Anglican Church Services Yesterday

A special celebration of the Midnight Eucharist was conducted at St. Peter's Cathedral by the Rev. Canon G. E. Moffatt, M.A., B.D., assisted by Rev. W. G. Hogg. This was a full choral service. It was followed during Christmas Day with Matins at 7:30 a.m. and a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

The 11.00 a.m. service was also Choral Eucharist and was preceded by a professional which is the usual custom at this service on Christmas Day. This is regarded at St. Peter's as the Family Service. A number of well-known hymns were sung and a brief address was given by Canon Moffatt.

Evensong at 5 p.m. concluded the Christmas observances, all of which were held in the Cathedral.

Miss Sue Brenton, Lic. Music was choir director and organist.

At St. Paul's

Rev. Canon J. T. Ibbott, Rector of St. Paul's conducted the Christmas Eve celebration of Holy Communion, which was largely attended. Special choir singing, including carols, took place in the service prior to the communion service proper.

Canon Ibbott also conducted celebrations of Holy Communion at three other morning services at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and finally at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. Paul Cudmore was organist and choir director.

Christmas

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chief of the Red rebels called on Indo-Chinese Roman Catholics to wipe out the "French aggressors."

In the divided Holy Land some 2,000 pilgrims flocked to the Arab-held town of Bethlehem to worship at the spot where Christ was born.

With the Arabs and Jews still technically at war, special permission had to be obtained for the worshippers to cross between Jewish Israel and the Arab regions.

While worshippers from all parts of the world looked on early Christmas morn the heavy scent of incense filled a sacred stone grotto in Bethlehem during another ecactment of the scene attending Christ's birth.

Later in the day two police cars escorted Roman Catholic Patriarch Kalberto Gori from the Church of the Nativity back to the Latin Patriarchate in Old Jerusalem.

In Russia it was just another day. The Soviets don't specially observe Dec. 25. But everyone was buying trees to celebrate New Year's Day, the time Soviet children get toys.

In Rome refugees from Iron Curtain countries gathered to celebrate Mass in the Catacombs Basilica of St. Alexander.

Young Monarch

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Charles, who may someday be king, and Princess Anne, 2.

Referring to her coronation next June 2, the Queen said:

"At my coronation next June, I shall dedicate myself anew to your service. I shall do so in the presence of a great congregation, drawn from every part of the Commonwealth and Empire, where millions outside Westminster Abbey will hear the promises and the prayers being offered up within its walls, and see much of the ancient ceremony in which kings and queens before me have taken part through century upon century.

"You will be keeping it as a holiday, but I want to ask you all, whatever your religion may be, to pray for me on that day—to pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve him and you, all the days of my life."

SOLOMON ISLANDS

The British Solomon Islands in the Pacific, including Guadalcanal, have a total area of 12,400 square miles.

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DEATHS

WEEKS—At the P. E. Island Hospital on Dec. 24, 1952, Walter S. Weeks of Hunter River in his 45th year. Funeral Saturday at 2:30 p.m. from the United Church Hunter River.

O'HALLORAN—At her home in Rice Point on Monday, Dec. 22, 1952, Mrs. Daniel (Selina) O'Halloran in her 43rd year. Her remains were transferred from the A. A. Hennessey Funeral Home to her late residence. The funeral will take this (Friday) morning at 9:30 to St. Martin's Church, South Shore. Interment in the church cemetery.

BELL—At the Charlottetown Hospital on Thursday, Dec. 25th, Thomas Bell of Charlottetown in his 58th year. His remains will rest at the A. A. Hennessey Funeral Home from 2 o'clock this afternoon. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning at 8:45 to St. Dunstan's Basilica. Interment in the Catholic Cemetery.

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND services Dec. 28. Birch Hill 11 a.m.; Murray River 3 p.m.; Charlottetown 7 p.m. Rev. J. H. Bishop, minister.

HUNTER RIVER CHARGE. Services Dec. 28th. Wiltshire 11 a.m.; Wheatley River 3 p.m. with Communion; Hunter River 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Charles Dickieson, guest speaker. Also colored slides on Labrador will be shown. Rev. Howard Christie, minister.

