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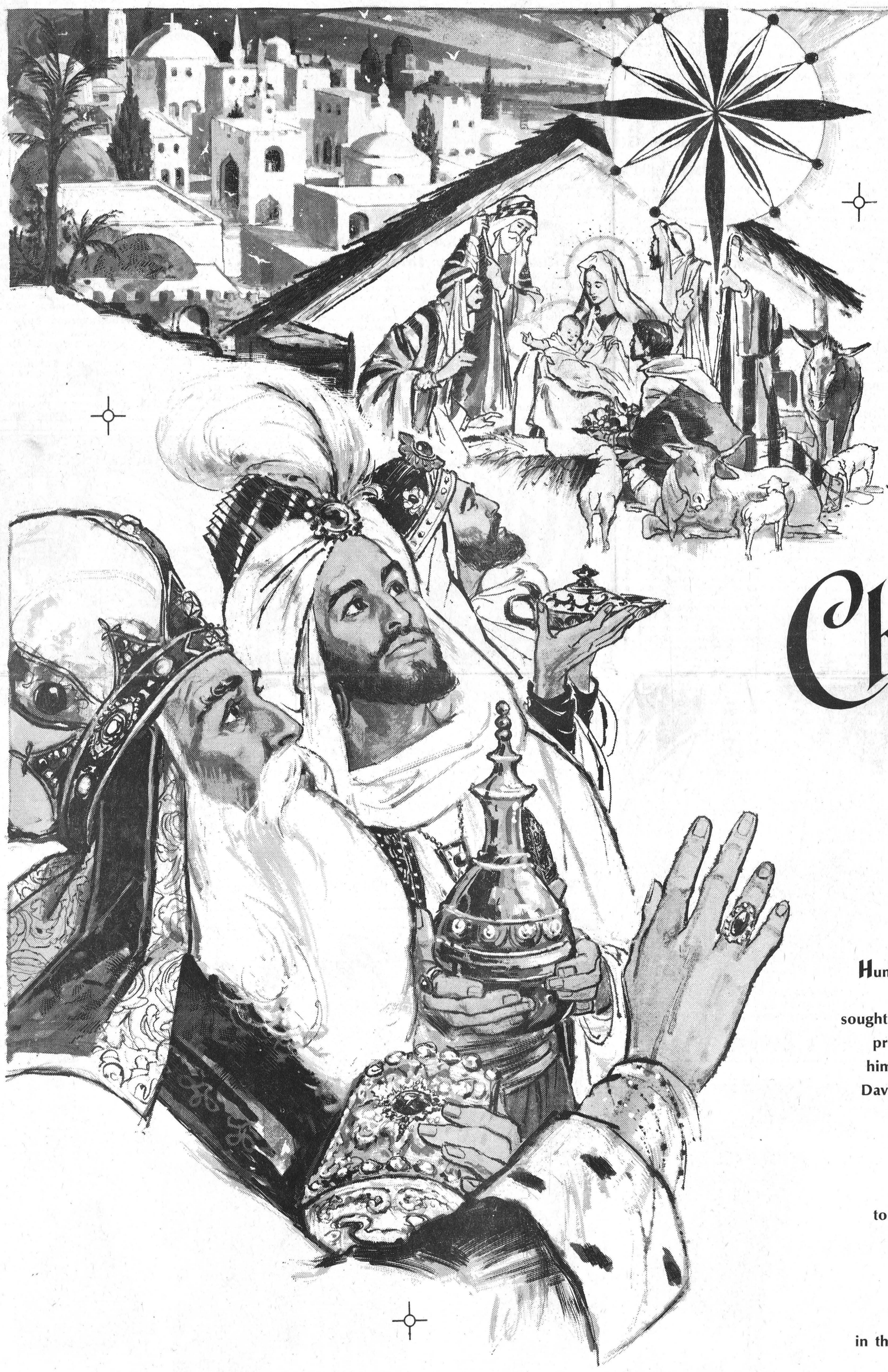


Christmas Joy

Humble shepherds left their flocks in the fields that holy night, and sought the Babe whose birth angels had proclaimed unto them. They beheld him lying in a manger in the City of David, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

And from the East, following the brilliant Star, Wise Men came to adore, and to offer precious gifts to the newborn King.

Today, nations and peoples share in that first Christmas, in its boundless hope and its promise of peace, with joyous celebrations. May you and your loved ones keep the spirit of this holy season always in your hearts, perpetuating its strength and comfort.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Holiday Celebrations Reflect Customs from Far and Near

Celebrating the happy holiday of Christmas is an almost universal custom, and many of the traditions belonging to the day are universal, too. Gift giving, merrymaking, gaily decorated trees and brightly glowing lights are holiday habits that have found their way to almost every corner of the globe.

Along with the similarities in the way people observe Christmas go just as many differences. From country to country, from city to city, from family to family, holiday customs vary, sometimes just enough to show the touch of individual imagination, and sometimes so greatly that it seems hard to believe the same day is being commemorated.

Gift Giving . . .

It's traditional to receive gifts during the Yuletide season, but the time is not always December 25, and the giftgiver is not always Santa.

One of the earliest Christmas giving times takes place in the Netherlands, according to the Book of Knowledge. Here, the children receive their gifts from St. Nicholas on December 5. The date, appropriately enough, is called St. Nicholas Eve, in honor of the real St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop.

Christmas gift giving in Italy comes on January 5, which is known as Epiphany Eve. The traditional gift giver is Befana. Legend says that Befana misdirected the wise men, and now she seeks to atone by going about the world doing good to children.

In Scandinavian countries, gifts are given on St. Lucy's Day, December 13.

The time for gift giving in Puerto Rico and Spain is January 6, the day when, traditionally, the wise men came to Bethlehem.

In Germany

From Christmas trees to Christmas toys, many Christmas customs now universally observed came first from Germany.

In the medieval town of Nuremberg, the highlight of the Christmas season is the "Christkindlmarkt," or literally, Christ Child's Fair.

The "Christ Kind," or Christ Child, is the gift giver, and the culmination of the fair, on Christmas Eve, is a visit by the Christ Kind to the balcony of the historic church, the Frauenkirche. Days of group caroling by the children precede this event.

Fun and Feasting . . .

A merry, hearty feast is traditional at Christmas, but the ingredients are not always the same. Norwegians might serve, instead of turkey and trimmings, codfish and pickled pork, while baked carp is a favored Christmas delicacy in Austria.

Christmas dining customs change with time, too. History describes a "traditional" Christmas feast of seventeenth century Quebec, a feast that would be considered somewhat unusual today.

Before each diner at the feast was placed a bowl of birchbark or polished basswood and a spoon of bark. The diners supplied their own knives, and there were no forks.

Into the bowl went first the appetizers — cornbread and a boiled mixture of eels, salmon and beans. The soup course was a rich meat broth, thickened with nuts. Vegetables included corn, peas and baked squash.

The main course featured roast venison and squirrel pies, with baked wild pigeons, partridges, blackbirds, owls — all served together.

Dessert consisted of cakes of maple sugar or sunflower seeds and nuts, topped with a sauce of boiled dried berries.

Lighting Up . . .

Since the Star shone on Bethlehem, lights have been a part of Christmas celebrations. Today, candlelight services are traditionally held by many churches at Christmas.

Something unique in the way of Christmas lights are the "luminarias" used to decorate the city of Albuquerque, N.M., at Christmastime.

Outlining the borders of streets, sidewalks, yards and even the roofs of homes, the luminarias shine everywhere. Made of paper bags, weighted down with sand and lighted from within by a candle, thousands of luminarias all over the city offer a soft light.



FOR THE FAMILY . . . Singer Andy Williams and actress Claudine Longet, like the rest of us, are concerned with what gift to give family and friends this Christmas.

People Plus ProblemsAdd Holiday Lore

Friends who visited the Robert Reilly home last December got a real Christmas surprise. In this Grants Pass, Ore., household, the Christmas tree "grew" out of the ceiling — or at least, was suspended there, upside down.

Will it start a trend? Will more and more families hang their Christmas trees from the ceiling? Only time can tell!

Christmas customs start with people and, often, with problems. In the case of the upside-down Christmas tree, the problem was, "Where to put the tree?" and the humorous solution was reached when the family just couldn't decide.

Creating Pudding

Many well-established traditions had their legendary beginnings in the inventive reaction of people to problems, large or small.

Take plum pudding, for example — as many people do at Christmastime! The very first plum pudding was an answer to adversity, so legend says.

An English king and his hunting party were lost in the forest on Christmas Eve. Commanded by the king, the cook prepared dinner, using the foods he had on hand — some meat from a stag, some bits of wild game, flour, birds' eggs, sugar, dried plums, ale and brandy.

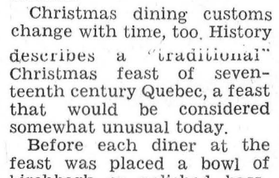
The cook not only created a delicious emergency dish, he also invented plum pudding, which tradition says must contain these same ingredients if it is to be the "real thing."

Lighting the Tree

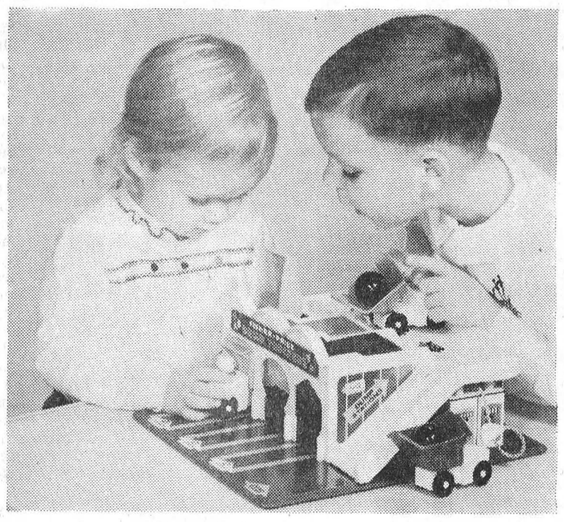
A pleasant problem with a happy solution led to the custom of decorating the Christmas tree with lights.

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, returned from a Christmas Eve walked under a starlit sky, inspired by a wish to reproduce the heavenly scene for his family.

How to show some small reflection of the glory of the heavens on the first Holy Night? Luther solved the problem by lighting candles and placing them on the boughs of an evergreen.



And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.



WATCH IT THERE . . . Most children are fascinated by anything on wheels. Trucks are a particular favorite and, when it's a dump truck, complete with a ramp and dumping stations, well, it's something special.

Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh Make Suitable Gifts for Infant King

In New Testament history, St. Matthew describes the first of all Christmas gifts — gold, frankincense and myrrh. After the wise men had knelt at the manger, he tells us, they opened their treasures to select these special offerings for the newborn Babe of Bethlehem.

To the modern mind, gold is instantly recognizable as a treasure, but the value of frankincense and myrrh is not so readily apparent. Actually, frankincense and myrrh were costly items in the time of Christ, and they are still costly. Both are resins used in making incense, surviving today at many a Christian altar.

As further evidence that frankincense and myrrh were precious treasures, worthy gifts for an Infant King, there is the old poem which expressed the ancient belief that "incense owns a deity nigh."

Famous People Call Yule Their Birthday

A young farmer's wife in England gave birth to a son in 1642. In 1821, a baby girl was born in the Massachusetts village of Oxford. In 1865, the wife of a militant Christian crusader gave birth to her fourth daughter. And in 1883, in Paris, an artist's model bore a baby boy.

What did these four births have in common? In each case, the child was born on Christmas Day, and grew up to become a famous person. According to the Book of Knowledge, these well-known "Christmas babies" were Clara Barton, Evangeline Booth, Maurice Utrillo and Sir Isaac Newton.

Founder of Red Cross

Clara Barton, Civil War nurse, was born on Christmas Day in 1821. It was her warm thoughts of Christmas that led her, when she set off to visit her brother, a prisoner during the Civil War, to offer to take presents not only to him but to the prisoner relatives of all her Oxford, Mass., neighbors.

Subsequently, Clara Barton was instrumental in founding the American Red Cross and served as its president for many years.

In Salvation Army

Born on Christmas Day in 1865, Evangeline Booth was the fourth daughter of the Salvation Army founder, William Booth. By the age of 23, she was head of the Salvation Army in London, and in 1904 she took over operations for the entire United States.

During World War I, the Salvation Army lassies under her jurisdiction spent Christmas — as well as many other days — ministering to the needs of American doughboys in France. The word "doughboy" stems from the celebrated Salvation Army doughnut, a World War I staple.

Known for Paintings

One Christmas-born child had little cheer in his life, on holidays or otherwise. This was the French painter, Maurice Utrillo, born on December 25, 1883.

Son of an unknown father and a mother who was a model for many of the Montmartre brush wielders of her time, young Maurice was shy and withdrawn, not only in childhood but throughout his life.

Ironically, reproductions of many of his paintings, particularly those of the sparkling white dome of the Montmartre Church of Sacre Coeur, are used by the thousands every year on Christmas cards.

He Invented Toys

Sir Isaac Newton, English phycist, mathematician, philosopher greeted his first Christmas, and his first day, in Lincolnshire, England, in 1642.

Frail and sickly as a youth, he devoted many boyhood Decembers to inventing and making Christmas toys.



Peace and Joy

May you enjoy the fulfillment of all your hopes and prayers, bringing you peace and contentment this Christmas season and always.

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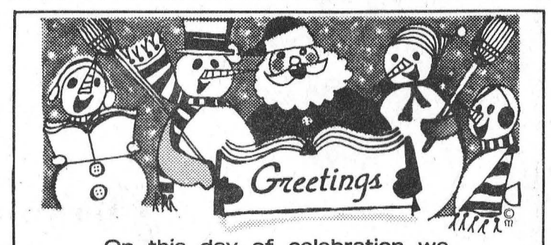

On this day of celebration we join in happy chorus to wish you and yours "Merry Christmas!"

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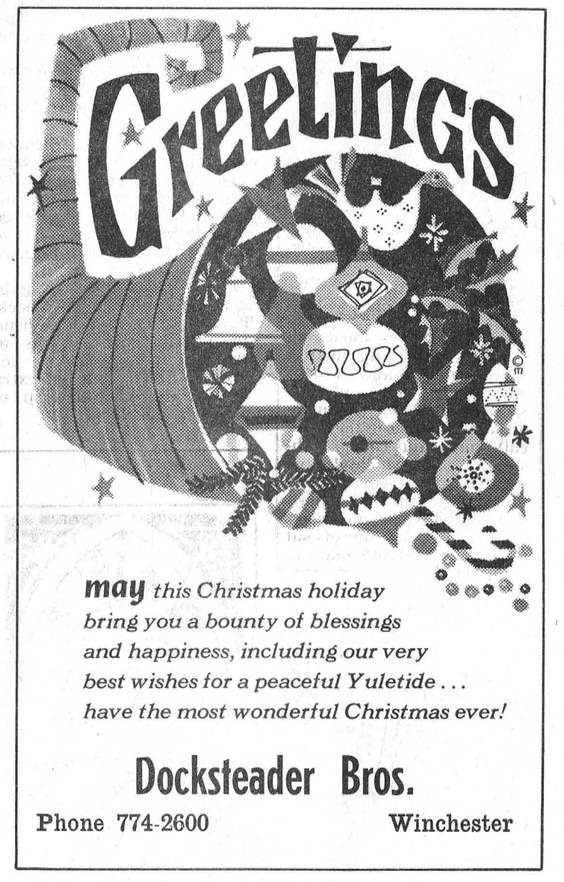

may *this Christmas holiday bring you a bounty of blessings and happiness, including our very best wishes for a peaceful Yuletide . . . have the most wonderful Christmas ever!*

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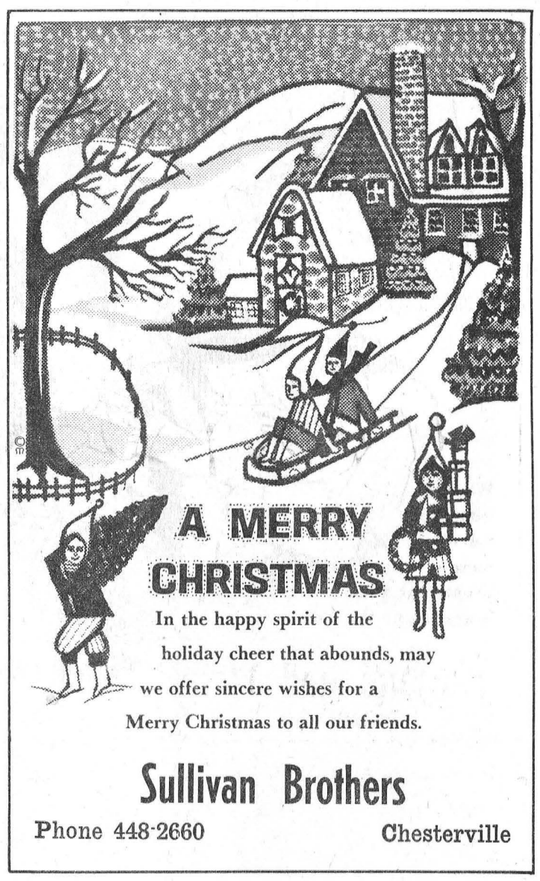

In the happy spirit of the holiday cheer that abounds, may we offer sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas to all our friends.

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Christmas Greetings

On that first Christmas, a special Star shone bright over the Mother and Child. May the Christmas star of peace, joy and happiness shine bright over you and yours for Christmas and all through the year.

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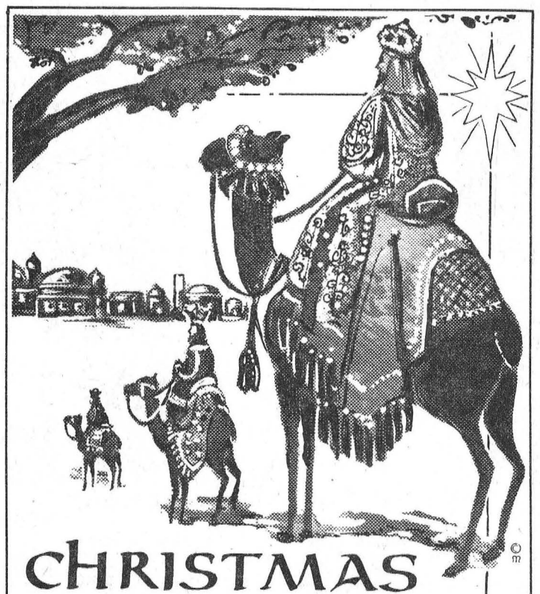

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As the Three Wise Men brought gifts to the Manger, so may this holiday season bring to you peace and joy.

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Wishing you a Christmas filled with the laughter of children and the rewards of dreams come true.

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Peace on Earth



May happiness and contentment lead you as surely as the Star led the Wise Men to the Manger . . . and may this Holiday bring you all the good things in life. Merry Christmas to all!

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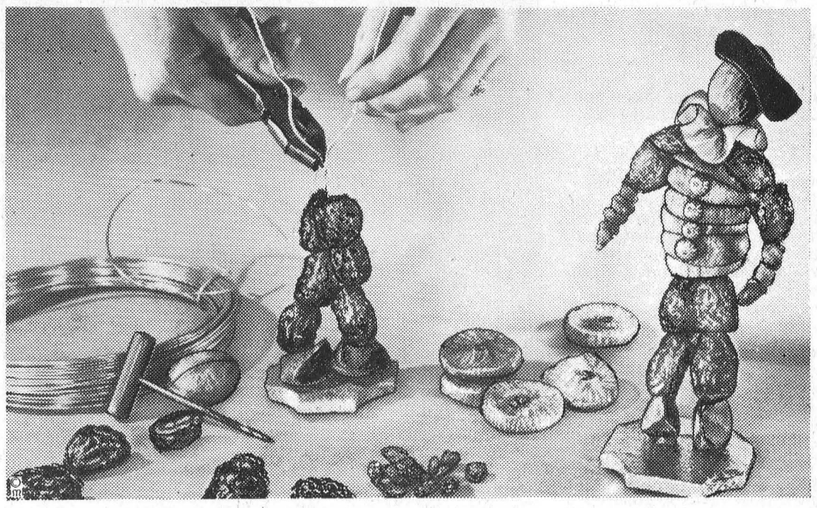
For Family's Christmas Fun

Little Prune People Bring Good Luck



PRUNE PEOPLE BRING luck during the coming year, legend says. They are easy to make with ingredients most families have on hand at Christmas time — prunes, figs, Brazil nuts, together with plywood scraps, picture wire and scraps of such decorative materials as foil and gift wrapping paper.

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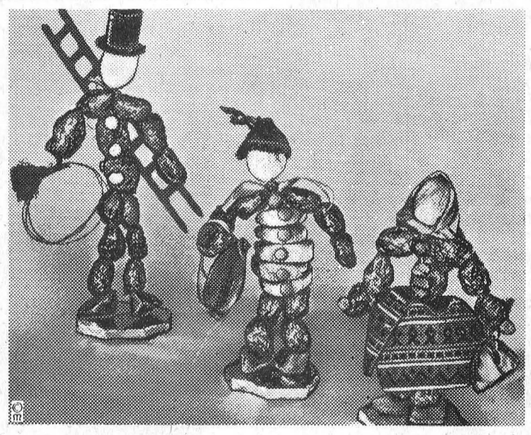
SOME CHARACTERS that might be created from prunes and other ingredients are shown at right. The chimney sweep is prunes from neck to toe. His ladder and hat are made from shiny black construction paper. He and his companions, the Tyrolean prune couple, stand on a three-inch wooden base covered with foil. Each has Brazil nuts glued to the base for feet, and a walnut for a head.



From the South of Germany comes a centuries-old custom of making "Little Prune People" for Christmas decorating and eating.

Legend has it that the appearance of these "little people" in the home during the holiday season will bring good luck and good harvest during the coming year. They take on characterizations of people of all ages and occupations, including St. Nicholas himself.

If Dad has some heavy wire and some scraps of plywood in his workshop, and if fruits and nuts are on hand (as they usually are at Christmas), almost any family could make some "lucky little prune people" this Yuletide. For groups large or small, planned or impromptu parties, the creation of prune people could be an enjoyable Christmas Day pastime.

Most people will quickly come up with their own ideas for prune characters they would like to create. The characterizations are limited only by the imagination and the materials that can be used.

Traditional materials used to create "prune people" are: heavy picture wire, prunes, dried figs and raisins, unshelled nuts, quarter-inch plywood scraps or wood scraps from crates, pliers, hammer, small awl, foil, scraps of Christmas wrapping, glue and a little imagination.

To make prune people, follow these steps:

1. Cut a three-inch square wooden base. Make two holes one inch apart in center of base and cover with paper or foil.

2. Cut wire 30" long and put each end through holes in bottom of base. The base will now stand with wire perpendicular and ready to string on nuts or prunes.

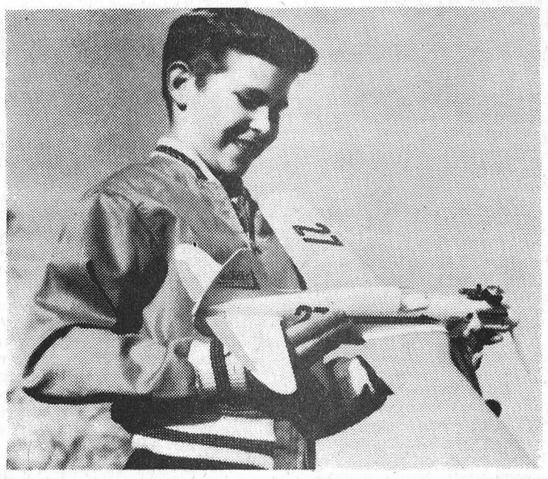
3. Punch hole through two Brazil nuts and string wire through holes to form feet and glue nuts to wooden base.

4. String two or three prunes on each wire for legs. Then twist two strands of wire around each other to form one strand so that body can be made from prunes or figs (five or six figs or two or three prunes).

5. Twist strands of wire again to hold torso in place at neck. Then separate wires and bend down arms. Make arms of prunes, adding raisins for cuffs or hands, snip off extra wire and bend into loop to hold fruit in place.

6. For the head, make small hole in end of walnut and insert short piece of wire in walnut — just far enough to hold head in place, using balance of wire to wrap around wire that forms body of figure.

7. With scraps of cloth, thumb tacks, small balls of foil or raisins and a little creative thought, dress the little prune figures.



AIR MINDED . . . Modern youngsters have a variety of hobbies and interests. Many achieve their own conquest of space with model airplanes.

Christmas Seals Came from Denmark

Slightly newer than the Christmas card is the Christmas seal.

The Christmas seal was originated by a postal clerk, Einar Holboell, who ordered the first Christmas seals printed and sold at regular post offices in Denmark. While stamping letters and Christmas cards in 1903 in the post office in Copenhagen, the idea occurred to him. Why not have a special stamp printed for the many tuberculosis sufferers who need hospital treatment? The first year more than four million stamps were sold, yielding some 18,000 dollars.

The movement for adopting the stamp in the United States was greatly strengthened through the efforts of Miss Emily Bissell of Willmington, Delaware. She designed the first Christmas seal herself. It had a half wreath of holly and a cross, with "Merry Christmas" in the center and "Happy New Year" at the bottom.

In France

In France, after the elders return from midnight mass, it is time for a large feast. The roast goose is popular in some sections of the country. At other sections such things as buckwheat cakes and sour cream, roasted chestnuts served with milk, or turkey and chestnuts served with wine.

In Lithuania

Lithuanians cover their Christmas Eve dinner table with layers of straw in memory of the night in Bethlehem. An unconsecrated wafer, symbolizing the love, harmony, and good will of the season, is shared by all the members of the family.



HOLIDAY ROBES... Pretty girls in pretty robes for the holiday season or, a gift that a girl can appreciate. If you're toasting marshmallows, it's fun to toast them in style.

CAROLS AND CAROLING

Caroling was a popular pastime in England, where it is said to have come in common use after the Norman Conquest. Various religious carols composed in other lands were sung, and Englishmen produced some of our most beloved carols, including "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" and "Joy To The World."

On Christmas eve, country carol singers spent half the night tramping the ice-bound ways and frosty woodlands, now and then striking up their old melodies, which sang of the heavenly birth and earth's substantial comforts and joys with impartial mixture. A fine hearty welcome greeted them at the houses and farmsteads, whose occupants sat up in impatient anticipation.



What we want from Santa is more great people like you! Many, many thanks!

Marjorie and Walter Shadbolt

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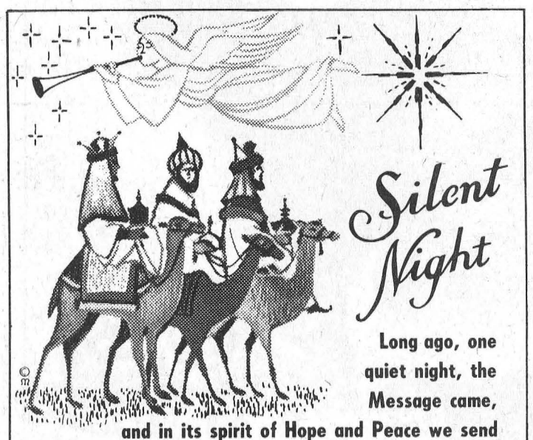

Long ago, one quiet night, the Message came, and in its spirit of Hope and Peace we send all our friends warm Christmas greetings!

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Peace on Earth

The Wise Men found the Wonder of that Holy Night. May you and your loved ones find its Peace.

Main Corner Lunch

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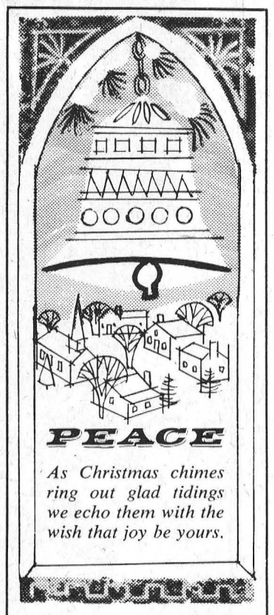

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Let the spirit of the season brighten your life and open your heart to joy.

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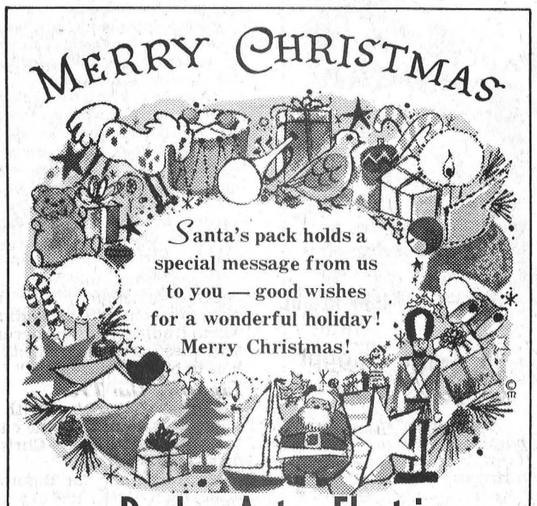

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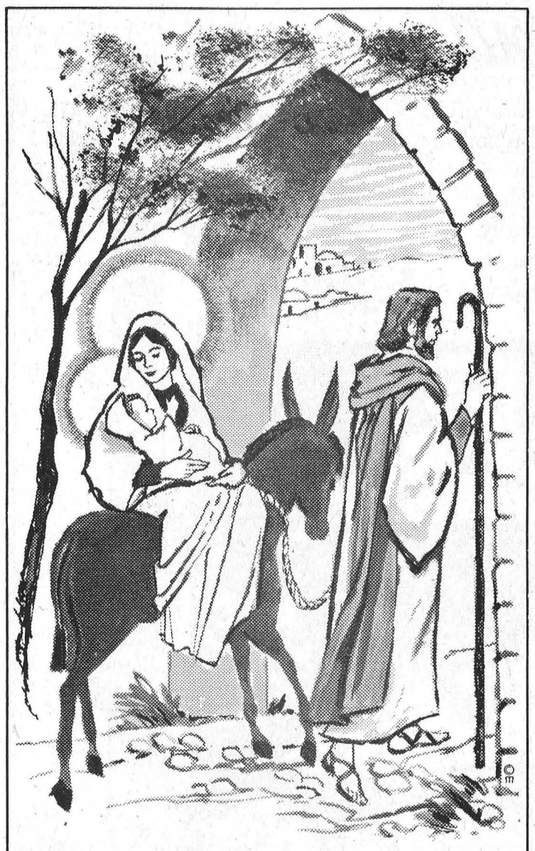

O, Holy Night

Each year at Christmas, the sacred story lives anew. As we reflect upon that holy time, of a Child born in Bethlehem, may we find inspiration in His life, to guide us on our way. Sincere greetings to all.

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A Joyous Christmas

May all the blessings and happiness of this holy season be bestowed on you and your family. Have a Joyous Holiday.

