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 e had brought his reindeer, was stranded at
 Airport in Denver by the snow storm.

falls since late October in the higher elevations west of here, Boulder and the Denver area had experienced unseasonably warm temperatures, in the 50's and 60's, over the last week.
 Only five of nine officers on the city Police Department's morning shift today were able to make it in to work because of the storm, a police spokesman said. And sheriff's deputies said that one of the department's four-wheel drive patrol cars was among the scores of vehicles that had run off snow-packed roads and were stuck in roadside drifts.
 Blowing snow and impassable roads forced the Postal Service to call off

Sgt. Tom Ecker of the Boulder County Sheriff's Department said.
Trip Is Canceled
 But for many people, the storm did upset holiday plans. Donnie Nair, a Boulder real estate agent, had to postpone a trip with her husband, Jack, to visit relatives in Greeley, Colo., ordinarily a drive of barely an hour.
 "Since we were planning to go away from home for the holidays, the only food left in the house is champagne and some smoked turkey," Mrs. Nair complained. "I'm from California, and I guess I'll never learn to plan for snow at Christmas time."

UI Boston School System
 BOSTON, Dec. 24 (AP) — Federal District Judge Arthur Garrity Jr., who spent eight years overseeing integration in the nation's oldest public school system, will hand control of the system to the state on Jan. 3.
 Judge Garrity signed an order late Thursday setting up the machinery for the court to step aside in favor of the state Board of Education.
 Judge Garrity ruled in 1974 that Boston operated a dual school system in which black pupils were able to attend only a few schools. That began a stormy series of court-ordered changes.



Gene Fischer
 r in Helena, Mont., a volunteer serves refreshments to those waiting for gift checks.

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 checks going to 1,170 families. This year the benefactor donated \$40,000 and called on other people in the community to donate funds.
 Mrs. Kennedy said that this year there were more people than ever waiting in line, which she ascribed to economic conditions. She said she hoped that national press attention will "spur affluent people in other communities to do similar things."
 The only communication Secret Santa has with the people who accept his money is a letter reprinted in the local newspaper. It reads: "I know that God does love all the little children and that he does not want any sad little faces on Christmas Morning. He sent his son into the world on Christmas. Jesus is the first gift, and the greatest of all. Now we give to one another to ex-

press our love and joy at this exciting time of year. It makes me happy to provide money for toys for needy children. May God bless every one of you. Love, Santa."

5 Die as Car Runs Red Light
 ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 24 (UPI) — Five people, including three children, were killed and four others were injured today when their auto ran a red light, hit another car and struck a tree. The driver of the victims' auto, Santos Colon, 28 years old, of Reading, was in the intensive care unit of Sacred Heart Hospital, where he was arraigned on five counts of homicide by motor vehicle and a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol, the police said.

Some in Flooded Suburb Ignoring Advice on Dioxin Contamination

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ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24 — Many of the 2,037 residents of Times Beach, a Missouri suburb of St. Louis inundated by a flood three weeks ago, seem to be ignoring a Federal agency's recommendation that they stay away from their homes because soil tests show dangerously high levels of the chemical contaminant dioxin.
 In a warning issued Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, the flooded people of Times Beach were urged not to return to their houses, or to leave if they had returned. A preliminary analysis of soil samples, taken a week before the recent flood, indicated toxic dioxin levels greater than 100 parts per billion.
 About 300 residents had already gone back to clean up their flood-damaged houses when this latest blow came.
 The Red Cross ordered its volunteers out of Times Beach, but not all the residents followed. Their mood, as expressed at a Christmas party in Times Beach Thursday night, ranged from frustration to anger.

Contamination Known Earlier
 "Why didn't they do this in '74?" asked a man who was helping with the flood cleanup. "Now all of a sudden we've had a flood and they're going to kick us while we're down."
 His reference was to earlier Federal investigations that showed it was dioxin that had killed horses, birds, cats and mice at places in the St. Louis area that had been sprayed with waste oil laced with 306 to 356 parts per million of the toxin. In 1971, 97 horses died at three stables where the waste oil was used and 10 people became ill after being exposed to the toxic chemical byproduct.
 The oil spraying was used to hold down dust. It is believed that certain unpaved roads in Times Beach and an athletic field on the north side of town were sprayed in 1971 and 1972.
 Two of 38 Times Beach areas analyzed by laboratories of the Environmental Protection Agency showed unusually high levels of dioxin, which is a useless byproduct of the manufacturing of a number of chemicals, including hexachlorophene and herbicides. Like DDT, dioxins take years to break down

in the soil. Dioxins' effects on people is a matter of dispute, but certain types have caused cancer, liver damage and birth defects in laboratory animals.
 "The data are very preliminary," the Centers for Disease Control said in its advisory, "and E.P.A. has not yet had the opportunity to quality assure and verify these data."
 "However," the advisory went on, "while most results remain in the range of 1 to 20 p.p.b., two of the first 38 samples showed PCBDD (dioxin) levels of greater than 100 parts per billion. At this point, we do not know the extent of the areas with these high levels or what has happened to the soil from these more highly contaminated areas as a result of the flooding."
 "It is possible that much of the most highly contaminated soil has been diluted or spread about by the flood water. It is also possible that isolated and highly contaminated areas still exist or have been shifted to new areas."
 The Federal warnings, however, did not stop a community Christmas party sponsored by the Times Beach Police Department, where a definite Missouri "show-me" attitude was evident.
'Carry Us Out Forcibly'
 "I told everyone who called me to-night the same thing," said Alderman Sidney K. Hammer, who will become Mayor of Times Beach next week. "The only way I and my family are leaving is if they carry us out forcibly."
 "This may sound bizarre to you, but this is good news," added Laine Jumper, the town's building commissioner. "What this means for the people of Times Beach is that instead of tearing out 23 miles of streets that were sprayed with dioxin, they may find it more cost effective to buy out the place."
 Times Beach is situated about 25 miles west of St. Louis along the flood plain of the Meramec River, a tributary of the Mississippi. It was named by a long-defunct St. Louis daily newspaper, The Times, which promoted it in the 1920's as a healthful place to live, a community whose future prosperity was assured.