FUNERAL WEDNESDAY — The funeral of the late Dr. David W. MacKenzie was held on Wednesday afternoon from the MacLean Funeral Home to St. John's Church, Belfast. Services were conducted by Rev. T. H. B. Somers. Interment was in the church cemetery. The pall-bearers were R. A. MacKenzie, W. D. MacKenzie, J. F. MacDonald, M. W. MacDonald, John H. MacDonald and David Ross.

FUNERAL WEDNESDAY — The funeral of the late William Mutch was held on Wednesday afternoon from his residence at Rocky Point to New Dominion Church where services were conducted by Rev. G Carlyle Webster. Interment was in the church cemetery. The pall-bearers were Joseph Doiron, Robert Griffin, Stanley Taylor, James Betts, Joseph Murphy and Allison MacMillan.

Warrants Issued

DARTMOUTH, N. S., Dec. 25 — (CP) — Police today issued warrants for the arrest of the three fighting McCluskey brothers and a companion who battled with four constables in a crowded restaurant Christmas eve.

Police said Bernard (Ace), former Maritime middleweight champion, Lewis and Tom McCluskey, also ring-wise fighters, of Dartmouth, and Ron Taylor, Tufts Cove, were annoying customers and causing a disturbance.

The proprietor was dropped to the floor by Lewis in the melee, and a constable fractured his wrist while fighting with Ace, police said. The quartet escaped when the battle moved into the street.

Finds Diplomats

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night.

The letter was sent from Georgi N. Zarubin, Russian Ambassador to the U. S.:

"Herewith are the replies of Premier J. V. Stalin to the questions you asked him in your letter of Dec. 18, 1952, addressed to me:

"Q.—At the beginning of a new year and a new administration in the United States, is it still your conviction that the U. S. S. R. and the U. S. can live peacefully in the coming years?

"A.—I still believe that war between the United States of America and the Soviet Union cannot be considered inevitable, and that our countries can continue to live in peace.

"Q.—Wherein lies the sources of present world contention, in your judgment?

"A.—Everywhere and in everything wherever the aggressive actions of the policy of the 'cold war' against the Soviet Union find expression.

"Q.—Would you welcome diplomatic conversations with representatives of the new Eisenhower administration looking toward the possibility of a meeting between yourself and General Eisenhower on easing world tensions?

"A.—I regard this suggestion favorably.

"Q.—Would you co-operate in any new diplomatic approach designed to bring about an end to the Korean war?

"A.—I agree to co-operate because the U. S. S. R. is interested in ending the war in Korea."

The letter was signed: "Sincerely, G. Zarubin, Ambassador of the U. S. S. R. in the U. S. A." It was dated Dec. 24.

Stalin's replies were broadcast today to the people of Russia.

In London, diplomatic sources took the new offer with caution, but made plain Britain would like to sit in on any meetings if they take place.

Prime Minister Churchill repeatedly has said he is willing to meet with Stalin any time, proving there is something to talk about and a chance for accomplishing something.

IN MEMORIAM

In fond and loving memory of my dear father, Charles E. Paul, who departed this life December 26th, 1950.

Jesus called you, Daddy dear,
Home to His beautiful fold
To rest forever in His love
Beside His throne of gold.

He took you away, forever,
From the turmoil of the crowd.
And laid you to rest in glory,
In the presence of the Lord!

Ever remembered by daughter Mildred.

Christmas Services At Catholic Churches

His Excellency Bishop James Boyle officated at Pontifical High Mass at Midnight Wednesday following the well established custom at Saint Dunstan's Basilica. Monsignor Patrick McMahon, D.D. was Assistant Priest and Rev. R.G. Ellsworth, and Rev. G.A. MacDonald were Deacons of Honour. Rev. Francis Corcoran was Deacon of the Mass and Rev. James Smith, Sub Deacon. Rev. P.F. MacDonald was Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Francis Bolger preached the sermon.

