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FELIZ NAVIDAD - PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO MERRY CHRISTMAS - HAPPY NEW YEAR

Feliz Navidad Amigos

'Tis the night before Christmas and
all thru the casa
Not a creature is stirring. Caramba!
Que pasa?
The stockings are hanging, con mucho
cuidado,
In hopes that St. Nicholas will feel ob-
ligado
To leave a few cosas, aqui and alli,
For Chico and Chica, y something for
me.
Los ninos are snuggled all safe in their
camas,
Some in vestidos and some in pajamas.
Their little cabezas all full of good
things
They are esperando, que old Santa will
bring.
Santa is down at the corner saloon,
Muy borracho since mid afternoon.
Mama is sitting beside la ventana,
Shining her rolling pin, para manana
When Santa will come en manera ex-
trano,
Lit up like the Star Spangled Banner;
Cantando,
And Mama will send him to bed with
a right,
Merry Christmas to all and to all a
Good Night!

Bon Voyage

On December 11 old members, new members and friends are all invited on a cruise to Cozumel. This beautiful fishing spot is on the eastern coast of Mexico off Yucatan. Besides the cruise there also will be a tour of Indian ruins in southern Mexico. The guide for this trip will be Gary Pickard. He will speak about living, business and travel conditions south of the border.

Mr. Pickard, native of New York, educated at Cornell and Purdue, lived for ten years in Mexico City. He was associated with Life Insurance and Pensions work there and active in numerous civic and social activities.

Phoenix is home now for Mr. Pickard, his wife and two children. He is an Honorary member of the Sonora Tourist Dept., this club, Pan-American Club, Cloud Club, Mexican Consul's Cultural Committee and various other civic groups.

Pack up your family and come along on this most promising excursion. No one will get foot weary from sight seeing or sea sick from cruising.

Watch Your Wake

LET'S SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING. DECEMBER 11 AT 8 P.M. IN
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PREXY SPEAKS

by Albert O. Scott

After three years of waiting for a permit to operate the club's radio telephone at Cholla Bay, a conclusion has been reached—only the ones who have worked for this permit could know the effort that has been used. The officials of the club in a meeting with the tourist officials of the State of Sonora and the officials of Puerto Peñasco, reached an agreement whereby the Cholla Bay Sportsmen Club Inc. will turn over to the tourist commission of the state of Sonora Mexico, the operation of our radios at the base. It will be their responsibility to obtain a permit, be responsible to the Mexican government and libel for all events that could arise from operating a marine radio telephone in the Republic of Mexico. This agreement was reached after the officers informed the officers of the club that a permit could never be secured in

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the name of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen Club. They also said the permit issued to Nacho for operation of radio at his store was for that location without permission from the officials. This agreement the club now has was reached for many reasons but the conditions which we have been operating our radio had reached a point whereby we had two choices. Close radio down or get a new operator. Our radio operator, J. Martinez, had been informed he would libel for operating a radio illegally in Mexico should the federal officers arrive to check. In our agreement with the tourist officials of the state of Sonora the club will remain in charge of personnel of radio operator. We will have the official signed agreement in the January issue of the Chatter.

Also at this meeting with the officials our request for a permit to operate an emergency radio in conjunction with the Sheriff's Search and Rescue of Pima County office at Ajo and Lukeville has been granted and that too will be the Tourist Commission's responsibility. This should be in operation very soon. This signed agreement also will in the January issue of the Chatter. This issue has an article from the tourist commission and hereafter we hope to have an official letter in every Chatter which will be in Spanish and English. Come to the meeting, ask questions and we will talk about the above statements. (Related story page 17)

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Sr.
 Albert Scott
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 Estimado Sr. Scott:

