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MEETING OF THE MCKNIGHTS



The McKnight brothers—(left to right) Peter, Johnny and Bill—have a reunion in editor Peter's Charlotte News office. Johnny, the former Charlotte and Shelby newspaperman who later be-

Traveling McKnight Returns and Rejoins The Home Folks

By DICK YOUNG JR.
Charlotte News Staff Writer
John P. McKnight, the former AP reporter, author of the scholarly book, "The Fantasy: A New Appraisal," and now an American overseas information expert, will spend Christmas in North Carolina.
That's so unusual?
For Johnny McKnight it is. Sitting in the Charlotte News office yesterday, reporter McKnight did some figuring.
"Let's see. This Christmas will be just about the fourth I've spent in the States in 22 years. And it's just the second with my family."

Rightist Quits Race In France

VERSAILLES, France (AP)—Louis Jacquot withdrew today as a candidate for the French presidency and his place on the 12th ballot was taken by Rene Coty, an independent Republican.
Jacquot, who is overseas military, had been put up by Rightists after Premier Laniel withdrew from the race last night. Both houses of the French Parliament were in meeting since last Thursday in an attempt to elect a successor to President Vincent Auriol, whose 7-year term expires next month.
On the 11th ballot this morning Marcel-Edmond Nagelen, a Socialist, 372. A majority of 441 was needed.

OUR WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and turning colder tonight. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy and cold.
High temperature yesterday, 57 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 53 degrees.
Low temperature this morning, 47 degrees; low expected tonight, 28 degrees.
Forecast for tomorrow night, 25 degrees.
Sunrise, 7:29 a.m.; sunset, 5:14 p.m.
More Weather Data on Page 8-A

News As Time Expires
Allies End Efforts To Woo Prisoners

By FORREST EDWARDS
PANMUNJON (Thursday)—(AP)—Time ran out at midnight Wednesday on efforts to change the minds of 22 American war prisoners who stayed with the Communists.
The 90-day period for explanations to war prisoners expired hours after the Americans and other pro-Red captives chanted songs, shouted and linked arms in a wild dance to drown out last-minute broadcast appeals to return home.

Last 2 Of 13 Convicts Seized In Indiana

RICHMOND, Ind. (AP)—Richmond police overpowered in a hotel room here early today the last two of 13 long-term convicts who escaped from the Southern Indiana Prison on last Saturday.
Capt. John Rizio of the Richmond city jail for questioning the two men admitted they are Roman Usonek, 37, psychopathic killer, and Robert Coulver, 32, a burglar.

Slight Drop Shown In Cost Of Living

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government reports today that living costs declined in November, reversing a steady eight months advance to record levels.
The index, compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, declined three-tenths of 1 per cent to 145 per cent of the 1947-49 average. This is six-tenths of 1 per cent higher than November, 1952 and 13 per cent above the June, 1950 start of the Korean War.

Five Children Perish In Fire

MARINETTE, Wis. (AP)—A raging fire took the lives of five children early today when the home of the Robert Degaymer family burned to the ground.
The children were sleeping on the second floor of the house when the fire started at about 8 o'clock. The father, Robert, left the house to call the fire department.
A woman watching the fire said she saw the father try and enter the house by climbing to the roof and entering through a window, but heavy smoke and flames forced him back.

Marriage Certainly Grows More Costly

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—All that talk about higher prices is more than just talk.
Take it from prospective bridegrooms in Pennsylvania—it even costs more to get married these days.
Beginning the first of the year, a marriage license will cost \$5.26. That's a half dollar more than the going rate.

Christmas Becomes Year-Round Job For Mrs. Santa Claus Of Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—All the kiddies know Santa Claus but it's time they met his wife.
She's a 30-year-old woman, well over 300 pounds, who plays the role because "she gets the blues around Christmas" and she's ever so busy with stacks and stacks of toys to get ready for her husband to deliver tomorrow.
Until yesterday, the boy-and-girls she talks to by telephone didn't know Mrs. Santa had another name—Mrs. Agnes Leverett. A reporter discovered her identity.

Comic Dictionary

FLATTERY
The power to describe others as they see themselves.
MANHOLE COVER STOLEN
COLUMBIA (AP)—What do you suppose a thief would want with a manhole cover?
That was a question troubling police after a 250-pound cover was stolen Monday from a construction shack here. The contractor said the cover has a value of \$19.



With winter just one day old, this was a typical scene in Chicago as snow blanketed the city. Two workmen use a small powered snowplow to push the white stuff off sidewalks at the Art Institute near the lake front. After the snow stopped falling, the temperatures took a sharp drop. (AP Wirephoto)

Cold Weather Spreads Into Eastern States

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Another cold day was in prospect for most of the mid-continent today.
The Arctic air which spread over the snow-covered Midwest early today in the 40's at eastern parts of the Atlantic coastal states and southward into Texas and the West Gulf area.
Temperatures dropped below zero over most of the upper Mississippi Valley early today while freezing temperatures were reported as far south as Southern Texas and central sections of Louisiana and Missouri. Early morning readings included 8 degrees below at Duluth, Minn., and 2 at Minneapolis. It was close to zero in Chicago.

Winter Unusually Mild—Only 29 Below Zero

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Hilmer Peterson of East Hartford reports they're having a warm spell in Fairbanks, Alaska.
At least that's what Peterson's aunt said in a letter he received yesterday.
She wrote:
"Here having an unusually mild winter. Yesterday the temperature was only 29 below zero."

Advice Galore Offered For Rescue Of Pup-Dog

CARLSBAD, N. M. (AP)—Bolstered by a multitude of suggestions, Fire Chief Ira Stockwell today took his turn at trying to rescue a 3-month-old pup from the bottom of a dry water well.
Ideas by the dozen were offered by newspaper readers and radio listeners.
It began nine days ago when 5-year-old Teresa Curtis pushed two pups into a hole in her back yard. It's about 19 inches deep at the top and 38 feet deep.
Her cousin, Dan Hardin, 15, and Paul Hardin, 12, rescued one of the pups. They walked into a sack and the pup landed in the well.
The Hardin boys have been keeping the trapped pup alive by lowering bowls of milk and 2-month-old puppy into a hole in her back yard. The contractor said the cover has a value of \$19.

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SHOPPING DAY TO CHRISTMAS

More Mexico news-peg and wire service offices were besieged by suggestions for rescue. One of the

\$90,000 Is Taken In Army Holdup

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP)—FBI agents, trying to solve the second bank robbery on this big Army post within 10 months, today sought a heavily bearded gunman who herded three women tellers into a vault and escaped with more than \$90,000.

Evening Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, Thou who didst perform such miraculous healing and of raising many from the dead in the long ago, we ask that today Thou wilt arouse Thy people from their slumber of inactivity to a life of unselfish service to others. We ask it in Thy great name, Amen.