

SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

Summer is usually considered the outdoor season, but when you stop to think about it, there aren't so many things you can do in warm weather. Outdoor writer Bill Wolf. He builds a pretty fair case for the year's last month.

The December sportsman can't go boating or swimming as in summer, but he still can camp out, hike, fish, and have an infinite variety of winter sports to choose from as well. And there's some form of small game hunting to be found in almost every state.

But to many, December's chief charm as an outdoor month is in the snows that arrive in the northern states. They usually aren't too severe, as they will be in January and February, and are often only light, tracking snows. Reading tracks is like reading a mystery story, except that there is not always a solution. Sometimes the clues peter out in a confusion of tracks.

The outdoors moves indoors during the next-to-the last week this month. There is little hunting or fishing done in Christmas Week because it is strictly a home-and-family affair. It takes a brave and rather heartless man to ignore his furside at this time to go gunning or angling. However, it also takes a brave man to bear up under some of the Christmas presents he will receive.

The surf fisherman probably will get a nice fly-rod reel, the bait caster an ocean-going boat rod, the upland game shooter a pair of hip boots from someone who saw a duck hunter so attired. The donor will beam, expecting thanks, and the recipient will bare his teeth in a lupine grin intended to convey thanks for something he doesn't want.

The sun returns on December 21 at the beginning of the winter solstice, but, paradoxically, this date also marks the period when the days start to get longer. It's imperceptible at first but the daylight increases gradually until it is noticeable toward spring. The birth of winter also contains the seeds of its death.

EASTERN STAR HOLDS SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

Pie and coffee were featured in the afternoon and evening at Eastern Star Auxiliary Bazaar Friday, December 10. Other events included gifts and fancy work and a fishpond for the kiddies.

Bingo was played during the evening while Mrs. Timothy Miller read fortunes with cards. The Rainbow Girl's concession was comprised of pop and home-made candies. Mrs. Dave Foster was awarded her Christmas Turkey by guessing the number of beans in a pot. Sally Ann Myhr was presented a completely furnished doll bed.

The celebration was held as a tribute to the Building Committee of the Masonic Lodge for the renovations begun this year.

MONTANA FAMILIES RECEIVE OVER THREE MILLIONS IN DEATH INSURANCE

Helena—(U.P.)—The Institute of Life Insurance, New York City, reports that Montana families received \$3,370,000 in life insurance death benefit payments in the first nine months of this year, compared with \$2,789,000 in the corresponding period last year.

President Holgar Johnson of the Institute said, "some measure of the greatly increased bulwark of protection owned by American families is found in a comparison of these current payments with death benefit payments prior to the war. 'For the country as a whole,' Johnson said 'death benefits paid show an increase of nearly 45 per cent in the first nine months of this year as compared to 1941.'

In Nebraska in 1929, the McCook Daily Gazette started the first attempt to distribute newspapers by airplane.

Heads Drive For State CROP Train



BOZEMAN—George T. Sime, president of the Montana Junior Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed state director of the Christian Rural Overseas program (CROP) and will be responsible for heading the drive to assemble a Montana CROP Christmas train for overseas relief.

Farm produce is now being solicited throughout the state. A trainload of gifts will be assembled the week previous to Christmas. CROP is sponsored by Catholic and Protestant church groups with all major farm organizations co-operating.

4-H YOUTHS TO MINNEAPOLIS

Five Montana 4-H Club youths have been selected to receive expense-paid trips to Minneapolis where they will take part in the Wood-Larson marketing tour to be held January 17-21.

The boys will be given an opportunity to see at first hand how the grain markets operate. The five club members are Richard Tow, Hill county; Donald Eastlick, Stillwater; Wesley Thatcher, Yellowstone; George Haines, Rosebud; and Edwin Elpel, Dawson.

DRIVER NEEDS LESSON IN COMMON DECENCY

Reports have come to The Western News office of a man driving a pick-up, who will doubtless land within the toils of the law unless he changes his ways, and that quickly. Tuesday morning on meeting a car going west from Libby, the fellow kept his pick-up squarely in the middle of the highway, it is said, and forced the other driver to take to the ditch.

The same performance was repeated yesterday morning, the offending driver looking around and laughing without stopping, as he noted the victim of his hogghishness stuck in the snow by the roadside.

PFC BONDAHL WITH THE 24TH DIVISION ARTILLERY

Private first class Arden K. Bondahl son of Mr. and Mrs. Ada Bondahl of Libby, is now serving with the 24th Division Artillery, a unit of the 24th Infantry Division. The famed as the "Victory" Division, now occupies the entire island of Kyushu, third largest and southernmost of the Japanese chain.

Pfc Bondahl enlisted in December of 1947 and was sent to Camp Stoneman, Calif. Port of Embarkation for overseas assignment. Arriving in Japan in May of 1948 he joined the 24th Infantry Division and was assigned to the 24th Division Artillery. Prior to his enlistment he attended the Plentywood High School.

The United Press received a false report of the Armistice of World War I three days before it actually took place.

Bowling Scores of The Past Week

Monday Night
Honor Roll—B. Fowler 618, R. Roberts 592, Miller 568, O. Brist 566, Burpee 562.

Team	W	L
Miller's Clothing	24	15
American Legion	24	15
Blatz	22	17
Silver Leaf	20	19
Rexall Drug	20	19
Gamble's Store	16	23
Hotel Libby	16	23
Forest Service	14	24

Women's League—Tuesday
Honor Roll—M. Nicholls 415, J. Newman 408, L. Larson 386, Konan 378, Runyan 369.

