

### Delivering Gifts To The Home For The Aged



The Trenton Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha held a Christmas party last week at the Carver Center to collect gifts for the Home for the Aged at Donnelly Memorial Hospital. Shown as they delivered the gifts are, left to right, Mrs. Leslie A. Hayling, Mrs. Arthur T. Shaeck, Mrs. Harold J. Boone and Mrs. Earl H. Anderson, head nurse.

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### Housing Plan Seen Needing Democrat Aid

WASHINGTON (UP)—Sen. John Sparkman Saturday said President Eisenhower could win congressional approval of his special advisory committee's "surprisingly good" housing program only with the help of House and Senate Democrats.

The Alabama Democrat, his party's candidate for vice president in 1952 and influential on housing legislation, said Republicans alone in the Republican-controlled 83rd Congress would not approve the committee's recommendations.

"Some Republicans will vote for this program," Sparkman said. "But a lot of them will balk. If this program is to become law, it will be only with the support of Democrats."

Sparkman said in an interview that the special committee's recommendations were better "beyond my expectations." He said he feared the group was "stacked" against a "liberal" housing program when its members were first announced last summer.

But he said the group brought forth recommendations "more liberal than the Republicans have ever voted for and more liberal than the Democratic administrations have ever proposed."

Sparkman saw the group's recommendations as part of the Eisenhower administration's "reversal" of its so-called "hard-money policy." He said Republicans earlier had wanted to hold down housing construction because it was "inflationary."

"It looks like these fellows have decided that a little inflation would be a good thing after the deflation," he said.

Federal Housing Chief Albert M. Cole, chairman of the special committee, has said the recommendations would assure construction of more than a million houses a year.

Sparkman was particularly pleased with the committee's proposals to encourage low-cost housing for low-income families and rehabilitation of run-down neighborhoods. He said the group's endorsement of public housing was "very sensible."

He emphasized, however, that rehabilitation of old houses "will not cure slums."

"Some areas are beyond redemption," he said, "and that means slum clearance and redevelopment."

### Cabbie Killing Suspect Found

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—Police arrested a suspect Saturday in the bludgeoning of a taxicab driver in Lower Merion Twp. last week.

Philadelphia police picked up the suspect, a confessed bandit, at his home here, and are holding him for questioning by suburban detectives in the killing of Albert (Jack) Carrey, 47, Ardmore.

Carrey's body was discovered last Tuesday on an estate in Gladwyn, a fashionable Main Line suburb.

Police refused to reveal the name of the suspect immediately, but said they found a bloody hammer "which might have been the murder weapon" at his home.

Police said the suspect's identity was revealed during questioning of William Barrett, 30, Wilmington, Del., about an armed robbery of a real estate office last November alleged to have staged.

### Terry Moore's Ermine Briefs Put In Trunk

SEOUL, Sunday.—AP—That ermine swim suit which accented Terry Moore's charms, popped GI eyes and stirred up a controversy with a touch of mystery was tucked away in the actress' trunk.

There it will stay, the curvaceous brunette said, while she finishes a USO tour, then "maybe I will have a muff made out of it when I get home."

Reports were she had been "ordered" home unless she quit wearing it. The mystery was by whom?

Both Miss Moore and Johnny Grant, Los Angeles disc jockey managing the show, said such an order came Saturday.

The U. S. 8th Army and 10th corps headquarters denied flatly that any such orders came from them.

Miss Moore and Grant said the "order" came from George Murphy, chairman of the Hollywood coordinating committee for USO shows.

In Hollywood, Murphy, who had frowned on wearing of the ermine swim suit and had asked Miss Moore not to take it along, said neither he nor the committee ordered her home. He said that was up to the Army.

### Funeral Fee Paid, She Awaits Death

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico.—AP—A little old lady suffering from cancer has finished paying off her funeral expenses in advance and yesterday calmly awaited death, which she believes "is very near."

She is Mrs. Luisa R. Ascencio, 85, of Yauco, who has already written the epitaph for her pre-paid tombstone. It says: "This tomb was paid for by me with my own money. I went hungry so my remains could be left here forever."

### Death Toll On Long Holiday Already Passes 1952 Mark

Several Auto Accidents Kill Two And Three Persons Throughout New Jersey; Fires Add To Total

(Associated Press)

The Christmas holiday weekend, a time of rejoicing for most, was marred by 19 accidental deaths in New Jersey as it reached the two-thirds mark last night.