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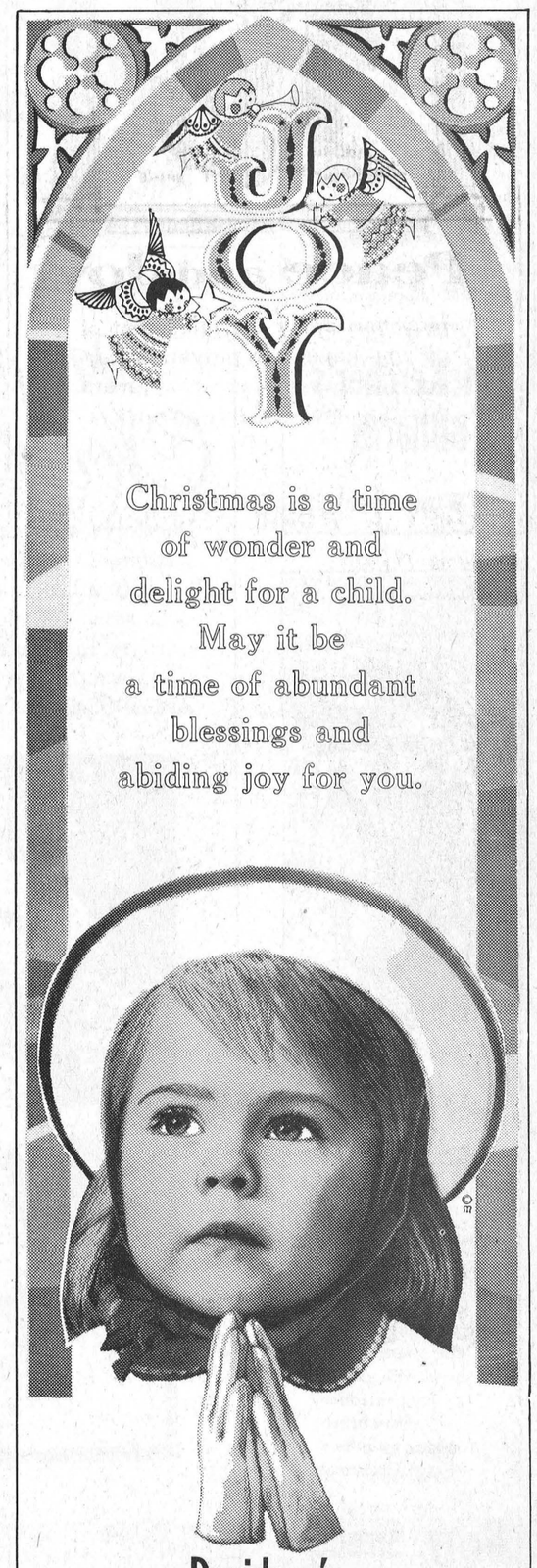

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On this joyous day, we ask that the boundless love of the Christ Child surround you and your family, always.

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Story of Wreaths And Advent Candles

A native Christian in New Guinea described Advent thus: "At advent we should try the key to our heart's door. It may have gathered rust. If so, this is the time to oil it, in order that the heart's door may open more easily when the Lord Jesus wants to enter at Christmas time."

The four Sundays preceding Christmas are observed as Advent Sundays in many churches, with a special emphasis on the Advent, or coming, of the Lord. To remind people of this season several interesting and helpful devices have come into being. The Advent House, generally made of cardboard is so constructed as to make it possible to open a window each day of the Advent weeks and find back of it an appropriate Scripture Verse.

Slightly more elaborate and proportionately more beautiful is the Advent wreath, which is hung at a convenient place and receives a red candle each Advent Sunday and a larger one on Christmas.



Joy to the World

The message from the sacred manger brings hope and happiness anew. Merry Christmas!

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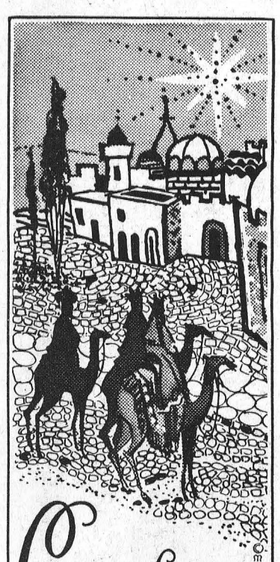

Greetings

A Star to guide them on their way, Wise Men came bearing gifts. Today the wonder glows anew, with gifts of joy to gladden every heart May yours be a blessed Christmas.

Harry Strader

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Centuries ago, Romans decorated their homes, public buildings, and temples on festive occasions, and we have followed this ancient custom. In most communities, at Christmas there are beautifully decorated store windows, often depicting the holiday scenes.

The merchants along New York's famous Fifth Avenue vie with each other in originality and spare no expense in the creation of luxury and beauty. The final displays attract such crowds that special roped-off areas are necessary and the public is kept moving by uniformed guards. In many cases the air is perfumed with some special fragrance and music accompanies the changing scenes of animated figures inside the windows.

Weeks before Christmas a giant Christmas tree is set up with much ceremony in the center of Rockefeller Plaza, decorated with huge colored baubles, and the lighting of the tree is the official opening of the Christmas season. The entire length of Park Avnue is lined with its own lighted Christmas trees, and it is a beautiful sight in snow. Many New York skyscrapers, always dramatic against the night sky, are also aglow with red and green lights in honor of the occasion.

While New York goes all out for brilliant, sophisticated Christmas emphasizing luxury with a touch of frivolity, other cities celebrate in their way. In some where traffic hazards do not prevent, the downtown streets are festooned with colored lights, bells, stars, candles, and other yuletide emblems.

Many American cities are famed for their distinctive street decorations, which visitors often drive many miles to see. For instance, since 1920, the city of Fresno, California, has featured its Christmas Tree Lane. This is slightly less than 2 miles in length and is said to be the longest in our country. The project began on a small scale, but by 1930 the great cedars lining Van Ness Avenue had been lighted with colored bulbs for a quarter of a mile. Then, in 1959, more than 300 stately trees had been festooned with lights, and over 121,000 people visited the unusual scene.



Time for us to speed very warm wishes for the Yuletide Holiday to you. May your day be bright with joy and merriment shared with your loved ones. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas!

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History Proves It—Yule Season Is Always a Memorable Time

For the children, this is the very best Christmas that ever was. The adults agree — but still, they look back a little wistfully at the Christmases of yesteryear, with nostalgic thoughts of "a good old-fashioned Christmas," or of a special Christmas memory.

Memories enhance the seasonal joys, and with good reason, for Christmas is a memorable time. Since the first Holy Night, some of the most important events of both religious and secular history have taken place at the Christmas season.

A look at the past reveals momentous occasions, joyous or poignant, as well as many of the little things that give bygone times living meaning — and all taking place on or about Christmas Day.

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December 24, 400 A.D.

In Italy, in the fifth century A.D., church bells rang on Christmas Eve to call Christians to worship.

This seemingly simple event had great significance, for it meant that Christians could worship in freedom, instead of in secret, as earlier suppression of Christianity had forced them to do.

December 25, 600 A.D.

Traditionally, the first Christmas feast in England was held at the Round Table of King Arthur. The actual date is unknown, but references to this legendary king have been traced to 600 A.D.

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December 24, 1223

St. Francis of Assisi set up the first creche or crib on Christmas Eve, 1223, in the mountain village of Grecchio, Italy.

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December 25, 1492

Christopher Columbus and his crew celebrated the first Christmas in the New World in 1492. They were dinner guests of an Indian chief, ruler of the island of Haiti.

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December 25, 1535

Beset by cold and hunger, in fear of hostile Indians, the French explorer Jacques Cartier and his band of 110 settlers observed an early Canadian Christmas at a fortress near what is now the city of Quebec, in 1535.

The most precious of the scanty food supplies were set forth for a Christmas "feast" — in the courageous spirit that enabled the tiny band to hold out till spring.

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December 24-25, 1620

December 1620 marked the landing of the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock. A site for the first home in the new settlement was selected on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day construction began.

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December 25, 1776

On December 25-26, 1776, George Washington crossed the Delaware. He surprised, and put to rout, Hessian soldiers employed by George III.

The surprise attack was greatly assisted by the fact that the Hessians were sleeping off the effects of their Christmas celebrating!

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December 24, 1814

On Christmas Eve in 1814, the Treaty of Ghent was negotiated between the U. S. and Great Britain. This ended the War of 1812.

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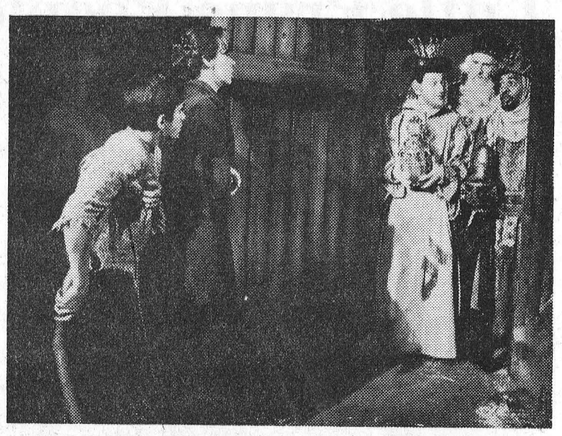
December 24, 1871

First performance of Verdi's opera, "Aida," took place on Christmas Eve, 1871, in Egypt.



YULETIDE OPERA . . . Among television highlights of the Christmas season is presentation of Gian Carlo Menotti's Yuletide opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors." Singers in the classic presentation of the two past holiday seasons include, left to right, Kurt Yaghjian as Amahl, Martha King as the mother, and John McCollum, Richard Cross and Willis Patterson as the Three Kings.

Buzzing with Holly

An English tradition of long ago says that sprigs of holly should be placed in beehives at Christmas. This stems from a legend that, at the Manger, bees gathered to hum a hymn of joy.

Outdoor Shrubs For Decorations

Many trees and shrubs, perhaps some in your own yard, produce attractive foliage suitable for holiday decorations. Some can be brought in the home for trim, others can be decorated for outside.

Foliage plants include Magnolia, pine, hemlock, Chinese fir, cryptomeria, pittosporium and aucuba gold dust.

Popular shrubs include Carolberry, Snowberry, varieties of roses, such as Rose Multifora, also many assortments of Viburnums and Euonymus.

American holly is best known, but there are others, such as Yaupon, Deciduous holly, Chinese holly and English holly.

Try decorating any one of these that you have in your yard. Bring some in your house, perhaps an assortment of branches, or brighten up your yard with lights on shrubs.



As carolers sing their Happy Christmas songs, we add our voices to wish you good cheer.

H. S. Lannin Ltd.

Winchester 774-2637



We hope Santa leaves some room in your stocking for our wish of happy times for you and yours. Merry Christmas!

McPherson's General Store

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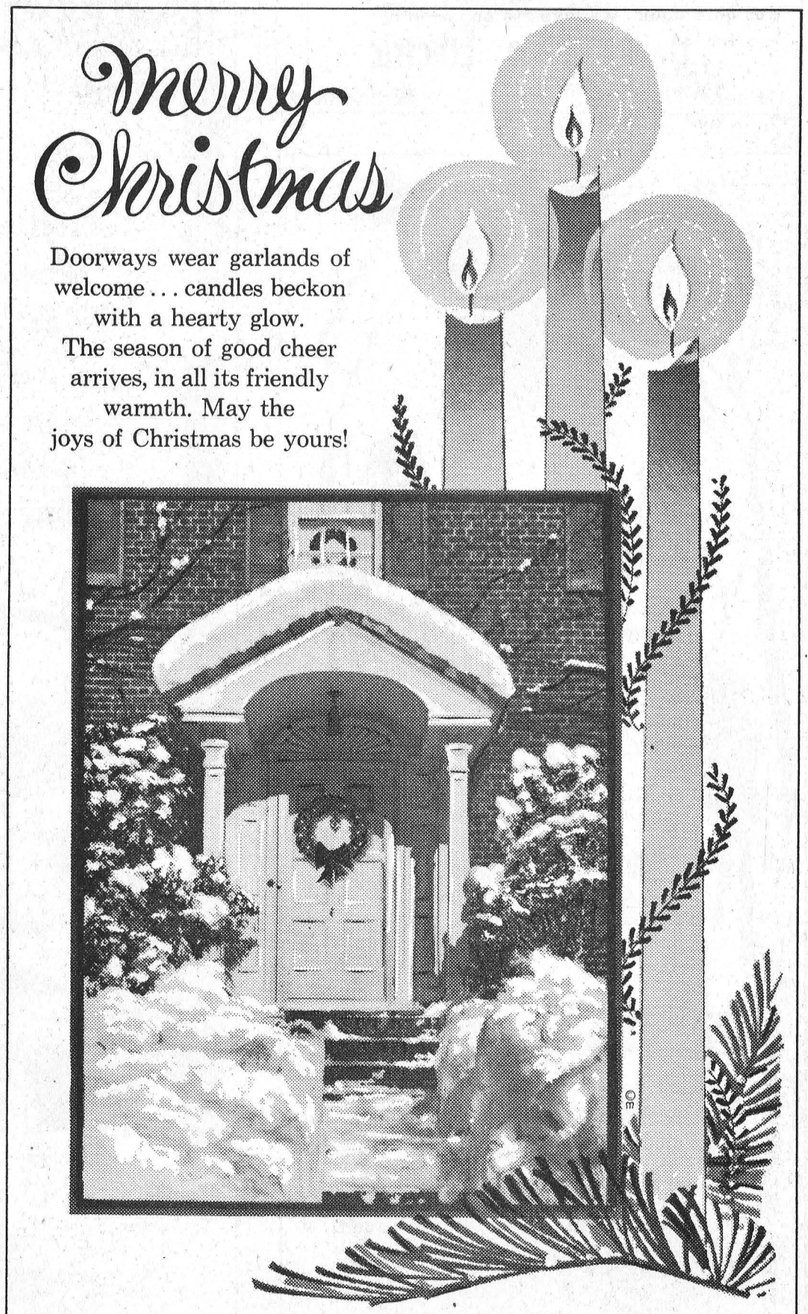

Doorways wear garlands of welcome . . . candles beckon with a hearty glow. The season of good cheer arrives, in all its friendly warmth. May the joys of Christmas be yours!

LaRose Pharmacy

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Santa Claus is here! His pack is brimming with gifts of joy and laughter . . . gifts of happy hours . . . gifts of friendship and good will. We would like to add our warmest thanks to you, our valued customers, for your kind patronage. From jolly old St. Nick and us, Merry Christmas.

Vice and Craig Ltd.

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Fireplace Claims Early Role in Yule Festivity

When Santa Claus comes sliding down the chimney on Christmas Eve, where will he land?

Right in the fireplace, an area that has been a traditional part of Christmas for more years than Santa has worn a red suit!

Before the turn of the century, Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, frequently wore a blue robe, although Clement Clarke Moore, in "A Visit from St. Nicholas," pictured him as "clad all in fur, from his head to his foot."

But for centuries, the fireplace has been a treasured and often vital part of the home.

The fireplace as it exists today—that is, the firebox along the wall, with a chimney instead of an open fire in the middle of the room — dates from about 1066.

Built of Wood

Early fireplaces were built of wood or wicker, but they proved so dangerous that in the year 1419 the City of London decreed that henceforth fireplaces be made of tiles, stone or plaster, under the penalty of being demolished.

A greatly improved system of making tiles was adopted by the Dutch from the Spaniards following the Treaty of Breda in 1609, and paved the way for more elaborately decorated ceramics on fireplace facings, walls and mantels.

The use of such tiles for fireplaces soon spread to England, and then to the Colonies.

Skilled Dutch craftsmen decorated ceramic tiles with designs of oranges, grapes, tulips, vases of flowers, ships, sea monsters, landscapes, horsemen and royal portraits.

The English used similar pictures and added many charming scenes designed by renowned artists, including Kate Greenaway, famed for her Christmas card designs.

Set a Precedent

These tiles were used both to line the fireplace and on mantels and other surfacings, setting a precedent for modern fireplaces.

In America, the Pilgrims built crude stone fireplaces, then constructed their log huts around them.

Today, as in those earlier years, ceramic tile remains a practical and decorative surfacing material for fireplaces, and the home owner has a far wider choice to work with than did early home builders.

More than 250 different ceramic tile sizes, shapes and textures are supplied by American manufacturers, says the Tile Council of America.

Just as in the early days, special decorative tiles give the fireplace a distinctive touch of elegance to greet Santa when he arrives, via the traditional route.

Of St. Nicholas

Long before Santa traveled by sleigh, St. Nicholas, special guardian of children, set forth on foot, or rode by horse or donkey, to bring gifts to European homes.

The good saint's day is December 6th, and "on the eve of his festival day," writes an Encyclopedia Americana authority, "St. Nicholas makes his tour, visiting palace and cottage.

"The children place receptacles for the gifts, which St. Nicholas is expected to let fall down the chimney. . . . Sometimes shoes are neatly polished for the purpose, at other times plates, or baskets, or stockings, or specially made shoes of porcelain.

"St. Nicholas' steed . . . is not forgotten. For him the children put water and hay, or carrot or potato peeling, or a piece of bread in the shoe, or basket, or stocking.

"In the morning from the tipped-over chairs and general disarray in the room it is evident that St. Nicholas has been present.

"Replacing the oats, or hay, or carrot are found sweets and playthings for children who have been good. For bad children, rods are left, and the fodder is untouched."

CHRISTMAS POETRY QUOTATIONS

CHRISTMAS BELLS
LONGFELLOW

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?
FRANCIS P. CHURCH

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and lives forever.
A thousand years from now, Virginia,
nay, ten time ten thousand years from,
he will continue to make glad the heart
of childhood.

TRANSLATED FROM
JOSEPH MOHR, 1818

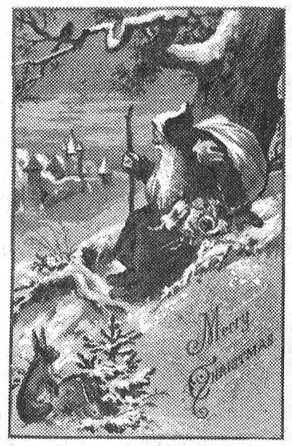
Holy night, peaceful night,
Wonderous star lend thy light!
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King,
Jesus the Saviour is here.

CHRISTMAS
G. MacFARREN
(before 1580)

Le's dance and sing and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.

TUSSER

At Christmas, play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.



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ST. NICHOLAS, who preceded Santa as a Christmas gift giver, was pictured on an 1870 greeting card as a monk-like figure.



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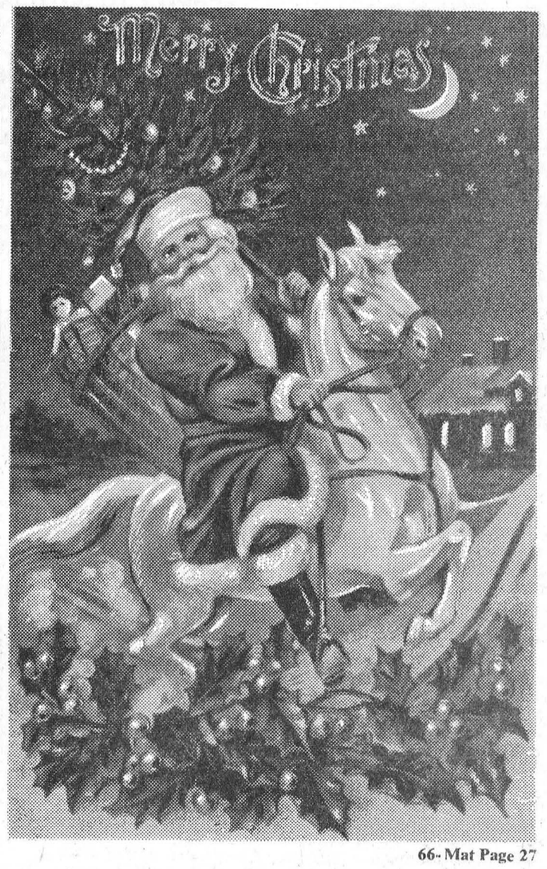
FATHER CHRISTMAS, a rather stern resident of the North Pole, appears on this turn-of-the-century greeting card.



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METAMORPHOSIS OF SANTA CLAUS, FROM St. Nicholas in a monk's blue robe, to jolly St. Nick in a bright red suit, can be traced in the history of Christmas greeting cards — witness this 1909 card. The gift giver here, who looks somewhat like the modern Santa Claus, wears a red jacket, but his trousers, like St. Nicholas' robe, are still blue, and he is mounted on a hobby horse rather than a reindeer-drawn sleigh — the historical result of the introduction into American folklore, by early Dutch settlers, of St. Nicholas on a horse. The 1909 Santa carries his gifts in a straw basket, which later became the Christmas sack of toys. Cards shown are from the Norcross Historical Collection.

PLANT HOLLY

Holly can be grown in any sunny spot. Although a slow growing tree, a Holly will produce ample Christmas trim in a few years. Holly likes well drained soils and should never be planted closer than 15 feet from a house.

CANDLELIGHT

Except for Santa Claus and the tree, nothing seems so bright at Christmastime as cheerful candlelight. More and more in every land, simple candles and exquisitely designed candles decorate windows and tables for Christmas and New Year festivities.



We're sending best wishes of the season to you and yours. Have a Merry Christmas!

Sayant Garage

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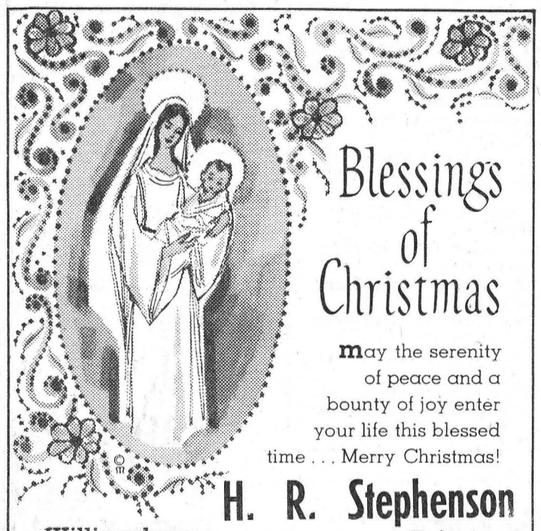

Blessings of Christmas

may the serenity of peace and a bounty of joy enter your life this blessed time . . . Merry Christmas!

H. R. Stephenson

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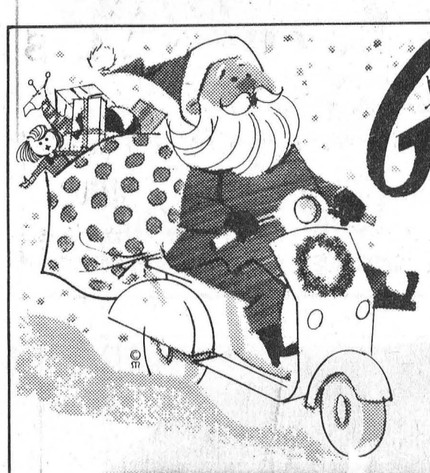
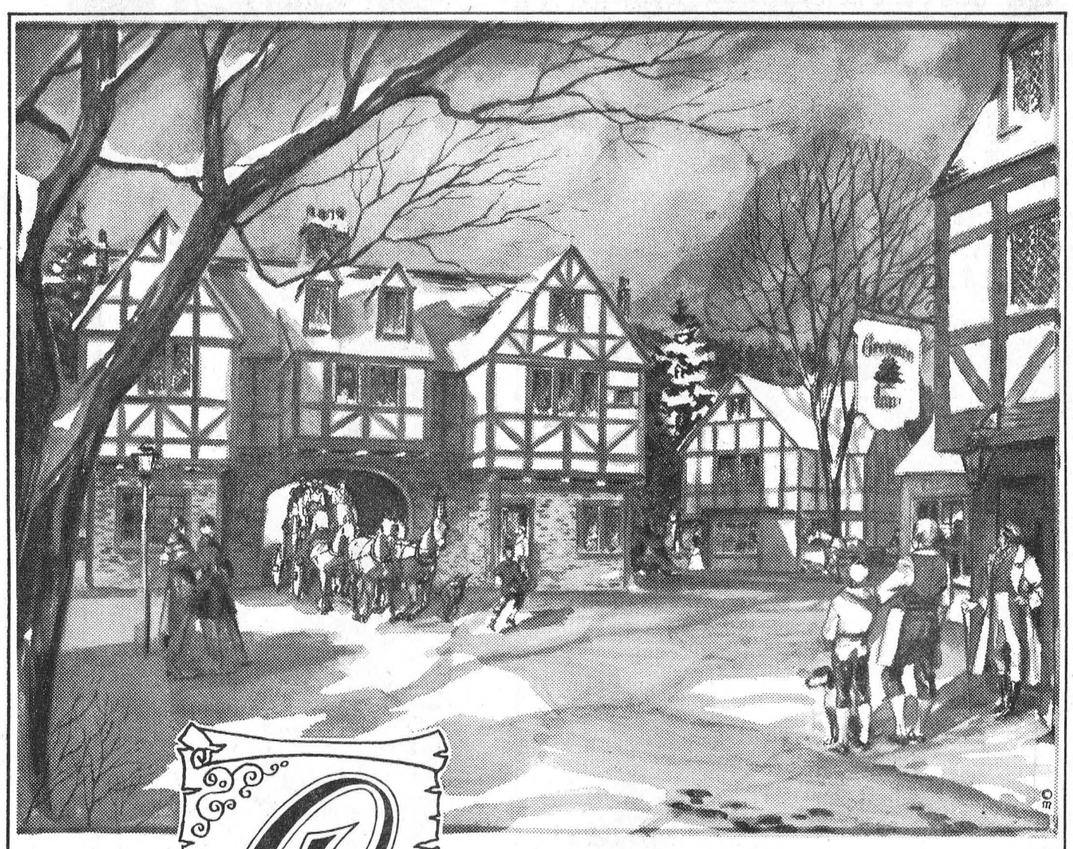


GREETINGS

Santa may be going modern, but our Christmas wishes for you are still old-fashioned: good cheer, full table, and warm hearth with smiling faces. To you and yours we sincerely send our warmest holiday greetings.

McVey Brothers

Phone 157 Metcalfe



Greetings

Out of our yesterdays come the Yuletide traditions of happy greetings and cordial hospitality. In this spirit, we extend to all our good friends, a wonderfully warm and truly old-fashioned "Merry Christmas!"

Johnston Motor Sales

Phone 258-3403 Kemptville



MERRY CHRISTMAS

As the season of good will comes to us once again, we take the opportunity to bid our friends a Merry Christmas!

Harry McNeill Store

Phone 989-2175 Mountain



Peace

"Good Will to all men." May your Christmas be truly joyful!

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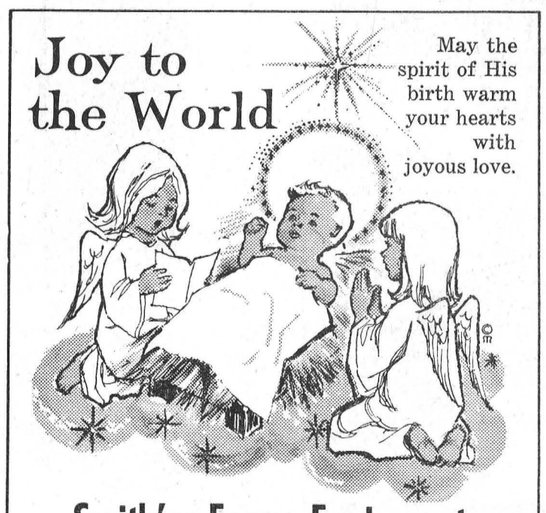

Joy to the World

May the spirit of His birth warm your hearts with joyous love.

Smith's Farm Equipment

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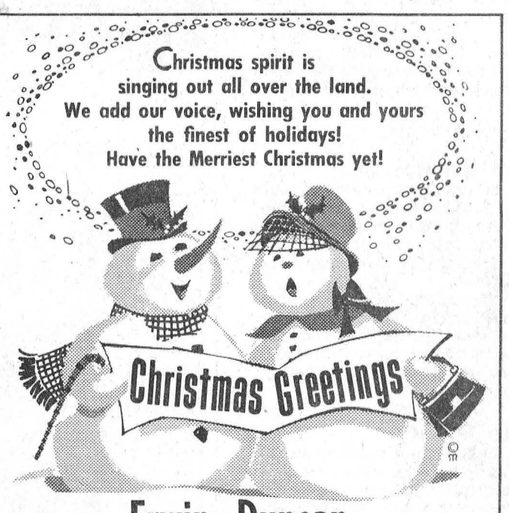

Christmas spirit is singing out all over the land. We add our voice, wishing you and yours the finest of holidays! Have the Merriest Christmas yet!

Christmas Greetings

Erwin Duncan

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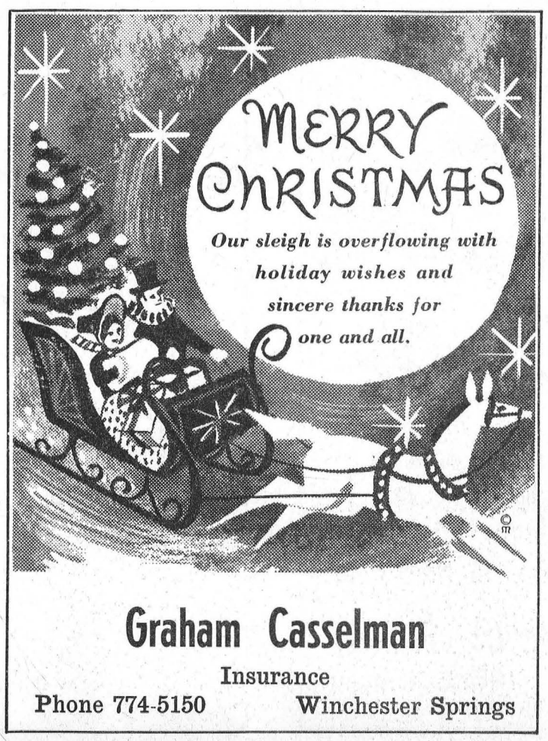

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our sleigh is overflowing with holiday wishes and sincere thanks for one and all.

Graham Casselman

Insurance

Phone 774-5150 Winchester Springs



Greetings

May Christmastime joy and laughter be yours on this happy holiday . . . and may we gratefully thank you for your patronage.

Durant's Flowers

Phone 448-2060 Chesterville

Yule Customs Reveal Many Variations

Cherished memories, heartfelt joys, children's laughter — everywhere, these mean Christmas.

The spirit of Christmas knows no boundaries. It lives in the hearts of men in many lands. Though its message of joy is always the same, the legends and lore of the season are as varied as the peoples who celebrate the Holy Birth.

Customs of each country may be similar, yet marked by their own individual character.

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In New Mexico

The Santa Domingo Indian pueblo, in New Mexico, performs a four-day-long sacred ritual dance in honor of the Christmas season.

It begins at two A.M. Christmas day. After midnight mass, the Indians gather inside the church. They are clad in colorful costumes, adorned with everything from fox tails to evergreen branches.

The dancers carry on their ceremonials until daylight. At dawn the Indians move to their sacred plaza in the center of the village, where they continue dancing throughout Christmas day.

On the second day the children dance, and the older members of the tribe take over for the third day. On the last day the entire pueblo joins in the day-long ceremonies.

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In California

Communities as well as countries have their own special way of celebrating Christmas.

In Joshua Tree, Calif., this small community transforms itself into a replica of Bethlehem. The story of the first Christmas is re-enacted, with the main street serving as a giant stage.

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In Newfoundland

Citizens of Newfoundland show their Christian ethics with the Christmas custom known as "Fishing for the Church." On this day huge quantities of fish are caught and brought by the parishioners of a village to the church, where they are sold. Proceeds of the sale go toward buying firewood for the curate.

