Yogi Bear.

At the Sears mail-order office, these two stuffed toys, based on television characters, have been among the big-sellers this year, along with guided missiles, electronic sets and telescopes.

And Sears manager David Pope said flatly, "This has been our best Christmas."

A telephone check indicated that most store-keepers here, far from bemoaning a slack Christmas, were finding the sales figures very good indeed.

There had been some fear that money wouldn't jingle around much this Christmastime but apparently that was a false estimate.

The head of a clothing and variety store cautiously suggested, "They're buying small pieces but they're buying."

To him, the crux of the season would be the next 30 selling hours. "The last three days count," he said. "Oh, my — yes!"

Said a furniture dealer, "It's definitely picked up the last three or four days. A normal pickup. We'll have a higher volume this year but it's the last two or three months that pulled you down."

The same dealer suggested that buying habits have changed somewhat after two or three years when farm money has been comparatively short.

"I think people are more cautious now," he said. "They won't stick their neck out and they're more inclined to buy what they can pay for."

It's been kind of rough and people who had been in a hole, and begun to come out, ain't going to fall back in again." Chamber of Commerce manager Ned Champion has been checking several store-keepers daily, says most of them are feeling pretty upbeat. "Sometimes they'll talk that things are worse than they are," he said, "but I haven't noticed that lately. I think they're pretty enthused."



ANGELS NIGHTLY WATCH — These angels in striking tableau at First Baptist Church betrayed not a shiver during long vigil. Fellow Sunday school members would recognize them as Beth Russell, daughter of the church pastor, Martha Lou Green and Frances Pope. The tableau is given from 7 to 10 each night through Christmas Eve. (Record Photo.)

Hobby Cars Hot New Fad, Selling Big

Plenty of teen-agers in this area will think of it as a great Christmas present — but Santa will never be able to get it down the chimney.

Out at Easy Street, between Dunn and Newton Grove, Charles Tart expects to have finished on Christmas Day a curved track for a great new craze which has spawned clubs around the country.

Sears manager David Pope described the craze for Hobby Cars, a type of midsize racer which have to be seen to be believed.

"The way it started," Pope said, "A lot of firms wound up with excess lawn-mower engines and they didn't know what to do with them."

"So they built frames for them, on wheels, that the engines could power."

"You know, adults will always buy the kind of toys that they want. The big toys are all designed for adults because it's the adult who lays out the money."

"The Hobby Cars just have a lot of appeal for those older people."

"We've had plenty of them ordered as Christmas presents. The parents will want to know, 'Is it safe?' and, 'How fast will it go?' and, 'How much weight will it carry?'"

The tiny go-buggers, which can do up to 60 miles per hour (the strongest are powered with two engines) already have many local adherents.

They've been visible in the big A&P parking lot, zipping around even when the skies were pouring rain. Almond Westbrook bought one for the Shriner clowns, Robert and H. D. Strickland and Doug Glover are all closely connected with the growth of interest in the Dunn area.

The drag strip prepared especially for Hobby Racers is supposed (Continued On Page Five)

Drunks in Short Supply

Two Face Holiday In Prison Camp

The holiday cheer apparently isn't turning up acres of drunks like it used to.

"We haven't made an arrest for public drunkenness in two or three days," said Dunn Police Sergeant K. M. Fall.

Only two men were in the city jail today but it looked as though both might be eating their Christmas dinner in a prison camp.

Then was an escape route for each but they hadn't made it.

William B. Tyndall, convicted of failing to meet the prescribed court payments for support of his family, faces a 12-month term and was to be sent off today.

Judge H. Paul Strickland yesterday ordered that Tyndall serve the term unless he could raise \$300 to cover back payments for his family.

Earl Stewart, arrested on an ordinary drunkenness charge, was described as unable to meet the small fine imposed and officers were preparing to send him off for a holiday stay in prison camp.

He was given the alternative of a fine or 30 days.

Living Costs Reach Peak

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The nation's living costs edged upward last month to another record high, the government reported today.

The Labor Department said its consumer price index rose 1-10 of 1 per cent to 125.6 per cent of average 1947-49 prices.

It was the sixth time in the last seven months that it climbed to an all-time peak.

Higher costs for transportation, medical care, housing and personal care more than offset declining food prices in November.

Ministers Of Small Nations OK Summit

PARIS (UPI) — The foreign ministers of small nations in the NATO Council flared up at big-power summit strategy today but endorsed the Big Three invitation to Russia for an April summit conference.

The 15-nation council reaffirmed the need for a strong stand by the Big Three of Britain, the United States and France to maintain their rights in Berlin when the leaders of those nations meet in Paris with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

The NATO foreign ministers called together to "ratify" the policies laid down by President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, and French President Charles de Gaulle in the Western summit conference that ended yesterday did their duty.

But the bulk of the time was (Continued On Page Five)

He Told The Truth About His Larceny

OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI) — Police smiled politely when Air Force M. Sgt. Garold L. Townsend said he had stolen an estimated \$12,000 in merchandise from major department stores from here to Sacramento.

But he was so persistent, officers finally sent inspector Eric Gustavson to Townsend's home in Vacaville.

An hour later Gustavson made a hurried call to headquarters: "Send another truck. Mine's not big enough."

Gustavson had found 466 separate items in Townsend's home—including electric organs, chicken incubators, lamps, hi-fi sets, electric belt massagers, whirlpool bath pumps, movie cameras, tools, guns, clocks, typewriters, air conditioners, vacuum cleaners, and swimming pool filters.

After a Kick, a Come-Back

Top Scout Rank For Dunn Youth

Bill Blackley, a young Harnett scout whose face might have been designed to go on a Boy Scout poster, has already hit most of the pinnacles he can hope for in scouting.

But this Sunday he will reach one more. At a Court of Honor at St. Stephens' Episcopal Church in Erwin, he will become an Eagle.

The Dunn youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Blackley, has already served as chapter chief of the

hundreds of scouts in the Harnett County units.

He has frequently been cited as one of the outstanding Scouts developed here in recent years. Last summer, when he went to giant Philmont Ranch in New Mexico, his patrol of 12 all received the Boy Scout Silver Award—the only group out of 3000 boys to win it.

Top scouts from every part of (Continued on Page Two)

ATU Keeps Vigil No Letup In Liquor War

Billy Richardson, chief of the federal liquor raiders stationed here at a four-man post, said the bootleggers aren't calling off their activities for Christmas and neither is the ATU.

The Dunn ATU agent guarded closely what time his men would turn to Santa and forget about those big snifters that somebody was making out in the woods.

Liquor officers feel the bootlegging business is likely to step

up, if anything, around Christmas. Late last week, an airplane was flown over the Broad Slab and a dozen or so stills put out of commission.

No significant raids have been made since then but Richardson said the unit is on the alert. The bootleggers better watch out or their Christmas present may be a summons to federal court.

And it won't even be wrapped in a nice package.