The toll compared unfavorably to the total of 10 for last year's four-day holiday weekend.

Fires claimed four lives. The rest died in highway mishaps, several of which killed two and three persons.

### Headon Crash Kills Two

Two men were killed and three seriously injured when two cars met head-on last night on the Bordentown Turnpike in the Ernsonton section of Sayreville.

Pronounced dead at the scene by Middlesex County Coroner Leo J. Thompson were Hommie Lee Richardson, 19, and Robert Hall, 26, both of Perth Amboy.

Two others in the same car, Isiah Hall Jr., 19, and Thomas Richardson, 17, of Rahway, were taken to Perth Amboy and South Amboy hospitals. Hall was in critical condition.

The driver of the second car in the mishap, Harry Berman, 47, of Perth Amboy, was taken to South Amboy Memorial Hospital with lacerations of the face, hip and skull.

All five persons were thrown from the automobiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dickson of Jersey City went to Newark on a last minute shopping trip Christmas Eve. She was expecting a baby in another month. Their car smashed into a utility pole on

### Madame Pandit Has Peace Hope

NEW DELHI.—UP—Mme. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit told a press conference yesterday the chances of peace at the present moment are greater than they have been for some time, partially because of changes in the Soviet Union.

Madame Pandit said she believed there had been a "softening in the attitude of both sides," and that "there has been a widespread attempt to start to talk, to pause, to think and to modify one's attitude in the last few months."

"This was particularly noticeable in the assembly when on more than one occasion opposing blocs adjourned meetings to discuss matters in dispute further in an attempt to come to an agreed resolution," she said.

### That Settles It!

INDIANAPOLIS.—AP—Sign outside a gasoline service station: "To keep from having complaints about our free service, there will be no free service."

### Hamilton Dimes Leaders



Mrs. E. Paul Secret



Hugh Maguire

John E. Kerney, Mercer County March of Dimes chairman, has appointed Maguire and Mrs. Secret men's and women's chairmen of the annual polio appeal for Hamilton Township. Volunteers in the Hamilton area are being sought. Persons interested in assisting the fight against the dread disease may call Mrs. Secret at 3-5336 or at 81 Saybrook Avenue.

### Hoffman Asks Nation-Wide Labor Probe

WASHINGTON (UP)—Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich) said Saturday he will seek authority early next month for a full scale, nationwide investigation of alleged labor racketeering and misuse of union welfare and insurance funds.

The peppery congressman, chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, already has had investigators, including two former FBI agents, working in Los Angeles, Chicago, Minneapolis, New York and Indianapolis. Hearings spearheaded by Hoffman at Kansas City, Mo., and Detroit earlier this year left a trail of 17 indictments, including charges of extortion and involving officials of AFL Teamsters locals.

Hoffman's investigators also have collected information on unions in several other cities, including Columbus and Cleveland.

The 78-year-old lawmaker said in an interview that he expects his committee to grant him authority to launch an investigation wherever union racketeering "sticks up its ugly head."

He said the problem of prosecuting union officials guilty of criminal offenses "is primarily a job for the Justice Department. But he added that the department still includes "a lot of holdovers from the Truman administration and they haven't been eager to prosecute anything that has to do with the unions."

"The committee I want," Hoffman said, "will make a broad inquiry which will apply not only to labor legislation but to legislation involving interstate commerce and civil rights which make certain offenses criminal. He cited particularly the Anti-Racketeering Act of 1934.

He said that hearings planned at Minneapolis by a special House Labor subcommittee will be "too narrow" and will involve "only one brief point" showing a national hook-up between gangster elements and crooked union officials.

House Labor Committee Chairman Samuel K. McConnell Jr. (R-Pa) has said the Minneapolis inquiry will not go into what he termed "local police matters." He said it will be restricted to information needed for possible Taft-Hartley Act revisions.

Hoffman claimed that "political pressure" has stymied his efforts to expose labor union violence and fraud. His committee last July cut off his authority to launch his own investigations and ordered him to wind up his hearings at Detroit and Kansas City.