Christmas Carols were sung before Midnight Mass and during the Bishop's Second Mass. Throughout Christmas Day the services were conducted at the usual hours, and the Rector, Very Rev. Monsignor McMahon preached the sermon at each of these. The choir also rendered a number of Christmas carols at the several Masses.

Music for the Midnight Mass was Leonard's in E Flat, the solo parts being taken by Frank Kelly, Eddie Pineau, Connie LeClair, Frank McIntyre and James Flannagan. A mixed choir sang a number of carols including "Angels we have heard on High", "The Birthday of the King", "Silent Night" and "Little Babe of Bethlehem". Miss Helen Roach sang as a solo, "O Come to my Heart Lord Jesus" which was followed by Loman MacAulay and Frank McIntyre in "Adeste Fidelis". The choir was under the direction of Mr. Leo Chaisson with Mrs. Joseph Dougan as organist.

In keeping with the traditional Christmas decoration, the place of the Savior's Nativity was shown in miniature on a large scale, and as in former years the cradle reproduction with all the surrounding historic characters held a message of joy to members of the congregation and others of all ages.

At Holy Redeemer Church

Midnight Mass was conducted at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer by the Rector, Rev. Alexander MacLellan, S.Ss.R., with Rev. J.B. MacGillivray, C.Ss.R. as Deacon and Rev. W. J. Enright, C.Ss.R. as Sub Deacon.

The Rector in his sermon made special reference to the allegiance of his parishioners and the great satisfaction and joy brought to him and his associates in the co-operation received from all. The music of the Mass was Bartholomeus' in E Flat, with Gloria and Credo from Leonard's Mass in B Flat. The Propter of the Mass was the Gregorian Chant and the Offertory was Laetentur Caeli, by Wiegand.

The mixed choir of 35 voices was under the leadership of choir director A.H. MacLean, who is also the church organist. "The Shepherd's Mass" followed immediately after Midnight Mass. At the final Mass for the day, which was celebrated at 10.30 a.m., the Junior Girls choir sang traditional Christmas carols in keeping with the occasion.

A beautifully arranged reproduction of the manger scene depicting the birth of Jesus was visited continuously during the day by young and old. Mr. James Monaghan prepared and constructed the scene.

York Highlights

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Douglas of West St. Peters were in York on Monday, December 16, attending the auction sale of Mr. Gordon Crockett of York.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vessey and daughter Beryl, of York, motored to Covehead recently and were the guests of Mrs. Bovyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Court and family, of Bedford, motored to York on Sunday, December 15th, guests of Mrs. Court's father, Mr. Harry Vessey. While there they attended the candlelight service in York United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Moore and Miss Norma Moore of Mount Edward Road, Charlottetown, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis of York recently.

The many friends and neighbors of Miss Rose Watts are pleased to see her again at home in York after her recent illness in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

The school children and teachers of York School are busy in the extensive preparations for their Christmas concert which is to be held in York Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Vessey of York were in Charlottetown recently, the guests of Mr. Richard Vessey, who is a patient at the Provincial Sanatorium.

Mr. B. A. Mallett's many friends from far and near will be pleased to learn he has recovered and can be around performing his usual tasks after a severe attack of pain in his back.

Messrs. Russell and Fred Smith and Ralph MacFadyen of Hunter River were in York attending the auction sale at Gordon Crockett's on December 16th.

Mr. Myron Ling of York, who is employed with the Island Telephone Company, has returned to York after spending a week in Kensington with the Company.

The Misses Elizabeth and Gladys MacDonald of York, Messrs. Paul Sproule and Norman Brown, who have taken up various courses as students of Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, have returned to their homes to enjoy their Christmas holiday.

The annual meeting of York United Church was held in the church on Tuesday, December 17, with a large attendance. Much business was transacted and reports from the various organizations were given.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett and son Donald have now become established in their residence at Little York Station. Mr. Crockett has accepted the position as caretaker and ticket agent for the Canadian National Railways at York. Their many friends wish them much success in their new position.

Mr. Gordon Crockett has also secured the position of mail courier, that is, meeting the trains with the outgoing and incoming mails between the C. N. R. station and the York Post Office.

