

# Unique Christmas Operation Planned By Pope Field Airmen

## Santa Claus Will "Drop In" On 500 Orphanage Tots

### Permission Given For Use Of Regular Air Force Helicopter

Pope AFB, Ft. Bragg.—Santa Claus will literally "drop in" on almost 500 children of four North Carolina orphanages when airmen of Pope Air Force Base stage "Operation Christmas."

Approval has been secured to use a regular Air Force helicopter to land Santa at the four institutions. He will greet the boys and girls at the Falcon Orphanage near Fayetteville, the Free-will Baptist Orphanage at Dunn, the Colored Orphanage of Oxford, and the Masonic Orphanage of Oxford. At the latter institution Santa will only distribute favors to the children since the management is in need of no financial assistance.

For the other three institutions, however, help is needed and \$3000 in contributions have been received from airmen and officers of Pope Air Force Base, it was announced today. This sum is expected to be increased when some unreporting units turn in their contributions.

Receipt of \$3000 in the "Operation Christmas" fund has encouraged the airmen's committee, which is planning to contribute to the future well-being of the Falcon orphans if sufficient money remains after toys, candy, hats, gloves, and other gifts are selected. The residue will be employed to procure stoves, radios, and other items needed by the orphanage for the comfort and entertainment of the children.

Meanwhile "Operation Christmas" is gaining momentum. Purchasing committees have analyzed the needs of the three orphanages and are busy buying appropriate gifts. It is planned to have each child receive an individual gift with his own name on it.

Mechanics at Pope Air Force Base are donating their aid in off-duty hours to recondition the Falcon Orphanage's bus. After Santa visits the Falcon Orphanage on December 21, the youngsters there will be invited to the air base the following day and will be guests at a Christmas party tendered in their honor at the non-commissioned officers' club. At that time the reconditioned bus will be presented to them and



**THE GIFT AT HAND** is a handsome handbag, of course. The gift she wants because it's the gift she will always use. Hob-Nob handbag in suede by Bienen Davis.

## Ice Buckets Meet Need In the Home

There are the handsome new ice buckets to think of as a gift to help make entertaining easier for your hostess. They eliminate the need of dashing back and forth from the refrigerator in the kitchen for always needed extra cubes of ice. And they are very decorative.

And of course there is also the silent butler, a blessing at every party which keeps both hostesses and maid free for their respective duties, and at the same time insures clean ash trays.

To eliminate post party drudgery, plastic manufacturers have come up with inexpensive and gaily colored sets of forks and spoons that can be tossed away after using. Similarly brightly patterned napkins that feel like real cloth but aren't, are work and time savers and add gay notes to any party.

These are but a few of the many things from which you can choose to show your appreciation of the hospitality you have enjoyed at the home of a friend.

And remember that mother, the inveterate hostess to every member of the family is as much a candidate for the gift that speaks appreciation of hospitality as is any other woman. They will return to Falcon in their own transportation. The vehicle is used by the orphanage to transport its choir to nearby recitals, a fund raising function, but for some time the bus has been inoperative and in need of general repair.



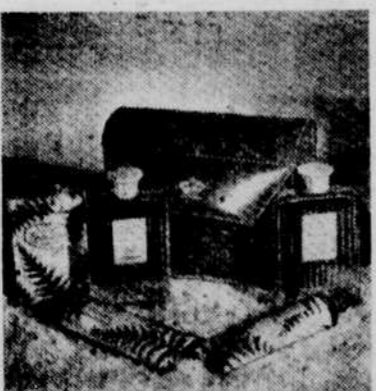
**THE LOVELIEST DAY DREAM OF ALL COMES TRUE** with gifts of a warm, cute-as-a-wink quilted shortie robe that's just right for opening gifts on Christmas A. M., later gives comfort at leisurely brunches; and pajamas, luxurious to see as they are luxurious to wear, holding a promise, of course, for sweet dreams always. The 3-piece Tommy set, shown, by Harry Berger.



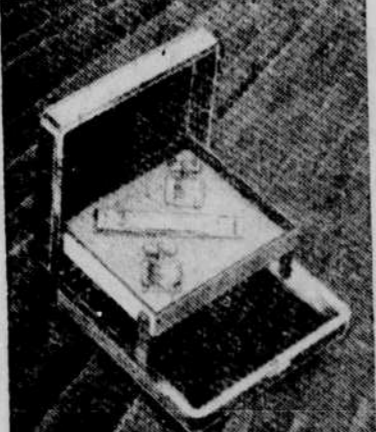
**SPARKLE IN HER STOCKING** for a sparkle in her eye and a sparkle sure to be there with a gift of glittering, colorful costume jewelry. Trifari's "Jeweled Symphony" is shown.



