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Asmara, Ethiopia

## Post Chaplain First Protestant Clergyman to Present Yemen Services

Post Chaplain (Captain) Clyde E. Smith recently traveled to Taiz, Yemen and became the first Protestant minister to conduct religious services in that country.

Chaplain Smith's visit, which was approved by the Yemen government, was designed to initiate monthly Protestant services which will be conducted by either the chaplain or by missionaries from Asmara.

Arriving in Taiz early Sunday morning, Dec. 8, he was greeted at the airport by 15 USAID personnel. After touring the USAID facilities and meeting U. S. embassy officials, he prepared for the evening services.

Using a training building which had been converted to a temporary place of worship, Chaplain Smith conducted services for the 150 USAID personnel and dependents stationed there and interested foreign nationals who attended the church services.

On Monday and Tuesday afternoons he was made available for counseling and advice. Being the first minister to visit the Americans there, his presence was of «great spiritual benefit» to

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## Bazaar Successful; Volunteers Praised

The recent International Bazaar, held to raise funds for the Children's Christmas Fund, proved to be a «great success» according to Mr. Richard G. Johnson, American consul in Asmara.

The American community contribution to the fund drive this year will be at least five times larger than last year's total, it was revealed by the American Consul in a letter to Colonel Keene N. Wilson, post commander. Mr. Johnson commended Kagnew Station's contribution in the following terms:

«The extraordinary success of the American community fund-raising effort this year is due in largest part to the voluntary contribution in

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WITH A FLICK OF THE SWITCH — Post Commander Colonel Keene N. Wilson flicks the switch which lights the the Post Chapel during lighting ceremonies held on Friday, Dec. 13.

## KANU Staff Receives Honors For Work During '4 Dark Days'

Four certificates of achievement and 12 letters of commendation and appreciation were recently presented to members of the KANU radio and television station.

Colonel Keene N. Wilson, post commander, presented Master Sergeant Howard F. Smith, NCOIC of the AFRTS outlet; Specialist Five Thomas Rea, chief radio announcer; and Privates First Class Brian Woodworth and Dwayne Garner, staff radio announcers, with certificates of achievement on Dec. 12. In ceremonies conducted in the Post Commander's office, the awards were presented for their outstanding performance of duty during the coverage of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Commended for their fast, accurate and comprehensive coverage of news events during the four days beginning on Nov. 22, the men were the main task force which disseminated all available information to the public.

Recognizing the coverage was a team effort and that the entire staff's diligent work resulted in the overall accomplishment, the following staff members received letters of commendation or

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## Christmas Events Enliven Post During Long Holiday Season

Kagnew Station received added Christmas atmosphere as the post's outdoor lighting ceremony took place at the Post Chapel on Friday evening, Dec. 13.

Flicking the switch that lighted the chapel, Post Commander Colonel Keene N. Wilson's action was the signal for a visit from Santa Claus. Easily stealing the show, Old Saint Nick arrived to the cheers of the wide-eyed youngsters in attendance at the ceremony. The lighting ceremony was also graced by the appearances of the Catholic choir and the Protestant senior and junior choirs.

Many events of Christmas celebration have occurred since Dec. 13 with many more scheduled for the near future. On Friday, Dec. 20, the Protestant Sunday School presented a Christmas program at the Post Chapel. Starting at 7 p.m. the children, representing their class of study in Sunday School, entertained those in attendance with their many readings, singing and pantomimes of the Christmas story.

Saturday morning, Dec. 21, at the Roosevelt Theater, a

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## More Than \$ 700 To be Offered in Xmas Decorating Contest

Although we will certainly not have a white Christmas the enthusiasm being generated by participants in the Christmas decorating contest indicates that we will surely have a colorful yuletide.

Christmas in Africa seemed like quite a dull prospect until last week, when the spirit of Saint Nick sprouted from every nook and cranny in preparation for the Christmas decorating contest. Also, the prospect of winning part of the prize money, which totals more than \$700.00, seems to extract innate artistic talent from the most unassuming of us.

Decorations are still springing up every day in order to meet the December 23rd deadline. By that evening, all exhibitions should be lighted in order to be eligible for judging.

All on-post quarters, barracks and activities are automatically entered if any decorations are exhibited, but off-post residents wishing to enter must complete an official entry blank. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Public Information Office at 2198.

The contest will be judged on the basis of originality, effectiveness and appropriateness to the holiday season.

Judging the contest will be: Major Angus Wooten, Captain Joseph Fay, Captain David Stanley, Sergeant Major Martin O'Halloran and Mrs. Shirley McGinnis.

## Is There Really a Santa Claus?

An EDITORIAL reprinted from the New York Sun, Sept. 21, 1897:

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below expressing at the same time our gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, «If you see it in The Sun it's so.» Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O' Hanlon,  
115 West 97th Street,  
New York City

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see, and think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared

with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love, and generosity and devotion exists, and you know that they abound and give to life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

## Civilian of the Month



Mr. Aforki supervising the work of one of his employees at the post snack bar.

Aforki (Slim) Tesfanchael, manager of Kagnew Station snack bar facilities, has been selected as the post civilian employee of the month, the first employee so honored.

Mr. Aforki has been at Kagnew Station for seven and a half years working in various positions. Starting as a houseboy at Headquarters Company, through diligent service and hard work he advanced to become the cashier and assistant manager of the post bowling lanes' snack bar. Over a year ago he became manager of all snack bar facilities on

post, heading a staff of 33 employees.

In announcing the selection Mr. Horace A. Osborne, civilian personnel officer at Kagnew Station, said that "Mr. Aforki has demonstrated outstanding ability in his job assignments and his initiative in his many responsibilities have been an incentive to all civilian employees at Kagnew."

The selection of a civilian employee of the month is a new feature of the "Gazelle" and is based solely on recommendations from the post civilian personnel office.

## Navy Commander Wins International DX Contest

Commander James F. Pringle, commanding officer of the Naval Communication Station here, was recently awarded a certificate as the winner, for Ethiopia, of the international DX contest for single-sideband radiotelephone sponsored by the American Radio Relay League.

The commander won the contest by contacting 34 of 50 states in the United States and 28 other countries within the prescribed period of time.

The object of the contest was to contact as many stations outside of the country of operation within two 24-hour periods during two weekends. The first weekend was in February and the second in March of this year. Out of the total 48 hours available, Commander Pringle was on the air for only slightly more than nine hours.

Operating under the call letters of ET3USN, and with a 100-watt Collins "S" line radio, the commander was able to contact California as his most distant point in the U. S. The furthest he communicated with a fellow "ham" was in Costa Rica while his three-element rotating-beam antenna was pointed east. Consequently, his signal to Costa Rica travelled almost completely around the world in order to reach its destination.

The commander also con-

tacted many European Iron Curtain countries such as Poland, Czechoslovakia and Russia. All of his contacts in the Communist countries spoke English. The commander said that Russia is one of the most prevalent of those countries represented on the amateur radio frequencies in this part of the world. He said, "It is like raising a state-side station from the states."

The commander's most interesting contacts during the contest was with two Americans at the same time, but at opposite points on the earth. Both stations were located at opposite poles. One was operated by an Air Force man in the arctic on an ice island, and the other station was operated from the other side of the earth, the antarctic, by a Navy man. The commander couldn't converse at length with these men because, like all of his contacts,

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## Cutbacks Seen In Overseas Hq. Personnel

Washington (AFPS) — As part of President Johnson's program for greater economy and efficiency in government, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has taken steps which concern civilian employees and non-combat personnel.

