

Santa's Helpers Prepare for Delivery



Some of Santa's local helpers get a look of deep concentration as they go into the final stages of wrapping toys to be distributed in Birmingham. (Left to right) Skipper Caldwell, Tommy Maron, Tony Salisbury, Jack Miller, Bobby Haack and Bobby Cumming, members of the Pierce Cub Scouts, Den IV, have been busy for several weeks making minor repairs on toys and collecting new ones. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

Cancer Death Rate Here Lower than National Average

(Special to The Eccentric)

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Figures just released by the United States Public Health Service shows that the rate of death from cancer in Birmingham is much lower than in most parts of both the East North Central States and the State of Michigan.

The Government data contained

in the new report, covering 1948, shows that there were 16 deaths from cancer and other malignant tumors among residents of Birmingham in the year.

This represented a rate of 111 deaths per 100,000 people and was considerably lower than the East North Central States' rate for the year, which was 145 per 100,000.

MICHIGAN HAD a record of 128 cancer deaths per 100,000 people during the same period. The general national average was 135 per 100,000.

Importance of the cancer problem and the reason for the emphasis being placed upon it is in-

dicated by the official mortality figures. The toll taken by the disease for the one year in the United States came to 197,042, reports the Public Health Service, and is steadily growing.

The growth is accounted for partly by expanding U. S. population and partly by better medical detection.

THE GOVERNMENT agency also considers the effect of cancer on longevity. If the disease could be eliminated as a cause of death, it points out, the lives of 115,000 of the white males born in 1940, who would normally die of cancer,

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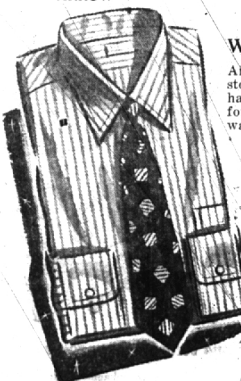
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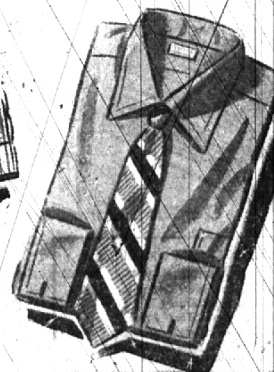
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CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—First Lt. Roger Stolberg of Vista, Calif., was recently assigned here. It is announced today by the Camp Public Information Officer. The huge military installation, one of the largest replacement training centers during World War II, has once again been reopened as a part

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