

BRIAN TATE



I am a mistletoe.
I hang in rooms on the ceiling.
Everytime someone is caught under me the other person starts kissing the other.



I am a candy cane.
I hang on a Christmas tree
When people look at me I turn red and white.

STACY LEE

TANYA CALLOWAY



If I were a star I would kiss Todd
Bridges all over his face, and make
him into a star, and marry him.

I am a chestnut being roasted
on an open fire. It warms me deep
inside but when they take a bite of me
my shape becomes less and less.

JIM HEBEBRAND



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'Polish troops refused to fire on citizenry'

By United Press International

Polish troops refused to open fire on their striking countrymen in the coalfields of Silesia where 66 people were reported killed in clashes earlier this week, the BBC reported Saturday.

A truck driver returning to the West after a week in Poland said he was told by a Polish official 27 people had been killed in Warsaw rioting in the first reports of deaths in the Polish capital since the imposition of martial law.

His report could not be immediately confirmed independently.

In Paris 5,000 people holding a vigil observed a minute of silence to honor the death of Tadeuz Nazowiecki, editor of the Solidarity newspaper in Warsaw. The

cause of his death was not mentioned by the Polish leaders of the prayer.

STRIKING WORKERS also were reported occupying factories in Lublin, Wroclaw, Mielic and Swidnic and the official PAP news agency said a police raid in Szczecin on the Baltic coast turned up a cache of grenades, three firearms, ammunition and iron bars.

Poland's Roman Catholic primate, Archbishop Jozef Glemp, in a proclamation published in Rome Saturday by the Italian news agency Ansa, pleaded with workers to "keep calm" and not drag Poland into civil war.

There were unconfirmed reports that Solidarity union

leader Lech Walesa, held incommunicado since martial law was imposed Sunday, had issued an appeal for a general strike Saturday in a message dated Dec. 15.

Government prosecutors in several parts of the country meanwhile have begun holding "summary trials" of Solidarity union officials for offenses ranging from inciting to strike to distributing leaflets "slandering organs of the Polish People's Republic," Warsaw radio said.

THE MILITARY government reduced by two hours the week-long curfew in 43 of Poland's 49 provinces, but maintained the 10 p.m.-6 a.m. curfew in five key industrial provinces and increased it by two hours in the Baltic

province of Gdansk, Warsaw radio said.

The radio, monitored in London, said there would be no reduction in curfew in Elblag, Lublin, Szczecin, Wroclaw and Katowice, as the Poles call Silesia.

In Washington, the State Department said reliable reports have quoted Solidarity sources as saying Polish troops killed 56 striking miners.

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His gift is the act of giving

By DEBBIE COURTRIGHT
C-T Staff Writer

By donating his paycheck to The Chronicle-Telegram's Not-Forgotten Box, a 22-year-old Elyria man is hoping to spread Christmas joy in two directions — to needy children and to his family.

The C-T will use the gift to buy toys for those needy children, but the anonymous benefactor said his relatives may also delight in his generosity to others.

The \$251.39 check represents one week's wages for the Kasper Foundry Co. worker.

"I really feel things like this should remain anonymous," the man said. "I had several reasons for doing it. Everyone in my family is richer than me and with unemployment in Lorain County the way it is, there are people who are struggling to get food, let alone buy toys for their kids."

His mother lives in Elyria, but other relatives are scattered. "I always had great Christmases as a little kid, and since I don't have kids of my own I thought I'd do this," he said.

HIS DECISION came after wrestling with the question of what Christmas gift to give to an uncle who's vice president of a bank. After thinking about it several days, he dropped into the C-T Friday and didn't see enough toys in the Not-Forgotten Box to suit him.

Now he's writing his relatives a letter and enclosing the receipt he received after giving his paycheck to the children.

The man works in the shake-out department of Kasper, where castings are shaken out of sand. He said he received his bonus check Friday, so giving up the paycheck didn't hurt him much.

In the past, he has either been in college or out of work, and he couldn't give his family much of a Christmas present.

This year, although he will be working during the holiday, he has provided his family and many others a merrier Christmas.



JAMES EDGAR: The first department store Santa Claus.

The first Santa

Snowy beard, love of children led to store owner's 1890 role

By J. KEITH DOUGLAS
Special to The C-T

"You just can't imagine what it was like," said the old gentleman gleefully. "I remember walking down an aisle and, all of a sudden, right in front of me, I saw Santa Claus."

"I couldn't believe my eyes. And then Santa came up and started talking to me. It was a dream come true!"

The old gentleman was in his 90s at the time. His name was Edmund Pearson, and he was interviewed at his Cape Cod home shortly before his death a few years ago.

"I can still remember seeing Santa for the first time," continued Mr. Pearson, his eyes sparkling. "I have never forgotten that experience, and I was only five or six at the time."

"**SANTA CLAUS** is all over now. He's on street corners, on TV, in schools and stores, and just about everywhere."

"It was different back in 1890. In 1890, we saw drawings of him in the newspapers and magazines, and that was about it. We never thought we'd ever have a chance to see him in person."

parents took me over to The Boston Store on Main Street in Brockton, Mass. And there was Santa in person — red costume, snowy white beard and all.

"Later on, I learned that was the first time Santa had ever appeared in a store that way. I was there on the very first day. Later on, I learned the name of the man who wore the Santa Claus outfit."

"It was James Edgar, of course. He was such a kind, good man. He loved children. He loved them with all his heart. He didn't



unless we sat up all night on Christmas Eve before the fireplace at home.

"Then one day — in 1890 it was; I remember that — my

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The 'new poor'

Once middle-class, many local jobless now find themselves at poverty level

By GLEN MILLER
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Lorain County's poor people traditionally have been black, Hispanic or elderly, but that's changing.

A new class of poor has been created by continuing unemployment, now at 14 percent.

"These are people who have never been poor in their lives, but have been affected by unemployment and continuing layoffs. Their extensions have run out on their (unemployment) benefits," explained Carol Wallace, adult protection caseworker for the Neighborhood House Association, a Lorain-based social service agency.

tion on persons living at or below the federal poverty level will not be available until June or later.

The federal poverty level depends on family income and size. The poverty level for a family of four is \$7,190 a year, for example.

A rough estimate can be made

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from records of the Lorain County Welfare Department, which had 27,193 recipients as of Nov. 30. About 97-98 percent of these persons are living at or below federal poverty levels, according to Gerard Prinz, welfare director.

Lois Floyd, welfare department income maintenance supervisor, noted her agency is only capable of processing 75-80

percent of those seeking assistance.

Increased area unemployment in the last year may make welfare numbers conservative at best. Most area social service agencies contend 30,000-34,000 may be a more accurate estimate of the county's poverty-level individuals based on agencies' increased caseloads.

The elderly usually fall into the traditionally poor category because most live on fixed incomes which do not always cover higher food and utility costs.

Lorain County Planning Commission officials do not expect the 1980 census to show a drastic change since 1970 in the areas where the long-time poor live.

information is not yet avail-

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Supreme sadness

How can you turn down a face like this? Accent takes a look at the pros and cons of buying and adopting animals for Christmas. Page D-1.

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Outside

Considerable cloudiness with a few morning flurries today. High 20 to 25. Partly cloudy tonight with a low of 10 to 15. Becoming cloudy and warmer Monday.

The chance of precipitation is 30 percent today and 10 tonight.

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