The Secretary said a reduction of 15 percent in personnel assigned to overseas headquarters staffs will be made by the end of June, 1964. He estimates this should result in a drop of more than 2,500 non-combat military and civilian personnel assigned to these posts.

Reductions have also been requested in the direct-hire U. S. civilian employment in DOD and in the number of foreign nationals employed by the Department.

The reductions were outlined to the President by Secretary McNamara and received Mr. Johnson's full approval.

In his announcement, the Secretary placed particular stress on the need for greater productivity in civilian employment.

Mr. McNamara said that the actions being taken are part of a comprehensive program of improved manpower management throughout DOD.

EVENTS cont. from p. 1 post-wide children's Christmas party was held. Sponsored by the American Youth Activities Council, the program included comedies, group caroling, gifts for all the children, and of course, a visit from Santa Claus.

On Monday, Dec. 23, the live Christmas pageant is scheduled at the Asmara School compound at 7:30 p.m. With a combined choir of Catholic and Protestant personnel, using a cast of 30 and employing live animals, the story of the birth of Christ will be told.

On Monday, Dec. 23, the post Christmas lighting contest will be judged starting at 7 p.m. Those participating in the contest will be judged on the basis of exhibit originality, effectiveness of display and appropriateness of the holiday theme.

Also on Monday evening at 6:30, a live presentation on KANU television of "The Promise" will be offered. Under the direction of Specialist Five Peter Richards and Mrs. Deborah Seigman, the play will feature children of the Catholic and Protestant groups in the Christmas drama.

## Christmas Eve

The door is on the latch tonight,  
The hearth fire is aglow;  
I seem to hear soft passing feet.  
The Christ Child in the snow.

My heart is open wide tonight,  
For stranger, kith, or kin;  
I would not bar a single door  
Where love might enter in.

— Anonymous

## Story of 1st Christmas

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad there saying which was told them concerning the child. And all they that heard it wondered at these things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. (LUKE 2:19)



## Christmas Play «The Promise» To be Shown on KANU - TV

In keeping with the Christmas spirit, KANU television, in conjunction with the Chapel Youth Program, will present the dramatic play, "The Promise," at 6:30 p.m. on December 27.

"The Promise" is a translation and adaptation of an old Italian legend. Over the years, the author's name has been lost to the ages and the play is now signed "anonymous."

Translated by Father Hugo and directed by Specialist Five Peter Richards and Mrs. Deborah Seigman, this live dramatic presentation promises to be an enjoyable and thought-provoking experience to KANU television viewers. This production will also be unique to Kagnew TV, because unlike previous live performances which were all musical in nature, this play is pure drama.

Although KANU has no color facilities, the untiring efforts of PFC Barry Green'e in the supervision of costuming and production, and the scenic design by the KANU staff will certainly be very apparent.

As the legend has it, an impoverished young girl made a promise to a dear and very poor friend. She promised to give her friend a sweater. Through a life of poverty, the promise could not be kept, and during the last minutes of her life, the old woman who had once promised a sweater to a friend struck a bargain with the Angel of Death.

Taking part in the play is Bunny Rosenberg, who plays the old woman; Darleen Waddle as the Angel of Happy Death; Linda Schwarz, in a dual role, plays both a young woman and a man; Colleen Cannon portrays a maich girl; Brenda Trahan is the other man in the play; Sarah Ann Mulligan is the little girl; Debbie Staltenberg takes the part of the grandmother; Rita Mulligan plays "Lauria" and Michelle Seigman enacts the part of baby Jesus. Voice parts are by Colleen Cannon, Rita Mulligan and Brenda Trahan.

Of course we will not divulge the ending to you, but if your curiosity is aroused, tune in KANU television December 27 at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy "The Promise."

## Commander's Message

Colonel Keene N. Wilson, Post Commander

Christmas is both a time for rejoicing and meditation. It is a time of universal brotherhood for all; a time for giving in the spirit of that first gift to the Christ child, and a time to be with our loved ones.

For many at Kagnew Station, this Christmas will pass without the joy and warmth of traditional family unity, but in a sense we are even closer to our loved ones. By fulfilling our duties, we are providing the very security that allows our loved ones to continue a fruitful and free life.

It is with pride in the knowledge that each of you is contributing to the continuance of world peace through your professional performance of duty that I extend my sincere best wishes and Season's Greetings.

# Chiefs of Staff Send Christmas Greetings

EACH CHRISTMAS it is my pleasure to extend to all of you in the United States Army, and to your families, my best wishes for a very joyous holiday season.

"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" conveys the spirit of Christmas and reminds us all that the goal

CHRISTMAS IS A time when friends and families come together in heart and spirit if they are unable to do so in person. Scattered though we are, on, over, and under the waters, and on the shores of the free world, our Navy-Marine Corps family draws together in thought during this glowing season, wishing each other the most joyous of New Years.

As we gather, we reflect on all that Christmas means. We remember that it marks in yearly remembrance a star-brightened night when the skies rang with the hope and promise of peace on earth. We hold to that hope, and, so holding, dedicate ourselves; of some of us is dangerous; to it fulfillment. The service for others tedious; for still others, both. For many of us it means — or has meant, or will mean — long separations from those we love most. Yet one thing it means to us all—officers, enlisted men and women and the wives and families who support us in doing our duty—it means the honor of serving our country and at the same time seeking the attainment of this goal of peace for which mankind still strives.

May we, in this coming year, bring this goal a little nearer! And may I also express my hope that Christmas Day for all of you will be a very merry and happy one.

David L. McDonald  
Admiral, United States Navy  
Chief of Naval Operations

of attaining peace on earth is among the noblest of mankind. Although many of you will spend the holidays away from home and family, you can take justifiable pride that your sacrifices are the foundation on which we hope to build a lasting peace.

To all the Army family, in and out of uniform, may this holiday season bring a full measure of happiness, and may the New Year bring a rebirth of our dedication and determination to defend the way of life we hold so dear.

Earle G. Wheeler  
General, United States Army  
Chief of Staff

TO THE LOYAL men and women of the United States Air Force, at home and overseas, go my hearty thanks and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The dedication and devotion of Air Force personnel to the cause of peace with honor are in true spirit of the Christmas Season. Your performance during the past year has aided immeasurably in building a surer peace for all of the world.

Curtis E. LeMay  
General, U. S. Air Force  
Chief of Staff

# Colonel Wilson Praises KANU For Coverage

Post Commander Colonel Keene N. Wilson on Nov. 29 recognized the efforts of the KANU radio and television staff for their coverage of news events, from the tragic assassination to the subsequent burial of the late President, John F. Kennedy.

The letter of commendation and appreciation reads as follows:

"On behalf of all the members of Kagnew Station and the American community in Asmara, I extend to you and to all the members of your staff my heartfelt commendation and thanks for your excellent and prompt reporting of the events surrounding the death of our late beloved President John F. Kennedy.

In a time of crisis and great anxiety, a time when you were our only source of information concerning such a great calamity, you came through with a superb edition of the news received from the United Press, Armed Forces Radio and Television, and the Voice of America. From the initial announcement of the shooting, through the death, the swearing in of President Johnson, and the return to Washington, to the funeral ceremonies, KANU handled its tragic task with calm, dedicated efficiency and quiet respect.