A large number in York attended the school Christmas concert held in Marshfield Hall on Thursday evening, December 9th, when the school students and their teacher, Miss Nelda Richards, a former teacher of York, presented a lovely and well staged Christmas concert.

The regular weekly rifle shoot held by the York Rifle Club took place in their shooting gallery in York on Thursday, December 20th, when a large number of rifle fans attended and a goodly number of high scores were chalked up.

The Young People's Society of York United Church met at York United Church for the devotional period of their Christmas meeting. Later they proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Jewel for the business and recreational part of their meeting. Many instructive games were played and a dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Jewel and the committee in charge.

The ladies of York Institute, who are availing themselves of the opportunity of the short course in First Aid work, sponsored by the Canadian Red Cross Society, met at the school on Friday evening, December 20, under the efficient instruction of Mrs. Peters of Charlottetown.

A very regrettable accident happened in Covehead Road recently when Mrs. Eddy Reardon was in the barn loft putting down hay. The men on the farm were absent at the time. Mrs. Reardon missed her footing and fell to the concrete floor beneath. It was reported, after being rushed to a hospital in Charlottetown, that her back was broken in two places. A special cast was sent for and at last reports she is allowed to return to her home within this cast. Her many friends are wishing her a speedy and complete recovery.

The Christmas meeting of York Evening Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Vessey who was hostess to nearly a perfect attendance of members. A new slate of officers were inducted and much business was transacted. The members, it was decided, should donate candy to be bagged at the school as a Christmas treat to the Sunday School. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

The decorating of York United Church, which was undertaken by the members of Evening Auxiliary, was indeed very beautiful to its effect. The decorations were beautiful evergreen wreaths, hanging in each church window, which were further adorned with pure white candle sticks holding five long white tapers. A large number of white tapers in white, crystal and silver candle holders adorned the sacrament table and pulpit. A large scalloped band of evergreens intermingled with icicles and silver stars surrounded the walls and windows. Back of pulpit and choir a large dark blue curtain adorned with small and medium stars and one very large star representing the Star of the East was lighted by many colored electric bulbs. Last but not least four lovely lighted Christmas trees completed a very beautiful decoration scheme.

—B.P.

All A Mistake!

PASSAIC, N. J., Dec. 25 —(AP) —John McManus, 10, of Philadelphia, was hunting for a Christmas toy in his parents' parked car today when an off-duty policeman stopped to see what was going on.

The boy, frightened, ran inside his uncle's house where his parents were visiting. The grown-ups rushed back outside with the boy and scuffled with the policeman, Harold Fitspatrick, who was not in uniform.

Police said Fitspatrick drew his revolver, and fired three times, wounding the boy's mother, Mrs. Albert Ferber, and uncle, Newton Paine. Fitzpatrick's head was cut and bruised.

Inventor Samuel Morse sent the first message over the first telegraph line in the United States in 1844.

Little Christmas Cheer In Korean Front Lines

By Bill Boss
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

WITH CANADIANS IN KOREA, Dec. 25 — (CP) — A string of greeting cards strung across an earthen bunker wall . . . a paper bell and perhaps a streamer or two fashioned from a gift wrapping . . maybe an evergreen bough—that was Christmas on the front line in Korea.

For the United Nations soldier up front it was just another day, with time out for a bottle of beer, "compliments of the house."

No turkey in the Korean hills—just ordinary rations because his outfit is saving its Christmas fare until he can leave the line for a few hours.

A letter home in the afternoon . . . a little snooze—a daydream of the folks back home . . . check and oil his weapons—and at night-fall the usual watch over the snow-patched hills for signs of a Chinese Communist patrol.

It was not as bleak behind the lines. Most company command posts rigged a Christmas tree. The padres held as many services as possible. There were carol singing and Commnuion services.

NAAFI (navy, army and air force institute) built up a supply of spirits, fruit cakes and other delicacies.

The Van Doos were to be presented with cigaret lighters. Women's auxiliaries of most units sent Christmas parcels.

Brig. M. P. Bogert was to spend a full day of visiting.

