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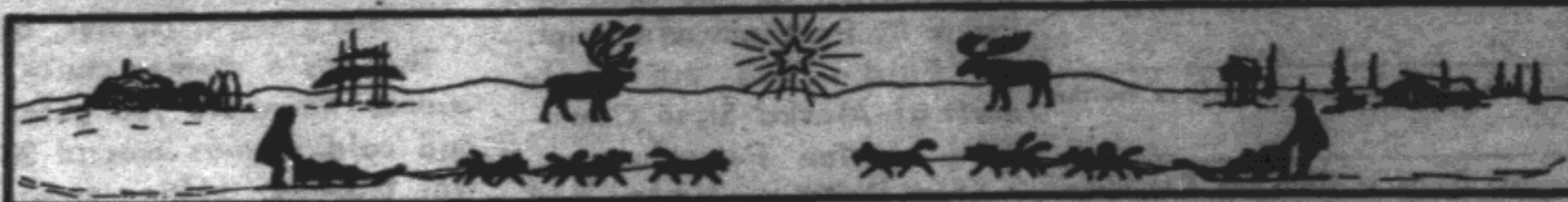
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Wondrous Christmas and Santa's Real to Tiny Tots

Sen. Bartlett
Suffers Heart
Lining Ailment

Pleuro-pericarditis, inflammation of the heart lining, hospitalized Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett of Alaska during the last weekend and this week in Washington, D. C.

Before he was taken to Georgetown University Hospital in the nation's capitol, Bartlett suffered pains in his chest and was thought to have suffered a heart attack.

Dr. Alan Weintraub, a heart

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Final Action on
Appropriation
For OEO Today

Final Congressional action on the 1968 Fiscal Year Appropriation for the Office of Economic Opportunity was expected today, following approval by a House-Senate Conference Committee of a \$1.773 billion measure.

That figure represented a compromise between the \$1.612 billion approved by the House on Wednesday, December 13 and the \$1.98 billion voted by the Senate on Thursday, December 14.

The Conferees approved

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Santa's Visitors

(Editor's Note: The following Christmas play will be performed tonight at Mountain Village under the direction of its author, Mrs. Robert L. Henry.)

By MRS. ROBERT L. HENRY
Mountain Village, Alaska

Time: Afternoon before Christmas

Place: A home in the United States (Act I)

Santa's home (Act II)

Cast: Dad; Mom; Diane; Janet; Spirit of Christmas; Santa Claus; Ten Eskimo Helpers; Five helpers; Three Billy Goats Gruff; Troll; Three Little Kittens; Mama Kitty; and Angels;

Chorus:

Ten Little Eskimos (in Eskimo) Twelve Days of Christmas Silent Night (in Eskimo)

ACT I. Scene is a home in the United States. This can be performed before the closed curtains. Mom, Dad, and the kids enter and hang their Christmas stockings.

DAD: Well, Mom, what do you plan to leave out for the Old Boy to eat tonight? I guess most people leave a little grub for Old Whiskers to snack on, and I suppose we ought to try to get in good with him and make a few points, too.

MOM: I'm not just sure. I was going to ask you—you're a man. What would YOU like if you were taking a break in the middle

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TIMES' CHRISTMAS TREE—

Mrs. Betty Ragland, Times varityper and secretary, is standing by the tree she decorated for the office and showing a totem pole carved by Times Wrangell newsboy (Korean) Harold Riach. Some of the many well-wishing cards from the Times readers

are around the little tree. On December 8, Betty made a sad four-day journey to Gainesboro, Tenn. when her father, Winton H. Spivey, died suddenly from a heart attack. Betty's husband, Army Spec. 4, Bill Ragland, is a lab technician at Bassett Army Hospital at Ft. Wainwright.

—Photo by TIMES EDITOR

Sen. Jackson to Hold
Land Hearings Feb. 8

Sen. Henry M. Jackson of the State of Washington will conduct a land claims hearing in Anchorage on February 8-9-10, it was learned this week as announced by Sen. Ernest Gruening in the Cook Inlet city.

Gruening, along with himself, indicated that Senators Quentin Burdick, D-N.D., Paul Fannin, R-Ariz., and Frank E. Moss, D-Utah, will also attend the hearings.

There are, in reality, three bills pending before Congress. One is the Department of Interior bill that calls for about a nine-mile square area of land around villages

Christmas Day—the day of homage and observance of the birth of Christ—the day that at once embraces solemnity, happiness, good fellowship, feasting, giving of gifts and, above all, it is the day when small children awake in the morning and find that there is truly a Santa Claus.

This is the time to witness the beauty and heart-touching wonderment of the children all over the world that there is, indeed, a happy, jolly, rotund little man with a great white beard who, miraculously, covers the whole world in one night on Christmas Eve spreading good cheer by giving gifts of toys and sweets to good little children, travelling through the night sky with his team of faithful and sturdy reindeer.

Next Sunday evening, the vivid imaginations of the children of the world will come into play. That will be the time when they could, almost, hear the little man shout, "Up, Prancer!" —"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!" Some of them will giggle to themselves as they imagine the laughter of the jolly little man until his "belly shook like a bowlful of jelly."

Christmas and Santa Claus are universal and the beauty of their spiritual influence among the little folks is no less among the Indian, Aleut and Eskimo children.

Deep in the remote Arctic coast a few generations ago, Santa Claus became known to the children. The mysterious little man caught their imagination at once. When they found out that Santa did certain things in a certain manner, they began to have misgivings. They thought that what he could do in other places would be almost impossible, perhaps impossible, to do if and when he came to the village. For instance Santa came down chimneys to bring gifts to children. When they realized that there was not a single chimney in the whole village, they were saddened.

"I don't think Santa Claus is going to come to our sod igloo because all we have is a little stovepipe," the children thought. "I don't think he will fit in there. I know he won't fit because I can't even put my head in it. Besides, he might get stuck and get all sooty. I wish we had those big chimneys so he can come down and give us presents."

Santa Claus was, indeed, real to the Arctic children. Many

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Snow Paralyzes
Navajo Indian
Reservation

The sprawling 16 million acre Navajo reservation in Arizona is lying under deep snow up to over six feet deep this week.

The unusually heavy storm has paralyzed transportation creating serious problems to the 60,000 Indian population of the reservation.

Military helicopters have now started moving tons of emergency food supplies. The rescue crews have also encountered numerous cases of sickness among the Indians.

Tribal Chairman, Raymond Nakai, earlier this week had asked that the Navajo reserv-

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and which calls for special hunting, fishing and trapping rights on federal lands for a period of 25 years.

It also calls for some compensation for lands lost to native people.

The second bill, one that was drawn up by Alaska Federation of Native Associations, is the S-2020 but which has been held on to by the Judiciary Committee. It was thought that since it was being held by that committee, testimony on it might not be possible.

Then late last month, Sen. E. L. Bartlett introduced

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