Your initiative in setting up the teletype bulletin board is also to be commended, particularly since there are no American newspapers available in this area.

This coverage not only brought us the news, but enabled the command to prepare for the official announcement of death and other mourning ceremonies without undue haste, since it was some hours before official notification was received through Army channels.

You can all be proud of your superior accomplishment of a very difficult task.

# Kagnew Students Show Art Efforts At USIS Library

Many hundreds of youngsters in this city were treated to a first-hand glance at America's traditional Thanksgiving story, when children of the Asmara American School at Kagnew Station donated their Thanksgiving Day art efforts to the USIS Library, here recently.

Thanks to the efforts of Supervising Principal, Mr. John S. Marshall and members of his staff, the USIS library and windows were decorated with the colorful drawings which attracted so much local attention and curiosity that they weren't taken down until last week almost a month after the holiday had gone by.

Miss Loisone Morey, high school art teacher, assisted by Mr. Talmadge Mullis, English teacher, delivered the collection of art to the Center. Miss Morey made the selections from the various classes ranging from the first to the twelfth grades, USIS Center Director Dino J. Caterini, disclosed.



FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY — Four members of the KANU radio and television staff are presented with certificates of achievements for their outstanding work during the «four dark days of November.» They are (left to right) Master Sergeant Howard F. Smith, NCOIC, Specialist Five Thomas Rea, chief announcer, and Privates First Class Dewayne Garner and Brian Woodworth, staff announcers.

HONORS cont. from p. 1 appreciation: Sergeant First Class Billy Brinson, TV production supervisor; Staff Sergeant Larry Massey, chief technician; Sergeant Frank McNeish, staff director; Specialist Five Marvin Jenkins, radio production supervisor; Specialists Five Veral Gamble and George Proctor, audio/vidio specialists; Specialist Five Marvin Jenkins, news editor; Specialist Four Norman St. Hilaire, staff radio announcer; and Privates First Class Richard Jorgenson, audio/vidio specialist; Charles Rysticken, staff artist; Ralph Burton and

Floyd Burton, TV equipment repairmen.

Captain David L. Stanley, public information officer and officer-in-charge of KANU, extended his thanks to the staff for «outstanding performance in reporting the tragic death of the late President John F. Kennedy. Your professional performance in editing and presenting the news in a timely manner, in maintaining high broadcasting standards, and in overall efficiency reflects the greatest of credit upon each person who so generously contributed of their time and effort.»

# Ethiopian Photography Contest Under Way for Camera Bugs

Rugged mountains, ancient villages and customs, colorful dress and historical landmarks are but a few of the countless subjects in photogenic Ethiopia.

The Ethiopian Tourist Organization (ETO) is sponsoring an unusual contest called, «beautiful Ethiopia.» The Contest is unusual because it is not one but two contests combined. The first part of the contest is a photography competition, and the second part is what makes it unique. Titled «How Well You Know It,» the second part deals with the photography section by quizzing viewers of the exhibit on the identification of the subject in the photographs.

Entries in the photographic competition must be in the following categories: Ethiopian antiques, monuments, scenery, people, progress, flora and fauna and events.

Up to six entries may be submitted, but each picture must be in a separate category, and there can not be more than two slides, two black and white prints or two color prints. In other words, not more than two examples of each medium may be submitted.

All slides, minimum size 24x36 mm, must be accompanied by a color print with a minimum size of 4x5 inches. Also, all black and white prints, with a minimum size of 7x9½ inches, and all color prints, which must not be less than 4x5 inches, must be accompanied by their negatives.

Each entry must be labeled with the approximate date on which it was taken and must have some identifying number or code.

On a separate piece of pa-

per, you must describe the subject and include where the photo was taken. This information must be put in a separate envelope, together with your name and address in block letters or typewritten, and sealed. This measure insures secrecy and also makes the second part of the contest more interesting.

The photographic competition closes February 15, 1964. Entries may be submitted by mail to the Ethiopian Tourist Organization, P.O. Box 2183, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

All material submitted becomes the property of the ETA and may be used for any purpose with proper credit given to the author.

Any entries that prove unsuitable for display will be returned.

The grand prize, a silver cup, will be donated by His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie.

The second part of the contest is open to all who view the exhibit to be held at Addis Ababa at the ETO headquarters on February 22 to March 7, 1964. Separate prizes for the second contest will be awarded.



# Holiday Prayer

This holiday, I ask you, God,  
For all the aid we need—  
That we might practice safety first  
In every thought and deed—  
To cherish and protect us all  
And give us help to know  
The safest way to have our fun  
Wherever we may go  
Bestow your blessing on us all,  
And keep us in your care,  
And let our holidays each year  
Become another prayer.

# THE SPORTS



## CIRCLE



The Kagnew Station sports scene has had a shift of interest as softball has been replaced and basketball reigns supreme.

In a play-off for first place in Kagnew softball, the Headquarters' Pistons defeated the ACS Relays in two straight games. Playing on December 15 and 16, the Relays went down 7-1 and 7-6.

The final game was a thriller in every aspect. The Pistons, led by the pitching of Ray Fansler, edged the ACS team in nine innings of action packed softball. In a game marked with protests and flaring tempers, the Pistons emerged victorious to become undisputed champions.

The Ernie Pyle Gymnasium is now the scene of the major sports attraction at Kagnew as 15 teams comprise the basketball league. Although all teams have not had the opportunity to play as yet, since the season got under way Dec. 19, the league has shaped up to the following tune: Navy Iars and Headquarters' Cardinals with 2-0 records, and the Hawks, Ram I, Gazelles and Braves have 1-0 slates; the Knights, Med-9, AF Misfits are 1-1 thus far, while the Eagles, Cardinals II, Operation Days and the Raiders are 0-1 and the Relays and Rams II have 0-2 records.

Special Services has announced that an urgent need for basketball officials exists and any qualified referees may apply through the Basketball Officials Association or call Special Services at 2161.

The Christmas bowling tournament, sponsored by Special Services, saw the following individuals capture winning places in the three-day event which was held from December 19-21. In singles competition, Robert Courtois was 1st place winner with a 641 total followed by John Murphy, 641; James Petty, 635; George Reynolds, 630; and Robert O'brian, 614. In the doubles competition the team of Robert Courtois and Charles Lane's 1267 total was good enough for 1st place while George Reynolds and James Smith's 1207 sum were second place, followed by Frank Knutson and Daniel Erensberger with 1170. The team competition is now under protest and the results have not been determined.

Colonel Keene N. Wilson, post commander, recently presented trophies on KANU television recently to the winners of the Special Services bowling tournament. Among those receiving trophies were (pictured below) Guard Company's Martin Lamdrum, (right of Colonel Wilson), George Deringer (center) and Wade Zigler (right).



The Little League Association elected new officers on Dec. 9 for the coming year. David Stanley replaces John Voetsch as president; Billy Brinson is the new vice-president replacing Richard Stoltenberg; and George Morrow is the new secretary-treasurer taking the officers previously held by Lorengo Robles and Chester Kayton.

The new president of the Little League announced that the league should be in good financial condition if the expected equipment for the entire season. He also said that the league should be in good financial condition is the expected donations from the various clubs on post become a reality.