The Patricias began their celebrations Sunday when the first company was sent to rear echelon for eight hours of celebration, including a shower, church parade, a beer and a meal.

The Van Doos sent 20 men daily from each company to rear echelon to shower, attend mass, have dinner and digest it watching a movie. Maj. Pierre Chasse of Ottawa bought paper hats, Christmas crackers, novelties and noise-makers for the celebration.

The Communists didn't forget Christmas either. Nightly their patrols have been leaving bundles of Christmas cards in no man's land—gaily decorated cards carrying the message: "Peace is a blessing."

Local troops retrieved one bundle for information purposes. The commander ordered his men to "show complete contempt by leaving them to rot."

Busiest Season For Postal Employees

A sigh of thankfulness was given by the workers at the Post Office here when Christmas finally came. Captain J. J. Connolly, Postmaster, said it was one of the busiest times ever seen here.

The exact percentage of increase in the volume of mail over last year could not be determined last night but Mr. Connolly said that it was more than the normal increase which is being felt each year. One of the factors which entered into the distribution of the mail this year was the weather. Open roads allowed all carriers to reach their destination and as a result there are no "holdovers" in the post office here.

Over 40 extra employees were on the staff for the rush period, but a veteran employee remarked that the fact many of them had previous experience made the work much easier this year.

Father Of Triplets Finds Life Complicated

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 — (CP) — Benjamin De Stefano, 31-year-old longshoreman, became the father of triplets Tuesday but he's not happy about it.

He admitted gloomily yesterday that the mother of the triplets is not his wife. His legal spouse has seven other children fathered by De Stefano. And to make the whole tale more amazing, the mother of the triplets has seven more children fathered by the longshoreman. That's a grand total of 17 kids with two mothers and the same father.

"Trouble, trouble, trouble," De Stefano muttered sadly in the kitchen of his $20-a-month cold-water flat in Brooklyn. With him was his legal wife, Philomena, who said she is determined not to give De Stefano up to the other woman, who calls herself Carmella De Stefano.

"She knew he was married two weeks after she met him," said Philomena. "I'm married to him and she isn't. I'll never give him up."

"I'm bewildered." De Stefano said today. He said he began fathering two families soon after he met Carmella at a dance in 1944.

The squat, beefy man, five-foot-five, said he doesn't know what to do.

"I don't know where to turn. I've got so many things on my mind I can't work." Even without the mental distresses, De Stefano's labor on the docks is uncertain, bringing in only $50 to $55 a week.

"I'm worried that people will say I ruined that girl's life," he said, referring to Carmella. "That's the last thing in the world I want to do."

De Stefano said he walked the streets all last night thinking of jumping off the Brooklyn Bridge.

"The thought of leaving all the (17) kids behind me stopped me. I'm going to stay home, take care of my family and contribute to the support of the other children."

KINGSBORO W. I.

Mrs. Alton Robertson was hostess to the Kingsboro Women's Institute for the December meeting, with a large attendance of members and visitors, and the president, Mrs. Bernard Mossey, presiding.

After the usual business was transacted the gathering took the form of a birthday party for one of the oldest members, Mrs. Merrill Stewart of Kingsboro, who in a few days will celebrate her 87th birthday and is still hale and hearty and enjoying a good measure of health. She still possesses the ability to read and has always taken a keen interest in current events.

The hostess on behalf of the members presented her with a beautifully decorated birthday cake made by Miss Pearle Stewart. All wished her a happy birthday and hoped she would be spared to spend many more with all her friends, while the secretary, Mrs Wilbur Jarvis, handed her two lovely gifts from the Club.

Mrs. Stewart fittingly replied, thanking one and all for their thoughtfulness, after which she passed the cake to all. Refreshments were then served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter Kathleen, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing "God Save the Queen".

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Brodie Twins Continue Fight

CHICAGO, Dec. 25—(AP)—The 15-month-old Brodie Siamese twins today spent their first Christmas as separate individuals in oxygen tents, still in critical condition.

