

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

This is what Christmas means to me... Christmas means music... It means Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas," it means the Fred Waring Pennsylvanians singing "Cantique de Noel," it means the Boston Symphony Orchestra playing Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite." It also means music like Jimmy Boyd singing "All I want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth," or a chorus of dogs barking out an off-key "Jingle Bells." It's carols in the park, Girl Scouts singing, and it's amplifiers stuck up in front of music stores, used car lots, and Christmas Tree lots, booming away all-day long with seasonal music.

Yes, Christmas is music. Christmas also means fellowship... It's the office party, with funny little gifts under the tree (not to cost more than \$1), and the hamburgers at the drive-in later; it's the open house invitations from uncle George and Aunt Sue the Jantzens up the street, and the Phelps in Arcadia (better tell them we can't get there this year). It's ladies night at the service club meeting, with a special Christmas program... and it's "just one" with the boys at Maxie's before going home to get ready for the trip up to grandma's house with gifts for her tree (and maybe to pick up some).

Yes, Christmas is fellowship... It means drawing names with all the cousins for the family dinner on Christmas, then looking from store to store for "just the right thing" for Cousin Harry, or a niece, a nephew, and aunt... or grandmother. It means loading the kids in the car and going to see Santa Claus, and eating lunch downtown with the kids after waiting in line to get seated. It means sneaking away from mother and the kids long enough to do a little secret shopping, then trying to get home with the package without it appearing that you even have one. It means shopping for ribbon, cards, wrapping paper, stickers, and tape. It means days of anxiety for the young ones, looking at the gaily wrapped packages under the tree and not opening any—well, maybe just one little one the day before Christmas. It is a time for broad hints about what you'd like—and broader hints that you won't get it. It would be nice to have a new typewriter, topcoat, or record player, but we'll settle for cufflinks, a shirt, and some ties, probably.

Yes, Christmas is giving. Christmas means worship... It is an occasion for a universal observance among the people of the world, Christians, Jews and others... For Christians it is a time of celebration for the birth of Christ... It means a time of remembrance of the Nativity, with Sunday School children taking the parts of the shepherds; the Three Wise Men, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar; it is the pageant and tableau of the birth of Christ. Christmas is a time of celebration in the church, a celebration of the birth of the Messiah, the Saviour, the Son of God. It is the Jewish Feast of Lights, commemorating the time an hour's supply of olive oil burned for eight days. Today it is celebrated by the Hanukkah which lasts eight days—and a candle lighted each day signifies those eight days of long ago.

Yes, that is Christmas... the music, the fellowship, the giving, and a time of celebration at your church. To miss any part of it, you miss it all.

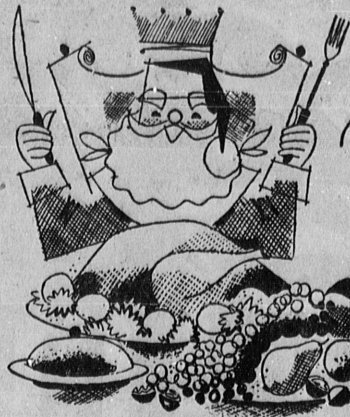
Merry Christmas to all the Squirrel fans!
REID BUNDY.

Completes Army School

Army 2d Lt. Donald E. Newton, 25, whose wife, Wilda, lives at 628 Fifteenth Ave., San Francisco, recently was graduated from the Army's Transportation School at Fort Eustis, Va. He completed the school's transportation officer basic course, for officers who recently received their commissions.

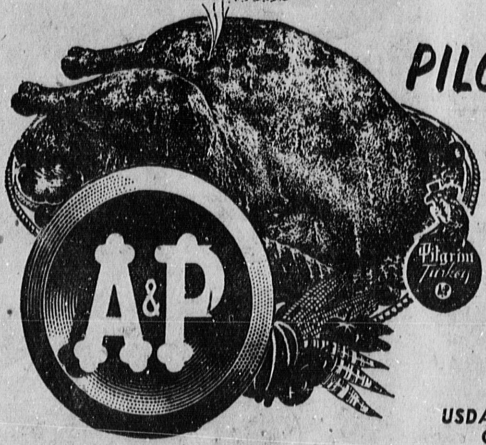
Lt. Newton, a 1955 graduate of the University of San Francisco, worked for Gilmore Steel and Supply Co. in San Francisco, before entering the Army last August.

His father, Jack C. Newton, lives at 5008 Range Horse Lane, Rolling Hills, and his mother, Mrs. Mabel G. Newton, lives at 751 Eighth Ave., San Francisco.



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