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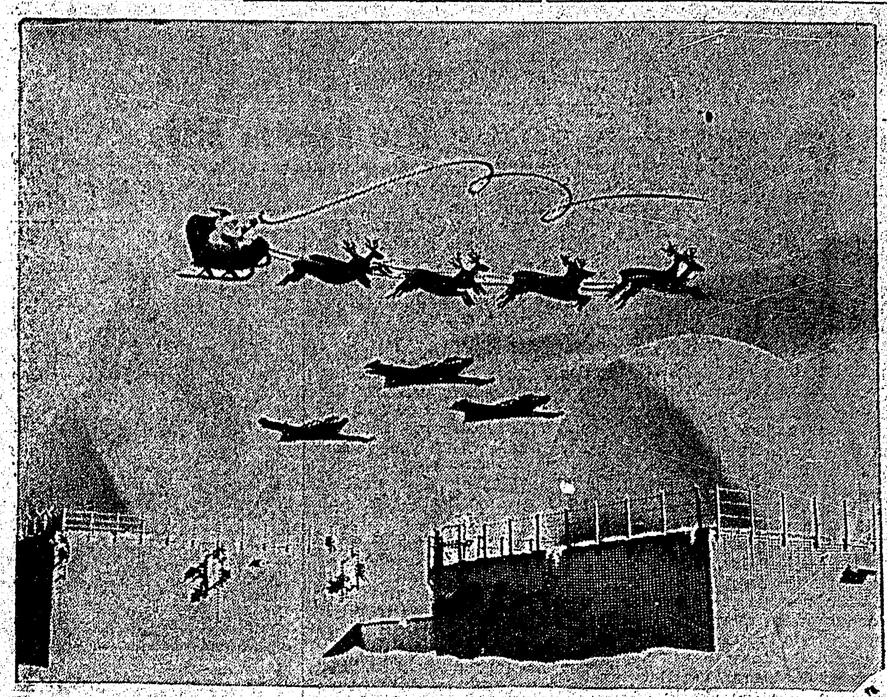

ESCORT FOR SANTA—Rather than trip off the entire air defence system of North America, Santa has asked for an RCAF escort on his long journey down from the Pole this year. This picture was taken at a DEW Line site as Santa headed for Prince Rupert tonight along with three CF-100's which will escort him on his annual world sleigh ride. —RCAF photo.

Skeena sockeye run next year seen much less than in 1958

"Pinks" expected to be average

Next year's Skeena sockeye run will probably be substantially less than that of 1958, the Skeena Salmon Management committee reported this week.

In its report of investigations and observations of the Skeena salmon runs of 1958, the committee says that the 1959 sockeye run will be composed of the four-year olds from the 1955 spawning and five-year olds from the 1954 spawning.

The "fives" follow the relatively poor return of "fours" in 1958.

"With present knowledge it is not known whether this poor run of fours precedes a proportionately greater run of fives in 1959 (as was the case with fours and fives returning from the 1953 seeding), or whether the ocean survival of the 1954 brood was poor and will provide only a small run of fives in 1959," the committee states.

"In any case it cannot be expected that the return of fives in 1959 would exceed that of 1959 (i.e. 1,100,000 fish) it will probably be lower. Spawning in 1955, the parent year of the 1959 fours, was the poorest on record for the Skeena (amounting to only 100,000) largely as a consequence of the very small return from the slide-injured 1951 Babine run."

But, the committee reports, the 1959 pink salmon run is expected to be the same as the parent run of 1957, despite the somewhat better fry output.

The 1959 pink salmon run will contain the progeny of the excellent 1957 run. Total escapement in 1957 was slightly smaller than that of 1955, but trapping indicates that it produced about twice as many fry.

"There is no evidence," the committee says, "that these fry will experience the particularly favorable ocean survival conditions met by fry from the 1955 escapement. At present it is not possible to predict marine survival for Skeena pinks. We can only assume that ocean survival for the 1959 run will be average."

The 1958 pink run totalled 1,400,00 fish, of which 800,000 were caught.

The committee says that industry has not yet provided sufficient information to form regulations respecting the possible restriction of the use of fine twin gillnets.

The committee and its investigators will discuss the results of their studies with its advisory board in Vancouver on January 23 and Prince Rupert on February 4.

The committee will put forward tentatively the following regulations:

(a) That the upriver commercial fishing boundary in the Skeena gillnet area in 1959 be maintained at the Mowitch-Veitch Point line.

(b) That prior to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 28, 1959, only gillnets having mesh not less than 8" linen, or 8½" nylon, stretched measure, be permitted and that prior to this date a 72-hour weekly closed period from 6 p.m. Thursday until 6 p.m. Sunday be maintained.

That fishing for salmon with gillnets of any mesh size be per-

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See — SKEENA

CHRISTMAS STORY — The Child in the Manger looks out peacefully on the bustle of midtown Toronto traffic. The creche is on the City Hall steps above the hurrying crowds of Christmas shoppers. The picture is taken from behind the nativity scene looking south on Bay Street at Queen Street. (CP Photo)

CANADA ALERTED

Mysterious missile over DEW line identified as Polar space sled

ST. HUBERT, Que. (CP)—Air defence command of the RCAF announced Tuesday night all radar and jet-interceptor points have been put on the alert to watch for a space sled.

