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ONE MINUTE NEWS

S. Dakota

America's latest army tank gets the once-over in South Dakota. So easy to operate that anyone can drive it, it's tested by a young secretary, after only 15-minutes training. She demonstrates the machine's manoeuvrability by turning it on a small coin, while its predecessor, the General Sherman of World War II, is forced to make big circles.

Named "General Patten" - after the late soldier who was nicknamed "Blood and Guts" - this superpowered machine is in a class of its own as a climber, and leaves the Sherman far behind for speed. It can bounce through no-man's land and make you think you are riding on glass.

Wolverhampton

Wolverhampton, an aeroplane and a modern Santa Claus combine to bring to life a timeless story believed in by youngsters everywhere. Popping down from the sky, complete with presents, the Midlands' Father Xmas gets a rapturous welcome as he drives in state through the city. Although he is premature by more than a month, Wolverhampton goes gay with its benefactor and starts off with a bang a season full of festivities.

To make up for the aeroplane escapade, Santa Claus makes his entry into the Town Hall in traditional style. For 10,000 Wolverhampton children, it's a fairy life come true.