Skin-diving equipment is now available at the Special Services boat dock in Massaua, Captain John Voetsch, Special Services officer, announced recently. He said the equipment includes masks, snorkel tubes, flippers, weight belts and spear guns. The use of the equipment is free of charge and is issued on a first come first served basis.

## A Man Named Fansler: A Hitter's Horror, A Manager's Dream

It has been a long softball season for most players and one of the main reasons for this has been a pitcher named Ray Fansler.

Playing for the Headquarters Company Pistons, Fansler has compiled a 25-1 record for the entire season, having hurled two no-hitters and three one-hitters in the process of establishing his mark. His pitching led the Pistons to first place in the first and second rounds of the season and also won for him the most valuable player award for the first half of the season.



Ray Fansler

The 24-year-old right-hander played for amateur teams before entering the Army in July, 1962, but not as a pitcher. The fact that he had never pitched before coming to Kagnew Station makes his record even more amazing.

When one plays the Pistons for the first time a double-take is usually in order, either that or one vows to stop visiting the Clubs for a while. The reason for this is very simple. Ray has a brother, Roy, who is also at Kagnew and they are identical twins. With Roy giving the signals behind the plate and Ray working on the mound, the «I must be seeing double» effect serves as a great psychological asset to the Pistons.

Ray Fansler, the pitcher, is a supply clerk at the Consolidated Property Booking Office and arrived at Kagnew, with his brother on Dec. 19, 1962. The twins make their home in Fairfield, Illinois, and were employed as construction workers before entering the Army.

With the closing of the current season many players will heave a sigh of relief, thinking they will never have Ray Fansler to contend with again; however, sad news awaits them. Ray will not depart Kagnew until June, 1964 and since the '64 season is scheduled to start in March, he will be around to haunt hitters for at least the first round.

Although it is impossible for anyone to predict the future, judging from past performances one can safely say that if Ray has even a similar record next year as he has had this one, the other softball teams will find another long, long season under way.



**SALUTE FOR THE LATE CHIEF** — In memory of the late President John F. Kennedy, Navy Ensign Robert Barry salutes one of the halfmast flags in Philadelphia Stadium. Cadets from West Point stand at attention on the field during a pre-game ceremony at the 64th Army-Navy game.

## Army - Navy Game: 'Hit, Run, and Keep Driving'

**Philadelphia (AFPS)** — What's it like to play in an Army-Navy football game?

After Navy's 21-15 squeaker here on Pearl Harbor Day, players on both sides described it any number of ways, but not one called it «just another football game.»

The victory was Navy's fifth straight over the cadets, who trooped solemnly back to their dressing room, hardly consoled in the thought that one more play might have meant triumph.

Said an Army sophomore whose first Army-Navy game will remain a classic in the series' history:

«I had the usual butterflies when we first came onto the field. But after I saw those Navy guys, all I could think of was knocking one of them down. Everything else was automatic.»

A Navy tackle said the emotions of this game defy logic. «In other games you have to fight fatigue as well as the opponent. But in this game you get stronger as the game wears on.»

Noise, which played a prominent role here this year, struck Army quarterback Rollie Stichweh. «It's so noisy in this game you can hardly hear yourself think.»

Navy fullback Pat Donnelly, who scored all three Navy touchdowns, said his concentration on winning was so intense that «It seemed like the game was over before it began. Other games seem three times as long.»

«You can see it on every player's face,» the Army's Dick Nowak said. «Hit, run, and keep driving. Never let up for a second.»

Indeed neither team did. And those seconds Nowak talks about turned out to be a valuable commodity in the 1963 game.

With 102,000 fans screaming «go, go» on one bank and «hold, hold» on the other, Army lost to the clock and Navy's defense, the game ending with the cadets a scant two yards from the tying touchdown.

Army had first down goal-to-go on Navy's seven with 1:18 to play. Because ear-splitting cheering kept Army from hearing signals, the Black Knights could only get off three plays in the remaining time.

Navy's All-America quarterback Roger Staubach stood powerless on the sidelines during the harrowing final seconds. «All I did was say Hail Marys,» Staubach said softly.

Navy will now meet Texas in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, on New Year's Day.



**SNAKES BEWARE** — Actress Carroll Baker is getting a lot of attention from cast and crew members on film location in Utah. Carroll says that her black leather thigh-high boots, pink stretch pants, bulky sweater, leather jacket and western style hat are for protection «against rattlesnakes, spiders and cold.» Those lucky rattle-snakes!

Sports

SCENE 'n HEARD

HEAVYWEIGHT champion Sonny Liston, who has already vowed to take some of the wag out of Cassius Clay's tongue, is now rivaling The Lip's wit.

«I could say he ain't nothing,» Liston said on his tour of Francis E. Warren AFB, Why., «but he might knock me out. Then I'm less than nothing.»

Liston has signed to defend his title against Clay in early 1964.

The big, powerfully-built righter kept Warren AFB men in stitches during his tour. Liston struck serious notes when he spoke of his troubled past and his desire to do something «to help young kids get off the wrong road.» But when the subject turned to Clay he was breezier than his flying fists.

A brave airman suggested that Clay might win if the fight went 15 rounds «If it goes past the eighth round, I quit!» Liston cracked. Later he lowered it to the fifth round and finally to the first when another airman asked for a prediction.

«First and last round coming up... peanuts, popcorn!» Liston grinned.

Liston went to Warren at the invitation of a Warren sergeant who is a friend of Liston's manager, Q.T. Allen, a retired Air Force master sergeant.

**EXTRA POINTS** — The Los Angeles Dodgers are holding a three-week tryout camp at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. Scouts at the camp, which closes Dec. 11, are Jim Gilliam and Wally Moon... The Army's 1 Corps in Korea suffered the oddity of losing two consecutive football by scores of 27-0... The signing of Hank Bauer as manager of the Baltimore Orioles raised the number of ex-Yankees managing in the majors to seven.

Students Receive Swimming Awards From Red Cross

Kagnew Station American Red Cross Field Director, Charles Blue, on December 17 1963, made award presentations to the following students of the Asmara American School who have successfully completed Red Cross classes in Beginner Swimming, Intermediate Swimming, Swimmer, and Advanced Beginner Swimming:

**Intermediate Swimming:** Bradly Wasko, Wesley Hall, Jim Frye, Benita Brock, Margaret Smith, Rita Beinfuhr, Darlene Waddle, Carol Brannon, Elizabeth Nelson, Candace Dunham, Richard Sanchez, Richard Johnson, John Sweet, Katherine Wasko, Katherine Ishii.

**Swimmer:** Katherine Hendricks, Janet Hoagland, Suzan Potter, Bill Wilson, Wesley Hall, Jimmy Frye.

**Advanced Beginner Swimmer:** Dan Waddle, David McGuire, Jay Voetsch, Tony Creazzo, Jerry Garland, Paul Zabaldano, William Hoagland, Bette Rosenbert, Linda Click, Norman Chapman, Nancy Melvin, Alice Huff, Lois Click, Jeannie Dunham, Rex Hendricks, Roy Stoltenberg, Steven Voetsch, Robert Sweet, Elizabeth Hoogendoorn, Steven Ishii.

