

Santa Has Many Helpers This Season, As Always

AP Newsfeatures
 Christmas is a full-time job for some folks, like the man in San Antonio, Tex., who applied for jobless pay as an unemployed Santa Claus.

And some people get Christmas down to a system like the Frankfort, Ind., woman who was told it was too late for delivery of an order of personalized Christmas cards. She said she wanted them for next year. Whenever she gets a card, she addresses one of her own and mails it the following year.

Some miss out like Detroit thieves in a bar who got \$200, but never did learn that the tree in the corner was decorated with \$1 and \$5 bills.

Then there was Eugene Ward of Abilene, Tex. who was poking around an abandoned farm house at Christmas time and found a \$4,000 uncashed check in the



chimney. Deciding Santa might really have come down that chimney, he started looking for the payee.

Edwardsville, Ind., merchants push the season's spirit right out into the street. They furnish nickels to the cops who feed parking meters for Christmas shoppers.

On the other side of the picture

was last year's substitute Atlanta postman who ditched a bundle of 1954 Christmas mail under a house. When it was found recently, postal officials ordered completion of delivery before the 1955 holiday, and tried to figure out which substitute was guilty.

And Mrs. Janice C. Mattox of Augusta, Ga., found a man cutting a Christmas tree on her property. He protested he had driven all the way from South Carolina for the tree. She said she did not normally sell trees, but would sell him one in view of his long trip.

"Huh!" he objected indignantly. "I've spent enough on gasoline, you don't think I'm going to buy a tree, do you?"

Quincy, Mass., makes a festival out of its old Christmas trees. They are collected by volunteers. Top workers get prizes like bicycles and theater tickets. Then there's a public bonfire preceded by half an hour of fireworks.

There was also the Detroit man, up for drunken driving just before last Christmas. He told Judge John D. Watts he had 16 children. The judge suspended sentence.



AN ENDLESS stream of letters, cards and parcels flowed through the post office this week, as the mail business hit a new high. Herman Francis and Mrs. Parrott are shown sorting the letters. (Mountaineer Photo).

Community Tree Is Set For 23rd

The annual Community Christmas Tree, sponsored by the Waynesville Woman's Club has been set for Friday, December 23, at 3 p.m., according to Mrs. Roy Campbell, club president.

A program will be held in the courtroom and gifts will be distributed to needy children. Children up to six will receive gifts and others will receive fruit and

from his student days in Philadelphia when he attended every major league game played in that town.

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The Rev. Calvin Thielman, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, will tell the Christmas Story.

Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick is in charge of the event and is being assisted by the following committee: Mrs. E. J. Stanmyre, Mrs. W. S. Roberts, Mrs. J. W. Killian, Mrs. Ray Parshall, Mrs. J. R. Hipps, Mrs. Charles Ray, Miss Pearl Harris, Mrs. Raymond Lane, Mrs. T. W. Bridges, and Miss Anne Albright.

The community tree is one of the twenty-five agencies receiving aid from the United Fund.

It takes about 200 bolls of cotton to make a good white shirt.

Funds Sought For Colored Children's Tree

Funds are now being sought for the colored children's Christmas tree, which is to be held Christmas night at the colored Methodist Church on Pigeon starting at 7 p.m.

The Rev. J. M. Vickers, Methodist pastor, said contributions to the Christmas tree program be welcomed. Checks can be payable either to him or to Temple Methodist Church. Donations of fruit and nuts so are being sought for the children, Rev. Vickers added.

Ambassador Has Shindig For Major League Team

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Nicaraguan Ambassador Guillermo Sevilla-Sacasa literally went to bat for something new in Capital party-giving. He threw a buffet-luncheon shindig for the Washington baseball club.

It was a pretty ritzy affair too, staged on the well-manicured lawns surrounding a magnificent swimming pool back of the handsome new Embassy residence, and the players all dressed up in their Sunday suits and fanciest ties were somewhat awed. It was the first time, pitcher Bob Porterfield told me, that any of them had ever been inside an embassy. One sports writer reported that virtually all of the Nats were "grateful that anybody would speak to them." They battled it out with Baltimore for the "cellar" of the American League.

The ambassador who has been in Washington 12 years and is "Dean of the Latin American diplomatic corps," is an ardent Nats fan, estimates he has seen over 250 games, has "rooted for them every minute," and keeps "hoping that our Washington team can get out of the second division and be up there where they belong."

Dr. Sevilla-Sacasa says that in Nicaragua baseball fever is second to none outside the United States.

What's more the handsome young ambassador and his wife, Lillian, are well on their way to building a baseball team of their own. Their eight children were all born here. Guillermo, Jr., 11, and Luis, 8, together with some other embassy youngsters and some kids from the neighborhood were on hand to greet the ball players who autographed brand new baseballs for them. Eduardo, 2, even put in a wide-eyed appearance, in tow of a young male nurse. Alexandro, a little over one month old, stayed upstairs with his mother and sisters, Lillian, 10, Edia, 7, Julia, 6, and Lorena, 5. They're baseball enthusiasts too, but apparently they considered this a stag affair. In fact, the only women present were the society reporters who admittedly knew little about the sport and had a tough time identifying the guests of honor.

The ambassador's father-in-law, President Somoza of Nicaragua, is also a baseball fan, a holdover

saying he would feel like "an awful Scrooge" if the fellow went to jail over Christmas.

But Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hardy of Atlanta are sure there will al-



ways be a Christmas. They have a string of Christmas tree lights they have used for 31 years without replacement of a single bulb.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To every home... to every heart... we're sending a sleigh-load of Christmas wishes. May Santa fulfill your brightest expectations, and may the warm glow of the holiday season remain to brighten your memories through many a month to come. Merry Christmas, everybody!

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MAY YOUR HEART BE LIGHT WITH LAUGHTER AND WARM WITH FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE. MAY YOU EXPERIENCE IN FULLEST MEASURE ALL THE JOYS OF THE SEASON... AND IN THE YEAR AHEAD, ENJOY GOOD HEALTH, GOOD CHEER AND GOOD FORTUNE.



TO THE MANY FRIENDS, WHOSE PATRONAGE HAS MADE THIS PAST YEAR SUCH A GOOD ONE FOR US, WE SEND OUR VERY BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES.

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WAYNESVILLE

Approaching the close of another year, we pause to weave into the happiness of Christmas time our appreciation for all the good will and cooperation that has been extended to us by our many friends and patrons.

To everyone we send our wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

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