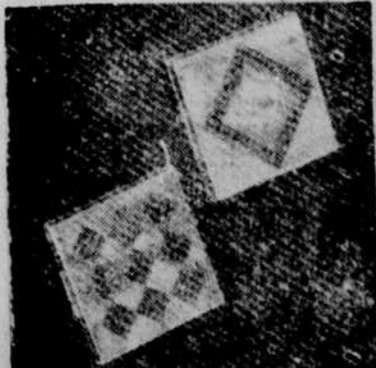
**JUST LIKE DAD'S** — the gift shortie gown she'll love for its gay casual air as well as its promise of snug warmth on the coldest of nights. Plaid My-Knee nightgown by Dora Gottlieb.



**FOR THE FASTIDIOUS** male there are handsome kits of shaving needs including creams, powders, lotion and in the instance of the one shown above Eau de Cologne, with which Houbigant features Royal Fern.



**A TREASURE CHEST** for men's jewelry, containing a set of cuff links and a tie clip, is among the many welcome gifts suggested by Swank this year.



**A COMPACT GIFT** to give her Christmas glitter the year 'round. And compacts do sparkle aplenty this year with rhinestones, multi-faceted rose and sapphire-like gems. The twinkling compacts shown are by Elgin-American.

## Gifts Of Jewelry Always Bring Glee And Excitement At Christmastime

One of the most exciting ways to show your love and thoughtfulness at Christmastime is with a gift of fine jewelry.

For jewelry is truly one of the most precious gifts of all and can be a fitting and flattering gift for any member of the family, offering great sentimental worth as well as untold importance as a thrilling accessory to be valued for many, many years.

Remember, too, that jewelry is a most effective expression of whichever sentiment you want your gift to convey, be it functionalism combined with beauty, romance, personalized thoughtfulness or classic beauty.

**Consider Giving Watch** So, if the all-important gift you have in mind is one that will combine functionalism with beauty, consider giving a watch.

To a man, it will mean the pleasure of owning and wearing a handsome accessory as well as a prized precision time-keeper.

To a woman, it is a gift to be treasured long for its rich beauty as well as for its more practical aspect of time-keeping.

And to the younger members of the family, the watch is a gift which will at once make them feel that this is a "grown up" presentation to be valued for many a year to come.

Wonderfully, watches are to be had in styles to please all. There are simply styled watches for the sports-minded, diamond-and-ruby studded watches that provide luxurious appeal and novelty types set right into handbags. Fob watches that can be pinned onto suit and dresses and tiny watches

set into rings and bracelets are also available.

**Romance in Jewelry** Romance is expressed by jewelry in many an exciting way. For instance, for a beloved wife, nothing can compare in romantic appeal to the gift of a new wedding band, sparkling gaily with a row or rows of diamond chips. And what woman won't revel in the lasting beauty and love expressed by a diamond brooch, bracelet or necklace.

If your engagement announcement is still a matter for the future, set the date for Christmas Eve. For when you give this thrill of being able to twinkle her new lifetime possession proudly before all at holiday parties.

A truly thoughtful and personalized choice is the selection of a

favored piece of jewelry encrusted with his or her birthstone. His birthstone might be set as a ring, a tie or stick pin or cuff links. Hers will delight her in numerous settings—from bracelets and earrings to rings and brooches.

**Pearls at a Price** Ever the classic favorite with women from ages 10 to 100 are cultured pearls. And choosing a gift of these lustrous gems need not mean a great expenditure. For, although thousands of dollars can be spent for fine cultured pearls, they are also available at prices below twenty-five dollars.

Above all, remember that this precious gift deserves all the care and patience in selection you can give it. So plan to choose his or her important gift of jewelry early.

## How To Purchase Milady's Perfume

How can the Christmas-shopping male be sure that his choice of ultra-feminine perfume will be something really special just for her? Well, here's an easy-to-follow guide to help overcome that "lost" feeling in the perfume department and help make the gift fragrance in her stocking rate first thanks.

First, by every means try to discover her favorite perfume. Husbands can check the dressing table; beaux can ask her friends.

Then, while shopping, describe the woman-to-remember, not in coloring but in personality or in

mood. And don't be confused by pretty bottles. It's the stuff inside that counts!

Have the salesgirl put a bit of the perfume on a piece of cotton or blotter paper, wait until it dries so you can get the true bouquet then smell it yourself and see if YOU like it.

Most people become confused after trying four scents, so take it easy! One at a time with a bit of conversation in between each "sniff" will keep the perfumes individualized.

Above all, stop worrying! Every woman has so many moods, likes variety in her life to such an extent that she'll probably like whatever perfume you give her, for most women wear different scents to accent different moods and different costumes.



**PLEASED WILL HE BE** if slacks and sports shirt are among his gifts on Christmas morning. The shirt shown is plaid cotton flannel and the slacks are available in flannels, coverts, gabardines or tropicals. The slacks shown "Sleex," by Esquire sportswear, the shirt by Wilson Brothers.



**TRAVEL KITS** will remind the business man, wherever he may go, of your yuletide thoughtfulness. This one of leather with waterproof lining is by Yardley and includes the famous shaving bowl and other grooming needs with room for brush, razor, etc. Fits in a briefcase.

## Golden Flowers that bloom in the Fall



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