**Beginner Swimmer:** Cynthia Nelson, Willie Robles, Bruce Davidson, Stanley Wagner, Dudrea Jackson, Gerald Morrow, Howard Riley, Nancy Caza, Carol Zook, Kim Meuers, Rafael Perez, Alice Huff, Lois Click, Jeannie Dunham, Donna Pollock, Roy Stoltenberg, Steven Voetsch, Robert Sweet, Liz Hoogendoorn, Stephanie Ishii, Steven Wootten, Bobby Gordon, Mike Murphy, Virginia Voetsch, Mary Ann Zabaldano, Larry Melvin, Mickael McIntyre, Rosalie Ishii, Bobby Gardenier, Byron Carte, Karl Creazzo, Kiersten Wilson, Kristine Reed, Russel Click, Kevin Gordon, Virginia White, Debbie Smith, Donald Deemer, Jay Voetsch, Bonnie Robertson, Caryl Robertson, Wendy Reed, Bradly Wasko, Wesley Hall, Jim Frye, Rex Hendricks, James Allen, James Trahan, Paul Mulphill, Robbie Reed, Theresa Lee, William Morris, Paul Zabaldano, Jerry Garland, Tony Creazzo, Michael Ryan, Norman Chapman, Nancy Melvin, Betty Rosenberg, Linda Click.

Mrs. Bernice Teeter, Red Cross Chairman of water safety supervised the program.

Swim Meet for Students Sees Several Winners

A swim meet for the students of the Asmara American School for grades three through 12, in cooperation with Special Services was held on Dec. 6 at the post swimming pool.

Competing in their own classes of competition, the following students were declared certificate winners in the respective events:

Judo Becoming Popular Sport In All Services

AMERICANS have admired the art of judo for many years. Any kid on the block who knows, or says he knows, anything about it is indeed looked up to.

But now, thanks to Air Force initiative, judo as a sport occupies a spot on the American scene. Within the Armed Forces, interest in judo has greatly mushroomed in the past decade. Now, nearly every sizeable base in the Army, Navy Air Force and Marine Corps offers judo instruction from qualified judo instructors, and not from teachers who studied only judo textbooks.

Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, the Air Force Chief of Staff, picked up an interest in judo when he was commanding the Strategic Air Command at Offutt AFB, Neb., in 1950. His staff set up a physical conditioning unit and judo was included in the program.

Because of a deficiency of qualified instructors, 24 airmen were sent to the world famous Kodokan Judo Institute in Tokyo in 1952.

Each year since, Air Force men have shown well at the Kodokan and perfected Japanese techniques began to spread to the U.S. In 1960 all four services had teams taking part in exhibitions and classes in Tokyo. A year later American military judo adherents formed the Armed Forces Judo Association and a deluge of applications for membership quickly followed.

Last year alone Army judo clubs sprang forth at Bamberg and Nurberg, Germany, and at Ft. Hood, Tex., and Ft. Knox, Ky. The AFJA reports that judo in the Armed Forces is growing fastest within the Marine Corps.

Judo is now a part of the 1964 Olympic Games schedule at Tokyo. Far Eastern teams led by the Japanese, should take most of the points, but the United States' entry won't go unnoticed.

Grades three and four: (One lap freestyle, boys) 1st place Dan Waddle; 2nd place Wes Hall and 3rd place Kevin Gordon; (girls) 1st place Therese Lee; 2nd place Ginny Voetsch and 3rd place Kersten Wilson. (Two lap freestyle, boys) 1st place Dan Waddle; 2nd place Jim Frye and 3rd place Brad Wasko; (girls) Ginny Voetsch.

Grades seven through nine: (Four lap freestyle, boys) 1st place Pete Keiek; 2nd place David Lawyer and 3rd place Sonny Stine. (Two lap freestyle, girls) 1st place Suzanne Potter; 2nd place Susan Johnson and 3rd place Anne Wilkerson. (Two lap back crawl, boys) 1st place Sonny Stine; 2nd place Mike Williams and 3rd place Pete Keiek; (girls) Susan Johnson. (Two lap breast stroke, boys) 1st place Pete Keiek; 2nd place Fred Morris and 3rd place Sonny Stine; (girls) 1st place Suzanne Potter; 2nd place Anne Wilkerson and 3rd place Susan Johnson. (One lap butterfly, boys only) 1st place Mike Jenks and 2nd place David Zalbalano. (Two lap freestyle relay, boys) 1st place Stine, Keiek and Balton; 2nd place Jenks, Wilkerson, Johnson and Mulvehill; 2nd place Stone, place Lawer, Murphy and Lackridge

Grades ten through 12: (six lap freestyle, boys only) 1st place Keene Wilson, Jr.; 2nd place Paul Teeter and 3rd place Jule Potter. (Four lap breast stroke, boys only) 1st place Bruce Teeter; 2nd place Paul Teeter and 3rd place Keene Wilson, Jr. (Medley swim, boys only) 1st place Guy Darden; 2nd place Paul Teeter and 3rd place Fred Morris. (Freestyle, relay, boys) 1st place Bruce Teeter, Jule Potter and Paul Teeter; (girls) 1st place Suzanne Potter, Iona Dunlap and Sandy Allison.

Mr. Neil Rodgers, industrial arts instructor and elementary school physical education coordinator for grades one through six, was in charge of the swim meet. He said that many athletic events are tentatively scheduled for the students during the early part of next year. Mr. Rodgers also said that Mrs. Bernice Teeter and the entire staff at the post swimming pool were invaluable in their assistance with the meet.



**MISS JANUARY** — Merry mermaid Karen Kirsch emerges from the briny deep to present us with the calendar for this month.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who hit the first home run with the bases full in a World Series game?
2. Where did these famous athletes play college football: Davey O'Brien, Ken Strong, Ernie Nevers, Walter Kopisch and Tommy Harmon?
3. Who were the only two backs from the same team to be picked All-Americans as a pair for three straight years?
4. There have been several punts that have traveled over 100 yards. What was the shortest punt?

(Answers to Quiz)

1. Elmer Smith, Cleveland.
2. TCU, Stanford.
3. Glenn Davis and Doc Columbia, Michigan.
4. A Tundra player standing Blanchard, West Point.

Roosevelt Theater

- 22-23 December — «Days of Wine and Roses» (A) — Jack Lemmon and Lee Remick.  
 24 December — «Hit the Deck» (AYC) — Debbie Reynolds and Russ Tamblyn.  
 25 December — «Six Black Horses» (AY) — Audie Murphy and Dan Duryea.  
 26-27 December — «The Legend of Lobo.»  
 KIDDIE MATINEE — «The Magic Sword.»  
 29-30 December — «Term of Trail» (AYC) — Laurence Oliver and Simone Signoret.  
 31 December — «The Wings of Eagles» (AY) — John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.  
 1 January — «Cairo» (A) — George Standers and Fatem Hamama.  
 2-3 January — «Sweet Bird of Youth» (AX) — Paul Newman and Geraldine Page.  
 4 January — «David Copperfield» (AYC) — W. C. Fields and Freddie Bartholomew.  
 KIDDIE MATINEE — «The Magic Soward.»



«IT'S A GOOD START» — Students of the Asmara American School dive into the water as they compete in the swim meet held at the post swimming pool on Dec. 6.

# Santa Was Once a Slim Jim; Americans Fattened Him Up

New York (AFPS) — Santa Claus wasn't always the fat jolly-looking old man that he is now. The original European version of St. Nicholas was a tall, thin, angular man on an equally spare horse.

