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## The Christmas Remember Best

### Turkeys In The Mud

By DR. PAUL SANGER

My most memorable Christmas was not one of joy or pleasures. It was my second Christmas overseas with the 38th Evacuation Hospital Unit which served as the forward-most field hospital supporting the combat troops at the Battle of Cassino, with its famous monastery dominating the scene. The enemy was notorious for taking advantage of our holidays and weekends to strike at us, often catching us unawares.

On Christmas Eve our troops had been ordered to attack the heretofore impenetrable defenses of the Germans. This resulted in many casualties among our troops as well as Germans. Being the forward hospital, our tents were quickly filled with battle casualties. Many of them were youngsters only 18 or 19 years old, the so-called six-week trainee wonders.

It was heart-breaking to see so many of these youths still clutching their Christmas packages from home even though they had lost all other personal possessions. Many of these packages were opened and some never were.

The irony of the scene was that prisoners of war also had on their persons Christmas gifts and recent pictures of home and the Christmas tree. After repairing the wounded and comforting them as best we could, we walked through the ward tents and found it impossible to tell the American youths from the prisoners of war except that they were in different tents.

Their enthusiasm to live, the sadness at being away from home at Christmas, their appearance, and their human reactions were the same as they lay on the cots covered with U. S. Army blankets and bandages.

The question we frequently asked these youngsters was, "What are you fighting for?" The most reasonable answer I ever heard for our soldiers was, "To take that mountain." The enemy's answer was, "To defend that mountain." To these soldiers on that night war was purposeless.

As the streams of wounded diminished, a storm of tremendous furor moved in with a drop in temperature, snow, and rain. The tent ropes pulled loose, the skirts of the tents blew open, and the electric wiring was interrupted by this frigid, wet tornado. The tent poles snapped and the canvas collapsed on the wounded soldiers.

What had been a nightmare became a reality. By three o'clock in the morning, the entire hospital was one flattened bit of debris. All personnel, only partially dressed and half frozen, reassembled at the hospital area and began to unseamble this melee to help salvage and evacuate our capacity number of wounded. Patients were placed in trucks and half-tracks and sent some 40 miles to the rear.

I think the question, "Is there a Hell on Earth?" could very aptly be asked that night. By the middle of the next morning we were able to resurrect some 40 to 50 pre-cooked Christmas turkeys from the mud. We washed them as best we could and ate them, rejoicing that there were no casualties as a direct result of the tornado.

(Dr. Paul Sanger, a noted Charlotte surgeon, was an Army Medical Corps lieutenant colonel during World War II.)

## Satellite To Offer Yule Note

By C. YATES McDANIEL  
WASHINGTON (AP)—America's pride of the heavens soared high around the world today ready to send anew a presidential yuletide message of good will.

Jubilant architects of the four-ton Atlas said it would be early afternoon before they decide about retrigrating their talking satellite to broadcast tape-recorded words from President Eisenhower.

The next step, when the scientist figure they have enough initial data in hand will be to erase the message and send up another to be released by remote control as Atlas continues its travels.

This second phase of the pioneering project promised to point the way to a revolution in communications — mass transmissions of sound and pictures to anywhere on earth through a satellite network.

And in the hours following Atlas' mighty blastoff from its Cape Canaveral, Fla., launching site Thursday night, statesmen assessed its boost in U.S. strength in the great East-West struggle.

Atlas struck another propaganda blow for this country at 3:15 p.m. Friday when zipping at 17,000 m.p.h. over Cape Canaveral, it rebroadcast, as scheduled, a short Eisenhower message recorded Tuesday and carried aloft in the nose cone.

"This is the President of the United States speaking," came the dramatic playback of Eisenhower's voice through some static and fading as in the early days of shortwave radio.

"Through the marvels of scientific advance, my voice is coming to you from a satellite traveling in outer space."

His message is a simple one. Through this unique means I convey to you and to all mankind America's wish for peace on earth and good will toward men everywhere.

Eisenhower himself joined reporters in the office of presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty to hear his voice on a Pentagon-supplied recording of the signal reaching Canaveral.

The President, in high spirits, fiddled with glasses in one hand as he listened intently. One sentence came through garbled "but it didn't hurt his message any," Eisenhower said. Hagerty supplied the full text.