A spokesman at the University of Illinois Hospital, where the twin boys underwent their head-to-head separation Dec. 17, said today that there was "no change" in their condition.

Roger Lee remained unconscious and still in precarious condition. Rodney Dee was reported still critical.

New Glasgow and Vicinity

The many friends of Mrs. Garnet Profitt, who has been a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital during the past weeks, with virus pneumonia, will be pleased to know she is steadily improving, and hopes to be out soon.

Much to the surprise and anxiety of her many friends, Mrs. Milford Cudmore has entered the P. E. Island Hospital, where she is under observation and treatment. All are hoping for her early return home.

Miss Bessie Moore has been out of college for two weeks, suffering from an attack of virus pneumonia. The many friends of this young lady will be happy to know she has made a good recovery, and returned to college to write her mid-term exams on Monday, December 15th.

Mrs. Ira McCoubrey has returned home from the P. E. Island Hospital, her general health considerably improved, to the joy of her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Toombs and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Moffatt on Sunday, December 14th.

The many friends of Mrs. John Pursey will be sorry to learn this esteemed lady suffered an attack of virus pneumonia, but glad to know she is recovering nicely. She will celebrate her 90th birthday shortly.

Rev. Benoit presented a thought provoking sermon in the Christian Church Sunday afternoon, December 14th, to an overwhelming congregation. He was assisted by Rev. M. Dunbar and Rev. Weale. This noted evangelist has held a series of meetings throughout the Island.

Friends hearing from Rev. W and Mrs. Watterworth state they are enjoying their holiday and expect to return to their pastoral charge within a month's time.

Mr. Robert Arsenault has recently purchased a new Dodge truck, which will be a convenience for this energetic and successful farmer.

Mrs. Willard Nicholson returned to her home on December 10th, after spending six weeks with her sister, Mrs. Walton Houston and Mr. Houston in Vandina, Sask. She visited her son "Sandy" in Toronto, and met quite a few Islanders while there.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brookins' home was the centre of a family reunion on Sunday, December 14, when they had as their guests at a delicious goose dinner, Mr. and Mrs. George McCoubrey, Mr. and Mrs. Ira McCoubrey and sons Ian and Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. Blair Andrew and family, an occasion which, needless to say, was fully enjoyed.

New Glasgow has secured the services of Mr. Horace McEwen as musical instructor in the school, and he will give piano lessons as well to a number of pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Whitlock motored to Granville on Sunday, December 14th, where they were the guests of the latter's brother, Mr. Roy Wall and Mrs. Wall.

Mr. Heath Houston has had his home recently electrified, which adds to convenience as well as beauty.

The many friends of Mr. James Houston will be sorry to learn that he has been confined to bed, suffering from a heart attack.

One of the happy features of the W.M.S. meeting at the home of Mrs. B. W. Stevenson was the presentation of a life membership certificate to Miss Ella Semple, who has been a faithful member, and active in all church activities. Miss Semple, though greatly surprised, graciously replied.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Orr and little daughter Paulette visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart recently.

A number of young people attended the dance in Stanley Tuesday, December 16th. A goodly sum was realized, which will help equip Cavendish hockey team for the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Orr and Mrs. W. Whitlock motored to the capital recently.

—A.Y.

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Wonder Stalin's Price For Co-operating To End Fighting In Korea

By John M. Hightower

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 — (AP) — Skeptical diplomats today questioned whether and at what price Premier Stalin actually would co-operate to end the Korean war.

Stalin's response to an inquiry on this point, the fourth of a series of four questions and answers published by the New York Times this morning, created more interest here among professional diplomats than any of his other responses.

But on first reading, these experts were uncertain whether Stalin was interested primarily in stimulating some new diplomatic approach or whether he was concerned as a propaganda-maker to overcome the apparent ill effects of Soviet manoeuvres in the United Nations General Assembly in the last few weeks. Russia and later Communist China rejected outright an Indian peace plan for Korea and asserted peace could be made only on Russia's terms.