The early English settlers in the American colonies gave him a «new look» when they adopted the Dutch version of «Saint Nicholas» whose name was later contracted to «Santa Claus.»

In 1809, Washington Irving, in his «Knickerbocker's History of New York,» wrote of «Saint Nick» as the guardian saint of New York City, and described him as a jolly old fellow with a broadbrimmed hat and huge breeches. His Saint Nick smoked a long pipe and had a trim wagon for his gifts.

Years later, in 1882, Clement Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York theological seminary, wrote his famous poem, «The Visit from Saint Nicholas.»

It is believed that he did most to bring to life the tradition of the merry Santa Claus with a sleigh, reindeer, twinkling eyes, ruddy cheeks, a nose like a cherry, and a round little belly that shook with gay laughter as the beloved Saint held his rotund sides.

Santa Claus, bringing his multitude of gifts and happiness to children around the globe now represents the spirit of Christmas. Thus, he carries his message of «on



**OLD ENGLISH SANTA** — The original St. Nicholas as the Europeans pictured him. Quite different from the present day, roly-poly gentleman American children adore. earth peace, good will toward men» from the Great Master who preached the universal law of brotherly love.

# President's Greetings

As we observe the holy pleased to extend on behalf of a grateful nation my warm greetings and best wishes to the men and women of the Armed Forces.

Your readiness to defend our precious ideals as well as your devotion to the cause of peace in your faithful vigil for freedom have been a source of strength and inspiration to us all. Let us resolve now, in this time of both joy and sorrow, to preserve the values symbolized in this Christmas observance.

Mrs. Johnson and I personally wish each one of you a happy Christmas and new year and the blessings of God on you and your loved one.

# Post Finance Section Gets New Comptroller

Kagnew Station's Comptroller section is now under the direction of Captain Frederick J. Ranney.

Captain Ranney arrived here on December 10 from his previous assignment at the finance and accounting section of First Army Headquarters, Governors Island, New York.

The captain, 34, of Carson City, Michigan, graduated Michigan State University in 1952 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He later returned to Michigan State and, majoring in accounting, graduated with a masters degree in Business Administration in 1961.

With the captain at Kagnew Station is his wife, Marilyn, and their four children, James, 9, Suzanne, 5, Jeffery, 4, and Roderick, 2½.

## CHAPLAIN cont. from p. 1

them. A memorial service in memory of the late President John F. Kennedy was conducted on Monday evening and a communion service on Tuesday evening completed the chaplain's religious services.

Chaplain Smith is a graduate of Redlands University in Redlands, California, and of the Garrett School of Theology in Evanston, Illinois and served as pastor of the Grace Methodist Church in Flint, Michigan, before entering the Army in June, 1959.

Prior to coming to Kagnew Station in September, 1961, he was the chaplain of the Second Training Regiment, Fort Knox, Ky.

Chaplain Smith lives at Kagnew Station with his wife, Helen, and their children, John Eugene, 17, Gerald Paul, 15, Jacque Lynne, 13, and Patricia Anne, 10.

# Engineers Conduct Volume Test on Kagnew Water Well

Kagnew Station boasts one of the deepest water wells in this part of Ethiopia, and some of the purest well-water in the Asmara area is pumped from it.

well. This water is so low in nitrates that it has been recommended for consumption by infants.

At the south end of the post there is a 741-foot-deep water well. This water is so low in nitrates that it has been recommended for consumption by infants. Of course, for extra precautionary measures, the water is still treated with a very small amount of chemical disinfectant and it is still recommended that it be boiled for the infants.

Water from this well is also used for the production of steam at the boiler station as well as contributing to the post's water supply.

Captain Kendrick Holle, assistant post engineer, said that a «draw down test» is now being conducted on the well. This is a two-part test and the first portion has already been completed. Part of the test will show whether the well will refill itself during pumping, indicating a fresh water source, or if the well will be pumped dry, which indicates that the water is just being extracted from an underground storage basin.

Captain Holle said that in the current testing, «which will show how long the pumps can operate pumping water at sustained rate,» the well has already produced 50 gallons a minute for a few days. In this particular test, the rate per minute is increased by regular increments.

Commenting on the current water situation at Kagnew Station, Captain Holle said that the city of Asmara opened up a new reservoir in August which is capable of containing 4 million cubic meters of water. The reservoir is only at half capacity now. «Because of heavy rains this year,» Captain Holle said, «the reservoirs now in use are holding more water than last year.»

With this extra water supply and the resources of the reservoir, the captain said

that we shouldn't experience as much of a water scarcity as we did last year. He said that the dry seasons seem to oscillate in three-year cycles, «and it's possible that the very excellent engineers at the city pumping station may decide to retain the possible surplus of water for use during the next dry spell.»

Explaining last year's water shortage, Captain Holle said, «Americans waste more water than any people on earth. Actually, last year's shortage was not as bad as many people made it seem. By American standards it may have been inconvenient, but we were not operating with an insufficient amount of water in ratio to the post's population.» He said that the standard consumption of domestic water is 45 gallons per capita per day, but at Kagnew we use more than 70 gallons per capita per day. He went on to say that a high price for water in some parts of the United States is 5c per 1,000 gallons. Here, the price is \$1 for the same amount, and we consume more than 240,000 gallons a day.

A program of water conservation that would benefit both Kagnew Station and the city of Asmara was suggested by Captain Holle. «If everyone would try to use only water that is absolutely essential during the one hour period of from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., we would save hundreds of gallons every day.»

# Little Tom Doubt

Now, children, if you will just gather about,  
I'll tell you the story of little Tom Doubt.  
Just sit on the floor there and look up at me;  
Yes, yes, I'll take two of you — one on each knee.

And now I'll begin. Well, this little Tom Doubt  
Said he couldn't figure old Santa Claus out.  
He said that no reindeer could patter a hoof  
Or gallop like mad on his snow-covered roof;

And he said that his chimney he knew was too small  
For a white-whiskered saint to get down it at all,  
And he didn't believe that the girls and the boys  
From Santa Claus ever got candies and toys.

Now little Tom Doubt said, «I'll prove that I'm right;  
No letter to Santa Claus this year I'll write.  
I want a new sled and I want a new drum,  
But I won't let him know that I want him to come.  
I'll test out the Santa Claus story this year —  
I won't even tell him that I'm living here.»

When he awoke in the morning, he found by his bed  
The drum that he longed for, the new shiny sled,  
And all that he wanted, yet never had told,  
And his look of surprise was a joy to behold.  
«Why, he's real! He has been here!» cried little Tom Doubt,  
«But however did Santa Claus find all this out?»



«NOW LET ME SEE» — Shoppers purchasing and looking at gift items during the recent International Bazaar. Colonel Keene N. Wilson, post commander, (right center), seems to have found something to his liking.

BAZAAR cont. from p. 1 time and work by Kagnew Station personnel and their wives.

Through the sale of American dry goods approved for duty-free sale by the Ethiopian Government authorities, pies, cakes and cookies baked by Kagnew wives, Christmas decorations, hamburgers and turkey, beer and soft drinks, cotton candy, etc., funds were raised permitting a sizable contribution on the part of the American community towards the purchase of gift packages of clothing

and food for over eight thousand Eritrean children. The funds realized by the American stand at this year's International Bazaar exceed the highest previous total, that of last year's, by five or six times, it is estimated.