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In Czechoslovakia

It's customary among the Czechs to break off a cherry tree branch, at the beginning of Advent. The branch is placed in a pot of water in the kitchen and kept in the warm air.

At Christmas time, it's hoped, the twig will burst into bloom and make a festive decoration.

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In Scandinavia

The Jultomten is a friendly gnome, who not only brings gifts to Scandinavian children but guards the household and farm as well. To keep him happy, the children give the cattle extra fodder and leave sheaves of grain for the birds on Christmas Eve.

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In Turkey

A unique holiday tradition in Turkey requires the head of the church to throw a wooden cross into the Bosporus. On Christmas Day, three boys dive after it.

The finder takes the cross from house to house and receives in return food and gifts from those who are allowed to see the cross.

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In Iceland

Since trees are scarce in Iceland, families must use their ingenuity in creating a Christmas tree. A pole with branches of greenery tied to it is the solution in many Icelandic homes. And the valuable real trees are saved for industrial use.

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In Norway

The Norwegian Christmas traditionally starts six months before December 24th. The celebration itself lasts three weeks. The period is known as the Julafred, or the Peace of Christmas.

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In Finland

Just before Christmas Day, families in Finland take a sauna bath. This is the traditional steam bath taken in a hut with a stone oven.

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In France

Traditionally, adults in France do not exchange gifts until New Year's Day,

In some French villages, shepherds bring their lambs to church on Christmas.

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In Liberia

Liberians use an oil palm in place of the traditional fir as a Christmas tree. The palm is decorated with red balls, other palm leaves and ferns.

How It Began

'Green Christmas' Traces Heritage To Ancient Times

A sprig of mistletoe, a holly wreath, an evergreen tree — these and other decorations of greenery come into homes at holiday time — and tradition blooms.

The "green Christmas" is an ancient custom, more universally observed than a "white Christmas."



In the joyful Yuletide spirit, we sing out fondest greetings to our wonderful friends and neighbors.

Weagant Farm Supplies

South Mountain

In earliest times, at the pagan winter festivals, evergreens and winter-blooming plants were prized for their promise of spring and the sun's return. For the first Christians, the same greenery symbolized life eternal.

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"The Holly and the Ivy." As the old Christmas carol indicates, both holly and ivy share an ancient heritage as holiday greenery. Early characterization of holly as masculine and ivy as feminine goes back to pagan games, with "the holly and the ivy" in friendly competition.

A later tradition says that spiny-leaved hollies are "he" hollies, while the smooth-leaved plants are "she" hollies. The kind of holly brought into the home at Christmas determines whether "he" or "she" will be head of the house for the coming year.

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"Rosemary, that's for Remembrance." When Shakespeare wrote this famous line, rosemary was not only for remembrance—it was for Christmas decorating, too.

Rosemary, a fragrant herb that remains evergreen in warm climates, is no longer used as a holiday decoration, but it still retains its legendary connection with Christmas.

The legend says that, during the flight into Egypt, Mary spread the Holy Infant's clothing on a rosemary bush to dry. At once, the bush became sweetly scented, and its pale white blossoms turned to a lovely blue.

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Mistletoe for Luck. Today, a meeting beneath the mistletoe brings good luck in the form of a kiss.

Ancient peoples believed that mistletoe had a more positive control over luck, good and bad. A bit of mistletoe hung over a doorway was said to ward off evil.

A later belief suggested that mistletoe could bring bad luck. If mistletoe boughs put up for Christmas are not removed by Candlemas Eve (February 1), this belief holds that each leaf will bring forth a goblin to remain for the rest of the year, harassing the household.

THERE'S MAGIC

The Danish Christmas Eve dinner features rice porridge, containing a "magic" almond that brings good luck to the one who finds it.

Gift Wrap

The smallest gift will look impressive in a gaily wrapped package. Use shelf paper, scraps of material or odd ends of wallpaper. To tie your package use strips of cloth cut in ribbon widths with pinking shears, or bright colored yarns. Pack your gifts in unusual containers — such as flower pots, small basket, decorated oatmeal boxes, coffee cans or paper plates with bright seals.

MINCE PIE

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring of mince pie was said to represent the rich gifts the wise men brought to the Christ Child.

Yuletide Beauty Is Reflected In Legends of Flowers and Greens

Flowers burst into bloom and trees and shrubs were green with new leaves on the night of the Saviour's birth, so legend says. Down through the ages, certain flowers and greens have held an honored place in the lore of Christmas — the holly and the ivy, mistletoe, rosemary, the Christmas rose, the thorn tree.

Ancient peoples believed that mistletoe had powers to ward off evil or cure a variety of illnesses. Druid priests of Britain, long ago, believed that mistletoe should be cut with a golden knife, then hung over doorways as a protection from evil. The Greeks, too, used it to ward off evil.

One of many legends surrounding the poinsettia tells of a poor Mexican girl who, having no gift of value, humbly placed some roadside weeds at the foot of a statue representing the Virgin and Child. Instantly, the weeds became scarlet blossoms and thus, so the legend says, the poinsettia was created.

Rosemary, the symbol of constancy, was at one time widely used in England as a Christmas decoration. During the Victorian era, it lost popularity and is now seldom, if ever, seen as part of the Yuletide greenery.

An old story says that the fragrance of rosemary was given to it when Mary placed the Christ Child's garments on this shrub.

Like mistletoe, the brightly-berried holly was early credited with magical and medical powers. It could even, legend said, tell girls the name of their future husbands.

GREENS FORBIDDEN

Until about 565 A.D.., the use of evergreens for decorations at Christmas was forbidden by church authorities.

Honoring Christmas, In Poetry and Prose

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all year."

So wrote Charles Dickens, for whom Christmas was a favorite topic — so much so that most people, asked to name someone who wrote about Christmas, would immediately answer, "Dickens."

Not only Dickens, but almost every writer, from the little-known to the famous, has been inspired at some time in his career to "honor Christmas" in prose or poetry. For instance —

At Christmas I no more desire a rose
Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled mirth,
But like of each thing that in season grows.
William Shakespeare

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At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.
Thomas Tusser

For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.
John Greenleaf Whittier

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England was merry England, when
Old Christmas brought his sports again.
Sir Walter Scott

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I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And soft and sweet the words repeat,
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep."
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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So shall we learn to understand
The simple faith of shepherds then,
And clasping kindly hand in hand,
Sing, "Peace on earth, good will to men!"
James Russell Lowell

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"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."
Clement Clarke Moore

Stocking Is Just Legend?

Did a spinster hang up the first Christmas stocking? Legend says yes, but history says no — or at most, "Maybe."

History casts a dubious eye on this "origin" of the Christmas stocking custom. The spinster probably didn't have a stocking — not in the fourth century.

St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop, secretly gave gifts of gold for the dowries of poor spinsters. His method was to toss the gold down a chimney by night, at Christmas.

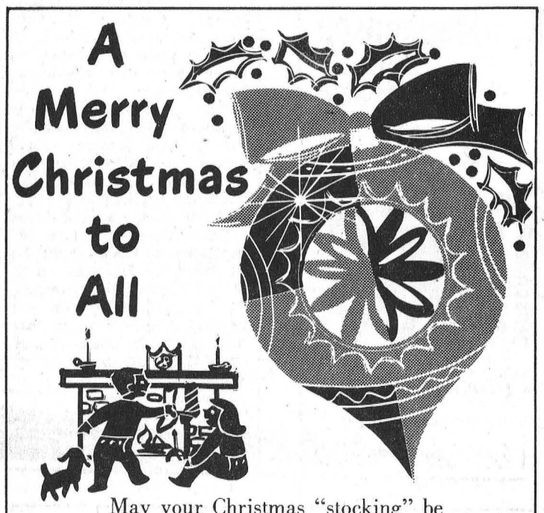
On one occasion, so legend says, the gift landed in a stocking, hung by the fireplace to dry.

Knitted form-fitting hosiery was unknown until the thirteenth century. Earlier, people wrapped cloth or rags around their feet as substitute for modern stockings.

Even after William Lee invented the stocking frame, a more efficient method of production, in the late 1500's, it was some time before the poor could afford to buy stockings.

History makes one concession to the legend tellers. Paintings from Pompeii show that early Romans did wear some form of stockings, even before the birth of Christ.

A Merry Christmas to All

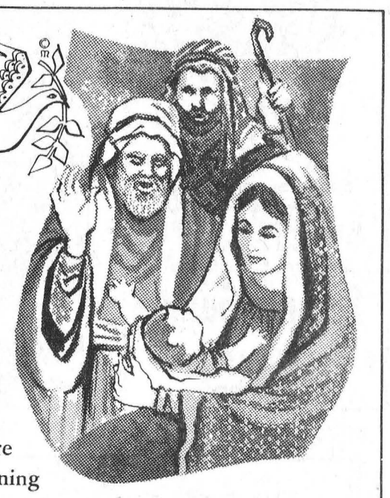


May your Christmas "stocking" be filled with every good thing you wish for . . . we'd like to add a note of thanks for the nice gift you gave our store — a fine customer!

S. B. Simms and Sons

Phone 989-2049 Mountain

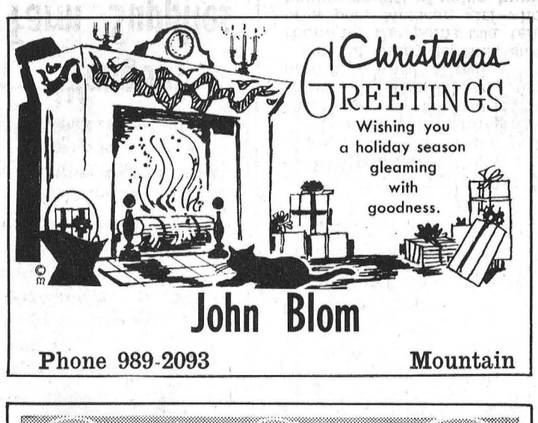
O, HOLY NIGHT



The stars are brightly shining . . . it is the night of the dear Saviour's birth. Joyous season's greetings to one and all at Christmastide.

Lorne Armstrong

Phone 989-2808 South Mountain



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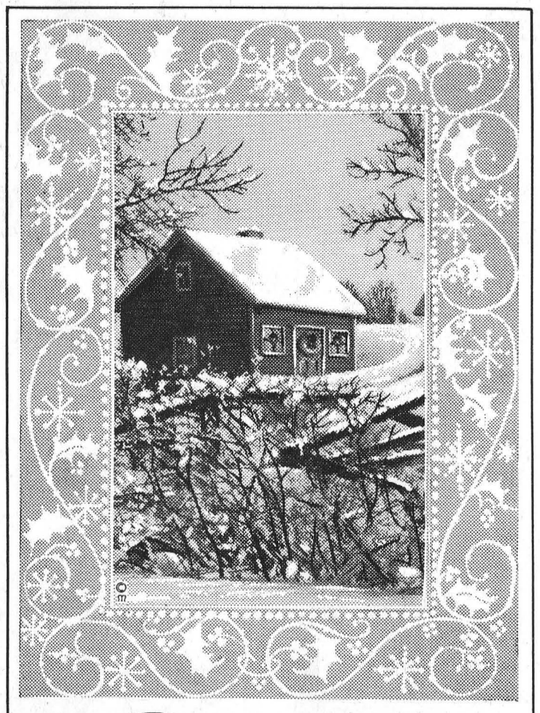

Greetings

May the peace and serenity of this holiday season dwell in the hearts of all. To our customers and friends, our greetings, good wishes and grateful thanks.

Crowder's Insurance Agency

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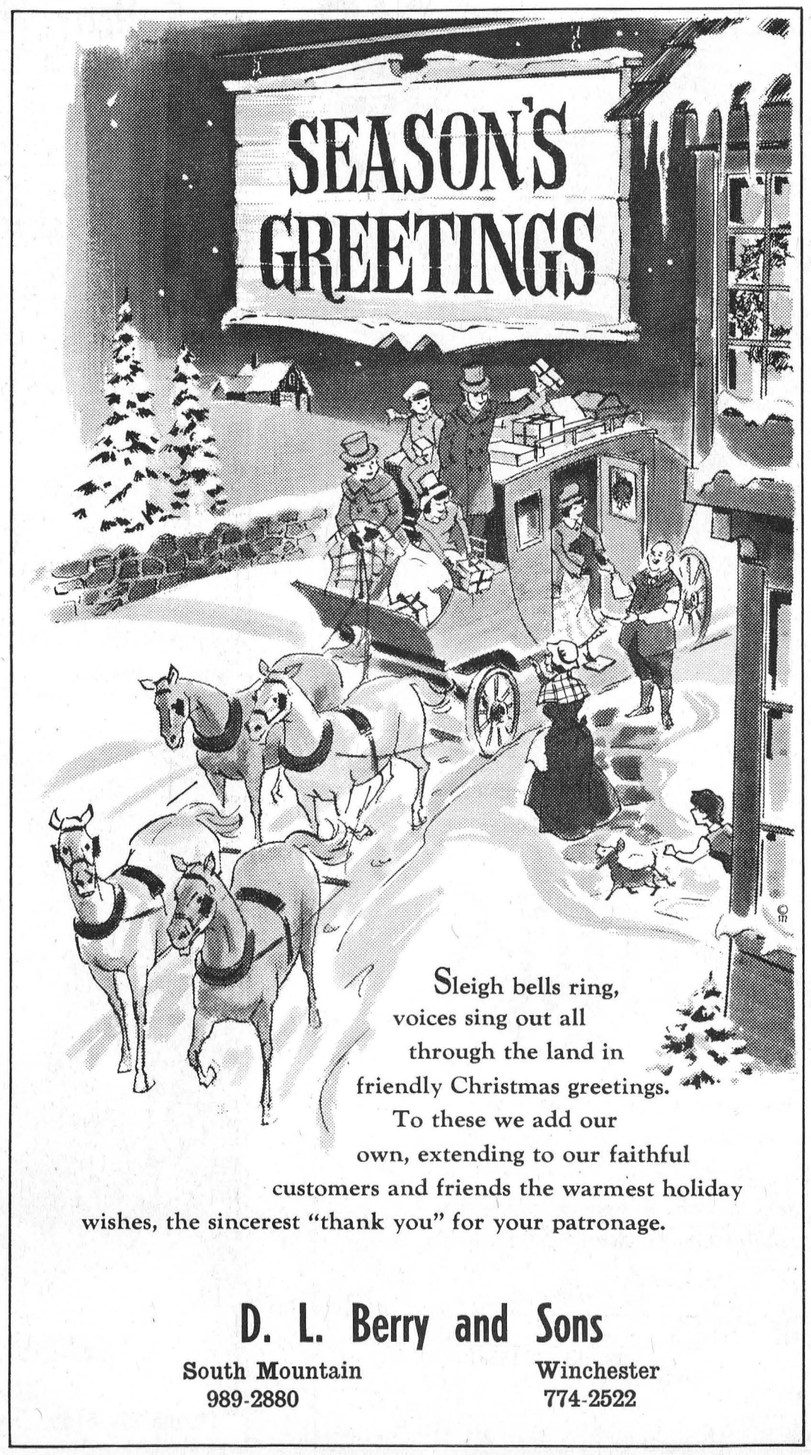

Sleigh bells ring,
voices sing out all
through the land in
friendly Christmas greetings.
To these we add our
own, extending to our faithful
customers and friends the warmest holiday
wishes, the sincerest "thank you" for your patronage.

D. L. Berry and Sons

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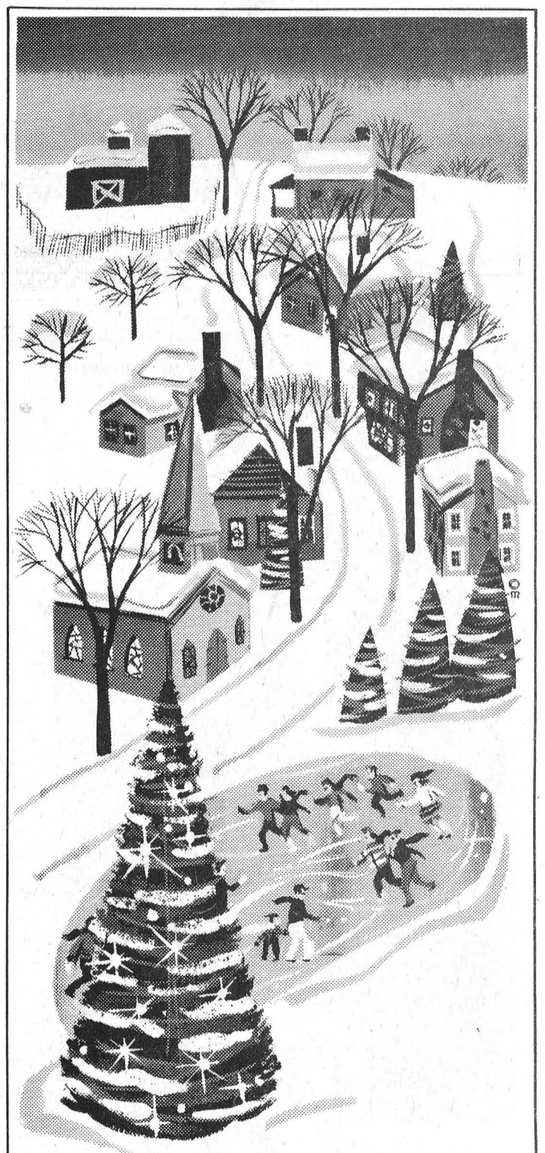

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our wish to you this happy season: days full of joyous holiday spirit, a heart brimming with good will for all, and a host of friends, both old and new. A very Merry Christmas to you and yours.

A. T. Allison and Sons

Phone 989-6025 Inkerman

With Reverence and Wonder,
We Greet a Glorious Day . . .

CHRISTMAS in CHURCH

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day in Winchester churches. Each village church will celebrate the birthdate of the Son of God with commemorative services.

St. Matthias Anglican will present a Choral Eucharist in the sanctuary at 11.30 p.m. December 24 to herald the coming of the great religious holy day. Regular service on Christmas Day.

At the Wesleyan Methodist Church Rev. W. R. Schamehorn will speak on the topic, "The Price of Peace" at 10.45 a.m. service. Music will be presented in solo, "The Holy City." Christmas evening at 7.30 members and friends of the church may join in the Carol Service.

A "Festival Family Service" is scheduled for 10 a.m. Christmas Sunday in the Winchester Baptist Church. The Explorer Choir under the direction of Miss A. McDonald will present the Christmas Story in song. A piano forte duet will be presented by Mrs. Harry Mussell and daughter, Mary. Rev. George Cawfield will speak on the topic "What The Christmas Tree Said To Me." On this occasion only Sunday School will be forfeit to the special Christmas morning family service.

"The Blue Prince of Prophecy" will be Rev. W. C. Inglis' topic at the December 25th Sunday morning service in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Rev. Inglis will present in solo as part of the service his favourite Christmas carol. Morning service is at 11 a.m. Christmas night at 7.30 congregation and friends are invited to join in the the Carol Service. Mrs. Hugh Wilson will direct the choir and music.

10.30 a.m. service in Winchester United Church on Christmas morning will radiate with words and music. Topic of Rev. A. J. MacDonald will be "Good News and Great Joy." Christmas morning soloist Mrs. F. M. Cass will sing "Gesu Bambino." Both senior and junior choirs under the direction of Mrs. Howard Fetterly will offer selections. "Let Earth Receive Her King" will be the senior presentation, and "The Beautiful Hills of Judea" will be the junior selection.

Christmas services in the Bethany Chapel will feature Christmas messages and song.

WINCHESTER Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1966



Beautiful Holiday Lights

At Yuletide Winchester is beautiful with lights and decorations. Homes on every street radiantly glowing with spectrums of colour in the brisk winter nights give warmth, and broadcast contentment and joy to the dark skies. The extent of the decoration of the village's businesses and homes never ceases to amaze the resident and passer-by alike. There has been a happy acceptance of the tradition in the village to light up not only in the holiday but through the entire winter season. And with Centennial year just a week away all homeowners are being urged to leave their decorations intact to play a part in the Cetennnial celebration scene.

There is not a street, in fact hardly a home in the village that does not show some light in the Christmas vein. In the centre section of the village business places are lighted and pole decorations are in place to compliment the giant lighted tree in centre town.

Traffic in the evening hours on the streets is heavy with sightseers by the score making rounds of streets to view the splendour of light. Sunday evening, side streets after church services were completed were as busy as freeways.

A lighted example of the home decoration that can be seen all over town is the Fred Street West home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson. Floodlit with coloured bulbs in the shrubs and spiralling high in the air to a star atop the television tower, the home presents a picture of night-time beauty.

—Press Staff Photo

Unfortunately not all in Winchester appreciate and enjoy the lighted Christmas scene. A despicable situation of bulb snatching has plagued some residents and no doubt discouraged others as well as themselves from lighting up. Theft of bulbs or entire strings of lights has plagued the Christmas scene and been the cause of outrage and sadness not only of the expense but of the hard work, time and thought given to making the community happier and brighter in the holidays.

Skating Starts To-night

There's no doubt that Christmas is the thing foremost in the minds of most children right now, but there is one other thing that they can hardly await.

There will be skating this week-end. With the continued co-operation of the weatherman skating will start to-night in the Community Centre and continue Friday and Saturday evenings. Flooding of the big ice surface started last Sunday when the weatherman decided it was time for winter, and the temperature has hovered in the zero ranges since that day and the ice has been building up under a fine spray of water.

Only one innovation in the proposed schedule of events for the upcoming arena season. Friday evenings will be designated on a trial basis for public skating from 7.30 to 10. Thursday, the former skating night, will revert to minor hockey or other events.

Broomballers use the ice on Monday evening from 8 until 10. Pee Wee Town League Hockey starts Tuesdays at 6.30 and the public skaters take over at 7.30. Each skating session will be accompanied with music.

Wednesday evening minor hockeyists return with Bantams at 6.30 and Midgets at 7.30. Pee Wee Town League goes again Thursday night 6.30-7.30. Public skating Friday night at 7.30.

Busy, busy day on Saturday with Pee Wees starting things off at 9, Duffers and school children sharing ice 10-11.30. 1 to 2 p.m. is Bantam hockey, 2 to 3 Midget hockey, and the evening is for public skating.

Season tickets for skating are now on sale at the arena and Flora's Agency.



Snow Queen

North Dundas District High School Snow Queen Faye Hutt finds sitting beside a nice warm fireplace much more enjoyable than the cold outdoors of December days. No doubt while near the fireplace the lovely young lady will let her thoughts turn to Christmas and maybe come Christmas eve a Snow Queen's stocking will be hung.

A Grade Ten student at North Dundas, Faye was elected to her regal position by fellow students and collected more votes than ten other entrants. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norbie Hutt of Winchester.

What do pretty girls like to find in their stockings on Christmas morning? — Press Staff Photo.

Press Next Week

Although it will be an abbreviated work week, there will be an issue of The Winchester Press between Christmas and the New Year. The paper will appear Thursday morning, December 29 as usual.

With regard to the holiday week and the completion of the Christmas shopping season, no doubt the announcement of first of year sales will appear in advertising columns, and holiday news and personal notes. Publishers suggest any holiday news with regard to Christmas be called in or left at the business office no later than Tuesday noon.

In Midst Of Construction

Memorial Hospital Full Accreditation

Winchester District Memorial Hospital now holds status of full accreditation. Hospital officials received official notification of the awarding of the accreditation on Friday from Executive Director of the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation Dr. W. I. Taylor. Memorial Hospital serves a population of 25,000 in sections of Dundas, Carleton and Stormont Counties.

In making the announcement Hospital Administrator H. P. Stel on behalf of the Board, Medical and Hospital Staff termed it "extremely pleasing." Notice of accreditation came simultaneously to Board Chairman George Suffel, the Administrator, Chief of Medical Staff Dr. W. M. Byers, and President of Medical Staff.

YEAR'S WORK

For the past twelve months the hospital had held provisional accreditation as announced January 6, 1966. Provisional accreditation is first official acceptance with reservations for recommendations of improvement of the acceptability of the hospital under the standards of the Accreditation Council. Full accreditation for the hospital recognizes Winchester District Memorial as a hospital that in the eyes of the public, medical and related professions is constantly improving the quality of patient care and uniformity of hospital operation. And in the expert opinions of the Council has complied with the high standards that are required for such accreditation.

ORIGINAL SURVEY

Survey for provisional accreditation was October 12, 1966. The survey recommended several changes and/or improvements for the hospital at that time. Many of these have been completed and will be augmented by others at completion of the present construction project. Survey for accreditation was completed by Dr. D. D. Campbell of Hamilton on November 7th. Accreditation is in essence the first step in a continual program of improvement in patient care that must be maintained. Each accreditated hospital is under survey every three years and recommendations and suggestions offered by the Council. A hospital is not allowed a static position, it must progress in the opinion of the survey or accreditation may be withdrawn.

Channel of accreditation is as such: application of hospital for survey, survey, possible provisional accreditation, re-survey within a year, and continued provisional or full accredited status dependant upon survey. In the case of the Memorial Hospital it will be a Merry Christmas with almost immediate report from the council on accreditation award.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Basic prerequisites for accreditation are seven essential services in the administration division: a board of governors responsible for all phases of hospital operation, a self governing medical staff; and nursing. Seven services in the administration division are dietary emergency, laboratory, medical library, medical records, pharmacy and radiology departments. Each of these services are provided at Memorial Hospital.

An interesting but vital sidelight to the accreditation is the recommendations that come with it. An example of one recommendation as revealed by Mr. Stel was the Council's suggestion that an X-ray unit be installed in the operating room for many reasons. Alternatives suggested were for relocation of one old unit now in the hospital or preferably purchase and installation of a new portable unit. Financially such a unit as required would cost approximately $12,000. It is in the field of fund raising for such machines that so many groups and individuals of the hospital area contribute so well.

The Future

Envisaging the future of the hospital, officials can foresee within a very few years need for development of the out-patient department, diagnostic facilities such as X-ray, emergency and laboratory. Expansion of the out-patient section is part of the current program as well. Primary services such as dietary, boiler, medical records and others already expanded or being expanded will suffice for many years. In the matter of beds, population will be the deciding factor. As the population in the service area grows the bed capacity must grow.

Winchester District Memorial Hospital accredited and growing better for a better to-morrow.

100 Club Digs Deep To Help

Christmas, the true meaning of Christmas, was apparent in the hearts of the entire attendance at the Winchester 100 Club meeting last Thursday evening. Reaching into their pockets Centurians donated more than fifty dollars to the Vanderwal family of Mountain. The Vanderwals were left homeless without any personal possessions after a fire.

Santa Claus, or a very attractive facsimile, visited the meeting also and assisted members in the exchange of gifts around the Christmas tree. In the holiday spirit Mrs. Jessie Fetterly and a young boys' choir presented seasonal selections. Dr. W. M. Byers gave the choir members a small gift on behalf of the Club.

Basil Dawley presided at the meeting, program director was Walter MacDonald. Grace was said by Leroy Boyd, and the Creed related by F. M. Cass.

On the business side the Winter Carnival Committee headed by Keith Carkner was advised to make their plans known soon. Other members of the group are Walter Shadbolt Howard Willard, Jack Fisher Jack Hatcher, Ray VanNoy and Charles Anderson. New club executive officers will be installed at the January meeting.

East Carleton Junior Farmers Elect Jean Shields

Jean Shields is the new president of the East Carleton Junior Farmers. She succeeds Jim Arbuckle who handed the chairman's gavel to the new president at the annual meeting of the club in Vernon.

Bruce Dow acted as chairman for the installation of officers. President Jean Shields, vice president Doug. Forget, secretary Brian Dow, treasurer Glen Irven. Heather Bellinger is publicity director.

County directors are Doug. Forget, Jean Shields, Brian Dow and Margaret Campbell; representative to Federation of Agriculture, Floyd Fisher; representative to Metcalfe Fair Board and Safety Council, Jim Arbuckle. Auditor is Winston Bellinger, and committee for sending cards and gifts, Judy Waddell and Margaret Campbell.

Mr. Arbuckle was presented with a past president's pin by his successor who also presented the past president's trophy to outstanding second year member Floyd Fisher.

Nurses Working Again

Nurses of the Public Health Unit of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry resumed duties Monday morning.

Medical Officer of Health Dr. L. M. Emard said the nurses were back on the job "as usual." They had resigned in a body from their positions September 12 requesting the Board of Health to accept the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario to bargain on their behalf. Negotiation will begin immediately.

At present, scheduling of activity allowed to lapse during the nurses' absence is underway.

FOR CHRISTMAS

Winchester's Centennial gift to all residents will be delivered soon after Christmas. The Centennial pins for distribution to all village citizens have been received and the Centennial Program Committee will discuss ways and means of distribution at a meeting early in the new year.

Merry Christmas

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A Merry Christmas

With sincerity, hope and thanks may we wish one and all a Merry Christmas.

There is no other time of year when so much satisfaction and joy can be read into life and into the faces of everyone. It is a time of thanksgiving, of joy, and hope. Thanksgiving for what has passed and left us with the joys of knowing to-day and and hoping for a continued bright to-morrow.

May it be a very Merry Christmas for you and yours.

Christmas is a time of lighted streets, decorated trees, brightly wrapped presents, double helpings of turkey, excited laughing children, smiling happy adults, joyful reunion with loved ones, the greetings, the holidays, the merriness. And behind it all each realizes what we celebrate. It is a birthday. The birthday of Christ Jesus.

In the truest sense of the expression may we at The Winchester Press wish you Merry Christmas.



A Dollar Here And There

A recent study by the National Industrial Conference reveals some very interesting statistics about the standard of living of workers in the United States compared to those in Russia. The figures for Canada could be roughly comparable to the southern giant.

Taking as a measure of living standards what a man can buy with what he earns, or, conversely, how much earning time it takes to purchase certain things, we find that:

1. An American worker must work for 17 minutes to purchase a pound of butter — a Russian worker works for 2¼ hours for the same product.

2. A Russian worker to purchase a pair of nylon stockings works for 5 hours —An Amercan for half an hour.

3. It takes an American only three minutes to earn enough for a pound of sugar — the Russian worker three-quarters of an hour.

4. To obtain a pair of men's shoes it takes 41 hours working time in Russia compared to six hours for the American.

5. A pound of bread requires a Russian to work for 23 minutes, while an American puts only six minutes of effort forward for the same result.

These are eloquent comparisons of two standards of living under two different ideologies, and the figures quoted are for necessities, not for luxuries. Although the Russians have made significant gains in living standards since 1960, it has been because they are leaning toward a competitive democratic form of living. The Utopia the revolution of fifty years ago was to create has not materialized.

The comparison should serve as a reason for the rededication of Canadians to a competitive democratic system of enterprise and government that has created our high living standards..



"YOU SURE THERE AIN'T ANY VIET CONG TYPES HEREABOUTS..?"

we get letters...

December 16th, 1966

The Editor,
Winchester Press

Dear Sir:

You may be aware of the fact that the Winchester District Memorial Hospital has been making efforts to obtain a certificate of accreditation, as issued by the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation.

This Council sets standards which, if the hospital meets them, are a very good indication that a good quality of patient care is being provided to the patients in the accredited hospital.

The Council obtains the information as to whether or not a hospital has complied with the Standards by means of surveys conducted by its field staff representatives.

The first such survey was held on October 12th, 1965 with the result that this hospital was awarded "Provisional Accreditation Status."

A number of recommendations were made at the time, to be implemented by the hospital within 12 months, or before the next survey, to be held within a year of date of first survey.