Eisenhower said perhaps television-space would be the next astounding invention. He laughed when a newsmag suggested presidential news conferences might be held that way.

"Where would you people like to be then?" Eisenhower joked back.



Dilworth Rotary Glee Club Sings For Shoppers At Belk's

## Carols Ease Shoppers' Aches

For the second straight year the Dilworth Rotary Glee Club entertained shoppers at Belk Bros. Co. while they shopped for Christmas.

They were connected to the store's intercom system, and their voices were heard throughout the downtown department store during the half hour program.

This was the next to last Christmas performance for the girls, who will sing to the Charlotte Lions Club Monday.

Now in the eighth year, the Girl Scout Glee Club has given 10 performances this year, including another this week at the Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia.

Girl Scouts — Mrs. Brown Grier, chairman; Mrs. W. T. Alexander, Mrs. Powell Major, Mrs. B. L. Hargett, Mrs. Ralph Mangum and Mrs. Floyd Westmoreland.

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They have been members of the group. This year the girls came from 25 city and county schools. During those eight years ago, they have appeared on the United Appeal Telenote, the Singing Christmas Tree and made other special guest performances.

An accompanist this year for the girls is Miss Judy Westmoreland.

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## Third Of Schedules Scratched For Holiday

CHICAGO (AP)—A strike by some 1,500 pilots today shut down American Airlines, grounding the second of the nation's major air carriers on the eve of the holiday travel rush.

The Air Line Pilots Assn struck last midnight. Negotiations here broke down with an ALPA spokesman's statement that it looks like a long, hard strike.

Stemming from an 18-month dispute, the strike posed a handicap for Christmas travelers.

Eastern Air Lines flight engineers and machinists walked out over wage demands Nov. 24 and that line has been tied up 26 days.

In New York a company spokesman said the pilots, one hour before the strike deadline, had renewed a demand for a 75-hour work month instead of an 85-hour work month for pilots on jet aircraft.

C. R. Smith, president of American, said in a statement: "I agree to the present demands of the Air Line Pilots Assn. The demands are arbitrary and unjustified. There is no good reason for a reduction in hours. At this time, some of the pilots are flying 100 hours a month, with 20 days a month off, and it would be difficult to improve these working conditions."

The airline announced that all flights were cancelled through next Friday. A complete embargo was placed on all air freight and air express until further notice.

The company said it would keep open ticket and reservations offices to help passengers secure alternate travel arrangements.

An American Airlines spokesman said that as much as one-third of the nation's daily air travel was affected by the walkouts at AA and EAL. American has a daily passenger load of 24,000 and claims to be the biggest carrier in the world.

Delta and five other lines — Capital, Northeast, Northwest, Trans World and National — operate a total inbound Florida passenger volume of 176,160 for December. Eastern claims it normally handles 177,000 passengers to Florida in December.

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## EAL Contract For Machinists In Secret Vote

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Striking Eastern Air Lines machinists voted last night on a new contract but kept the result secret pending the company's settlement with flight engineers.

Both unions stopped work Nov. 24 over wages and rules. The engineers also disputed a company proposal that they take basic pilot training to serve on Eastern's airplanes, expected to start operating in 1960.

Meanwhile, six air lines said "no show" reservations are hampering their efforts to take up slack in Florida-bound traffic caused by the Eastern Air Lines strike.

A spokesman for Delta Air Lines said planes are carrying only an average 70 per cent of capacity because many travelers make multiple reservations for a seat. He said travelers who seek seats on a standby basis almost always get on board.

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## Shelby Auto Victim Dies

Little Linda Sue Sanders of Shelby died at Charlotte Memorial Hospital today unaware that her brother, injured in the same automobile accident, with her, had died at 11:30 a.m. today.

They were struck by an automobile driven by Harry O'Neal Garver, 21, of Lawndale, yesterday morning while waiting for the school bus with another brother and sister.

Roger Dale Sanders, 9, was carried to the hospital at Shelby and never regained consciousness before dying today.

BOSTON (AP) — Police broadcast to all-points that its two Christmas trees had been stolen. Headquarters said the trees vanished on route from a local florist shop. Neither the truck nor its driver could be found.