En virtud de haber sido designado por el Sr. Lic. Luis Encinas, Gobernador Constitucional del Estado de Sonora, como Sub-Delegado de Turismo con jurisdicción en Puerto Peñasco, Bahía La Choya y Sonoyta, Sonora, y siendo el objeto primordial de esa designación la de incrementar a lo máximo la afluencia de turismo en esos lugares, de acuerdo con las indicaciones especiales giradas al suscrito por el C. Héctor Sánchez, Delegado Estatal y Federal de Turismo en el Estado de Sonora, con residencia en Hermosillo, Sonora en el sentido de atender, orientar y dar toda clase de facilidades al turismo a fin de hacerle más placentera su estancia en estos lugares y que, desde luego, ello contribuye a estrechar los lazos de buena vecindad que siempre han existido entre nuestros pueblos, me estoy permitiendo hacer de su conocimiento lo anterior y también para exteriorizarle que mucho aprecio las actividades que usted y los miembros de ese Club realizan.

Igualmente manifiesto a usted que por ser esa mi designación reciente, estoy gestionando con mis superiores la instalación de una oficina donde atender los asuntos inherentes a mi encargo oficial. Par lo pronto señalo a usted como mi domicilio provisional el Hospital S.C.T. de esta población.

Jesús Guevara Fonseca
 Sub-Delegado de Turismo.

C.C.P. el C. Héctor Sánchez, Delegado Estatal y Federal de Turismo.
 Hermosillo, Son. — Para su conocimiento.

C.C.P. el C. Eduardo Ibarra Aguirre, Presidente Municipal, Puerto Peñasco, Son. — Para su conocimiento.

Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, November 6, 1962

Mr. Albert Scott
 Presidente del Club Choya Bay Sportsmen's Club
 P.O. Box 7171
 Phoenix 11, Arizona

Dear Mr. Scott:

Since I have been named by Lic. Luis Encinas, Governor of the State of Sonora, as sub-delegate for tourism for the area of Puerto Peñasco, Choya Bay and Sonoyta, Sonora, and since the principal object of this is to increase to the maximum the abundance of tourism in these places, I am writing you to advise you of these activities and also to express to you my great appreciation for the activities of you and the members of your club. All of this is in keeping with the special instructions sent to the undersigned by Mr. Héctor Sánchez, Federal and State Delegate for tourism in the State of Sonora residing in Hermosillo, Sonora, with the recommendation that I attend, direct and give all aid and assistance to tourism for the purpose of making the stay of tourists in these places more enjoyable and, of course, this contributes toward making more firm the bonds of good neighbors which always have existed between our peoples.

I would also like to inform you that having been named as described above, I am discussing with my superiors the installation of an office where the matters inherent in my official duties can be attended. For the moment, my provisional address is the S.C.T. Hospital in this town.

Very sincerely yours,
 Jesús Guevara Fonseca
 Sub-Delegado de Turismo.

cc: Mr. Héctor Sánchez, Delegado Estatal y Federal de Turismo.
 Hermosillo, Sonora—For your information.

cc: Mr. Eduardo Ibarra Aguirre, Mayor of Puerto Peñasco, Sonora—For your information.

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From Where I Sit

by Ann Miller

Coy and Grace Cook are spending a few weeks at the Bay and sporting a new Jeep really going places in the Jeep trying all the sand hills.

The Wolfs from Phoenix were here to get in some good shelling.

Bayes from Phoenix are also spending some time at the Bay.

Elizabeth Malt from Tucson is enjoying the lovely weather at the Bay and also Jack Persalt from Phoenix is doing some fishing.

Dave and Vida Davidson are taking several days siesta at their Cholla Bay home.

The Howard Coffingers from out Wickenburg way are here fishing.

George and Hazel Neal and son Danny and daughter-in-law Linda are here from Flagstaff enjoying the nice warm weather.

Myrt and Ken Johnson are getting in some fishing — they are as busy as bees running here and thither.

Oh yes, I (Ann Miller) was so glad to meet Jack Schmidt and his wife. They were spending a few days with the Ashworths.

Neal and Bess Carter from Ajo are here fishing. They are running all over trying to find a good fishing hole.

Lyle Roger and friends were down. They went out to the 18 mile reef and caught 26 Groupers and oh boy what a snazzy boat he has now. And a new name "Jugete". In our way of speaking, "Some class".