The second survey was held on November 7, 1966, and this hospital received word from the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation by letter, dated December 12, 1966, that "Full Accreditation Status" has now been awarded by Council to this hospital.

Very gratifying news for the Board of Directors and the staff of this hospital indeed and of sufficient importance to warrant conveying this information to your excellent paper.

May I ask, therefore, that the information as contained in this letter be used by your paper in its reporting of the "District News" which, as you undoubtedly know, will be of great help to this hospital in its efforts to keep the citizens of the hospital's designated area informed about their hospital.

Your kind help in this regard will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

H. P. STEL,

Administrator
Winchester District
Memorial Hospital

Largest Lighted Tree

It is believed that a tree in California's red wood forest stands 364 feet tall. This tree was first deocrated and lighted in December, 1945.



If you are willing to forget what you have done for others and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more in the foreground; to close your book of complaints against the universe, and look for a place to sow seeds of happiness — if you are willing to do these things even for a day, then you can keep Christmas.

Believe that the needs and desires of little children are to be considered; and remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts. Believe that love is the strongest thing in the world — stronger than hate, stronger than evil and stronger than death. You will be Keeping Christmas.

The Seventh Column

Point zero eight or .08. It matters not which way you read it. It does matter, though, that you remember this important figure. As pointed out in a CTV special last week this is the small percentage of alcohol in the blood that causes impaired driving. Matter of fact, the experts after many, many tests believe faulty driving is caused by an even lower percentage. As yet, they are not prepared to say how low the figure should be. But with the Yuletide season upon us and a fair amount of celebrating going on, the best figure you can adopt right now, if you are driving, is .00 — NONE. Just about every man, his dog, cat and wife take a nip or three at Christmas and New Year's. More often than not the one drink leads to another, and another and another. Sensible drinking, if there is such a thing and we think there is, goes under the table almost as fast as the drinker as the holiday spirit and the year-end parties take over. We are not suggesting that you don't take a drink. It wouldn't do any good, we suspect. But what we are suggesting is to not only drive defensively but to drink defensively. In other words, if you are driving to and from a party, the office or from somewhere to anywhere over the festive season, please do not drink. If you do, just keep in mind that two or three smashes of whiskey are all that it takes. If you think this is a lot of nonsense, you're wrong. You could be DEAD wrong.

We all have a podnah from the West who says our little town is "real pretty" this year. We have to agree. It is! Seems the business people and the residents alike just naturally get together and light up this village like a giant Christmas tree. And there are so many compliments from near and far that it is simply impossible to mention all of them. For a most enjoyable evening pack the whole family into the car and go for a drive—around town. You'll find it a beautiful experience with the real spirit of Christmas fairly flowing from every home, every street. And remember the Centennial committee would very much appreciate if you would leave the lights up a little while longer this year to start the New Year off on the right foot as this great country starts its 100th birthday celebrations.

It was the genuine spirit of Christmas that moved members of Winchester 100 Club at their Christmas meeting last week to shell out a few out-of-pocket dollars to help a destitute family in near-by Mountain. To these members and to the countless others in the area who are helping out, Christmas this year will be something just a little better. And with this in mind may we take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for the many personal greetings we have received from near and far and to wish you and yours a Christmas filled with peace and good will. Merry Christmas Everyone!

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Another Viewpoint

Here's a look at Canada which may give many Canadians a new view of their country. It is taken from the Chicago Sun-Times and is entitled "Canada, That Wonderful Country." Here it is as written by Travel Editor Wade Franklin:

"As a summer vacation land Canada is hard to beat. In fact, where is there a place that can even tie it? What does that vast land have to offer one pleasure bent?

Well, for one thing the border is less than a day's drive away in the family car whether you go east or north. Once across the border you are in a foreign land but a land that is not so very different from your own. There are just enough differences to add piquancy.

Canada is a pleasant, prosperous, scenically thrilling land with no problems whatsoever. No problems? None. Positively none.

You will, of course, read in Canada's newspapers of violent political differences in Parliament. And you will probably hear some grumblings by people you meet. That's just the nature of human beings.

Canada is rich beyond the wildest dreams of most countries on earth, and getting richer every year. The standard of living is as high as our own, maybe higher. Name any problem that besets much of the rest of the world — border disputes, religious differences, racial turmoil, poverty, hunger, over population, illiteracy, disease or whatever — and you'll find that if Canada knows anything about them at all, its troubles are so minor in comparison with the rest of the world that they are hardly worth mentioning.

That's the impression of Canada after vsiting 64 foreign countries which put their stamps in my passport."

ALL THE JOYS OF Christmas

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley



Christmas comes but once a year.
In fact, it's just ahead.
But have you heard the bad news?
Santa Claus is dead.
He didn't have a stroke,
In fact it's difficult to say
What made old Santa croak.
Some say it was exhaustion,
Some say it was a clot;
But others seem to think he conked
From smoking too much pot.
Chimney-pot, that is, of course,
He wouldn't touch the other.
But what an anti-climax,
For Santa just to smother.
At least he could have fallen
From his sleigh and made a splash,
Or run into a satellite
With one almighty crash.

I know it's going to be hard to explain that to your kids, but that's your problem.

The revelation contained in the above doggerel is my personal campaign against the assortment of creeps going around smelling up the atmosphere with their God-Is-Dead garbage.

There's just as much truth, and just as much common sense, in my report about S. Claus as there is in theirs about God.

I don't care whether they are eminent clerics or half-baked beatniks, the God-Is-Dead crowd is dead wrong. He may be out to lunch occasionally, but He is not dead. He is very much alive. And you can go tell that on the mountain, my folk-singing friends.

Sorry if I sound a bit heated at this time of peace and goodwill and four-color ads for whisky and perfume. But I've had enough of the complete current scene for a bit. Quite enough of psychedelic sensations, and clever little clergymen saying glib things, and young people with open mouths who swallow anything that flies into them, and simple-minded, earnest "liberals" who bore the hell out of me trying to explain things far beyond them.

There, it's out. I'm just a ruddy old reactionary, after all. And I don't give a diddle. Never in my life have I had a desire to be one of the "in" crowd, and I have no intention of starting now.

First of all, what is Christmas all about? Is it not a celebration, in the Christian world, of the basic tenet of faith: that God gave man the greatest gift in his power, a son, a living, breathing manifestation of His concern for the muddled, wrong-headed, two-legged creatures who make such a muck of things on their own?

He gave man this gift only once. But every year for 20 centuries, its celebration has renewed peace and joy and love in the world, even if only for a short time. That's quite a gift.

Now, Santa Claus is a little different. He's been in business only for about a century. He brings something different every year, and all his gifts can be broken, lost or worn out.

Already, a lot of people are getting a bit sick of Santa. We see him everywhere: on floats, in department stores, at Christmas concerts, in beer advertisements. He looks a little different each time. And he spends two months of the year leering at us from all directions and ho-ho-ing like the village idiot.

He's like everybody's jolly old grampa. But after two months of white whiskers, belly laughs and urgings to buy, buy, buy, even jolly old grampa should be sent off to the funny farm.

How would you like to have God around for two months a year, every day and night, right where you could see him? And what's worse, where He could see you.

What we've got to do is stop treating God like Santa Claus. A visiting clergyman told us on Sunday the story of a family that wanted something very, very much. They prayed for it. And prayed and prayed, the whole family, as hard as they could, for a week. Nothing happened.

In despair, the father said, "Well, I guess God didn't answer our prayers."

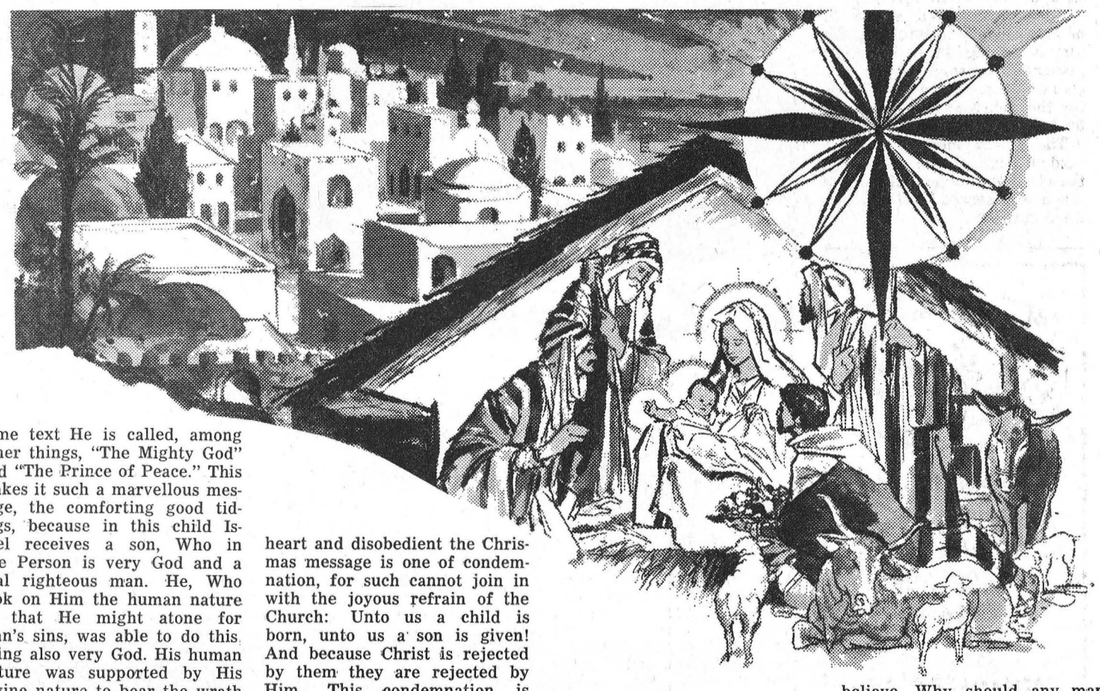
His little daughter piped, "Sure He did, Dad. He said no."

That's faith. God is alive. Christmas is real. And if you have enough faith, maybe you'll find that the rumor about Santa's untimely demise is false, and that he's alive, too.

Toronto Telegram News Service

Christmas is real

Meditations... by REV. CECIL W. TUININGA



Isaiah 9:6—"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

In these words the prophet Isaiah gives us a marvellous advent message. It has its setting in a prophecy concerning Israel's deliverance. Israel will be delivered because of the "child" that is to be born to her and because a "son" will be given her. Because of this Israel's deliverance will be joyful, complete, and permanent.

At first sight this pronouncement makes little sense. One may rightly ask: How can the birth of a child, or the gift of a son, be a comforting advent message? Children are born every moment and many thousands of families receive a son every day. In Isaiah's time this was also partly true. Besides, what can a child do to save a people? Why must an oppressed nation rejoice in the gift of a son? It even sounds a little ridiculous.

This advent message cannot be "good tidings" if we lose sight of the exact wording. It is not a family that speaks these words, but a nation. A nation will give birth to a son, and in that birth is a divine gift. This son is none other than the Christ-child, the Redeemer promised to Israel of old. In this same text He is called, among other things, "The Mighty God" and "The Prince of Peace." This makes it such a marvellous message, the comforting good tidings, because in this child Israel receives a son, Who in one Person is very God and a real righteous man. He, Who took on Him the human nature so that He might atone for man's sins, was able to do this being also very God. His human nature was supported by His divine nature to bear the wrath of God against the sins of the whole human race, so that He might deliver lost sinners from the guilt and penalty due to sin.

In our present time, when Christmas is commercialized beyond recognition, we are apt to forget the real message of Christmas. To the proud of heart and disobedient the Chrismas message is one of condemnation, for such cannot join in with the joyous refrain of the Church: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given! And because Christ is rejected by them they are rejected by Him. This condemnation is certain, for Scripture says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." — John 3:16 The Christmas message is the Gospel message. He who rejects it is eternally lost.

It is surprisingly strange that all men want to celebrate Christmas but many don't want the Christ of Christmas. In the "child" and "son" God has given for man's redemtpion is that gift that surpasses all comprehension, a gift so royal as to include eternal life to all who believe. Why should any man reject this great gift? Or why should anyone pretend to celebrate the birth of Christ, the world's only Redeemer, while rejecting Him to his own eternal condemnation? Let us rather accept this message and join in joyful praise of Him Who thus is our eternal Saviour.

Mac Arbuthnot Heads Eastern Ontario Dairy Princess Group

"Being Ontario Dairy Princess is a worthwhile experience," stated Dolly Ann Edmunds of Cobden, Ontario Dairy Princess. She was speaking to the annual meeting of the Eastern Ontario Dairy Princess Committee. Present were several Dairy Princesses who will be competing in 1967 for the title of Ontario Dairy Princess. She also said that girls should be prepared to go on in competition and felt that married women had a disadvantage when competing.

Her meeting with Queen Mother Elizabeth was one of the outstanding experiences in her visit to Great Britain. She said that the Queen Mother had had a conversation with her about Canada. Her highlights of the trip were interesting and told in an unaffected manner.

Mrs. Sam Rathwell, Navan the first judge from Eastern Ontario to sit on the Ontario Dairy Princess judging, mentioned some of the things to watch for. She said that memorizing does not give a good impression and she felt that sometimes statistics and poetry were overdone.

Orvil Guy, Winchester, and Alvin Stewart, Richmond, members of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board, said that the calibre of Mrs. Rathwell's judging had received many favourable comments. They also mentioned that the quality of rural girls taking part in this competition was outstanding.

They also hoped that the newly formed County Milk Marketing Committee would take a more active part in the Eastern Ontario Dairy Princess Committee. The 1967 committee will contact all county milk marketing committees to appoint representatives to this active committee.

Mrs. John Campbell, Vernon, and Mrs. E. L. Macartney reported on the activities of the Dairy Princesses at the Central Canada Exhibition and the Ottawa Winter Fair. Bruce Wheeler, Manotick, representing the Manotick Kiwanis, reported on the Dairy Princess Workshop and thanked the Dairy Princesses for selling milk at the Central Canada Exhibition.

John Campbell, Vernon, retiring president, said that the committee was very pleased with the work that had been done in the past year. Mr. Campbell was the first chairman of the committee and much of the work and success of the committee is due to him.

Thirty persons attended the annual meeting held in Country Kitchen Restaurant for a noon meeting. Elected to chairman was Mac Arbuthnot, Russell, with John Vanden Bosch, of Chesterville, as vice chairman. Mrs. John Campbell was elected secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Macartney press reporter.

Dairy Princesses present included: Maureen Arthur, Lanark County; Barbara Burton, Russell County; Isobel Blair Glengarry; Edna Pyper, Dundas; Betty Casselman, Stormont, and Mary Campbell, Carleton.

Teachers Meet

Mrs. Ruth Campbell, District Director, gave an informative speech on the history and organization of Ontario Teacher's Federation, at the monthly meeting of the Dundas Branch held at Morewood recently.

Everyone enjoyed a glimpse of local history through the display of "Things From The Past" presented by some of the teachers. Delegates were chosen for the February Conference to be held in Toronto.

The March meeting will be held in Elma Public School. At the close of the meeting a tasty lunch was served by the Morewood teachers.



Achievement Day Honours Dundas 4-H Homemakers

Three Dundas County 4-H Homemaking Club members received provincial honours for the completion of twelve projects and six received County honours for the completion of six projects. Marjorie Shaver and Gail Nelson of South Mountain and Brenda Link, of Winchester No. 1 Club were provincial winners.

Carol Hart, Colquhoun; Joy Shaver, Matilda; Mary Ketelaars and Ada Meerakker of South Mountain; Karen Fawcett, Winchester No. 1, and Diane Durant and Donna Swerdfeger, Winchester No. 2, received County honours.

Presentation of county and provincial honours highlighted the Homemaking Achievement Day of the project "The Milky Way." During the morning section of the event members reviewed information detailed in the project. Record books and individual baked custards were on display for the more than fifty visitors to the afternoon program.

A five year leadership award was presented to Mrs. Cecil Dennison of Colquhoun. Sterling silver 4-H Homemaking Club spoons were distributed to members and leaders completing the project.

Cheryl Dennison of Colquhoun commented on her club's exhibit, The Magic Milk Bottle. Milk on the Invalid's Tray was displayed by South Mountain, with Marjorie Shaver giving the commentary. Janice Casselman of the Winchester No. 1 Club commentated on her club's exhibit, The Milk Bar. Mary Mussell commented on Winchester No. 3's Milk-Made Desserts.

Matilda Club members Lana Adams, Lois Flegg and Christine Mellan took part in a skit, The Whole Family Needs Milk. Linda Casselman and Dawn Clark were partners with an automatic milk pasteurizer in their demonstration, Play Safe With Milk. What Milk Did For Molly, Mountain No. 2 skit, was performed by Deborah Blaine, Janet Vedder, Barbara Ann Hoy and Sandra Fetterly. Winchester No. 2's presentation, Making The Most Of Dairy Foods, was offered by Donna Swerdfeger, Dianne Durant and Rita Van Leur.

Achievement Day was directed by club leaders, County Home Economist Mrs. Alison Murray, and visiting Home Economists Mrs. E. Hayes and Mrs. B. Miller.

Spring project "Sleeping Garments" will commence with the training school for leaders on Wednesday and Thursday, January 11 and 12, ten a.m. to four p.m., Ontario Department of Agriculture Building, Winchester.

PICTURE

Leader of the Colquhoun Club, Mrs. Cecil Dennison, was presented with a five year leadership award.

BIRTHS

Following is a list of recent births at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital:

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Leduc, of Crysler, a son (baby died).

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Cameron, of Winchester, a daughter.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lalonde, of Morewood, a son.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holmes, of Winchester, a daughter.

On Monday, Dec. 19, 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. William Fleury, Newington R. R. 1, a daughter.

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BAPTIST MISSION CIRCLE

The Afternoon Group of the Baptist Women's Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. Jas. Ferguson last Wednesday with 11 ladies in attendance.

The president opened the meeting with a Christmas thought, and Mrs. Carkner led the devotional based on the Christmas Story.

Miss Jessie Robertson reported on the box sent to India lately containing $17 worth of canned goods, and it was decided to send another one at work was discussed and the date for sending it in was set for April 24, 1967. It will cost 25 cents per lb. for shipping.

The Reading Course was discussed and it was decided to send for books again this year and also send gifts to the missionaries in Bolivia, where the need is great. The topic, given by Mrs. Harrison McDiarmid was on Christmas, with its story of the birth of Christ.

As this was the treasurer's birthday, the meeting closed with a birthday party for Mrs. Ferguson, so well deserved.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Over 100 were present Saturday evening in Club 31 Hall and enjoyed a pot luck supper and family Christmas party held for members and friends.

Following supper community singing of Christmas carols was held. Several Chinese auctions were conducted. Mrs. Dier sang two solos accompanied by Mrs. Audrey Stewart as pianist. The Thompson girls step-danced and the Acres girls' trio sang several numbers. Games were enjoyed by the children, and dancing followed. All enjoyed the pleasant evening.

DANCE ENJOYED

Last week Club 31 sponsored a dance which was well attended, with Harold Woods' orchestra. The next dance will be held on January 14 in the same place with the same orchestra.

North Russell WI

Christmas prevailed at the December 13th meeting of the North Russell W. I. in the Institute Home.

Members exchanged gifts and donated gifts for children at the Smiths Flals Hospital School A committee of three, Mrs. Eldon Pual, Mrs. Harold Harten and Mrs. Lawrence Allison are to purchase and deliver gifts to the shut-ins of the community and patients in the Davidson Rest Home.

Readings were given by Mrs Morgan Johnston, Mrs. Celland Hamilton and Mrs. Ernie Hamilton. Mrs. Orton Harrison won the contest. Mrs. Robert McCallum presided.

SPEAKING COURSE

Jim Arbuckle, president of the East Carleton Junior Farmers, will attend the third annual Effective Speaking Course for Junior Farmers. The course will be held at Albion Hills Conservation School December 27-30.

K.A.S. Instructor in English and Economics, Nelson Hawn, will present the course. Purpose is to train Junior Farmers in speaking and teaching technique . Participants receive instruction and practical teacher training.

LATE MRS. J. MacDIARMID

The funeral of Mrs. John MacDiarmid of Crysler was held from the Vice and Craig Funeral Home, Winchester, to Winchester Springs United Church on Sunday afternoon with Rev D. L. Gordon officiating, assisted by Rev. W. W. Craig. Mr. Vernon Bell, student minister, of the church, rendered the solo, "Beyond The Sunset."

Mrs. MacDiarmid, the former Hattie Gainer, second daughter of the late James Gainer and Almira Ulman, was born in Roxborough township in 1877. In 1895 she married John MacDiarmid of the Maxville district. They farmed in the Casselman district for a number of years and then moved to Cass Bridge where they farmed until they moved to Crysler in 1951. Her husband passed away in 1953.

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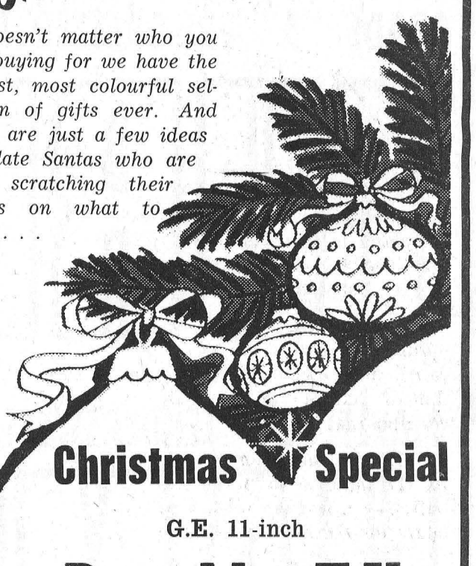
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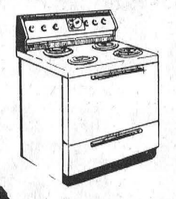
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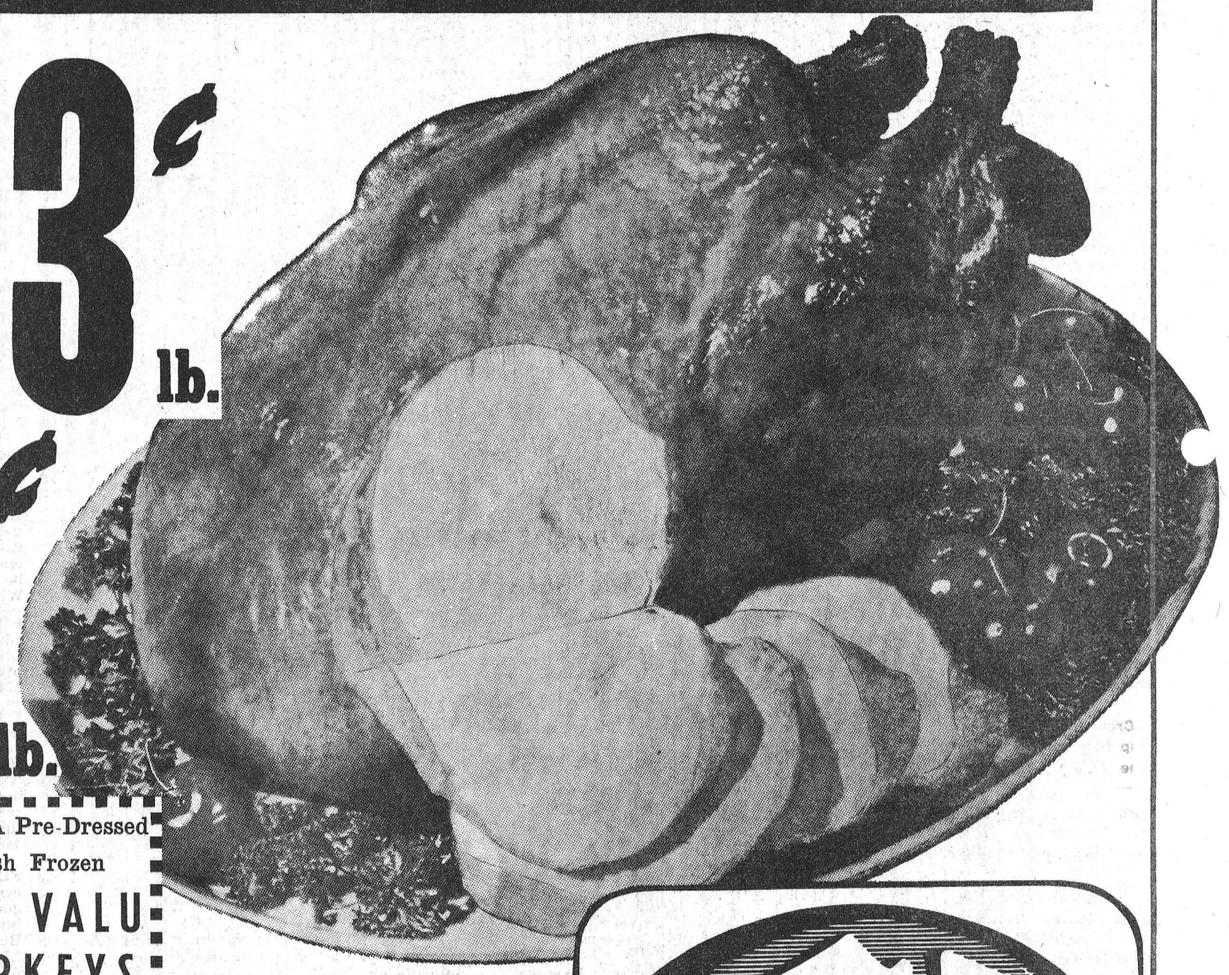

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CARD OF THANKS—I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to relatives, neighbours and friends who remembered me with cards, flowers and visits while I was a patient in Winchester and District Memorial Hospital. A special thanks to Dr. Wm. Byers and Dr. D. Justus; the nurses and assistants for their excellent care. All these acts of kindness will long be remembered.—Mrs. F. R. Weagant. 33c

CARD OF THANKS — With grateful hearts, we wish to express sincere appreciation to our relatives, friends and neighbours for messages of sympathy, floral tributes, In Memoriam gifts to various organizations and many acts of kindness during our recent bereavement in the loss of a beloved husband and father, John M. Fader. Your kindness will be held in our hearts with grateful remembrance for many years to come. —Mrs. John M. Fader and family. 33c

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CARD OF THANKS—To our neighbours and friends of Winchester Springs who planned such a delightful surprise of farewell gifts and brought them to our new home in Brinston Saturday, we would like to convey our special thanks. It was certainly a joyous surprise and each gift will long be cherished. We would be most happy to welcome one and all at any time.—Jay, Irene and Charles Bailey. 33c

CARD OF THANKS—My sincere appreciation and thanks to the nurses and staff for all the kindness and care shown me while I was a patient in Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Thanks to Rev. Inglis for his calls and to my many friends and relatives for the beautiful flowers, gifts and letters, cards and visits while there and since my return home. Special thanks to Dr. Howard Justus for his excellent care. These kindnesses will long be remembered.—Mrs. Clara Walker. 33p

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IN MEMORIAMS

HALL—In memory of my father, William Hall, who passed away December 15th, 1963.
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33p —Daughter Alice

CASSELMAN—In sad but ever loving memory of Aden H. Casselman, who departed this life December 22nd, 1964.
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FOLKARD—In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Mrs. George Folkard, who died accidently on December 25th, 1965.
Sometimes it's hard to understand,
Why some things have to be;
In His wisdom God has plans
Beyond our power to see.
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Upon the path you trod,
We bless the years we had with you,
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THOMAS—In loving memory of my dear mother Mrs. Percy Thomas, who passed away December 27th, 1964.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the matter of the Estate of EMMA MARQUETTE, late of the Township of Mountain in the County of Dundas, widow, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to The Trustee Act, that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of EMMA MARQUETTE, late of the Township of Mountain, in the County of Dundas, Widow, deceased, who died on October 20th, 1966, are required to deliver, or send post prepaid, full particulars of their claims to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executors on or before the 31st day of December, next, 1966.

TAKE NOTICE that, after such last-mentioned date, the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall then have been received by them.

DATED at Winchester, Ontario, this 30th day of November, 1966.

CASS & CASS,
Winchester, Ontario,
Solicitors to the Executors
31-33c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

IN THE MATTER OF the Estate of FLORENCE HARRIS, late of the Village of Winchester, in the County of Dundas, Widow, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to The Trustee Act, that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of FLORENCE HARRIS, late of the Village of Winchester, in the County of Dundas, Widow, deceased, who died on August 27th, 1966, are required to deliver, or send post prepaid, full particulars of their claims to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executor on or before the 16th day of January, next, 1967.

TAKE NOTICE that, after such last mentioned date, the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall then have been received by him.

DATED at Winchester, Ontario, this 15th day of December, 1966.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN ARMINGTON PATTERSON, late of the City of Brockville, in the County of Leeds, Retired Machine Operator, deceased.

CREDITORS and others having claims of any kind against the estate of JOHN ARMINGTON PATTERSON, deceased, who died on or about the 22nd day of November, 1966, are hereby required to file their claims on or before the 12th day of January, A.D. 1967, with the undersigned solicitors for the executor of the estate, after which date the said executor will administer the estate, having regard only to such claims as shall have then been received.

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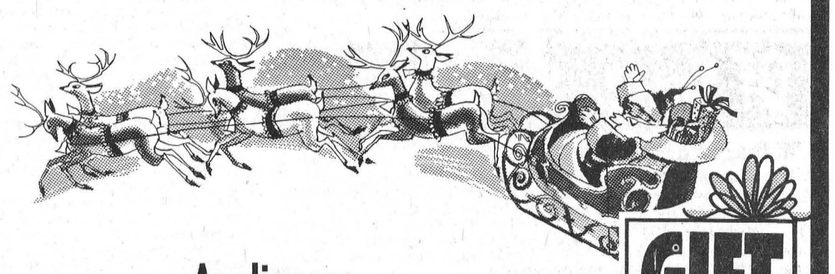

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News From Mountain and District

Mountain

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Richards of Ottawa and Mr. and Mrs. Don Durant of Winchester were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clair VanAllen.

We are sorry to report Mr. Wm. Wood is a patient in the Winchester Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Simms entertained their family to Christmas dinner on Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Simms and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Simms and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Morton and family of Kingston.

Mrs. Harold Clark returned home from a visit in Montreal on Thursday. Visitors Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Don Grey and family of Manotick.

Vesper Service

A very interesting Vesper Service was held by the CGIT in the United Church on Sunday night under the leadership of Mrs. James Baker and Mrs. Oscar Milne. Miss Shirley McLaren led in the readings, and the choir of C.G.I.T. members rendered several carols.

A Nativity Scene done in Indian costume was enacted by several of the younger members which was enjoyed by all.

Mountain W.I. Yule Meeting

The Christmas meeting and party of Mountain Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Jenny Durant. Roll call was answered by finding a Christmas word beginning with each letter of the word "Christmas."

A program was presented in which all present participated. It opened with the singing of Christmas Carols with Mrs. Aleitha Williams as accompanist. A duet by Mrs. Williams and her daughter was enjoyed. Three contests were conducted by Mrs. Nancy Hyndman and Mrs. Mabel Robinson. The one consisted of a questionnaire, the answers to which were different parts of a turkey. The answers to another could all be found in "Tommy's Wee Christmas Stocking." All donned their "thinking cap" and the winners really deserved their prizes.

The evening ended with the exchange of gifts and a tasty lunch. Mrs. Hazel McLaren thanked everyone responsible for making the evening such a success.