Net proceeds donated to the Children's Fund this year by the American community at Asmara will amount to approximately Eth. \$7,000, of which Eth. \$1,394 was earned at the joint British-American Bar and Eth. \$5,606 was earned at the American booth at the bazaar.»

# When Christmas Comes; A Divine Design for Man

Only God could have thought of Christmas. Its beauty is beyond the wit of mortals, so simple in its sublimity, so homey, yet so heavenly. On a tapestry woven of stable straw and starlight it unveils a picture to soften and purify the heart and to bring us back from a wisdom that is not wise, because it is hard, unholy, and unhelpful. Man would have made this event a pageant, its stage directions as follows:

Array of Great Ones  
The Army marches by  
Fanfare of trumpets  
Enter the King!

Man-made pageants pass and fade, but God works in slower and more secret ways. He blows no trumpet; He rings no bell. He begins within, seeking His ends by quiet growth and by a strange power men call weakness, a wisdom often mistaken for folly. Man has one answer to every problem-force; but that is not the way of God. He did not send an army to conquer the world; He sent a babe to make a woman cry. The divine method is different: Instead of noise and parade there was —

The crowded Inn  
A Mother and a Baby  
No cardle, just a manger  
A man stunned by wonder  
A wondering Star.

Such wisdom bends the knee; such beauty breaks the heart — and mends it. It is a scene to sanctify the world, as if to teach us that God enters the life of man by lowly doors, attended by starry ideals and simple shepherd sentiments — the birth of Jesus, just «one of the children of the year.» They are wise men who bow at such a shrine, linking a tar-off pilgrim star with the cardle of a little child. By such faith, men are truly wise, knowing that no hope is too high, no dream too holy to be fulfilled — even the hope and dream of «peace on earth among men of good-will.»

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By

Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles E. Brown, Jr.,  
Chief of Chaplains, United States Army

*Advent and Christmas herald the appearance of a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. This is truly the season of "Peace on earth to men of good will."*

*It is my privilege, as the Chief of the United States Army Chaplains, to convey my personal greetings and best wishes for a blessed Christmas to all the members of the United States Army, military and civilian and their families.*

*Our vital concern at this time of year is for the family. We are also concerned that we do not miss the reality of Christmas in the materialistic overtones of our family, chapel and community celebrations.*

*The surest and best way of guaranteeing the validity of our Christmas experience is to re-establish in our own hearts the simplicity of faith as embodied in the Christ Child experience. For, unless we become as little children in our faith and our love, we shall in no wise share the spiritual renaissance of this Holy Season.*

*May God grant each of you his richest Christmas blessing.*

## Chapel Guild Works For Charity Causes On and Off Kagnew

The Protestant Chapel Guild, composed of 23 of Kagnew Station's fairer sex, has been described as being the epitome of a successful women's organization.

One of the functions of the guild is to contribute to the benevolent needs of the city of Asmara and surrounding communities. The current program in this activity includes the construction of rag dolls for the children of the Prince Makonnen Hospital and the production of popcorn balls and candy canes which are donated to the School for the Deaf in Cheren.

Other activities of the guild concern the planning and expedition of Kagnew Station functions. One of the most prominent of these projects is that of the repair of Kagnew's hospital linen. Other Kagnew-oriented operations include family dinners, picnics and organization of study groups.

The guild meets on the fourth Monday of every month to conduct guild business, plan programs, listen to guest lecturers and make field trips.

The president of the group, Mrs. Harry Rogers, invites all Protestant women to join the Women's Chapel Guild and profit through giving.

### Christmas Message From Secretary of Army, Cyrus Vance

As Christmas, 1963, is observed throughout the world, I send my heartiest greetings to all military and civilian personnel of the Army and to their families. May you have a joyous holiday and a happy and rewarding New Year.

Our country is deeply committed to helping to maintain world peace and to assisting the free nations in their efforts to establish a more tranquil and secure future. The great courage and outstanding devotion to duty which you demonstrate in upholding these commitments are highly commendable. The blessings which our Nation enjoys were earned through the work, the sacrifice, the character, and the morale of its people. At this season, let us rededicate ourselves to the high principle of peace on earth and good will toward men.

CYRUS R. VANCE  
Secretary of the Army



A PLACE OF WORSHIP — The Post Chapel's altar expresses the Christmas theme of holiness and cheerfulness as it is prepared for the Protestant Christmas services.

# Food For Thought

By Chaplain (Captain) Clyde E. Smith

Christmas is a wonderful season. Many beautiful traditions have sprung up around this part of the year. And the poorest, and the richest enjoy them. I suppose one that all of us look forward to the most is the «Christmas Tree.» Christmas without a beautifully decorated tree is unthinkable in many of our homes.

In his story *The First Christmas Tree* Henry Van Dyke tells of its reputed origin. In heathen times, the Druids offered sacrifices at the sacred oak to their god. Winfried, a missionary, went from England to the continent to preach Christianity to these people. At the sacred oak, he and his companions arrived just in time to save a young prince from death. Then Winfried told the assembled crowd the story of Christ's coming to earth at Bethlehem. He begged them not to worship their heathen gods any longer, with their bloody sacrifices. He pointed to a tiny fir tree, and asked them to take it into their homes, and with singing and rejoicing, celebrate the birthday of the Christ child. Yes Christmas means Santa Claus and lights. It is holly for the mantel and mistletoe and stockings on the fireplace. It is doll babies and electric trains. It is the family home and roast turkey and plum pudding. It is Christmas carols and Christmas pageants.

But when we turn to the story of Christmas we find it is more than tradition. We find a man and a woman on their way to sign up for taxes; and of course there is nothing new in that. You find this man and woman going to the hotel and being unable to get a room; and there is nothing new in that. And you find this woman giving birth to a little child; and of course there is nothing unique about that.

Yet when you read on you find that something new has been added. You find an angel, and angels are not everyday affairs. Moreover, you find this angel talking about good news.

We are so accustomed to getting and expecting bad news that the announcement of good news is worth stopping to consider. The good news is that little baby born in the stable is the answer to their prayers. And before they know it, there is a chorus of angels singing, «Glory to God.» And that, dear friends, is Christmas. It is an angel announcing that something extra has been added. It is heaven come to earth. It is word made flesh. It is the divine bursting in upon the human. It is far and away more than holly wreaths and a pile of packages. It is the good news that God is good and has come to tell you so.



A SPOT OF CHEER — Gray Ladies Suzanne Thurston (left), Pat Rouser (center), Gray Lady chairman, and Jean Pearson serve refreshments to patient Fred Robertson. The occasion was a recent Christmas party held for the patients and staff of the hospital given by the Gray Ladies and Staff Aides.



JUST FOR OTHERS — The Protestant Women's Chapel Guild make stuffed dolls for Asmara Orphans. Seated are (left to right) Lois Hayworth, Helen Smith, Pat Stanley, Drucella Brian, Beverley Braun and Ruth Allison.