Audria and Bill Clark are at the Bay for a while.

The Valentines were down and spent the weekend. I understand he had a little trouble and of course left his one

motor on shore. Good thing the Johnsons happened by and towed him in and their nice children go by and wave and smile.

Rada and Marvin Avery are sporting a new cabin cruiser 21 ft. Dorsett. It really is a beautiful boat. They also got them a cabin so now they will be real busy fixing it up at the Bay.

The Homer Smiths are back from their Alaskan home. We are hoping they will spend the winter at Cholla Bay.

Audria and Pat Gardner are also back at the Bay. Pat is feeling good again, was on the sick list — glad to have them back.

Hank Wisse is here from Casa Grande so busy running here and there and helping everyone.

The Thad Andersons have a house guest, Mr. Masses, spending two weeks at our fair little town.

Hope I haven't missed anyone. If so stop by and see us. We live in the house by the side of the road with the blue door. We are expecting lots of our friends and winter folk back soon. We want to wish all our friends and sportsmen a Merry Christmas. Vilo and Ann.

BIG DANCE — FREE

Dec. 15, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Tucson Moose Lodge, 347 N. Main.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Cholla Chatter

Why do people throw garbage out instead of putting it in their waste barrels? It draws flies and rodents here at the bay.

Why are we not as careful here with outside fish boxes and refrigerators as we are stateside? There are small children here who might get in one and suffocate.

Why do we empty a bottle and pitch it anywhere? Even if it is on the main road through Cholla Bay.

Let's make use of our waste barrels and keep the bay as clean as we want our places clean where we live. Let's consider our neighbors.

Ida Bourland

P.S. These are complaints I hear from people who live here most of the time.

Editor, The Cholla Chatter

A few months ago we asked Cecil "Will you be the Editor of the Chatter?" Cecil said "I will do the best I can." You and your lovely wife are doing a beautiful job. We are so happy you accepted this responsibility.

The members of this fine sportsmen's club are fortunate to have you and your fine committee to put the Chatter together. You all have so much fun compiling the material for the Chatter.

As far as I am concerned Cecil you get a five bell rating.

Sincerely, Al Scott

Editor, The Cholla Chatter

Changes I would like to see:

1. Have only one class of membership with every member having the right to vote. Children 14 and over as adults, under 14 not eligible. Dues to be \$5.00 per year with \$1.00 of dues set aside for search and rescue only, requiring 2/3 majority of members voting to authorize its spending.

2. Drop insurance on life, search and rescue. 99% of us have our insurance set up already. We get nothing for search and rescue without a fatality. Had we been operating under this plan the past two years we would have something like a thousand dollars in our search and rescue fund and have saved about \$1800.00 in insurance cost.

3. Have our check out slips at the boat landing show whether party is a member of the club or not.

My belief is that a club of this kind should try to give the greatest number of its members the most that it can for the smallest cost possible. Will all you members consider these proposals? I think we can do better.

Dave Davidson

Editor, The Cholla Chatter

When Cecil Gary asked me to write a letter to the editor I think perhaps I felt like a lot of other folks. I didn't know what to write about. Then I thought "Why not tell them what I like about the 'Chatter'." Well, I guess the feature I like best is the short articles about other peoples' experiences. The thing that makes these so interesting is that they are about people like you and me. They are not by professional writers (my apologies to Bill

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Valentine) but people like us. So why don't we all get our thinking caps on and share our little experiences with the rest of the club. They may seem rather dull and commonplace to us but other folks might enjoy hearing about them.

Jo Kenneer (Mrs. Bill Kineer)

Editor, The Cholla Chatter

Come one, come all and help the "Old Bidy" of Cholla Bay raise some money for the sportsmen's club. How would you like to have a Bingo game? We think it could be fun. It would take a lot of prizes, they could be gotten in many ways. We all have white elephants around our homes that some one else might like. We could solicit the stores and ask for their white elephants. We could make some and buy some if necessary. All of you that think this is a good idea see our president Al Scott.