Orders issued to DEW line, mid-Canada line and Pinetree radar sites said the space vehicle, travelling at supersonic speed, will approach from the North Pole region.

Most likely time for sightings has been determined as midnight Dec. 24.

Operations orders, based on intelligence reports compiled over the years, said the space sled should meet the following description:

Eight-engined, ski-equipped, single seat, large cargo compartment, open cockpit. The vehicle most likely will be snow covered.

The pilot should be wearing a large white oxygen mask and red tuque. The engines probably will be muffled for secrecy but should make a jingling noise.

The final order said:

"The visitor is to be escorted in formation to ensure that the mission, believed to be highly secret, is carried out in all areas of Canada successfully."

An Associated Press world survey of Christmas celebrations throughout the world says that thousands of pilgrims gathered in Bethlehem to offer prayers for peace in a world which lives in the shadow of war. Many millions more made the short pilgrimage to their community centres of worship for Christmas Eve services.

The theme of "peace on earth, goodwill to men" was repeated in thousands of churches.

EXTRA IRRITATION

For many it was a day of irritation beyond that usually caused by the last-minute rush to the stores.

New Yorkers still were without their newspapers as a two-week strike of deliverymen continued.

In Bethlehem, the schedule of Christmas Eve ran from noon through midnight services.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 foreign tourists crowded into the bleak little hilltop town 12 miles south of Jerusalem where Christ was born.

Festivities under way in world trouble spots

By The Associated Press

Christmas celebrations were planned in all the world's trouble spots with one exception. The people of Russia's European satellites went to church as the West did, but in the Soviet Union Dec. 24 was just an-

Those whose faith has survived the Communist government's long campaign against religion schedule their holidays by the old Russian calendar, and Christmas for them comes Jan. 7.

Westerners in Moscow planned Christmas parties and observances at their ambassies Thursday.

Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York and military vicar of Roman Catholics in the U.S. armed forces, was celebrating a series of masses at American military chapels in West Germany.

Guns were silent around the Quemoy Islands off the coast of Red China, one of the world's few sites of a shooting war. But the silence was in accordance with the Communist policy of not shelling the Quemoys on even days of the month. The Chinese Nationalist commander in chief ordered his troops not to fire back on Christmas day, but there was no indication the Reds also would observe a truce on an odd-numbered or shelling day.

On another hot war front—Algeria—the French Army parachuted 700 live turkeys to isolated outposts and helicopters delivered champagne and cognac. More than 1,000,000 packages arrived from France for the 500,000 soldiers in the North African territory. Algerian wine producers kicked in 25,000 bottles and 20,000 more bottles arrived from France.

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Did you know?
... That liquor and gasoline don't mix.

Mrs. Roskam rites held

Members of the Prince Rupert Ministerial association conducted the impressive funeral service in Ferguson Funeral Home yesterday for Mrs. Dorothy Rae Roskam, wife of Rev. J. A. Roskam, pastor of First Baptist church.

The hymns "Unto the Hills" and "Rock of Ages" were led by Rev. John Kuehn, Bethel Baptist church who also pronounced the benediction. Mrs. Lloyd Bowman was organist and a solo "No Night There" was sung by Rev. Ivan Gamble of First Presbyterian church. The scripture was read by Rev. A. S. Olson, St. Paul's Lutheran church; Rev. Harold Foster, Evangelical Free church led the prayer; obituary was given by Rev. Ball, First Baptist church, Kitimat; sermon was given by Rev. Lloyd Jackson, Regular Baptist church.

Other members of the Ministerial association were present.

Remains were forwarded this morning to Vancouver for burial in Mountain View cemetery Saturday.

Big truck retrieved

A change of plans in the salvaging of the 12-ton geological research truck from 19 feet of water at the Canadian National Railways dock early this morning proved successful when the huge vehicle was landed with only minor damage.

It had been originally intended to remove the truck from the pilings and tow it under 16 feet of water along the harbor, to the Seal Cove airport runway a mile away.

The plans were altered due to the bridge on the Seal Cove Road that would not be able to hold the truck when it was transported to a garage.

However, the vehicle was brought out of the pilings and taken along the harbor in the same method as previously intended and brought on shore near the Canadian Government Elevator, about 1 a.m. today.

G. W. Keefe said that damage to the electrical mechanism and testing equipment is not considered excessive although a closer inspection is now being made.

Ships supply lighthouses with presents

Lighthouse keepers and their families will enjoy the Christmas festivities as the two lighthouse tenders, Alexander MacKenzie and Alberni, have completed a tour of supplying the various points with Christmas provisions.

There are some 15 lighthouses in the Northern area from Egg Island to Green Island on the coast and from Langara Island to Cape St. James on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

There are five families at Cape St. James.

