



HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING—And so does mark Steele, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Steele. Mark manfully stands his ground amidst his elders who gathered yesterday in the entrance hall of the Library of Congress to sing Christmas carols.

Bright for Christmas is the L. O. Minear home at 2901 Branch avenue S.E. A total of 2,000 25-watt bulbs contribute to the outside illumination and the neon Santa Claus perched above the chimney is 6 feet 6 inches tall. Traffic has been jamming on the Minear corner as motorists slow down to admire electric fire.



The carol-singing at the Library of Congress attracted Capitol Hill employes and their families as well as those who had come to the Library just to read. Joining in the caroling are these nuns from Catholic University. —Star Staff Photos.

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2 Truck Drivers Held After Man Is Hurt in 3-Vehicle Accident

Two truck drivers were charged with driving at an unreasonable speed today as the result of an unusual three-vehicle accident that sent another man to the hospital. Police said two trucks of the B & B Commissary, 6303 Georgia avenue N.W., were going north on Thirteenth street N.W. when the first struck a car at Duke and Kennedy street N.W. In an effort to avoid the two vehicles, the second truck swung around them, only to be struck by the first truck, police said. The driver of the car, James R. Bowman, 33, of 43 Thirty-third street N.W., a mail carrier for the Bethesda Post Office, was taken to Emergency Hospital with back injuries and cuts. Pedestrian Hit By Car. George W. Armstrong, 22, colored, 2222 Thirteenth street N.W., driver of the first truck, and Woodrow W. Long, 32, colored, 1328 F street N.W., who drove the other truck, were booked on the unreasonable speed charges.

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License Board Calls 2 Taverns Rendezvous For Crime Plotters

"Ruffians from Washington" are using Prince Georges County taverns as a setting for plotting crimes, the County Board of License Commissioners said yesterday in acting on complaints against four establishments. William G. Brooks, acting, board chairman, said newspaper stories indicate that persons charged in at least three serious crimes in the last several months have been patrons of the Oxon Run Inn at Oxon Hill, which is referred to as the "Bucket of Blood." Warning that the place should "keep an eye" on its customers, the board chairman declared: "We don't want those ruffians from Washington coming into the county and planning their crimes."

Yule Cantata Planned

The Memorial Methodist Church choir of Hyattsville will present a Christmas cantata entitled "Christ Child," at 8 p.m. Sunday at the church, 4312 Farragut street, Hyattsville, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Brumbaugh. The cantata will be a dramatic presentation of the birth of Christ. The choir will be accompanied by a piano. Tickets are \$1.00 for the general public and \$2.00 for members. The proceeds will go to the church fund. The cantata will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday at the church, 4312 Farragut street, Hyattsville, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Brumbaugh.

A. R. Selby, Council Candidate, Forgot to Vote on the Charter

(This is one in a series of biographical sketches of candidates for the new Montgomery County Council in the January 6 election.) By John V. Horner. It will surprise a good many citizens of Montgomery County that one of the 10 candidates for council forgot to vote on the charter question in the November referendum. But the people won't be any more surprised than this candidate, Augustus R. Selby, was when he was nominated. Mr. Selby is a Germantown miller and banker. He never paid much attention to the charter issue, which was spirited for years. He just tended his businesses and left political matters to the politicians. A good Republican, he went to the polls November 2 and voted for the presidency and the House of Representatives. When he emerged from the curtained voting machine he realized he had overlooked casting a ballot on the charter adoption. Embarrassed by Oversight. Mr. Selby admits to a little embarrassment over failing to vote on so important a matter. Soon, however, he forgot the incident. To his amazement, one day late in November the Charter Nominating Committee requested permission to put his name on the council slate. "Truth of the matter is I hadn't ever read the charter through. Surely was funny how things got turned around. They wanted me to be a candidate," he said. Mr. Selby said he was reluctant to run. He had been urged before to seek the office of county commissioner, and refused. The only public office he ever held was as a member of a Montgomery County draft board. The Nominating Committee told Mr. Selby that at least two other candidates had made their decision to seek council places contingent on Mr. Selby's agreement to join them. After ascertaining

Four Alexandria Churches To Hold Midnight Masses

Midnight Mass will be celebrated at all four Catholic churches in Alexandria tonight. The four churches are St. Mary's, on South Royal street; Blessed Sacrament, on West Braddock road near King street; St. Rita's, on Mount Ida, and St. Joseph's, on North Columbus street. A midnight Mass also will be celebrated at St. Louis Chapel at Groveton, Va.

Community Carol Sing Sunday in Kensington

A community carol sing will be held at the Kensington, Md., community Christmas tree at 7 p.m. Sunday. The tree is the first community Christmas tree ever set in Kensington. The 40-foot tree was presented jointly by the town council and the Kensington Chamber of Commerce.

Truck Crops Harvest Off 22% in Maryland

Maryland farmers harvested 115,650 acres of truck crops during 1948, the Maryland Crop Reporting Service said yesterday. This is 22 per cent less than the acreage harvested last year. The crop was due to adverse weather conditions during the spring and early summer, crop specialists said.

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