Hulbert

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Byvelds and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Mellon have returned home from Toronto after spending three days at the U. C. O. Convention in the Royal York Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Thorpe, Rev. and Mrs. J. Stewart and Miss Luva Thorpe attended the wake of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Cairn (nee Elta Thorpe), of Perth on Tuesday.

Pleasant Valley

Mr. Gordon Corker was a supper visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilmer on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Barclay of Dundela visited on Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Neilson were callers on Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Gilmer.

Rev. A. J. MacDonald of Winchester was the minister on Sunday afternoon at Pleasant Valley Church.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gilmer were callers on Tuesday on Mrs. Jane Blair and Mrs. Rae Merkley of Winchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Somerville were callers in Morrisburg on Thursday.

Pleasant Valley U.C.W. Annual In L.O.L. Hall

The Christmas meeting of the Pleasant Valley U.C.W. was held December 14th in the L.O.L. Hall with 10 ladies present.

Opening devotions were in charge of Mrs. Wm. Somerville who prepared an interesting programme of Christmas readings and the singing of carols. The president then took charge extending her thanks to Mrs. Somerville. After a temperance reading, minutes and roll call, Mrs. Francis dealt with the correspondence received, chiefly based on Stewardship.

As this was the annual meeting, all offices were declared vacant. Mrs. W. J. Gilmer made a motion that the present slate of officers be re-elected, which carried. Various members were appointed to prepare the monthly programmes. The treasurer reported proceeds of $7.00 from the travelling basket; dime cards, $10.70; birthday box $6.35; apron, $10.00. The Society voted $25.00 to the M. and M. Fund. Collection amounted to $2.22.

The meeting closed with prayer and the West group served lunch. A fellowship hour was enjoyed.

North Mountain

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Coleman of Ottawa were Sunday evening callers on Mr. and Mrs. Don Erwin.

Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Coleman were Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Coleman, Debbie, David and Douglas, of Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hyndman and children of Bell's Corners were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hyndman.

We are sorry to report that little Barbara McNair is a patient in the Winchester hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Cook and Sharon attended a Christmas party at Smiths Falls Hospital.

Mr. R. L. Coleman of Chesterville was a Saturday caller on Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blaine and Mr. and Mrs. John Blaine were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Baker of Iroquois.

South Gower Baptist Busy Yuletide Season

Praise Service

(By Mrs. E. Bennett)

South Gower Baptist Church was filled to capacity at their special Praise Service on Sunday, December 11th, when Rev. G. A. Cawfield, pastor, communicated to the congregation a most inspiring and appropriate short message based from the scripture (Micah) on crowning the real King in our hearts this Christmas.

It was music to the ears to hear the South Gower Baptist Church Orchestra render beautiful selections. Thanks go out to all who took part, those who are more often with us and those who so kindly contributed to the enjoyment of the evening, namely Mrs. McMillan violinist; her accompanist at the piano, Mrs. Loucks; solos by Dorothy Van Leur; and Mr. N. Hawn who read instructive passages and poems and also brought with him a musical trio from the Kemptville Agricultural School. A very gratifying sacred evening for all.

Service of Song

South Gower Baptist Church really started something when, about two years ago, the first Service of Song was held. There have been constant requests ever since for similar "Praise" services.

Instrumental music, blending with the voices of the vocalists, will be heard therefore at Saturday evening's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Time of commencement is 7.45 p.m.

The pastor, Rev. G. A. Cawfield, will read specially selected Scripture portions, and the general theme is "Jesus Christ, the World's Light."

All are cordially invited to attend.

Vancamp

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Guy attended the Curry-Lewis wedding in Ottawa Saturday morning.

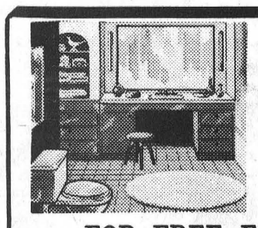
Mr. and Mrs. Lyal Levere and children have moved to Metcalfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bellinger visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ian Reid on Saturday evening.

Special Concert

The pupils and their teacher, Mrs. Donnie Barkley, held a Centennial Concert on Wednesday evening at the Vancamp school. It was an excellent program as they featured life from 1867 to the present generation.

Mr. Ray Guy was chairman and thanked Mrs. Barkley and her pupils for a job well done.



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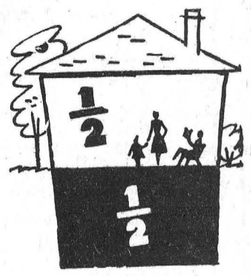

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Williamsburg District News . . .

Mr. Fred Strader nas returned to Newfoundland after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. George Strader.

Mrs. Irwin Empey and Mr Ralph Casselman are patients in the Winchester Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Johnston of Madrid, N. Y., spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garlough.

Callers at the home of Mrs. John Erratt recently were Miss Sharon Wells of Ottawa, Mrs. James Fulton and children of Hulbert, Mr. and Mrs. Morley Erratt and family of Winchester, and Mr. Dennis Millburn of Ottawa.

Of Interest to Women

Williamsburg Annual

The annual meeting of Williamsburg United Church Women was held in the church hall. The president, Mrs. Lyle Hess, presided and opened the meeting with a hymn and prayer, and extended a welcome. Roll call, minutes and correspondence were dealt with.

A thank-you note was received from Miss M. Pharoah, and a letter read from Mrs. A. Woodland asking for names to fill vacancies in the U.C.W. Presbytery. The money to date from the Bazaar amounts to $56.00. The treasurer was instructed to send money on hand on the allocation.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. W. Casselman for her faithful services as an officer in this organization. The president thanked all for the co-operation she had received during her term of office.

Mrs. D. Clemons and her committee of Mrs. W. Casselman and Mrs. Oliver Smyth, had charge of a Candlelight service in keeping with the Christmas season. The theme was "Light And Good Will." The program consisted of carols, poems, a solo by Mrs. Smyth, and a story, "A Legend of Light from India," by Mrs. Clemons.

Mrs. M. W. Locke installed the officers for 1967: Past president, Mrs. Lyle Hess; president, Mrs. Oliver Smyth; 1st vice, Mrs. Wilbur Garlough; 2nd vice, Mrs. Linden Barclay; recording secretary, Mrs. Edwin Deeks; corresponding secretary, Mrs D. Clemons; assistant, Mrs. Gerald Adams; treasurer, Miss Beatrice Saddlemire.

The standing committees were also filled. Mrs. Locke was very pleased that the nominating committee had done so well in filling all the offices.

Dundela U.C.W.

The December meeting of Dundela U. C. W. was held at the home of Mrs. Grace Ault with Mrs. Berness Merkley and Mrs. Ault being joint hostesses. The home was gaily decorated, with the Christmas Season being the theme.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Grace Strader. Scripture reading was given by Mrs. Victor Riddell and prayer by Mrs. Bertram Shaver. Readings were by Mrs. G. Mullins, Mrs. Alton Riddell and Mrs. Don Morrell.

Following the reading of the minutes by the secretary, Mrs. Harold Harkness, roll call was answered by 16 members. A "thank you" note was read from Mrs. Ralph Serviss.

During the business portion of the meeting it was announced that the apron would be handed in at the January meeting to be held at the home of Misses Joan Adams and Hilda Kearns. The group voted $200 to the church funds and $10.00 to the M. and M. fund. It was decided to have Mr. Victor Riddell install a hand-rail along the basement steps. Mrs. Floyd Gilmer was appointed the new treasurer. Mrs. Grace Strader and Mrs. B. Shaver were given authority to purchase and hang new draperies in the S. S. room. It was also decided to serve only shortbread or sandwiches with cookies at the meetings in the new year.

Mrs. Alton Riddell demonstrated the Butterfly quilt made by the ladies of the Keelerville district on which tickets were being sold. An exchange of Christmas gifts was made. There was a showing and sale of the Dundela U.C.W. cook books, and more may be procured from Mrs. Grace Strader Iroquois.

A dainty lunch was served by the hostesses and a vote of thanks was extended to them.

Bingo Winners

Winners at Williamsburg Legion Bingo last week were:

Regular Games — Chas. Holmes, Winchester; Mrs. Henry Parker, Mrs. Ella Ouderkirk, Mrs. Stanley Dillabough, Chesterville; Lee Hummel, Mrs. Don Strader, Dale Richmire, Garnet Frunner, Mrs. McNeely, Mrs. Robert Welch, Mrs. Rose Boivin, E. Richmire, all of Williamsburg; Will Smail, Brinston; Mrs. Tyo, Morrisburg; Ivan Simzer Mountain.

Special Games—Miss S. Richmire, Mrs. W. McGowan, Williamsburg; Mrs. Fred Sullivan, Dundela; Mrs. Francis Casselman, Morrisburg; Mrs. Don Billings, Winchester.

Strader's Hill

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brinston, of Brinston, called on Mrs. Alton Riddell Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hummel spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Sid Froats, Brinston.

Mrs. Bertha Hanson visited Mrs. Esly Pitt, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beckstead this week.

Wins Curling Club Turkey

No worry about buying a Christmas turkey for Walter Bowman of Morrisburg. Mr. Bowman was the lucky winner of the turkey draw sponsored by the Winchester Curling Club.

Mrs. Ralph Serviss spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Lloyd Walker, of Winchester Springs.

Mrs. Ethel Bolton and Miss Edna Swerdfeger of Vancamp spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beckstead and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hodgson, Lyall and Blair, of Toyes Hill, had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Riddell.

Mrs. George Hummel attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Anna Froats at Chesterville last Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Beckstead and Mrs. Cecil Hanson spent Friday in Ottawa.

Mrs. James Cowan and Eileen of Pleasant Valley spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Beckstead and family.

Mr. Wayne Hanson of Ottawa spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hanson and Susan. On Saturday evening he entertained a number of his friends at a Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beckstead spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Wells.

John, Tommy and Donna Hanson of Williamsburg were overnight guests Tuesday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Aden Casselman of Williamsburg had supper on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Wells.

Miss Gail Whitteker of Williamsburg had supper Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Wells and Lloyd spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Eric Casselman and girls of Hoasic.

Glen Becker

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Saddlemire were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merkley, Williamsburg.

We are sorry to report Mrs. P. J. Reddick was in hospital at Winchester where she underwent an operation last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tupper spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Saddlemire.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Larose were Mr. and Mrs. Angus Hurley and Mrs. Hurley Sr. of Seeley's Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hepburn of Russell and Mrs. Gertie Hess of Williamsburg were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Linden Barkley.

Mr. Robert Couglar is at present a patient in Hotel Dieu Hospital Cornwall. We wish him a speedy return to better health.

Miss Ruth Walker of Ottawa visited on Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Shannette.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Saddlemire spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Saddlemire and family.

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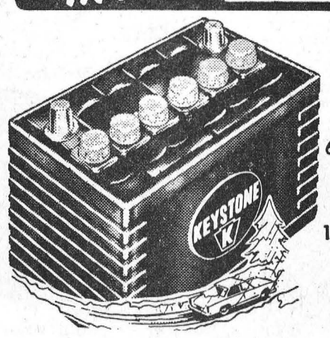

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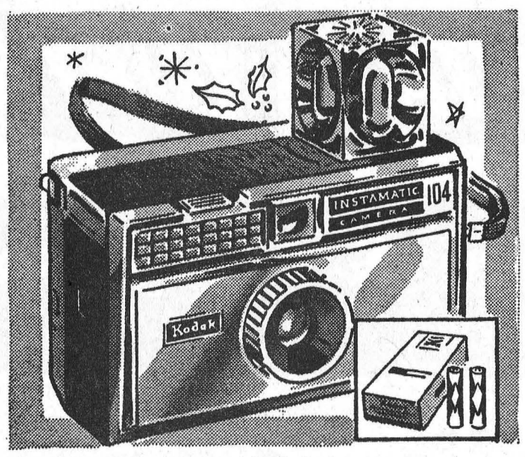

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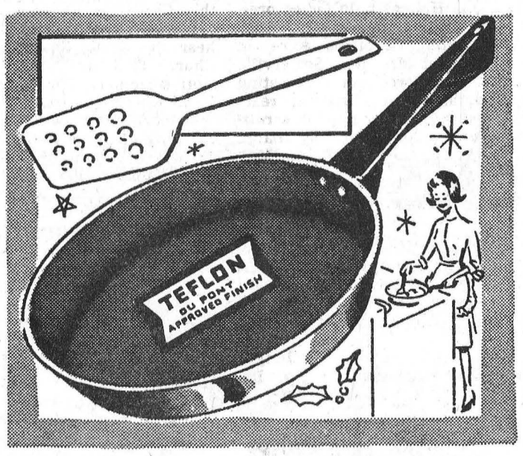

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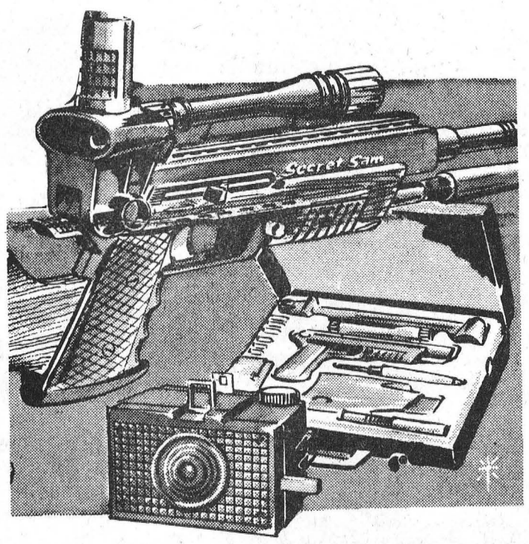

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New Year's Day — 11.00 a.m., Service and Sermon.
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Plan now to attend the New Year's Eve Party at the Legion Hall, Winchester. Good Orchestra. Dancing 8 to 12. Everyone welcome. 32-33c

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SOUTH GOWER CHURCH

December 24th at 8 p.m. South Gower Baptist Church is holding a Christmas Eve Service. Rev. G. A. Cawfield will conduct the service, there will be the South Gower Baptist Church Orchestra along with vocalists and other instrumentalists taking part. We welcome all to come and greet the Lord with us on This the Eve of His Birthday. 33c

HOLIDAY DANCES, PAUL'S HALL, WILLIAMSBURG

A Holiday Dance will be held at Paul's Hall, Williamsburg, Saturday, December 24th from 9 to 12, featuring The Melen-To's. MIDNIGHT DANCE Sunday starting at 12 a.m. featuring The Syndicate. 33p

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held within the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Winchester, on Christmas Night at 7:30. Leaders of the various organizations will take part. The Minister, The Rev. William C. Inglis will preach on "The Mirracle of The Babe in the Midst." The Public are heartily invited to share in this Festival of Carols and to enjoy the act of worship in the Spirit of Christmas. 33c

PUBLIC RECEPTION FOR MR. and MRS. BRIAN McINTOSH THIS FRIDAY

A public reception, in honour of the recent marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Brian McIntosh (nee Laura Jean Johnston), will be held in Winchester Springs Orange Hall this Friday evening, December 23rd. Orchestra. Ladies please bring lunch. 33p

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Bob Levere was best bowler at Main Corner Lanes last week. From his Community League entry Bob lead all bowlers with a top notch 348 single and crossed 749 to top all the bowlers.

Elsewhere in the Community group Noel Potter had 254-617 Cathy Price 233-611, Judi Helmer 233-609, Jose Poole 225-586, Arn Stobo 283-597, Bruce Kerr 239-562, Leroy Empey 530, June Kerr 502, Carol Holmes 510, Garth Helmer 205-543, Dale Wise 216-504, George Watson 210-520.

John Gray paced his mates with the Fireside group crossing 687 on a high 260 single. Reg. Harper, a team-mate, tallied 288-682. Lloyd Guy was right in with the high rollers as he scored a 235 single and a 678 cross. Steve Corry had 234-623, Jack Plummer 251-619, Stan Black 211-550, Wayne LaPorte 216-546, Norm Utman 207-528, and Howard Porteous 201-537.

Larry Sayant was top bowler with the Gay Twenties with 224-619 to lead the way. Stuart Dalgleish had 200-575, Marg. Dalgleish 570, Frank Acres 214-535, Elsie Thompson 218-544, Charlie Walker 210-52'.

Happy Gang was led by Marg. Dalgleish with a 600 triple. Louise Freeland had 210-571, Doris Kennedy 229-581, Muriel Levere 231-544, Florence Helmer 534, Elsie Thompson 508, Daisy Robinson 501.

A 234-637 evening of bowling made Cathy Price top bowler with the Glamour Girls. Cora Stel had 238-622, Connie Crowder 213-544, Hilda LaPorte 542, Ruth Pemberton 525, Joyce Angus 200-518, Norma Casselman 510, Helen Coons 500.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

Team standings in the South Mountain Commercial Bowling League are as follows:

Section A: Berry's 73, Pleasant Valley 38, Weagant's 34 Bank of Nova Scotia 7.

Section B—Simzer's 73, Ace's 53, Heckston 40, I.O.O.F. 14.

High scores were: Doug. Boyd 806 (286, 268); Dale Boyd 686 (295, 231); Wally Ace 642-219 Lyle Simzer 642-252, Wayne Kenney 663-269, Bill Horner 669-240, Lyle Render 618-212, Bill MacDonald 252, Bob Weagant 244, Roy Dulmage 221, Cliff Ace 220, Gary Richardson 215 Gord. Richardson 214.

WCTU Meets

Winchester W.C.T.U. held their Christmas meeting in the Baptist Church on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. H. Robinson president, opened the meeting with a poem and word of welcome to all. Mrs. E. Fennell led in prayer. Roll call and offering was taken by Miss E. Smith. Mrs. Cooper read an interesting poem on "Recipe for Christmas" on love and giving.

Following the singing of "Silent Night" a skit, "Christmas Around The World" was portrayed in costume by the following: Canada, Mrs. H. Robinson; Norway, Mrs. Keyes; China, Mrs. Sullivan; Scotland, Mrs. I. P. McIntosh; Russia, Mrs. E. Merkley; Sweden, Mrs. Jen McIntosh, and all sang "As With Gladness Men Of Old" with Mrs. Cecil McIntosh at the piano. She also read the Scripture. Mrs. E. Merkley, devotional leader, carried out the Christmas ideas throughout the meeting, and carols were sung.

Lunch was served and a social hour spent. Mrs. Fennell expressed a vote of thanks to all.

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WATCH - NIGHT SERVICE

An Interdenominational Watch-Night Service will be held (DV) at the United Church, Winchester, Saturday, December 31st at 11 p.m. Speaker will be Rev. W. C. Inglis. Special Music. Light Refreshments will be served.

This service has been arranged by the Winchester Ministerial Association.

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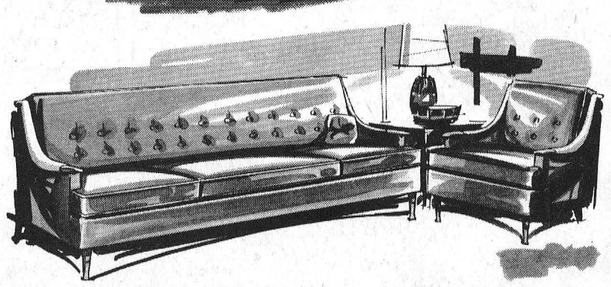

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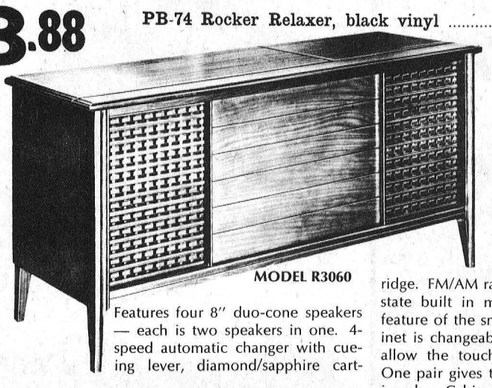

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"Deck the halls with boughs of holly; 'tis the season to be jolly." Christmas is for joy and laughter; Christmas glows with merriment. Throughout this community, families are putting the finishing touches on plans for holiday get-togethers. Hideaways bulge with mysterious packages; kitchens are fragrant with the scents of special treats; homes are bright with gala decorations. Schools and clubs prepare their annual Christmas programs. Holiday party plans go forward. It is, indeed, the season to be jolly.

"Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm, all is bright." Christmas is for prayer and peace; Christmas gleams with the light of the Star that shone so brightly, nearly two thousand years ago. And throughout this community, the deep spiritual significance of the holy season spreads comfort and cheer. In churches, the hours of worship reflect the coming joy as, during the weeks before Christmas, the story of Christ's coming is the subject of study, sermon, song and prayer, all building toward the special services of Christmas weekend.



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TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN, A GAILY-DECORATED TREE — and fun for all. This family holiday scene, recorded about 1850, represents many of the Christmas traditions most beloved today. It is more than "an old-fashioned Christmas," for such customs as exchanging gifts and bringing greenery indoors during the winter holidays originated in ancient times. "Modern" Christmas celebrations combine traditions of many nations and eras, says the Encyclopedia Americana.

Uniting in Joy and Prayer

Christmas is a joyful season; Christmas is a prayerful season. Since the earliest celebrations of this Christian holiday, it has ever been so.

The twin spirits of Christmas — festive celebration and reverent worship — are woven together in all the lore of the season. History says that when the time now celebrated as Christmas was designated, in the fifth century A.D., early Christian leaders felt that the traditional winter merry-making of pagan festivals such as the Roman Saturnalia might be hallowed by association with the Nativity.

Thus, pagan peoples who had once looked to mythical sun gods as the source of the rebirth of life began to turn to religious observances of the Saviour's birth. Christmas lights symbolized faith, hope and life eternal.

Today, the glow of the tiniest candle — or the twinkling of the smallest electric bulb — still reflects, however humbly, the Light that Christ brought to the world.

Bringing Gifts

At the heart of the holiday fun and feasting there glows the spirit of giving. The Wise Men sought to honor the Christ Child with rare and precious gifts — gold, frankincense and myrrh. Thus, to give of the best at Christmas is a time-honored tradition.

All may rejoice in the opportunity to give generously, to please family and friends with "just what they wanted," and to share with the less fortunate.

Yet the best Christmas gifts are still those that come from the open heart as well as open hand, and the warmth of a friendly smile, the words of a cordial greeting add priceless meaning to the most elaborate of gifts.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

Across the years since shepherds first harkened to an angelic chorus, Christmas rings with the sound of voices raised in joyful song.

Carol singing at Christmas is both a tradition and a source of tradition. Much of the legend and lore of the season is known today only because it has been preserved in song — in carols passed on from generation to generation.

Churches Echo With Yule Tale

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7.

At Christmas, in church and home devotions, Christians turn again and again to the Biblical story of that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago.

From the words of two of his disciples, Luke and Matthew, they learn of humble shepherds watching in a field, of herald angels singing, of a Star that shone in the East to guide the Wise Men on their way.

In every word of the sacred story, the first Christmas lives anew. And most cherished of all are the words that tell of the simple manger scene, of Mary, and Joseph, and the Christ Child.

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."

The words, as simple as the scene, inspire awe and wonder, for the glory of the moment, for the miracle that was wrought. Yet the same words bring a homely comfort, too. It is a miracle that even a child may comprehend, for there, living again in the words, is the Baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

'Because there no room for them in the inn."

In the glory, there is poignancy, too.

"No room in the inn."

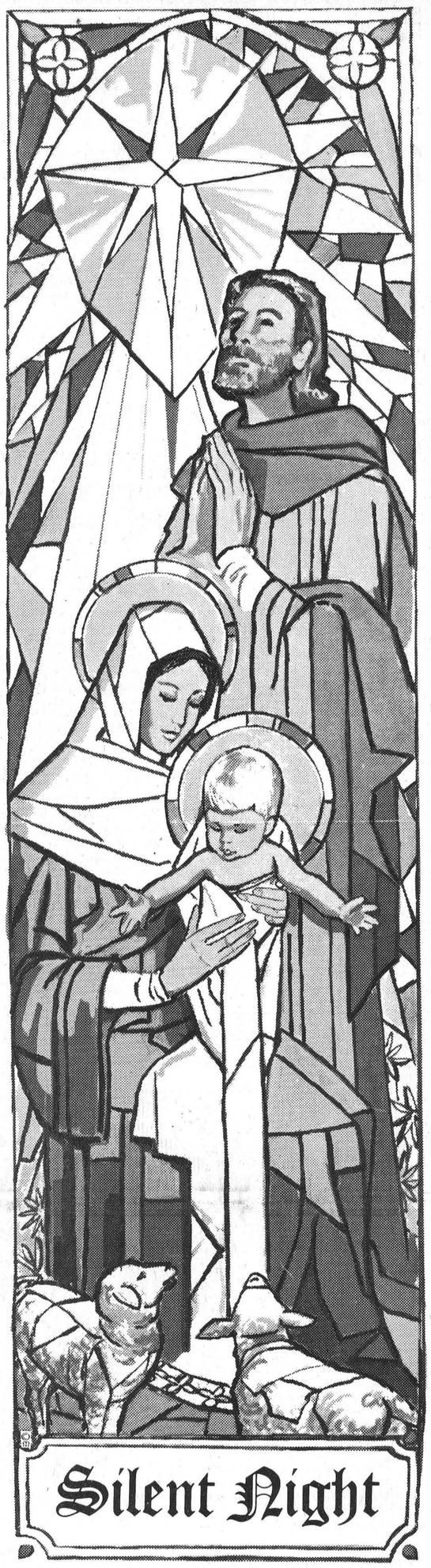
The words echo across the ages, and rejoicing is tinged with bittersweet. That — as in the words of the famous carol, "Away in a Manger," — "the little Lord Jesus" had "no crib for His bed" weighs on the heart of Christianity.

Even here at the manger there is the shadow of suffering in store for the Son of God, of trials soon to begin with the flight into Egypt, and to end on the Cross.

But the glory prevails, in the miracle of the humble manger, and ahead, through the shadows of the future, through anguish and agony, shines the radiance of Easter.

It is Christmas, and Christians everywhere rejoice at the words of the angel.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.



NAMING CHRISTMAS

Christmas means both prayerful worship and festive merry-making. The holy meaning of the day is expressed in its name.

The Latin name for Christmas translates as the Feast or Birthday of Our Lord. The English Christmas means the Mass of Christ, a meaning which is closely paralleled by the Dutch "Kermis". In Germany it's "Weihnacht", or sacred night.

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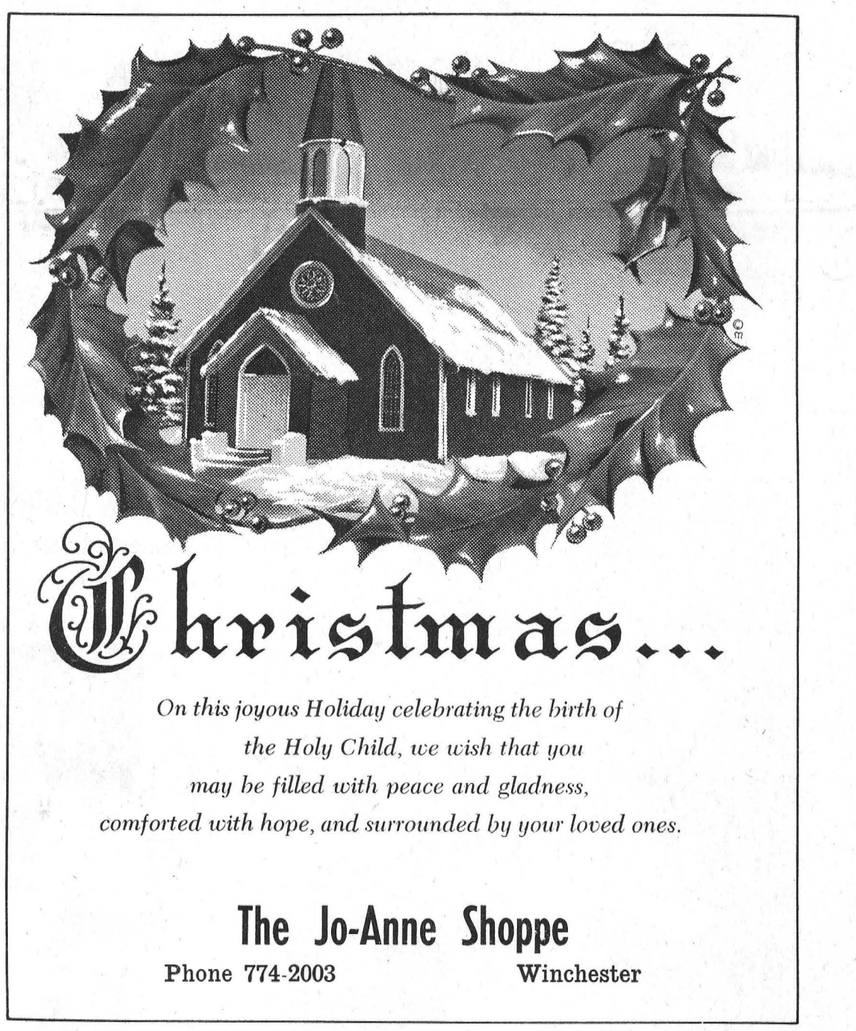
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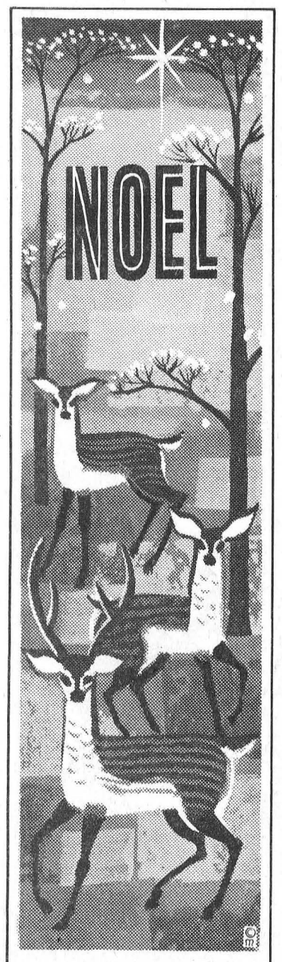

May the Christmas Star light the way to peace and joy for all.

