London : Carols at Festival Hall (2396) 18th Dec. 1956

At the Royal Festival Hall, youthful choirs from many London Schools blend their voices in the age-old story of the Nativity. SOUND.

A glad message that inspires seasonal goodwill - and the annual party for brave children, given by the Women's Sunday Mirror.

At the festive table, Peter Phillips (the boy who bowled Denis Compton) sits with Anne Heywood. (Short cue)

Another party hero, Peter Klouda aged four - ~~who~~ fought off a dog that ~~had~~ attacked his pet cat.

Nine year-old Martin Barker pulled his Mother, sister and three other children out of a blazing airliner at Blackbushe Airport.

While Frankie Girling saved two girls from a deep-water tank.

But these plucky youngsters gave their "big-hand" to the good-natured fairy with the presents - Tessie O'Shea.

Still in party mood, we visit an animal sanatorium, at Ilford, to find the patients greeting the festive season with no loss of appetite.

Guest of honour was 24 year-old "Quail," the Oldest London police horse still on duty.

For the animal guests, the cakes were made from their favourite ~~tit-bits~~ TID-BITS..

But missing the fun were ~~the Thames~~ Swans, ~~they were, unfortunately,~~ STILL RECEIVING FROM recent oil pollution in the Thames. ~~well-oiled before the party.~~

A seasonal custom that links ~~our~~ OUR Scandinavian ~~neighbours~~ FRIENDS, took place at the Swedish Church, Marylebone - with the crowning of the "Queen of Light" - the traditional celebration of the Feast of St. Lucia...

So, at this time of thanksgiving, all Nations are united by a spiritual bond - of peace and goodwill to all men, [redacted], THE young choristers re-echo the theme of that first Christmas Day. SOUND.

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