We will need and appreciate your help.

The Old Biddies of Cholla Bay
Mrs. Omar Ashworth

Editor's note: This column belongs to you. We sincerely appreciate those who have enough interest in their club to take a little time and write us. Be sure to sign your name, we cannot use your letter without it.

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CLUB PROJECTS

Currently this club is investigating the possibilities of three new projects to improve conditions at Cholla Bay for our safety and to express our friendship for the Mexican people.

One is to visit the Children's Home five miles out of Sonoita on the road to San Luis and see what assistance we might give them. This home is partially supported by the Tempe Methodist Church.

The second project is explained in the following letter to Senor Rafael Godoy of Puerto Penasco.
"Muy Amigo,

"The Pima County, Arizona sheriff's search and rescue unit in conjunction with the Cholla Bay Sportsmen Club Inc. wish to request your help in securing permission from the Mexican government for a permit to install, and operate an emergency radio station between Cholla Bay or Puerto Penasco and the sheriff's radio at Lukeville, Arizona. The purpose of this request for permission is to insure prompt emergency service for the Mexican people as well as the American tourist in Mexico. This radio would operate on 39.180 megacycles F.M. which is the police channel.

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"We feel such a radio permit in time of need could be of great value to all people of Mexico. It would expedite the removal of any injured, or sick person to the hospital in Ajo. The sheriff's office or the Highway Patrol could be alerted for escort duty at any time. It would help get emergency through the border at odd hours. It would help to bind the friendship between you good people and people of the United States. This is another way we have to show you and the friends of Puerto Penasco we want to help build our friendship even more than it is now."

The letter was signed by club president Scott and treasurer Schmidt.

Finally, Dye Oxygen Co. is being contacted about installing oxygen at Cholla Bay for medical use. The availability of oxygen could so easily make the difference between life and death in case of accident or illness.

These farsighted plans of the board of directors merit our consideration and assistance as club members.

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by LELA GARY

It started a long time ago — this business of a chowdery Christmas Eve in our family. An old lumberman, from the northwestern woods and his wife visited my parents one Christmas Eve and made Clam Chowder. Since then every Christmas Eve either at home just before church or at Cholla Bay around the wood heater we make a kettle of steaming chowder and dine like royalty. Our recipe is a simple one and can be prepared as easily over a campfire or in a galley as in a modern kitchen.

First, dice about six slices of bacon and cook just a bit, not brown or crisp. Add a finely chopped onion and cook only until onion is clear. Cut one large potato in 1/4" squares and add to bacon and onion along with just enough water to simmer until the potato is tender. Add about a quart of milk and a can of clams, liquid too. (Canned milk reduced with water works just fine if fresh milk is not available.) Heat and serve, do not boil.

This serves two to four depending on how hungry everyone is so multiply the amounts to fit your crowd.

A friend of ours who has lived some fifty years plus in Boston and practically cut her teeth on clam shells ate

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chowder with us one evening. "That's the best chowder I have ever eaten. How did a desert dweller learn how to make New England chowder?"

Try it, you'll like it. Maybe it'll become a Christmas Eve tradition in your family like it has ours.

Where Was Kathy

We missed our faithful, fun loving secretary at the November meeting and thought she was still in the woods hunting a bear. What did we discover? On November 12 Kathy underwent surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital but she's home now. Best wishes to her for a speedy recovery. Meetings just aren't the same without that gal.

HELP WANTED

We need someone to do Spanish-English translations for the Chatter. Beginning in this issue is a series of letters from the Sonora Tourist Commission. These letters will be published in both Spanish and English. Therefore we need a translator. Please anyone capable of doing this work contact Al Scott or Cecil Gary.

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A NOTE OF COMMENDATION

by Ida Bourland

Would like to give a note of thanks to the president of the club, Al Scott. I wonder how many people know how much time he spends taking care of club business at the Bay and at Rocky Point. He keeps in touch with all the old-timers here and becomes acquainted with the newcomers. Many times he doesn't even get to go fishing because other things need his attention. Let's get behind the president and do anything we can to make the club a success.

