

Wilson's Diet
Colonel Earl Wilson, having Christmas feasts in mind, harks back to his atomic diet of last Summer, reports on the success (or lack of it) that people have had. Turn to the Feature Page for Earl Wilson.

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The faces of the living show the strain and misery which are companions to death in the West Frankfort, Ill. mine disaster which has taken the lives of more than a hundred miners. Begrimed with coal dust one of the rescue workers (left) stops for a cup of coffee. Two grief-stricken

women (center) try to comfort each other as they wait for relatives trapped 500 feet below the ground. Miner Eugene McDaniel (right) sits dejectedly after searching for his 20-year-old son. (Acme Telephotos).

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Trailer Firm Takes No Chance on 'Influence'

PIKESVILLE, Md. — Friends of the Thompson Trailer Corp. are getting the letter instead of a Christmas fruit basket this year.

"Our lawyers say that gifts of any sort, however small, should not be given to anyone connected with Government contracts."

"It is all a total loss as far as we can see."

"We don't get the fun of being a small part of your Christmas Day."

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Traffic Death Toll Now 362

By The Associated Press

Slaughter on the highways and in the streets, fires in homes and public buildings, and deaths by drownings and a variety of other accidents made this Christmas a tragic one for hundreds of American families.

The toll of lives early in the third day of the four-day Yuletide push led by firefighters from California accounted for 265, fires for 53, and miscellaneous mishaps for 44.

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Government Worker's Christmas Eve in 1951

By JAMES MARLOW

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They'd munch on a cake or dig into the candy. And most, upon leaving, would never think twice About what they had seen, except it was nice. That friends and relations were thoughtful enough To express some goodwill with this Christmas-time stuff. But one neighbor who left, out of many who came, Might tell someone else "Why, I think it's a shame. The presents he got. Just what did he do "To get all this free?" I sure wish that I knew. He'd call up his boss and I'd tell him, I'd say "A pretty fat Christmas on Government pay."

So this Government worker, who put on no airs, Preferred to keep Santa Claus safely upstairs. The new hat for his wife was out in the shed. He'd take it up late. It would be a surprise. And, besides, it would frustrate the gossip gyps.

Murray Calls Meet Of Top Union Aides

PITTSBURGH — U. S. President Philip Murray of the CIO United Steelworkers today called his union's top policy makers into session here Thursday but declined to say the purpose of the meeting.

The USW executive board will meet at 10 A. M. (EST) followed by a session of the wage policy committee and the ratifying body at 2 P. M.

The summons was the only public answer given to a nation awaiting his response to President Truman's appeal to the union and the steel industry to continue production of vitally needed steel past the midnight Dec. 31 strike deadline.

The steel industry has accepted the President's request but Murray has given no indication of his future plans.

Since the 36-man USW executive board makes all the union's important decisions, steel sources immediately speculated that Murray might be calling the group together to consider one of the following possibilities:

1. Extend the union contracts with the industry so that the men in the mills will continue production just under two dollars an hour.
2. The United States War Relocation Authority studies the industry and prepares a recommended solution. Union leadership guidance whether he should stand firm on his "no contract no work" work.
3. Give Murray the most possible unilateral solution which could be conceived by his working out in

Offer Prayers For Peace

By The Associated Press

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Negotiators Agree To Allow Mail Exchange

Christmas Observed On Fighting Front

By GEORGE A. MCARTHUR

MUNSAN, Korea in — Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's appeal to the Communist high command to open the gates of North Korean prison camps to representatives of the International Red Cross was rejected today, a Communist correspondent at Panmunjom said.

However, the Reds proposed, and the U. N. quickly agreed, to establish a postoffice in neutral Panmunjom so prisoners of a Korean armistice could be reached. Details will be worked out later.

With only three days remaining until the provisions of a Korean armistice expires, there appeared slim chance that negotiators would be able to agree on a Korean armistice before the deadline.

Front Quiet

Along the quiet, wintry battle front Allied troops beat back a series of minor Red probing attacks. But for the most part soldiers attended religious services and put the finishing touches on preparations for Christmas celebrations. There was little activity from a Communist correspondent at Panmunjom.

Debate Continues

The prisoner of war subcommittee continued its debate over lists of prisoners exchanged last Tuesday. The subcommittee working on the problem of how to police a truce reported no progress.

Both Groups Scheduled Meetings

Both groups scheduled meetings for Tuesday, Christmas Day, at 11 p. m. (9 p. m. EST Monday) in a last-minute attempt to reach agreement.

North Korean Maj. Gen. Lee

"We hope we are trying to reach an agreement before the 27th of December," Lee said. "Of course we will give priority to (exchanging) the sick and wounded (prisoners). As the 27th is not far away, we don't know why there is such a hurry."

The News Will Publish On Christmas Day

The Charlotte News will publish tomorrow in keeping with its tradition of publishing every weekday in the Christmas Day edition. It will be published at the same time as earlier Tuesday afternoon.

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OUR WEATHER

Generally fair today, tonight and Tuesday. Mild today and slightly colder tonight and Tuesday. Expected low tonight 28 degrees. Highest yesterday 53 degrees. Lowest this morning 31 degrees. Sunrise, 7:29 A. M.; sunset, 5:16 P. M. (More Weather on Page 3-A)

CHURCH BELLS AND WEATHER

Long before twentieth century scientists were seeking the connection between weather and church bells, people were trying to control the weather. Many of their efforts were aimed at warding off storms. In many other things, it was believed that church bells would break up thunderstorms and hail storms and generally calm the weather. Many old church bells bear inscriptions testifying to this. One of the most famous is a bell made in 1488 which is inscribed, "Vivox voco, mortuox plango, fulgurx frango" (I call the living, I mourn the dead, I rend the flash).