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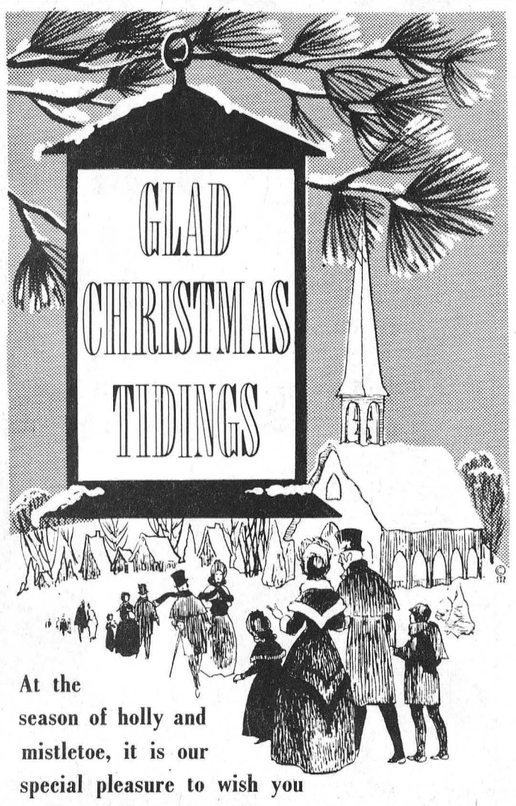

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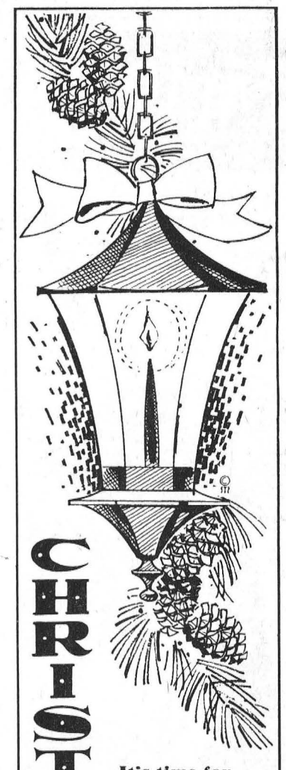

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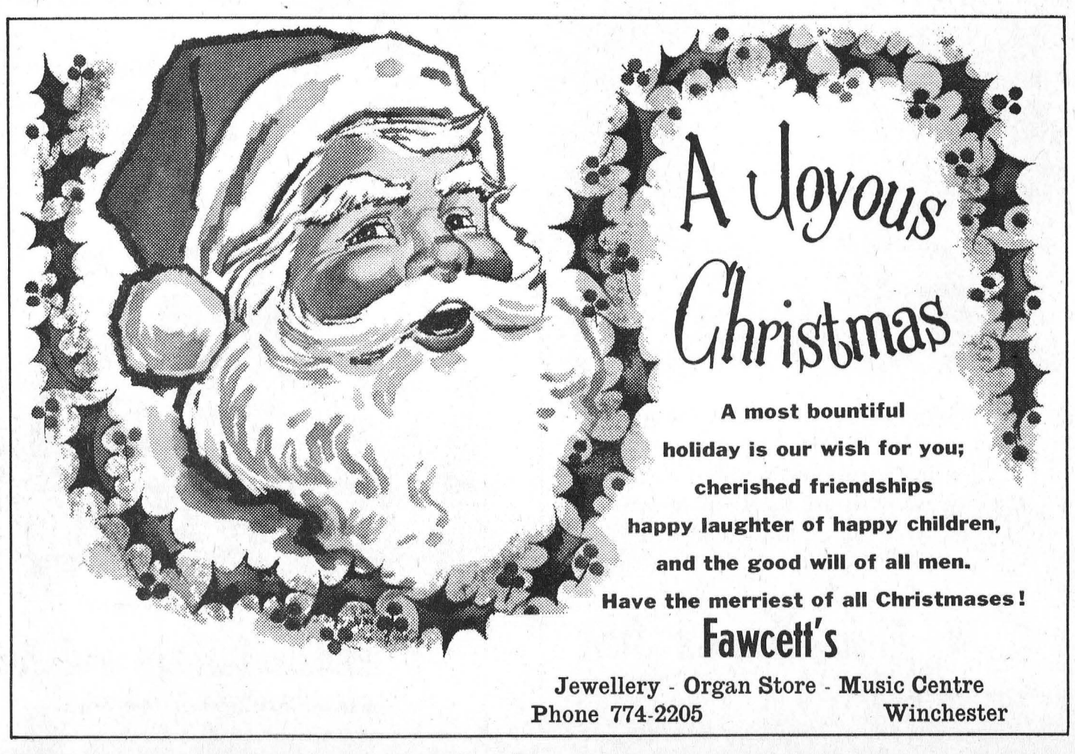
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The U.S. National Christmas Tree, officially designated in 1926, is not an evergreen but a giant redwood, located in Kings Canyon National Park, Calif.

This unusual Christmas tree, tree, called the "General Grant," is 3,500 years old.

Many families prefer the "permanent" Christmas tree, often made of aluminum.

Despite all this, the time-tested favorite tree is still the evergreen. Most people, if asked, would probably vote for the "fir tree."

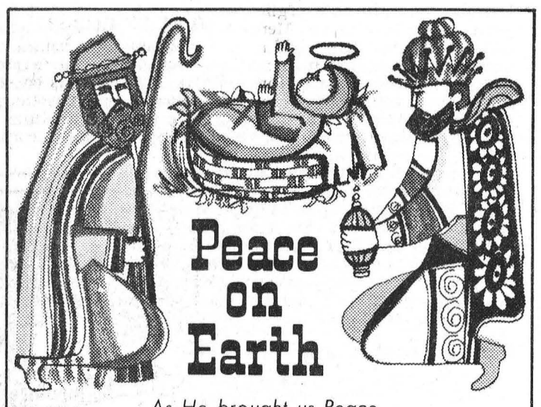
Actually, there are nearly 40 species of the popular fir tree," found in the mountainous regions of Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas and North America.

A frequently-seen Christmas tree variety is the "balsam fir," also called "Canada balsam" or "Balm of Gilead," according to the Encyclopedia Americana. This is one of the most common trees of eastern North America, extending from Virginia and West Virginia in the United States to Labrador and Newfoundland.

The balsam fir may grow to 40 or 50 feet tall. The southern fir is of about the same height and is found in the mountains of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Other American firs are essentially Western. They include the Pacific silver fir, the white fir, the grand fir, the Alpine fir, the red fir, the Shasta red fir and the noble fir. These firs may attain 250 feet in height.

In Canada, the exporting of Christmas trees, including firs, pine and spruce, is important business. Seven provinces export trees, to countries as far away as Venezuela.



Peace on Earth

As He brought us Peace, may this holiday bring hope for all mankind. We wish you a Christmas of serene joy.

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Christmas Wishes

Holiday time is a house filled with gladness, the happy lilt of welcoming voices. May this be yours on Christmas.



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We wish you joy . . . in laughter and good cheer . . . joy in gifts and glad surprises . . . joy in friends and family . . . joy at Christmas, with all its deep meaning. May the true old-fashioned joys of the season come to you . . . and linger long.

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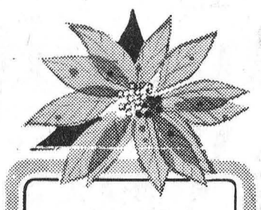

Plant Wins Yule Favor

One plant particularly favored at Christmas in the United States and Canada is the poinsettia. The holiday colors of this green shrub with its star-shaped red clusters make it an appropriate symbol of the season.

If it had not been for the interest of an American diplomat, Dr. Joel Poinsett of Charleston, S. C., the poinsettia might never have attained popularity. Serving as the first U. S. minister to Mexico in 1828, Dr. Poinsett discovered this tropical plant.

Impressed with its beauty, he brought it back to the United States and introduced it into cultivation. Later, the plant was named the "poinsettia" in his honor.

Albert Ecke, a California farmer, developed and improved the plant, and first marketed it in 1906. Since then, it has become a favorite Yuletide decoration.

Quick Candy

You will find that candies are always a welcome gift. The quickest and easiest, as well as healthful are those made from dried fruits. Nuts can be ground with the fruit if you like. Mix well and moisten with fruit juices or condensed milk, if needed. Shape into balls or roll out onto a sheet, then cut in squares or fancy shapes. Dip each piece in granulated or powdered sugar, ground toasted coconut, nuts, or melted chocolate.



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Plum pudding is as much a part of Christmas as holly and the Tree. This is one that you will enjoy making: You will enjoy eating it too.

1 pound seeded raisins — 1/2 pound minced orange peel — 5 eggs — 1/2 pound brown sugar — 1 pound suet chopped fine — 1 teaspoon nutmeg — 1/2 teaspoon cloves — 1/2 teaspoon mace — 1 cup Cognac brandy — 1 pound currants — 1/4 pound flour — 1 pound stale bread crumbs — 1 teaspoon cinammon 1 teaspoon allspice — 1 teaspoon baking soda — pinch of salt & grated rind of 1 lemon.

Wash the dry currants, add raisins and mix well. All dry ingredients should be mixed together. Beat the eggs and add to them the Brandy, then pour this liquid to the dry mixture and add fruit.

Pack into greased pudding mold and steam for 6 hours. Steam for another 6 hours when ready to use. Serve with Cognac or hard sauce. This will keep for weeks if kept in a cool, dry place.



Make a big batch so there'll be some to eat and some to hang on the tree.

First have five quarts of popped corn . . . then

2 cups sugar	1 teaspoon vinegar
1½ cups water	1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon salt	Candy red hots
½ cup light corn syrup	

Keep popcorn hot and crisp in a slow oven. Combine the five ingredients, cook to hard ball stage (250°). Remove from heat and add vanilla. Slowly pour syrup over hot popped corn, mixing well to coat every kernel. If you wish, stir in some candy red hots for color. Butter your hands lightly before pressing popcorn mixture into balls.



"For Food and Fellowship, Thank God", says the simplest of all graces, and of these two blessings there has never been any lack at Christmas time. A vast dinner of roast turkey, with all its trimmings, plum pudding and mince pies appear every year on countless tables throughout the world. Turkey, though now traditional, is a comparative newcomer, unknown in Europe before about 1542, and appearing then only as one among a variety of festival dishes. Goose or beef for Christmas pies were the early favorites in ordinary families, while in great houses there were swans, venison, peacocks and the boar's head.

Boar's head was eaten during the Scandinavian Yule in honor of the Sun-boar. At the great medieval Christmas banquets the head was garlanded with rosemary and bay, and an orange or an apple was thrust between the teeth.

Christmas puddings, as we know them today, date only from about 1670, and began as a stiffened form of plum porridge. This was made of meat broth, raisins, fruit juices, wine and spices thickened by bread crumbs.

Turkey is Choice With Americans

Almost every nation has its own special Christmas dish. Since Americans represent people from all parts of the world, it is not surprising that one finds different holiday menus in the various parts of the country. Two thoroughly American pedigrees, however, are turkey and cranberries.

Indians ate wild turkey, cranberries and pumpkin before the first European colonists arrived. The turkey today is a domesticated variety of the native wild turkey.

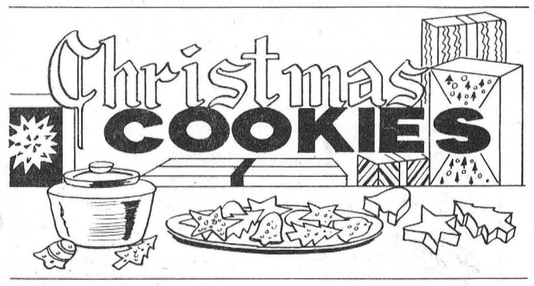
BAKE AHEAD

Prepare and Freeze Cookies Before Rush

Prepare for the holidays! Bake and freeze cookies before the Christmas-New Year rush. Chocolate Drop Cookies freeze well.

1 egg	2 cups flour
1 cup sugar	1 tsp. baking powder
1 cup sour cream	¼ teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon vanilla	1 teaspoon salt
	3 tablespoons cocoa

Beat eggs and mix in sugar, cream and vanilla. Sift and add flour, baking powder, soda, salt and cocoa to egg mixture. Drop by teaspoonfuls on lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350°.



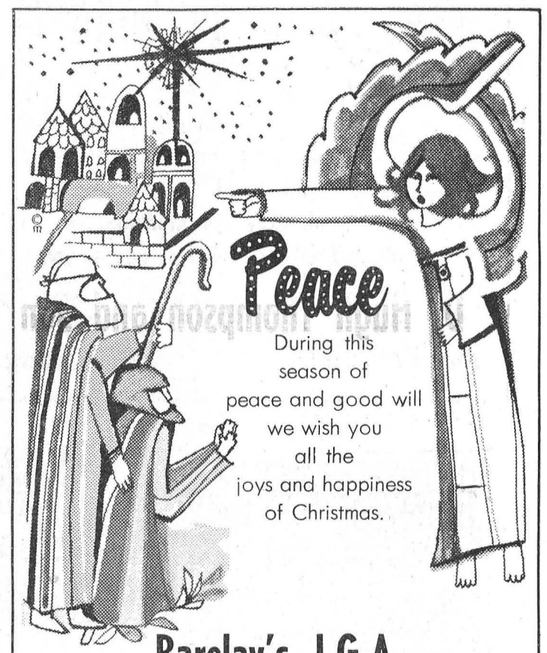
Some cookies are for Santa, of course. Others are for holiday nibbling and snacks, the quantity of which is probably without equal.

Some of the special joy of Christmas can be traced to the kitchen! This would not be as festive an occassion without the fragrance of holiday cookies or the happy hustle of getting them ready.

Put some cookies aside for carolers and tree trimmers. Decorate some with ready made icings as well as colorful sugars.

The following is an especially good sugar cookie, for eating and decorating.

4 cups sifted enriched flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 3/4 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons nutmeg, 1 cup lard, one and 3/4 cups sugar, 2 eggs beaten, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 2 tablespoons milk. Form the dough in a ball and chill 3 to 4 hours. Roll on floured board to 1/8 inch thick. Cut with various shaped cookie cutters, bake on a greased cooky sheet. These are really good — Do shake some plain white sugar over some of them — yummy.



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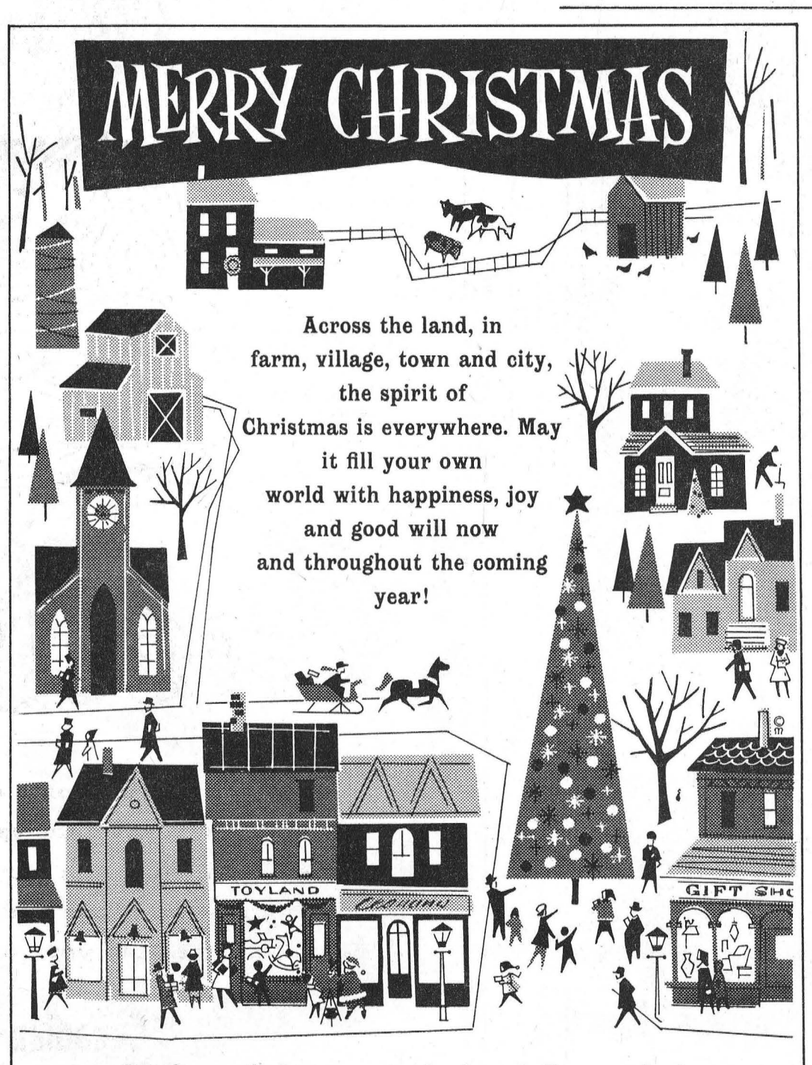

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A holiday tradition when it was "minced" meat and not a dessert. It's a must for holidays to have Christmas pie.

- 2 cups prepared mince-meat or 1 - 9oz. pkg.
- 2 cups thinly sliced pared tart apples
- ½ teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 recipe plain pastry

Combine prepared mincemeat with apples, lemon peel and lemon juice. Line 8-inch pie plate with pastry; pour in filling. Cut design or use a fork on upper crust. Sprinkle with sugar, and bake in hot oven (400°) about 35 minutes. This pie is delicious served warm.

Finger Style Food

Foods for nibbling are welcome at holiday festivities. Try this quick and easy spread for toast rounds or crackers. Combine 1 can (12 oz.) luncheon meat, ground with 1/2 cup sour cream, 1/8 teaspoon garlic salt, and 1 teaspoon dry instant onion, reconstituted. Mix thoroughly.

Bologna Kabobs are good finger eatin' too, and easy. On skewers or on wooden picks thread: bologna cubes, green pepper squares, and small spiced beets; or 2 bologna cubes and pickled cherry pepper; or 3 bologna cubes, pimento squares, green tomato pickles and gherkins.

Egg Nog For Yule

The most popular Christmas drink in America is egg-nog.

In early colonial days hot beverages and punches were popular in America as well as in England.

Sack-posset, from which came American egg-nog, was served hot from a hand made kettle.

Egg nog and Sack-posset contain the same milk, eggs sugar and nutmeg. It changed, however, from a hot to a cold drink and from a mild sack flavored drink to a more hearty one with rum and brandy.



Carving the holiday bird is practically an art — whether it be turkey, goose, duck, chicken or partridge. It is a happy task when done with skill.

The all-important beginning is a good set of knives with fine hollow ground steel blades and long lasting handles. (Gift Idea) A long bladed roast slicer carves fowl best.

Carve leg first; insert the fork firmly through the center of the wishbone. Place the platter so that the legs of the bird are to your right. Start by carving the leg nearest you. Make a vertical cut on each side of the second joint of the leg where it is attached to the body by skin. Bend the entire leg toward the platter. With the point of the slicer cut through the connecting skin and socket and remove the leg. Next cut off the wing. To slice the breast meat, place the blade at the top of the breastbone. Push the knife downward and forward toward the wing socket. Continue by moving the knife a degree closer to the bird. Complete one side of the bird before turning to repeat the same method.

SIDEBOARD BREAKFAST

It's an old English custom, breakfast off the sideboard. The informality of serving yourself is perfect for a holiday morning. Buffet breakfasts and brunches are an unusually attractive way to help the homemaker.



For two large loaves you'll need: 1 cup milk, ½ cup sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 cakes compressed yeast, 5 cups flour, 2 eggs beaten, 1 cup seedless raisins, ¾ cup butter softened, ½ cup citron, ½ cup glazed cherries, 1½ teaspoons grated lemon rind, ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, ¼ cup butter, ¼ cup sugar, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, Confectioner's frosting, nuts and candied fruit for trim.

Scald milk, add ½ cup sugar and the salt. Cool to lukewarm. Add crumbled yeast and mix thoroughly. Add one cup of flour and stir until smooth. Cover and let rise until double in bulk. Add the beaten eggs, softened butter, fruit and nutmeg and mix well. Add remainder of flour to make a dough stiff enough to knead. Knead until smooth and elastic. Allow to rise until double. Knead down and divide in two. Roll each half into a circle about 8 inches in diameter. Spread with softened butter and sugar. Make a crease down the center of the dough and fold over. Place in greased loaf pans and let rise until double in bulk. Bake in moderate oven 350 degrees, for 30 to 40 minutes. Frost with confectioners' frosting and sprinkle with nuts or fruit.

Stollen will keep for a week at least. It can be cut in thin slices and toasted, or buttered and placed under the broiler until lightly browned.



Christmas Gifts Are Meaningful

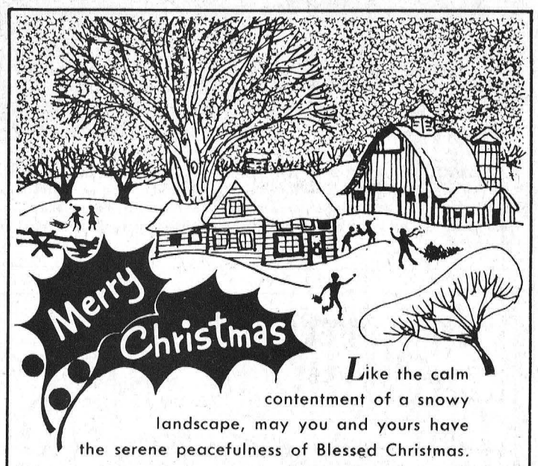
Gift giving at yuletide dates back to the Roman Saturnalia, when those people presented their friends "strenae" (fruits, pastries, and even jewelry). Also we remember the rich gifts that the Magi, or the Wise Men, brought to the Christ Child in the manger at Bethlehem.

In recent years the custom has caused much discussion here in the United States; for it must be admitted that the exchange of presents can, at times, be a burden instead of a pleasure. We sometimes deplore the fact that Christmas, like other holidays, has become tinged with commercialism.

To offset this phase, we should remember the fine spirit of friendliness that is shown through Christmas messages and gifts.

"NIGHT OF CAKES"

In Ireland, Christmas Eve is often called the Night of Cakes. This name is based on the custom, still practiced, of baking special Christmas Eve cakes spiced with caraway seeds.



Like the calm contentment of a snowy landscape, may you and yours have the serene peacefulness of Blessed Christmas.

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Rejoice

Rejoice! Rejoice! The Savior of mankind is born again to all the peoples of the world. May the kindness, charity and good will of Christmastime be yours.

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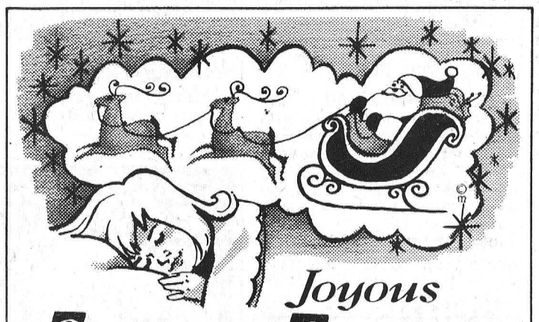

Joyous Christmas Greetings

Our wish is that you waken to a Christmas full of the best the season offers . . . the joy of loving friends, the peace of plenty. Have the Merriest Christmas of all!

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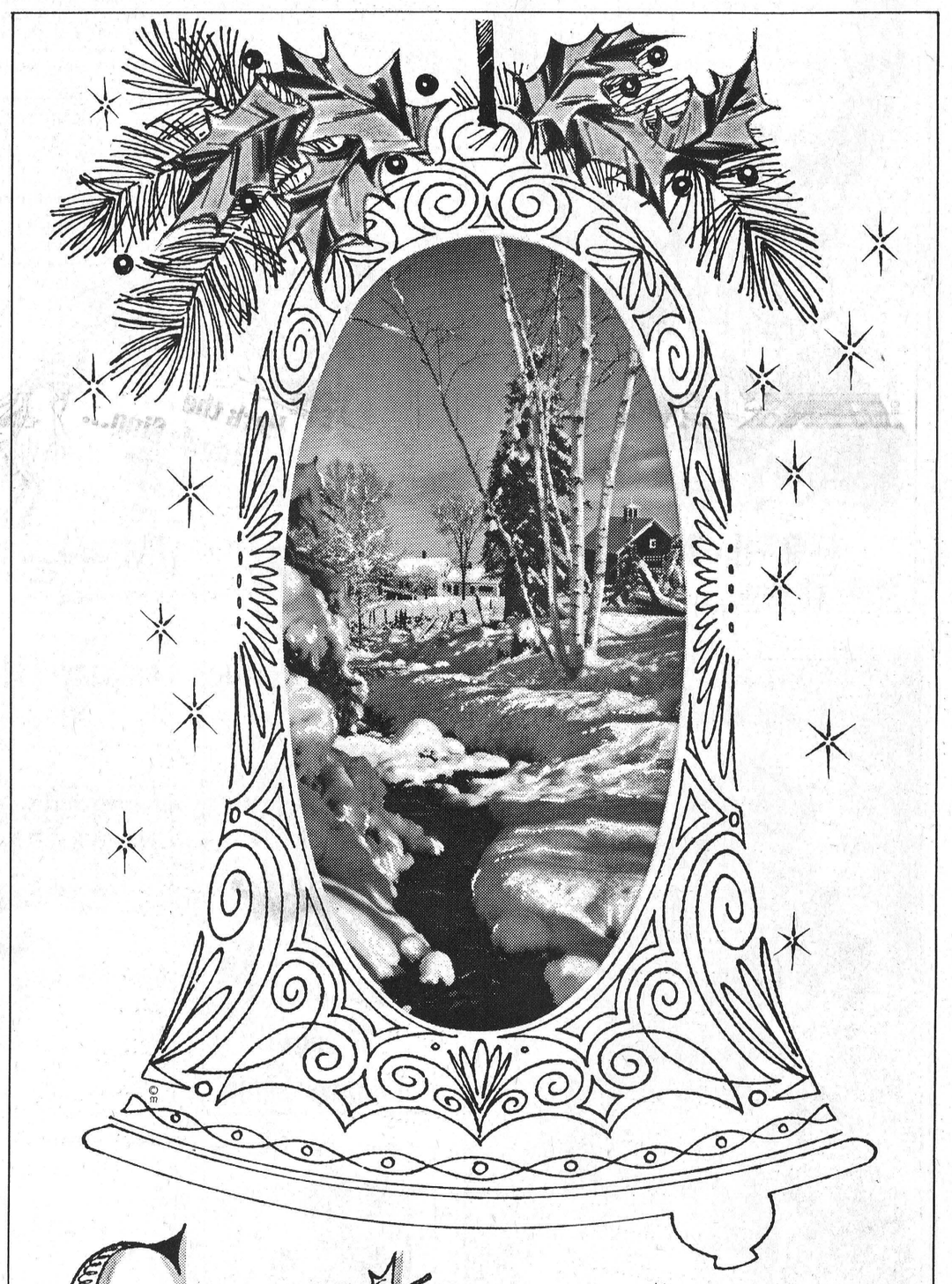

Greetings

Snow and stillness, home and happiness symbolize the spirit of the Christmas season. With these glad thoughts in our minds, we greet our friends and neighbors, wishing one and all the very best of this bountiful, beautiful time. May your holidays be merry and marvelous!

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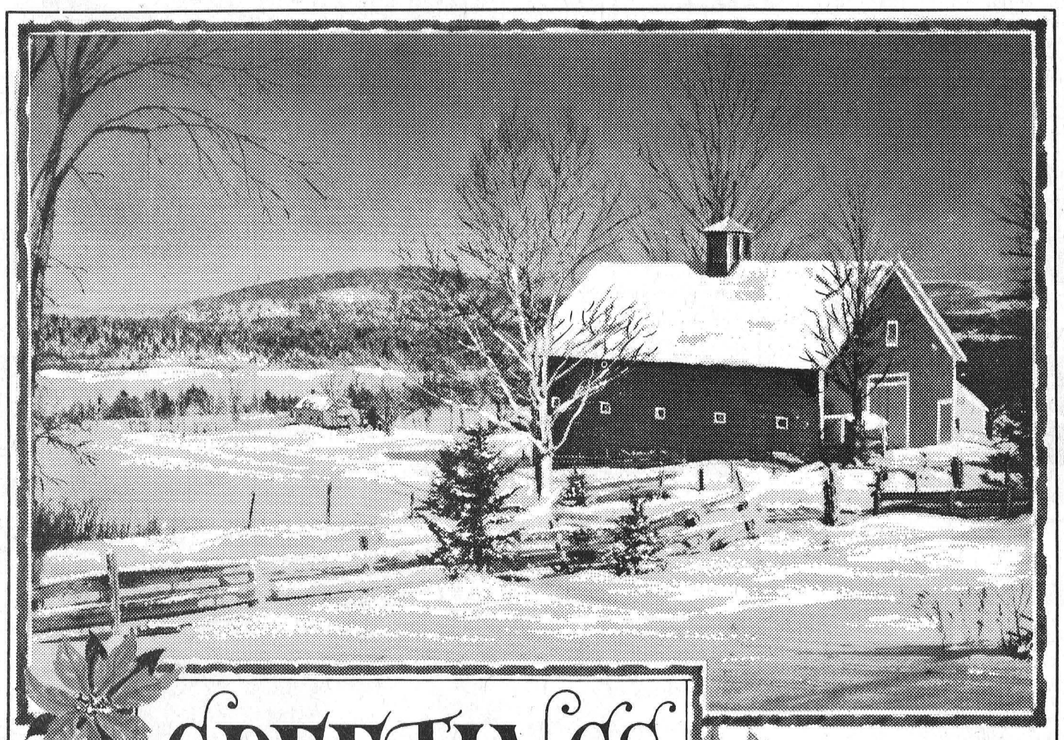

GREETINGS

As the peace of this wonderful Christmas season settles, like freshly fallen snow, around your home, we send you warm good wishes and joyous greetings . . . and with them, our most sincere gratitude for your kindness. Happy Holidays!

The Pioneer Hotel

Raymond and Sally McIntosh

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NATIVITY SCENE IN BAS RELIEF adorns a marble pulpit in the Church of Santa Maria Novella at Florence, Italy. The early-Renaissance work was completed and placed in the church only after a court dispute by two families, both of whom claimed the rights to the pulpit.

Bethlehem Busy At Christmas Time

Since the first Christmas Christians have followed the Star to the stable-grotto beneath the church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth in Bethlehem.

Bethlehem is even poorer than most people would believe. A recent visitor said "Wanderers fill the streets — anyone can see why Mary and Joseph found no room in the Inn."

Every Christmas, shepherds watching their flocks outside Bethlehem, had to be especially watchful that the sheep did not trap themselves in the barbed wire separating Jordan and Israel. Bethlehem, on the Jordan side of the wire, has been sorely affected by the hostility and the uneasy truce. It is crowded with Arab refugees who formerly lived in Israel.

The effect of the conflict has been crippling of Bethlehm's chief industry; the making and selling of objects of piety from olive wood, Dead sea stone and mother of pearl. Except at Christmas, pilgrims are so few that the profit had gone from the business.

On Christmas eve, however, the dusty city takes on new life. Christmas diplomats living in divided Jerusalem expect to be escorted to the little town over the unusual highway through no-man's land. Pilgrims from the Israel side pass through the Mandelbaum Gate.

Rich and poor Pilgrims worship together in the fourth century church of the Nativity. There is a high mass, during which the image of the Christ Child is carried from the church through the Mandelbaum Gate.

The ceremonies come to a climax before three adjacent shrines. The Altars of the Nativity, The Wise Men and the Manger. Outside, Christians from many lands will sing, as angels sang nearly 2,000 years ago; "Glory To God In The Highest", and on earth peace and good will toward men.



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Cards Tell Of Changes

The tradition of exchanging Christmas cards is a charming part of the joyous holiday, and it has a history of its own.

One of the most interesting parts of that history is the way that greeting cards serve to record changing social customs, manners and fashions through the years, points out Miss Esther Mooney, curator of the Norcross, Inc., greeting card collection.

For instance, an English card of 1892 shows the formality existing between parents and children during the Victorian era. Here, a little girl kneels solemnly at her mother's knee, sedately offering her a Christmas bouquet, with the wish, "May your life be a Merry Christmas."

Modern cards take a livelier, more light-hearted approach. Even earlier, greeting cards began to reflect an easier sort of filial relationship. Declares a 1930 card: "3 cheers 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!"

FIRST CARDS SOLD

Christmas cards were first offered "to the trade" by an English publishing house in the 1860's. They carried such designs as jolly old gentlemen (who might have been Santa's forebears), plum puddings, holly and mistletoe.