Would also like to thank Jack Schmidt for the good work he is doing as treasurer of the club. Having been a treasurer in organizations I know the many hours spent in keeping records and paying bills. The financial statement is a good piece of work, easy for us all to understand.

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IT CAN BE DONE

by Olive Eddy

"You should have your head examined." That is what a lot of my friends said when I announced my plans for the summer, which was a trip alone in my station wagon thru several of our National Parks.

My first stop was in Jerome where I visited the Kellys. It was a most pleasant visit and the evening spent on the porch overlooking the valley as the sun set and the stars came out was a nice memory to take with me on the rest of the trip.

The next stop was at Page. I found the building at the dam most fascinating. Even tho the wind was blowing so strong it was hard to walk against it I returned after dark to see the lighting at night. What a busy place that was.

Then I went to the North Rim for 3 days where my next door neighbor was, a college professor and his family. They too thought that a woman alone was quite plucky to be cooking out and sleeping in a station wagon. I have a folding charcoal grill and do most of my cooking on it.

Before going to Zion I stopped on my way to see the Iron Springs National Monument. It was much too hot for comfort in Zion during the day but I did a lot of walking anyway and saw lots of deer and many beautiful flowers. A thunder and rain storm came up so instead of going back up the grade to Bryce I went out to Highway No. 91 and over Clear Creek Narrows from

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Cove Fort to No. 89 which I kept on thru Utah. Now I have an excuse to take another trip to see Bryce.

The drive down Logan Canyon to Bear Lake was very beautiful. At Bear Lake I called on some trailer folks whom I had met down in Mexico.

In the Tetons I spent three days at Kimballs Kabins as the camp ground at Jenny Lake was filled for the weekend. One evening a moose came to within two hundred feet of the cabin and the next morning there were nine elk grazing on the hill across the meadow. During the first night there a couple of bears did some damage as folks left their ice box out on the ground which contained bacon. Some folks never learn. We also had deer and snow rabbits come into the yard. The hike around Jenny Lake was almost too much for me but I had my lunch with me so I sat down and rested for a while and made it okay.

At Colter Bay I stayed in the camp ground and took hikes and boat rides and of course went to all the ranger talks at night. One evening I counted 115 boats in the water. After Cholla it was quite a contrast at the evening hour with the reflections of the snow and evergreen covered mountains. At Colter Bay they have hot showers so one could really keep clean and still camp out. The mosquitoes were much in evidence everywhere I went all summer long. At Colter we saw otters at play and their play reminded me of kittens. When I say "we" I mean all the folks in the parks that were enjoying everything with me.

Of course my next trip was thru Yellowstone which was not very enjoyable for a desert rat as it was cold and showering most of the time and to me the Tetons are much to be preferred. A sudden heavy rain and hail storm came up when I was on a hike at the Towers so I was drenched. I checked into the motel at Canyon Junction and got warm and dry.

Then I went out the east entrance, in the rain, to Cody, Casper and Cheyenne. Then I visited two days with our Cholla friends the Dewey Harmans in Fleming, Colorado. Now I know

what a Colorado wheat and cattle range layout looks like. I have never seen beef cattle quite so mouth watering while on the hoof.

The rest of my trip until I returned to Arizona was visiting relatives in Denver and Lawrence, Kansas, and then Wichita.

At long last after being in Arizona nearly forty years I saw the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest. The Painted Desert was especially brilliant and colorful as it had been raining all morning. The antelope really must know they are protected as they ran across the road and stopped to feed no more than twenty-five feet from the car.

Really enjoyed the new places I saw but it was good to get back to Cholla and to complete relaxation again. I was glad to prove to myself and others that a woman alone could travel 5,000 miles in safety.

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Anyone Have An Answer?

