ANYONE WANT TO BUY a real lifelike lion for Christmas at only \$1,250? King, a mammoth animated toy lion is one of a collection of imported life-sized circus toys on display at Hess Bros. toyland in Allentown, Pa. Inspecting King is David Boyer, 4, of Allentown, who shows no fear whatever--especially since this king of the jungle roars, moves its head and stands on its rear \gs; all done by special electric unit in its tummy.

# Original Virginia Hopes For Peace All Over World

readily admits that her wish words to reassure their young one's friends and setting aside: this Christmas season is not a readers of the spirit of Christnovel one.

comes from the heart of a Virginia half a century ago. gentle lady of 65 who occupies Santa's himself: 🕟

It was Virginia — new Mrs. grandmother -- who from the wrote a letter 57 years ago to Christmas glow. the editor of the old New York

"Please tell me." she pleaded, "is there a Santa Claus?" The editor, with wisdom no child would dare question, gave an immortal reply:

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa all know." Claus ..."

Again this year, as for several generations now, editors,





NEW PORTRAIT OF QUEEN ON STAMPS-Envelopes hearing the new embessed postage stamps of the present reign have been placed on sale in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The design of the new stamps is based on a sculpfured profile of Queen Elizabeth II within the petals of a Tudor rese, and is the work of sculptor Cecil Thomas,

mas. And again they will turn to It is a wish for peace, and it the words that sustained young years.

"He exists as certainly as love" a Yuletide niche as secure a, and generosity and devotion

Virginia Douglas, mother and a century, the charming woman nurse the sick and bury the dead. who has devoted her life to chil-

happy as the past, that this new but only on Christmas Eve. talk of war means nothing, and. For this ritual the 12 brothers

### Convicts Cheer Pretty Girl

Three hundred tough prison in- When they have passed the steel bars and tore up a huge. lelephone directory.

strength was by Joan Rhodes, British TV strong-girl star, She was taking part in one of tht Sunday concerts arranged for the men by the prison chaplain. The men laughed as four rugged guards tried to bend a threefoot bar, five-eighths of an inch thick, without budging it, then Joan easily showed them how. She ripped a huge London tele-

#### Christmas Visits Started Out 414 Years Ago

NEW YORK (P) — Virginia among others, will search for toms of Christmas time, visiting part of the holiday so they can be return the visits, dates back 414 📈

> It started in 1540 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, and 12 pius men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to Again this year, as for half pray for St. Sebastian's aid, to

depths of girlish bewilderment dren, emerges briefly into the was ascribed to evil spirits in Pestilence in medieval times 🗗 water, so the Brotherhood of St. "This may sound unusual," she Sebastian visited each of the says, "but my wish' for us all town's seven fountains, praying this Christmas is that Christ- and singing hymns at each stop. mases of the future will be as They still continue this custom,

> that peace will be something we are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain 😿 they gather around the lanternbearer and sing a medieval

The march begins at the Froschweide fountain where the plague is supposed to have his MAIDSTONE, Eng. (Reuters) \_\_ started three centuries ago.

mates cheered and shouted "En- seventh, they enter the church " core" Sunday night as a pretty for midnight mass, and cereblonde girl wearing a slinky off- moniously place their lantern the-shoulder dress deftly bent on the altar of St. Sebastian.

The silverwear you polish up for the holiday festivities will The one-woman show of stay that way if you store it in a polythene plastic bag. Squeeze; as much air 23 possible out of the bag and twist the top edges. tightly together, then fasten with a rubber band. Because the plastic is airtight the silver.

#### AUSTRALIAN TUNA

Australia ha; started export- 🦹 ing frezen tuna to the United Wa phone directory in half for good Sla'es. Previously only canned tuna was shipped.

## TWO NEW YORK COMMUNITIES GIVE BREAK TO SHOPPERS

ALBANY, N.W. M - The motoring Christmas, shopper has finally been given a break in at least two upstate New Yelk communities.