It's "Merry Christmas" All through the Town

"Merry Christmas!" In these two familiar words, often heard and often repeated, there lives and glows the meaning of the first of all Christmases, on that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago. As the happy day approaches, this community, like many hundreds of thousands of other towns and cities around the world, proclaims the spirit of the season in ringing bells and happy carols, in gleaming lights and festive decorations.

Through all the celebrations — community, church, family — the simple words of greeting run like a glowing thread, weaving together into one joyous whole all the many glorious things that Christmas stands for. "Merry Christmas!" The words remind that Christmas is traditionally a time of merriment, a time for family and friends to gather together.

"Merry Christmas!" The words remind that Christmas is, indeed, more than merry. The lights and the laughter, the fun and the feasting are but the surface symbols of all Christmas truly means. It is a time of giving and sharing, a time to remember others, not only family, friends and neighbors, but all mankind, and especially the less fortunate among us.

As gaily wrapped packages make their way to Christmas trees around our town, the gifts once again recall the spirit of giving that began with the gold, frankincense and myrrh of the Wise Men, and the fragrant evergreen trees represent the message of the Christ Child, the inspiration of life eternal.

"Merry Christmas," we say, and with the words we seek to share our reverent wonder at the age-old story, our joy in ever-present blessings.

About Trees . .

On the night Christ was born, legend says, all the trees burst into bloom. Thus began many stories about the Christmas tree.

Early folk tales described a huge tree in the midst of a forest. The tree held many candles, some straight, some upside down. At the top was an infant with a halo around his head.

It was believed that the tree represented humanity. The candles, up and down, symbolized people, good and bad. The infant was the Christ Child.

How Celebrations Began

"Merry Christmas!" The words are simple, familiar, even old-fashioned, yet they still contain a newness and freshness, a significance to thrill the heart of mankind.

Whence did they come, these familiar words? As a holy day and a holiday, Christmas means both festive merrymaking and prayerful worship, and both meanings are expressed in the traditional greeting, "Merry Christmas."

Christmas, commemorating the birth of Christ, derives its name from the medieval "Christes Masse," the mass of Christ. Yet, in the first centuries of the Christian church, there was no celebration of the birth of Christ, no Christmas.

The December festivals of those days were pagan in nature — the Roman Saturnalia in Southern Europe, the Yuletide festival of the winter solstice in Northern Europe.

When, in the fifth century A.D., Christmas began to be celebrated on December 25, the old customs of the pagan festivals were connected with the Christmas feast. The merrymaking continued, but it gained a deeper meaning, as pagan traditions were hallowed by association with the Nativity.

Thus Christmas became "Merry Christmas!"

Sending Greetings

"Merry Christmas!" The custom of extending holiday greetings to friends undoubtedly goes back many years, but the Christmas card as a means of expressing those greetings is a relative newcomer to Christmas traditions.

Christmas cards had their beginning only 122 years ago in England, but despite the comparatively recent start, saying "Merry Christmas" in card form was a custom that quickly caught the public fancy.

The wish to say, "Merry Christmas" to friends and neighbors is strong, and the ways of expressing it are many. Today's edition of this newspaper, for instance, is one big "Merry Christmas" card, in which businessmen of this community offer special greetings and words of appreciation to their customers and friends.

DESCRIPTION

He was dressed all in furs from his head to his foot and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes an soot — he was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf and I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.

Clement Clark Moore gave these words to the world from his "A visit From St. NICHOLAS".

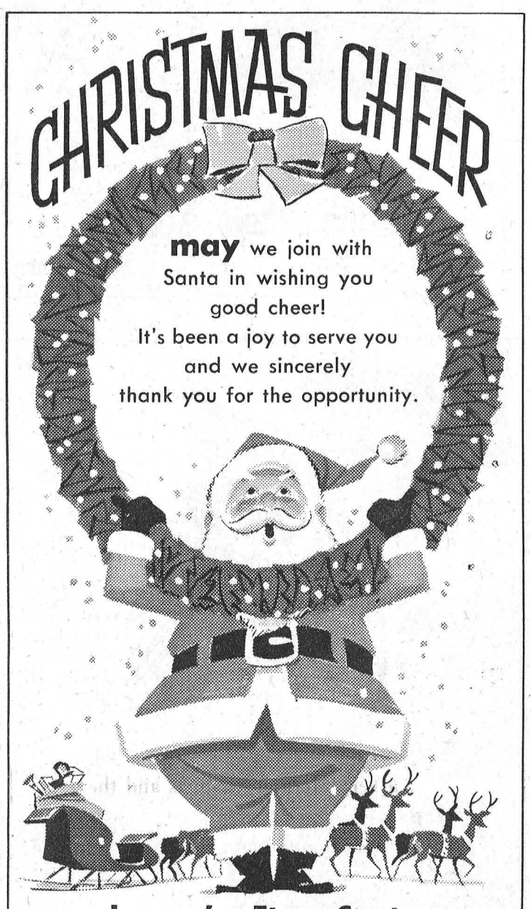
DOMINICAN HOLIDAY

Christmas remains a religious holiday in the Dominican Republic. The Christmas dinner is enjoyed generally after the Christmas Eve midnight mass. Carols are sung in the streets.

Through trade and social relations with the United States, Santa Claus is becoming more popular, but the children continue to receive their presents on January 6, when gold, frankincense, and myrrh were traditionally given by the Wise Men.

Christmas Clean Up

Cleaning up after opening Christmas packages can be quite a chore. Before it's time for opening packages, have handy a couple large shopping bags. Find a good size cardboard box. You'll have a place for scraps of paper, a place for ribbons and trim you want to keep, and a carton for throw away boxes.



may we join with Santa in wishing you good cheer!
It's been a joy to serve you and we sincerely thank you for the opportunity.

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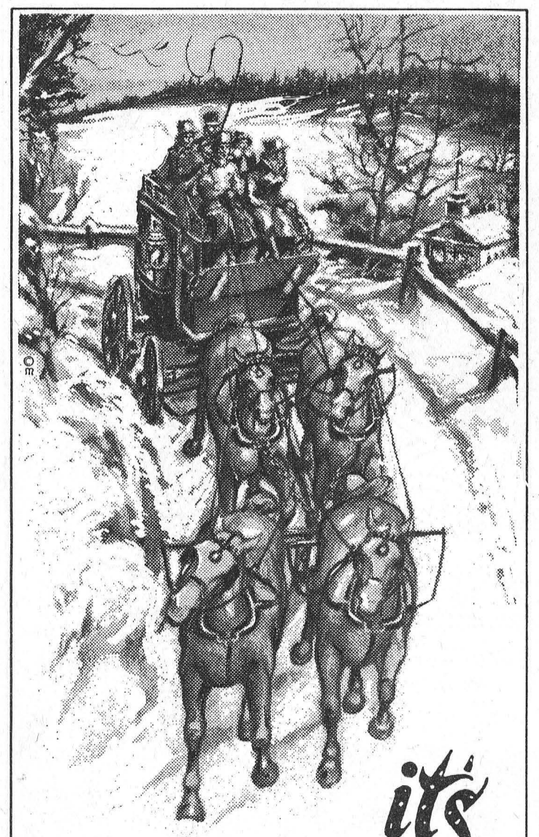

it's Christmas!

May Christmas bring you all the joys of the season and all the warm satisfactions of sincere friendships. We thank you for your generosity during the past year.

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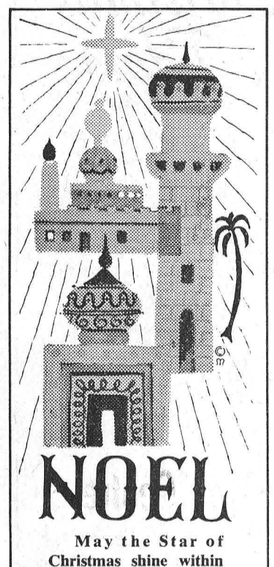

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May the Star of Christmas shine within you and give you peace.

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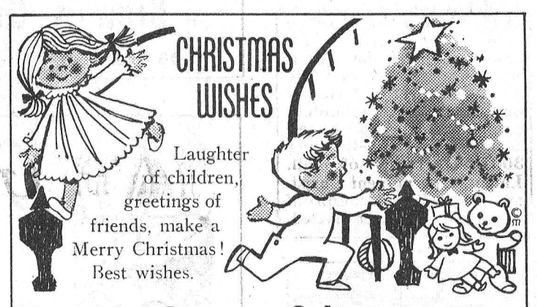

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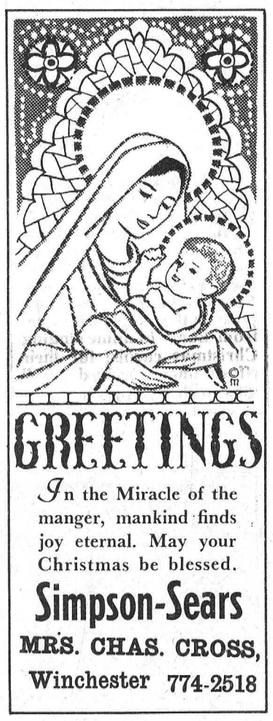

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In the Miracle of the manger, mankind finds joy eternal. May your Christmas be blessed.

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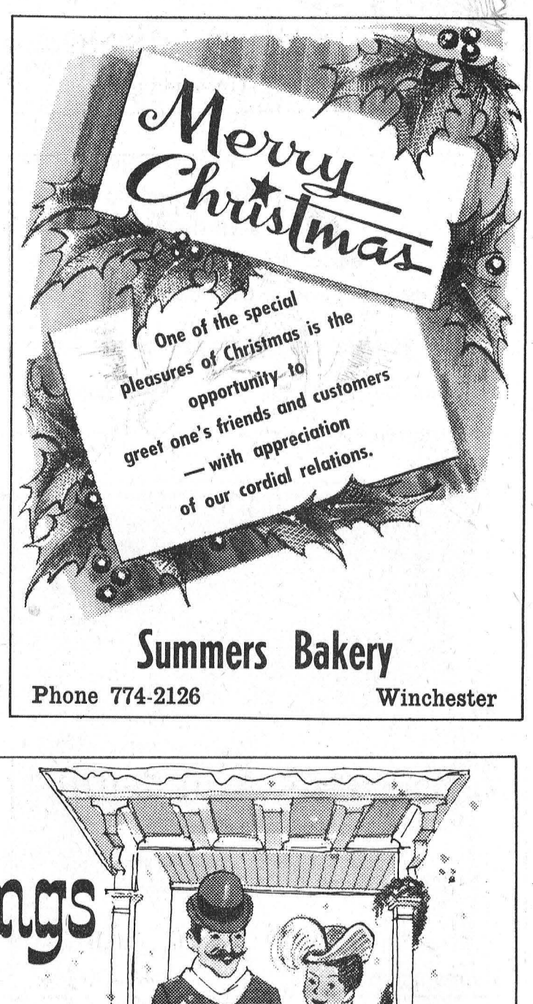

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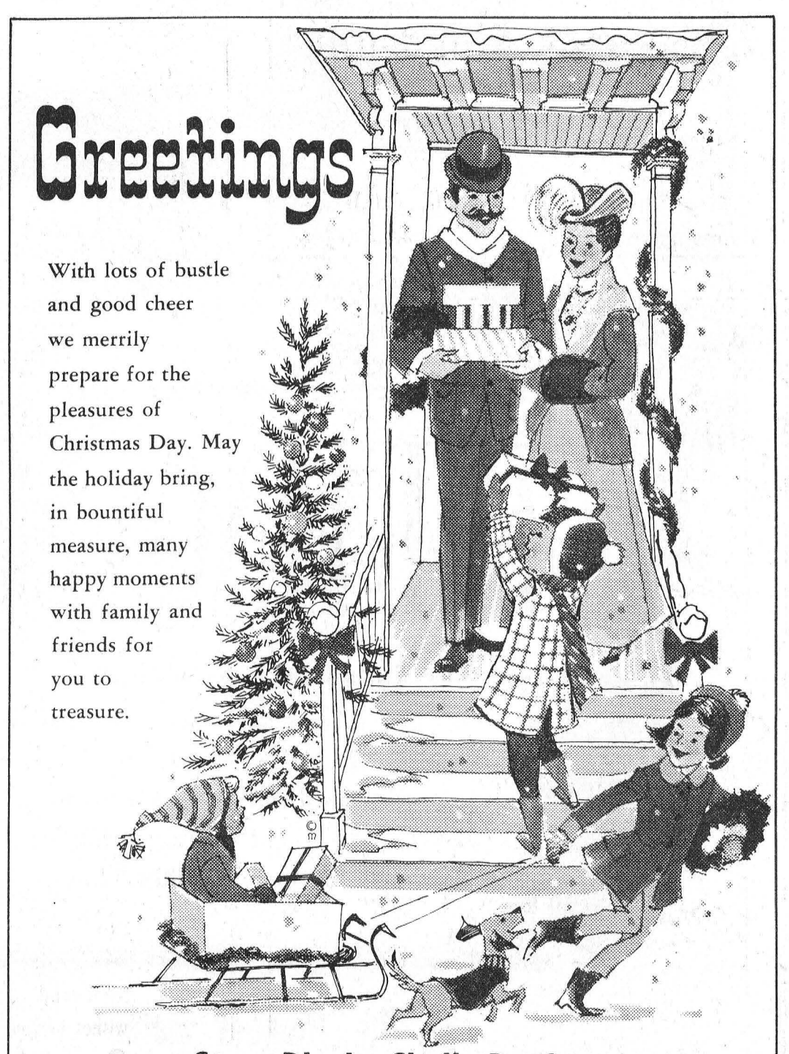

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Joyous Message of Christmas Lives Anew As Manger Scenes Symbolize Holy Night

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." — Luke 2: 15-16.

Thus, in the New Testament, Luke tells the story of humble shepherds watching in the fields — shepherds to whom the herald angels brought "good tidings of great joy," that they might seek and find the Infant Saviour. In still another Biblical account of the Nativity, Matthew writes of the Wise Men, who followed a Star to Bethlehem.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His Mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him. And . . . they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." — Matthew 2: 11

At Christmas, as Christians everywhere celebrate the birth of Christ in church and home devotions, the story of the Nativity is told and retold — but it never grows old. Always, the well-remembered words of two of his disciples, Matthew and Luke, seem to resound with renewed meaning and inspiration, bringing to all some measure of that awe and wonder experienced by the shepherds and the wise men, long ago.

And now, as then, the supreme, the all-absorbing moment in the sacred story is that moment at the manger when first "they saw the young Child with Mary His mother."

St. Francis Planned for First Creche

In the miracle of the manger, in the Madonna and Child, mankind sees an ever-present reminder of the love of God, the glory and promise of Christmas. Each year, as Christians return in heart and spirit to Bethlehem and the manger, the joyous message lives anew. In cities, churches and homes, manger scenes symbolize once again the birth of a holy Child.

The treasured tradition of re-creating the manger has a long and notable history. The first creche or crib, scholars say, was erected by St. Francis of Assisi and his brethren, in the tiny Italian village of Grecchio in 1223.

As the people of the town gathered about the manger, the first Christmas carols were sung — joyous songs in honor of the Saviour's birth. St. Francis felt that, through the manger scene and the cheery Christmas songs, even the humblest member of the congregation could participate more fully in the observance of Christmas.

Re-Creating the Nativity in Art, Song

Through the years, the meaning of the manger has been enriched by hundreds of thousands of reverent re-creations.

Both craftsmen and artists have been inspired by the manger, and have shared their inspiration with many. The Madonna and Child appear again and again in countless famous paintings, and the Christmas creche in miniature, created by the loving hands of skillful craftsmen, is a precious tradition in many lands, in many homes.

In song, too, "the young Child with Mary His mother" lives anew. Gathering around the manger scene, glad voices joyfully carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright, 'round yon Virgin Mother and Child . . ."

Santa's Helpers



Santa is sometimes pictured as traveling by rocket or jet plane. However, his favorite mode of transportation is still the famous reindeer-drawn sleigh. It remains a wonder that he is still jolly, when he has to cover the world in one night.

The explanation may be found in the number of helpers that he has, and also the fact that Christmas Eve is not the only day for delivering gifts.

St. Nicholas, a real bishop, was the first "Santa". Many legends grew up around his name, and many centuries after his death on December 6, about 342 A.D., he was honored as a friend to the young. December 6 became "Chirldren's Day", and St. Nicholas, traveling by horse, brought gifts to reward children for good behavior.

In Scandinavian and some other countries, Santa gets an assist from St. Lucy, who is responsible for the distribution of gifts on her day, December 13.

Many Spanish children expect The Three Kings to bring them gifts on Epiphany, January 6. They, too, set out shoes filled with straw and grain for the horses the Kings ride.

Many Helpers

Whatever the gift-giving date, Santa has a host of helpers to lighten his load. In addition to St. Lucy, Scandinavian countries have the Tomtar, little grey bearded men who are said to hide gifts for boys and girls on Christmas Eve. The Christ Child or Kristkind brings the gifts in many countries.



AUTOGRAPHING PARTY . . . Robert L. May, author of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," is shown with two of his five children as he personally autographed 16,000 end sheets of his book.

Unique Holiday Message Begins Greeting Cards

It was the "Golden Age of Christmas." The personal exchange of good wishes, visiting homes to toast a friend's good health, carol-singing, bringing in the Yule log and great family dinners were all in vogue.

A new book was published that year. It told of Christmas goose and plum pudding, of happy family parties. It presented, and made immortal, Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim. The book was Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," and the year was 1843.

Appropriately, during this "Golden Age of Christmas," the now universally-popular custom of sending Christmas greeting cards began.

The very first card, authorities now agree, is the celebrated Cole-Horsley, designed and printed in London in 1843. Only a dozen of the original 1,000 copies are known to exist, and two of these, including the only unsigned and unposted specimen, are part of the Hallmark Historical Collection.

When not on display in museums and similar institutions, the collection is filed in a specially constructed vault at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, Mo.

Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman, and founder of the Victoria and Albert Museum, asked his friend, John C. Horsley, noted artist and member of the Royal Academy, to design the now-famous card as an unusual means of expressing his kind wishes to friends at the holiday season.

THE WAITS

An important part of early English Christmas was the group known as the "waits". At first they were minstrels who sang and played at the court; afterward, watchmen, used to guard the streets. Finally the word was applied to the people who went from home to home singing Christmas carols; for their efforts they received small gifts or their suppers.

CHRISTMAS, FLORIDA

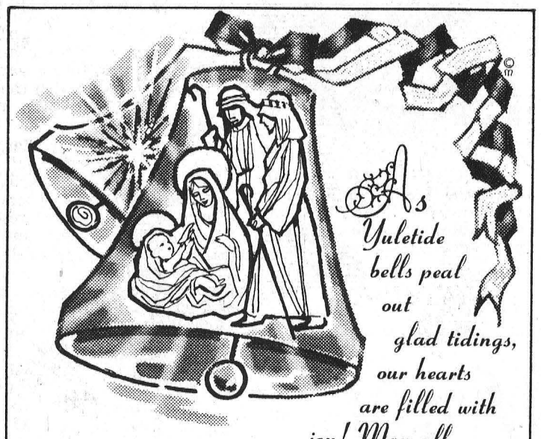
Christmas, Florida, is a town of 250 people near Orlando. As a fort it was completed on Christmas, 1835, and so received its name. Connected with the other states by the United States mail, the post office has been kept busy throughout December remailing cards, letters, and packages. In one year it handles over 300,000 pieces of mail. Lately a permanent Christmas tree with weatherproof ornaments has been erected.



A Joyous Christmas

The story of Christmas lives anew, inspiring all with peace and joy. May many blessings be yours on this Christmas.

H. W. Algate
Optometrist



As Yuletide bells peal out glad tidings, our hearts are filled with joy! May all the blessings of Christmas be yours!

Brown's General Store
Phone 774-2123 Winchester Station



Merry Christmas

We join these carolers in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of holidays. To this we add a special thank you to all our loyal customers for their faithful patronage.

W. J. L. Boyd and Sons Ltd.
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Christmas Blessings

May this holy season of Christmas, with it's message of love and peace, enrich your lives with many blessings.

Dixon's Allied Food Store
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

On this wonderful holiday of Peace and Joy we send our heartfelt greetings, and wishes for your Christmas to be merry and bright.

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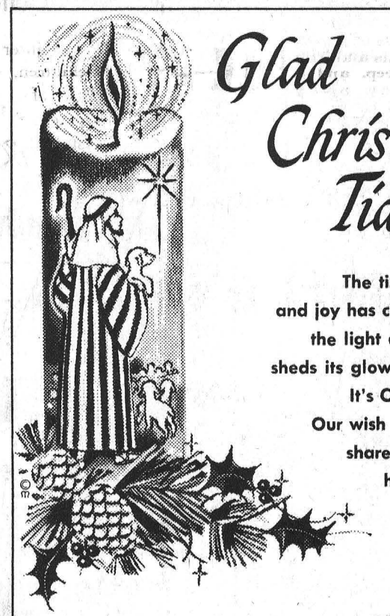

Glad Christmas Tidings

The time of peace and joy has come to men, the light of happiness sheds its glow over us all. It's Christmastide! Our wish is for you to share this joy . . . have a merry Christmas!

Summers Hearing Centre
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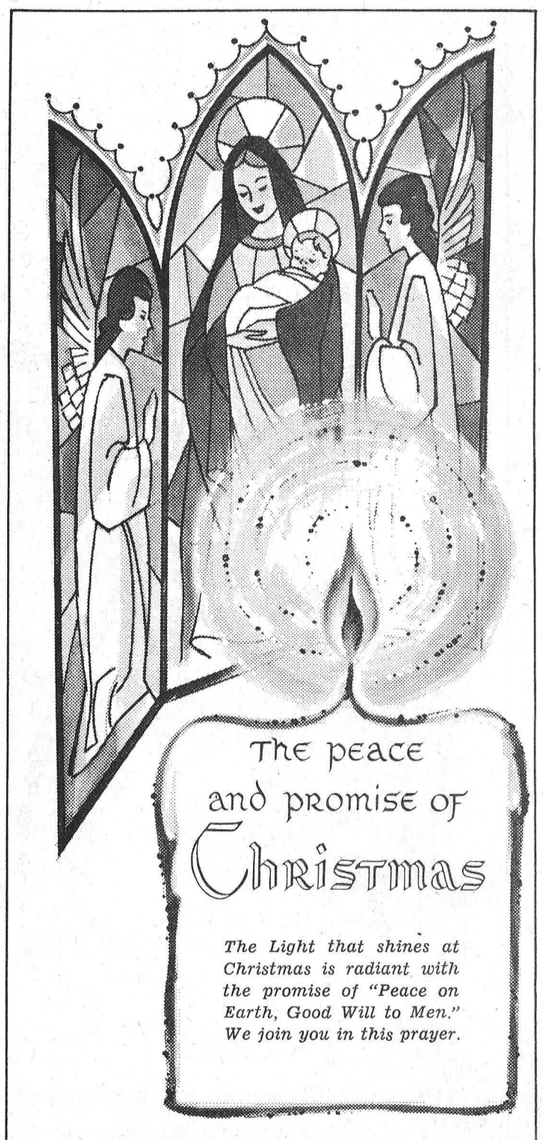

The peace and promise of Christmas

The Light that shines at Christmas is radiant with the promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." We join you in this prayer.

Biccum and McIntosh Ltd.
Phone 774-2410 Winchester



Merry Christmas

Yuletide is the time to pass happy tidings... so share with us this Happy Day! Have a Merry Christmas!

Morgan's Men's Wear
Phone 774-2413 Winchester



GREETINGS

The sounds of Christmas are happy sounds . . . the glorious ringing of church bells . . . the echo of merry voices 'midst the softly falling snow . . . and our wishes to you: a Very Merry Christmas!

Geggie's Hardware
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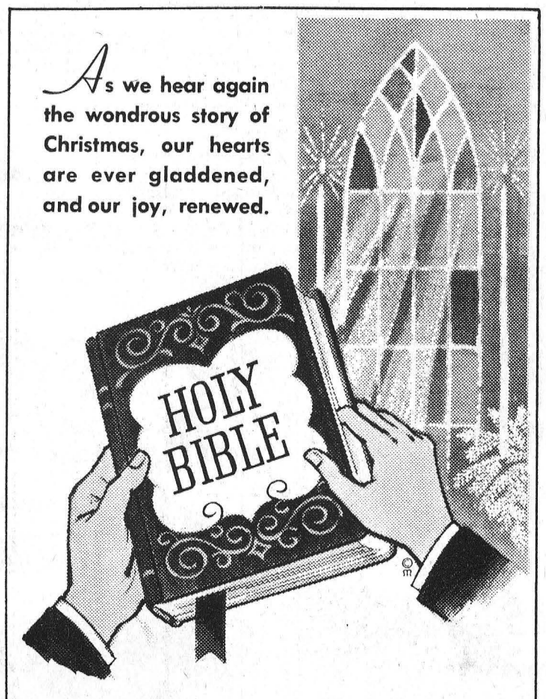


As we hear again the wondrous story of Christmas, our hearts are ever gladdened, and our joy, renewed.

HOLY BIBLE

Archie Sheldrick
Phone Metcalfe 16 r 4 Vernon

APPLE CENTERPIECE

Apples and evergreens from your own garden will make the perfect centerpiece for your holiday dinner table.

Remove the stems of eight shiny red apples and scoop out holes large enough for 5-inch candles. If you want your centerpiece to last through the holidays, coat the apples with a clear laquer to prevent shriveling.

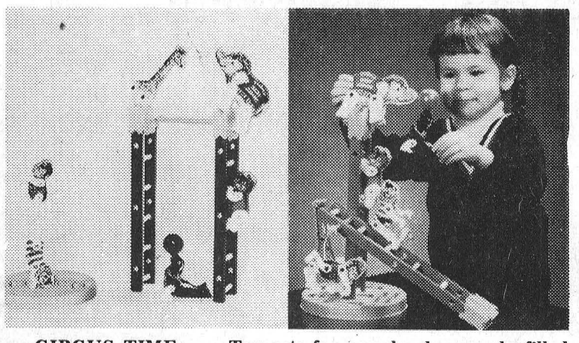
String the apples on a piece of heavy wire (14 gauge) about 38 inches long, spacing the apples evenly. Bend wire into a circle and secure both ends in one apple. You could, of course, just stand the apples in a circle. But the wire holds them securely, so that if something should bump into them they won't topple over.

Fasten the candles with a few drops of melted wax. Cover wire with sprigs of evergreen or strands of pine.

For the center, choose the largest apple you can find, scoop out the stem, and wedge a tall candle in the hole by using springs of evergreen.

You can achieve a color scheme to suit your holiday decor by the kind of apples you choose — red or yellow, or even green; by the kind of evergreens you use; and by the color of candles you select. Use red apples with red or white (or both) candles and evergreens such as cryptomeria, white pine, balsam; use yellow apples and yellow or white candles with yellowish-green foliage; green apples and blue candles with bluish-green evergreens.

If there is a flickering in your fireplace, toss in a few scraps of apple peel and some twigs of evergreen — they will give a lovely aroma!



CIRCUS TIME . . . Toy sets for preschoolers can be filled with excitement. Shown is a wood circus clown and 5 performing animals with plastic movable arms and legs shaped to stand or hang on the aerial ladders which are included. Each figure is 7" in diameter and colorfully designed. Red and yellow aerial ladders are 11½" long.

Omens Dim Yule Spirit

"Merry" Christmas? Not always, according to some ancient beliefs once associated with the day.

Take, for instance, the old belief that cattle and other stable animals were given the power of speech on Christmas Eve.

Any person who heard the animals speak would die within a year, so superstition said.

Somber omens of death were read into still other Yuletide legends. When the Yule log burned, bystanders were told to watch the shadows on the walls. If the shadows of any persons appeared to be headless, this supposedly meant death for those persons, again within a year.

Salt was also said to have the power of forecasting life or death, when used in connection with Christmas. The test could be made by leaving a small mound of salt on the table on Christmas Eve. If the salt melted during the night, that, too, meant death within 12 months.

If the salt remained unmelted, the forecast was for a long and healthy life.



FOR YOU, DAD . . . This pint-sized Santa has a Christmas surprise for dad, a pair of fashionable slacks with a permanent waistband.

The Christmas Story

ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE, VERSES 1 TO 22 – CHAPTER 2

And it came to pass in these days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was Governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

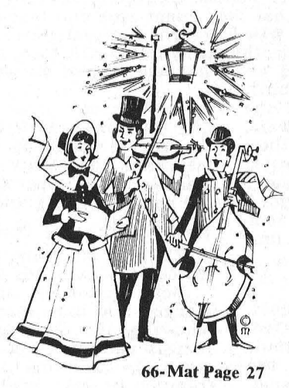
And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW, VERSES 1-12 OF CHAPTER 2

NOW WHEN JESUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM OF JUDAEA IN THE DAYS OF HEROD THE KING, BEHOLD, THERE CAME WISE MEN FROM THE EAST to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: For thus it is written by the prophet, and thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, are not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people of Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what the time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young Child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also. When they had heard the King, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, til it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary and His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their country another way.

Across the Years, Music Reflects Holiday Joy, As Carolers Sing Traditional Songs of Christmas



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"Carol, brothers, carol. Carol joyfully.

With the coming of Christmas, almost everyone accepts the injunction of the old song to "carol joyfully." From special church services to family gatherings, a "carol sing" is a traditional pleasure.

The custom of singing carols at holiday time is an ancient one — begun, perhaps, even before the first Christmas, at celebrations such as the Roman Saturnalia.

Modern interest in music, and in learning to play musical instruments, has given carol singing a healthy boost. In most homes, at least one member of the family can be depended on to provide instrumental accompaniment for carols — and the instrument may vary from the old favorite piano to the currently popular guitar.

Music in any form has long been especially beloved as a means of expressing Christmas joy. Early Christian believers were forced to worship in secret — and therefore, quietly. Then, in the fifth and sixth centuries, Christianity came out of the catacombs — and exultation for freedom of worship was expressed in the glad ringing of church bells.

Early hymns and carols, however, were in Latin. Carol singing in its modern form — in the common language of the country — probably originated in 1223, when St. Francis introduced the first realistic replica of the manger scene, in the little town of Greccio, Italy.

From this beginning, the practice of erecting a creche or crib soon became a Christmas tradition in many towns. Around the representation of the first Christmas, villagers gathered to marvel, pray and sing. Often, the creche was constructed in a churchyard or on a public street. Thus it was natural for the worshippers to stroll away from the devotional service — formal or informal — and continue singing the beloved carols as they made their way home.

This spontaneous action may well have led to the custom of going from place to place to sing carols. And the more music, the better, was the rule. Any musical instrument, however humble, was a welcome addition and accompaniment.

In later centuries, the "wassailing" or "gooding" expeditions helped the growth of caroling. Singers went from house to house, receiving treats as rewards for carols.

Even oppression could not put an end to carol singing. When the Puritans abolished Christmas observances in England, printed sheets of carols were bootlegged for a penny. And poets and musicians went right on composing carols, as they do today.

Mistletoe Was Once Symbol of Evil

The mistletoe, once a symbol of death, later became to be considered as a magical medicine, is now a universal symbol of love and peace.

A mistletow arrow, according to Norse mythology, that Loki killed Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe, that they would not harm him. Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm.

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as charm promoting fertility.

The custom today of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe, although a relatively modern one, is derived from the fact that down through the centuries the mistletoe has been recognized throughout the whole world as a symbol of lasting peace.