Team	W	L
Team No. 4	21	12
Team No. 2	19	14
Team No. 1	15	18
Team No. 3	11	22

Wednesday Night
Honor Roll—N. Risley 503, T. Roberts 497, N. Darsow 496, L. Bloom 479, C. Bloom 474.

Team	W	L
Zonolite Co.	25	11
Bowker Dist.	20	16
Union	15	21
J & C Garage	12	24

Women's League—Thursday
Honor Roll—B. Petrusha 527, A. Roberts 485, N. Konan 459, I. Riddle 445, J. Midyett 436.

Team	W	L
Lincoln's Inn	21	15
Brown's Hi-Power	21	15
V. F. W. Cooties	16	20
Hamburger Stand	14	22

Friday Night
Honor Roll—Bollman 627, R. Roberts 592, D. Hayden 561, C. Larson 549, C. Parker 545.

Team	W	L
V. F. W.	26	13
Kootenai Merc.	22	17
The Caboose	21	18
Quick Service Garage	21	18
K. V. Garage	20	19
Libby Firemen	17	22
Libby Motors	15	24
J. Neils Co.	14	25

Bigger Stalls
Providing bigger stalls for cows is good business. Comfortable cows produce more milk. They also require fewer replacements because they suffer fewer injuries.

LIBBY WOMAN'S CLUB

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sorry to lose her as president but accepted her resignation with regrets.

The Club voted to pay its share for the upkeep of the rest room at Atkin's Store.
The program was in charge of Mrs. Jess Fox. She had the guests play "Who am I". Names were pinned on the backs of each one and from questions asked them they were to decide who they were. Mrs. Evan Yaple read "The Cratchit's Christmas Dinner" by Charles Dickens. Mrs. Yaple brought to us again Tiny Tim and his crutch.

COMPLETES LIGHT & POWER LINES TO CLIFFSIDE

Mgr. E. J. Driear of the Mountain States Power Company states that the company has completed 15 miles of transmission line, south from Libby. This extends to Cliffside and furnishes electric lights and power to all homes between Libby and that point where desired by the owners.

The company will doubtless extend its lines to include more rural patrons in future seasons.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DECEMBER 23

The Christmas Program of the Libby Methodist Sunday School, to be held at the church on Thursday, Dec. 23, will be known as a "White Christmas" observance. Each person who attends or takes part in the program, is asked to bring a gift of food, preferably canned goods or articles that will stand shipment to be sent to needy persons, as a means of sharing our Christmas blessings with others the world over.
The program will start at 8:00 p. m., and the general public is cordially invited.

and his famous blessing, "God bless us everyone." Mrs. Oliver Phillips led the singing of the Christmas carols. She gave a short history of each carol and different members read portions of Scripture in keeping with each carol.

Mrs. J. A. Courtright's group of 4th graders sang. They were very sweet, as children are at Christmas time.

The Club was fortunate to be able to hear Miss Inez Ratekin tell of the Passion Play which she saw in Spokane. She was most interesting and brought to use the beautiful scenes and lessons of the play.

The program ended with a reading by Mrs. Leo Kyser, "In Norway at Christmas Time."
The decorations of the Community

Room were beautiful, carrying out the Christmas idea. There was a gorgeously lighted and decorated tree and a lighted fireplace with poinsettias and red candles on the mantle. Christmas greens were all around the room. The tea table was lovely with a miniature silver tree decorated with little green and red balls. Tea and delicious Christmas cookies were served. The hostesses who served the tea were Mrs. Leo Kyser, Mrs. Fred Cloutier, Mrs. E. M. Boyes, Mrs. Jess Fox.

Those who decorated were Mrs. Fred Cloutier, Mrs. E. M. Boyes, Mrs. Evan Yaple, Mrs. John Fuller and Mrs. Luvia Craven.

The program, the decorations, and the tea gave everyone the Christmas spirit.

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Plum and Fig — Heinz 14 Ounce
PUDDING... 45c

Mince Like Mother Used To Make
MEAT... 41c

Just the thing for juice Size 344 - 3 Dozen
ORANGES... 59c

Cranberry 300 Size
SAUCE... 23c Pet Milk, 2 for 31c

Meal of the Week BY MARY LEE TAYLOR

HOLIDAY PARTY MENU
Spaghetti with Tiny Meat Balls
Raw Vegetable Salad (lettuce, celery, onion and carrot)
Split Hard Rolls, Toasted
Sliced Oranges with Shredded Coconut
Chocolate Marshmallow Balls (Recipe below)

NOTE: Starred items (meal of the week specials) in ad will make the meal.

2 cups nuts 1/2 cup sugar
18 marshmallows 1 cup Pet Milk
1/2 cup cocoa

Chop nuts; cut marshmallows in halves. Mix cocoa and sugar. Stir in milk gradually. Place over boiling water; cook 10 minutes after water again boils, or until mixture thickens. Stir now and then. Remove from heat. Using 2 forks, dip marshmallow halves, one at a time, into the chocolate mixture. Remove at once and roll in the chopped nuts. Put on waxed paper. Chill. Makes 3 dozen.

You Will Need:
Pet Milk, 2 for 31c

SUGGESTED ITEMS OF INTEREST
Shrimp - Crab Meat - Cocktail Sauce - Pumpkin
Mixed Nuts - Christmas Candies - Box Chocolates

BOLYARD'S BETTER MEATS

PORK SHANKS Pound	25c	OYSTERS Cut	TURKEYS No. 1's
Jowl BACON Pound	39c	Spiced Herring	XMAS HAMS
PORK CHOPS Pound	59c	Prepared LUTEFISK Lb. 23c	FRESH Roasting Hens
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