## Historical Background Exploited In Training Russian Soldiers

The Russians and Ukrainians constitute more than three-fourths of the Soviet Union's population. For centuries, the Russian State ruled the people who now comprise the Soviet Union (except for the people who include the Estonians, Latvians, and Lithuanians, and on the Persian border, the Azerbaijanis... all who hate the Soviet Union). «Russianizing» was partly successful in many non-Russian lands. Because of shifting minority populations and Communist encouragement for the blend of these people into the Russian nation, the interchangeable terms of Russian and Soviet Union are not greatly inaccurate.

The nature of the Russian soldier is derived from a background of a thousand years of hardships and oppressive princes, landlords and Czars, and modified by 46 years of Communism.

During this thousand-year period, survival was not accorded to the weak. In forest life the Russian learned to endure hunger. There he also developed an accurate sense of camouflage. Because of hard physical labor, which today still exists in many phases of Russian life, he has developed into a muscular race. Acceptance of a hard life has become a part of the Russian character. Centuries of living in small communes have made him highly gregarious. He still retains a marked aversion to discussing matters that might cause him trouble... a result of distrust built up since the early period when peasants were rewarded for informing on each other.

The trait of obedience to authority, regardless of its unreasonableness, is deeply ingrained, and Communist discipline, more thorough than that of the Czars, insures the continuance of this trait.

Because of centuries of dictatorial systems, an innate lack of initiative and the shirking of responsibility has been bred. Under Communism, that trait has been aggravated. However, the Communists try to counterbalance this by punishing those who do not respond to demands for obvious and prompt action when called upon to do so.

After two years, the Red Army draftee usually returns to civilian life, a fairly well-trained soldier, and in most cases, a citizen moulded closer to the design of the Soviet Union.

In the Soviet soldier we face an opponent who is at once simple and complex. He is simple because he has been less exposed than we to modern ideas and modern civilization. He appears complex to us for the same reason.

There are two mistakes we can make in judging the Soviet soldier: we can overestimate him as some kind of supernuman, capable of anything; or we can underestimate him by writing him off as a simple peasant. Both of these attitudes are equally dangerous. Only when we realize that the Soviet soldier is a man, different from us in some ways, like us in others, will we be on our way to understanding him.

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## Officers Wives News

By Mrs. Marlene Cole

A choral group from the Asmara American Dependent School entertained the Officers Wives Club at its December luncheon. Under the direction of Mrs. Ann Mace, the group sang Christmas songs. Mr. Silla, foreign language instructor at the school, introduced several of his students who did Italian skits and French and Latin readings. It was a delightful program and Lois Heitzke expressed the club's appreciation to those who participated in it.

Mrs. Sophia Contomicholas, Mrs. Burwood-Taylor and Mrs. Mary Haile Selassie were guests for the luncheon.

The hostesses' Mary Ann May, Dottie Gardeniere and Joan Wasko arranged a delicious menu as well as lovely Christmas decorations for the tables.

It was announced that the club would give to the dental clinic fifteen dollars to be used to secure films to be shown to the school children during dental health week.

It was decided at the luncheon that the club would sponsor a project — Operation Balloon. This will involve providing balloons in the shot clinic and dental clinic to be given to the small children.

Mrs. Heitzke announced that Jan Hill will be the new Parliamentarian replacing Kathy Bonner who will be leaving Kagnew Station soon.

The following were welcomed as prospective members of the Officers Wives Club: Bonnie Hermanson, Kay Coykendall, Eva Kelly and Mrs. Maxine Mulvehill.

The December luncheon was the last for departing members Suzanne Mickey, Edythe Bogle, Wing Riley, Roy Richie and Maj. Barbara Clymer. Gifts were presented to them.

The Officers Wives Club wishes to all its members and everyone at Kagnew Station a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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speed was the object and just an exchange of signal reports, coded numbers for the contest and communications districts were the primary subjects.

Commander Pringle, a member of Kagnew Station's amateur radio club, first became interested in «ham» radio in 1929 through association with other radio operators. He has been an avid fan ever since.

While he was stationed in Cuba, the commander held an amateur radio operator's license from that country. While he was in France he held a French radio operator's license.

Commander Pringle arrived in Asmara in January, 1962, and lives here with his wife, Gwendolyn. Their 18-year-old son, Alec, is attending Georgia Tech.

## Women's Corner

by Mrs. Guy Darden

Christmas festivities were opened with the International Children's Christmas BAZAAR which was held 7 and 8 December in the Prince Makonnen Officer's Club. All of you who worked at, baked for, or bought things at the Bazaar helped make it a success. A large number of orphans will have a nice Christmas this year, thanks to you!

The December PTA meeting followed the Christmas theme with a varied program presented by students of the Asmara American School. Mr. Silla's students gave French and Italian translations of «Noel», tree Italian comedies and a Latin tale by Phedrus. Mr. Medders' fifth and sixth grade students sang three carols. Tony Hoagland gave an excellent recitation of Eugene Fields' «Just force Christmas» followed by Mr. Broderick's Fifth Grade class giving a Choral reading.

The High School Chorus, conducted by Mrs. Ann Mace, sang six Christmas carols. After a short business meeting conducted by SFC Felix Burns, vice-president, those present were served delicious refreshments, courtesy of the Top Five Club.

The Top Five Wives Club exchanged Christmas gifts at their monthly luncheon December 12. Their annual Christmas dinner dance was held December 13, with surprise gifts presented to each couple present. A special program of Carols was given by the High School Chorus. The Wives will also help with the annual Top Five Children's Christmas party to be held December 21 at 2 p.m. in the club. In November the Wives Club gave a few items of children's furniture to the hospital nursery.

The Navy wives gave their children a Christmas party December 14 at the Community Center, Tract A. A surprise visit by Santa Claus was enjoyed by all. The Navy Wives entertained their husbands with a dinner dance at the Top Five Club December 20.

Congratulations to Lt. and Mrs. Kaley on the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Greist. Hostesses to a baby shower, in honor of the little lady were Miriam Johnson, Carol Ross, Mary Liz Weil in the home of Jan Hill.

Thanks to Special Services and Sp Smith, Red Cross lifeguard, for helping the students of the dependent school have a first swim meet. This was an excellent addition to the curriculum of the students, and one they thoroughly enjoyed!

A Senior Lifesaving class will be held in January, and for you ladies who do not know how to swim, the Red Cross is planning a class to begin 17 January. You are urged to go by the office or call 2266 and enroll for this class by 15 January.

The annual Navy Wives Christmas coffee will be held in the home of Betty Jo Vickery December 17 at 1:30 p.m. Harriet O'Neil is co-hostess. The wives meet each at this time to exchange ideas for making original Christmas decorations, using inexperience supplies and a little work! Fruit cake, Xmas cookies and fruit punch will be served.



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ROAST TOM TURKEY W/  
GIBLET GRAVY  
VIRGINIA BAKEDHAM W/  
PINEAPPLE SAUCE  
DEEP FAT FRIED SCALLOPS  
TARTAR SAUCE  
COCKTAIL SAUCE  
SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN  
POULTRY DRESSING  
SNOWFLAKE POTATOES  
BUTTERED GREEN BEANS  
WHOLE-GRAIN CORN  
ASST. RELISH TRAY  
EGG SALAD  
POTATO SALAD  
SEASONED GREEN PEAS  
FRUIT CAKE  
MINCEMEAT TURNOVERS  
ASST. NUTS  
ASST. CANDIES  
COFFEE  
FRESH MILK  
CANDIED SWEET POTATOES  
CHILLED GRANBERRY —  
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