The House later cut Hoffman's authority over the committee's \$355,000 investigating fund. He was left with \$100,000, however, which has enabled him to continue investigations, although he cannot hold hearings.

### Little Prince Tries Violin

SANDRINGHAM, England.—AP—Five-year-old Prince Charles who likes to salute parades and start trains off with a whistle yesterday tried his hand on the violin.

His chance came when the Queen Mother invited a group of Christmas carol singers into the royal castle here.

After joining in singing Charles asked if he could try the violin brought by one of the carolers. He sawed away merrily with bow while everyone laughed.

Charles and his 3-year-old sister, Princess Anne, heard a broadcast of their mother's voice here Friday as she delivered the traditional Christmas greetings to British subjects everywhere from New Zealand. Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, her husband, are on a commonwealth tour.

### Spiritualist Service

The regular Sunday evening service of the Spiritualist Friendly Church will be held in the church room 700 Liberty Street, at 8 o'clock tonight. Edwin T. Bowen will lecture on "The Power to Revive." Greetings will be given by the pastor, the Rev. Adah Ross Crew.

### Washington Crosses Delaware—'53 Version



About 250 persons gathered on the Pennsylvania bank of the Delaware Christmas afternoon to wish "George Washington" on voyage on the 177th anniversary of his historic crossing. Then, while actor and Music Circus producer St. John Terrell and his seven-man party rowed across the river, most of the 250 spectators rushed across nearby Washington Crossing Bridge (by car) to join another 500 waiting to greet the "General" on the Jersey shore.

The picture above shows blue-coated Terrell standing in the boat that made the crossing in less than eight minutes. Others are left to right, Lowell Birch of Solebury Township, a New York lawyer who played the role of Colonel Knox; Robert Walter, New Hope advertising man; Lieutenant James Monroe; Jesse L. Livermore, New York attorney as General Nathaniel Green; Horace White, New Hope High School student as William Lee, Washington's aide; George Bailey of the Delaware Yacht Club, New Hope, and boat-builder Elmer Case of Lambertville, as Green Mountain boys and Thomas Marshall of New Hope, General Hugh Mercer.

"Washington's" first words on touching the Jersey shore were "Hold it!" as he and his men looked into a battery of cannons. Even "Martha," otherwise known as Mrs. Terrell, crouched on the Jersey shore to film the event.

Terrell, who played his role seriously, finally landed with a passable facsimile of Washington's signature for autograph seekers and a plea for renewed interest in the Revolutionary pamphleteer Thomas Paine.

The actors crammed as much authenticity into their boat as possible, imitating the popular Emmanuel Leutze painting except for carrying a flag. Critics seldom fail to point out that the



Flag Leutze painted was not created until after Christmas, 1776. Mrs. Ann Hawkes Hutton of the Washington Crossing Park Commission acted as historical adviser.

The other photo shows Generals Terrell and Marshall looking for the balance of the 2,400-man Continental Army. What they actually saw was a low-flying amphibious plane. Terrell said the crossing has been a long-time ambition and that he hopes to make it an annual event.

### Has Been Mayor 44 Years

Berea, Ky., Chief Executive Has Only One Formula For His Political Success—He Runs A Clean Town

BEREA, Ky.—AP—The only mayor Berea ever had boasts no secret formulas for political success.

But for those who want to know how John L. Gay has stayed in office for 12 years—a total of 44 years—take the word of Colonel A. P. Smith, a staff member of Berea College.

"He runs a clean town," Smith explains.

Gay has held the office since 1939, which means he has pulled Berea along from the horse-and-buggy days right up to the present.

It may mean he is the oldest mayor in the United States.

Gay doesn't make the claim. He gets full satisfaction out of realization that he has served three generations of Bereans and has watched a sleepy community of 1,000 grow into a clean and modern college town of 3,500.

Gay is a bank president by profession. He founded the Berea National Bank three years before he became mayor and still maintains his mayor's office in the bank. Berea has no city hall, so the mayor simply excuses himself from bank business when urgent city matters come up.

The mayor's banking background is reflected in the way he runs the city. He has been conservative, generally speaking. He makes every city penny go as far as possible.

Conservatism isn't his predominant nature, however. Only re-

### New Airline Safety Mark

WASHINGTON.—AP—If all goes well through next Thursday the scheduled airlines will have set a new safety record, the Civil Aeronautics Administration said yesterday.

