

Bellringers get Yuletide gift

By M. MCINTYRE HOOD
CHELSEA, Bucks — Every Christmas Day the bellringers of St. Mary's Church, Chelsea, receive a special gift. Walter Glasgow, a retired manufacturer of the town, left \$1500 a trust to the church, "to divide the income annually on Dec. 25 between the bellringers of the church performing such service during the year."

CAMBERWELL — Camberwell Hospitals in a general committee has approved \$300 being spent on providing Christmas extras for patients at a staff at Dulwich Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, East Dulwich and St. Giles Hospital, Camberwell.

FELTHAM, Surrey — A register of residents willing to entertain old people at Christmas has been compiled by Councillor Mrs. M.E. Nixon, secretary of the Feltham Council of Social Service. The idea arose from an invitation by a local couple for three lonely old folks to share their festive dinner. The three chosen were aged 70, 81 and 90.

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LONDON — At the Christmas season, a number of the wards in the hospitals in the London borough of Lambeth will be closed, and as many of the patients as are fit to do so will be allowed to go home to join in their family celebrations of the festive season. This scheme is being carried out at the South London, Lambeth, South-western, The Royal Eye and the Annie McCall Hospitals.

There is, however, a reservation behind all this other than permitting patients to leave their hospital surroundings and spend the Christmas season with their families. It is being done, as a matter of fact, as an economy measure. These hospitals have been costing \$75,000 a year more than their budgets call for, and catering officers in them have been told that they must cut down costs. The management committee says that this can be done without lowering of standards.

Some bright official conceived the idea that there would be quite a substantial saving if as many as possible of the patients could be taken to their homes for the few days of the Christmas holiday week, a day or two before Boxing Day, and as many wards closed as would be convenient. Only patients whose health condition will permit their being moved to their homes will be included in the mass evacuation of the wards.

From the patients' standpoint, the change from hospital routine at the Christmas season will be welcomed and the hospital budget problems will be relieved accordingly.

HANG SPIES
CAIRO (AP) — Two Egyptian-born Armenians and an Egyptian were hanged Thursday for spying for Israel, Jean Leon Thomas, 31, and Krampf Jacob, 32, the Armenians, and Mohammed Ahmed Hassan, 30, were arrested in 1960 and sentenced to death last year.

BOHROW SOVIET MONEY
RYHDE, England (CP) — A Tory-dominated Isle of Wight council has borrowed £100,000 (\$300,000) from a Soviet bank to build a school here. The low-interest loan came from the Moscow Narodny Bank, whose London branch run on free enterprise lines. Said a council official: "Much better to have the Russians spending money around than missiles."

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