By BOB SLOUGH  
News Staff Writer  
The man knocked on her door and handed her a paper. Several hours later her furniture was on the street in front of her apartment.

She and her young son had been evicted.

Eviction came because she was behind in her rent payments because things just didn't add up.

Her husband left her and with his sudden departure went all the support she had ever known. She went to work for \$12 a week. House rent was \$10 a week. She spent part of her rent money on food for herself and her son. That left no money to pay the rent.

Eviction followed.

On the same day she was evicted, the woman found a new apartment, but the same problem is sure to come up again because \$10 rent and food for

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- Women ..... 25c
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## Two Policemen, Youth Shot In Chase, Battle

SALISBURY, Md. (AP)—A state police lieutenant, a Salisbury policeman and an 18-year-old New York youth were shot and wounded early today during a high-speed chase through two eastern shore counties.

None of them were seriously wounded, and the youth and his companion were held on charges of assault with intent to kill.

State police gave this account: Sgt. Eldridge Hyman of Salisbury police stopped a speeding car on U. S. 13 at 1:15 a.m. in Salisbury. As he approached the car one of the occupants shot him

with a 12 gauge shotgun. The first shot pierced his hat and the second hit him in the face and knocked him to the ground. Meanwhile, the car sped southward out of the city.

State police, notified of the shooting, set up roadblocks south of Salisbury.

At about 2 a.m. Lt. C. C. Sperry, commander of State Police Barracks E, Salisbury, spotted the speeding car on Maryland 12. He turned his car around, gave chase and forced the other vehicle to the side of the road about one mile northwest of Snow Hill in Worcester County.

## Our Weather

Mostly fair today, partly cloudy and colder tonight and Sunday.

Low this morning ..... 41  
Low tomorrow morning ..... 25  
High today ..... 59  
High yesterday ..... 50  
High tomorrow ..... 47  
Sunrise today 7:27 a.m.; sunset today 5:14 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 5-A

## The Truth About Eddie & Debbie

NEWS SPOTLITE SERIES

Starting Monday

## Christmas Story Given Odd Ending

STAMPS (AP) — Mrs. John Shewmaker's first grade pupils listened attentively as she told the story of Christmas. Then the teacher gave time for a question and answer period.

"What makes cows give milk?" asked one boy.

### —THE EMPTY STOCKING FUND—

Jeannie and Ken Coe	10.00	In Memory of Wade	
Newell School 4-H Club	9.45	O. Wilkinson	10.00
Thomas E. Blair	10.00	Brent Galkin	5.00
Miss Isabel Auten	5.00	In Memory of My Father	
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Brown	10.00	and Mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McKnight	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Kirk H. Sterling	25.00	Mrs. John W. Wood Jr.	
John, Henry and Ann Lafferty	10.00	Great Falls, S. C.	10.00
Kay and Frank Petersen	8.00	Leb H. Barnhardt, Jr.	5.00
W.S.C.S. Homestead	25.00	In Memory of Lawrence S. Vandell	5.00
Methodist Church	3.00	Miss Anne B. Payne	1.00
Boyd Jr. Emmett, Carl and Grover III	15.00	Dianna M. Beck	1.00
W.S.C.S. Homestead	25.00	C. W. Eskridge	30.00
Methodist Church	3.00	Mark and Stuart Williams	3.00
Douglas Hill Burns	2.00	Anonymous	15.00
Dickie Thomson	1.00	Bill and Miss Odell	2.00
Alma Hoke	2.50	Henry Lee Harley	10.00
O. Vance Hoke III	2.50	A Friend	3.00
In Memory of our Father	5.00	Ruth, Pat and Jack Swinney	15.00
Friend	5.00	N. C. Department of Revenue, Charlotte	
South Eastern Beauty College's Alpha Sigma Chi and Instructors	25.25	Office Employees	27.00
In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Pinson	7.50	Sally Cannon	1.00
Employees of the Charlotte Sales Office	15.00	A. S. Cooley	5.00
Textile Fibers Dept. I. E. du Pont de Nemours & Co.	71.45	Mrs. C. A. Seavright	10.00
		Washburn-Clark Service Fund	25.00
		Mrs. Winifred Eichler	5.00
		In Memory of Rosa Virgil Barkley	5.00
		TOTAL TO DATE	\$14,951.91