Administrator F. B. Lee said, in a year-end summary, that in the 11½ months ended December 15 there were 88 passenger fatalities in 18,912,000,000 passenger miles of domestic and international flying. This was a new low average of 0.5 passenger fatalities for each 100 million passenger miles.

The totals for the full year 1952 were 140 fatalities and 18,177,287,000 miles, a fatality rate of 0.8. The 1951 rate was 1.3.

Lee said civil aviation also set a new record for growth in 1953, a rate of increase almost twice that of 1952.

He estimated that domestic and international revenue passengers would total about 31,981,000, 17 percent more than in 1952 which gained 9 percent over 1951 totals. CAA airport control towers estimated that they handled more than 17 million takeoffs and landings, compared with 15,814,213 in 1952.

### 2-Price Crop Support Setup Loses Ground

WASHINGTON (UP)—The administration has decided not to recommend "two-price" farm support plans for any crops when it presents the Republican farm program to Congress next month, it was learned Saturday.

A highly placed source said the situation is "still fluid" and could conceivably change. But inclusion of the two-price system is not held likely.

The source said that "in the main, the recommendations are pretty well agreed on," and the two-price plans for some crops are not among them. The plans had been under intensive study by the National Agricultural Advisory Commission.

Although there have been predictions that an administration recommendation for two-price plans would kick off a stiff fight in Congress, the official denied that "political" considerations entered into the decision.

He said Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson has been quoted erroneously as strongly favoring two-price plans. He said "the immense amount of study" given the plans has been mistakenly interpreted as "enthusiasm."

Two-price plans, which would guarantee the farmer a high support on the part of his crop produced for domestic markets but none on that part produced for export, have been under study for wheat and cotton mainly.

Both crops have suffered big export losses because competing world market prices have been below American support prices.

There have been some fears that a heat-competing nations, like Canada, would complain that unsupported prices on American wheat moving abroad would break the world market.

A Cotton Advisory Committee opposed a two-price system on cotton, favoring instead the present program of production controls, when necessary, and high price supports on the entire crop.

### Allentown Girl Cut As Car Hits Pole

COLUMBUS.—Miss Joan Hammell, 20, of 137 South Main Street, Allentown suffered a forehead cut when her escort's car hit a pole on the Burlington-Columbus Road at 3:10 a. m. yesterday.

John D. Bryant, 20, of Snykesville Road, Chesterfield told State Police he fell asleep at the wheel of his auto. Miss Hammell was treated by her father, Dr. Frank M. Hammell.

Bryant was charged with careless driving. Troopers Maxwell and Caruso investigated the accident.

### Dinner For Rubber Company's Staff



Office personnel and supervisors of the American Biltrite Rubber Company were guests of the management at a dinner party at the White Gate restaurant. One new member

### Dewey Blast Sent Senate Democrats

WASHINGTON (UP)—Senate Democrats were busy Saturday fanning political flames kindled by Republican charges against the party's national security record.

Each Senate Democrat, it was learned, has received a photographic copy of a recent speech by New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. The speech linked the Truman administration with Korean casualty lists and Communist victories.

The document was sent out by the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee. The committee acted at the request of a group of senators who asked that each Democrat be informed of the partisan charges being made by GOP spokesmen.

Democratic sources said the document seemed likely to intensify resentment among Democrats which was first provoked when Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. charged that former President Harry Truman knowingly promoted a "spy."

Brownell has stated that he did not intend to impugn Mr. Truman's loyalty in his statement on the Harry Dexter White case. But many Democrats interpreted the statement as a below-the-belt punch.

Some senators say privately that such incidents have been a "unity tonic." They claim the Democrats are more united as they enter the new congressional session next month than at any time in recent years.

Photostatic copies of the Dec. 16 Dewey speech in Hartford, Conn., circulated without comment. But this section of the speech by the two-time GOP presidential candidate was underlined:

"Whenever anybody mentions the words Truman and Democrat to you, for the rest of your lives remember that those words are synonymous with Americans dying, thousands of miles from home, because they did not have the ammunition to defend themselves.

Remember that the words Truman and Democrat mean the loss of 450 million Chinese to the free world. Remember that the words Truman and Democrat mean diplomatic failure, military failure, death and tragedy."

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