Have you ever caught a fish? Has the gas tank in your boat ever gone dry at the wrong time? Did you find a pretty shell? How did you happen to go to Cholla Bay the first time? Does your camera always work when you want it to? How did you decide to buy the boat you have? What do your children think of Cholla Bay? Do you have a recipe for food you think is good on a fishing trip? Are you the wife of a fisherman that spends hours pursuing the salty creatures? If you answer yes to any of these questions sharpen your wits and pencils and write down your experiences. Then post them to yours truly. This done, pat yourself on the back for being a good club member and be assured of my thanks and appreciation.

Now remember, no one can do this but YOU. And don't put it off until manana.

Mail your stories and suggestions to:

Cecil Gary
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Bring 'em to Meetings

Christmas in Mexico

by HELEN REED

Our Mexican neighbors have some Christmas customs which are akin in spirit to ours, combining joy and playfulness with religious sentiment. Among these is the fiesta, or series of fiestas, called Posadas, beginning on December 16 and continuing nightly until Christmas Eve.

The story goes that Mary and Joseph (Maria and Jose) were nine days on the road from Nazareth to Bethlehem, Mary riding a burro and Joseph walking at her side. Los Posadas are ceremonial commemorations of this long journey. As with all folk customs, many local touches are given to them, but in the main the "Posadas" are the same all over Mexico. Friends gather in the patio or house and form a procession each evening. Sometimes nine families form together. The number nine has a religious significance and special power is attributed to nine days of prayer. Each family had the Posada for one night. The procession is led by a Mary and Joseph. Sometimes a boy and girl carry a platform with the figures of the holy pilgrims, an angel walking before them. In the company following will be seen the Wise Men, Shepherds, cows, mules, the child Jesus and the star of Bethlehem. All carry lighted candles and sing carols and litanies.

Joseph knocks at a door and begs lodging for Mary. Someone behind the door — the cruel innkeeper — replies there is no room. For eight nights, each at a different door they knock and are refused. The Mexican children call the Posadas "Knock, Knock". At the ninth door, the holy pilgrims are recognized and welcomed. Songs of

welcome and sometimes prayers follow if the families are very devout. There is a manger or nacimiento, set up in the favored house, but it remains empty until the ninth night, Christmas Eve. Then the Christ child is laid in the manger while bells ring, whistles blow, and fireworks are set off. Afterward, all repair to the church for the Missa da Gallo, or Mass of the Cock.

Every night however, the pilgrims are invited into the home for a party, with singing, dancing and treats. Of course the ninth is the gayest of all. It is a great honor to put the Christ child in the manger and godparents are chosen for this rite. The manger occupies a place of honor until February 2 the Christ child presentation at the Temple is celebrated. At this time the godparents take the figure of the infant from the nacimiento, and it is dressed and carefully placed on a tray decorated with flowers. A party follows given by the godparents for all who took part in the Posadas. The Mexicans have really nine high days of Christmas and they maintain the oldest tradition of the great feast in mind until Candlemas Day.

The Piñata is the part of the Posadas the children like best. It is their special fun. The piñata is a clay jug made especially for toys and favors. After the processions the children play the piñata game in the largest part of the house or patio. There are several kinds of piñatas. One is filled with water, another, filled with confetti; another with sweets, gifts and fruit. This is the "good piñata". The piñatas are gaily decorated such as animals, flowers, stars, clowns, etc. The children form a circle and one child is chosen, then blindfolded, given a stick and given three tries at breaking the piñata. If the first child does not succeed in breaking the piñata, another child tries. Sometimes they are showered with water or confetti if the wrong piñata is broken. But when the good one breaks, they scramble for the favors and eat the sweets. This is a very happy time for the Mexican children, who look forward to it for months. It would not be Christmas for them without the piñata.

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Dec 19	0810 2025	Jan 1	0545 1740
Dec 20	0910 2145	Jan 2	0645 1850
Dec 21	1000 2255	Jan 3	0745 2010
Dec 22	1050 2345	Jan 4	0855 2140
Dec 23	1130 ---	Jan 5	0955 2300
Dec 24	0025 1210	Jan 6	1055 ---
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