CHRISTMAS WISH FROM MAYOR

Drive carefully, ensure fatality-free holiday

The holiday season can be called happy, only if everybody manages to survive it, declared Mayor P. J. Lester today.

This sober warning was part of the Mayor's statement urging citizens to place safety before fun at Christmas and New Year's. "With so many people shopping and driving to and from Christmas parties, the traffic accident threat jumps sharply during the holiday season", the Mayor added.

"The only solution in this tragic situation is for everyone to drive or walk carefully, prepared at all times to handle any emergency," Mayor Lester went on.

Next to speeding and drinking, he pointed out, the prime cause of traffic accidents at Christmas and New Year's is fatigue. Each year, hundreds of motorists and pedestrians are killed at this time of year through lack of alertness.

"So many of these fatalities could be avoided if hte drivers or pedestrians would just take the simple, sensible precaution of drinking a cup of strong coffee before driving or walking home from work or a late party," he said.

City man found dead in water

The body of well-known city resident Millward F. Nickerson, manager and proprietor of P. E. Hunt Ltd., store at Cow Bay, was found floating in the water under the ramp of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Store at noon today.

An inquest to determine the circumstances of his death has ben begun by Coroner George J. Dawes and will be continued next week.

Mr. Nickerson was found by George Cloutier and George Ferguson, employees of Burns and Company Ltd., who spotted the body while they were crossing the Cow Bay bridge.

RCMP said this afternoon that Mr. Nickerson was last seen leaving a party just before midnight last night.

"There were no signs of foul play," police said.

Mr. Nickerson is survived by his wife Adela and a son Richard Austin, in Prince Rupert; and three daughters, Kathleen in Kamloops, Marie and Lois in Toronto.

BINGO GIVES POULIN FAMILY EXTRA CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Santa Claus came early last night to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Poulin, 111 Eighth Avenue East when Mrs. Poulin discovered to her joy that she had got "Bingo" in the Elks Lodge 342 March of Dimes House Bingo for the Crippled Children's hospital.

Mrs. Poulin's bingo card netted her $500, "a real thrill" the day before Christmas.

The moment she found that her marked bingo numbers formed a complete "E" for Elks, she telephoned Arthur Murray past exalted ruler of the lodge. However, it was 11 o'clock last night before Mr. Murray was able to confirm for Mrs. Poulin the fact that she was the sole winner.

The welcome windfall will go towards paying for renovations to their home and "a rocking chair we've always wanted," Mrs. Poulin said.

As Mrs. Poulin is expecting a baby "at any moment" her husband was presented with the $500 cheque at the Daily News editorial offices this afternoon by Donald Wanamaker, Elks past exalted ruler.

Mrs. Poulin said that she and her husband are hoping that the new baby when it arrives will be a sister for their son Guy, 3, and Denise 1.

"It will truly be a wonderful Christmas if that happens. We couldn't wish for anything more," Mrs. Poulin said.

CCC mill shuts down for maintenance jobs

The last pulp for 1958 rolled off the production line at the Watson Island Mill about 3 p.m. today as Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd., started a routine maintenance shutdown.

John Guthrie, mill manager, said that "among the most important of our repair jobs is the cleaning of boilers and overhaul of our turbines.

"Other work to be done will inlude a new drive system for the lower log haul and the complete change of cylinder mould for No. 1 pulp machine," he said.

All maintenance crews and a small number of production workers will be employed to do this work, along with special contractors for brick work.

Supervising the turbine overhaul will be consultants from the Worthington Pump and Machinery Corporation of New York, manufacturers of the turbines.

"This is a routine maintenance shutdown and is in addition to the regular summer shutdown," the mill manager said.

"It is hoped that progress in repair work will be such that a start in operations can be made on the evening of January 2."

However, the actual start-up will depend on completion of "these very necessary repair jobs."

During the shutdown, pulp shipments will continue as usual from existing pulp stocks, Mr. Guthrie said.

Average daily production during December was 354 tons.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Black Ball ferries sailed again Tuesday night a few hours after a settlement of a five-day strike involving 180 crew members had been reached.

Earlier, Labor Minister Lyle Wicks announced a five-point agreement has been approved by Black Ball Ferries Limited and the Seafarers' International Union.

Higher phone charges agreed in Vancouver

OTTAWA (CP)—British Columbia Telephone Company today got authorization for a boost in its local and long distance rates averaging 12 per cent, effective Jan. 1.

The increases, estimated to yield the company about $5,225,000 a year in new revenue, were awarded by the board of transport commissioners.

The company originally had asked for rate increases that would have averaged about 13 per cent and yielded $5,754,000 a year.

WEATHER—

Cloudy with a few showers today and Thursday. Sunny periods in the afternoons. Little change in temperature. Light southerly winds increasing to southeast 25 Thursday afternoon. Low tonight and high tomorrow 32 and 42.

TIDES—

Thursday, Dec. 25, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	01:05	19.0 feet
	12:42	21.4 feet
Low	06:44	8.4 feet
	19:23	3.3 feet