Christmas Carols From Many Lands

A part of the Christmas celebration in America is the singing of yuletide carols. We hear them from groups of carolers outside our doors, from choir lofts in our churches as well as radio and television. The Christmas season is enriched by favorite carols.

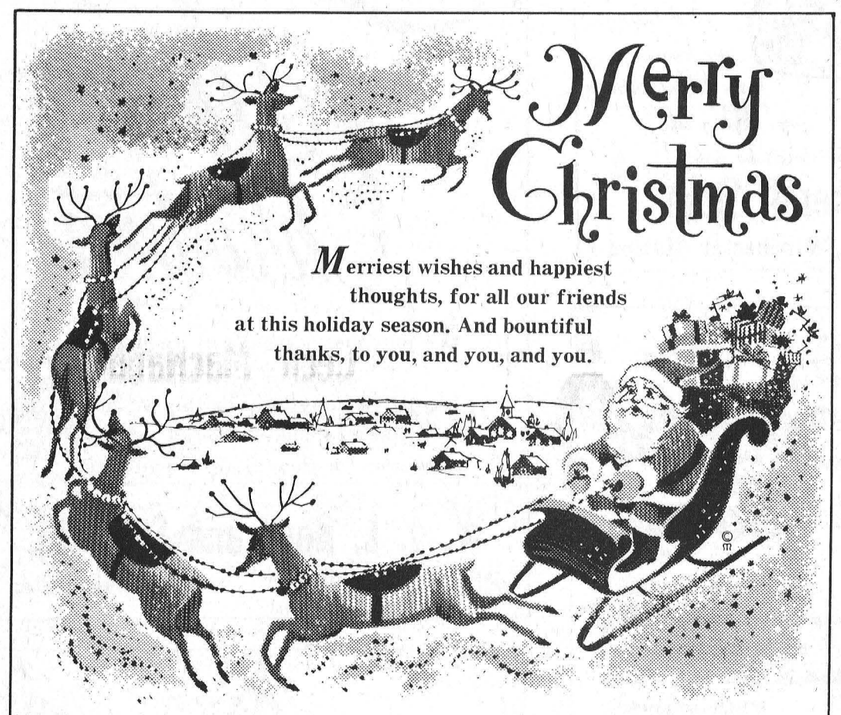
Early settlers from European lands brought us three of our favorite carols. "Away in a Manger" from Germany; God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" from England and "Cantique do Noel" from France. "Adeste Fideles" belongs to no country.

however, it has been translated into 119 different languages and dialects.

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" was composed by Edmund H. Sears, an American, in 1849. In 1859 Dr. John Henry Hopkins Jr. composed "We Three Kings Of Orient Are". Dr. Hopkins was an American and the writer of "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" in 1868, Phillips Brooks, was an American too.

Passage from Hamlet

. . . the crowing of the cock.
Some say that ever 'gainst that season
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated.
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit dare stir abroad;
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike
No fairy takes, no witch hath power to charm,
So hallow'd and so gracious is time.



Merry Christmas

Merriest wishes and happiest thoughts, for all our friends at this holiday season. And bountiful thanks, to you, and you, and you.

Top Valu Gas Mart

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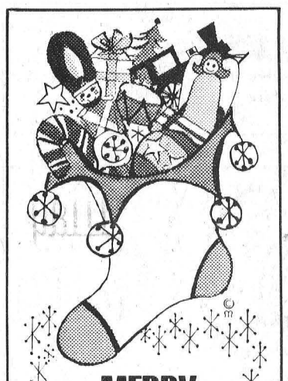

MERRY CHRISTMAS

A stocking full of wishes come true is yours today!

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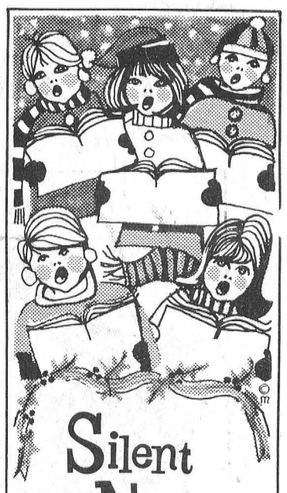

Silent Night

Rosy cheeked carolers carry our glad message of Yule greetings to everyone.

Winchester Motors



Christmas Blessings

This we wish you—hale and hearty health, tranquility of mind, happiness of spirit. Have a Merry Christmas!

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's Christmas . . . families gather 'round the tree . . . friends exchange greetings — and we extend our thanks and best wishes to all.

Country Kitchen Restaurant

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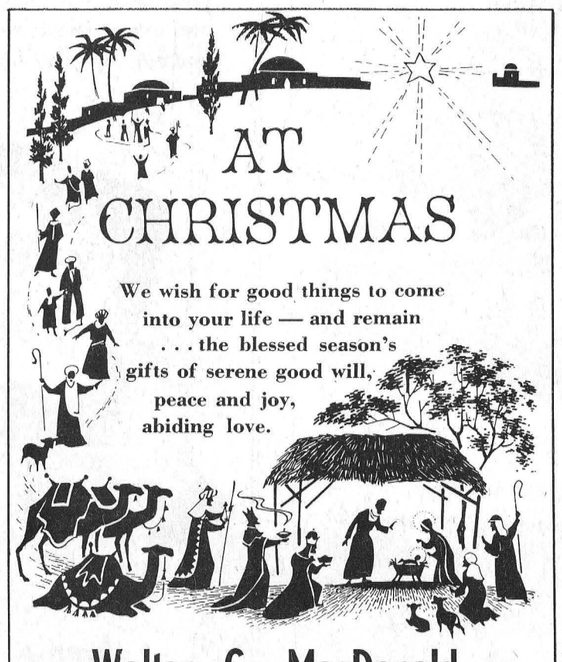

AT CHRISTMAS

We wish for good things to come into your life — and remain . . . the blessed season's gifts of serene good will, peace and joy, abiding love.

Walter C. MacDonald

Phone 774-2331 Winchester



GREETINGS

It's **Christmas!** and we're **glad** for the **chance** to **sound off** with warmest **thanks** to all our loyal **customers,** with an added **"note"** to **have** the **merriest** and **best Christmas** ever!

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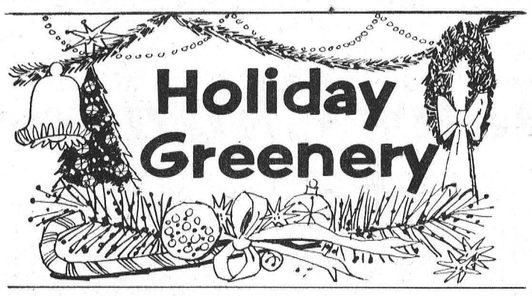
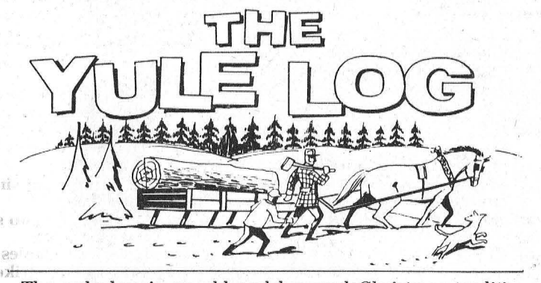


Evergreens, symbolic of eternal life, have long been used for decorating at Yuletide. Teutonic peoples believed that certain greens would frighten certain evil spirits away. The Saxons hung holly, ivy, rosemary, or laurel in their homes and churches. In the great manor houses, walls, pillars, and windows were adorned with branches of greens. A bunch of mistletoe hung from the door or ceiling. Each time a man stole a kiss under it he had to pluck a berry from the bough.

It is said that early Roman enemies made up their quarrels when they met under the mistletoe; this is believed to be the origin of kissing under the green. This plant was not used in churches (because of its association with the pagan Druid ceremonials). There was one exception to this — at York Minster — where a bunch was laid on the high altar "with a benediction for peace and good will".

As early as 1444, greenery was used on the streets of London as Christmas decorations, and the custom grew through the years. Holly has long been a favorite holiday green. There are several legends connected with it. One is that Christ's crown of thorns was made of holly. Some say that the idea of making holly wreaths came from His Crown, as the berries resembled drops of blood. Today holly wreaths, with their glistening green leaves and contrasting berries, are among our most distinctive holiday decorations.



The yule log is an old and honored Christmas tradition. It has almost vanished from our holiday celebration.

The Vikings introduced the yule log to Great Britain. They burned it to honor the God Thor. The custom was adopted by the English as part of the Christmas festivities.

The very best log that could be found was brought into the house and placed in their large fireplace. The fire was lit and the servants of the house gathered with their master. The coming of Christmas was celebrated with much singing and celebrating.

The custom of those days was to celebrate the holiday season twelve full days and the log burned the entire time.

At the end of the twelve days any fragments of the log that remained were carefully collected to be used again the following year to kindle the new Yule log.

Florentine Art Tells Story of Christ Child

In the Dominican church of Santa Maria Novella at Florence, Italy, stands a pulpit of white marble which bears, in bas relief, scenes from the story of Christ's life on earth — the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Presentation in the Temple.

Like many a building in famous Florence, the cradle of the Italian Renaissance, this ancient church is rich in the treasures of art and history, and both art and history combine in the story of the white marble pulpit, a story that lives across the years.

The pulpit first was placed in its present situation, on a column of the west aisle, in 1448. Early Renaissance theories of art are reflected in the bas reliefs. For instance, the Nativity scene presents lifelike figures with the warmth of humanity, rather than the more stylized, ornate forms that a sculptor of an earlier era might have chosen to create.

Families "Feuded"

Full of very human feeling, too, is the story of how the pulpit came to be created — the story of a "feud" between two great families.

The Rucellai family undertook to have the pulpit designed, executed and placed in the church, and Filippo Brunelleschi, the first great architect of the Italian Renaissance, was commissioned to design it.

Brunelleschi is best known for his design of the octagonal ribbed dome of the Florence cathedral. Among his other works are the Pazzi chapel, the churches of San Lorenzo and Santo Spirito and the Pitti Palace, all in Florence.

Designing the pulpit for the Rucellai family may have been one of Brunelleschi's last works, for the Florentine architect died in 1446, two years before the pulpit was completed and placed in the church.

Maestro Lazzaro, history says, was the sculptor chosen to execute Brunelleschi's design.

Claimed Column

Up to this point, there is nothing unusual in the story of the pulpit. It was common in those days for parts of a church to become the "appropriation" of a particular family.

For instance, the chapel within the church of Santa Maria Novella, where the pulpit was to be placed, was the property of the Pasquali family. The Rucellai simply claimed one pillar or column within the chapel, and no objection was recorded by the Pasquali.

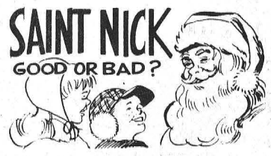
The Minerbetti family, however, felt differently. When the pulpit was completed and ready to be put up on the column, representatives of the Minerbetti came forward with the claim that this particular column belonged to them.

Decided in Court

The matter was taken before a court composed of Bishop Antonio of Florence and other judges. The only proof that the Minerbetti could offer to substantiate their claim was that their family arms stood painted over the column.

The court ruled that the Rucellai could place the pulpit in the church, on condition that the Rucellai would remove it whenever the Minerbetti agreed to replace it with a pulpit of equal or greater value.

How was the "feud" decided? What the Minerbetti did is not recorded, but, clearly, one thing they didn't do was to replace the pulpit. Lazzaro's bas reliefs continue to tell their stories of the Christ Child, and in the base of the pulpit, triumphantly placed for all to see, is the coat of arms of the Rucellai family.



In December every year parents are faced with the problem of what to do or what to say about Santa Claus. Some of our educators say that the Santa theory is all wrong and some of todays "modern" parents seem to agree.

Is the Saint Nick idea good or bad for children? We say it is good and that no child, average or brilliant, ever suffered from the grand illusion. Children know there is a Santa Claus and they accept the fact that he gradually changes from the Santa of fiction to the Santa of reality.

Santa is good for small children, for children have imaginative minds. The fact they might see a Santa on every corner matters little. In their eyes Santa is a symbol, a mystery, and in his wonderous magic is apt to appear anywhere.

It is not the end of the world when the time comes that some older child shatters the illusion by telling all. This is the perfect opportunity for the parent to explain that Santa is, after all, a spirit of Christmas. He represents the spirit of giving and the reason that we give at Christmas time is because this is the day on which Jesus was born. Jesus taught us love and faith and hope and Santa is a figurative being who helps us understand and use that teaching.



JALOPY . . . Pulltoys are a happy-go-lucky gift for the very young. This circus clown in his roadster rolls along with a wobbling motion and the engine makes a putt-putt sound. The jolly clown's head is spring-mounted so it flops around and around as he rides.



MERRY, MERRY *Christmas*

Good tidings we bring to you and yours during this season of joy and happiness. Our special thanks to all our patrons on this Christmas holiday.

Arden Black

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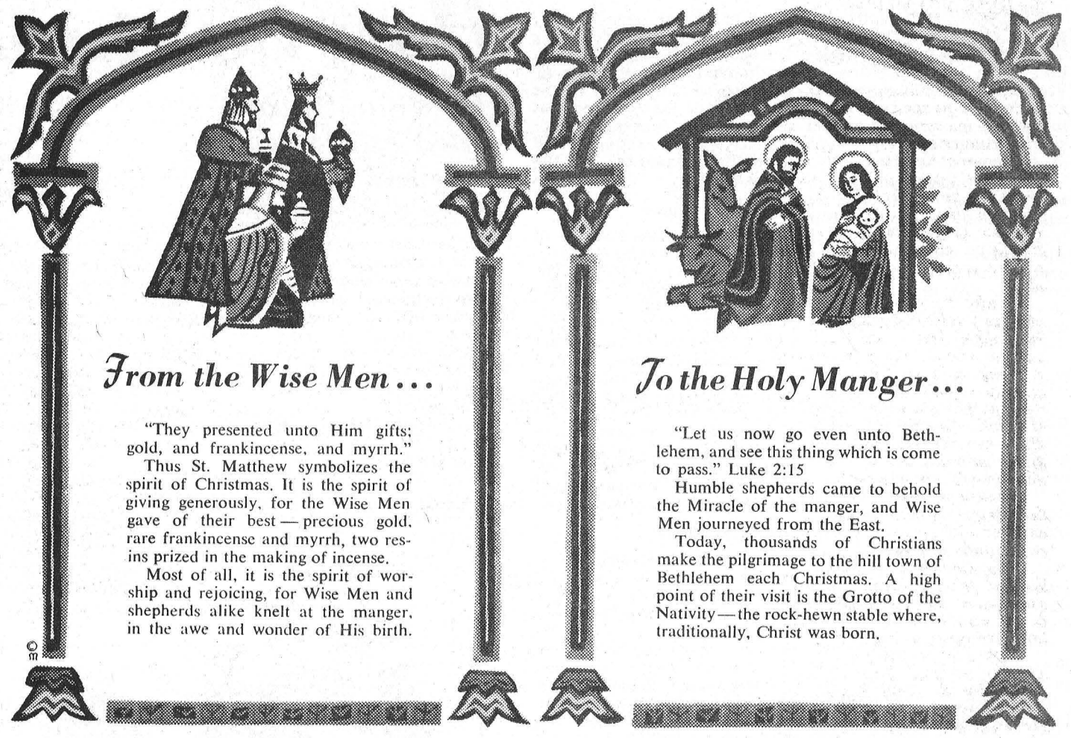

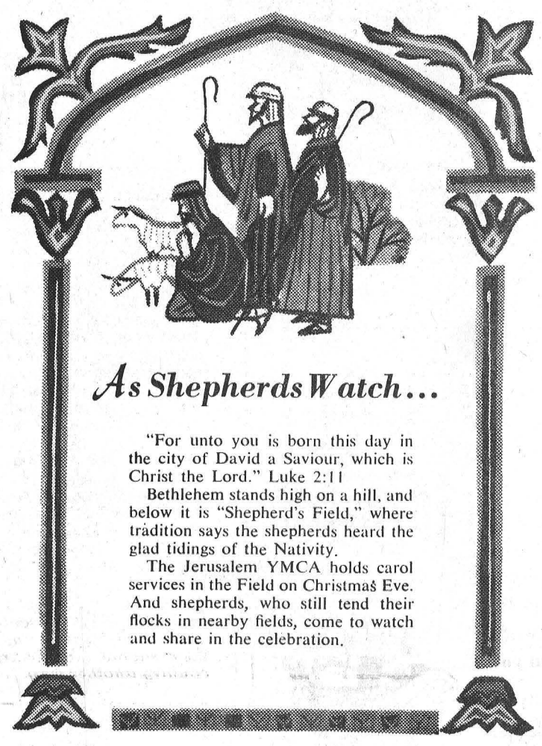

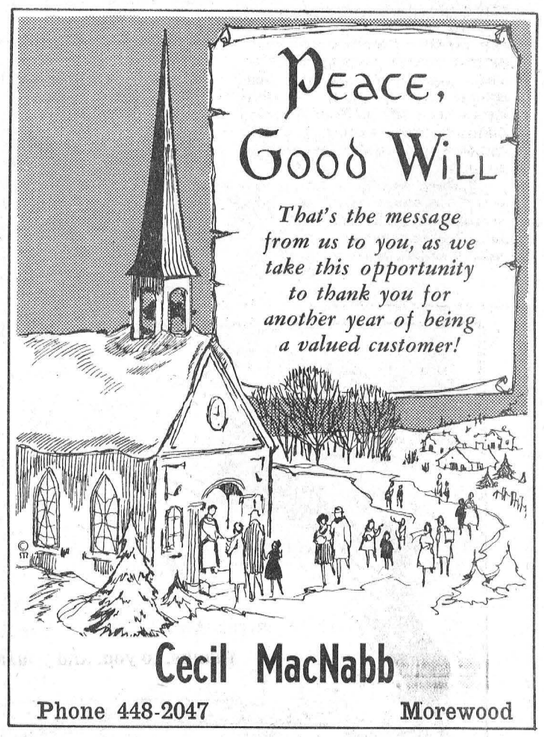

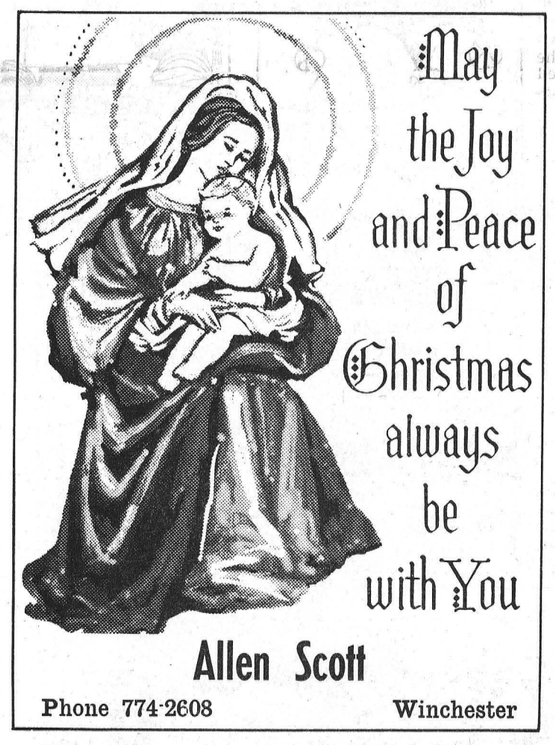



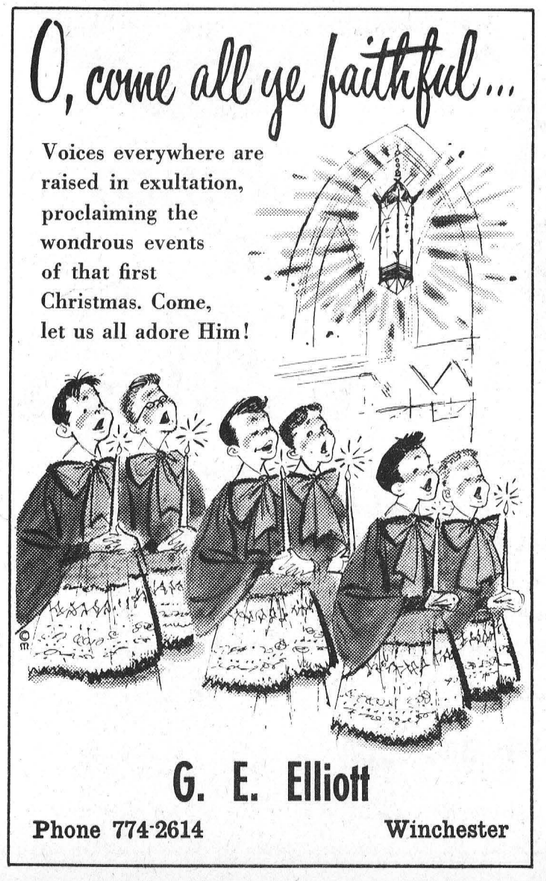

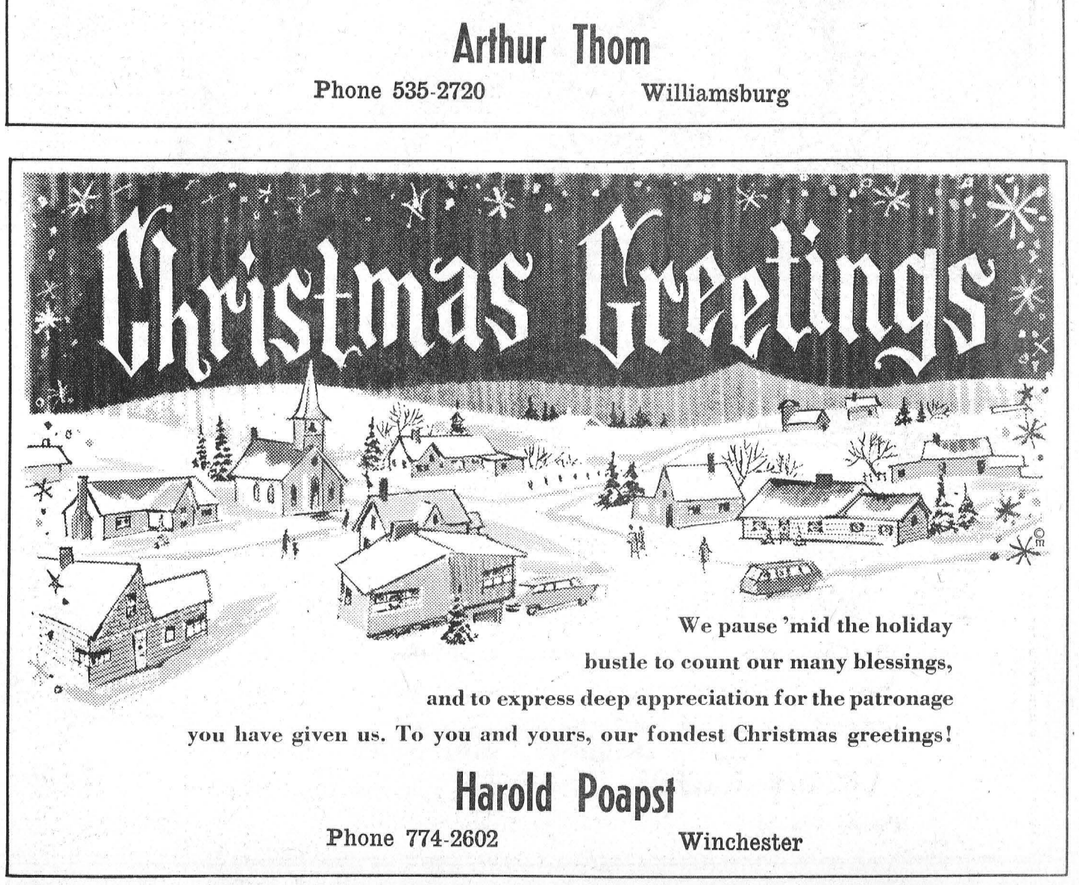

Spirit of Giving Lives In Quebec's Colorful Tradition

The traditional spirit of giving that's world-wide at Christmastime takes on a special form and meaning in French Quebec. This year, as every year, will see the enactment of a masquerade known as "La Guignolee," to benefit all the poor of Quebec.

"La Guignolee" was begun by the first French colonists who settled in Quebec. But historians date the custom to the Druidic rite which celebrated the arrival of a new year: the cutting — with golden scythes — and the gathering of mistletoe that grew in the sacred forests.

Dress Like Trappers

The French version of "La Guignolee" has been kept alive for modern Quebec by such organizations as the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It involves a door-to-door collection for the poor by "Les Guignoleurs."

Since 1901, the role of "Les Guignoleurs" has been played by members of the Commercial Travelers Club of Quebec, Inc.

These modern businessmen dress like the Canadian trappers of old, with their red knit caps and colorful sashes. Singing the song of "La Guignolee," they approach each householder with a long, red woolen stocking, to be filled by gifts for the poor.

"Les Guignoleurs" of early Quebec had a very different method of attaining their goal. Arriving at the homes of the villagers, they sang a song that asked for a contribution or threatened the abduction of the eldest daughter of the household.

Fights Did Happen

The master and mistress of the house, or someone repesenting them, then opened the door and allowed "Les Guignoleurs" to enter.

Gifts were placed in a bag and later emptied into a cart that followed along behind them through the village, accompanied by a swarm of children and dogs.

Sometimes, when two different groups of "Les Guignoleurs" met, a fight ensued and the treasures of one cart would fill up the cart of the winners.

Aiding the Needy

Originally, food and clothing as well as money was collected. But for the past twenty years it has been only money, and the generous people of Quebec have contributed as much as $30,000 for the poor.

The money is deposited in a bank, and checks are issued to the parish priests of the city, who use the money to aid all the needy, regardless of religious denomination.

FROM SAINT NICHOLAS TO ST. NICK

How Santa Looks, Travels Shows Change

His White Beard, Red Suit Are Recent Garb

Genial, jovial, red-cheeked and white-bearded. As any child can tell you, that's how Santa Claus looks.

But the benevolent giver of presents has not always been pictured like this, nor has he always traveled by sleigh or brought his gifts on Christmas Eve. In fact, he has not always been named Santa Claus!

"Santa Claus" is in truth a child's euphonic way of expressing the Dutch "Saint Nikolaas," or St. Nicholas, says The Encyclopedia Americana.

St. Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop, was later honored, in Europe, as a friend to children. Legend finds him making his rounds on December 5th, the eve of St. Nicholas Day, with gifts to reward children for good behavior.

Instead of a jolly red suit, St. Nicholas wore a robe, or tabard, and for that reason he really didn't need a sleigh, or even a horse. His robe enabled him to travel from place to place, instantly.

In Holland, however, he was said to use a horse for his journey at night over the roofs.

Dutch settlers brought St. Nicholas to the New World, where he gradually changed his name to Santa Claus and traded his horse and robe for reindeer and a red suit.

It was Clement C. Moore, in his poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas," who made Santa into a jolly elf "Saint Nick," who rides "in a miniature sleigh drawn by eight tiny reindeer."

In more recent years, St. Nicholas in his new guise as Santa Claus has journeyed to many parts of the world, becoming the most widely known of gift givers.

Cards Have Clue To History Of Gift Giver

Greeting card history offers a clue to Santa evolution as a holiday symbol.

The theme of Santa Claus was conspicuously absent from most nineteenth century Christmas cards, points out Miss Esther Mooney, curator of the Norcross Historical Collection. Early cards frequently favored children and flowers.

When Santa did appear occasionally on a greeting card, it was generally in the form of a dour, rather sad-faced Father Christmas, robed in a monk's blue garb and long gray beard, or as "Saint Santa," a semi-religious figure developed from St. Nicholas.

These were a far cry from the rotund, red-cheeked Santa depicted on Christmas greeting cards of today.

The modern Santa, fat and friendly, began to emerge at the turn of the century, and about 1909 he appears on a Christmas card. Here he is shown mounted on a hobby horse, rather than a reindeer-drawn sleigh.

The card shows him wearing the now-familiar red jacket, but his trousers still were blue. His stern expression, however, has given way to a slight whimsical smile, brightening his white-bearded, cherub-like face.

The concept of the reindeer sleigh was a still later addition in greeting card history. The early Santa walked with a wheelbarrow or carried his toys in a straw basket attached to his back, or rode a horse.

Today, a jolly Santa Claus, his originally blue robe changed to red, and riding his now traditional reindeer sleigh, is a dominating Christmas card theme.

Other 'Santas'

Though Santa Claus is today's most popular Christmas-season gifts giver, he still has plenty of help.

In Northern Europe, many children await the arrival of St. Nicholas, on the Eve of December 5th. In Spain and Latin America, the "Three Kings" traditionally bring gifts on Epiphany Eve, January 5th.



Silent night, holy night....

We raise our voices with the carolers to sing the praises of this happy season. A joyful Christmas to all!

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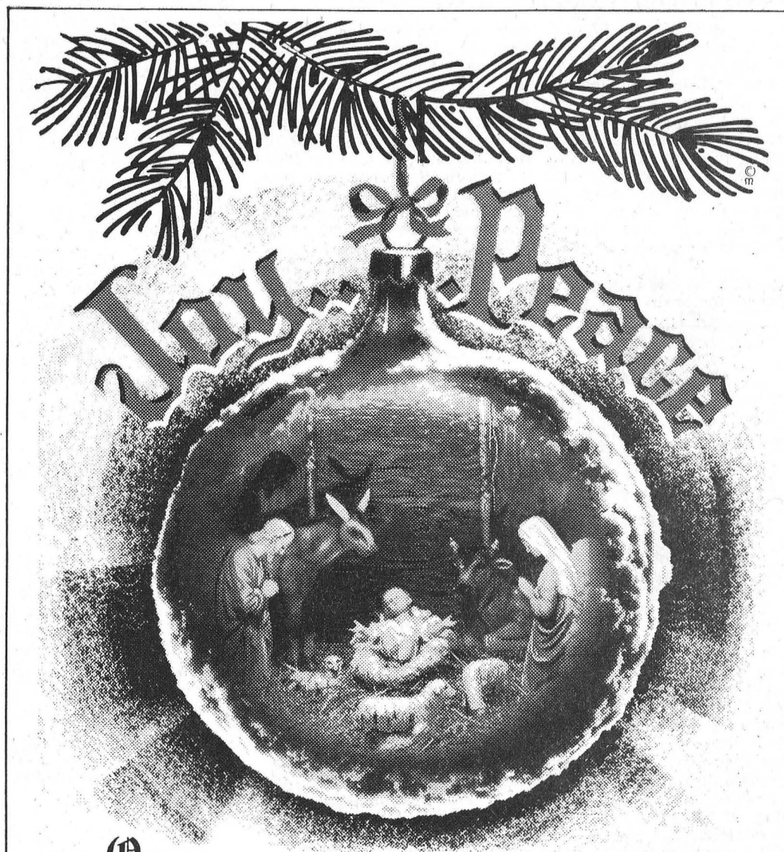

Once more the message of Peace and Joy resounds across the land, heralding that first Holy Night when the beautiful Christmas story was begun. Our sincere wishes to all for a Merry Christmas.

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JOY AT CHRISTMAS

This Christmastide, may the peace and contentment that comes with love, understanding and good will towards our fellowmen prevail throughout the world. And for you and yours especially, may the meaning of Christmas be deeper, its hopes brighter than ever before.

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