Reversing the current trend of heavier restrictions, the police department in Cazenovia have put plastic hoods over all parking meters. The hoods are inscribed: "Discontinued for the holiday season. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, In Hornell, smiling bluecoats tag offenders' cars with a card

"A traffic officer has found your car in violation for overtime parking. He is leaving this greeting card instead of a citation. The city and police department wish you a merry Christmas and ask you to drive carefully,"



ITALIAN MASTERPIECES RECOVERED-Rodolfo Siviero (left), chief of Italy's commission for recovery of artistic works, examines one of 36 paintings returned from Germany, where they were taken during the retreat of German occupation troops. This particular set of returned masterpleces has been dubbed "Circup Hitler" by the commission because many of them were given to the Fuebrer by Musselini. It is estimated that about 600 works of value are still in Germany,

# Large Variety of Food Available For Britons For First Ration-Free Christmas Since 1939

By JEFF RYAN

Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON (\*) - This will be Britain's first ration-free Christmas since 1939 and Britons are expected to make the most of

Last year, restrictions on man and butter were still in force. a last reminder of post-war autor tority. Now the ration book is a thing of the past and pre-wastandards of gast-onday ar pretty well restored.

Spices and confact onery from the Far East plus raising and currents of pre-war quality from the Black sea will ensure that at last Britons will have all proper ingredients for the tradi-lencia. tional Christmas pudding. PLENTY OF TURKEYS

Turkeys are plentiful, There PRACTICAL TOYS

lings to 7s 6d a pound. stocking up and promising "all mand authenticity,

since 1941, was handed hack tery. to private companies last Sep- For baby, there's a cal that Festival celebrations will ba

will be in the ships in time. But least one old-time favorite isn't Commonwealth countries, in- in the world, reprodu three will be an ample supply an ice show. It's James Earric's cluding Canada. of nuts from India, Spain, Tur-| "Peter Pan" and for the first key or Portugal and oranges, time the part of Peter will be grapes and fruit pulp from Va- played by a Canadian, Barbara

are generally adoquate.

will be more this year from Brit- Tovs, it teems, are mostly Chelsea. ish farms than from abroad, practical this year. Miniature CIRCUS AGAIN Prices will be about the same as buses, steam rollers, tractors, Circuses once more converge in 1953, ranging from five shil- bulldozers, trucks and tanks — on Britain's main cities. In Lonall precise scale models -- are don, two big-business big-tops lovely "Lucite" buttons in imi-

With British butchers happily popular with small boys who de- again vie for customers at Olym- tation of precious jewels are 1657 was used only pla' and Harringay arena.

the meat you want," a last min- | For girls there's the usual Norway has sent an out-size. ute price war seems likely. . range of dolls, but again the ac-Christmas, tree to decorate Tra-Canned salmon from Canada cent is on practicability, And falgar Square. Colored lights on is also expected to be more there are pint-size electric irons, the tree will reflect in the founplentiful. Import control, a guaranteed safe. They heat up tains and on the windows of British food ministry chore slightly with the aid of a bat- Canada House just across the

meows when its back is stroked, much the same as in Canada, On The only likely food shortage Christmas entertainment in Christmas Day, most Britons will be of canned fruits. The re- Britain is changing. Every year stay at home in the family circent London dock strike has de- more and more traditional pan- cle and listen to the BBC anlayed deliveries but at least tomimes don skates. But in Lon- nual round-up radio program half the anticipated allegation don's West End theatre land, at bringing goodwill messages from THE FIRST CHRIST

Glamorous earrings to blend been sold in Canada. Kelly of Vancouver. Carroll Le- with your costume can be made United States since Supplies of wines and spirits vis, also of Vancouver, is stag- at home at little cost. You need ing another pantomime. "Alad- carring backs which can be purdin," at the Palace theatre in chased for a few cents. Take the ed by the Sorontimist buttons of your choice and merely glue them to the backs with household cement, Today's!

was issued in Den 1904. Christmas se support the fight tuberculosis. In Princ money for seals can b the Soroptimist TB S : mittee, Box 10, Prines

Prince Rupert Dan.

Tuesday, December

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