

SEASONAL SEASONS — Members of Mobile Construction Battalion Five split out their Christmas message for the world on the main parade field at the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme. Most of these Seabees recently returned from Vietnam, where they have been serving 15-month tours of duty.

## Snakes Help Post Office Flunk Test

COVITE, Calif. (UPI)—"It's as though my own son got an 'F' on his report card," bawled Bay County's Commissioner of Education, as he learned Friday that the ramshackle local post office had flunked its annual inspection. The 74-year-old Victorian edifice is a favorite with many townspeople.

Adding the deficiencies noted: "No drinking water; small holes were drilled in the floor to permit water to run out when it rains and allows small snakes to crawl into the building; water supply to operate toilet facilities secured from a tank used to water livestock; and when tank is low, there is an insufficient water to operate commode; and the standard safe is too heavy for floor and has caused southeast corner of building to sink approximately three inches."

The report recommended a "new facility."

Postmaster James Tinsin lamented "those so-called deficiencies are really the building's charms. The local people understand. It's just those people in transit who get sort of embarrassed about the toilet and the snakes."

'Blood Money' May Get Band To Rose Bowl

MINOT, N.D. (AP)—Members of the Minot State College marching band have taken to selling some of their blood, at a price, to help finance a trip to Pasadena, Calif., where they'll participate in the Rose Bowl parade on New Year's Day.

College officials said the trip will cost about \$24,000 and about \$22,000 has been accumulated thus far. The band members have contributed \$4,000. The sale of cookbooks brought in \$2,000. Special projects added \$2,000, and about \$2,000 was donated.

Dr. James Jurem, the band director, said the band members weren't encouraged to donate blood.

"But there was no stopping them," he added. "They're determined to go, and with that kind of spirit what can you do?"

Announcement Due Tomorrow On Airline Stock

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI)—Former Kirk Kerkorian will announce tomorrow the results of his tender offer of \$17.5 million for 1.5 million shares of Western Air Lines stock.

The offer expired at midnight Thursday but lookalikes were still counting the shares offered. The purchase would give the wealthy hotel owner 50 per cent of the carrier's stock, the single largest block. If successful in the bid, Kerkorian said he would seek representation on the W.A.L. board.

Kerkorian formerly owned a small independent line which was merged into Transamerica Corp. for a reported \$141 million.

Kaiser Triggers Talks On Strike

OAKLAND (AP)—Edgar J. Kaiser, board chairman of Kaiser Industries, arranged peace talks Saturday between management and representatives of 3,400 striking employees of 20 Kaiser Foundation medical facilities in Northern California.

Kaiser walked unannounced into the Oakland Labor Temple Friday night and got an agreement for negotiations the first talks since the strike against 11 hospitals and 15 clinics began today.

## Teen-Agers Shot To Death

VALLEJO (AP)—Investigators quizzed friends of two Vallejo teenagers Saturday searching for clues in their double murder Friday night as they returned from a high school Christmas concert.

Bethann Jensen, 16, and David Faraday, 17, were found sprawled on the side of a lonely road about 10 miles east of Vallejo, shot in a valley of rifle fire. Investigators described the double slaying as "exceptionally gruesome."

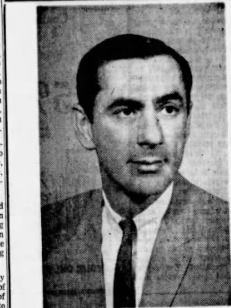
Mrs. Manuel Berge, who was en route to pick up her children at a movie in nearby Benicia, saw the bodies in the headlights of her car and notified police. Faraday, a senior at Vallejo High School where he was on the wrestling team, died on route to a hospital. Miss Jensen, a junior at Vallejo's Hogan High School, was dead at the scene.

Coroner Dan Horan said investigators were looking into the possibility the young couple, who were on their first date, had been trailed from the concert at Hogan High.

Horan said the youngsters had "apparently just stopped" on the road, a favorite parking spot for young couples, when the shootings occurred. The car's heater was still running when investigators arrived.

Investigators said Faraday was shot in the left side of the head after getting out of his car and walking around to the passenger side.

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