The possibility was also raised that the Stalin answers were a diplomatic manoeuvre designed to feel out the incoming Eisenhower administration on (1) the chances of making a Soviet-American deal, (2) the price which Eisenhower would be willing to pay to end the Korean war and (3) the firmness of U. S. resistance to Soviet expansionist policies.

Eisenhower, adopting a cautious approach, had no immediate comment. Neither did John Foster Dulles, who will be Eisenhower's Secretary of State.

Nothing Really New

Men who have made a business of studying Soviet behavior have pointed out that Stalin receives many proposals for question-and-answer interviews. It must be assumed—as the State Department assumes—that when the Russian leader does answer questions it is because he desires to say something and the action has the effect of a voluntary statement on his part.

Furthermore, experts said, Stalin's words always have to be combed through many times to see whether an unusual phrase or even an unusual choice of a word might have some special significance or open the way to some improvement in relations between Russia and the West.

On first reading, however, diplomats here said they found nothing really new in Stalin's latest statement.

Cardinal Spellman On Visit To Korea

WITH THE U. S. 2ND DIVISION, Korea, Dec. 25 — (AP) — Francis Cardinal Spellman celebrated Mass for 800 soldiers and administered the sacrament of confirmation to the 2nd Division commander this Christmas Day.

Gen. James A. Van Fleet, U. S Eighth Army commander, flew to this division command post to attend the Mass.

Before Mass, Spellman confirmed Maj.-Gen. James C. Fry, a recent convert to the Roman Catholic Church.

Cardinal Spellman is spending his second consecutive Christmas in this war-torn land.

Part of Brink's Robbery Loot Reported Found

BOSTON, Dec. 25 — (AP) — Three newspapers report today that federal authorities have traced $236,500 of the $1,219,000 taken in the Brink's robbery.

The Post, Record and Herald say the money is cached in about 40 safe deposit boxes throughout the United States and that the boxes are under constant surveillance. The stories do not name a source. Federal authorities declined comment.

The papers said $70,000 of the traced money had been linked to Joseph (Specs) O'Keefe, a Boston gunman named as a suspect in the fabulous robbery of Jan. 17, 1950.

O'Keefe, along with 10 others, has been cited for contempt of a federal grand jury investigating the Brink's holdup.

Heavier Demand On Yuletide Lighting

The Yuletide season may have been a big event for the children, but for the workmen of the Maritime Electric Company it just meant a bigger power load than ever before.

Part of the increase, estimated at approximately 25 per cent this year over 1951, may be attributed to the extra output required to handle the power at the R. C. A. F. Station at Summerside. However, much of the heavy seasonal load was due to an increasingly widespread use of lighting decorations at Christmas.

So far this season the greatest load the Maritime Electric were called on to bear came last Monday. Mr. V. A. Ainsworth, manager of the company, attributes this to the fact that there were a great many stores open that night and also to the weather. The mildness of the season permitted many more people to set up outdoor lighting. The load carried on Monday was estimated at 7,450 kilowatts with the peak being reached at 5:30 in the afternoon. Translated into ordinary language the number of kilowatts used means that approximately 10,000 horsepower was required to supply the electricity on that day.

Pulp Production

MONTREAL, Dec. 25 — (CP) — Canadian pulp production declined 45,964 tons during November to 721,630 from 767,594 in October, the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association reported last night.

Production for the first 11 months of 1952 totalled 8,071,027, compared with 8,402,741 in the corresponding period of 1951.

November exports totalled 172,406 tons against 156,423 in October while exports for the first 11 months were 1,747,564 against 2,065,238 in 1951.

WEEK'S FARM EQUIPMENT
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HOLMAN STORE NEWS
— G. H. M. —

"WHAT CHRISTMAS DOES TO ME"
Alfred G. Walton

Bring the candles, light the tree.
There's something Christmas does to me,
It weaves a charm, it casts a spell,
It sheds a warmth I cannot tell.

It melts the years with magic art,
It makes me young again in heart;
I long to give where pity pleads,
I think of friends and human needs.

I thrill with joy as from afar
I hear a song and see a star:
Thank God! Whatever else may be—
For all that Christmas does to me.

WISHING ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS!